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A WAY TO REMEMBER

■ Eastern student recognized for sketches of fallen soldiers, artwork displayed in Chicago

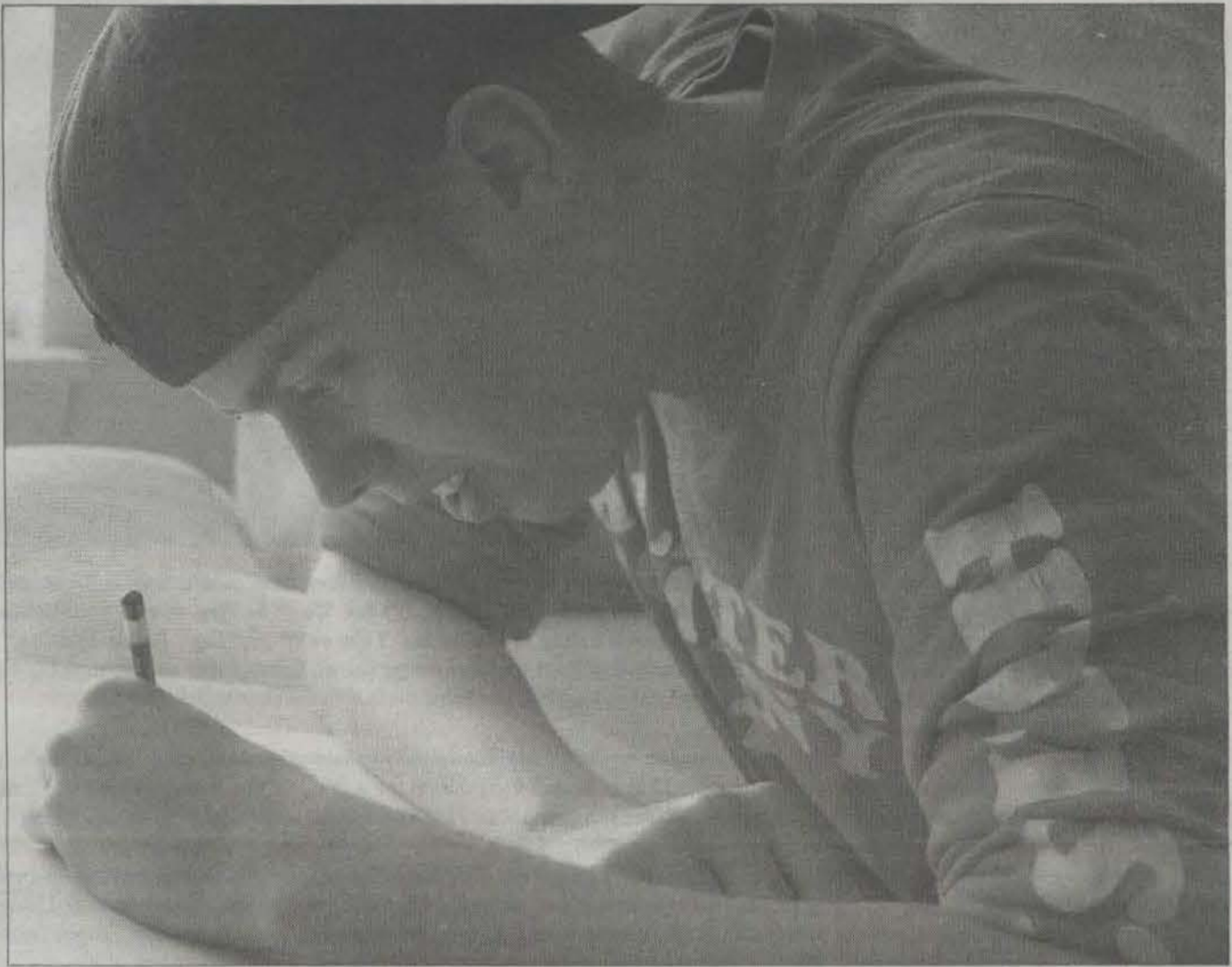
By KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

Army Spc. Charles Neely, of Mattoon, never got to do a lot of things in his life. He never got to go to college, get married or have kids. He never was able to drink legally before his tractor-trailer rolled over as he attempted to access a pontoon bridge while fighting the war in Iraq. He was killed on August 25, 2004; he was 19 years old.

When Eastern student Cameron Schilling, senior political science major, received the call about his high school classmate, he never expected that what was asked of him would change his life forever.

A year and a half later, Schilling was greeted and welcomed by over 30 families whom lost love ones in the war as his "Portrait of a Soldier" memorial was displayed at the Thompson Center in Chicago during Memorial Day weekend. Sponsored by the Illinois Lieutenant Governor's Office, Schilling sketched over 120 portraits of soldiers that have died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2005 to present. Each portrait was on display at the Thompson Center from May 25-30, but that did not seem to matter for the families whom attended. What mattered to them was in each of the sketches, even if just for a moment, they had their son or daughter, wife or husband back.

The opening ceremonies were filled with high emotions as many of the families got to see the portrait Schilling sketched for the first time. Schilling remembers one family in particular,



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Cameron Schilling, a senior political sciences major, works on a sketch of fallen soldier Caleb Lufkin who died in late May. Schilling's traveling art show has recently been in Chicago and will soon be on display in Springfield.

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Derby honors late Eastern alumnus

■ Community event aimed toward kids, to offer lots of prizes

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Alex Russell had three passions in his life: fishing, children and the Charleston community.

That's why he decided to organize a children's fishing derby in Charleston during the 1980s. At the time, Russell, an Eastern graduate, owned Boats Plus in Charleston and belonged to several local fishing clubs.

"He believed that fishing was a family activity and a good activity to keep kids interested in a positive way," says his widow, Joy Russell.

"He wanted to do whatever he could to promote fishing to youth," said Brian Jones, director of Parks and Recreation.

Russell saw the fishing derby as a way to give back to a community that had given so much to him.

"He loved the Charleston community," Joy said. "He made a lot of contributions."

Russell had worked with City Manager Scott Smith, who at the time served as director of Parks and Recreation, to transition control of the event to the Department of Parks and Recreation, said Jones.

With the city sponsoring the event, local sponsors from the city were brought in to

Sponsors of the 2006 Alex Russell Memorial Fishing Derby

Prairie Outfitters
Local 3200 Firefighters' Union
Fraternal Order of Police
Mike and Stan's
Roc's Blackfront
National Wild Turkey Federation - Embarras Chapter
Lorenz Wholesale
Cook's Bait Shop
Charleston Lanes
Sav-A-Lot
Gateway Liquors / East Side
Package
Moose Lodge
Elks Lodge
VFW Women's Auxiliary

provide additional support to the event.

Four years ago, Prairie Outfitters of Charleston began sponsoring the event, said Rick Cuddy, owner of Prairie Outfitters.

The Charleston community has paid their respect to Russell by officially naming the fishing derby, which has become an annual event, the Alex Russell Memorial Kids Fishing Derby.

Since then, they have gained many sponsors for the event.

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JOY RUSSELL,
WIFE OF LATE ALEX RUSSELL

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Sponsors for the event provide money and supplies for prizes, and some sponsors provide interactive booths for children and families to enjoy.

The Conservation Police bring a display of animal furs and pelts for children to examine, and the Fire Department brings an ambulance to display.

Russell's family from California donates trophies for the winners, said Jones.

Participants are divided into three age groups, with first, second and third place winners receiving prizes in each group.

Prizes for the event will include fishing gear, other outdoors gear such as hunting supplies, water guns, and water toys for children and much more.

"A lot of kids use their prizes as Father's Day gifts," said Jones. "If they can't use it, it may make a good gift."

■ Memorial to be made for Russell at Lake Charleston

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Alex Russell's memory will continue to live on in Charleston even after the fishing derby has ended.

The city has plans to honor Alex Russell with a new pavilion and a handicap accessible fishing pier at Lake Charleston.

The new facilities will combine Alex's passion for fishing with his wife Joy's background in special education.

"It really ties in with both Alex and Mrs. Russell," said Brian Jones, director of Parks and Recreation.

After the death of her husband, Joy Russell wanted to find a way to honor his memory and his contribution to Charleston. She began working with city manager Scott Smith, who served as director of Parks and Recreation at the time, to develop a plan.

Smith knew of Russell's passion for fishing and the Charleston community, so he recommended doing something at Lake Charleston. The idea developed from there, Joy said.

Curt Devore, city maintenance and parks supervisor, took on the idea and shared his vision of how he envisioned a pavilion and pier, said Joy. She said she has received much support from the city on the project.

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FINDING HOPE AT CAMP

■Camp New Hope serves people with disabilities through help of volunteers

BY MEAGAN MORGAN
STAFF REPORTER

After opening its doors in 1974, Camp New Hope continues to serve those with developmental disabilities, with the help of college and high school student volunteers, interns and counselors.

On average, two or three Eastern students help the camp each summer, but the distance keeps more from joining, said Kim Carmack, executive director of Camp New Hope for the last four and half years.

Lake Land Community College provides the most student help and local high schools fill in the rest.

Teachers, teacher's aides and bus drivers also lend a hand once school is out.

Many students use their time at the camp to count towards hours needed for a degree, such as teaching, said Carmack.

Only a few paid and unpaid internships are available each summer, but several volunteer opportunities exist all summer long. Some of these are "friend for the day," a "family fun fishing event," and entertainment, such as, face painting, music, dances and puppet shows.

Abbie Clapp, senior special education and early childhood special education major, will join the camp staff for a second summer.

She was also a respite counselor, which is in the fall, winter and spring.

This summer she is changing her role as a counselor from "Mom", a night position that helps campers take showers and brush their teeth and help them get up in the morning, etc., to "Friend."

She will be with campers throughout the day and take care of any minor things like dressing and eating.

Clapp's time at Camp New Hope is for the enjoyment and experience now that she has all



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(Above) Camp new hope counselor, Matthew Floyd, and camper Robbie Barker gather puzzle pieces in a paddle boat on Lake Mattoon Wednesday afternoon. "It's good here. I like it. It's fun We go boating, do arts and crafts, outside ed. and music, and recreation and swimming. My favorite thing at camp is fishing and swimming. I can catch anything." Barker said.

(Below) Camp New Hope campers Amber Eident, Colton Fuller and Ramond Ludwig throw a ball around at the pool on Wednesday afternoon. Camp New Hope opened in 1974 and helps those with developmental disabilities.

her outside hours for her degree. Clapp said that working at Camp New Hope for a few days over the summer should be required of certain majors.

"However," Clapp said, "because of camp rules if you are a volunteer you really don't do anything but watch, but I love working out there and it definitely has gotten me ready for teaching."

Volunteers and parents of developmentally disabled children built Camp New Hope on the shore of Lake Mattoon, about 13 miles south of Mattoon and three miles north of Neoga.

It is a non-profit organization founded by families of people who have develop-

mental disabilities, with the support of Illini Lodge 17 of the Fraternal Order of Police and Illinois Jaycees.

The camp serves people from Chicago to St. Louis, with the bulk coming from Coles, Cumberland, Douglas and Shelby counties. Age ranges from 9 years old to "No age is too old."

Two kinds of camps are offered: respite and summer.

The respite program, a weekend mini-session offered in the fall, winter and spring, is a short getaway designed to give parents and families a break.

The program also allows campers to have fun and grow, said Carmack.

A house was built specifically for this program, so that individuals could come to the facility instead of respite workers visiting their homes.

The summer camp is nine weeks long and campers attend one week sessions.

Day camps are also offered for those not ready to stay overnight.

Nearly 360 people will attend camp this summer, said Carmack.

The first day of weekly camp was Sunday, June 4, and day camp begins July 3.

The camp can accommodate nearly all disabilities, except those who need full-time nursing care. One week out of the summer Camp New Hope employs a registered nurse to handle injections or tube feeding.

If a person can attend a day care or school, Camp New Hope can accommodate.

Several activities are provided for the campers that they might not be able to enjoy otherwise, including: fishing, rides on a pontoon boat, a 3-foot deep pool, music, a playground, nature education, arts and crafts, "train" rides, and tournaments in games like mini-golf where they can earn trophies.

Bowling leagues are held in Charleston and Mattoon during the school year.

A favorite among campers is the Camp New Hope train, a small tractor that is painted to look like a train with several "cars" attached, said Carmack.

The train follows a 2.5 mile loop that carries campers over asphalt trails through the woods and near the lake.

"We adapt the programs to meet the needs of the individual. They don't have to fit our programs," said Don McDowell, first director of Camp New Hope.



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CAMPUS

A quick take on news, scheduled events and announcements.

Sign up for team-intramurals ends Friday

The deadline to participate in Eastern's summer Intramurals is June 9. Teams can compete in men's basketball, men's, women's or coed softball or coed volleyball.

For more information go to <http://www.eiu.edu/~crecsrc/intramurals/summer.htm>

Library workshops begin June 13

Mary J Booth Library will host technology workshops starting June 13. All workshops are held in the E-Classroom, Room 4450, of Booth Library.

To see a current listing of workshops or register go to <http://www.library.eiu.edu/workshops>.

2006 Alumni Award nominations

Nominations are currently being taken for the 2006 alumni awards presented by the EIU Alumni Association. The awards are presented annually in the categories of Distinguished Alumnus, Distinguished Educator, Alumni Service and Outstanding Young Alumnus. Nominations are due by June 21 and should be sent to EIU Alumni Association, Attn: Alumni Awards Committee, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, Ill. 61920. For additional information visit

<http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/text/awards.html>

Aging Family Member Workshop

The third workshop in the Caring for an Aging Family Member series is scheduled to take place June 20, in the Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

The workshop will focus on caregiver's mental health and will be presented by Audrey Bachelder, an academic advisor with the Bachelor of General Studies degree program caregivers. Contact Sandy Bowman at 581-6402 or sebowman@eiu.edu for more information.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Thursday June 8

Freshman Debut-all day

Thursday June 8

Textbooks for Six and Eight week Sessions of the Summer 2006 semester. Text book Rental is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday June 9

Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont will perform at O'Brien Stadium at 8 p.m.

This Concert is free to the public.

Corrections

In the June 6th edition of the Daily Eastern News, Lucina Gabbard was identified as Lucinda Gabbard, the DEN regrets the error.



FILE PHOTO THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shauna Searcy, a composition graduate student, works on a paper in the Writing Center in Coleman Hall. The center opens Monday at 10 a.m. and will be open every day except Friday until 5:30 p.m.

Writing Center opens for summer

Center opens after being closed during four-week session

BY KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

The Writing Center has been closed during the four-week intercession largely because of a lack in funding.

The center opens Monday at 10 a.m. and will be open every day except Friday until 5:30 p.m., and according to Director Daiva Markelis, by mid-summer there's quite a few students using it. So why isn't it opened now?

"It's mainly a funding issue," Markelis said. It's easier to pay the GAs (Graduate Assistants) on the regular semester schedule.

Robin Murray, who is now in the English Dept. and was head of the Writing Center before Markelis, has said it's been at least eight years since the center has been open.

"It's better to have the four weeks off; never had anyone really complain about it, and again it goes back to the funding issue," Markelis said.

Markelis believes it would be good to have the center open during the four week intercession if someone else could direct it during that time. Murray agreed on this, stating that if there were funds available during the four weeks it would be fine to have open.

English Department Chair Dana Ringuette has said that the financial matter is an "EIU funded entity" that comes out of the vice president's office. However, Ringuette's suggested person of contact, William V. Weber, vice president in Academic Affairs, was not available for comment.

"For the most part, the writing center works off a limited budget, especially in the summer, as there's limited staffing," Murray said.

For the six-week session, two tutors will be working the center, and although Markelis has said the first week or so is

kind of slow, the numbers do pick up throughout the sixth week.

"I don't ever recall it being open during intercession; it works better in the six-week session, that's really our main session," Ringuette said.

A grand reopening is in store for the fall as just recently the center underwent a huge physical change that has included the addition of new computers and a new printer.

Once the fall starts, the center will resume its 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. hours.

For the fall, Markelis has said a pilot online tutoring program will be in the planning stage that will allow students to send their paper online anytime, instead of having to physically come in. However, Markelis is also worried that tutors might be more tempted to correct papers through this method as well. The Booth Library also reduced its hours for the summer, as it's not open on Sundays until the six-week classes start.

Judicial Affairs director plans retirement

BY KRISTINA PETERS
UNIVERSITY REPORTER

Keith Kohanzo, the first and only judicial affairs director, plans his retirement after holding the title for 37 years, causing the search for a replacement to begin.

"We have some big shoes to fill," said Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs.

Currently about 20 applications are being reviewed making sure the applicants meet the requirements for the position.

To become director the applicants must have a master's degree, know case law and have experience in collegiate judicial affairs.

Most often they will have a degree in higher education or student government, Kohanzo said.

After the applications have been reviewed, phone interviews will be conducted and then select three or four applicants will be brought to Eastern for a campus-wide interview.

"It's a neat process," said Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Services and chair of the search committee. "Searches are always interesting."

During the campus wide interview, applicants will meet before students, staff and faculty.

"[It is] a fairly comprehensive interview process," Nadler said.

As of now, no phone or campus interviews have been conducted.

Applications will still be accepted for the job until the position is filled.

It is not guaranteed that by the time a choice is made the applicants will still want the job or they will still be available, Davidson said.

Once in office, the director of Judicial Affairs works with students on many occasions.

They will oversee violations of the student conduct code and academic dishonesty in students; as well as conduct judicial hearings and oversee the disciplinary record keeping.

"In most cases it is minor difficulties with Eastern," Kohanzo said. "By far, the majority of our students are quite competent."

However, Kohanzo said there are times when the director of Judicial Affairs will have a more serious case that possibly could lead to a student being suspended or

expelled.

The director must also look into the best interest of the students and the university, which Kohanzo thinks are the same.

"It's a big job," Davidson said.

Kohanzo has found his many years on the job pleasant and hopes the new director will as well.

"I enjoy working with students," he said. "It's been enjoyable."

There are some personality traits that contribute to making the position as director of Judicial Affairs enjoyable.

"The person who will do best [should] have patience and a sense of humor," Kohanzo said.

Patience is necessary when working with students, not jumping to conclusions and making sure a student who misbehaved understands what they did wrong, he said. Having a sense of humor prevents becoming cynical and helps when dealing with stressful or difficult situations.

The expected date of when a replacement will be found is between Aug. 1 and Sept. 1.

"We are very hopeful we will get a good candidate," Nadler said.

OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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EDITORIAL

Illinois takes steps towards equality

UPI offers insurance benefits to same-sex partners

Starting July 1, same-sex domestic partners of all employees working for agencies under the governor's control will be allowed to receive the same health benefits as married employees and their families.

The Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees should be commended for making health benefits available to all family members, regardless of sexual orientation.

The benefits include health insurance and dental and vision care.

The University Professionals of Illinois have been negotiating with the state for ten years to make sure all of its members and their families have equal health benefits.

While the state should be commended for finally offering equal benefits to all its employees and the fact that it took 10 years should not.

Whether or not the government agrees with the lifestyle of individuals, hardworking state employees and their families deserve health care.

Eastern is not the only Illinois university that is offering same-sex partners insurance benefits.

In July 2004 Western Illinois University developed a program to reimburse benefits-eligible employees for a portion of the cost of purchasing health and dental coverage for their domestic partners and eligible dependent children of domestic partners.

Western will also offer faculty and staff the option of same-sex partner benefits on July 1.

In order to qualify for the benefits, partners must live in the same household and have a financial and emotional interdependence like that of a married couple for at least one year.

Most married couples are eligible to receive health care through their workplace, no matter where they work and same-sex couples are entitled to the same benefits as everyone else.

The UPI has always been a forward thinking union and that is reflected in their desire to make sure all of their members and their families have health, dental and vision care.

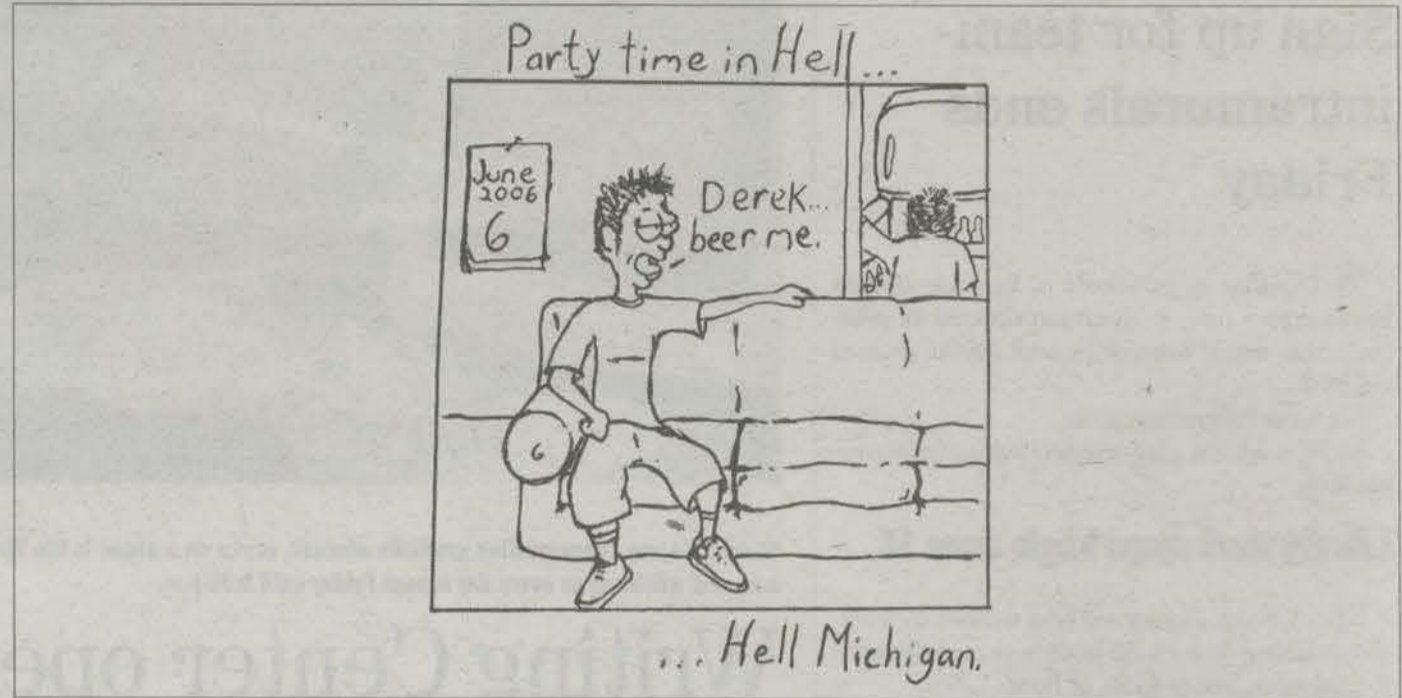
"Unions have supported the enrollment of same-sex partners because of our core commitment to fair treatment for all," said Charles Delman, Eastern's president of UPI.

This is the core issue of the negotiations.

The union did not ask that same-sex partners receive more benefits than those given to married couples; just the same benefits, and they should be applauded for that.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY BRANDON CAMPBELL



COMMENTARY

Senate discussion excuse for intolerance

I must address the abomination that is the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment.

Many political pundits are reading this as nothing more than a transparent push for Bush to regain support for his barely breathing republican congress.

These pundits may very well be correct.

Many senators felt this amendment was a waste of valuable time, but the problem is that the amendment was even on the floor.

In a time when we are fighting a war and the common phrase seems to be: "I support the troops but not the war," one decides to focus on discrimination?

If you want to amend the constitution why not do something useful, like bring up the Equal Rights amendment?

The president should not get to carry out actions that hurt families, deny equal access, subjugate an entire class of people to the status of second class citizens, and preserve this treatment in a historical document, and label these actions as protection.



MAURICE TRACY
GUEST COLUMNIST

"Bush and other homophobic people, use heterosexist rhetoric that appeals to the Christian and conservative right."

Be bold, and call it what it is, discrimination, hatred, bigotry, cowardice, and pathetic.

And before those of you sitting in the pews jump forward, it is not a religious issue either, that ship sailed the moment you could go to the justice of the peace or Vegas and get a fast-food version of a marriage.

This is a human rights issue. We homosexuals are humans.

Bush and other homophobic people, use heterosexist and heteronormative rhetoric that appeals to the Christian and conservative right and claim this does not affect some theoretical person.

It affects, families that already exist,

families that will exist, it even affects people like me who are not even sure if they want to ever get married, but at the same time are entitled to that option if we choose it.

Ladies and gentlemen, We are in a cultural war.

People can no longer afford to sit lazily on the side and just say, I don't care, it doesn't affect me, Yes it does.

I can not and will no longer be friends with or tolerate people who think like Bush, support Bush or Bush-politics which belongs in the 1950s when it was fashionable to be a public bigot.

It is time to take a stand.

Write to your representative, talk with your friends, get radical, let Bush and others like him know where to go.

It is a place where a lot of Bush's supporters and other homophobic people say that me and mine are destined to take up residence.

And remind them to bring some suntan lotion I hear it gets hot there.

Got comments? Let us know at deneic@gmail.com

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITORIAL REPRESENTS LOWER STANDARDS AT EASTERN

The editorial, "Lower standards bad for Eastern" is a disservice to the academic community and exemplifies the "lower standards" it sets out to rectify. The author states if students are not taught in a classroom about constitutional issues surrounding the Patriot Act, there should be an expectation of ignorance. The assumption that students will remain ignorant unless they are built into the curriculum is an insult to every student who has ever set foot in an EIU class-

room. Faculty members provide an invaluable service, but as accepted college students, EIU students are accordingly deserving of the assumption that they contain the ability to conduct independent learning beyond what is in the curriculum. One other grievance: the author(s) states that because the political science department does not have a staff sizeable enough to adequately cover PLS 1153 as a general education requirement, this will somehow affect the fundamental knowledge of the Constitution for those enrolling in other Political Science classes.

While the "Constitution" requirement in the general education curriculum has been removed, this does not release students from the prerequisite requirement of PLS 1153 before enrolling in the great majority of classes offered by the Political Science department. The Council on Academic Affairs' decision seems be less than desirable, but the logistics of the current staffing situation certainly help to justify the requirement's hopefully temporary removal.

MIKE JOYCE
GRADUATE STUDENT POLITICAL SCIENCE

Op-ed

A sampling of opinions from around campus and the nation

Voucher system means better education for all

BY JARED MARTIN
DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN

Not even a year ago, I was still undecided on the whole idea of a voucher system.

Yes, I just said the "V" word. Before you tune me out, expecting another empty diatribe from someone disconnected with reality, I ask for just a little patience.

Americans are almost comprehensive under-performers relative to our global peers.

Who cares? Well, as of now, almost no one.

The gap between the performance of American and our peer nations' children really begins to widen around and before middle school.

If it was truly a changing societal norm, a more even transition could be expected.

I would suggest that we fall back to basic economic reality. Those of us who took microeconomics

remember that in any industry some firms' marginal cost exceeds marginal revenue. English translation? They can't hack it... that area of business is not their strong point. Those who are left are the most efficient of the group.

Even with their profit motive (and also because of) these firms are able to lower costs while maintaining and increasing the quality of whatever is being produced.

How does this relate? I hate to answer a question with a question, but this one drives the point home: Why doesn't Intel produce baby powder?

Don't laugh. There's a reason. As powerful as Intel may be with electronics, Johnson & Johnson and others have a stranglehold on the market.

They are more efficient producers of that good.

No one company (even Proctor & Gamble) can produce everything. This fact is crucial in understanding

why the government has to back off of controlling its public education.

The government is a superb financier of public projects; however, it is also a dismal contractor.

Look at where the government works best: interstate and highway construction, defense contracts, construction of federal buildings, etc. The government is best at conducting business. The IRS, CIA, Army and like-minded organizations are best left to government control. However, though the government foots the bill for building roads, it does not build the road. There is no USA Road Construction company. And thank God there isn't; can you imagine how much everything would cost?

Instead, the work is handed out to competitive contractors. These contractors provide the best quality at the lowest price to a consumer (the government) who is unable to efficiently produce the good itself. Now, silly as it sounds, replace road

construction with providing a proper education. The government has the best of intentions in setting up its public system. I also agree that education should be free. Having come from one of the poorest areas of the state, I could never have afforded to attend a private school. However, the government can save money AND provide a higher quality education by letting the market work.

If vouchers (lets call them coupons, it doesn't sound as dirty) were used to allow students to attend schools of their own choice, the profit motive would assure quality education. The best schools would attract the most students. These students would use their 'coupon' to get their free education while the government spends the money it would otherwise have spent on building maintenance, teacher salaries and similar projects on the student's tuition. Yes, the government would theoretically pay

more because of the profit. This theory is contingent on the government being an efficient, firm operation with no excess revenue beyond cost.

However, the government is not an efficient producer. After seeing the system from the inside, I truly believe the efficiencies gained by the private sector would far outweigh the percentage of tuition sent to profit.

By following these principles, the government would spend less money and provide a better education.

If a school faltered, attendance (and profits) would drop. Successfully educating our children would be rewarded with an influx of 'coupons'. Providing a good education would become the business of individuals, while the government's business would remain with ensuring that each American has not only the right to an education, but a right to the best possible education.

Government must continue to strive for integration

OREGON DAILY EMERALD
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Nearly three years have passed since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the narrowly tailored use of affirmative action by universities to obtain "educational benefits that flow from a diverse student body." Since then, the University has passed a diversity plan that, among other stipulations, recognizes that "those historically disempowered sometimes need affirmative actions to help them." But as ongoing and sometimes-heated debate about the new Diversity Plan has demonstrated, the use of race and other characteristics as the basis for favoring one person over another remains a controversial matter.

Some professors who opposed the Diversity Plan proposed an alternate one emphasizing "filling the pipeline" with students and potential future faculty members from underrepresented groups.

People from some groups, both racial and otherwise, have experienced societal circumstances that place them at a disadvantage, and the best way to combat this detriment is to reach kids at an early age and facilitate their success.

Yet the Supreme Court announced Monday it will hear two cases that threaten to set back such attempts to better children's early education. The two cases, each of which challenge the constitutionality of using race to determine K-12 school assignments in a specific city, strike at the heart of several decades of attempts to desegregate school districts.

Blacks faced more than 100 years of legal segregation in the United States that ended in the 1960s. When Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders pushed north, however, they encountered a

far more insidious form of prejudice: de facto segregation, or isolation of certain groups by social norms instead of the law. Real estate agents encouraged white people to move out of the inner city into the suburbs, leaving poor, black urban areas in which local schools were primarily attended by black students. These schools underachieved, resulting in government-enforced efforts to bus black students into white schools. This led to gradual integration.

But de facto segregation persists today. A map showing the ethnicity of Chicago neighborhoods in 2000, for example, reveals that blacks, Hispanics and members of other ethnic groups live in condensed, saturated neighborhoods. The same pattern is repeated throughout other major U.S. cities. Efforts to desegregate schools are still needed.

Unlike the University's Office of Multicultural Affairs classes, which we criticized for discriminating against white students by offering students of color special smaller classes, integration of public schools does not give one group special privileges that it denies to another group.

Sharon Browne, a lawyer for the Pacific Legal Foundation who asked the court to hear both cases, has said "they are teaching our kids that race still matters. If they can continue to do that, we will never get to a place where the country is colorblind," according to the Los Angeles Times.

While true diversity includes race, ethnicity, religion, politics and other factors, Browne's classic plea for a colorblind society is sadly idealistic. The facts speak for themselves: Until U.S. society becomes integrated generally, we need to use means to ensure all students receive an equal chance to study in an environment conducive to learning.

Jurors should be allowed to question

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Traditionally, jurors in American trials have functioned much like figure-skating judges: They make the ultimate evaluations but play no part in the event itself.

The presumption is that only by staying clear of the action can they reach impartial verdicts. In recent years, though, that line of thinking has come under challenge.

In some places, jurors are now getting the chance to take a more active role in the trial — most notably, by being allowed to submit questions for witnesses.

That approach has been the norm in Arizona for more than a decade. No longer does a member of the jury have to sit silent and befuddled when testimony is confusing, or

when a lawyer fails to ask a seemingly pertinent question.

A jury that is allowed to ask questions is bound to be a better-informed jury — which in turn is likely to produce better verdicts.

A survey of participants in a recent pilot project conducted in civil trials in the 7th federal circuit found plenty of support for that hypothesis.

By large majorities, a survey found, judges and attorneys agreed that the innovation enhanced the jurors' understanding. Some judges have indicated they plan to keep using it.

In this experiment, the judge waited until the opposing lawyers were finished questioning each witness, and then gave jurors a chance to write down any questions they

may have. The judge would then read them, confer briefly with the lawyers, and then read those questions deemed permissible.

Most were not of the "when did you stop beating your wife" variety but simple queries to fill small gaps in evidence or testimony.

There is always the chance that a judge will allow a question that is outside the proper bounds, which can lead to the verdict being overturned on appeal.

But that same risk exists for questions asked by lawyers.

The remedy in both cases is competent judges.

From this experiment, allowing jurors to ask questions apparently makes for happier jurors, judges and lawyers. It's an innovation that deserves a wider tryout.

Voters deserve better in November

PEORIA JOURNAL STAR

If the first face-to-face encounter of Illinois' gubernatorial contenders is an indication of things to come, voters can expect the candidates to deliver plenty of heat, but very little light between now and the November election. In a side-by-side meeting Democrat Rod Blagojevich and Republican Judy Baar Topinka traded one accusation after another over ethics and honesty.

"I still have a name, you're 'Public Official A,'" Topinka told the governor, accusing him of being the unnamed, high-ranking official linked in court records to an alleged state kickback scheme.

Replied Blagojevich, "The hypocrisy here is so thick, I'm having a hard time (trying) to breathe."

There was only superficial discussion of the issues that actually affect Illinoisans' lives. So here's an idea for their next get-together. What

Illinoisans would like to know is what kinds of ethical and campaign financing reforms they'll champion to prevent "the new George Ryan" from happening again.

Talk in some detail about Blagojevich's plan to sell the lottery to generate funds for schools. Topinka should outline her philosophy on education funding as well, even if a full plan isn't ready for public unveiling. There is no shortage of

legitimate issues. Would it be such a bad thing if Illinoisans had the ammunition to actually make an informed choice come Nov. 7?

Either that, or hand out cream pies and tell Blagojevich and Topinka to fire away. We can write the script:

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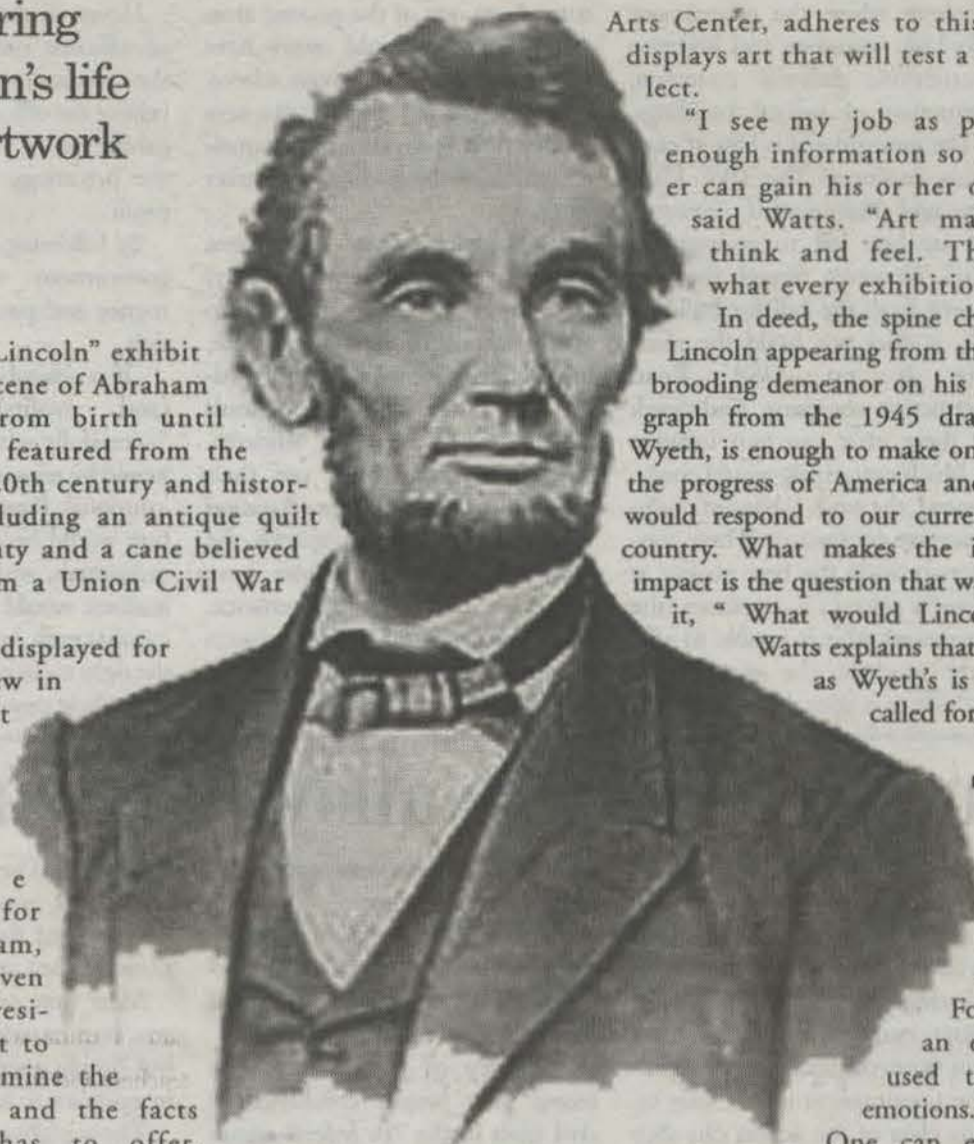
'Looking at Lincoln' exhibit

■ Recapturing Abe Lincoln's life through artwork

BY TEARRIA RUFFIN
STAFF REPORTER

"Looking at Lincoln" exhibit recaptures each scene of Abraham Lincoln's life, from birth until death, using art featured from the first part of the 20th century and historical artifacts including an antique quilt from Coles County and a cane believed to be carved from a Union Civil War veteran.

The exhibit is displayed for the public to view in the Tarble Art Center from now until August 6. In honor of the state wide "Looking for Lincoln" program, this exhibit is given to encourage residents and tourist to research and examine the life of Lincoln and the facts their history has to offer. Michael Watts, director of the Tarble



Arts Center, adheres to this mission and displays art that will test a viewer's intellect.

"I see my job as providing just enough information so that the viewer can gain his or her own opinion," said Watts. "Art makes a person think and feel. That is exactly what every exhibition should do."

In deed, the spine chilling image of Lincoln appearing from the clouds with a brooding demeanor on his face, in a collagraph from the 1945 drawing by N.C. Wyeth, is enough to make one ponder about the progress of America and how Lincoln would respond to our current state of our country. What makes the image such an impact is the question that was posted beside it, "What would Lincoln do today?"

Watts explains that a drawing such as Wyeth's is an artistic tool called foreshortening.

"N.C. Wyeth really recaptured the somber mood of Lincoln. He put Lincoln in your face," said Watts.

Foreshortening is an effective device used to affect one's emotions."

One can empathize with Lincoln's roller coaster emotions



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Kristen Bays and her son Jake Bays, 8, look at the Lincoln displays in Tarble Arts Center on Wednesday.

and understand his political decisions, especially in the collection of woodcuts of Charles Turzak. At the time of his creation, Turzak experienced many disappointments in the Depression era of the 1930. Often in his images reflecting Lincoln's life, the images are dark and conflicted, which reflected in Turzak's life as well.

The "Slaves in New Orleans" piece depicted African slaves half naked and bound from their neck to their feet and Lincoln with his head turned away.

Obviously, Turzak's illustration of the African American's were stereotypical of times in which he lived in, but it also outlines historically Lincoln's mixed emotions on slavery and the battle that would plague him the rest of his political life until his assassination.

"The artist intention ultimately doesn't matter. What are the artist intentions is not what the people see," said Watts.

Certainly, the artworks featured on Lincoln's life can interpret Lincoln as being a very complex individual and leaves one to want to research why that is so.

'Hillbilly Rockstars' comes home

BY SETH MILLER
STAFF REPORTER

It is her very first audition, and a big first audition. Her husband, Zac, has motivated her to come to Eastern and challenge her practical way of thinking. Jackie Lawson has begun her country music career.

Lawson is currently touring different venues in Illinois and Indiana, and will be playing at Common Grounds in Mattoon on June 9. Only a short time ago she was singing in church and looking for a future with a business-accounting major.

She describes her musical inspirations as confident singers like Eva Cassidy. Lawson said that Cassidy had an incredible voice and a sense of who she was.

"I've always enjoyed singing but I was very practical," said Lawson. Lawson decided to pursue her career in business accounting and got a job at a First Mid-Illinois Bank branch. Elizabeth Salvato, training manager at First Mid-Illinois in Charleston and Lawson's supervisor for three years, describes Lawson as "excellent" and "very people oriented."

After working at the bank for five years, Lawson moved on to pursue her musical career, but not before getting a boost of confidence from an old friend. Lawson had known her husband before she came to Eastern. Both of them went to the same high school and had the same group of friends but had never gone out before until college.

Zac had known about Lawson's talent as a musician and encouraged her to try performing country music. Lawson was reluctant at first due to her practical nature, but eventually decided to go to her very first audition.

Lawson and Zac went to Detroit to begin her music career as a contestant on American Idol. "I was diving in head first," said Lawson.

Lawson arrived in Detroit and after settling into her hotel room decided to go and find the place where she would make her very first audition.

When she arrived, the area was crowded with other hopefuls trying their hand at auditions. Lawson went back to her hotel room and slept until the middle of the night and went back to her

audition area. Lawson said that by 2 a.m. the crowd took up 15 blocks.

This did not seem to slow down Lawson. She nailed her first auditions and made it all the way to the judge's table with Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell. "It was so incredibly nerve wracking to sing for 60 seconds," Lawson said.

She performed for the famous panel of judges and their reaction was quite positive. The judges agreed that she had talent and a great voice, but was not what they were looking for.

"They just wanted a good pop star," said Lawson. "I was little Podunk Jackie." The decision by the judges did not dishearten her. Lawson said that she was satisfied by the overall experience.

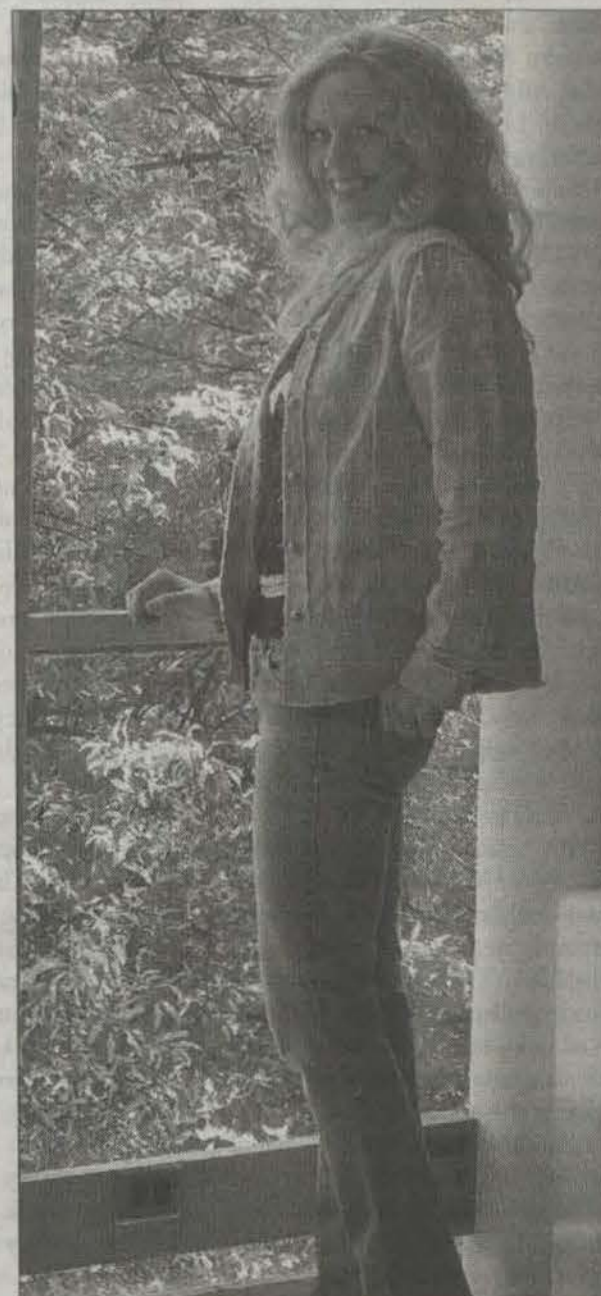
Now, Lawson has moved forward with her country music career and is doing well. Lawson is currently involved with two bands, Jackie Lawson's Hillbilly Rockstars and Black 'n' Blue. The Hillbilly Rockstars and Black 'n' Blue feature Lawson, Tad Freezeland, Darren Elmore, Darrel Wilson and Dennis Rowell, and both bands play country and rock. Lawson said that the Hillbilly Rockstars play country during the summer when it is more popular and rock during the winter with Black 'n' Blue.

Lawson is also an award-winning country artist, winning three North American Country Music Association International awards including most promising female entertainer of the year.

One of the biggest steps forward is opening for big country acts like Buddy Jewell, Josh Gracin and Sugarland. Jewell was her first big opening act, and the first time they met could have gone better. "I met him backstage like a bumbling fool," said Lawson. Later that evening, Jewell caught Lawson performing and she was offered to open for him at Nashville North in Taylorville, Ill.

She still works part time at First Mid-Illinois bank, and the people who work with her show up for almost all her shows. She remains as confident as ever with her husband Zac serving as manager to keep her on track. "He just does it all except go on stage and sing," said Lawson.

Lawson has said that she does not have a whole lot planned ahead and just keeps performing. She is still performing and is currently working on a full-length album. For now, the future seems bright for a singer on the verge of breaking out into fame.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jackie Lawson is performing with the Hillbilly Rockstars at Common Grounds in Mattoon on June 9.

Funds allocated to city road maintenance

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

The City Council voted to apportion \$294,454 of Motor Fuel Tax for use on maintenance to city roads during the next year.

This money will be used as part of the Annual Street General Maintenance and Preservation Program, which covers materials such as asphalt, seal coating and resurfacing.

"This is kind of a smorgasbord of repairs to be used during the year," said Mayor John Inyart.

The Motor Fuel Tax, which comes from the sale of gasoline, is also used to repair sidewalks in the city. Lately, Charleston has seen many sidewalk renovations.

Lewis Coon, a Charleston resident, attended the city council meeting so that he

could personally thank the council for the work that has been done on the sidewalks near Jefferson Elementary School.

"Some of my neighbors wish they could have moved into neighborhoods with better sidewalks," Coon said.

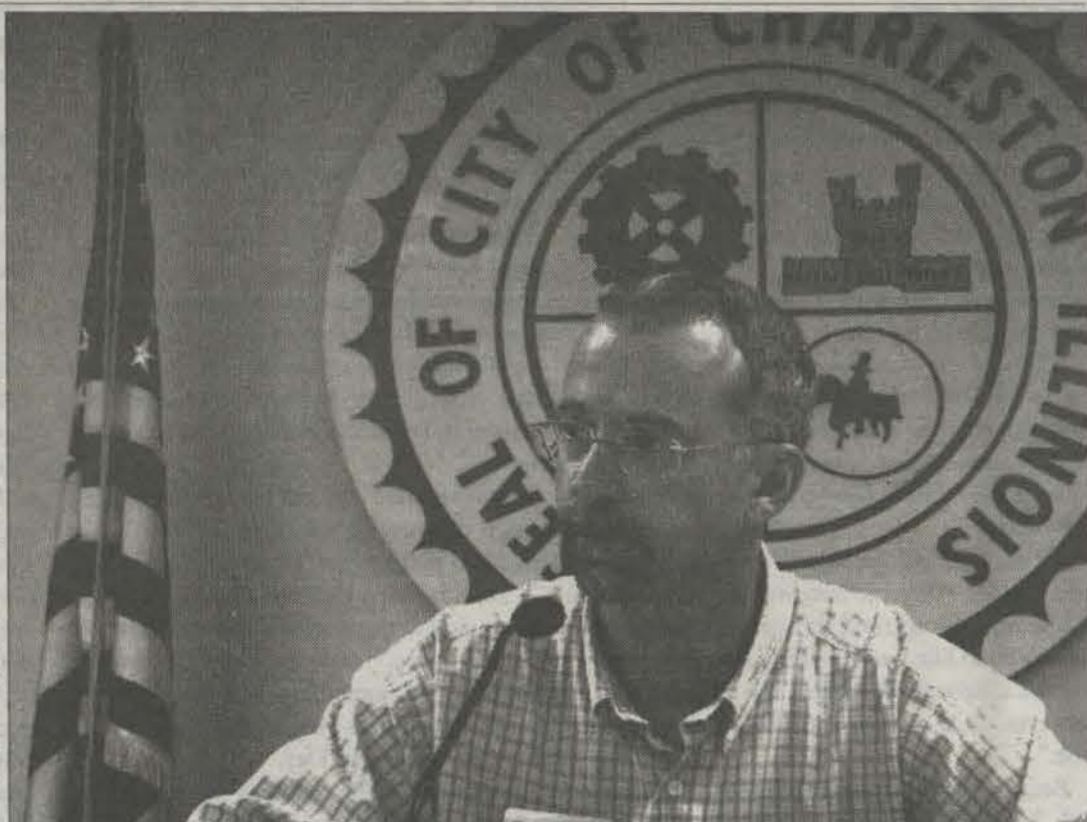
In other business, the City Council:

Granted a bid for contract to J&B Waste Applications of Robinson for material transport from the waste management plant for \$84,250.

Awarded a bid for contract to Mid America Dredging of Goodhope for construction of a sedimentation basin on Lake Charleston for \$202,300.

Granted a bid for contract to Beniach Construction of Tuscola for \$506,606.10 to widen and resurface Polk Avenue.

Approved the monitoring and possible closing of city streets during the Panther Prowl foot race on July 15.



Mayor John Inyart listens during discussion of road repairs during the city council meeting Tuesday night.

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Class rosters attach student's names to faces

By ANN BEAUCHANE
STAFF REPORTER

Now, thanks to the new rosters, burrowing in the back of the room or skipping class will no longer keep faculty from recognizing their students.

The new rosters sent to Eastern's faculty not only have students' names displayed, but their school identification pictures as well.

Allen Bryant, scientific computer programmer II for Information Technology Services, said Eastern decided to try the new kind of roster during the summer because of the reduced amount of faculty. They wanted a smaller group to do a test run with and work out any errors.

"There were a couple of bugs, but

they got worked out along the way," Bryant said.

Jeff Cross, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, was the first person to mention to ITS that the faculty was interested in this kind of roster, Bryant said.

The University of Illinois has something similar because when faculty members are given only a list of names they have no way of knowing if a student is really who they say they are. Seeing a name with a photograph will allow faculty to put the two together in their mind and get both sides of the brain working on this issue.

"The responses I've received from many faculty members has been

positive," Bryant said.

David Raybin, a professor in the English department, said he thinks the new rosters are one of the best ideas the university has had in many years because some people are good at remembering names while others are good at remembering faces. Being someone who is better with knowing faces, Raybin thinks the photographs improved his ability to remember names of his students.

Nancy Marlow, a professor in the business department, said she also gets use out of the photos because they make learning students' names easier.

"This is always a challenge, especially in larger classes," Marlow said. "I have over 40 students this session, and I usually teach a lecture section during the fall and spring semesters."

Joseph Williams, a professor in the psychology department, said it is important for students to feel the instructor knows who they are and what they are capable of in class.

"It just doesn't help when four to six weeks into a class the instructor is still asking 'Who are you again?'," Williams said.

Another advantage of this new roster is instructors can, and do, print out the pictures and bring them to class in order to learn students' names more quickly.

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JOSEPH WILLIAMS, FACULTY

Raybin has printed out photographs to help him remember names and will keep them because in a few years, when students come to him for references, it may be difficult to remember who they are when all he has is a name.

"Having the students' picture means the person will come back to me," Raybin said.

Dawn Habada, senior English major, said when going to a teacher outside of class it is really insulting when they don't know who you are, but you cannot always expect them to remember each students' name.

"Most departments already have photos posted of faculty to allow students to know and recognize faculty to enhance communication and interaction," Williams said. "When used properly, these new rosters will facilitate this interaction also."

To get pictures on rosters, they are taken from the panther card system machine to the machine with the roster data, Bryant said. Eastern's only cost is for the manhours Bryant

and his two colleagues put into the project. They have been using completely open source software and programming and nothing was bought.

A down side of the pictures is they are taken from the student IDs which "may not always be flattering to the students," Williams said. Similar to driver's license photos, many "have that certain deer in the headlights look."

Dori Green, junior English major, said "I think it's beneficial to the teachers and funny they get to look at pictures from years ago because we're all gawky looking."

Only faculty members can access the photos, which are secured so the public has no way of looking at them. To see the pictures requires authentication and instructors can only see students who are in a class they currently teach.

"Our faculty work in an environment of trust and professionalism," Williams said. "I believe the photos will be used by faculty guardedly, just as other personal information is for our students."

A few changes and enhancements are being made with the new rosters, especially after working with Banner, but this is something that will continue to exist. It is the kind of tool everyone who has a class will use or at least show interest in, Bryant said.

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PORTRAITS:

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the family of Marine Cpl. Kevin Clarke, 21, of Tinley Park, who died as a result of hostile action in Iraq.

As Schilling recalled, "The dad was a big biker guy, and he was just balling. I gave him a hug and at that moment I never realized what I have done until I went up there and met the Clarke family."

Many of the families whom attended were completely overwhelmed when they saw the finished copy of their loved one, said Eric Shuler, senior policy advisor at the Lieutenant Governor's Office who worked with Schilling personally.

"[The pictures are] just overwhelming," said Shuler. "Several families say this, that Cameron has captured the eyes unbelievably well. It looks like a person looking back at you. He has captured the soul of the individual in the eyes. It is a true rendition of the loved one."

Because of his "Portrait of a Soldier" memorial, Schilling has recently acquired a lot of fame, including features done by WGN-TV and appearing on "The Tonight Show." Schilling owes all his newfound fame, however, to a fallen soldier named Charles Neely.

Schilling, a Mattoon native, graduated a year ahead of Neely in high school. They never were in the same cliques, did the same extracurricular activities or even hold a conver-

sation. So when Schilling got a call from Neely's family asking for a portrait of their son, the least he could do was oblige.

"When I gave the family the sketch it seemed to help them out a lot," said Schilling. "It seemed to give them help during the grieving process."

Having a part-time job doing sketches for a funeral home, Schilling is no amateur when it comes to sketching the dead. That was part of the reason the Neely family contacted him.

In 2005, Schilling was asked to do portraits for service managers of the war who were from Mattoon and died a week after being relieved of duty.

It was after those pictures that Schilling made a decision that would place him on a path that would lead him to that Chicago celebration.

"I kept thinking that not enough attention is being paid to the dead soldiers themselves or who they were," said Schilling "Sometimes CBS will run something but they are not enough. What these people need is something more than Memorial Day."

In October 2005, Schilling posted a note on a memorial Web site saying that he would do a free sketch of a soldier who died in Iraq or Afghanistan. "Portrait of a Soldier" had officially begun.

From October to February, only five families got in contact with Schilling for a portrait. "It was highly inefficient," recalls Schilling.

In February, Schilling decided to contact the Lieutenant Governor's Office in Illinois

and ask for help in getting a hold of more families. It was then that Shuler remembers proposing the Memorial Day idea.

"Cameron contacted us needing a way to get a hold of families and our office is in contact with all the families who have lost someone," recalls Shuler. "It was then that we came up with an idea of doing something special for Memorial Day. In Washington they have the "Faces of the Fallen," a memorial filled with sketches by different artists of the fallen soldiers from 2003-2004. However, that has not been updated in a while so we and Cameron figured we could have our own memorial like that for Memorial Day."

In February, the Eastern student was given access to the photos from the Lieutenant Governor's website. From there, Schilling sketched over 115 soldiers for many different families across state, always keeping up-to-date and never leaving anyone out.

According to Shuler, the pictures have had such a positive response; they have decided to travel with the memorial, hitting the old state capitol in Springfield July 4, the state fair in Springfield and the state fair in Dequin on Labor Day.

The families will get the pictures the last Sunday in September.

When asked if he would continue with the sketches, Schilling said, "At first, no I was not going to continue. I mean just for Memorial Day, I spent over 500 hours. But meeting the families, I can't stop. I mean I am not saying I will keep

doing it until the war is over, but for right now I want to keep doing them."

"These are individuals," said Shuler. "They are not just a name or number. These were living, breathing human beings and they paid the ultimate sacrifice. We should and will never forget them. They sacrificed themselves so we can live as free as we do."

It is for people like Charles Neely, who risked his life for us to be free. The least we can do is remember him, even if it is through a picture.

RUSSELL:

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"I'm very excited, honored and pleased that the city has gotten behind this," she said. "I think Alex would be very pleased and honored."

A drawing of the plans for the pavilion and pier will hopefully be prepared on time to be displayed at Saturday's Alex Russell Memorial Kids Fishing Derby, Jones said.

"We're hoping in the next year or two to have it built so we can have it up," said Jones.

Joy said that even though the city has been very generous with their donations, donations from the public would be greatly appreciated as well.

People wishing to make donations can make them through the Parks and Foundation Board, Jones said. All donations are tax deductible.

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Free concerts to be held in local parks

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Volunteer musicians from all across central Illinois will be joining together to perform tonight.

The Community Band, sponsored by the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, is comprised of 60 members from Charleston, Champaign, Greenup, Mattoon and the surrounding area.

The program began 29 years ago in Charleston with approximately 25 members, said John Daum, band coordinator, who has been with the program since the beginning. Of the original members, six still perform with the group.

"They're very faithful people who have not left town," Daum said.

When the band first began performing, they traveled around the city playing at various locations. The band members would set up their instruments, perform, then load the truck and return all the equipment.

Those procedures changed about 10 years ago, Daum said. At this time, the city installed a band platform at Kiwanis Park for the Community Band to use. Four years ago, further improvements were made.

Daum and city manager Scott Smith, who was involved with parks and recreation at the time,

designed the amphitheater that now stands at the park.

"We have one of the finest band shells around," said Daum.

An amphitheater replicating the one at Kiwanis Park has recently been built in Mattoon.

The band is a recreation band, meaning that its members are all volunteers and participate in their free time.

"Most of the people plan their vacation so they don't miss band time," Daum said.

Daum is impressed with the talent and performances of the band.

"We have a top quality for the kind of band [recreational] we have," he said.

Members of the band donate a lot of time to the program. The band practices every Tuesday evening and performs every Thursday for six weeks. In addition to time, several members also donate money in the form of gas to travel to Charleston twice a week.

With nearly all the members of the band being returning members, Daum is confident that this season's performances will not disappoint audiences.

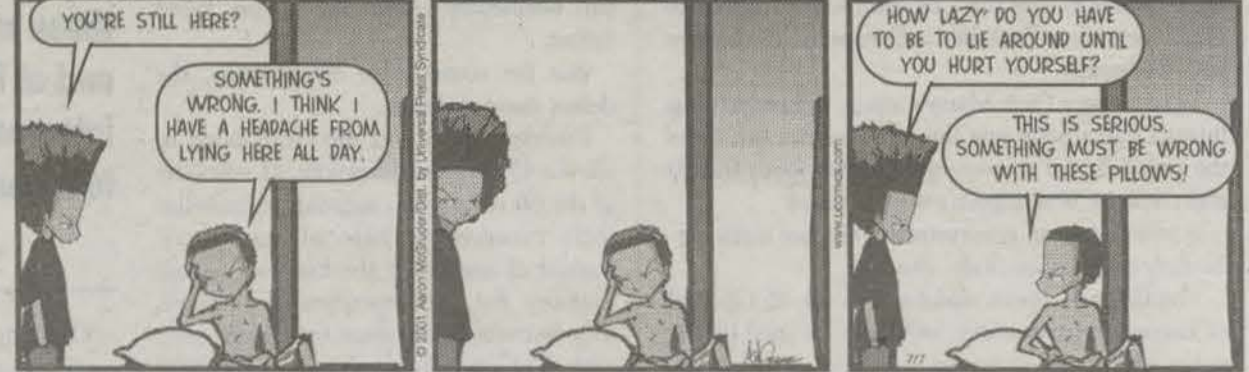
"After hearing people practice the other day," Daum said, "I'm not the least bit worried."

The Community Band will perform this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Park Amphitheater. Kiwanis Park is located at Division Street and Jackson Avenue.

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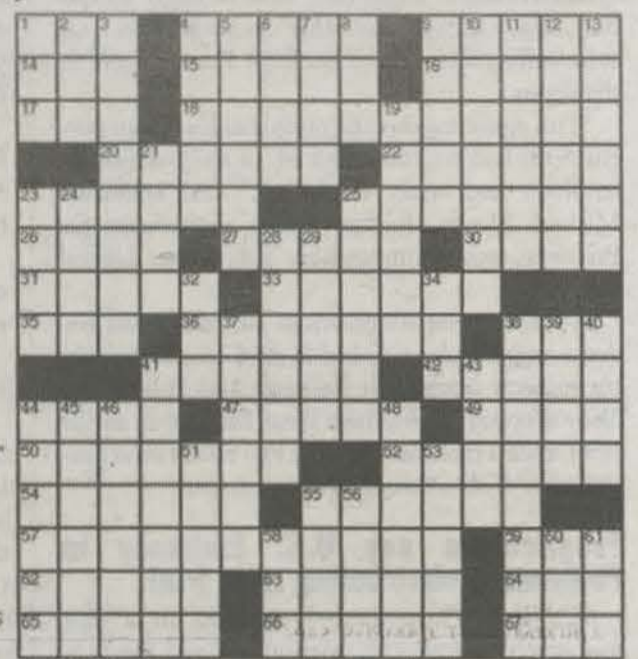


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 - 4 Lion in C. S. Lewis's 'The Chronicles of Narnia'
 - 9 Woman with _____
 - 14 Switch position
 - 15 Linen fabric
 - 16 Mocha alternative
 - 17 Bumbler
 - 18 What was won by the answer to each italicized clue
 - 20 Ab _____ (from the start)
 - 22 Onetime airport accoster
 - 23 Physicist Fermi
 - 25 Least fictional
 - 26 Fail miserably
 - 27 Amaze
 - 30 Guesses. Abbr.
 - 31 Fortunate, old-style
 - 33 Drink
 - 35 Cover ground, in a way
 - 36 Battery's partner
 - 38 _____-square test, in statistics
 - 41 Ends
 - 42 One side in labor negotiations
 - 44 Part of a Spanish play
 - 47 Poet's "below"
 - 49 School for William and Harry
 - 50 Cleared the throat
 - 52 World War marine menaces
 - 54 Fine fiddles
 - 55 "Guys and Dolls" song "Adelaide's _____"
 - 57 United Nations body
 - 59 Figs. averaging 100
 - 62 Squelch
 - 63 Staffer on TV's "The West Wing"
 - 64 Passé
 - 65 Schools for eng'rs
 - 66 Chips in chips
 - 67 Senate vote
- DOWN**
- 1 Gentle sound
 - 2 "_____ tree falls"
 - 3 Took an oath
 - 4 Where a stairway may lead
 - 5 Kinda
 - 6 Year Trajan was born
 - 7 Dinner that typically comes in a bowl
 - 8 First word of Dante's "Inferno"
 - 9 Big name in kitchen foil
 - 10 One who gets out early
 - 11 Performs a Yom Kippur ritual
 - 12 Double curve, as in yam
 - 13 Beliefs
 - 19 Cook with flavor?
 - 21 Quill points
 - 23 Goes back
 - 24 _____ contender
 - 25 Full of vigor
 - 28 On the stock exchange
 - 29 Where ConAgra is headquartered
 - 32 _____ kwon do
 - 34 A.C. measure
 - 37 Least looo
 - 38 Ticket
 - 39 High-slapper
 - 40 Cozy places to stay
 - 41 Gentle pace
 - 43 Kind of light
 - 44 Sampras rival
 - 45 Entered
 - 46 Plots
 - 48 Kind
 - 51 Legal claims
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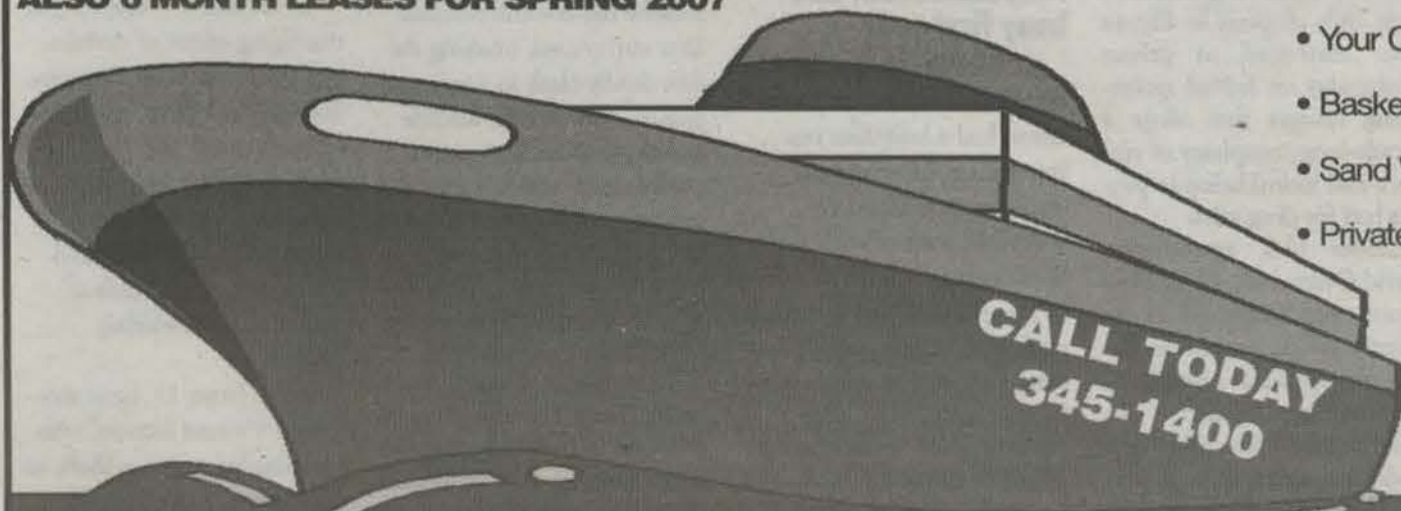
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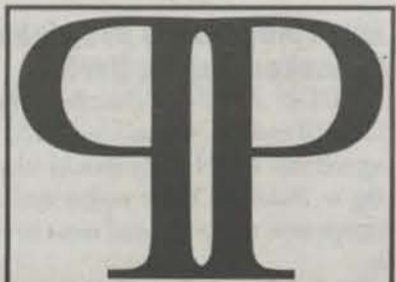
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Investigator blasts 'spider's web' of human rights abuse by Europeans to help CIA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS—Fourteen European nations colluded with U.S. intelligence in a "spider's web" of human rights abuses to help the CIA spirit terror suspects to illegal detention facilities, a European investigator said Wednesday.

Swiss senator Dick Marty's report to Europe's top human rights body was thin on evidence but raises the possibility of a cover-up involving both friends and critics of Washington's war on terror.

It says European governments "did not seem particularly eager to establish" the facts.

The 67-page report, addressed to the 46 Council of Europe member states, will likely be used by the rights watchdog to pressure countries to investigate their suspected role in U.S. rendition flights carrying terror suspects.

Marty's claims triggered a wave of angry denials but also accusations that governments are stonewalling attempts to confront Europe's role in the flights.

"This report exposes the myth that European governments had no knowledge of, or involvement in, rendition and secret detentions," said lawmaker Michael Moore, foreign affairs spokesman for Britain's second opposition party, the Liberal Democrats.

In the strongest allegations so far, Marty said evidence suggests planes linked to the CIA carrying terror suspects stopped in Romania and Poland and likely dropped off detainees there, backing up earlier news reports that identified the two countries as possible sites of clandestine detention centers.

Prosecutors say U.S. Embassy in Philippines obstructing rape trial

MANILA, Philippines—Prosecutors in a rape trial involving four U.S. Marines accused the U.S. Embassy on Wednesday of delaying the proceedings by refusing to allow American Navy investigators to testify.

The judge in the case ordered the embassy to explain the situation after a U.S. Navy investigator who testified for the prosecution Monday was barred from appearing again Wednesday.

U.S. Embassy officials could not immediately be reached for comment on why the investigator did not appear.

Prosecutors allege Lance Cpl. Smith raped a 22-year-old Filipino woman on Nov. 1, while the others, Lance Cpl. Keith Silkwood, Lance Cpl. Dominic Duplantis and Staff Sgt. Chad Carpentier, cheered him on. The rape charges are punishable by up to 40 years in prison.

Agreement made over takeover of peacekeeping in Darfur

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—The U.N. Security Council and the African Union said Wednesday they agreed that a U.N. force should take over peacekeeping in Sudan's Darfur region and that the African troops now on the ground must be reinforced quickly.

Both stressed the Sudanese government must approve the transfer, and were optimistic it would agree.

The regime in Khartoum has been reluctant to accept a U.N. force.

A high-level Security Council delegation, on a 10-day African trip, met with the AU Commission, the 53-member organization's executive body.

Leaders of both said afterward they had mapped out a hand-over plan.

Said Djinnat, commissioner for the AU Peace and Security Council, said it was working to upgrade the 7,000-soldier force so it can carry out all the requirements of the peace agreement signed May 5 by the Sudanese government and the largest rebel group in Darfur.

An AU spokesman in Khartoum, Noureddine Mezni, said leaders of breakaway factions from two Darfur rebel groups that rejected last month's peace accord were expected to endorse the agreement Thursday in Addis Ababa.

Gay marriage ban fails by wide margin in Senate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - No one was surprised by the Senate's rejection of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage on Wednesday. After all, it had failed before.

But for conservative Republicans, the defeat stung this time.

President Bush and the GOP hope to use the 49-48 procedural vote, 11 votes shy of the 60 required to succeed, to mobilize their conservative base of supporters. Instead of mustering the first-ever Senate majority for the amendment, however, they lost votes from their own party, even with the GOP's four-seat gain in the 2004 elections.

Two veteran Republican senators, Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg of New Hampshire and Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, switched their votes from "yes" two years ago to "no." A third Republican, Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, was absent because, ironically, he was traveling with Bush.

Supporters of the amendment noted the net gain of one "yes" vote over the tally two years ago, when 48 senators voted in favor.

Bush suggested the ban was proper and its time would come.

"Our nation's founders set a high bar for amending our Constitution and history has shown us that it can take several tries before an amendment builds the two-thirds support it needs in both houses of Congress," he said.

Democrats suggested it was all about conservative politics.

"Why is it when Republicans are all for reducing the federal government's impact on people's lives until it comes to these stinging litmus test issues, whether gay marriage or end of life they suddenly want the federal government to intervene?" asked Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "It makes no sense other than throwing red meat to a certain constituency."

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The tally Wednesday put the ban 18 votes short of the 67 needed for the Senate to approve a constitutional amendment. It takes two-thirds majorities in both houses of Congress to send a proposed amendment to the states for ratification.

Supporters of the amendment acknowledged disappointment in the vote and, to some extent, Bush's advocacy. "He could have done more, but he doesn't have a vote in this one," Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said of the president.

Despite the defeat, amendment backers insisted progress had been made because the debate over three days raised the issue's profile and will force candidates to answer for their votes on the campaign trail.

"Eventually, Congress is going to have to catch up to the wisdom of the American people or the American people will change Congress for the better," said Sen. David Vitter, R-La.

Added Brownback: "We're not going to stop until marriage between a man and a woman is protected."

Seven Republicans voted to kill the amendment. The five others were Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Susan Collins of Maine, John McCain of Arizona, Olympia Snowe of Maine and John Sununu of New Hampshire.

Gregg said that in 2004, he believed a Massachusetts Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in that state

would undermine the authority of other states, like his, to prohibit such unions.

"Fortunately, such legal pandemonium has not ensued," Gregg said. "The past two years have shown that federalism, not more federal laws, is a viable and preferable approach."

A majority of Americans define marriage as a union of a man and a woman, as the proposed amendment does, according to a poll released this week by ABC News. But an equal majority oppose amending the Constitution over the issue, the poll found.

Forty-five of the 50 states have acted to define traditional marriage in ways that would ban same-sex marriage, 19 with state constitutional amendments and 26 with statutes.

The proposed federal amendment would prohibit states from recognizing same-sex marriages. After approval by Congress, it would have to be ratified by at least 38 state legislatures.

Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska was the only Senate Democrat who supported the amendment. Democrat Robert Byrd of West Virginia voted "yes" on Wednesday's motion to move forward with an up-or-down vote on the amendment but said he opposed the measure itself.

In addition to Hagel, Democrats Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and John Rockefeller of West Virginia did not vote.

STATE

Hells Angels sentenced on racketeering charges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEORIA—Two former leaders of Hells Angels motorcycle club chapters in Illinois were sentenced to prison Wednesday on federal racketeering charges that allege a decade-long conspiracy of violence and intimidation to protect turf for drug sales.

Under plea agreements, David Ohlendorf, 40, of New Lenox, was sentenced to 46 months in prison, while 41-year-old Richard Abrams of Rockford was handed a 36-month term. Each will receive credit for more than a year already served since their arrest in February 2005.

In exchange for their pleas, prosecutors dropped federal drug distribution conspiracy

charges against the men and capped prison terms that could have added years to their sentences.

Ohlendorf, who headed the motorcycle club's Spring Valley chapter, and Abrams, who held leadership roles in both the Spring Valley and Rockford chapters, were among four Hells Angels leaders charged last year after a four-year federal investigation.

State police meth response team has busy first year

SPRINGFIELD—Six Illinois State Police response teams had a busy first year combating the spread of methamphetamine labs statewide, state officials said Wednesday.

The teams of troopers handled 750 meth-related incidents in their first year of operation, made more than 650 arrests and seized nearly 213,000 grams of meth and materials used to make the drug, Gov. Rod Blagojevich's office said in a news release.

The teams were formed in May 2005 in six cities around

the state to help local authorities deal with a skyrocketing number of meth cases, with meth arrests by task forces and city enforcement groups more than doubling from 2000 to 2004.

SIU campus officer shoots deer after run-in with jogger

CARBONDALE—A deer that threatened a jogger and injured a Southern Illinois University police officer was shot by the law enforcer and later euthanized, marking the first deadly clash in a series of run-ins between the wildlife and humans on the campus.

University officials said the officer got between a doe and the jogger Monday night to prevent an attack, near where a deer injured three people May 23.

The officer turned away briefly from the animal and, when he looked back, saw the deer charging, then wounded the animal with a shot.

Wildlife officials found the injured deer Tuesday morning and euthanized it.

The officer was treated at a

hospital for minor injuries to a forearm and was released.

Deer on the campus already had been blamed in attacks on three people in recent weeks, a year after at least seven students and staffers were threatened or injured by overly protective mother does during fawning season.

Former Cicero newsletter editor sentenced in check-writing scheme

CHICAGO—The former managing editor of newsletters published by the corruption-plagued town of Cicero was sentenced Tuesday to more than four years in prison and ordered to pay about \$350,000 restitution for stealing town funds as part of a check-writing scheme.

Judge James D. Egan sentenced Vincent Iaccino, who had pleaded guilty to theft, to 4 1/2 years in prison, said Cook County state's attorney spokesman Andy Conklin, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on its Web site.

Spoo camp teaches fundamentals of game

By BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern football fields will be full of high school football players next week as the Bob Spoo Football Camp kicks off on Monday.

The camp, named after Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo, is taught by Eastern coaches and will begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. Monday, with the last practice taking place Thursday morning.

In between, the campers will take part in two practices on Monday and three practices on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

The morning and afternoon sessions will consist of mostly individual skill work at the position the camper chooses to focus on.

The drills used here work mainly on the basics of the game along with giving the campers a good basis for what being a solid, fundamental football player needs.

"The idea is to teach basic football position skills," Spoo said.

The evening sessions have a different agenda than the other practice sessions. The offensive and defensive linemen work on strength training and weightlifting while the skill position players combine to participate in seven on seven scrimmaging.

Seven on seven is a passing drill that features all the skill positions. On offense, the quarterback, running backs, tight end and wide receivers will run different passing plays against a defense that con-



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coach Bob Spoo addresses the football team after the annual Spring football game April 22, 2006, at O'Brien Stadium. Spoo's annual football camp begins June 12 and runs through June 15.

sists of their linebackers, cornerbacks and safeties.

Generally in seven on seven, there will be a time limit that the quarterback has to throw the ball to take place of what would nor-

mally be an oncoming rush from the defense.

This drill focuses mainly on the timing that it takes to run successful passing plays.

Most of the kids stay on campus

for the duration for the camp.

The camper does have an option, however, to pick a day to attend if they are unable to stay for the full four days.

With most, if not all, the kids

being in high school, the Eastern coaching staff does keep an eye out for potential recruits down the road.

"From time to time there are some kids that are good enough to be recruited," Spoo said.

Astros rookie pitcher gains win, Cubs kept scoreless

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Roger Clemens gets ready to return, the Houston Astros have found someone else to give their pitching rotation a boost.

Chris Sampson tossed seven innings of three-hit ball in his first major league start Wednesday, leading the Houston Astros over the Chicago Cubs 1-0.

"I always expect myself to go out there and compete, succeed and work hard for my teammates," said Sampson, a native of nearby Pasadena, Texas.

"I kept that same approach, just like I do

every other start, in the minor leagues."

Sampson set down the first 11 batters he faced, 10 on groundouts. He walked Michael Barrett with two outs in the fourth, but got Todd Walker to fly out.

Dan Wheeler worked a hitless eighth and Brad Lidge pitched a perfect ninth for his 15th save.

Clemens is due to make his return start at Minute Maid Park on June 22, but manager Phil Garner likes what he's seen lately from his staff without the Rocket.

On Tuesday night, three pitchers combined to scatter seven hits in a 4-1 victory.

"One of our biggest problems is we've

not been able to establish that flow in a game," Garner said. "The last couple nights, that's more the flow we like to see."

Sampson was called up from Triple-A Round Rock on June 2 and made his major league debut later that day, allowing six hits and three runs in 5 1-3 innings of relief against the Cincinnati Reds.

With Roy Oswalt nursing a sore back, manager Phil Garner decided to start Sampson, who was 7-1 with a 2.79 ERA in 10 starts this season with Round Rock.

Sampson (1-0) said he had about 100 friends and family in the stands Wednesday and he put on a show, outdueling Cubs

rookie starter Sean Marshall (3-4).

Of the 21 batters Sampson retired, 16 grounded out. He didn't have any strikeouts, but assisted on six putouts.

"He was very much in control, very composed," catcher Brad Ausmus said.

"He seems to be the type of guy who enjoys the energy of being on the mound."

Ausmus, batting .321 since April 13, led off the third with a long homer off that bounced off the brick facade in left field, his first.

Outside of that mistake, Marshall was just as sharp as Sampson, striking out Morgan Ensberg and Preston Wilson to end the fourth.

Soccer fans eager as World Cup kicks off Friday

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ball has stopped wars and started them, whipsawed financial markets and sent shivers of ineluctable joy and cardiac arrest rippling across entire countries at the same moment.

And the way it rolls at the World Cup means everything.

Because of it, a tenuous truce between the government and rebels in the Ivory Coast holds firm, politics in Mexico worry voters will ignore a presidential election, and several more in Ecuador gladly shelved their campaigns for the coming month.

"Soccer is first. The craziness surrounding soccer is second," Latin American writer and social critic Carlos Monsivais summed up recently. "Then there is the rest of the world."

From Friday until July 9, the globe will spin according to the rhythms of that ball.

Teams from 32 qualifying nations will kick it in a dozen German cities for the singular honor of hoisting a cup.

The trophy stands 14 inches tall, weighs 14 pounds and is made of 18-karat gold.

The real measure of its heft, though, can be found in the scene it depicts: two human figures holding up the Earth.

More than the Olympics and anything short of actual war, it crowns the world's reigning superpower for the next four years.

At least a third of the planet will tune in at some point, making the Super Bowl, what Americans still stubbornly call "football," seem like a pre-party.

"On June 14 at 4 p.m. we expect

an epidemic of unexplained illnesses to appear," Ukrainian Prime Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov said, referring to his country's opening match against Spain, its first-ever in the World Cup.

In the home of the defending champion and only five-time winner, Brazil, both the mood and the economy could hinge on the outcome.

On the eve of the 2002 Cup, a study by HSBC Bank found the stock markets of developed countries that won the World Cup since 1966 outperformed the global average by 9 percent. Even when its team does well, as in the 2002 tournament, America is singularly oblivious.

Writer Adam Gopnik tried to explain why by contrasting the boundless optimism of American sports, plenty of scoring, action for

its own sake, with the low-scoring, often defensive mindset dictated by the game the rest of the world calls football.

"The World Cup is a festival of fate, man accepting his hard circumstances, the near-certainty of his failure. There is, after all, something familiar about a contest in which nobody wins and nobody pots a goal," he wrote in the New Yorker. "Nil-nil is the score of life. This may be where the difficulty lies for Americans, who still look for Eden out there on the ballfield."

This time around, the U.S. team is bolstered by a handful of world-class players and promoted by sponsorship dollars from Nike.

This time around, there are expectations, muted though they might be. In Japan and South Korea, the Americans successfully surfed a wave of upsets all the way to

the quarterfinals. But it's both the curse and blessing of soccer in America that not enough people back home even noticed. A team used to being ignored suddenly turned up on magazine covers, network TV and President Bush's call list. The Germans, staging the Cup for the first time since reunification, have the opposite problem.

The three-time Cup champions and runners-up to Brazil four years ago were handed a place in the field without having to qualify.

Now all that remains for the host country is to walk a fine line between exhibiting too much nationalism and too little, keep hooligans and racist fans from disrupting the matches and terrorists from wreaking havoc, and recoup a \$12 billion investment in infrastructure, security and marketing costs, and win.



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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Howarth scores with new players

■Panthers announce seven new recruits for 2006 season

BY CHRIS SENTEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's men's soccer has announced its first seven recruits for next season.

Head coach Adam Howarth said the recruits include Jim Adece, Nick Bonacker, Ari Horing, Jeff Kupiec, Evan Philpott, Buddy Swartz and Chris Pearson.

"It's tough to make judgments on people that haven't done anything yet, but they're all very qualified, quality players," Howarth said. "Most of these players have got at least All-Sectional, if not All-State credentials, these guys have all played at good levels."

Adece was the Northern Illinois Conference and area assists leader as a senior in 2005. He led his team to the IHSA state title game as team captain.

Adece earned All-State honors from both the *Chicago Tribune* and Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association. Adece is also a five-year member of the Olympic Development Program, helping guide his squad to a championship in 2004. Howarth

believes Adece is a student of the game and has the flexibility to play multiple positions.

"I definitely expect some competition to get some time in," Adece said. "I'd like to get into the starting lineup by the end of the season, when it counts around the conference tournament time."

Nick Bonacker was named captain of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch's* All-Metro Team after earning South Suburban Conference Player of the Year honors. He was a three-time First Team All-SSC selection, and his Lou Fusz club team won three consecutive state titles from 2000-02. Bonacker was also recently chosen to represent the South Boys Team in the 2006 Missouri Athletic All-Star Game.

Ari Horing finished his prep career as the all-time goals leader in Hyman Brand Academy history, scoring 81 times in 50 games. He played on the 2005 U.S. National Maccabiah Youth Soccer Team that took fifth place at the Israel International games. Horing's BV Stars club team was a two-time Kansas State Cup finalist.

Kupiec played for former Panther Jimmy Harkness on the Midwest United club team. As team captain and leading scorer in 2005, he led his squad to a berth

in the state-title round. Kupiec earned All-Area honors from the *Daily Southtown* and *Star Newspapers* as well as All-Sectional recognition from the IHSSCA.

Philpott also earned All-State honors from both the *Chicago Tribune* and IHSSCA as a senior in 2005. He was named All-Central State Eight Conference MVP last fall.

"Coach Howarth is very close to his players, and I knew once I saw how much he was there for his players that I'd want to go there and play for him," Philpott said.

Swartz was a two-time All-Catholic League selection the last two seasons while leading Mt. Carmel to a 2005 league championship. He was named the 2004 Defensive MVP while serving as team captain. Swartz played for Jimmy Harkness on Midwest United as well.

Pearson, a native of Great Britain, captained Emmanuel to a berth in the National Cup semifinals and also helped his Durham County FA squad to a Northern Counties League championship. He was the Under-17 Player of the Year for his Redheugh club team.

"We have a lot of guys returning, but I certainly do expect a lot of these guys to start to contribute," Howarth said. "It's going to be interesting because they are going to put some pressure on the current starters, it's going to make for a very intense preseason."



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Mick Galeski breaks away with control of the ball in the second half of the Oct. 30, 2006, game at Lakeside Field against Venderbilt. Galeski will be returning in the fall with the new recruits for next season.

Intramural participation drops during summer

BY KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

The deadline for intramural sports is June 9, and so far no teams have signed up.

This year, the Student Rec Center is offering men's and women's basketball, coed volleyball and coed softball, but like the past couple years, no one has seemed to take an interest.

According to Kevin Linker, director of Intramural Sports, he and his staff always try to offer the more popular team sports, along with a variety of tournaments.

However, it's been a couple years since anything really happened over summer according to Linker.

"Two years ago, we had 20 guys who really wanted to play organized basketball, so it worked. It's all up to the students," he said.

Despite the lack of interest, Linker has said someone has signed up for a one-day outdoor singles tennis tournament and there's also a single elimination racquetball tournament that begins in July.

Other universities have similar problems getting summer participation in intramural sports as well.

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on-3 basketball tournaments, a dodge ball tournament, sand volleyball and whiffle ball are offered this summer.

Even though Western graduate assistant and intramural volunteer Mike Chadee has said their sand volleyball has been successful, and as far as he knows there have always been people signing up [for intramurals].

"You have to take a look at what you have available, and mold the programs to who's here, because in the summer you have to be more catering to what they want," Chadee said.

Northern Illinois does not offer intramural sports during the summer since they offer so many camps, which bring in more revenue according to Gaylen Mehle, assistant director of intramural sports.

"Nobody's ever talked to me about wanting anything in the summer," Mehle said.

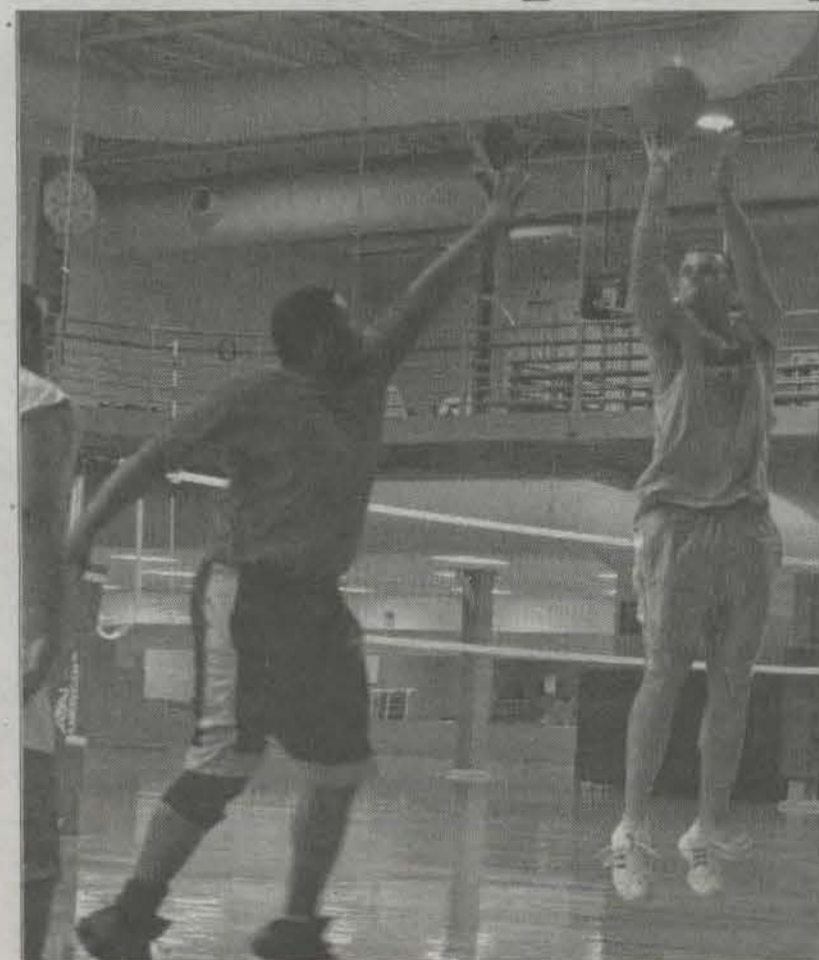
"This is a campsite for cheerleading camps; 75 percent of high schools in Illinois come here some point in time. We probably won't be doing [summer intramurals] in the future, since we'd be losing out with the camps."

A men's and women's softball league, coed volleyball team and an outdoor soccer tournament will take place at Southern Illinois if enough sign up once classes begin Monday.

"It gives them something to do. The relationships they'll make could last a lifetime. Without a question it'll have a strong impact on retention of students," Bill McMinn, director of Intramurals at Southern said.

Linker contributes the drop off in summer intramurals to people wanting to go away for the summer, finding it hard to get people to play or people who will be willing to commit in the summer.

"Participation has always been sporadic," Linker said. "One of the problems we face is students knowing who's available to get on their team."



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Travis Titworth, a natural sciences graduate student, takes a shot over Kenny Phiffer, a sophomore industrial technology major, during a pick-up game at the Student Recreation Center Wednesday afternoon in preparation for basketball intramurals.