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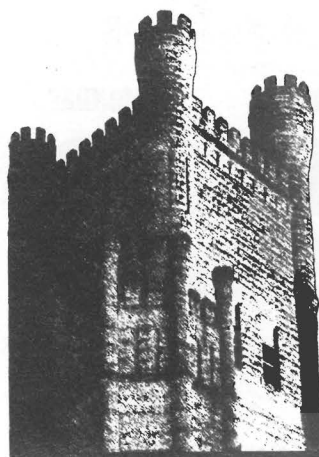
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London bombings affect Eastern students in Britain

Twenty students and two faculty members on a five-week study abroad trip through England experience the horror of a terrorist attack before coming home to their families

CHRIS LUTHER
CITY EDITOR

The day before returning home from the Literary Landscapes study abroad program, 20 Eastern students and two faculty members experienced the London bombings first-hand.

English professors Randall Beebe and Jad Smith accompanied 20 students through England over a five-week period to visit famous English landscapes. On the morning of July 7, the students and faculty members experienced a horrifying event.

"We were staying at the Royal National Hotel," Beebe said. "It was about 8:45 a.m. when two students came to my room and informed me bombs were going off."

The Royal National Hotel is located between Russell Square Station and Tavistock Square.

Shortly after Beebe was told of the first bombings, another bomb exploded up the street from the hotel.

"It was like a sonic boom," Beebe said. "I went outside and saw the bus (where the bomb detonated) and people moving away from the explosion area."

The bomb Beebe and others heard was detonated on the double-deck Route 30 bus, which exploded in front of Tavistock Square.

"My first reaction was to make sure the students were all right," Beebe said. "Police quickly cleared the area and we were forced to return to the hotel for the remainder of the day. I was extremely relieved when everyone was accounted for."

English major Leah Stevenson said she had a hard time accepting a terrorist attack just occurred. Stevenson also purchased a tube ticket earlier and planned using the Russell Square station for transportation. Three bombs were detonated at Russell Square station the morning of July 7 morning.

"We were literally feet away from the explo-



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The remnants of a bus that exploded near Tavistock Square, in central London, Thursday July 7, 2005. Near simultaneous blasts on three subway trains and a red double-decker bus brought chaos to the streets of London Thursday. At least 40 people have been killed in the explosions in London, a U.S. law enforcement official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because British officials have yet to make public the death toll, but U.S. officials learned of the number from their British counterparts.

sions," Stevenson said. "A few people from our group had gone to Russell Square station shortly after the bomb went off and saw people crawling out of the tube all cut up and bloody."

"One girl ran out into the street after the bus bomb and saw bodies strewn about and blood all over the streets and buildings," Stevenson said.

"I'm just glad I didn't physically see any of that."

Once all the students were accounted for and safely back at the hotel, the group couldn't help but wonder about transportation. The bombings happened the day before the group was scheduled to return home. Beebe said acquiring information about the bombings and trans-

portation from the hotel was hard. Beebe contacted English Department chair Dana Ringuette and told him the situation.

"Jad and I contacted (Ringuette) and told him everyone was all right," Beebe said. "(Ringuette)

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County board votes to remove two members for bad conduct

BY AL GOEHRING
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Amid heightened emotions and threats of lawsuits, the Coles County Board voted Tuesday to remove board chairman John French and committee chairman Max Davis from its Road and Bridge Committee.

Board member John Bell, who said that members should be "impartial, fair and courteous," motioned to remove French and Davis on the grounds that their conduct was inappropriate. The motion was effective immediately after a 7 to 5 vote in favor of their removal.

Near the end of the meeting, board member Michael Weaver moved that French be removed as chairman. French, who called the meeting a "search for truth," stated that his freedom of speech was being denied, and that he would file a lawsuit if he was removed from the county

board. The board voted down the motion to remove French 7 to 5.

French and Davis' conduct came into question during a discussion on whether to take an action regarding County Engineer Fred Sherer. Last month, the Road and Bridge Committee recommended that State's Attorney Steve Ferguson investigate Sherer's job performance. Some members of the Road and Bridge Committee said they felt that Sherer had not followed the proper procedures when he purchased a 2005 Ford Explorer for road and bridge work.

The main conflict during the meeting came during the committee reports. After Max Davis, Road and Bridge Committee chairman, had finished his committee report, French attempted a motion to allow him to continue.

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NORA MABERRY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

County Board Chairman, John French, holds up papers he claims proves that improper procedures were used to purchase a 2005 Ford Explorer.

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AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Lunch closes campus

CARBONDALE—Daryl Wall, an incoming student, wasn't sure what to expect when he arrived at the College of Business and Administration Offices a half hour early for his appointment.

What he found was a closed office-doors locked and lights off.

Wall, who drove to Carbondale from Sesser to register for fall classes, was surprised, but what he encountered was not uncommon at SIUC.

From noon to 1 p.m., campus offices close their doors while office workers eat lunch, leaving students who have only their own lunch hour to handle their University affairs out of luck, according to a report from the Agility and Efficiency Taskforce.

The taskforce, created by Chancellor Walter Wendler, is comprised of campus members selected by the administration. They poll students and faculty members to determine what SIUC's biggest problems are. The taskforce's findings were distributed to the faculty senate on Monday.

"We can't close campus down at lunch time," Wendler said. "It doesn't make sense."

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Library plans future

CHAMPAIGN—The University library system is taking steps to maintain its status as one of the top three university libraries in the country.

In the late 1990's, library space had reached capacity, and administrators decided it was time to begin planning for the future. The Conservation Unit, Preservation Unit and Oak Street facility have played a major role in reshaping the campus library system.

The Preservation and Conservation Units work together to maintain and improve the condition of existing library materials.

The Oak Street facility is where older books are shipped for later use. It houses a vault that boasts the most sophisticated HVAC system on campus, storing thousands of books at a steady 50-degree temperature and preventing further deterioration.

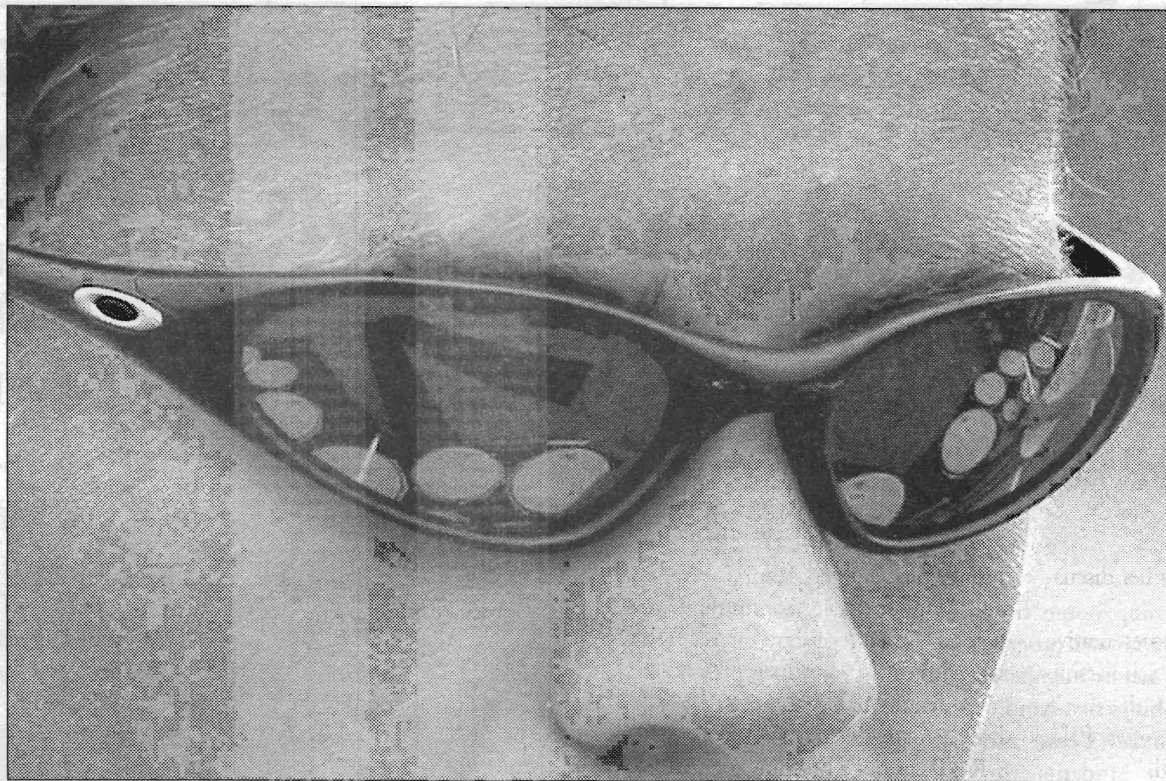
The University is second only to Harvard in their state-of-the-art high density shelving system at Oak Street. The shelves are so high that a forklift must be used to reach the top rows.

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CORRECTIONS

In an article titled "Local businessman purchases Rockome Gardens," we incorrectly reported that Rockome gardens has 600,000 visitors during the summer. Rockome Gardens actually has 60,000 visitors during the summer months. The Daily Eastern News regrets the error.

SHADES AND SKINS



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The drums of Texan native Jordan Thomas are seen in the reflection of his sunglasses while he practices Wednesday on O'Brien Field. Thomas is a member of the Cavalier Drum and Bugle Corp that will be performing Thursday night.

WTF?

Mr. Ed comes to dinner

Some customers say wild horses couldn't drag them to the table at a New Zealand restaurant that's offering a chargrilled horsemeat dish called "Mr. Ed is Dead."

Restaurant owner David Kerr said Wednesday that he received lots of complaints and abusive phone calls after he started serving horse steaks at his eatery in Hamilton, North Island, as part of an annual event during which restaurateurs compete to offer the best out-of-the-ordinary culinary delights to diners.

The calls were "pretty lively and disgusting and not comforting for the staff," Kerr said, adding that "there was swearing, cursing, horrible language," compelling him to call the police.

Nevertheless, some customers couldn't wait to chow down when horse appeared on his menu at the weekend. Kerr said he sold 10 horse steak meals on Monday night.

"Some think it is appalling but others are really interested to give it a go and want to know where else they can buy it," he said.

Leading racehorse breeder Sir Patrick Hogan said he "certainly won't be eating horse, that's for sure." "If there was only one restaurant in Hamilton and it was his, I wouldn't sit at his table," said Hogan, who was knighted by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II for his passion for breeding thoroughbreds.

Spokeswoman for the International League for Protection of Horses, Sandra Shearer, said although she would not be eating horse flesh she was not offended.

PEOPLE

Cooter disses Dukes

If television's "Crazy Cooter" has his way, fans of the "Dukes of Hazzard" may be speeding away from a new movie version of the cornpone classic faster than the Duke boys running from Sheriff Roscoe P. Coltrane.

Ben Jones, a former Georgia congressman who played the wisecracking mechanic on the popular series from 1979-85, said profanity and sexual content in the film make a mockery of the family friendly show.

"Basically, they trashed our show," said Jones, who now lives in the mountains of Washington, Va.

"It's one thing to do whatever movie they want to do, but to take a classic family show and do that is like taking 'I Love Lucy' and making her a crackhead or something," said Jones.

Jones said he read a script of the movie, which is scheduled to be released next month, and that it contained profanity, "constant sexual innuendo and some very clear sexual situations."

On Wednesday, Jones wrote an open letter to fans on his web site, cootersplace.com, urging them to stay away.

"From all I have seen and heard, the 'Dukes' movie is a sleazy insult to all of us who have cared about the 'Dukes of Hazzard' for so long ...," Jones wrote. "Unless they clean it up before the August 5th release date I would strongly recommend that true blue Dukes fans hold their noses and pass this one up."

A spokeswoman at Warner Brothers pictures, which is releasing the movie, did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment on Wednesday.

ONLINE POLL

What do you do to pass the time in Charleston while it's raining?

A) Pull out one of my dust covered books and actually read.

B) Spend the day at the movies, watching both of the movies playing, all day long.

C) Walk in the rain, it's cheaper than paying for water.

D) Thank my lucky stars I'm not in the middle of a hurricane, because that would suck.

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COUNTING DOWN

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Days until summer six week classes end.

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2. in psychiatry, a personality disorder characterized by the patient's overestimation of his or her own appearance and abilities and an excessive need for admiration.

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ROTC pitches controversy

BY SARAH WHITNEY
CAMPUS EDITOR

When history professor Anita Shelton attended an EIU Debut for incoming freshman on July 6 with her daughter, she did not expect to hear an ROTC pitch.

At the session, a ROTC representative opened and welcomed students and their parents to campus before speaking with "effective marketing strategies for about ten minutes about the advantages of joining ROTC," Shelton wrote in a letter to the editor published July 7 in *The Daily Eastern News*.

"I would like the focus of any debut or transfer day be on the focus of any university, which is academics," Shelton said. "The topic of her discussion was not academic."

Instead the ROTC representative spoke on leadership skills, scholarship money and explained how there's no military commitment required for the first two years, Shelton said.

ROTC denied that they are part of the freshman orientation program because they speak two to three minutes before the program starts.

Director of Orientation Kimberlie Moock said the ROTC representative speaks while orientation workers finish

ish registration, and the official freshman welcome does not happen until after the ROTC representative finishes speaking.

But when incoming freshman David Maloy attended freshman orientation on July 13, he was given the impression that the ROTC speaker was the start of the program.

"I was a little annoyed that that was the first thing they threw in our face at freshman orientation without even a 'Good morning, how was your trip?,' " Maloy said.

Maloy said the three minute speech felt closer to eight minutes.

"The Armed Forces, including the army, of which ROTC is a branch, has access to student information, on all campus—not just Eastern—and that's through federal legislation," Moock said. "The university continues to act in good faith in regards to our relationship with ROTC and their presence in the orientation program is part of those activities."

ROTC is not a breeding ground for going into the military, but is an academic program to help students, no matter their major, to develop leadership skills, Woodsmall said.

At Eastern, ROTC is a minor within the College of Business and Applied Sciences.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Transfer students wait to be assigned to a tour guide Monday morning in the Grand Ballroom after listening to an ROTC representative.

"What makes us different is that we are simply enhancers to everyone else at the university, just look at the numbers." Department Chair for military sciences, Lorenzo Smith said.

According to Smith, out of 100 students enrolled in the program, less than 10 percent make a commitment to the army.

Smith said that ROTC does not recruit students for its program during the freshman orientation or the transfer debut. Instead, its purpose is to inform students of scholarship opportunities available to them through declaring a military science minor.

Moock said that allowing ROTC to speak beforehand it to primarily make students aware of the "scholarship dollars" available to them.

Career Services and the School of

Education are also given time to address students like ROTC. Career Services offers an early bird class at 7 a.m. to inform incoming students about its services, and the School of Education speaks two to three minutes before the transfer debut day official welcome to inform education majors about major-specific deadlines.

Allowing ROTC to speak before the program starts, is a timing issue, Moock said.

"If they chose to apply and they get accepted, there's actually (military science) courses they enroll in...and (orientation) is the day their setting their schedules," she said.

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Records candidates interviewed

BY CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

For the second time in almost a year, Eastern administrators are seeking to hire an assistant director of Academic Records and Registration.

A committee of seven Eastern employees will interview four candidates in open sessions this week.

The first search to fill the position was cancelled because of budget restraints, said candidate



TAMERA ZUBER
CANDIDATE

Tamera Zuber, who has worked in the Records Office for 20 years.

Originally, the position was separated into two roles: one in records and one in registration, said Sue Harvey, acting registrar at Eastern.

"It's a supervisory role, working with the budget and part of registration," Zuber said.

The assistant director manages and evaluates a staff of 13 clerks, oversees the department's Web page and represents the acting registrar, according to the position description.

Kelly Holden, assistant director of Records and Registration at Southern Illinois University was interviewed Monday. Zuber was interviewed Wednesday. Cynthia Tozer, director of academic services for Student-Athletes Cynthia Tozer will be interviewed today. Registrar for Paul Smith's College Gary Morrison is scheduled to be interviewed Friday.

Applicants are required to have a master's degree and at least five years of college-level experience with at least three years of records and/or Registration experience, according to the position description.

The decision is expected to be made by Aug. 1, Harvey said.

Assistant director of Student Life narrowed to 3

BY CINDY TANNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The search for an assistant director of Student Life is narrowed down to three candidates.

These three applicants will be interviewed in public sessions on campus by a committee of six Eastern employ-

ees this week.

Eastern's assistant director of Student Life is responsible for coordinating and supervising all student multi-cultural programs and services such as the Black Student Union and the Latin American Student Organization, said Zelda Gardner, chair of the com-

mittee.

"It's a pretty critical position," said Cecilia Brinker, director of Student Life. "One of the things we're looking at is providing more multi-cultural student programs."

Eastern has up to 25 multi-cultural student organizations, Brinker said.

"We're definitely looking for someone who has an interest in working with diverse groups, someone who is organized who can come in with new ideas and motivate students," Gardner said.

Shawn Peoples from Saint Louis University was interviewed Monday. Chasity Bree from Purdue University was

interviewed Tuesday. Isaiah Collier from the University of Akron will be interviewed today in the Schahrer Room at 1:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A master's degree, experience in student organizations, and volunteer programs in higher education are minimal

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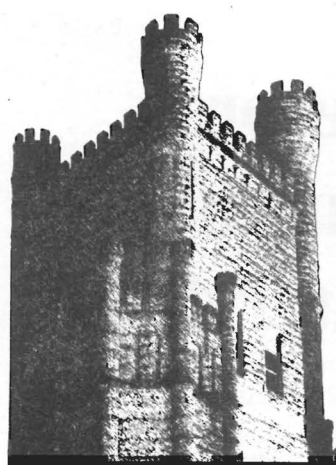
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EDITORIAL

NASA right to put safety first

At issue

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Take your time, human safety is more important than exploration

Two and a half years ago, the sky blazed bright over Texas in a fireworks display that few of us will ever forget. The explosion of the shuttle Columbia, and the subsequent deaths of its 7 crew members gave us all a reason to doubt the validity of space travel, and its potential for future human cost.

The opportunity for learning and growth as a result of extensive exploration in space is great, and should not be brushed carelessly aside. Already, the space program has given us much to be in awe of, from men walking on the moon, to tang. Space exploration has,

and will no doubt continue to play a very important part of improving life here on earth, and imparting new information to the human race not only about other worlds, but also about the one in which we reside.

Today, NASA is back in the saddle, attempting to launch the shuttle Discovery into orbit. Unfortunately, delay after delay, from damaged heat resistant tiles to the weather have kept Discovery grounded, and America waiting with bated breath. The shuttle, which was due to launch Wednesday at 2:51 p.m. was again delayed and pushed back to Saturday because of concerns over a faulty fuel tank sensor which read full, when it should have said empty.

Another mission has been temporarily scrubbed at NASA. While it may be tempting to view NASA's inability to launch a shuttle as incompetence, or worse, as a reason to scrap the space program altogether, to do so would be both premature, and illogical.

NASA has until July 31 to launch Discovery, after which the launch will have to be postponed until September 9 when the international space station will again be in the appropriate position to connect with the shuttle following a daylight lift off. While the potential for further delay may be disappointing to many, it is better to delay, than to court tragedy and forever jeopardize America's foothold in space.

It should also be noted that NASA has already paid a high forfeit in human lives. Those lost on Apollo 1 in January of 1967, Challenger in January of 1986, and the more recent February 2003 Columbia tragedy more than justify the most meticulous of preparations.

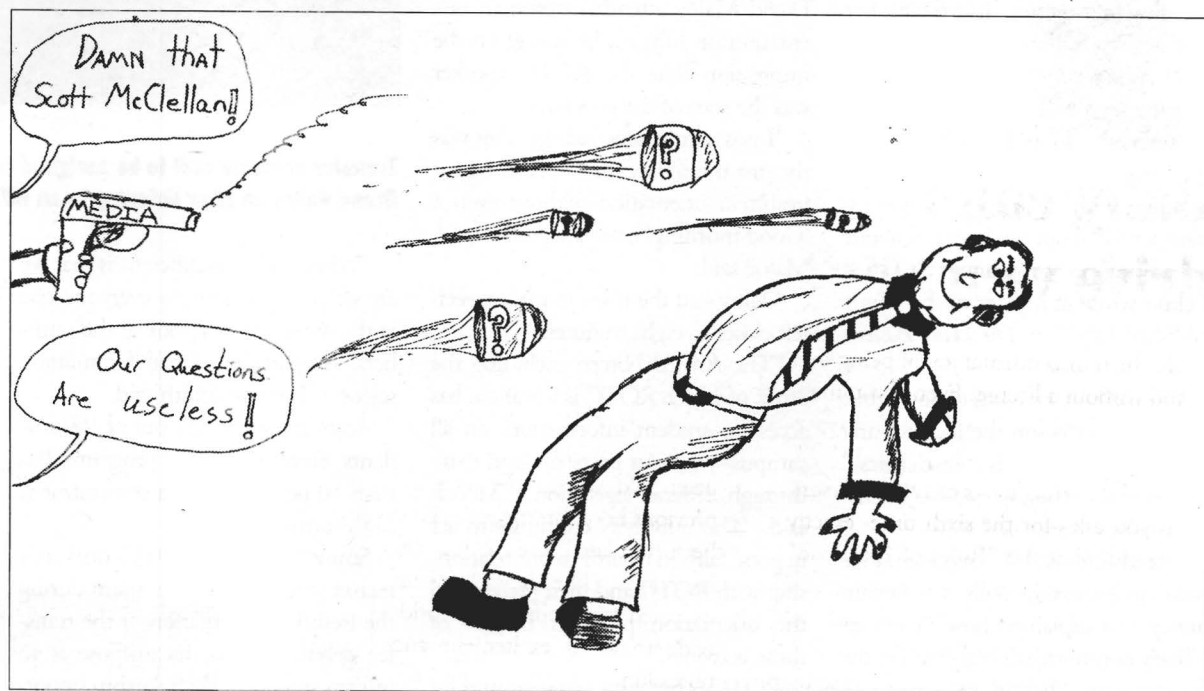
We should applaud NASA's caution and care, bearing in mind the potential consequences of a hasty launch. No matter the time it takes for NASA to launch another shuttle, no matter the financial cost to the American people, the unnecessary loss of more life is a far greater price, and one we should not rush to pay.

If the astronauts slated to launch with the Discovery are willing to place their faith, and indeed their lives in the hands of NASA, then the proper thing, the only thing for us to do is to stand with them in support, and commiseration.

The brave astronauts of the Discovery team have reinvested themselves in NASA, and as such, we should take the example of their exemplary bravery as our own, matching it cell for cell with every ounce of our being.

As all eyes turn to Cape Canaveral on Saturday, let us bear in mind what it has cost, not in money, but in blood, sweat, and life to arrive there, let us hope that caution remains the watchword in space exploration.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY CHRIS LUTHER



COLUMN

Mistakes unacceptable but part of the gig

By David Thill
Editor in chief

Before I even begin I would like to make it perfectly clear so that no one may point fingers at me later: absolutely none of what follows is an excuse, this is not a call for pity nor is it an attack on anyone. I only intend to shine some light upon the nature of my chosen field of study.

Now that that is out of the way, it is hard to be a student journalist.

Let's face it, we screw up a lot. Mistakes are made; names misspelled and quotes taken, sometimes, out of context. Despite popular belief, journalists are not infallible machines that ask uncaring questions and crunch out stories day in and day out with little to no error.

However, we should be.

Each and every day I receive e-mails describing in full detail the ways in which we, the staff of The Daily Eastern News, screw up. We appreciate the feedback, no matter how vicious it may be. If a mistake is made, then we want nothing more than to know about it so a similar mistake may not be made again.

But before you go slinging enraged letters to the newspaper, unfurling all your rage over a missed comma or an awkward sentence phrasing, try to understand that it isn't an easy task.

Many of us strive to sork at



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"Most students have the luxury of keeping their homework under the watchful gaze of just one professor or instructor. Student journalists must submit our equal of that homework to the public."

the newspaper, attend classes (as many of them as we can) and even work full-time jobs to make ends meet. All at once.

To check all facts, make every call, make sure absolutely every word of every quote is correct; it is more difficult than it seems. But we should get these things right. Every letter written has one common point: the mistake that was made should not be.

Let us also not forget that we are students learning our craft. We are taking extra time (roughly 40 hours a week) to work for

this publication.

But the mistakes we make should still not be made and there is no excuse for them.

Most students have the luxury of keeping their homework under the watchful gaze of just one professor or instructor. Student journalists must submit our equal of that homework to the public, our peers and countless others for approval.

We would like to be able to write each and every story without a mistake and when we do make said mistakes we are angrier with ourselves than anyone else is, despite how angry you may think a mistake of ours may make you.

We strive as hard as we possibly can to achieve perfection. We do not take our jobs lightly and we do not wave off an error like water off of a duck's back. Those errors make us look careless, lazy, stupid and incompetent. But we are just students. We are learning as we go. I would like to see another student's homework that is completely flawless. It may be a difficult task to find that student.

So if we make mistakes, tell us. If we screw up, write a letter and let us know. But before you unload your profanity-laden diatribe unto my mailbox, please take a moment to realize that we try as best we can. That is no excuse for imperfection, only a request for some understanding.

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NEWS EDITOR

Baby, can I drive your car?

Oh, the transcendental joy of being over 18 and without a license. Even if you manage to ignore the cruel taunts of newly permitted 15-year-old vehicular prodigies, and overcome the smug looks of DMV personnel as you ask —for the sixth time— exactly where and what the “Rules of the Road” learning guide is, the road to driving success is pitted with potholes, overrun with oil slicks and generally unpleasant.

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WHAT TO DRIVE

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TAKING THE TEST

The written test is easy, there’s bound to be some upstart 15-year-old in the room who’s got more road knowledge in his unwashed left armpit than you’ve got in your entire body.

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For help with the driving portion of the test, see “What Not to Hit.”

Happy motoring.

UNDER THE SPELL

BY SAMAIYA EWING
NEWS EDITOR

Wizard mania will strike again on July 16 with the release of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, the sixth book in the J.K. Rowling’s series.

More than 250 million copies of the Harry Potter books have been sold worldwide. The five previous books in the series have been translated into 60 different languages. The new book is expected to continue the worldwide trend of excitement and obsession.

The Walden Books in the Cross County Mall, Mattoon, has stopped accepting pre-orders, those who made it in before the cut will enjoy 40 percent off their book, late-comers will only save 30 percent, said Saydy Odom, Walden Books assistant manager.

The Walden Books in Mattoon is one of many bookstores

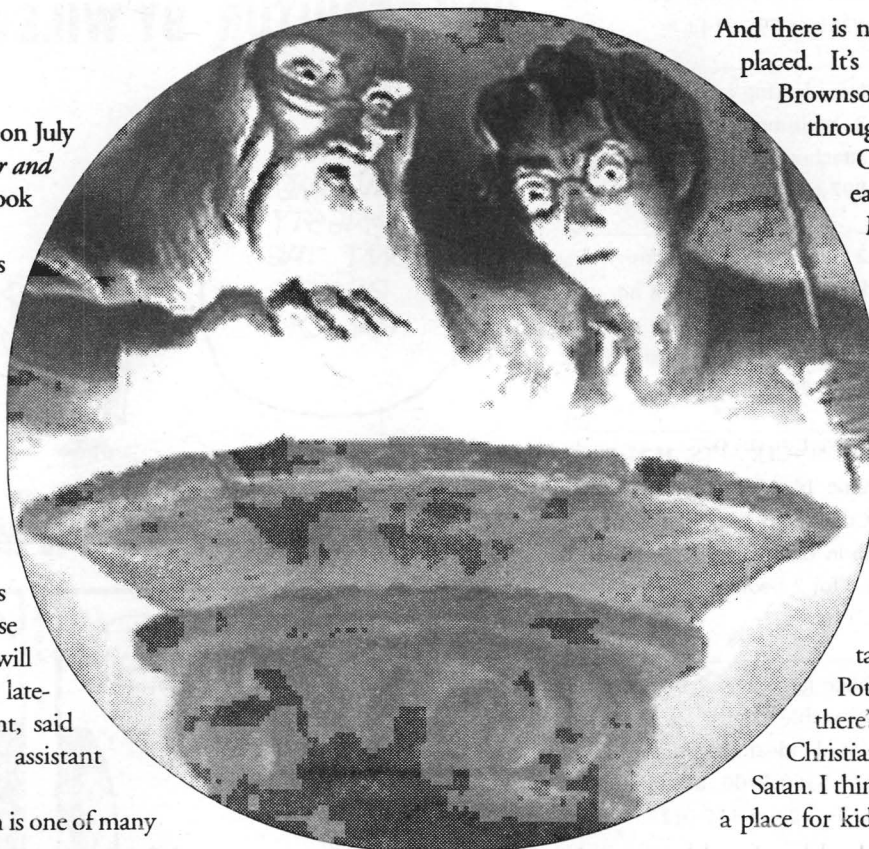
nationwide that will be hosting a party in honor of the release of the latest Harry Potter installment.

The store will re-open at midnight, and stay open until one a.m. or two a.m., Odom said.

“On Saturday we’re having a party with games, quizzes, and lots of prizes. We’re expecting tons of people, we’re going to have a very busy weekend.”

For Charlestonians wishing to celebrate the release a little closer to home, Wal-Mart comes to the rescue.

The sixth book in the series will be released at Wal-Mart at one minute after midnight.



And there is no waiting list. Nor will holds be placed. It’s strictly first come, first serve, Brownson said, “I ordered my copy through Amazon.”

Other Eastern members are just as eager for the books release, Matthew Thomas Christian Campus House minister is eagerly anticipating the books arrival.

“I started reading them to my nieces, and I actually enjoyed them. So, I’m excited, ‘cause they seem to be getting thicker and thicker,” Thomas said.

Even in the face of past Christian-oriented protests over the book, Thomas remains undaunted.

“I grew up reading a lot of fantasy stuff and so I read this (Harry Potter) and as I read it, I don’t think there’s anything in them that’s anti-Christian, or teaching kids how to worship Satan. I think a lot of it is just good fantasy. It’s a place for kids to come and let their imaginations run wild,” Thomas said.

Of a similar opinion is Roy Lanham, the campus minister at the Newman Catholic Center.

“I don’t see (Harry Potter) as satanic, I don’t see the books as satanic at all, I see it as Ms. Rowling trying to make a buck, and provide a nice product for the kids,” Lanham said, “I think Ms. Rowling created fictional characters to help children to have a love for reading, and I think she did a marvelous job of doing such.”

Fans can look forward to one more book after *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Author J.K. Rowling has said there will be seven books in the series.

“It’s a place for kids to come and let their imaginations run wild.”

MATTHEW THOMAS, CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE MINISTER

A large crowd is expected though no extra security has been enlisted for the event.

Only at the day after Thanksgiving are crowds the size of those expected on Saturday time crowds as large as Saturday morning’s is expected to be are generally seen at Wal-Mart.

The sought-after sixth volume will make its way to campus by way of the Booth Library and children’s librarian Ann Brownson.

The books will arrive in three or four weeks at the Booth Library. Three copies will be ordered.

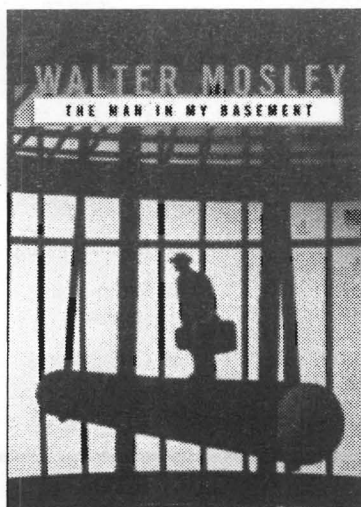
REVIEW ROUNDUP

Imprisoned by guilt

BY SAMAIYA EWING
NEWS EDITOR

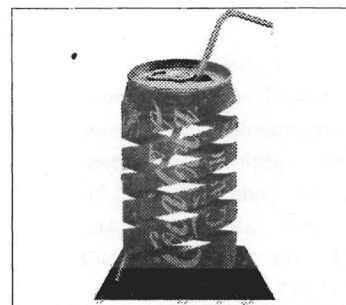
Grade: A-

Walter Mosley creates a bizarre yet feasible world in *The Man In My Basement*, one which any reader would be hard pressed not to enter. In the novel, Charles Blakely is a black man living in a 200-year-old house in Sag Harbor inherited from his grandparents. Blakely is broke and unemployed when a small white man, Anniston Bennet, shows up at his door with an odd request; Bennet wants to be imprisoned in Blakely’s basement for the summer and will pay handsomely for the



privilege. What follows is a spiraling insight into the human psyche and larger social issues of punishment, revenge and justice that govern it. Encapsulated in Mosley’s luminously precise prose, this book is a must read for anyone who has ever delved into the psyche of another in search of the more elusive elements of self.

Try not to get addicted



BY STEPHEN LARRICK
DESIGN CHIEF

Grade: A

The Internet is filled with sites to express your creative side and one of the best places on the net to do that is PixelAddiction.com.

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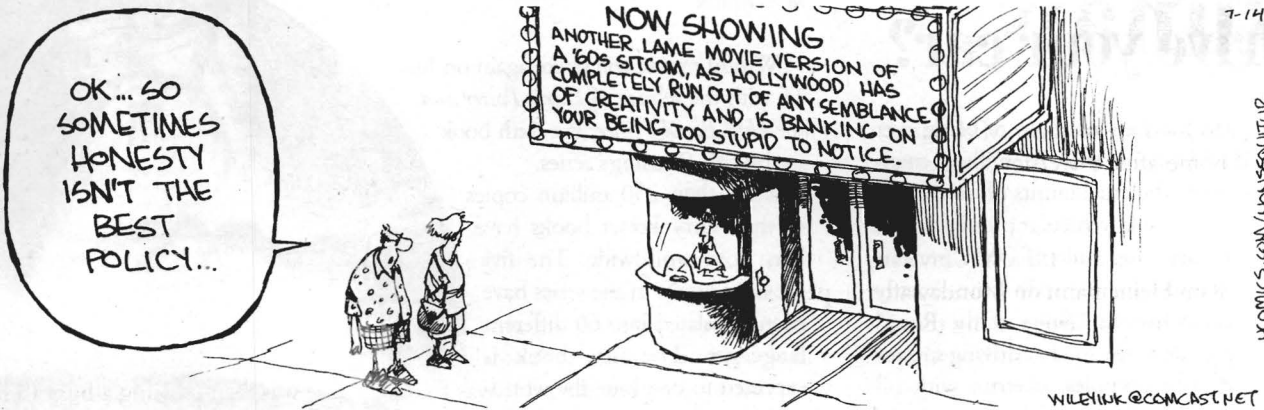
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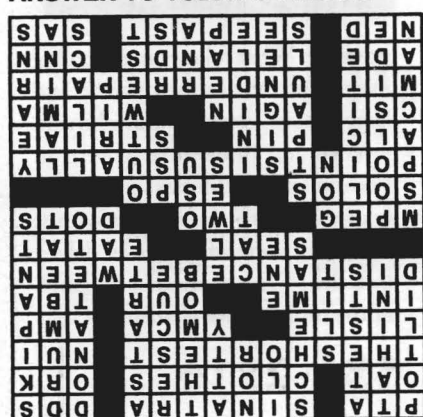
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0602

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fund-raising org.
 - 4 Noted Tommy Dorsey Orchestra alumnus
 - 11 Bridge builder, maybe: Abbr.
 - 14 Wild thing?
 - 15 Gear
 - 16 Fictional TV planet
 - 17 Start of a quip
 - 19 Rapa (Easter Island)
 - 20 Fabric named after a French town
 - 21 "A place you can go ... when you're short on your dough," in a 1979 hit
 - 22 Stereo part
 - 23 Eventually
 - 25 Planet (United Nations magazine)
 - 26 Schedule abbr.
 - 27 Quip, part 2
 - 31 Close up
 - 32 Bedevil
 - 33 Compressed electronic file format
 - 37 Quip, part 3
 - 39 Colon parts
 - 40 Eschews help
 - 42 Bruin Phil, familiarly
 - 45 Quip, part 4
 - 48 Intoxicating agent: Abbr.
 - 53 Commonly memorized info
 - 54 Narrow grooves
 - 55 Top-rated TV show of 2002-04
 - 56 Arguin' with
 - 58 Former track star Rudolph
 - 59 Caltech rival
 - 60 End of the quip
 - 63 Suffix with orange
 - 64 Early automaker Henry and others
 - 65 Atlanta-based media co.
 - 66 Washington, who wrote "When You Wish Upon a Star"
 - 67 Not get hung up on
 - 68 Overseas carrier

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



- DOWN**
- 1 Chef's cover
 - 2 Sesame paste
 - 3 Controversial explosions
 - 4 Diagrams
 - 5 1969 Peace Prize grp.
 - 6 Here/there connector
 - 7 Suit maker: Abbr.
 - 8 Cosa Nostra
 - 9 Coast Guard job
 - 10 Ancient fertility goddess
 - 11 Fund
 - 12 Time keeper
 - 13 Close-fitting garment
 - 18 Start of a tear
 - 24 Pilot's heading: Abbr.
 - 28 Clawer
 - 29 Actor Cary
 - 30 Large amount
 - 33 Popular 1980's arcade game
 - 34 Place to lounge
 - 35 Gleaned
 - 36 Shape-indicating suffix
 - 38 The Cowboys of the Big Twelve Conf.
 - 41 London cathedral
 - 43 Brief letter additions
 - 44 Where many American pioneers settled
 - 46 John Hancock, for one
 - 47 Out of gear
 - 48 Give (care)
 - 49 Blooms in a Whitman poem
 - 50 Thin sheet
 - 51 Pines
 - 57 Kind of tide
 - 61 Messenger
 - 62 Map lines: Abbr.

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BOMBINGS:

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was a huge help while we were in the hotel."

Ringuette said he woke up to the phone ringing at 4 a.m., which is 10 a.m. in London.

"I felt several emotions when I heard the news," he said. "I was concerned, anxious and surprised all at the same time."

"I offered whatever suggestions I could and got as much information as I could," said Ringuette. "I made phone calls and used the internet for help because Dr. Smith and Dr. Beebe had trouble getting information while they were stuck in the hotel."

Ringuette said the first priority for Smith and Beebe was to make sure everyone was

safe. The second priority was to have the students contact their families and the third was to help them get home on schedule.

English major Andrea Johnston was not with the rest of the group in London. She stayed behind at the previous stop in Nottingham to spend time with a friend.

Beebe said he was worried about meeting up with Johnston at the airport Friday because no one was sure whether the trains would be running the day after the bombings.

"After hearing Tony Blair's nation-wide address where he promised the return of routine behaviors as soon as possible, I was confident normalcy would be returned to London quickly," said Johnston.

The next day Johnston went to the train station and bought a ticket to London so

she could return to the group. Johnston said the train ride was "awkward and quiet."

"My fellow passengers were silent and seemed concentrated on every sound on the train, quietly assessing others," said Johnston. "The fact that the trains and planes and buses were up and running the day after such a disaster stood as a testament to the strength of London and its people."

"Before the bombings happened, I had been dreading coming back home," said Johnston. "After they occurred, all I wanted to do was go home, hug my family and see my friends."

Randall Beebe and all students arrived at Gatwick airport on Friday to return home to their families. Jad Smith stayed in Europe to continue traveling with his wife.

MEETING:

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Davis continued to speak although the motion was not seconded. Board member Michael Weaver objected and said the board should continue with the committee reports, but Davis, with French's defense, maintained that he had the floor.

"All I want is for you to follow the rules," Weaver said. However, Davis continued despite Weaver's objection.

"The rules say I have the floor, and you should shut up," Davis responded.

The argument escalated until an audience member, suggesting the board was out of order, asked them to consult their rules before they continued. Davis eventually yielded the floor.

At last month's meeting, the Road and Bridge Committee also recommended that Sherer be placed on probation until his current term expires in 2006, during which he could not receive any pay raises. During Tuesday's board meeting, however, the committee announced that it could not legally put Sherer on probation.

"I've been threatened to be sued [by Sherer]," French said. "That's intimidation." French also said that Davis had been intimidated.

"What took place tonight will have repercussions for years to come," said citizen activist Tom Donnell, who served for six years with French in the military and attended last night's meeting. Donnell, who said he felt the discussion should have been tabled, said the board was biased against French.

"We had hoped to end the months and months of arguments we've had by replacing two of the troublemakers," Weaver said, who moved to remove French as chairman.

Weaver, who stood in at the last Road and Bridge Committee meeting, said he felt that personnel meetings should be done in private.

In an interview following the meeting, Weaver spoke in Sherer's defense. "I think Fred's made some mistakes," Weaver said, "but none of them are illegal. Non-procedural, maybe, but not illegal."

Runaway tortoise comes home

CICERO—The tortoise Michelangelo is back home after three slow, but steady, weeks on the road.

Affectionately known as Mikey, he was reunited with Eastern Illinois University student Kim Heinemann on Monday after police found him moseying along the side of a road in this Chicago suburb more than 20 miles from where he went missing.

Mikey became a media darling after Heinemann, 23, and her family mounted a public relations campaign to draw attention to the plight of her pokey pet.

"He looks the same but is just hungry,"

Heinemann said Tuesday. "We stayed optimistic over the past few weeks, but we knew it was like a needle in a haystack that he would be found."

The 22-pound desert tortoise disappeared June 21 from the backyard at Heinemann's parents' home in the Chicago suburb of Orland Park where they were visiting for a few days. He was found Sunday in Cicero when a resident called police to report a tortoise walking down the road.

Cicero police said an officer picked up Mikey and brought him to the police

department.

By Monday, Mikey was back at Heinemann's Charleston home where there's a turtle-proof fence around her yard. The conditions weren't as secure at her parents' home and that's how Mikey wandered away.

At one point during his journey, the tortoise was seen crossing a busy Orland Park street where traffic had stopped to let him get across.

Heinemann has had Mikey for six years—ever since she rescued him from a construction site in Arizona.

Charges filed in arson that destroyed historic church

PINCKNEYVILLE, Ill.—Two Pinckneyville men were charged with arson and attempted murder on Wednesday after authorities said they attacked another man and burned down a southern Illinois church.

Vernon Huggins, 22, and Robert Quillman, 18, were charged with one count each of arson, arson of a place of worship and attempted murder, said Perry County Sheriff Keith Kellerman.

Kellerman said the two men, along with 18-year-old Andrew Kelly of Pinckneyville, allegedly burglarized some homes in the area on Monday. But after stealing some Bibles from the 151-year-old Galum

"After the church burglary and fire, Kelly was concerned and getting nervous and they felt he could rat them out,"

KEITH KELLERMAN, PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF

ties said.

Both were appointed attorneys, Tom Mansfield to represent Huggins, and Mark Maclin to represent Quillman. Neither attorney immediately returned calls for comment.

Kelly was released from the hospital on

Wednesday, according to a hospital spokeswoman. He has not yet been charged with any crime and was not in police custody, Kellerman said.

Huggins and Quillman are due back in court on Aug. 5. Kellerman said they could face additional charges of burglary.

Because of the brutal nature of the attack, Huggins and Quillman would be eligible for double the normal sentencing of six to 30 years on the attempted murder charge, said State's Attorney David Stanton. The arson of a place of worship charge carries a penalty of four to 15 years, and the arson charge is three to seven, he said.

KIDWELL:

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And, of course, they too are excused of their normal weightlifting, conditioning and critical coaching commentary. No complaints all around.

Whatever sport you lived and died with growing up, we all share the same romantic recollection of having good times with our grade school buddies playing sports when we were younger. To the athletes, these camps are a throwback to the days when sports were simply for fun, rather than winning. And, if there was any doubt, no, it's not heaven, it's EIU.

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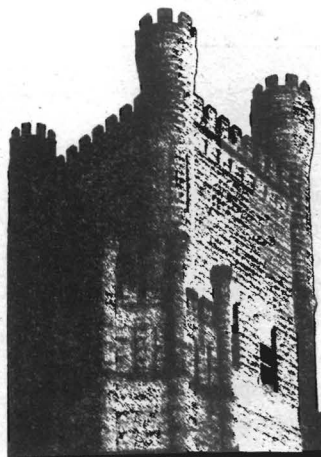
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BRIAN KIDWELL
SPORTS COLUMNIST

For the love of the game

Driving through campus in recent days, it has been hard not to notice the overabundance of high school and junior high school athletes walking around, obviously here for any number of different sports camps.

Somewhere between what seemed like the thousandth and ten-thousandth EIU sports camp I went to growing up, I began to fashion myself as somewhat of an aficionado of these week-long events. Regardless of what sport the camp is about, the experience athletes get is universally based upon camaraderie.

To me, these events were always a reminder of how fun the sport used to be before it was tainted by bad coaches and expectations of success. This "Field of Dreams," laid-back atmosphere the camps have, provides the competition that all lust for, without the feelings of failure for those who do not succeed.

With no purpose of keeping a team record other than pure curiosity, even the meaning of "success" is somewhat moot.

Like the Kevin Costner movie mentioned before, the camps represent the purest form of a sport, devoid of any unpleasanties. Heated rivalries give way to friendly competitions and unsportsmanlike attitudes yield to gentlemanly discourse in this storybook setting.

The duration of the camp is an oasis in which players can escape from the stress and toil of routine weightlifting, conditioning, the criticisms of a demanding coach, you name it. With no coaches yelling at them, no pressure riding on the games and no serious amount of conditioning required during the camp, the atmosphere is no more stressful than playing ball with a couple friends in the backyard.

What the young athletes get out of these camps in terms of camaraderie more than compensates for the exorbitant monetary price a parent pays the university for the week-long affair.

Eating three meals a day with friends, enduring the same hardships day after day, staying up late at night together and consequently getting up way too early the next morning; heck, throw in a reference to the opposite sex and another to visiting bars and you have a giant metaphor for college dorm life.

On top of what the young athletes get out of the camp, it's a good opportunity for the EIU athletes to give a little back to the community.

SEE KIDWELL PAGE 7



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Heather Hoeschen, pitcher for the Panthers winds up during an April 26 game vs. Bradley.

Schuette named head softball coach

BY DAVID THILL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eastern has a new head softball coach, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie announced Tuesday and she is "very, very excited" to be here.

Kim Schuette has been given the title as head coach after Lloydene Searle's eight-year tenure came to an end in June.

Schuette played softball for two years at Eastern before red shirting her third year and transferring to Indiana State University for her senior year to complete her eligibility. The 27-year-old Schuette was an assistant coach for three years at San Jose State University and recently completed her first year as a head coach at Quincy University.

"I am very excited for the opportunity," Schuette said. "I am ready to hit the ground running."

Schuette brought Division I experience and impressed members of the selection committee during the interview process, which aided in her being selected as the new leader of the Panthers softball team, McDuffie said.

How does Schuette feel about returning to her old playing ground?

"Eastern's a special place," she said. "There's something about this place that draws people and when they leave they want to come back and I was one of those people who wanted to come back and coach."

Her prior experience with the area should give her a leg up, she said. Knowing the university and the OVC should give her an advantage and the ability to relate more with her players because she can identify with what they are going through, Schuette said.

Which is good, because she may need that advantage.

Schuette will inherit a program that finished the 2005 season with a 15-32 overall record, going 12-15 in OVC play. The team also did not have a single pitcher with a winning record and only one, Heather Hoeschen, had an earned run average below 4.00. Hoeschen's was 2.79.

So what is Schuette's plan for success entering the 2006 season, only her second year as a head coach overall?

"There's a fine line between the game you coach and bringing out the best of players," Schuette said. "I'm big on communication, hustle and effort. We'll start with the fundamentals."

The style of play Schuette likes to incorporate may be a bit more difficult to come by at Eastern, though.

Schuette said she likes to run. A lot. She said she would also like to have some power hitters in the line-up so when she has "speedsters on base, those power hitters can hit them in."

"She really likes speed in the outfield to cut off the gaps," Pat Atwell, director of athletics at Quincy University said. "She tries to blend her Midwest roots with a West Coast style of softball."

But Eastern only managed to steal 18 bases in 28 attempts last season, while opponents gathered 28 stolen bags in 33 attempts. Schuette isn't worried about the lack of much speed on the team.

"What you want and what you have are sometimes two different things," she said. "I think I can bring out the best in players. I think my energy and my attitude will help the team gel."

So what kind of coach is Schuette?

"She's very old school," Atwell said. "She's demanding but fair. She brings an old-fashioned work ethic."

But in her first and only year as a head coach, Schuette scraped together only a 24-28 record.

Some of that can be attributed to a much more difficult schedule than was faced the previous year, Atwell said.

He summed up the kind of coach Schuette is with a simple memory.

During a double-header on a Wednesday afternoon last season, Schuette's team had the chance to get to a .500 record on the year. Rather than strain the starters who had begun the day, Schuette decided to play every player off the bench in order to get them some experience, Atwell said.

"She wasn't too consumed with her record," he said. "That impressed me."

Will there be instant success though?

"Anytime there is a change in leadership, there's a transition," McDuffie said. "Will there be instant success? Probably not but I think steps will be made in the right direction for success."

Schuette doesn't see it that way. She said she thinks Eastern could be a good team right now, utilizing the talent the team already has.

And even though Eastern has gone through eight head coaches in two years, she said she thinks her time here could be more of an extended stay than a short visit.

"I could see myself at Eastern for quite a while," she said. "But I have to go out and prove myself."

"I think every coach wants to find a school where they can build a program and leave and be happy with it. I want to build Panther softball to what I remember it as an not leave until I am done."

And while she said she might be a bit nervous to start the season, there is more excitement.

"I am very excited," Schuette said. "But the day I don't have butterflies before a game or a season is the day I find a new job."