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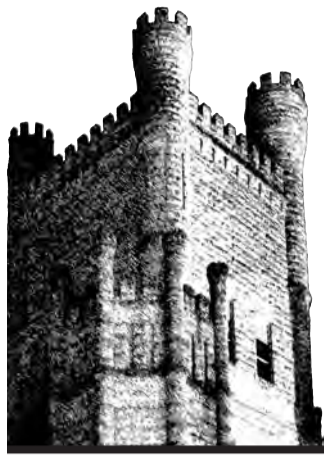
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## Lift

### Eastern scores \$500,000 for Old Main renovation

BY KAYLA CROW  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern received a \$500,000 donation from a Charleston couple Thursday to help finance renovations on the Livingston C. Lord Administration Building, more commonly known as Old Main.

Max and Mary Cougill gave Eastern the half a million dollars to make improvements to the building, Eastern President Lou Hencken said.

The Cougills both attended classes in Old Main, and their son and granddaughter did as well. The couple remembered the building and wanted to help improve it.

"When parents bring kids there and they come in the east door of Old Main it's really dark," Max Cougill said. "It's not very impressive."

Hencken, who has a boot on his leg after breaking it while walking in the Student Recreation Center Wednesday, also said the entrance to Old Main does not make a good first impression on prospective students.

Cougill said first impressions are hard to break, and the impression of Old Main is often the way people remember the entire university.

"They walk in to (Old Main), and they think the whole school is like that," he said.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for External Affairs, said donations like the one from the Cougills does not happen very often but it is "a nice size gift" for the university.

The donations will be used to make improvements to the corridor of the building. The improvements include renovations to the bath-



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The bathrooms in Old Main will be one of the areas to benefit from the \$500,000 donation.

## APPORTIONMENT BOARD

# No action on bylaw clean-up

BY ADAM HOWELL  
STAFF REPORTER

The Apportionment Board reviewed and tabled two sets of proposed changes to its bylaws on Thursday.

AB chair Jillian Ruddy said the decision to begin reviewing the bylaws was made because they needed to be cleaned up and made more readable for the average person.

After a period of review, AB members submitted two separate bylaw formats for consideration by the board. Members Mark Bates and Kenney Kozik submitted bylaw changes looking to clear up inconsistencies within the regulations.

"We pretty much laid them out in what is a format, and designed them after the Student Government bylaws," Bates said. "We just wanted to streamline the bylaws for flexibility."

AB members Ryan Siegal, Jen Roden and John Stimac submitted the second proposal to the board.

"Basically we broke the regulations into two parts for simplicity," Siegal said. "We just see this as an intermedi-

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## RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

# New program looking for 'quality' in applicants

BY TOM HOCHBAUM  
STAFF REPORTER

The Resident Assistant Search Committee is more than satisfied with the 143 prospects pushing to become next year's resident assistants.

"Though we have marginally less applicants than last year, we really feel like there are a lot of quality people trying to become RAs," said Doug Howell, resident director of Thomas hall and chair of the RA Search Committee.

Compared to last year, the program has had fewer applicants drop halfway through this year.

"We like what we have seen from them in our workshops so far," Howell said.

This workshop program is a modified version of the previous program. Rather than nine two-hour workshops, applicants now participate in five workshops.

Prospective members engage in several communication and leadership activities during their five weeks of training.

Typically, there are 30 to 40 new openings available every year, Howell said. Those that are not chosen are regarded as alternates and are kept on stand-by in case others choose to leave the program for any reason.



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A night assistant checks a backpack in Carman Hall in March of last year. The new resident assistant processes has become a class and the final decision is made in February so that those who don't get a position can find housing for the following year.

People that are chosen for the position after the workshops go directly to a semi-formal meeting with four members of the committee and current RAs. These meetings take place Feb.

10 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

These meetings can prove to be a nerve-racking experience for many of the applicants.

"I was so nervous going into my meeting," said Nicole Mette, an RA on the fourth floor of Lawson Hall. "It was very intimidating, but it was an experience that prepared me for the real world."

The experience of being an RA is a rewarding one, Mette said.

"This has been well worth it," she said. "Being an RA is the best opportunity of my life. It has really made me a different person and prepared me for my future."

Although Mette runs into difficult parts of her job, she remembers the most important thing is to be flexible and adaptable.

"This is a maturation process, there is no doubt about that," Mette said. "People are always telling me, 'You are nothing like you were at the beginning of the year; you have obviously grown up.'"

Rahul Wahi, an RA on the fifth floor of Taylor Hall, agreed with Mette's appreciation for the program.

After serving as the president of Douglas Hall and staying active in hall council, Wahi made

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Robert Chesnut, director of research and sponsored programs recognize Michael Strader, Director of the Prace Meal Senior Nutrition Program and his assistants for their work Thursday

## Faculty research grants awarded

STAFF REPORT

Eastern's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs gave out grants to faculty and staff members yesterday.

This was the first year the office combined the receptions for individuals receiving both internal and external grants.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, said the faculty and staff members who were receiving the grants are the ones who make it possible to continue learning and researching at Eastern.

Michael Strader received the 2006 Edwin L. May Award. Strader will use the award to work on the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program. He has been an employee at Eastern for the last 30 years.

Bob Chesnut, director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, said the Edwin L. May award is given to an individual who has shown "exemplary effort in (getting) external funding."

### DENNEWS.COM INTRAMURAL COVERAGE

## Basketball courts 'no-dunking' zone

BY RYAN TERRELL

ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

Next time you're flying down the lane preparing to dunk in intramural basketball, you might want to rethink your actions.

Intramural basketball may offer recreation and competition for students looking to get away from the books, but with those amusements come rules.

Kevin Linker, director of intramurals, said although intramurals is meant to entertain students, there is a need to enforce rules and sportsmanship during games.

"We have to control the way the players act," Linker said. "Players shouldn't do what they don't think they can get away with."

Intramurals strictly enforces rules against dunking, fighting, and swearing during games.

"That rule (swearing) has always been enforced by intramurals. Sometimes there are people other than students such as children or families inside the rec center and we

don't want them to hear cussing," Linker said.

If a player does violate one of the rules, they are issued a technical foul by the referee.

According to Linker, if one player is issued two technical fouls during a game, that player will be ejected. Three technical fouls by a team in one game will result in a forfeit by that team, even if the team is up by a large margin.

According to the Intramural Sports Handbook, located on the Intramurals website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~crecsrc/intramurals/managerguide.htm>), ejected players must immediately supply a supervisor with their name, social security number, phone number and address.

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### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### Got Health?

8 a.m. | Free flu shots are now available in limited supply for all Eastern students. Appointments available by calling 581-2727. Health Service-Medical Clinic

#### IPAC Meeting

9:30 a.m. | Monthly International Programs Advisory Committee meeting. Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, 1895 Room.

#### Find Information Fast

10 a.m. | Booth Library Reference Librarians will provide instruction on how to search the online catalog and databases. Booth Library e-classroom, room 4450.

#### Study Abroad Info

1 p.m. | Register for this event at: <http://www.eiu.edu/~edabroad/calendar.html> Lawson Hall basement

#### Voter Registration Drive

5 p.m. | Rosa Parks Memorial Voter Registration Drive. An African-American Heritage Month celebration event. Alumni Lounge, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

#### Heritage Banquet

5 p.m. | African American Heritage Banquet. Includes a 5 p.m. social, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Special speaker, "Cousin Jeff" Johnson, host of BET's "The Jeff Johnson Chronicle." Grand Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union



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### WTF?

## Women eats 26 grilled cheese in 10 minutes

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NEW YORK – A 100-pound woman ate 26 grilled cheese sandwiches in 10 minutes Wednesday at a New York restaurant, winning the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship.

Sonya Thomas won \$8,000 for the contest at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Times Square but said she was disappointed in her performance.

"I could have done better," she said, adding that she was aiming for 30 sandwiches.

Thomas, of Alexandria, Va., said she had to catch a train shortly after the contest to make her shift at a Burger King on Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, where she is a manager.

She said she has a naturally big stomach capacity and heavily soaked her sandwiches in water to make them easier to swallow. She said to train she drinks

large amounts of water to expand her stomach capacity and practices relaxing her throat.

Thomas, whose normal weight is about 100 pounds, estimated she gained 10 pounds during Wednesday's contest.

It was a close win. Her nearest competitor, Joey Chestnut, ate 25 1/2 sandwiches.

On the eating contest circuit, Thomas is known as the "Black Widow."

# Students anticipate Jimmy John's move

By BRADEN LATHAM-JONES  
STAFF REPORTER

The date for the new Jimmy John's location is still unknown, but progress seems to be on the fast track.

"Progress is speedy," said City Manager Scott Smith.

Jimmy John's has been located right next to La Bamba's since it first opened Jan. 13, 1983.

After 23 years of business, it will be moving to the corner of Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

"Location doesn't matter," said Greg Czepiel, a freshman physical education major. "As long as it's less crowded, that's what matters."

Because Jimmy John's is open until 2 a.m., it tends to get overcrowded after the bars close.

"It's ridiculous," Czepiel said of the small space.

Lyndsay Fairley, a former employee at Jimmy John's, said the current location was too small with the amount of business they had.



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Construction on the new Jimmy John's building on the corner of Fourth and Lincoln continues Thursday afternoon.

"Now there will be more room, and you will be able to sit down and eat," Fairley said.

Other people's attitudes toward the move of Jimmy John's are apathetic.

"If I ever eat there, it's when I order out, so it doesn't make a difference to me," said Michelle Kerr, a sophomore psychology major, about the move.

This new Jimmy John's will put aside half of the store to rent out for another restaurant of some kind.

"It is not known what exactly it will be, but we do know that there is half of the restaurant space up for rent," said Jeff Finley, city planner and building code official.

Students have varying ideas of what should become of the open area.

"We don't have a Burger King," Czepiel said. "I would love to have a Burger King in town."

However, Czepiel's wish will definitely not be granted. Burger King will not be coming to Charleston because of a court decision involving The Burger King, a restaurant in Mattoon that is not part of the Burger King franchise.

The (Mattoon) Burger King now holds the rights to the name only in Coles County, so no Burger King chain restaurant can be located in the county.

Other students feel that a Starbucks Coffee would be a good investment for the town.

"Starbucks would be great to add to the endless amounts of fast food places they have on Lincoln Avenue," said Ryan Wall, a freshman computer information specialist major.

## Fraternity men square off for 'Greek Man on Campus'

*Tri Delta hosts pageant for St. Jude's Children's Hospital*

By MAGGIE MOSELEY  
STAFF REPORTER

Delta Delta Delta sorority will take philanthropy and entertainment to the campus stage by hosting a pageant parading men from Eastern's Greek community on Thursday.

The sorority has invited fraternity men to compete in a pageant called "Greek Man on Campus" in an effort to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

"It's like Miss America for guys," said Kelly Putlak, president of Tri Delta.

Tri Delta's Officer's Council collaborated to create a unique way to draw in money for the project and conceived the idea of a pageant, Putlak said.

The competition has 11 male participants from different fraternities who will undergo a series of tasks to prove they deserve the title of "Greek Man On Campus."

**"Not only do we hope to raise money for St. Jude's, but we also hope to draw the Greek and campus together."**

KELLY PUTLAK, PRESIDENT OF TRI-DELTA

Contestants will be judged on their dance abilities, a question and answer section, a talent segment, and a final portion called "men in uniform."

Danny Elchert, a junior art major and pageant contestant, said he took one for the team by getting his fraternity some publicity and representing Alpha Tau Omega.

He has been preparing for the competition by working on a talent and deciding what uniform he will present to the audience and judges.

### Fast Facts

- ◆ What: "Greek Man on Campus"
- ◆ Who: Hosted by Tri-Delta sorority
- ◆ When: 7 p.m.
- ◆ Where: MLK Room of Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union
- ◆ Why: To raise money for the sorority's philanthropy St. Jude's Children's Hospital

"I am not sure what talent I am going to do," Elchert said. "I might do an SNL skit or something like that."

A St. Jude's patient and family will come to the event and give a presentation about how the money will help other families in need of care.

The entire community is invited to attend.

"Not only do we hope to raise money for St. Jude, but we also hope to draw the Greek and campus communities together," Putlak said.

Admission for the event, which will take place at 7 p.m. in the MLK Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union is \$3, all proceeds will go to St. Jude's.

## Comic comes to Eastern

By MATT KELLY  
STAFF REPORTER

Comedian Eric O'Shea will bring more than a decade of college comedy experience to Eastern tonight.

The University Board discovered O'Shea's comedy at the National Association for Campus Activities annual conference in October of last year.

After seeing his set, Gretchen Claypool, UB comedy coordinator, said she knew the students of Eastern would appreciate O'Shea's comedy.

"Eric (O'Shea) was extremely funny," Claypool said. "We (UB) really, really enjoyed him,"

Shortly after seeing O'Shea, Claypool called his talent agency, and at the end of last semester, Eastern became another one of the comedian's 70 scheduled shows on his 2006 tour of colleges of the United States.

O'Shea said he believes the reason colleges keep asking him to come back to entertain them year after year lies in his personal values.

"In 13 years, I've never said the 'F' word on stage," O'Shea said.

The comfort of the audience comes first he said.

O'Shea believes this attitude is

the reason he has had such success in comedy.

"My goal is for people to have fun," he said. "I don't want anyone to be offended."

His light-spirited delivery and observations about youth make up O'Shea's act.

One of his trademark impressions is Elmo from Sesame Street.

"I like doing Elmo because I'm a kid at heart," he said.

Along with that impression, the comedian also does many other famous impressions.

He makes them his own in the way he applies them to real-life situations, O'Shea said.

"I love doing 'Family Guy,' Ray Romano (from 'Everybody Loves Raymond'), Chandler (from 'Friends'), and I do an impression of the entire Seinfeld cast if they were children in kindergarten," he said.

Along with appearances on NBC and VH1, O'Shea has more than 700 shows under his belt in his career.

NACA has nominated him for National College Comedian of the Year three times, and he's awaiting results from this year's nomination.


O'Shea will perform at 9 p.m. at the 7th Street Underground.

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## HISTORICAL DEATHS GIVE US LIFE LESSON

People have a preoccupation with death and dying. Fear of death, what comes after death, when death will occur, how to live your life until death comes, the worst way to die and the best way to die are all constant concerns. Song lyrics, movies, philosophy, religions and countless other things all have death as a main theme. There is even an episode of Family Guy where Death personified comes and has to stay for a few days.

The point is that people don't know and can't change this one aspect of life that is inevitable. There are many times when it comes out of nowhere. There are many ironic and humorous cases in history that show this, and can remind us just how stupid people can be, and how sometimes you just don't see things coming.

The great leader of the Huns, Attila the Hun, after conquering almost all of Asia, surviving countless battles, and becoming one of the most savage and feared men in history, got drunk on his wedding night and died of a nosebleed in his drunken sleep. Not exactly the most heroic death, although there is some controversy as to exactly how it happened ...

Another example is Frederick Barbarossa. He was the king of the Holy Roman Empire, participated in many battles and went on the 2nd and 3rd Crusades. During the 3rd Crusade while in Clicia he was thrown by his horse into the Saleph River. The cold water caused him to have a heart attack, and his armor weighed him down so much that he drowned in water barely waist deep.

Another great war hero defeated not in battle, but in unexpected circumstances was Aeschylus. Getting away from fighters, the ancient Greek drama writer Aeschylus is rumored to have met his end by tortoise, courtesy of an eagle. The eagle mistook his bald head for a rock and was trying to crack open the tortoise. Note to bald men: wear a hat while in Greece.

One example of apparent stupidity is Mr. Francis Bacon, who was a famous 16th century writer and philosopher. He is supposed to have frozen to death while stuffing a dead chicken with snow, to see if snow could be a preservative.

Lastly, I would like to mention the makers of Scheele's Green coloring pigment, which used arsenic to dye wallpaper and ball gowns. Many Victorian and Aristocratic people became sick and died from spending too much time in their green study, or after wearing their new green dress to a party. This may also have had an effect on speeding Napoleon's death, because he is supposed to have had green wall paper at St. Helena. Another popular color was Prussian blue which was made with cyanide. A good tip might be to avoid all bright colors in general when decorating.

With cases like these in our history, it is understandable that our society has a preoccupation with death. I would invite you all to step back and take a good look at some of the most regarded and feared people in history and how they died. Certainly none of these figures could foresee their end coming the way it did.

And so, I say, we shouldn't take death (or life) so seriously, because we really don't have a clue what is going to happen anyway.

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### EDITORIAL

## Nursing needs Eastern's care

Eastern has recently been on a mission toward offering a nursing degree on campus. The country is in a nursing shortage, and a program at Eastern could help the problem

According to a Jan. 2 article in *Voice of America News*, the country has more than 100,000 vacant nursing jobs. The U.S. Labor Department expects the vacancy number to increase to 800,000 by the year 2020. Illinois is projected to have 21,000 empty nursing jobs by that time.

Eastern's proposed nursing program would give potential nursing students another option while helping to increase the amount of students studying to become nurses. Eastern is a worthy institution to take on a nursing program.

According to a Feb. 1 article of *The Daily Eastern News* nursing schools have seen an increase in enrollment because of the availability of nursing jobs. Lake Land College in Mattoon has an Allied Health Program that offers an associate's degree in nursing and a practical nursing certificate.

Eastern's proposed nursing program is an item the Illinois Board of Higher Education is currently discussing. If the program is approved by the IBHE, President Lou Hencken said nursing classes would start in the fall semester of 2007.

By looking at the increased number of nursing vacancies, some would argue that fewer people are interested in becoming a nurse.

#### At issue

The increase of nursing vacancies in state hospitals.

#### Our stance

Eastern's proposed nursing program will give potential nursing students more options and will help fill nursing vacancies. The growing number of job openings is increasing interest in the nursing position, and any new nursing program could benefit the profession.

But it seems that the reason the job is on the decline is because some universities don't offer a nursing degree.

If a university has a nursing program, chances are they have limits to the number of applicants they can allow, which puts the rejected students in a bad situation. If Eastern had a nursing program, it would give those potential nurse students another serious option.

In the *DEN* article, Eric Benson, vice president of Human Resources at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, said the hospital has slightly experienced the nursing shortage. Benson said Sarah Bush recruits nurses from nearby universities, including Bradley University in Peoria.

Marilyn Miller, nursing student coordinator at Bradley, said the nursing program's enrollment increased from last year because students are beginning to realize that a nursing job won't be hard to find because of the shortage.

With the number of vacant positions steadily increasing, more students will give serious thoughts to becoming a nurse. Including Eastern in the list of universities that offer a nursing degree would go a long way in increasing statewide nursing jobs.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY TO MAKE A POINT

Stop me now if I'm just looking for trouble, but since when was the life sucked out of college rallies? Now, all political opinions aside, since when did scrawling messages in chalk (at night mind you, because we just hate confrontations), become a valid protest for taking a stand for one's beliefs?

Now I'm not knocking passive rebellion, but random chalk messages can barely be considered any form of insurgency. Furthermore, what does it accomplish?

You're in college, back yourself up! Even a "because I say so" at the bottom would have sufficed.

But "BUSH LIES"? Now, when I saw the first chalk sign I thought, "I don't believe it," but I have to admit, after walking by the second and third, I thought, "this must be a substantial operation ... I'm convinced." "BUSH LIES" can now be legitimately plastered on the bumper of every car, which is the sure sign of factual information.

Maybe you wanted to keep your nose clean—I mean, with this Patriot Act thingy, there are cameras everywhere, you know.

Stenciled spray painting is out of the question. And picketing is so cliché. Rally denotes hippy. Lobbying, letters to Congressmen, voting are all grown-up ways of standing up for one's beliefs.

Call me an idealist, a nostalgic, if you will. I realize old-fashioned riots are long gone. But come on, if you're going to go down the road of "protest," at least have the self-respect to take a stand that won't wash away with the next little drizzle.

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# Student Senate member works for advising forms

By KRISTY MELLENDORF  
STAFF REPORTER

Jill David likes solving problems. With the Student Senate, that is.

"My favorite part (of the Student Senate) is getting a group of us together to solve a problem," David said. "Everyone has a chance to say something."

Working alongside Chelsea Frederick, student vice president for student affairs, David is working on an advising item. The idea is to get a standard form for advising students in each department.

"Without a standard, students can forget or lose what they are told," David said. "It is the students' responsibility, but it needs to be unified."

David's first experience with student government dates back to high school, when she was a member of Mattoon High School Student Council.

A person on her floor heard about Student Government and sparked interest in David.

"I was impressed," David said. "I didn't realize (the Student Senate) did so many things and played an important role."

In the fall of 2004, David started her senate duties in external relations, eventually becoming

a member of the Academic Affairs Committee. Soon, David became the chair of the Student Relations Committee, and last semester she became the Academic Affairs Committee chair.

Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson appointed David to continue her chair position.

"She is not afraid to challenge existing ideas," Anderson said. "She brings ideas to (the Student Senate) that no one has ever thought of."

David is responsible for setting the agenda and keeping matters focused during Sunday evening committee meetings.

"I do a lot of delegating responsibilities and keeping (the committee) organized," David said. "I would like to see the meetings become quicker and more efficient."

David is active with Delta Zeta; Committee Connection through the Newman Center; the Honor's Society National Society of Collegiate Scholars; PanHellenic Council as a Student Senate liaison; the Faculty Senate as a student representative and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as a building supervisor.

"My Mondays through Thursdays I have to write my entire schedule out," David said.

Jeff Melanson, a new senate member, has recently been working closely with David in the Academic Affairs Committee.

"(David) is very open to being asked ques-



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jill David, a sophomore political science major, works in the academic affairs office Wednesday evening on having academic advisers and students use forms when working their way through registration.

tions and very helpful," Melanson said.

David counts her parents among her role models. She describes her mother as being very caring, generous and strong concerning her Catholic faith.

David also said she admires her father's career, which includes being the first person in his fam-

ily to graduate college.

"They are just good examples of the life that I would like to live," David said.

David has set her goals for the future. She would like to go to graduate school to earn her master's and continue to law school to study international law.

# Deadline approaching to edit undergraduate online catalog

By JACLYN GORSKI  
STAFF REPORTER

The Feb. 10 deadline approaches for submitting edits to Eastern's 2006-2007 online undergraduate catalog.

Departments can take part in editing the catalog annually, said Mary Herrington-Perry, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs.

Anita Shelton, history department

chair, said her department systematically reviews the online catalog every year, but if the Review of Academics Committee approves courses to the department, the courses are checked online to make sure all the designations and writing components are right for that particular class.

With the exception of edits that have to go through the committee, departments edit the catalog to make

sure the list of faculty is updated, the wording of the course descriptions are fine and the writing components are added to the appropriate courses.

"(This) means we can get changes that are more reflective than the hard-cover," Shelton said.

This process is not always how the editing took place.

Before the catalog was online, the Office of Academic Affairs would

send out hard copies of the specific pages departments wanted to edit, Herrington-Perry said.

The new process makes the Office of Academic Affairs' job easier.

"We're not wasting trees and second-guessing which copies they want to review," Herrington-Perry said.

For the past two years, the online catalog has been on Acalog, an online catalog built from a series of databas-

es, which converts the catalog to html format.

"We used to do the htmls ourselves and (it) was very time consuming, but now it's automatically converted," Herrington-Perry said.

Even with the online catalog, the Office of Academic Affairs has no intention of stopping production of the hard copies of the undergraduate catalogs.

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## STUDENT SENATE

# Members will make trek to state gathering

By BRANDON NETIUK  
STAFF REPORTER

Members of Eastern's Student Senate will set out to gather perspective from schools around the state by attending a conference on higher education this weekend.

Andrew Berger, student executive vice president, and Student Senate members Jeff Melanson and Jeffrey Lange have the opportunity to discuss and listen to problems on other campuses at the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee conference this weekend at Harold Washington College in Chicago.

The IBHE-SAC is a group that tries to promote students' rights and concerns to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Individual delegates from public, private and community colleges from across the state of Illinois attend these meetings.

The meetings serve as an open forum for these different institutions to discuss problems on each of the different campuses while trying to form a solution.

"These meetings help us bring back perspective on problems for higher education students," Berger said.

Berger, who hosted an IBHE-SAC meeting at Eastern in December, is the leader of the Student Action Team.

He said he expects that how to properly coordinate a Student Action Team on other campuses will be one of the main points talked about this weekend.

Berger said he thinks Eastern is being run well in comparison to the other schools in the state.

"Eastern is in a situation where things are going very well," Berger said. "I definitely say we are in the top three to five institutions in the state."

Melanson and Lange are attending this weekend as non-voting delegates.

Lange volunteered to go because of his interest in higher education issues like tax breaks and financial aid.

"I'm going because I am very interested in higher education on the state level and want to come back more knowledgeable on the issues," Lange said.

Beyond this weekend, the Student Action Team will be discussed at further length on March 11 at Carl Sandburg College when Berger will present how Eastern runs its Student Action Team to at least six other schools.

## Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee conference

◆ Who: Two Student Senate members and student executive vice president will attend

◆ When: This weekend

◆ Where: Harold Washington College in Chicago

◆ Why: To gain perspective on how other schools in the state operate



NATI SHOHAT/FLASH 90/KRT NEWS

Club-wielding riot troops dragged away thousands of stone-throwing Jewish settlers from rooftops and behind barbed wire Wednesday, evacuating the illegal West Bank outpost of Amona in the fiercest clash over settlements since Israel's Gaza pullout.

## Payment of Palestinian salaries to be delayed

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Faced with a deepening budget crisis since Hamas' election victory, the Palestinian Authority put off paying the January salaries of 137,000 government employees Thursday for at least two weeks as it struggles to find new sources of funding.

The delay in salaries, which were due Thursday, could foreshadow a far more serious government breakdown, with foreign nations threatening to freeze aid to the Palestinian Authority if the Islamic militant group takes power without renouncing violence or recognizing Israel.

The Palestinian Authority needs \$116 million to cover the monthly payroll. It was already in danger of falling short on payday before Israel announced Wednesday it would hold up \$45 million in January taxes it was to transfer to the Palestinian Authority.

The Palestinian government is withholding the salaries while it seeks alternative funding, a top government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing funding negotiations.

U.S. and European threats to cut off aid put further pressure on a budget in constant crisis.

European donors and the World Bank stopped forwarding salary money in December after the government gave raises of up to 40 percent to its employees and added people to its already bloated payroll ahead of the Jan. 25 elections.

But permanent aid cuts would force the government to lay off as many as 30,000 workers and could plunge Palestinian areas, already beset by violence and disorder, deeper into chaos.

Mohammed Ishtayeh, a Palestinian Cabinet minister, said the government was trying to persuade Israel to release the tax money. It was also hoping to receive aid from Saudi Arabia and Qatar and to persuade the World Bank to release \$60 million in frozen aid.

"We are working on more than one level to provide salaries this month," Ishtayeh said.

Western donors, led by the U.S. and EU, funnel about \$900 million to the Palestinians each year, most of it designated for reconstruction projects in the impoverished Gaza Strip and West Bank.

The Palestinian economy is in tatters after five years of violence with Israel. Unemployment is 23 percent, about 43 percent of the population lives in poverty, and

government salaries support many extended families.

"Palestinian Authority salaries are one of the major engines of the economy," said Mahmoud Abu Arrub, an economics professor at An-Najah University in the West Bank city of Nablus. A long-term problem with the salaries would further damage the economy and "create social disturbances. We would see strikes and demonstrations," he said.

Also Thursday, outgoing Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said Israel's lengthy closure of the Gaza Strip's Karni cargo crossing, the main outlet for Palestinian exports, was further damaging the economy.

Israel closed the crossing Jan. 15 citing intelligence warnings of a planned Palestinian attack. Under a November agreement, Israel said that if it closed Karni, it would divert cargo to other crossings. But Palestinian officials said that has not happened. A U.N. report this week said the closure cost the Palestinian economy about \$7 million.

"Yesterday, tomatoes, strawberries and other produce from the Gaza Strip were being thrown in the streets, and were not allowed to be exported. We hope the Israeli government

reconsiders these measures, because they are punishment of the citizens," Qureia said.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials said they were considering pulling down two more settlement outposts in the West Bank ahead of March 28 elections, despite a bloody battle Wednesday between settlers and police, who demolished a cluster of homes at the Amona outpost.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The fight over Amona injured more than 200 people on both sides and underscored the political divisions in the country, as acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert sought to prove that his new Kadima Party would not cave in to settlers. Israeli governments have long supported the settlements to entrench control over the West Bank, which it captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

Excerpts from a report released Thursday said that more than \$14 billion has been spent on West Bank settlements over the years. Most of the money was spent by the government, according to the report by the independent Israeli Research Institute for Economic and Social Affairs.

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# New House leader elected, pledges reforms



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Rep. John Boehner, of Ohio, speaks during a news conference after being elected by House Republicans as their new majority leader on Thursday.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Rep. John Boehner of Ohio is the new leader of House Republicans. And the new target of House Democrats.

Boehner won election Thursday as House majority leader, promising a steady hand and a helping of reform for Republicans staggered by election-year scandal.

Boehner — pronounced BAY'-nur — who replaces indicted Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, said the GOP "must act swiftly to restore the trust between Congress and the American people."

He defeated Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri on a vote of 122-109 by House Republicans after trailing his rival on an inconclusive first round.

"Life goes on," shrugged Blunt, who has long had close ties to DeLay and had been the acknowledged front-runner in a race to replace him. Blunt retains his post as GOP whip, third-ranking in the leadership behind Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois and Boehner.

"People were ready for more

reform than he (Blunt) was offering," said Rep. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who supported a third contender, John Shadegg of Arizona, on the first ballot.

Flake added that Rep. Bill Thomas of California, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, told fellow Republicans before the vote that Boehner was "a bridge to the old Revolution days," when the GOP stood for political change.

Rep. David Hobson of Ohio, who backed Boehner, said the new leader will be "good on TV, good on policy. Democrats fear and respect him because they know he's tough but he is also fair."

Boehner and DeLay have clashed repeatedly over the years, but the election had scarcely ended when Democrats launched an effort to depict the winner as a continuation of the status quo.

"As the Who famously said, 'Meet the new boss, same as the old boss,'" said Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee.

## Congress extends Patriot Act

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Senate and Bush administration officials appeared to be nearing a deal Thursday to renew the USA Patriot Act that has eluded lawmakers for months.

The deal in the works was designed to satisfy concerns raised by some Republicans about protecting people against police intrusion without hobbling the war on terror.

If those talks stall, however, the Senate was poised to extend the act in its current form until March 10.

Several Republican and Democratic officials involved in negotiations said a deal was imminent but refused to provide details or speak for the record until talks were finalized.

### Bush will request \$439.3 billion defense budget

WASHINGTON— President Bush next week will request a \$439.3 billion Defense Department budget for 2007, a nearly 5 percent increase over this year, according to senior Pentagon officials and documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The spending plan would include \$84.2 billion for weapons programs, a nearly 8 percent increase, including billions of dollars for fighter jets, Navy ships, helicopters and unmanned aircraft. The total includes a substantial increase in weapons spending for the Army, which will get

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\$16.8 billion in the 2007 budget, compared with \$11 billion this year.

### Military leaders blast newspaper for cartoon

WASHINGTON— Military leaders angrily denounced as "beyond tasteless" a Washington Post editorial cartoon featuring a likeness of a severely wounded soldier and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld as an attending doctor who says, "I'm listing your condition as 'battle hardened.'"

The cartoon by Post artist Tom Toles appeared in Sunday's newspaper.

It reflected the view of some that Bush administration officials do not recognize that U.S. forces are being worn out by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Last month, in response to a Pentagon-commissioned report that said the Army was stretched so thin that it had become a "thin green line," Rumsfeld said the war-fighting experience had made U.S. troops "battle hardened" — stronger rather than weaker.

### Coal mining takes a time-out in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va.— Thousands of West Virginia miners got safety lectures at the start of their

shifts and officials began a round of inspections across the No. 2 coal-producing state Thursday in a "time-out" urged by the governor.

Sixteen West Virginia miners have been killed over the past month in what is already the deadliest year in the state's coalfields in more than a decade.

Gov. Joe Manchin said he was pleased that mining companies were heeding his request to suspend production and hold discussions to reinforce safety. Some companies said they spent up to an hour talking safety before sending their miners to work.

Consol Energy spokesman Thomas Hoffman said safety talks were held at the beginning of each shift at its mines.

### Prosecutor subpoenas Texas Republican Party

AUSTIN, Texas— Prosecutors investigating former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay on felony conspiracy and money laundering charges are seeking bank records for the Texas Republican Party.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle issued a subpoena Thursday ordering Frost Bank to produce monthly statements and signature cards from August 2002 to January 2003 for accounts connected to the party or the Texas Republican Congressional Committee.

DeLay attorney Dick DeGuerin said the subpoenas are not enforceable.

## Advocacy group upset

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO—A federal judge's decision to bar the public and press from a hearing in the case of a Chicago-area man accused of laundering money for the Palestinian militant group Hamas is a violation of the First Amendment, a coalition of civil liberties groups said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Amy St. Eve's ruling Tuesday rejected separate requests by the coalition of civil rights, Arab-American and other groups and the Chicago Tribune not to exclude the public and news media from the March hearing.

The coalition has not decided whether it will appeal St. Eve's ruling in Muhammad Hamid Khalil Salah's case. Steven Saltzman, an attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights, said at a news conference.

Salah, 51, of Bridgeview, is charged in a racketeering indictment with laundering money that Hamas used to finance terrorism in Israel.

### State court rules cancer records should be released

SPRINGFIELD— The Illinois health department must release information that might reveal "clusters" of a rare cancer, the state Supreme Court ruled Thursday, the latest step in a legal battle that began more than eight years ago.

The court said the Illinois Department of Public Health failed to prove the documents were exempt from the state's Freedom of Information Act. "The FOIA is to be

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interpreted liberally, and the exemptions to disclosure are to be interpreted narrowly," the court ruled.

The (Carbondale) Southern Illinoisian first asked for the information in October 1997. The newspaper was trying to learn whether cases of neuroblastoma were more common in areas contaminated by a certain kind of pollution.

Publisher Dennis DeRossett said he was pleased by the ruling — "not for this newspaper but for the public's right to know."

### Sex offender sues for right to see kids' events

URBANA— An Edgar County man is anonymously challenging a state law that puts tougher limits on child sex offenders who want to visit their children at school, arguing he is being persecuted even though he poses no risk and has legally attended his children's school activities for years.

The man is asking a federal judge to declare the law, as it was amended last year, unconstitutional because it deprives him of due process, equal protection and increases the punishment for his previously committed crime.

"This affects any person convicted of an offense, no matter how long ago and whether that person has made a solemn commitment never to violate the law again," said the man's attorney in response.

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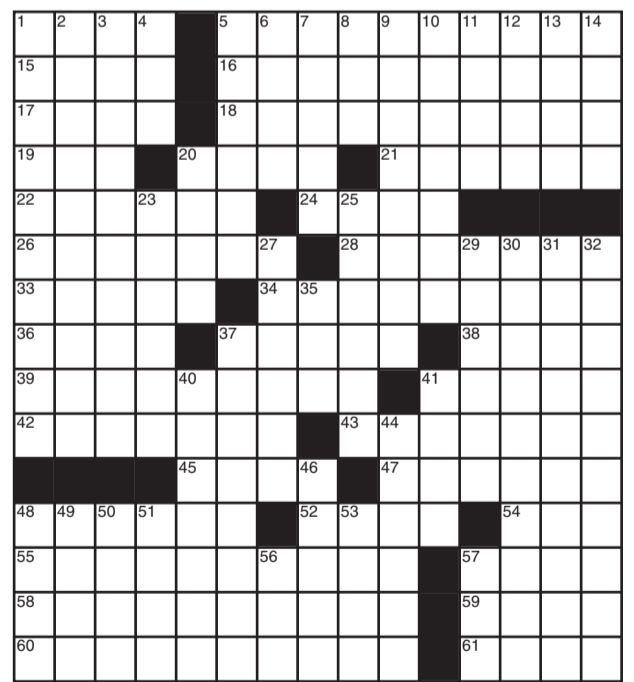
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## AB changes own by-laws

### BOARD:

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In other business, two line item transfers were discussed and voted on. The first line item transfer was in the amount of \$425, which was for the purchase of a new typewriter, and the second transfer was in the amount of \$105 for the purchase of food for AB members at the second to last meeting of the semester. Both transfers were passed unanimously.

As a consequence of not fulfilling member requirements, AB member Krystina Allbiter was voted off the organization.

AB allows its members to have two absences, which was

### Apportionment Board bylaws proposals

◆ **Format:** New format designed after the Student Senate bylaws.

◆ **Regulation:** Regulation rules broken down into two sections for simplicity.

◆ **Other Business:** \$425 line item transfer to buy a new typewriter and \$105 line item transefer to buy food for AB's last meeting of the semester.

what Allbriter didn't follow.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, following the submission of current business, in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT NEWS

**FBI Director Robert Mueller, far right, talks to Director of Central Intelligence Porter Goss, as National Intelligence Director John Negroponte, third from right, and top U.S. intelligence officials prepare to appear before a Senate Intelligence Committee panel on Capitol Hill, Thursday, to discuss a range of threats to the United States from al-Qaeda to the prospect of a nuclear-armed Iran.**

## Class seeks quality RAs

### RA CLASS:

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the decision to apply to become an RA.

“This has definitely been my best experience at Eastern so far,” he said. “Our housing and dining staff is amazing.”

Even though both Wahi and Mette went through the previous program that included nine weeks of workshops, it has been a fulfilling experience for both of them.

“I do not regret any time (in) the process I went through,” Wahi said. “There is nothing else I would have rather done in my junior and senior years.”

Wahi said anyone with passion and dedication should stay with the program because they could be missing out on a good experience.

Howell said an important attribute for a future RA is someone who has good people skills and truly enjoys helping others.

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## SWIMMING

# Seniors face SLU at last home meet

*10 seniors say goodbye to Lantz*

By Joe Waltasi  
Staff Reporter

The sound of banjos and Bluegrass music blared in Lantz Natatorium Thursday as the Eastern swimming and diving teams prepared for their last home meet of the season.

"This is my motivational music for them late in the season," said head coach Ray Padovan.

The Panthers will need to be motivated as they take on the Saint Louis University Billikens Saturday at noon. The SLU women are the

strength of their team and are 13-0 this season and have won 31 straight dual meets.

"The women are real strong," said Padovan. "They are probably the second-best women's team we will see this season."

The SLU women are led by a Champaign native, freshman Elena Ramirez.

"She is just toppling everything," said Padovan. "There isn't an event she can't swim."

In her first collegiate meet, Ramirez broke the SLU record in the 200 fly.

Continuing that success through the season she has gone on to break the school records in the 100 fly, 100 back, 1000 free, and swam a leg for the record holding 200-medley relay team.

Just last week all of Ramirez's times were better than Eastern's season bests for the whole team.

The Billiken men are talented as well and are 9-4 on the season. They are coming off a victory against Illinois Institute of Technology, Lincoln College, and Lindenwood at the Lindenwood Invitational.

The SLU men's squad matches up well against the Panthers. Our EIU divers should fare better this weekend, as the SLU divers are not as strong as the IUPUI divers who were dominant last Thursday.

"Their men are real strong across the board and it will be a good meet for our guys," Padovan said.

Earlier in the season the Panthers went to SLU for a dual meet and were swept.

The men lost 131-111 and the women were beaten 158-64. Coach



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Paul Anderson races at a home meet against Millikin on Jan. 14. Anderson and the 400m freestyle relay team placed first last weekend at IUPUI with a time of 3:15.84.

Padovan described the Panthers' performance from November.

"We swam terrible and they kicked the living hell out of us," he said. "They really swam well and we did not."

This is both the Panthers and the Billikens last meet before their respective conference championship tournaments.

The Mid-Continent Conference

meet will be held Feb. 16-18 at IUPUI.

The Billikens will have two weeks off giving them time to prepare for the Atlantic 10 conference meet at St. Bonaventure on Feb. 15-18.

For the last home meet of the season there will be a short ceremony where the seniors will be honored for their commitment to the team and program.

## PANTHER NOTES

## Wrestlers host second home meet

The Panthers continue their tough season schedule this Saturday when Wyoming and No. 25 Northern Iowa come to Lantz Arena. The Panthers (1-8) got swept in Central Missouri's Dual Jamboree as four teams beat them last weekend.

Junior Kenny Robertson (18-6) will try to climb back into the national rankings at 174 pounds after being knocked out of the rankings last week. After losing consecutive matches to top 5 wrestlers, Robertson has pinned four out of his last five opponents.

### BracketBuster game time moved to the afternoon

The time for the men's basketball BracketBuster game between Eastern Illinois and Eastern Michigan on Feb. 18 has been moved to 3:05 p.m. The game will be at Lantz Arena.

The BracketBuster agreement guarantees a home-and-home series. This means that the Panthers will travel to Ypsilanti, Mich., at some time during the 2006-2007 season.

The two teams have not played since 1966-1967 and the Panthers hold a 17-9 edge on the Eagles.

### Sophomore named Field Athlete of the Week

Ryan Bennett was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Male Field Athlete of the Week Tuesday. Bennett competed in the Wisconsin Invitational. He finished eighth in the shot put with a personal best distance of 48-1 3/4. In the weight throw, Bennett finished in third place with a distance of 54-3 3/4.

Briefs compiled by Marco Santana, sports editor

### Seniors competing Saturday

## Men

- ◆ Paul Anderson (Freestyle)
- ◆ Chad Croucher (Breaststroke)
- ◆ David Kennedy (Diving)
- ◆ Chris Miller (Butterfly)
- ◆ Zach Trendlemen (Breaststroke)

## Women

- ◆ Jenny Curry (Freestyle)
- ◆ Kim Fischer (Breaststroke)
- ◆ Claire Garvey (Butterfly/IM)
- ◆ Meghan Glow (Backstroke)
- ◆ Allie Putt (Freestyle)

# IHSA clears Hales Franciscan for basketball playoffs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON— Chicago Hales Franciscan will be allowed to play in this year's Class A basketball tournament after a compliance review turned up no serious violations of Illinois High School Association rules, officials said Thursday.

The Bloomington-based organization stripped Hales of its 2005 basketball title last month for violating an IHSA membership rule and ordered a compliance audit that could have barred the private Catholic school

from this year's playoffs. Eastern freshman point guard Mike Robinson scored 30 points in last year's state championship game for Hales Franciscan and started as a sophomore for Hales during their 2003 title run.

IHSA executive director Marty Hickman said a Jan. 24 site visit by the IHSA revealed no significant membership violations at the school, ranked fourth in latest Associated Press Class A basketball poll.

"I think they're making a very good-faith effort to comply with our rules," Hickman said. "...I think we

now have a much better understanding at Hales about the rules of the IHSA and the responsibilities of the IHSA and its member schools,"

Hales Principal John Young and School Board President Bill Owens did not immediately return calls for comment Thursday.

The school came under fire last fall and was briefly suspended when the IHSA learned Hales had not received required accreditation from the Illinois State Board of Education for the past two years.

IHSA officials say accreditation is a

fundamental rule that ensures its 750 members are operating as legitimate high schools, preventing private groups from assembling star-studded teams that could dominate IHSA competition.

The IHSA last month ordered Hales to forfeit all sports contests played during the accreditation lapse from June 10, 2003, to Dec. 1, 2005, including last season's basketball championship. IHSA records now list no Class A champion for 2005. Young and Owens have blamed the accreditation oversight on a management company that ran the private school in 2003-04.

Young said he shared the blame for not catching the mistake when he took over as principal in June 2004.

Hales also won the Class A title in 2003 but wasn't allowed to play in the 2004 tournament after an IHSA investigation concluded that its coach committed recruiting violations. IHSA officials say the latest action was not related to previous violations.

The school's basketball team was ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press Class A poll for two years before Seneca moved into the top spot last month.

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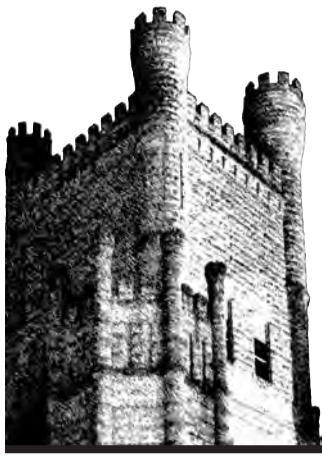
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# SPORTS

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## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>FRIDAY</b>	TRACK & FIELD AT INDIANA	Through Sat.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	SWIMMING VS. ST. LOUIS	noon
	<b>WRESTLING VS. NORTHERN IOWA AND WYOMING</b>	2 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT SAMFORD	2 p.m.
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT SAMFORD	4 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



### OUT OF LEFT FIELD

DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Super tired of the hype

Sunday won't be just a normal Sunday filled with lying on the couch, re-hydrating and popping aspirin.

With the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks lining up across from each other, Sunday will be simply super.

Seeing the words "Pittsburgh Steelers" and "Seattle Seahawks" in the previous sentence just made me realize there's nothing all that super about the match up.

And, it doesn't matter. I'm still excited about Super Bowl XL for tons of super reasons.

There are super stories like Steeler running back Jerome Bettis, a super guy with super-strong thighs, by the way. The future Hall-of-Fame back is searching for his first Super Bowl title, and his quest brings him to his hometown.

And speaking of his hometown, isn't Detroit super? The "D" is fantastic. You've got 8 Mile, Motown and abandoned warehouses. (This isn't the tourism board's motto.)

The most super part of Detroit is the short drive across the bridge to Canadian territory.

Specifically Windsor, Ontario, is super.

Canada, along with producing Loverboy, Bryan Adams and Alanis Morissette, is home to a lower drinking age (19), Cuban cigars, casino gaming and "adult" businesses (not H&R Block or Lane Bryant).

Now for a town filled with sports writers, professional athletes, football fans and celebrities, Canada sure sounds super.

In fact, the game hardly has to be super for this Sunday to be enjoyable.

There are super commercials to enjoy, selling super products like beer, cars and erectile dysfunction remedies (the new Keira Knightley movie).

Before the game even begins things start getting super, around 11 a.m., with a six-hour episode of NFL Countdown.

I've got no idea how ESPN is going to keep Michael Irvin alert that long. (Wait, Detroit is the unofficial crackhouse capital of the Midwest. Hmmmm...)

And if you have a spare television set lying around, tune in to ABC at 1:30 p.m. when they start

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Megan Sparks defends against junior guard Meggie Eck during practice Monday in Lantz. Sparks had 16 points against Jacksonville State Thursday.

# Eastern beaten up down low

## JSU's front court duo combines for 47 points

BY MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

Thursday night's game at Jacksonville State seemed like a good time for the Eastern women's basketball team to prove that it deserves to be mentioned with the top teams in the Ohio Valley Conference. That they should be taken as a serious threat come conference tournament time.

But after the Panthers dropped an 82-71 loss to JSU, questions still linger about what kind of team Eastern is and can be.

With the loss, the Panthers (9-12, 8-5 OVC) fell to 2-4 on the road in OVC play with a critical

stretch coming up. Counting last night's loss to the Gamecocks (8-13, 6-8), the Panthers play five of their next six games on the road.

Eastern's head coach, Brady Sallee, seemed more disappointed with Eastern's effort, rather than their style of play.

"Everyone is looking forward to playing us on their home floor," Sallee said. "It gives them a chance to get better, and it gives us a chance to stand around."

The Panthers did show some signs of life Thursday night as they hit their first four shots and jumped out to a 16-6 lead after two free throws by freshman forward Lindsey Kluempers (eight points, nine rebounds).

The Panthers went cold after their outburst as JSU gained momentum, taking a 41-36 lead at half-time thanks to 13 points and 11 rebounds from senior forward Rebecca Haynes.

Interior presence and foul trouble continued to plague the Panthers as the 6-foot-2 Haynes (30 points, 13 rebounds) and 6-foot-3 senior center Ann-Marie Healy (17 points, eight rebounds, six blocks) controlled the paint.

"They manhandled us inside," Sallee said. "We've got to stop getting ourselves in those situations where we're in foul trouble."

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panthers can't stop range of Gamecocks

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers couldn't control Jacksonville State on the perimeter as the Eastern offense sputtered on the road, falling 66-51 to the Gamecocks.

B.J. Spencer connected on eight three-point field goals to lead Jacksonville State with a career-high 26 points. Spencer was one of four Gamecocks in double figures.

Since the Panthers emphasized defending Jacksonville State's shooters, Eastern head coach Mike Miller said his team failed in its preparation.

"We did not buy into what we had to do to be successful," Miller said. "This is probably the most disappointing and embarrassing game we've played since I've been at

Eastern."

The Panthers opened the season losing 80-35 at Xavier in Miller's first game as head coach.

Senior guard Josh Gomes led Eastern with 13 points. Sophomore guard Bobby Catchings and Jake Byrne each had 12.

"We played extremely soft with our inside game; we didn't have an inside game," Miller said. "(Byrne) was the only one who gave us anything."

The Panthers shot just 37 percent from the field. The first half was filled with runs, as the Panthers used a 7-0 run to take an early 7-3 lead. But the Gamecocks quickly responded, rattling off 12 straight points before Gomes hit two free throws to bring



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coach Mike Miller talks with his team during practice on Tuesday afternoon. The Panthers lost to Jacksonville State 66-54 Thursday evening. "It was a wildfire out of control," Miller said about the loss.

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## HE SAID/SHE SAID

**To tattoo or not to tattoo:**

David likes 'em on the ladies but only when they are well they are well thought out. Holly seems to dislike ink on the guys at all.

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## BETTER LIVING

**Find your way home:**

Evan Hill tells the tale of a man, his car-made-home and an apartment so small he has not a shower, not a bath but a "shabath." Listen to his tips to find a happy home.

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## LOCAL

**The candy man can:**

Just down the street and around the corner you can find old-time flavor at the Giraffe Confectionary. Candy, soup and soda...who could ask for anything more? Not you, that's who.

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## REVIEWS

**The Greatest:**

Mateusz Serafin reviews the new album by Cat Power. I don't know what the band sounds like but judging by his review it may be worth a listen. And the review is worth a look, too.

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**Been around the world:**

Care to go for a trip? Eastern students have the option of traveling all around the world via the Study Abroad program.

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# Never too old

YOU MAY BE ALL GROWN UP BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH TOYS

PHOTO BY ERIC HILTNER | ON THE VERGE  
STORY BY DAVID THILL | VERGE EDITOR

At some point, everyone has them and everyone wants them and no matter how many you have, you always want more of them. Toys.

As a child, the only thing that mattered other than candy or the chance to stay up late were toys.

But at what age is one too old to play with toys?

"In my general opinion, people are never too old to play with toys," said Jerry Boyd, a Charleston-area psychologist. "Inside every adult is a child and that child wants to play."

The nature of toys, Boyd said, evolves as people grow older. A toy to a 2-year-old is most likely not the same as a toy to a 14-year-old, Boyd said.

"A child may have a plush toy because it gives them a sense of security," Boyd said. "While, to a 5-year-old, a toy provides stimulation."

Boyd's definition of a toy is "an object not necessary for survival, but which gives us pleasure." He said that toys should be age appropriate but there are some exceptions to the rule (i.e.-an adult putting together a model car).

Once people grow beyond the age of five, a toy is usually defined by one's peer culture or can be market driven. Also, as people age, they go through different stages in life and certain things are acceptable, Boyd said.

One example he used was a 5-year-old playing with a toy usually meant for a toddler might receive ridicule for playing with a toy that isn't "age appropriate."

Jandi Ludin, a junior graphic design major, received just that kind of mockery at the hands of her cousin at the age of 12. Ludin said she eventually grew older, got new interests and social pressure meant her days of playing with "My Little Pony" and "Barbie" were over.

But, Ludin said, one is still never too old to play with toys.

"I still stop in the toy aisle at Wal-Mart for 10 or 15 minutes and play with the big balls," Ludin said.

"It's part of saying you have advanced to the next developmental stage and if you haven't, you may be estranged from the group," Boyd said.

To Adam Howell, senior political science major, age is not an object when it comes to toys.

"You're never too old to play with toys," Howell said. "Once you lose your imagination, you've got nothing."

Everyone needs some kind of distraction from normal life and that is what he or she gets with toys, Boyd said.

"We spend so much time working," Boyd said. "We need a toy to give us balance."

But toys are not only something to provide entertainment. They can be a source of income as well, although children rarely have that

on the mind.

To Mark Waters, co-owner of the Midgard Comics shop in Charleston, there is a difference between a toy and a collectible.

"In my opinion, toys don't really go up in value," Waters said. "That's not to say they never go up; it just takes much longer."

A collectible, on the other hand, usually isn't mass-market produced, he said.

"Collectibles usually have a lower print, are harder to come by," Waters said. "It's something you buy with the intention of holding on to."

Children who go to the store aren't usually looking for a collector's item, but something to play with, Waters said.

Although some mass-marketed toys are the exception rather than the rule.

"Star Wars will always be in demand, but it is so mass-marketed most of what people buy today is going to take a while to go up (in value)," he said.

Howell did not collect toys with the intention of selling later, though. He had playing on the mind.

"As a kid, I didn't care to have them as collector's items," he said.

"You just want more than anyone else. If you pulled up to your friend's house with a dump truck full of G.I. Joe's, you were the man." Although, Howell did admit that in addition to his G.I. Joe's, he still has nearly 800 comics books.

Howell said, while G.I. Joe's were his favorite, they weren't the only toys he played with.

"When I was a kid, we played with Transformers a lot, and if you had Optimus Prime, you were the shit," Howell said. "If you had him, you automatically won. He was the biggest."

Jeffrey Collier, a senior political science major, said his favorite toys were WWF (now WWE) action figures.

"I used to play with them so much they would get old and start losing heads and legs and arms," Collier said. "Damn, I wish I was a kid again."

While Collier and Howell both agreed the idea of being able to play with toys again was a fun one, it probably isn't something that would work for them today.

"Just running out and buying toys, I don't think you could pull it off with all the stress we have," Howell said. "But it does make you wish you were a kid again."

Collier agreed.

"Man, if you want to make a child's life better, just give them a toy," he said. "Even if they don't have any other friends, you give them a toy and that toy will be their best friend."

# HE SAID SHE SAID To ink or not to ink



## TATTOO ON GIRLS, SEXY

DAVID THILL  
VERGE EDITOR

You see, the trouble with tattoos is that they last forever. A startling realization, I know, but it is the truth. What may be deemed a sexy, awesome, insert-random-adjective tattoo today could end up looking more like a bad Silly Putty-copied comic strip.

However, this does not mean that tattoos are a bad thing. The right tattoo on the right person can look fantastic. And more often than not, the right tattoo is anything and the right person is an attractive young female (that is based solely on my own opinion, though).

Personally, I find women with tattoos to be very attractive. Of course, I am not talking about the 40-something biker-madam with the naked woman wearing a snake across their back. I was alluding more to the 20-somethings with the tribal art on the lower back, also known as a "tramp stamp" to some. But that doesn't come for me; it is merely something I heard around the way.

It just seems everyone these days is getting "inked," as the kids say. I would be a liar if I said that I haven't seriously considered getting a tattoo done myself.

But one must truly consider the consequences of their actions when thinking about getting a tattoo.

That tribal tattoo may look good on the small of a back now, but 40 years down the line, maybe not so much.

The small star tattoos on feet/upperchest/hand/neck are all acceptable in my book. But an overly garish tattoo is almost as bad as an infected piercing on a girl. There's just a lot of grossness and all you can think about is how much you want to not stare at it, but before you know it, you are staring at it.

The point is that tattoos are becoming ever more acceptable in today's society and if given enough thought a tattoo can be a true form of artistic and self-expression. But far too many people dive in haphazardly and end up with a frog tattoo with the inscription "Hop on board!" No one wants that being seen at a P.T.A. meeting.

Tattoos make one look exotic and exciting, but the impulsive nature of people our age can end up with something they don't actually want.

When it comes to tattoos, think about the long haul, not just the short trip.

So in summary, tattoos on women, good; stupid tattoos that you will later regret, bad. And that one biker-lady I mentioned, ugly.



## TATTOOS ON GUYS, NOT

HOLY MOHR  
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

I look at a guy's hands when I'm first checking him out. I don't know why, but I have to be attracted to his hands. The second thing I do is look at his eyes. I can't resist gorgeous eyes. The third thing I do is look for any tattoos. I'm not a big fan of the tats on guys, which is a surprise because I find some attractive on girls. Though I would never get one.

Ink just doesn't do anything for me on a guy's body. Why put it on there? It's not like an outfit you can take off if you're not feeling it some day. Or like a piercing you can take out when it's time for that job interview. A tattoo is on for life unless you want to pay the extra cash for it to be removed. Oh, and on the talk of cash, you're paying for the pain of needles poking at your skin. I don't get it.

I can understand the appeal of getting a tattoo that has deep meaning to someone, but a lot of the guys I've come in contact with have meaningless tats. Maybe it's me, but I don't see how a bull charging out of the flames and clouds on the arm of Vin Diesel could possibly have much of a philosophical or even personal meaning.

The argument of the "tough" factor comes to mind here as well. Why do guys think tattoos are so tough? Yes, you did have to go through the pain of getting it, but a heart with the word "mom" written in it doesn't exactly shout "Mr. Tough Guy." It's more like "I'm a mama's boy who desperately misses the cradling attention from my mommy."

The sentimental value of a tat on a guy may attract some girls, but for me, I'd rather you show me your sensitive side with actions rather than pointing at a drawing or symbol running down your leg.

I've actually never dated a guy before because of all the tats he had crawling on his body. But I've never refused to date a guy because he didn't have a tattoo.

If you care about your physical appearance to the extent of contemplating a tattoo, consider other ways to improve your body like exercising or tanning. If you don't like those results, they are easily changeable.

Maybe I'm being a little harsh on the tattoo issue. I just haven't been impressed yet. I've never seen a tattoo I thought looked sexy, but I'm not opposed to the idea one might look sexy. I just think it would be a challenge to find one.

# Finding home again and again and again...



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This summer, after a phenomenal and exciting six days spent living homeless, I found an apartment.

Carrie from "Sex and the City" once said people are always looking for at least one of three things: an apartment, a job or a boy/girlfriend. Well, I am now freshly single; I am not gainfully employed unless you count the ten dollars a week in pre-tax wages I get from the *Daily Eastern News*, but I do have an apartment.

The harrowing search took me through nearly a week of sleeping in my car at local parks, working third shifts at the Lender's Bagel Factory and searching through classified ads and 'for rent signs.' All this was done without the benefit of a shower.

Thus my most important tip to consider when looking for an apartment: have a shower readily available at least once every few days. This tip takes on more potency when you are working a factory job and sleeping in your car. If you are trying to prove to a prospective landlord that you are a responsible member of society capable of paying rent on time, showering is definitely a plus. However, lots of deodorant and a frank explanation of your situation can go a long way toward proving this.

Tip number two: lower your standards. I cannot stress this enough. Charleston is not in a flood plane and does not have a historical propensity for forest fires, so as long as the building holds up under a strong wind and has all its windows intact you will be able to get by. Any virgins seeking to revoke that label may find this tip useful if applied to their love life too, but that is another tale entirely.

One of the main reasons people go to college is to earn more money later in life. That said, everyone can deal with a crummy apartment for one year out of their lives. You have the majority of your adult life to look forward to living in better-than-squalid conditions. Really, the best you can ask for is no cockroaches. And I have seen roaches in

**"When you are looking at your prospective apartment, remember to ignore certain details that would send a rational housing consumer running back to campus."**

certain residence halls before, so it could be an improvement.

Also, when you are looking at your prospective apartment, remember to ignore certain details that would send a rational housing consumer running back to campus. In my situation, my new shower was not really a shower. I had never encountered anything like it before, so I have christened it "the shabath." The slanted ceiling of my bathroom is to such a large degree a normal shower with a fixed head is impossible. Instead, I am furnished with a detachable showerhead and am obliged to bend double whilst washing away the day's toil and soil.

However, do not let any of this discourage you. In spite of all the gripes listed above, I am actually quite happy in my apartment. I no longer live with irresponsible druggies and I show up to most of my classes. The most important tip is to worry about who you are living with and what situation is going to be the most compatible with your success. Which apartment you are living in is just a minor detail.

To quote Col. Potter from M\*A\*S\*H, "if you ain't where you are, you're nowhere."

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# Chili Jam entertains, educates

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Whether it be the participants – sporting dread locks, buttons with George W. Bush's face crossed out, Che Guevara t-shirts, or a hot pink Mohawk – or even the uproar that ensued after Kay Pease, Coles Country Treasurer hopeful, remarked "We are Democrats!" in between bands, one thing was for sure: this was no place for conservatives.

Last Sunday at Roc's Blackfront, David Gill, candidate for the U.S. House in Illinois' 15th Congressional District, held a chili jam to raise money for his campaign.

While Roc's has had chili jams in the past to raise money for health care, this year Gill tied in his campaign. Gill is a certified emergency room doctor in Clinton and health care is number one on his to-do list if he's elected.

"We'll work towards passing a national health care plan that will provide needed mental, long term and prescription health care plans for everybody," Gill said.

So how exactly do you describe a chili jam for health care? Well, it's pretty straight forward – mix a little bit of chili with a little bit of jamming from bands like Motherlode, Three Lost Fish, Reverend Robert, Elsinore and Elder pumping out solid bluegrass and freelance jam band material and you got it. Think what Woodstock would sound like if it was held today, in a bar and lasted only four hours.

And it's all for a good cause, depending on your political leanings.

In addition to the music, silent auctions where bids were written down and raffles with prizes of gift certificates were part of the event.

But the focus was on politics.

Number one on the list was health care, but Gill's future plans, if elected, didn't end there.

"We need to have appropriate investigations into the doings of our president, especially when it comes to Iraq; we



CARRIE HOLLIS/ON THE VERGE

**Dr. David Gill speaks to the crowd that showed up to his "Chili Bash for Healthcare" Sunday afternoon at Rock's.**

need to end our involvement with Iraq period and stem flow of jobs for Illinois' workers," Gill said.

Gill's campaign manager, Jeremy Bowling, was able to elaborate on both issues.

"We cannot cut and run out of Iraq, ask any military official. What we need to do is train the Iraqi troops, get more involvement from NATO and the United Nations, and make clear cut national stances on the matter," Bowling said. "Only then can we phase in withdrawals of our troops."

As for the economy...

"The economy right now is crushing the middle class. We must expand the middle class with appropriate tax codes and free trade with all nations," Bowling said.

Gill first ran for the U.S. Congress in 2004 and lost. This means he may not have as much experience but that's not a terrible thing, said Gill. Already the campaign has raised four times as much money as they did this time last year and his inexperience could very well be a breath of fresh air.

"[Gill] is not going to cave in or get bought and sold. He is running for the right reasons and he's fighting for the people," Bowling said. "Sure, he won't be popular but he will

stand up for what is right."

"Our message is integrity and common sense," Bowling said, "[Gill's] not running for himself."

Bowling wasn't the only one on Gill's side either. The coordinator of the event, Ben Marcy, and the consequent MC had only complements to give to Gill for those who listened.

"It's grass root politics; it's about the people. He doesn't take money from corporations; he relies on the people financially," Marcy said.

Travis Bounds, whose goal was simply to "spread the word," also contrasted those in Washington with Gill.

"He provides logical solutions for areas like tax cuts, education and health care; no cowboy diplomacy," Bounds said. "He's the cure for the common politician."

"We need the correct people in office," said Keith Taylor, who's running for county clerk in March. "Notice I said 'correct' instead of 'right.'"

"He has a very populist approach," Taylor said. "He just wants to get everyone involved."

Taylor was also about to compare his campaign with that of Gill's, stating that he is doing locally what Gill is trying to do nationally.

"Obviously I can't provide health care to all American citizens, but I can provide access to voting booths to get people the chance to vote," Taylor said.

"I want to put the county board meetings to be online so anyone can see exactly what is going on," Taylor said. "That way the government is more accessible to the people it represents."

Taylor is also hoping that others will see the light. "I want our work to be a model for across the state," Taylor said.

Anyone looking for more information on Taylor's campaign can visit him online at keithtaylor.us. Gill's own web address is www.davidgillforcongress.com.

# Roommate problems can be solved

By JESS KINSELLA  
VERGE REPORTER

With the radio playing country music, Michelle jokingly yelled at her boyfriend as she stood next to her new bright blue bedspread, while her roommate Heather quietly typed on her computer next to her bright, pink bed.

After being told two weeks before the last semester ended that she would be changing rooms, Michelle Simek, a freshman journalism major, moved to Room 213 of Carman Hall to greet her new roommate Heather Nelson.

Nelson, a freshman nursing major, enjoys everything from rap to country music, while Simek is a

bigger fan of country.

"It was really easy to move in," Simek said. "Last semester I felt like a prisoner."

Last semester, Simek felt disrespected when she woke up in the middle of the night to hear girls asking her where her roommate was, and to find her food missing.

Tracy Cunningham, the residential director of Taylor Hall, usually gets complaints from students in the beginning of the year.

The residential advisors (RA's) will facilitate a discussion between the two unhappy roommates where they will discuss how to solve whatever problems they may be facing, she said.

The issues are mostly due to a

difference in personality like going to bed too early or too late, Cunningham said.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining agrees that common problems between roommates are differences in lifestyles.

The most important thing is communication and knowing how to express yourself and stand up for yourself, Hudson said.

If the problem continues, the housing staff will find a more comfortable living situation for the roommates.

That is exactly what happened to Simek who couldn't be happier with her new roommate.

She went from being judged last year in her own room, to feeling

comfortable with the compromises she and Nelson make together.

Leah Satalic, a junior elementary education major, who has been a R.A. in Carman Hall for two years hasn't received a lot of complaints from her floor.

If someone comes to her with a living situation problem, it comes down to them not getting along because they are too different, have conflicting schedules or are disrespectful, she said.

Simek and Nelson do respect each other's belongings, sharing food although their tastes differ.

Nelson's walls are lined with movie posters like "Napoleon Dynamite."

On the other side of the room

are Simek's flower drawings and soon-to-be-photographs that she hasn't put up yet.

Neither mind having these two different styles on their walls.

As Nelson began to talk about how relieved she was when she liked both of her random roommates, country act Rascal Flatts' song "Skin" came on the radio, which had been very faint earlier, and Michelle raced to turn it up.

The girls seemed to share their love of country music, since they both began to sing along.

"Have you seen the video?" Nelson asked Simek. "It is so sad."

"I know; I love this song," Simek responded.

"Me too," Heather said.

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Giraffe Confectionery relocated to 608 Sixth Street after the original store burned down in May 2003.

# Sweetness in store

By HOLLY MOHR | ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

The door swings open and her 2-year-old grandson runs in with eyes wide open. He gallops from toy to toy until he makes his way to the swinging doors of an ice cream heaven. Though just a young boy, he knows exactly what he wants. He fills his bowl himself with the angel of all flavors: birthday party, which is a vanilla ice cream swirled with yellow, blue, orange, pink and green icing. Messy as he gets, his grandma knows how much fun he's having and the fun and love of the children is the reason for her business.

Jackie Tarrant, owner of Giraffe Confectionery, has built a business geared toward children for 30 years.

"I have a lot of kid in me," she said. "I love children, and I have a lot of fun."

Candy and ice cream were added to Giraffe Confectionery two years ago when the business relocated to 516 Sixth St. The store, originally called Giraffe, had primarily been a children's retail store.

Tarrant said she relocated because Giraffe burnt down in May 2003 at 608 Sixth St.

Walking into Giraffe Confectionery is like walking into a 1950s soda shop. A jukebox, sparkling red seat tops and tables from the "Happy Days" era fill the floor. Antique toys decorate the walls that surround an old-fashioned soda bar and shelves of toys.

Lindsay Fairley, a part-time employee at Giraffe Confectionery, said she loves the atmosphere she works in.

"I love working with little kids," she said. "It's the best part of the job."

The store's not just for children though - many adults come in for the soup and sandwiches offered and for the candy they used to eat as children.

The "back-in-the-day" candy the store sells is candy cigarettes, lipstick and necklaces, along with atomic fireballs and lemonheads. The biggest candy display holds Pez dispensers

of all characters from Batman to Looney Tunes.

Birthday parties are also offered at the Giraffe Confectionery. Up to 30 kids can eat ice cream and hang out just as their grandparents did when they were young.

Fairly said the kids are behaved.

"They get loud, but never act up," she said.

According to Tarrant, the most popular ice cream flavors among the kids are princess (cotton candy flavor) and birthday party (vanilla with icing).

She said the adults tend to choose elephant stampede (dark chocolate ice cream with peanut butter cup with caramel).

Tarrant started her business entrepreneurship in her basement in 1976 selling only children's clothing.

She said she kept the business there for 17 years so she could be close to her three children. Now that she has two grandchildren, Tarrant said she would like to see them involved in the business when they're old enough, like her children did.

The business is thriving now that it's located on the square.

A law office is located to the left of Giraffe Confectionery, which is filled with customers.

Todd Reardon, attorney and owner of A Citizens' Law office, said he eats lunch and ice cream frequently at Giraffe Confectionery.

"It's the closest place and [Tarrant] is a very good neighbor," he said.

On the other side of Giraffe Confectionery sits a tattoo parlor with other faithful customers of her store.

"We spend about \$10 to \$15 a week just on the Elvis pinball machine," said John Burwell, owner of Burwell's Body Art.

He said the milkshakes are the best and that Tarrant is a "nice and friendly person."

Perhaps only in a small town like Charleston could someone talk to an attorney, grab an ice cream cone and get their tongue pierced all without walking more than 10 steps.



ERIC HILTNER/ON THE VERGE

Before establishing Giraffe Confectionery, Jackie Tarrant (above) started her own business designing and selling children's clothing from her basement in 1976.

# Apple sued over potential hearing loss from iPod

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SAN FRANCISCO — A Louisiana man claims in a lawsuit that Apple's iPod music player can cause hearing loss in people who use it.

Apple has sold more than 42 million of the devices since they went on sale in 2001, including 14 million in the fourth quarter last year. The devices can produce sounds of more than 115 decibels, a volume that can damage the hearing of a person exposed to the sound for more than 28 seconds per day, according to the complaint.

The iPod players are "inherently defective in design and are not sufficiently adorned with adequate warnings regarding the likelihood of hearing loss," according to the complaint, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in San Jose, Calif., on behalf of John Kiel Patterson of Louisiana.

The suit, which Patterson wants certified as a class-action, seeks compensation for unspecified damages and upgrades that will make iPods safer. Patterson's suit said he bought an iPod last year, but did not specify whether he suffered hearing loss from the device.

Patterson does not know if the device has damaged his hearing, said his attorney, Steve W. Berman, of Seattle. But that's beside the point of the lawsuit, which takes issue with the



potential the iPod has to cause irreparable hearing loss, Berman said.

"He's bought a product which is not safe to use as currently sold on the market," Berman said. "He's paying for a product that's defective, and the law is pretty clear that if someone sold you a defective product they have a duty to repair it."

An Apple Computer Inc. spokeswoman, Kristin Huguet, declined to comment.

Although the iPod is more popular than other types of portable music players, its ability to cause noise-induced hearing isn't any higher, experts said.

"We have numerous products in the marketplace that have the potential to damage hearing," said Deanna Meinke, an audiology professor at the University of Northern Colorado. "The risk is there but the risk lies with the user and where they set the volume."

The Cupertino-based company ships a warning with each iPod that cautions "permanent hearing loss may occur if earphones or headphones are used at high volume."

Apple was forced to pull the iPod from store shelves in France and upgrade software on the device to limit sound to 100 decibels, but has not followed suit in the United States, according to the complaint. The headphones commonly referred to as ear buds, which ship with the iPod, also contribute to noise-induced hearing loss because they do not dilute the sound entering the ear and are closer to the ear canal than other sound sources, the complaint states.

# Doo-wop band wins settlement from Pepsi

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SAN FRANCISCO — A judge has ordered PepsiCo Inc. and its advertising company to pay \$250,000 to the 1950s doo-wop band The Flamingos for using their recording, "I Only Have Eyes For You" in a commercial without permission.

A federal judge in Chicago on Friday upheld an arbitrator's decision in favor of the two surviving members of The Flamingos, Terry Johnson and Tommy Hunt, and the estates of the deceased members.

A collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists requires an advertiser to get permission and pay fees to the music publishers, the record labels and the artists themselves.

"In our case, they didn't even ask," San Francisco entertainment lawyer Steven Ames Brown said Monday.

It's not the first time Pepsi has neglected to pay a recording artist for a song, Brown said. He claims Pepsi has failed to pay black performers for their songs in advertising campaigns featuring supermodel Cindy Crawford.

"Pepsi routinely pays the Caucasian performers who appear on camera, but refuses to pay the African-American singers whose voices are used in the soundtrack unless they sue," Brown said.

A spokesman for Pepsi said the failure to pay The Flamingos directly was an oversight and that Pepsi didn't realize the song was subject to the collective bargaining agreement.

"That's completely inaccurate," said Dave DeCecco of Purchase, N.Y.-based Pepsi. "We have a long history and strong track record of supporting diversity in our advertising."

Pepsi used the band's best known 1959 hit in a television commercial that ran nationwide for about six months in 1997, Brown said.

Brown said he successfully sued Pepsi on behalf of Doris Troy, whose 1963 hit, "Just One Look" was used in another popular Crawford commercial, which also featured two young boys. Troy died in 2003.

Brown sued on behalf of The Flamingos in 2003.

Hunt sang the lead vocal in "I Only Have Eyes For You," which reached No. 11 on Billboard's Top 40 in 1959 and remained on the charts for 11 weeks, according to the suit.

## PEOPLE

### Police question Moss about possible drugs

LONDON — Kate Moss was interviewed by detectives in London about her alleged cocaine use.

The Metropolitan Police doesn't identify suspects being interviewed by name, but said Tuesday that a 32-year-old woman "has voluntarily attended a London police office in relation to a Met investigation into allegations of possible drug abuse, as reported in newspaper reports."

Moss' modeling agency, Storm, didn't immediately return a request for comment.

Stuart Higgins, a spokesman for Moss, has said that she had agreed to be interviewed by police.

Police said she had not been arrested.

### Neville to perform national anthem at Super Bowl

DETROIT — Aaron Neville, whose New Orleans home was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina, says he isn't returning to his hometown just yet.

"I have asthma and can't inhale that stuff that they

have in the air down there," said Neville, who is now living in Tennessee.

The Grammy-winning singer will perform the national anthem at Sunday's Super Bowl with Aretha Franklin and keyboardist Dr. John.

### Rita Hayworth's jewelry lent for red carpet

NEW YORK — Forget ogling the most beautiful gowns at this year's Oscars. Some lucky actress will hit the red carpet wearing shoes adorned with Rita Hayworth's jewelry.

"This is true Hollywood glamour!" shoe designer Stuart Weitzman said in a statement Monday. "I am taking personal jewels from a screen legend and creating a one-of-a-kind pair of shoes, which will be worn by a movie star of today."

Weitzman said Hayworth's daughter, Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, had given him permission to use the jewels. The Oscar shoes and the actress who will wear them will be unveiled by Weitzman on March 2.

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# SYSTEM OF A DOWN UP AGAIN

By MICHAEL PETERSON | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

System of a Down  
"Hypnotize"

★★★★★  
out of  
★★★★★

For the second time in a span of merely 12 months, System of a Down explodes onto the scene with their current release, "Hypnotize," the second part of their dual-CD "Mezmerize/Hypnotize" project.

Just like part one, "Hypnotize" continues to bring the thrashing metal with addictive hooks that fans have grown to expect from the band. Just the mere range of topics that the CD covers is nothing short of staggering.

And while the band has never been a stranger to weirdness, they definitely haven't eased up on the strange-o-meter on this album. One particular song that seems to flirt with insanity is the "Vicinity of Obscenity" track where lead singer Serj Tankian belts out repeatedly, "Banana! Banana! Banana! Banana! Terracotta! Banana! Terracotta! Terracotta

pie!" What the song is about will most likely remain a mystery; that's assuming there is actually is a point/meaning to the song.

But even though there are many songs that will leave you scratching your head, the CD also contains many songs where the meanings are palpable and powerful. The best example of this is the final track of "Hypnotize" which is another war-protest song aptly titled, "Soldier's Side." It is during this song that System of a Down reaches their lyrical and emotional peak of the CD. One can truly feel the pain as the two singers harmonize together singing, "They were crying when their sons left/God is wearing black/He's gone so far to find no hope/He's never coming back."

While the first CD began by giving listeners a slight glimpse of the song (1:03 minutes to be exact), "Soldier's Side" is now fully fleshed out and is the perfect way to end the dual-CD project; the same way it began.

Granted, if I had to choose which part of "Mezmerize/Hypnotize" I think is the best, I would have to say "Mezmerize" is the superior album. But that doesn't take away from the fact that both CD's are amazing in their own right and should be in the library of any hard-rock/metal fan.

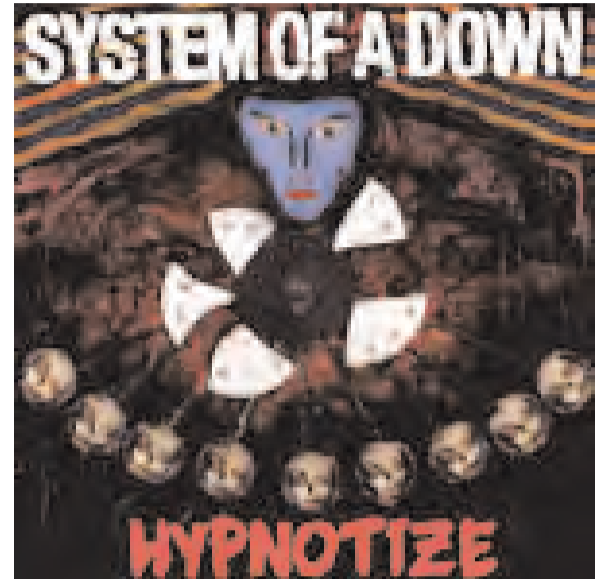


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System of a Down has once again proved that they are one of the few metal bands out there that uses their brains as well as their emotions while crafting an album.

## Some Girls making life a little simpler

By CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Some Girls  
"Heaven's Pregnant Teens"

★★★★  
out of  
★★★★★

Hailing from the sandy shores of San Diego, Some Girls' continual assault on pop culture in general just may be the work of the first spazz-core super group. Or first spazz-core band in general.

In any event, with members from Give up the Ghost (GUTG), The Locust and Plot to Blow up The Eiffel Tower (PTBUTET), it's not too difficult to characterize the band they've formed. Each of the aforementioned bands has their fair share of the spotlight on "Heaven's Pregnant Teens," the band's first Epitaph release. And the outcome? It's probably easy to just describe it as your mother's worst nightmare.

Maybe I'm getting a little ahead of myself as many have no idea who GUTG, The Locust, or PTBUTET were, and for a few, still are.

The easiest method is simply to break each band down.

With GUTG, you have frontman Wes Eisold, who literally spits venom and the only proof you're going to get is seeing them live. Good luck hearing him over all the dissonance of the rest of the band. GUTG's post-hardcore leaning also shows their face and it's dirtier than ever.

With The Locust, you have the song lengths that rarely reach over a minute. In fact the album's closer, "Deathface," which is a whopping nine minutes, is almost half the album. The only difference here is there's practically no technicality; instead, their form of chaos is a concise punk-rock punch

to the face.

Lastly, we have PTBUTEF. Some Girls took its general instrumentation, along with GUTG, but it's obvious that PTBUTEF had a lot more going for them. Not to say that PTBUTEF is a lot more talented - they just show it off much more effectively. Some Girls, quite frankly, just doesn't care.

If that wasn't enough, members of the band have also been in Unbroken, Over My Dead Body, Swing Kids and Crimson Curse, but I think I'd be wasting time if I broke them down, too.

To summarize, it is best just to read the band members' description of themselves, most of which cannot be printed in a college newspaper. They are the type of band that would love to cripple you with their hooked hands and gun-slinging obsessions, make you stumble across the plank like your finishing the Boston marathon, and right before you slip into your untimely death, rip out your heart and feed it to you raw. Not exactly an exquisite walk on a San Diego beach.

While there's nothing wrong with hell in a handbag, the album tends to run together, leaving one with the impression that with such talent coming from their former bands, why does it seem that they can't reach such a pinnacle? At times, it sounds like they took their former bands, dumbed them down, added pure raunchiness coming out of Eisold's mouth, threw it in a blender and said 'screw innovation' - one of the shining characteristics of GUTG, The Locust and PTBUTET.

On top of that, how can anyone groove to a 45-second song that blatantly left out anything remotely close to a harmonious moment? No, Some Girls sounds like it is sniffing glue for the first time - it is euphoric for the 25 minutes that it lasts, but are you really addicted?

## 'Memoirs of a Geisha' cancelled in China

### Government said film might create havoc



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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Chinese government has canceled the release of "Memoirs of a Geisha" — a decision made amid speculation that officials are worried the sight of Chinese actresses playing Japanese geishas would stir a backlash.

The film originally was cleared for distribution on Feb. 9, but the State Administration of Radio, Film and TV reversed itself over the weekend, according to Sony Pictures Entertainment, which had planned to distribute the film in China.

The official reasons weren't immediately clear, and Chinese authorities couldn't be reached because offices were closed for a national holiday.

"We were pleased by their acceptance of the film in November and were disappointed by this decision," said Jim Kennedy, a spokesman for Sony Pictures Entertainment.

"Memoirs," based on the best-selling novel by Arthur Golden, features "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" star Ziyi Zhang, former Bond girl Michelle Yeoh and Gong Li from "Raise the Red

Lantern" as geishas — entertainers skilled in dance, song and conversation.

The casting choices had stoked traditional Sino-Japanese tensions even before its scheduled release, with postings on a Chinese Web site denouncing Zhang as an embarrassment to China.

Some Chinese are still upset about Japanese World War II-era military atrocities in China and the lack of what they feel is a proper apology for them. Historians generally estimate the Japanese army killed about 150,000 people during its 1937-38 occupation of China's Nanjing city, then known as Nanking. Chinese historians put the death toll at as high as 300,000.

Producers Douglas Wick ("Gladiator") and Lucy Fisher and director Rob Marshall ("Chicago") previously told The Associated Press the casting was an exhaustive, meticulous process that considered acting ability, star power and physical traits.

Illegal copies of the movie are already available in China, which has come under heavy criticism for rampant piracy. High-quality "Memoirs" DVDs surfaced in Shanghai weeks ago.

# Charleston residents SPLIT

## over provocative nighttime dress

*LOCALS HAVE OPINION ABOUT STUDENT'S ATTIRE...  
IT'S A LITTLE RADICAL*

By Stacy Smith | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Whether the response is offense, amusement or joy, the sight of scantily clad coeds raises the eyebrows of Charleston residents.

One argument is that although revealing skirts and low-cut, tight shirts may be appropriate for the bar, they should not be displayed in stores around the town.

"It reflects poorly on the college for the community to see that," said Kiki Bachelor, a freshman.

Bachelor said she has relatives who live in Charleston who get offended by the way some students, especially the women, present themselves.

"I don't think it would hurt girls to think about the image they are giving guys, along with the people of Charleston," she said.

Other residents understand that Charleston is a college town and do not get offended by the provocative dressing.

Philip Baker, a Charleston resident and manager trainee at Wal-Mart, said the way students dress does not bother him.

"People dress different at different times of the day," Baker said.

Usually a group of women going out wear more revealing clothing, and a group of men usually dress similar, he said.

Others find humor in the evening fashion choices of college coeds.

"It's just something to laugh at because you know they must be cold or something," said Sarah Cobble, a Charleston resident and shoe department associate at Wal-Mart.

However, bar goers' efforts concerning their appearance do not always transcend into the weekdays.

Adrienne Porter, a sophomore psychology major, said that throughout the week students are busy with school and many do not dress up for class, but on the weekends dressing up becomes a trend.

Where people go determines the way they are going to look, Porter said.

If a student is going to be around a lot of people they don't know, they may feel insecure and dress up, but if they are around a lot of people they do know they might not feel obligated to get dressed up as much, she said.

Gender may also determine how much thought a person puts into his or her evening attire.

"The guys don't dress up as much as the girls do, but they are definitely not in rags," Bachelor said.

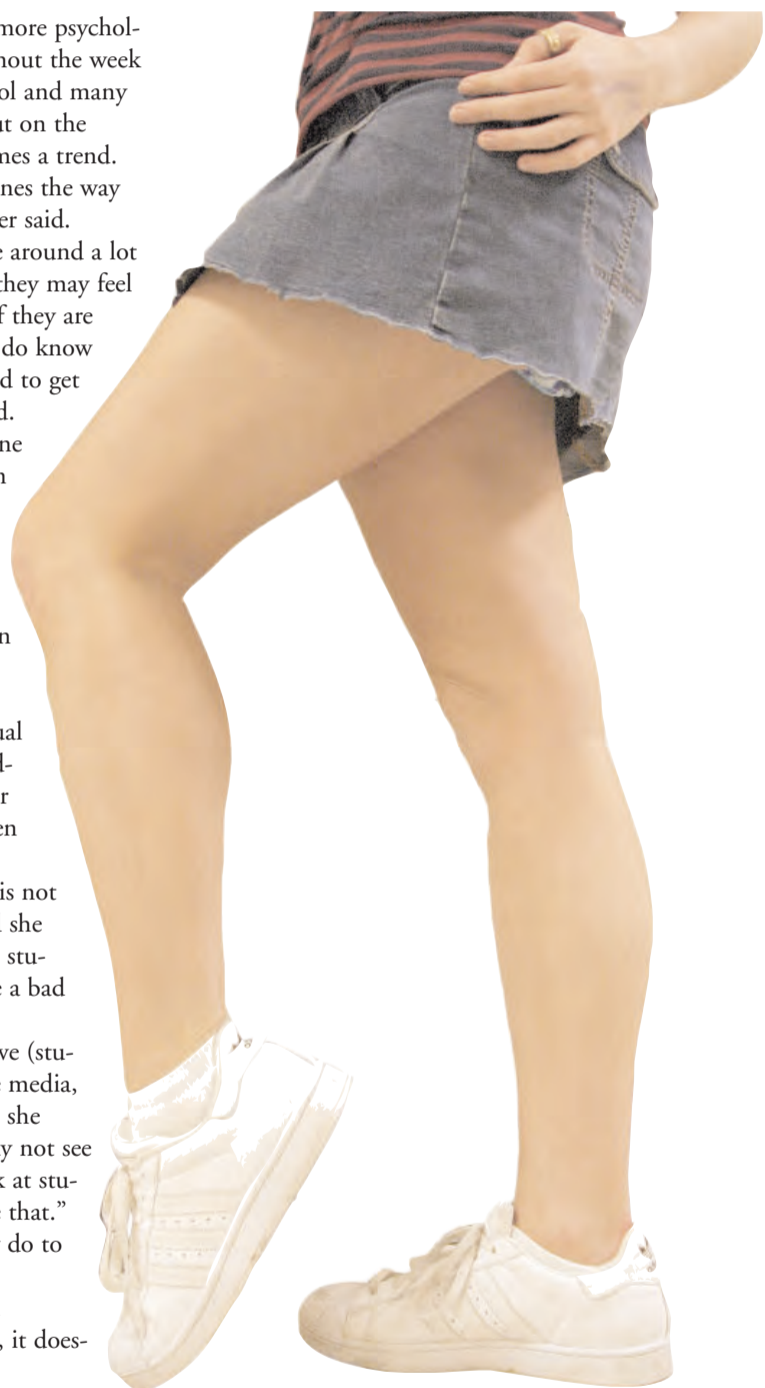
Men usually dress up depending on their individual style, many wear a buttoned-down shirt and pop-up their collar or style their hair when they go out, Porter said.

Although Porter says she is not against dressing up, she said she can understand how college students' appearance may leave a bad impression on a child.

"It goes along with how we (students) are influenced by the media, and want to look like that," she said. "Younger children may not see media images, but may look at students and want to dress like that."

People dress the way they do to impress, Cobble said.

She said when you live in Charleston "your whole life, it doesn't phase anyone anymore."



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# Take your education to go

## Faculty lead students on educational expeditions around the world

By BRIAN GARTLAN | VERGE REPORTER

Some students can go on faculty-led study abroad programs to gain valuable experience, while other students choose to study abroad to gain an independent experience in foreign nations.

Most students that travel abroad come back to Eastern satisfied with their experiences in other countries, said Wendy Williamson, director of study abroad.

“(Study Abroad) is a national movement,” Williamson said. “The world is moving more global.”

Students can go to 14 countries that Eastern already has listed or students can choose for themselves what country they would like to travel to with a petition and paper work.

John Pagliai, a junior hospitality management major, went to Italy from August until December last year to practice culinary arts at Apicius: The Culinary Institute of Florence.

“There are tons of opportunities,” Pagliai said.

He said there are different types of art schools in the area and it has history from the beginning of the Renaissance in Italy.

Another student, Mary Richards, a junior psychology major, went to Maastricht, Netherlands, on a faculty-led study abroad program to study a multi-culture psychology class.

“The class taught us how different cultures behave,” Richards said.

Eastern professors actually went to the Netherlands with the students.

Richards said 23 students from Eastern went on the trip and they also traveled to Amsterdam, England, France and Germany.

Richards said Germany was her favorite because “the beers were huge.”

“It was a great experience,” she said.

The faculty-led program is designed to get the students “feet wet,” according to Williamson.

She said the students initially might not be able to “mix” with foreign cultures independently.

“It’s an appetizer,” Williamson said.

Pagliai’s career goal is to open his own restaurant.

He said he was interested in getting into the kitchen, instead of learning about cooking in the classroom.

Williamson said the program affects the students’ personally with career choices and relationships, as well as academically.

“Some leave significant others,” she said while others move back for a job opportunity, she added.

“(The programs) impact their lives tremendously,” Williamson said.

Pagliai said it is “impossible” not to make friends from other cultures. He met students from Thailand, Canada,

Brazil, El Salvador and different regions of the United States.

Pagliai’s roommates abroad were from Texas, California and Georgia.

“I still talk to them,” he said.

Although Richards does not have any contacts from her trip to the Netherlands, she said will never forget the experience.

Some students search for opportunities to go back to the study abroad program.

“I’ve been (to Italy) before,” Pagliai said. “I knew what to expect.”

“Going from Florence to Charleston was a reverse culture shock,” he said.

Pagliai said the Italian and American cultures are completely different from each other.

“The pace of everyday life is more relaxed,” he said. “(Europeans) kind of take it as it goes.”

He always wanted to go to Italy and he always “planned on doing it.”

“It’s worth the experience,” Pagliai said. “You should go if you could afford (the trip).”

Richards wants to go to Spain this summer.

“It was a fun and educational way to see Europe,” Richards said. “And I added six credit hours to my major.”

“I love to travel,” she said. “It was worth it.”

### PACK IT IN...

**“I love to travel. It was worth it.”**

MARY RICHARDS, JUNIOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

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