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Taxpayers to pay \$80,000 for special session

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD --- In a state where the government plans to spend \$59 billion this year, it's not a lot of money. But taxpayers can expect to cough up at least \$80,000 for this week's special legislative session.

Lawmakers will return to Springfield Wednesday and Thursday at the beck of Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who says they sent him a fiscal blueprint in which expenditures exceed revenues by \$2 billion.

Like anyone on business, Illinois' 118 representatives and 59 senators are entitled to reimbursement for their expenses.

It's \$129 per day for lodging and meals, for a total of \$45,400.

And for hopping in the car and crossing the flat prairie to the capital, each gets 50.5 cents per mile. They'll drive 60,260 miles and get \$30,400 in taxpayer reimbursements, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

Last year, when the General Assembly was in session after its May 31 adjournment deadline, Blagojevich often flew to Springfield and home to Chicago each night, at a cost of nearly \$6,000.

State-owned aircraft operation and lodging for staff members likely will put the total over \$80,000.

That's a fraction of the overall budget cost, which was supposed to take effect with the state's new fiscal year July 1.

The bigger cost might be the emotional toll taken on those under the Capitol dome after last summer's budget standoff between Blagojevich and House Democrats, which is shaping up to be a rerun.

Blagojevich had revenue-generating ideas the Democrat-controlled House rejected. Then the governor threatened \$1.5 billion in cuts, but has since softened his stance.

Not everyone in Springfield is heaving a "here we go again" sigh. Those who run hotels or restaurants are rolling out the welcome mat.

That's all well and good, says Sen. Larry Bomke, a Springfield Republican. But his idea of economic development is more along the lines of Blagojevich's \$34 billion statewide construction plan, which passed the Senate before dying in the House.

"We're the only ones benefiting when we're in session," said Bomke, who does not take the \$129 per diem. "It just costs extra money."

Legislators are reimbursed for one round trip per week between home and the Capitol.

On average a lawmaker's round trip is 340 miles, for a reimbursement check of \$172, according to the analysis. The longest trip belongs to Republican Rep. JoAnn Osmond of Antioch, who will put in nearly 500 miles on the road.

The Internal Revenue Service last month increased the tax-deductible allowance for business mileage 8 cents, to 58.5 cents.

Culture versus college

Health lifestyles in comparison

By Derrick L. Johnson II
Staff Reporter
and
Rick Kambic
Editor-In-Chief

In many ways Adam Polensky is an average college student. He attends class. He studies for exams. He enjoys being with his friends in his spare time.

Polensky, who is a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, has other things in common with his fellow students besides academics and socializing. Like many other young adults in Illinois Polensky does not get enough physical activity.

"It depends on school," Polensky said. "I play volleyball two times a week and I think that's enough."

Dawn Wilcox, the nutrition education coordinator at Eastern's Health Education Resource Center, said that students should participate in 30 minutes of physical activity each day. This averages out to three and a half hours a week.

Studies conducted by the Center for Disease Control in 2005 show that only 56.3 percent of 18 to 24 year olds living in the state of Illinois were receiving the recommended amount of physical activity, while 35.8 percent were getting an insufficient amount and 20.1 percent were not participating in any physical activity.

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ILLUSTRATION BY ADAM TEDDER

Rockin' Rothbury delivers, may return

Music festival held in Michigan draws crowd

By Thomas Stevens
Opinions Editor

The imposing forest of pine trees turned from violet to green to red to blue again and again.

Geometric forms resembling fractals were floating in mid-air, glowing like slowly revolving phosphorescent sea life.

Smells of flavored tobaccos and patchouli, among others, came and went in the dark. Music came from just beyond the trees; this area was dubbed the Sherwood Forest, the main conduit between stages at the Rothbury Music Festival.

Thousands of people from all walks of life traveled the length together each night as tens of thousands migrated from stage to stage to see the latest musical offering.

Hosted at the Double JJ Ranch, Waterpark & Golf Resort just outside of Rothbury, Mich. population 457, the artist lineup was extraordinarily diverse. More than 70 acts, ranging from Atmosphere to Zappa Plays Zappa graced five stages during the sunny four-day event. The Dave Matthews Band headlined the event.

There was also a Think Tank series "Finding Energy Independence," a symposium-like series of



THOMAS STEVENS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

People napping in hammocks set up in the trees of the Sherwood Forest in Rothbury, Mich. on Saturday, July 5.

events headed by Stephen Schneider, a Stanford University professor and expert on climate change science.

Double JJ owner Bob Lipsitz was enthusiastic about the success of the festival and said that he is more than willing to host another festival next year.

Madison House Productions, the publicity company for the event

aims to double the attendance next year.

"It was fantastic," said Lipsitz. "It's a great opportunity for everyone in the Midwest."

The festival was of national importance, by most accounts. Tickets were sold in all 50 states. One of the main goals of the festival was to have zero-waste, or as close to it as

possible.

To achieve this goal, organizers placed 2,000 50-gallon bins throughout the grounds in color-coded clusters of three, each respectively designated landfill, recycle and compost.

Volunteers were posted at each of the waste stations to help the Rothburians properly dispose of their trash.

Unlike most major music festivals where the grounds are littered with garbage during and after, Lipsitz said the grounds were "remarkably clean."

Nick Morales, a senior MIS major at Eastern, was among those in attendance at the festival and agreed that the Rothbury grounds were remarkably free of litter, unlike other major music festivals that he frequents.

He said that organizers were able to get everyone involved in the process of reducing waste through the volunteers posted at disposal sites and prizes for those who helped pick up trash.

"They were all about the green thing," Morales said. Even though large portions of the crowd may not have been into sorting their trash at every trip to the garbage can the volunteers "made it really easy."

Even the artists were by the cleanliness of the festival.

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TUESDAY



87° | 71°

Thunderstorms

WEDNESDAY

83° | 66°



THURSDAY

85° | 65°



WEATHER THIS WEEK

The bad weather will stick around for a bit longer, with thunderstorms today and Wednesday. The rain will clear out on Thursday and the skies will remain cloudy until the late weekend, when it will begin to rain again.

» Rothbury

FROM FRONT PAGE

Orlando Harrison, keyboard player for the Brixton, UK-based acidhouse/blues/alretnative Alabama 3, notable for their song 'Woke Up This Morning,' the theme song for The Sopranos, leered at the stage on Saturday afternoon that would be theirs that night and admitted, "no one knows who we are aside from that song. Anyway, it's really very nice here, isn't it?"

Unlike the crowd, many of the bands were only temporary visitors that showed up to play their sets only to immediately leave for other obligations.

Harrison explained that A3 had just arrived from Chicago by way of the Summerfest festival in Milwaukee, and had to leave after their show to make it to New York on Sunday afternoon.

The 200 acres of campgrounds more closely resembled a giant grassy parking lot than traditional campgrounds. The vast majority of the attendees slept in tents, RVs or on-site lodging.

Dozens of Michigan State Police cars that constantly meandered through the campgrounds, which

became something of a maze after it was filled to capacity, handled major infractions. Officers in red shirts on horseback that were brought in from all over the country provided the rest of the security detail.

Arrests remained low, as police were targeting those selling large amounts of drugs and intervening disorderly conduct violations. There were 17 reported arrests by Sunday.

Attendance numbers have not been released but festival officials estimate the number at just shy of 40,000.

The small town of Rothbury lies in western Michigan among the blueberry and strawberry farms that dot the landscape. Rothbury is its own municipality located within the larger, more sizeable boundaries of New Era, Mich.

Rothbury was formed in 1964 because of a law that banned sales of alcohol by the glass. Some of the thirteenth New Era residents packed up and settled about five miles down the road in what is now Rothbury.

Mark Nelson, owner of the Rothbury Tavern, explained that his bar was the epicenter of Rothbury when the town was formed, that Rothbury was basically built around the tavern.

The by-the-glass law was repealed

in the '70s but the town remains.

Across the street from the tavern is a gas station, next to that is a hardware store. These three businesses are huddled around the only intersection with a traffic light in town, a blinking stop sign. Morgan's Kountry Kitchen lies just down the road and expanded to handle the influx of visitors to Rothbury.

The small diner added two outdoor patios with tables and chairs under a tarp to accommodate extra business. The business never arrived.

When they didn't get the business they expected, the waitresses used the plastic tables to play Yatzee on Friday night. The Rothbury Tavern even experienced less business than usual during the festival, which Nelson attributed to the vastly increased police presence.

"The regulars just haven't been around," said Nelson, "They're kind of hiding until this is all over."

Most of the complaints that came from these locals had to do with the noise being louder than anticipated and festival goers using their yards as shortcuts to the venues, which were a half hour walk from the far side of the campgrounds.

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» Culture

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Physical activity does not have to be working-out," he said. "Students may engage in activities such as walking, taking the stairs or aerobics in small increments during the day. Any activity is better than none."

While physical activity is a major part of maintaining health, it is not the only part. What students eat is just as important as how much activity they get each day, Wilcox said.

"Students should strive to follow the MyPyramid recommendations which include two to four cups of fruit, three to five cups of vegetables, six cups grains with three cups whole grain, three ounces of meat/beans, and three servings of dairy," Wilcox said.

MyPyramid is an online program that was developed by the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. The Web site allows people to measure their food intake and physical activity. MyPyramid also allows people to measure how much they should receive from each of the food groups.

"In Brazil, fruits and vegetables tend to be very cheap compared to industrialized products like pop," Fabio Fontana said. "Because of that, people tend to eat more fruits and vegetables than people do here."

Fontana, an assistant professor of Kinesiology and Sports Studies, said fast food restaurants are also different in Brazil and do not cater to consumers as much as in America.

"Fast food restaurants are really expensive in Brazil," he said. "It's a lot of times more expensive to go to McDonalds in Brazil than it is to go to a fancy Brazilian restaurant that serves beans, meats and salads-things that are a lot healthier."

Fontana earned his bachelor's degree in Brazil and after moving to America he earned his master's and

his doctoral degrees.

"In Brazil, you have a two hour break for lunch, so unless you live in a really large city you tend to eat with your family for breakfast, lunch and dinner," Fontana said.

Along with poor diet, poor portion control is also a large factor in the weight gain among college students as well.

This is another problem for Polensky, who said that he only eats two meals a day. This is largely because of his schedule that rarely allows him to eat breakfast.

"I'll have a granola bar probably two days out of the week because I have early morning classes," Polensky said.

"It's extremely important to have three big meals and two snacks," Fontana said. "A lot of times when you only have one big meal you tend to increase the amount of unhealthy snacks to make up for missed calories during the day."

Along with eating portions that are too large or not eating enough, students also eat when it is not necessary. Fontana said families usually helped prevent some of the bad habits that students learn while in college.

"There are many advantages to eating with a family," Fontana said. "One is food choice; a family will tend to see (dinner) as important and will prepare a better meal and secondly, it will keep you away from the television. If you're paying attention to the television then you're not paying attention to how full you are and you tend to eat more."

Calories gained from juice, soda and alcoholic beverages are also major factors in the weight gain among college students, according to Wilcox.

"There is the benefit that you have better nutrients in the juice than in the pop," Fontana said. "A common confusion is that people think drinking the juice is the same as eating the fruit, but it is not the same because

of a lack of fiber, which is very important.

"The biggest problem is that many of the juices sold in the United States have a lot of sugar, not as much as pop but still in large amounts," Fontana said. "Because people consider that to be healthy, they drink more of it."

Gatorade tends to be problematic as well, Fontana said. Because Gatorade bottles are so large, the amount of sugar tends to be the same amount as in a 20-ounce bottle of pop.

Fontana said that drinking one 20-ounce bottle of pop, which has 70 grams of sugar, every day for a week is the equivalent of eating a pound of sugar. He said those calories, when combined with sugar from other daily foods, can really provide weight gain problems and diabetic concerns.

One way to avoid unhealthy weight gain, students should drink more water. Students should drink 64 ounces to 72 ounces of water each day or more depending on their level of physical activity, Wilcox said.

Sleep is also important to a body's health. Fontana said people actually gain more weight by staying up and depriving themselves of sleep because a chemical called Leptin is not released. Leptin allows the body to control appetite and it's mostly released during periods of evening sleep.

Sleep deprivations have safety concerns as well.

"Consistent sleep deprivation for several days may have the same effect on your reaction time as being drunk," Fontana said. "If you don't sleep well for three or four days and you have to drive, especially during the night, you may be putting yourself and society as a whole in a lot of danger."

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Top country singers perform at festival

Covington, McDaniel entertain thousands at Red, White, and Blue Days

By **Ashlei Maltman**
City Reporter
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Over 3,500 people were at Morton Park to watch American Idol finalist, Bucky Covington, for July 4 Red, White, and Blue Days.

Covington was the eighth-place finalist during the fifth season of American Idol and now is a touring country music singer.

"We estimated approximately 3,500 people present for the Bucky Covington show on Thursday evening (July 3rd) and approximately 2,000 for the Mel McDaniel show on Friday afternoon," said Mark Jen-

kins, Charleston police chief.

According to Jenkins, Mike Zieba, owner of Z's Music, booked the acts for this year's festivities. The city paid \$17,000 for Covington and \$9,000 for McDaniel, Jenkins said.

"It's amazing to me," McDaniel said. "I'm so thankful and grateful that I have a fan base that would drive as far as Kansas to see me."

Working on July 4 is typically normal for McDaniel. Because of a busy schedule, McDaniel said he was unable to experience any Charleston restaurants or establishments.

"We usually get to see the fireworks because our performances tend to be during the night time," McDaniel said after the performance.

"However today was an afternoon show and were on our way to Oklahoma (for performances)."

Besides the performances, there was also a section for the children.

"As for the kid's inflatable section at the park on July 4th, we had

a record turnout," said Karen Petersen, special events and tourism supervisor.

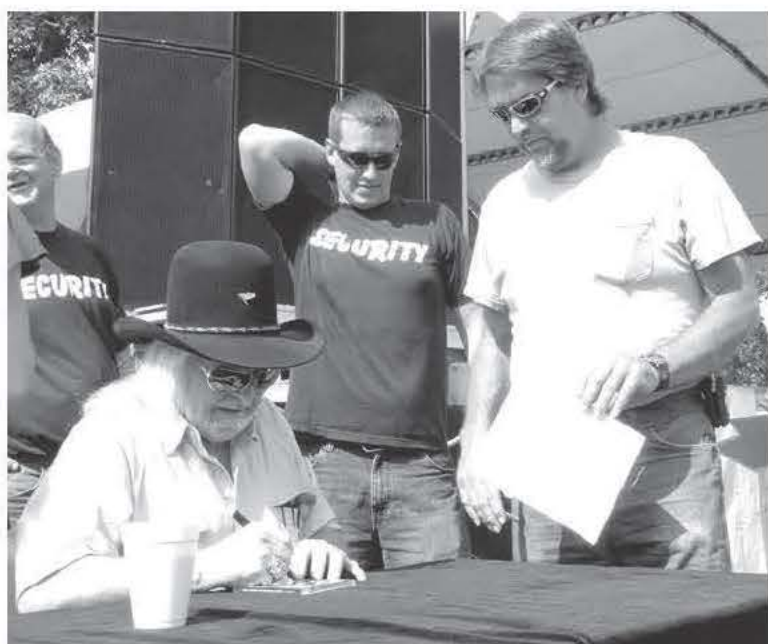
"Over 400 kids really seemed to have fun on the giant slide, the bungee run and in the bounces houses. Proceeds from the inflatable games help fund Red, White and Blue Days."

There was also a foam pit for the children, as well as training boxes that firefighters would usually use to simulate small environment movement.

A fire truck was also on scene allowing children to take turns spraying the hose while others jumped through the water to cool off.

Jenkins said the weekend was fairly uneventful and there were no parking tickets issued related to July 4 activities.

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Singer Mel McDaniel signs autographs after the July 4 concert at Morton Park. McDaniel said his biggest fanbase has come from the MySpace Web site. However, he said among the 1,800 accounts that are friends with his account, many of them are organizations seeking to hire him for events. McDaniel said MySpace has made scheduling easier.

Eastern provides protection against computer viruses

Top anti-virus software has kept the university's hardware safe for 10 years

By **Ashlei Maltman**
City Reporter

Last week, a faculty member at Eastern received an e-mail that looked quite suspicious. The e-mail said her account had been used to send an unsolicited amount of messages and it was signed 'the EIU Support Team'.

The faculty member said she is not worried, however, because "this happens all of the time."

Greg DeYoung of Information Technology Services said there has been one minor virus outbreak in the past 10 years at Eastern, but it was quickly contained and fixed.

When this happens, the computer that is infected can be disconnected from the network so that it cannot spread the viruses throughout the network.

If the proper security is not set on a computer, especially a Windows PC, a hacker can break into that computer and use it to send e-mails, from anywhere in the world, said Doug Lawhead, who is with Macintosh Support in the College of Arts and Humanities.

DOUG LAWHEAD | MACINTOSH SUPPORT IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

"Don't respond to anything that seeks any type of personal information especially if its stuff showing up in e-mails because legitimate businesses just don't do that."

When the faculty member e-mailed the message in question to Lawhead, he realized that it was sent from a med.umich.edu account (medical center at the University of Michigan), but was signed the EIU Support Team.

"I noticed the sender was not the signer and I know for a fact there is no such animal on the Eastern campus as the eiu.edu support team," Lawhead said.

Eastern's only service is the Help desk, and it would have been signed accordingly if it was from them.

Lawhead also noticed there was a zip file attached, but it would not open on Macintosh computers, which says it is a damaged file.

"I suspect that if you open that file on a Windows PC, you might get entirely different results," Lawhead said. "Who knows what's going to happen."

Lawhead said always be suspicious if you get an e-mail saying your computer is sending e-mails because other computers would not

know that.

In a lot of e-mail software you can set your option to view long headers, which show you information about the Internet protocol identification number for the sending computer. In some cases, you can even view the servers it was sent through to get to your computer.

When Lawhead looked at the long header in this particular e-mail, he noticed it was sent from an Internet service provider near Fresno, California.

"This e-mail address is probably a valid e-mail address," Lawhead said.

Upon investigation, he saw that there was an employee at the University of Michigan in the Medical Department, with the same last name as the sent e-mail.

"Anyone can use anyone's e-mail address and send stuff like this from anywhere on the planet," Lawhead said. "And on just the initial glance, it will look like it came from that guy but it actually came from someone on the oth-

er side of the planet."

Anyone who might get this e-mail, or one similar to it should delete the message and the attachment to avoid accidentally sending it elsewhere, Lawhead said.

"It can be very dangerous if you just blindly opening this stuff if you don't know who the sender is," Lawhead said.

There has been just one faculty member that has reported getting this e-mail so far, but others could have deleted it without knowing.

"Don't respond to anything that seeks any type of personal information especially if its stuff showing up in e-mails because legitimate businesses just don't do that," Lawhead advised. "Its just using common sense when you're on the Internet doing anything."

For students, Eastern has purchased Symantec antivirus software, which is a free download.

"Symantec does constant and periodic scans," DeYoung said. "There are such things called Zero day viruses, which have not been reported and therefore cannot be detected and scanned by antivirus software. However, Symantec does a great job at giving us up-to-minute updates."

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PROBLEMS AT THE PUMP

Gas pumps around Mississippi have recently begun to feature a new sticker, albeit one less shocking than the bottom line of your receipt. The state legislature recently rewrote the rules defining allowable gasoline mixtures, opening the door for producers to blend in up to 10 percent ethanol. While it's true that the use of ethanol could potentially reduce oil prices, bring us a step closer towards energy independence and provide a renewable energy source, corn-based ethanol has some important downsides to consider.

Agriculture Secretary Edward Schaffer estimates that biofuel production is responsible for 2 to 3 percent of the global price hike, a negligible impact. The United Nations, however, sees a much greater danger.

Special rapporteur on the right to food Jean Ziegler believes the switch to biofuel could upset the global market, leading to starvation in poor countries. A grain market tightened by ethanol production not only increases corn prices, but also those for cattle feed.

The International Food Policy Research Institute estimates that biofuels could bump corn prices by 26 to 72 percent over the next dozen years, depending on how much biofuel expansion actually takes place.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that biofuels are already reducing the demand for imported crude by a million barrels a day, and their impact on oil prices may be positive.

But before you fill up with a tank of 10 percent ethanol, remember that short-term solutions to the energy problem may affect more than just the price of a fill-up. Clean your plate and drain your tank; there may be children going hungry on the other side of the planet.

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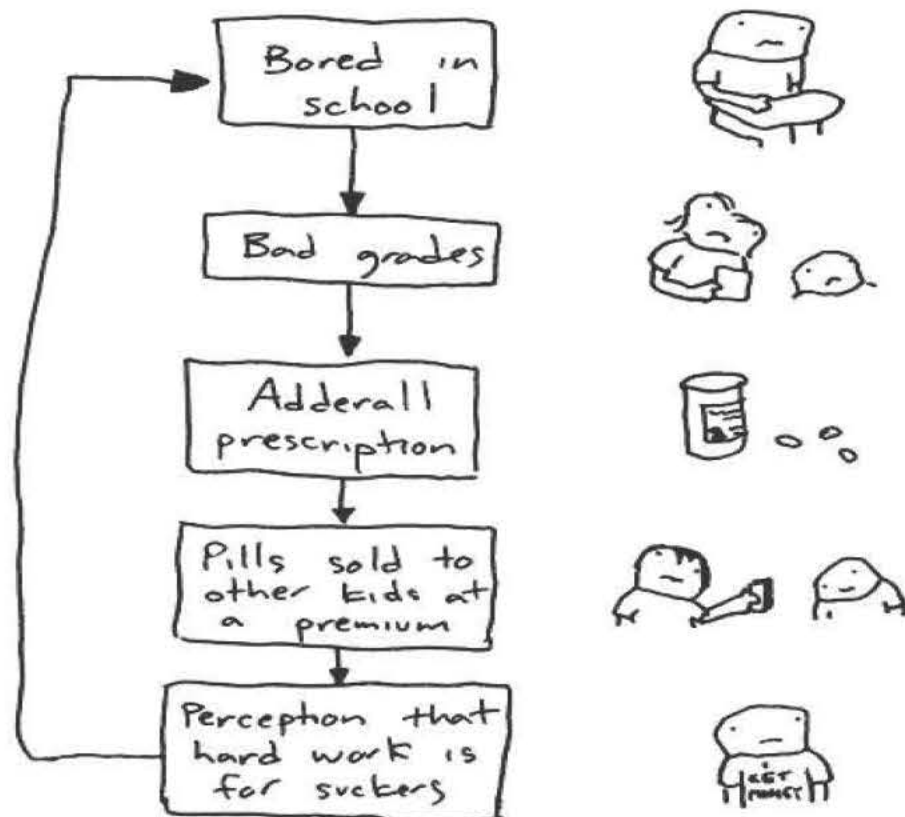
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Toothpaste for Dinner

The number of job-seeking teenagers has declined rapidly over the past twenty years. Here's why.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Budget director start date passes, still vacant

Eastern has been without a permanent budget director for some time now, and some of us are getting a little worried about that fact.

Maybe it's the illuminating fact that the state of Illinois is a little uncertain about its own budget, which usually comes back to us in the form of less appropriations.

We don't hold any grudges with the university administration for we see a few positives to this situation. But simply put, the administration needs to know that constituents are paying attention and holding their breath with every bit of news.

Now, it's not the person who is looking after the budget department

that we're worried about; he is well qualified and knows what he is doing. It's the fact that financial uncertainties invoke fear in those who pay tuition and those who receive paychecks from Eastern.

Plus, it's extra stress on a person who wanted to be enjoying a relaxing two-week cruise by now.

William Weber has been the interim budget director since October 2007. He is also an associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

Lucky for Eastern, Weber finds the job interesting and he had some prior experiences with fiscal calculations during his regular job. For the time being, we're in good hands, but the man has three quarters of another job to do.

Lucky for Weber, his bosses in the Academic Affairs department took some of the pressure off by reassigning 25 percent of his noncritical responsibilities.

The budget isn't something that is pieced together willy-nilly, it's planned years ahead, then carefully revised as the fiscal year approaches. But for the last two summers, the state has failed to

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Business Affairs originally set a start date for a new budget director as July 1 but Eastern still hasn't hired anyone.

• **Stance:** Because we live in such an uncertain time, fiscally, the administration should know that we support it even though we're worried.

deliver a budget on time, which directly impacts a state-funded institution like Eastern.

Maybe the university does indeed have some-

one hired, but is reluctant to release a name because Weber would be better suited to deal with any budget

fiascoes handed down from the General Assembly.

It would be unreasonable to have a new director deal with budget constraints on his or her first week at Eastern when Weber has been involved in the process for over six months.

Business Affairs had hoped to fill the position by July 1, but one can only guess when the hiring will become official.

More than likely, this vacant position could be just another sign of an already weakening economy; something that we may not be able to afford.

Jeff Cooley, the vice president for Business Affairs, is planning to retire in December.

Weber is interim budget director because former budget director Jim Shonkwiler retired.

Cooley and Weber work out of the same department in Old Main, which is sure to be a little strained at present.

What will happen if Cooley's replacement takes as long to find as Shonkwiler's?

Uncertainty is the ultimate fear for everyone

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Pride Parade

Sunday, June 29, Chicago held their 39th annual Gay Pride Parade. I was fortunate enough to be able to go and see it first hand this year.

In my head, I knew the parade would be different from a regular parade that would happen in any town, but I was not expecting this. It was absolutely amazing.

The first thing that anyone would have noticed was all of the colors.

There were so many rainbows that when I closed my eyes that night, I still saw rainbow flags. I was almost unable to take it all in.

What also stuck out to me were all of the churchgoers and parents marching in the parade.

Knowing such people could be proud of their children and fellow church members made me so happy.

Knowing people in the gay community are being more accepted by different groups of people gave me hope that equality is on the way.

Everyone there had a smile. They were not just happy to be there; they were proud to be there. So was I.

Each float had different music to go with it and it helped each float stick out from the others.

It was fun to hear one float playing country, the next playing rap, and the next playing square-dancing music.

Another thing that made me smile was watching everyone leap into the air for free merchandise being thrown into the crowd.

Almost every group in the parade was passing out bead necklaces and it was funny watching so many people dive and reach for them. I got 16.

Dan Koteski, president of Pride at Eastern, said, "The Chicago parade is one of the biggest parties in the Midwest." There were around 450,000 people last year, according to Koteski, and the number grows each year.

It was also nice to see that everyone there was friendly. Anyone in the crowd or in the parade would stop and smile for a camera.

Getting pulled up on a float to dance was mind-blowing. It was also rather exciting when I heard the girl I was dancing with say I moved nicely and then she took a picture with me.

Some are concerned the parade is becoming too commercialized, but I agree with Koteski, who said, "It just makes the parade longer, and therefore more fun."

I was happy to see the commercial aspect did not overshadow the substantive side of the parade.

Doug DiBianco, faculty advisor for Pride at Eastern, said that Pride provides a safe and educational environment for LGBT and anyone who is interested.

That is how the parade felt for me. With no prejudice among so many people, I felt safe and I felt that I could be who I wanted to be.

There was no worrying about what people would say about my "I Love Girls" shirt and it felt good to wear a rainbow with pride instead of fear.

I come from a small town where homosexual tolerance is minimal, and seeing an entire parade and so many people who are comfortable with their sexuality and with so many people in support of them was absolutely amazing.

-Ashlei Maltman is a junior journalism major and can be reached at 581-7942.



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A young girl waves an American flag at the participants of the parade.



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Two beauty pageant contestants throw small toys instead of candy to parade attendees.



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A young girl looks through her bag to see what candy she collected during the parade.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAYS PARADE



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An American soldier carries a flag during Friday's parade.

By Erin Matheny
Online Editor

Charleston residents took their Fourth of July festivities outside as they attended the annual Red, White and Blue Days in Morton Park.

The theme for this year was “Celebrate Charleston,” and with a parade, concerts, food and other events, it certainly was a celebration.

There were a variety of floats and participants at the parade Friday afternoon, including political candidates, scout troops, bands, veterans, and more.

Kids excitedly picked up treats and toys thrown from people in the parade.

Events in the park consisted of a foam pit, bounce houses, all-you-can-eat ice cream, and concerts, among other things.

The U.S.A.’s birthday party started early on July 3 and ended on July 4 with fireworks at the Coles County Airport.



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Charleston firefighter Jared Meinhart helps kids operate a fire hose following the parade.



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A young girl plays in the foam pit with other children in the park.

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The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS ---The airplane carrying Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama made a precautionary landing in St. Louis on Monday after the crew had a problem keeping the nose up on takeoff from Chicago.

The plane, an MD-80 Midwest charter, struggled to keep the nose at the necessary angle, as it left for Charlotte, N.C., the pilot said. Later, Midwest Airlines said the problem developed because an emergency slide located in the tail cone of

the plane deployed in flight and never threatened the safety of the flight. The National Transportation Safety Board said it planned to investigate the incident.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said the plane did not declare an emergency but "requested a diversion for mechanical issues they called a flight control problem."

After landing, Obama read the paper in the front cabin, but ventured briefly to chat with the press at one point.

"I just thought we'd spice things

up a little bit today," Obama joked.

The Illinois senator and a small entourage eventually left the plane to wait out the maintenance at a local hotel; the North Carolina trip was postponed. But he called the Charlotte event to apologize for his absence and summarize his speech on the nation's economic woes. He expanded on that economic message later to his traveling press corps here in Missouri, a battleground state he hopes to win in the fall.

"I'm so sorry that I'm not down there," Obama said in the telephone call. "We had a little glitch in our

plane." He promised to visit Charlotte soon.

Obama had two fundraisers in Atlanta scheduled for Monday evening.

Upon takeoff from Chicago, passengers had felt the plane dip briefly, causing a stomach-rolling sensation like being on a roller coaster, but the unexpected movement didn't alarm the frequent fliers on board.

Later, the pilot said, "We detected a little bit of controllability issue in terms of our ability to control the aircraft in the pitch, which is the nose up and nose down mode," His

name was not released in accordance with Midwest policy.

"The autopilot and the aircraft are just fine. As we descended, whatever was inhibiting our ability has now been rectified. However, just for safety purposes we are going to be stopping in St. Louis and making sure that there's nothing binding our controls," he said.

The landing at 9:51 a.m. CDT was normal. Obama, his staff, the Secret Service entourage and the press sat on the plane for over an hour as it was being checked out at Lambert Airport.

» Swinging

FROM BACK PAGE

The Wizards are currently in last place in the East Division with a record of 7-15.

Ryan Lindquist and Matt Miller are also participating in the New York Collegiate League. Both players earned a spot on the Allegany County Nitros' roster.

Lindquist leads the team with a batting average of .375. He is 21-

for-56 with seven doubles, 16 runs scored and two homeruns.

Lindquist was named the West Division Player of the week for the first week of the season.

Miller is 3-2 with a 3.86 ERA in only six appearances. He has struck out 14 batters with only five walks in 21 innings.

Both players were named the

West Division Pitcher of the Week in just the first week of the season.

The Nitros are currently in fourth place in the West Division with a 10-10 record.

Hitting sensation Brett Nommensen is with the Edenton Steamers in North Carolina for the summer.

He has a batting average of .389

with a team high of 21 runs scored and 12 stolen bases.

Nommensen also has eight extra-base hits and two homeruns.

The Steamers went 20-7 winning the North Division for the first half of the season.

The Steamers, currently 21-8, are ranked seventh nationally among the Top 16 summer league teams in the

country in the Perfect Game Cross-checker poll.

The Steamers have won an automatic bid into the Pettit Cup Tournament in Columbia, S.C., by winning the first half of the season.

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SUMMER CAMP | VOLLEYBALL

Setting new heights

Eastern camp imparts skill to young girls

By Bob Bajek
Sports Reporter

Volleyball head coach Lori Bennett and her athletes are running the Volleyball All Skills and Team Tournament camps this week.

The skills camp is Monday through Wednesday for individual athletes. About 80 girls from fifth through 12th grade are participating. The campers will be taught strategic formations, proper technique, serving and setting.

The Team Tournament camp is a new format Bennett decided to change from the Team Camp this year. Junior varsity and varsity teams will compete and it will run Friday through Saturday.

"We had only two or three teams signed up for the (team) camp," Bennett said. "We changed it to a tournament format to bring in more teams."

According to assistant volleyball coach Amy Schreiber, championship t-shirts will be available for the winning team of the tournament.

For the skills camp, the athletes are divided into groups by age and skill level. Bennett said that the younger girls will work more on basic technique while the older girls focus on teamwork and offensive and defensive formations.

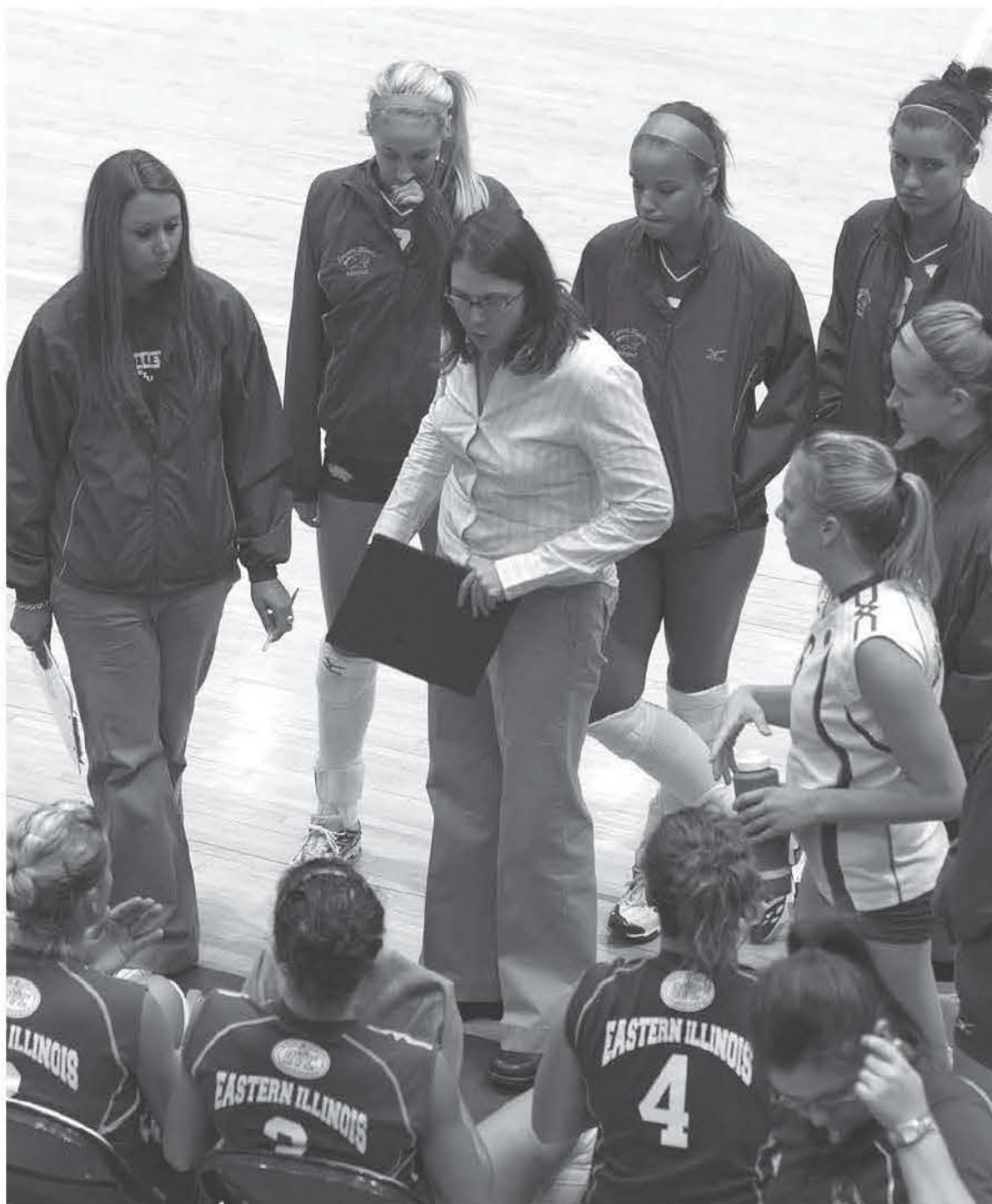
Many of the girls were from surrounding towns while some took longer drives to attend the camp. Mattie Watts, 17, drove two and a half hours from Marseilles.

"I decided to go because my sister Shanel attends Eastern," Watts said.

One camp returnee is Cara Springman of Sullivan. Springman, 14, said she thinks the coaches are nice and she loves the scrimmages.

"I need to get better with my serves because the nets are higher," Springman said.

One major focus of the skills camp is setting. Bennett described the proper technique she and her coaches teach the girls.



FILE PHOTO

Volleyball head coach Lori Bennett talks with her team during a time out in Lantz Arena. Bennett will be hosting two volleyball camps this week with the help of assistant coach Amy Schreiber and five Panther players.

"You have to have ball shaped hands, push hands off early, hit the ball when it's at your forehead and extend arms with contact," Bennett said.

Besides Bennett and Schreiber, five Panthers from the team will help coach at the camps. Sophomore outside hitter Kelsey Orr is coaching her first camp.

"The girls are so high energy so I

will have a blast," Orr said. "I love kids and teaching volleyball is a bonus."

Orr said that being at the camp instructing girls on basic technique will help her remember her fundamentals because she struggles with proper serving. Orr said serving is a four-step process. One part she usually forgets is to load her arms in a bow

and arrow position for more power. "That is probably the biggest fault of volleyball players," Orr said.

Orr said she is glad that she is working as part of a coaching team with her fellow Panthers before the season, and hopes this translates into a closer trust on the court.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Athletics get new look for '08-09

Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke has announced there will be several staff changes for the athletic department.

Two new faces will be seen this fall with the hiring of Clint Bays and Aaron Haselhorst.

Bays was hired as Eastern's new coordinator of equipment and stadium facilities. He is a certified athletic equipment manager through AEMA, and holds both a bachelor's and masters degree from Eastern. Bays worked as an equipment manager for the Panther football team last season.

Haselhorst was hired as a new athletic trainer after working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Eastern for the past two years. He has a bachelor's from Nebraska-Omaha and masters from Eastern.

During his two years at Eastern, Haselhorst has been a trainer for softball, men's and women's tennis and wrestling, along with completing a summer internship with the New England Patriots.

Two other changes that will be made to the athletic department are the titles and responsibilities of current members Mary Wallace and Rich Moser.

Moser will hold the title of Eastern's director of media and public relations. He has just finished his second year as the Panthers' sports information director.

Before coming to Eastern, Moser spent six and a half years as an assistant sports information director at Gonzaga University. He will continue to oversee the Eastern sports information department including the expansion of the Panthers' athletic Web site www.eiupanthers.com.

Wallace is expanding her administrative role in the athletic department as senior woman administrator. Wallace had been the women's head track and field coach since 2003 while also serving as the SWA for the past three years. She was named the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor and Outdoor Coach of the Year in 2007.

In her new role as assistant athletic director and SWA, she will oversee men's and women's basketball, volleyball, and softball. Wallace will also be handling all gender equity and new hires for the Panther athletic department.

Football schedule change

The Eastern Illinois football game against University of Tennessee-Martin has been changed from Saturday, Oct. 11 to Thursday, Oct. 9.

This schedule change has been made to accommodate the Skyhawks' fall break, according to Eastern's athletic department.

Kickoff will be at 6 p.m. at Hardy M. Graham Stadium in Martin, Tenn.

Compiled by Sports Editor Molly Clutter.

BASEBALL | UPDATE

Summer bats still swinging

Eastern has strong showings in summer leagues

By Molly Clutter
Sports Editor

Eastern baseball player Tristan Facer has recently signed with the Evansville Otters of the Frontier League.

Facer is listed on the roster as a pitcher for the Otters.

He was one of Eastern's top two-way players this spring by pitching and playing first base, as well as being a designated hitter.

Facer played for the University of

Evansville in 2007 after transferring from Parkland College in Champaign, Ill.

The Evansville Otters compete in the West Division of the Frontier League against teams such as Gateway Grizzlies (Sauget, Ill.), River City Rascals (O'Fallon, Mo.) and Windy City Thunderbolts (Crestwood, Ill.)

The Otters were named the Frontier League Champions in 2006 and finished the 2007 season with a record of 34-62.

The Otters are in sixth place in their division as of July 7 with a record of 20-25.

Facer completed his college eligibility this past spring with a 5.91 earned run average, 37 strikeouts,

and a batting average of .266.

In-state ball

Freshmen pitcher Mike Martin is currently leading the Melrose Indians with a 0.81 ERA. Martin has struck out 20 batters while surrendering only 10 hits in 17 2/3 innings pitched. The Indians are currently in second place with an 11-6 record in the Northern Division of the Chicago Suburban League.

Junior Brian Morrell is pitching for the Quincy Gems and has a 2.70 ERA with a batting average against of .233. He has struck out 23 batters over 26 2/3 innings.

Morrell also struck out eight and gave up only three hits over 6 1/3 innings in a victory over Jor-

dan Tokarz' DuPage County Dragons June 7.

Tokarz is currently batting .171 and ranks third on his team with 10 RBIs. Four of his 12 hits have gone for extra bases.

The Dragons are currently in second place with a record of 12-11 just ahead of Morrell's Gems, which have a 10-14 record earning them fourth place.

East coast ball

Jordan Kreke is leading the Watertown Wizards of Watertown N.Y. with a .356 batting average. Kreke is 21-for-59 with six RBIs and six runs scored.

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Workers finish putting up the copper siding of the southeast corner of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Nov. 6, 2007. The construction of the building has affected students who must travel elsewhere for class as well as students who walk around the construction on their way through campus.

Newly-finished Doudna to open

After a few delays, Doudna finally sees Eastern faculty moving into the buildig

By Nora Maberry
Staff Reporter

JEFF COOLEY | VICE-PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS

"You may see gates open in the evenings but that is because contractors are in there working late in the evenings and working overtime."

The move in has begun.

The first two trucks of furniture were moved into the Doudna Fine Arts Building on April 1, said Steve Shrake, associate director of design and construction.

The furniture was moved into the B and C buildings, which house the music and art departments.

On March 30, Eastern Building Service Workers waxed the floors in the buildings to prepare for the furniture, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

The personal belongings of the professors in the Art Department, currently housed in Lawson Hall, were moved into their offices in the Doudna Fine Arts Building on May 5.

"They won't necessarily be moved in, but at least their property will be moved into their offices," Shrake said.

The rest of the building will be

moved in during the summer, Cooley said.

A conference call with the Capital Development Board was held last week to help plan the completion of the project.

"It is important to coordinate the move and what we need to do to complete that project," Cooley said.

The Capital Development Board currently holds the deed to Doudna.

Eastern will finally own the building this summer, when substantial completion of the building is complete.

The Capital Development Board manages construction projects for the state of Illinois and oversees design and construction on elementary, high school and university facilities, as well as museum and historic sites.

The total cost for completing Doudna, including furniture, fixtures and equipment, is estimated to

be \$63 million.

Construction costs had been estimated at \$45 million.

Currently, contractors are working overtime in order to complete the project by May, Cooley said.

"You may see gates open in the evenings but that is because contractors are in their working late in the evenings and working overtime," Cooley said.

Before the project is officially completed, the campus architect and engineer will walk through the building, identify unfinished items and put together a punch list.

The punch list will include any broken items, like a window that is currently broken on the east side of the building.

They want construction to be done before they replace the window, said Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management.

The punch list has been complet-

ed in the B and C sections of the building, Shrake said.

Once construction is completed, the university will start programming events for the venue.

Fundraising for the building has focused primarily on programming.

Within the next few weeks, the university will make an announcement regarding its New and Emerging Artists Series, said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. The series was created to bring in artists in creative writing, theater, music and arts to perform and teach at Doudna.

As of mid-July 2008, Doudna has seen most teachers and administration move into the building, through students will have to wait until the official openign to enjoy the building.

Doudna is expected to open its doors for the first week of class fall semester 2008.

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- A new movement studio
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- A new 275-seat proscenium theatre
- Studio theatre (black box)
- 150-seat lecture hall

On the prowl

Eastern's mascot attends athletic events, and much more

By Brian O'Malley
and
Laura Griffith

At every football game there is a dark figure in a football jersey lurking along the sidelines, jumping up and down with the cheerleaders and getting the crowd into the game.

It's Eastern's mascot, Prowler.

Andrew White, cheer team adviser, said a mascot is an ideal way to keep school spirit up.

"The panther represents all of us," he said. "Prowler is a conglomerate of all people associated with Eastern Illinois University."

At the end of every spring semester, students are allowed to try out to be Eastern's mascot.

At the tryouts, the students must write a skit involving Prowler and act it out.

They are also given a game situation and asked to respond the way a mascot would.

White said Prowler should be at as many of Eastern's athletic events as possible.

"The panther is a busy entity on campus," he said.



FILE PHOTO

Prowler celebrates with a student during the 2005 Eastern homecoming parade.

That is the main reason White tries to hire more than one person at a time to do the job.

"It's nice to have different people because then the panther can make more appearances," he said. "And they're full-time students; a lot of people don't know that."

In April 2005, three students tried out and all three were chosen because White said they were each creative and animated enough.

Like most college mascots, Prow-

ler's identity remains secret, but White likes it that way.

"We don't like telling people because instead of being Prowler the panther, it becomes the person in that suit," he said.

The only people that know besides the student mascots themselves and the people who hired them are the cheerleaders.

"The cheerleaders are sworn to secrecy," White said.

During the summer, the three students traveled to mascot camp.

The person playing Prowler is taught to do routines with the cheer team that could be dangerous if not trained correctly.

Besides showing up at sports events,

Prowler has made appearances at Eastern club meetings and on-campus events. Prowler can sometimes be seen off campus when stores or businesses request a visit from Eastern's mascot.

White said because it's a panther, which is not necessarily a cuddly animal, some children are scared when Prowler arrives.

"When you see a panther, they're not normally friendly," he said. "Prowler will give them space at first and then approach them slowly, give them their paw and most of the time they enjoy him."

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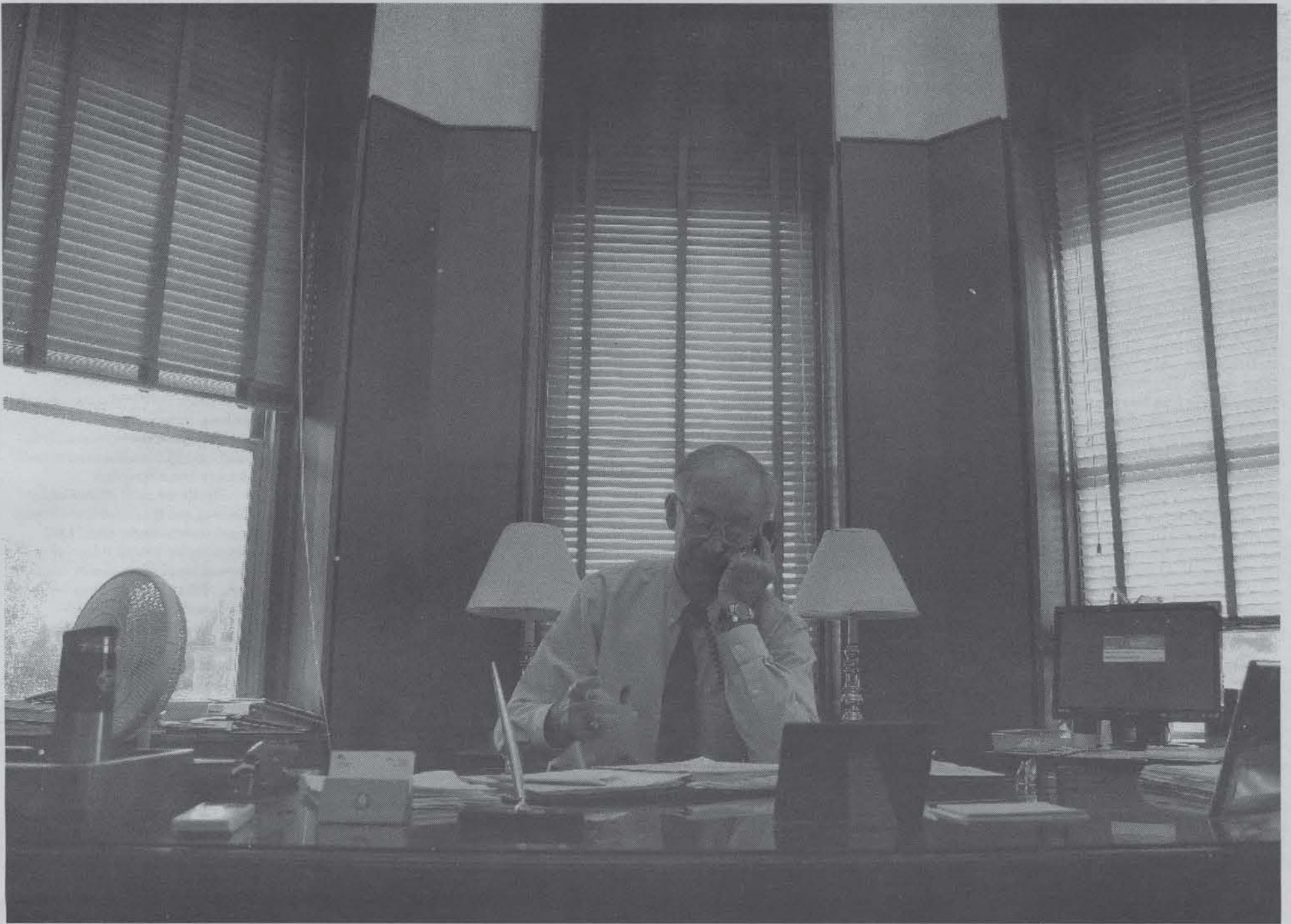


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President Perry: One year later

By Barbara Harrington
Staff Reporter

President Bill Perry thinks he has figured out Eastern.

If he had to write a new slogan for the university, Perry said it would be "Eastern: We're family."

"I've seen that people here really do care about each other," Perry said. "They really do care, and they really do value personal relationships. If someone stumbles, we're there to catch them," Perry said.

Perry took over the role of president on July 1, 2007, and his first academic year in the position is almost over.

Perry said his opinion of Eastern has changed since he interviewed for president.

"It's just become more positive," Perry said. "Anytime you interview for a job, and you're assessing an institution, you think you have a pretty good fix on everything. But

you don't really know until you get there and are involved in the life of the university."

Before coming to Eastern, Perry worked at Texas A&M University. He said his time spent working with students as a math professor and the time he spent in administrative roles at Texas A&M helped him prepare for his new job at Eastern.

"I picked up things here and there that particular professors did well," Perry said. "And then in administration, I picked up techniques from others I thought might work. But that doesn't mean you can be an imitator. You have to have your own values and philosophies that can be expressed through your leadership."

Perry said this year he has enjoyed getting to know faculty, staff and students. By meeting with academic departments and attending athletic events, Perry said he has gotten to know the university and campus community better.

English Department Chair Dana Ringuette appreciates the time Perry has spent trying to get know the people at Eastern.

I like his willingness, his intention of meeting with different groups on campus, meeting with different departments, meeting with different colleges, chairs and what not, in order to learn as much as he can about the university," Ringuette said. "You can see that was his intention, and he certainly followed through on it."

Perry said although he does spend plenty of time in meetings or working in his office, he is not the type of person who likes to sit at his desk all day. He enjoys taking walks around campus and greeting people, he added.

"Today (Tuesday) as I was walking to a meeting in Klehm, I saw a few percussion students throwing a football around, so I stopped and threw the football around with

them," Perry said. "I like to see what's going on on-campus and be a part of that."

While he has been able to attend many events and meetings this past year, he said his biggest challenge, as president, has been time management.

"There's always more meetings you could be at, more events," he said. "But when you have three events scheduled at the same time, it makes it difficult to choose."

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, said when she first met Perry, she was impressed by his enthusiasm and energy. She said she was happy to see Perry embrace some of Eastern's newer initiatives, such as EIU Reads.

She was also pleased to see him support programs like study abroad and undergraduate research, areas the university has been working to improve for years, she added.

"I was glad that instead of coming in with his own set agenda, he paid careful attention to where we were already heading and listened to what we were excited about and shaped his goals accordingly," Irwin said.

Next year, Perry said he wants to spend more of his time working on fundraising and university development.

He will also be stepping back into the classroom next spring to teach a senior seminar in the math department. He said he plans on spending some of his free time this summer preparing for the course.

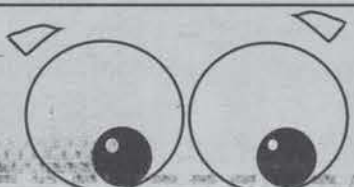
"There's nothing like relationships you can forge with students, right there where they're learning and you're teaching," Perry said. "You're trying to impart this sense of enthusiasm for discovery, and I really enjoy that."

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NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAKES HISTORY

By Matt Daniels

Eastern President Bill Perry uttered the name "Barbara" shortly before he could make the formal introduction.

But the overflow crowd gathered in Room 1895 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union saw Eastern's future athletic director minutes before, when Barbara Burke walked in with Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Nadler and sat down in the first row of chairs.

Burke became Eastern's ninth-full time athletic director.

She is the first woman to ever hold the position on a full-time basis and becomes the second female AD in the Ohio Valley Conference. Tennessee State's Teresa Phillips is the other female AD in the OVC, and Joan Schmidt served on an interim basis at Eastern for six months in 1980 and 1989.

"First off, when I saw Barbara as a candidate, it wasn't a gender issue," said Mary Wallace, Eastern's women's track head coach, senior woman's administrator and one of the people on the AD search committee. "It was an issue of, one, she was a person of experience; two, she was a person of passion; and three, she was a leader. Her being here is not a question of gender, but a question of ability."

Burke, the deputy director of athletics and senior woman's administrator at Wyoming, beat out four other finalists for the position. Nadler said Burke impressed him when she arrived in mid-February for her on-campus interview.

"How she handled herself, how well she spoke and how well she connected was very clear," he said. "While there is a business side of athletics, there's a personal and relationship side of things. She first and foremost has the student-athletes in her heart."

For Burke, 49, it was a moment she had waited for since she became involved in college athletics nearly 30 years ago.

But she had to keep quiet after finding out nearly two weeks ago she got the job.

"I was very excited and wanted to tell the world, but I do understand the professionalism and the need to keep some confidences," she said. "In my heart, when you've worked for something so long and so hard, when it's offered, you just want to tell the world. I didn't, but now I



FILE PHOTO

Athletic Director Barbara Burke talks to students about fan support during athletic events on the third floor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Burke is the first woman to serve as an athletic director for Eastern Illinois University.

can."

It is Burke's first athletic director position after serving in athletic administration for 15 years at four different schools.

Burke has spent the past 10 years

at Wyoming, which has 17 sports and competes in the Mountain West Conference.

Prior to starting her career in athletic administration, Burke, a 1980 Western Michigan graduate,

worked as a softball and basketball coach for 14 years at the college level, including stops at Tennessee Temple, Clearwater Christian (Fla.), Cornerstone College (Mich.), Indiana Southeast and West Virginia

State College.

Burke's salary will start at \$144,000, Nadler said.

Eastern's Board of Trustees needs to approve a three-year contract for Burke. Rich McDuffie, Eastern's previous AD who was relieved of his duties August 2007, made about \$120,000 last year.

Burke's last day of appointment at Wyoming is April 15 or 16, she said. She plans to move to Charleston in May and start as early as June, she added.

Ken Baker, the interim athletic director, will continue to serve until Burke's first official day.

"That's my plan, if I can find housing and get settled and all those good things," Burke said. "I just know me personally, if I get all my personal stuff taken care of when June rolls around, I'll never be home anyway. I'll be at the office."

Burke's start date takes effect when the next possible swimming head coach can be hired.

Ray Padovan retired this season after 42 years, and a new coach cannot be officially hired until Burke starts her first day on the job.

Sports Information Director Rich Moser said Eastern will have the ability to form a search committee and narrow the list down to potential finalists, but Burke will have the final say on who is hired.

"The way things work in these situations is until Barbara is here and officially on the payroll, she can't make official decisions," Perry said. "But, in this transition time, certainly we're going to be consulting with her about how to move forward. And that's the way it always works in these situations."

Swimming is the only sport of the 21 Eastern offers that is without a head coach.

Burke was also one of five initial finalists for the vacant athletic director position at North Dakota. But she withdrew her name from consideration this past Monday, Burke said.

"When the offer came (from Eastern), I had a very good feel for Dr. Perry and Dr. Nadler," she said. "It just felt right. I can't explain it. For those of you who have done job searches before, you just know. North Dakota was a wonderful opportunity, but Eastern Illinois was ahead of Dakota, and I had made a commitment to Eastern - and that was the right thing to do. I have no regrets, not one, at all."

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"I think I was a safe choice," he said. "People knew me. I've worked with a lot of people across campus and really respect and appreciate what it takes to make this university run."

Baker was supposed to start the job Aug. 20, but he couldn't get back to Charleston late that night because of travel problems on his way home from Baltimore.

He said he leaned on the athletic department staff early to learn the intricacies of his new job, and said he had a "very steep learning curve when it comes to NCAA rules."

"I didn't want one of my actions to create a problem for the university or embarrass the university," he said.

One aspect of his new position that worried Baker was his commitment to the NFL.

Baker has worked the last five seasons as a replay official and most of his weekends in the fall are filled while he works for the NFL. Hencken, who lives in the same subdivision, five houses away from Baker, and served as Eastern's interim AD in the 1996-97 school year, said one of Baker's biggest worries was balancing his time between the two positions.

Baker wasn't sure how many Eastern football games, along with other weekend athletic events, he would be able to attend because of his replay job.

Hencken said he advised Baker to stay at Eastern during Hall of Fame weekend, which this year featured not only the induction of six former athletes but also a home football game, the first NCAA women's rugby game, a cross country meet and two women's soccer games, and Homecoming weekend.

"I think I made all but one of the home football games," Baker said.

Hencken told Baker before he accepted the job that even if he couldn't be here every weekend for athletic events, his role was much bigger.

"The department was such that it just needed a calming effect for a while," Hencken said. "What they needed was someone who had a wonderful reputation at the university and whether what had happened before (involving McDuffie) occurred or not, there was the perception. So therefore, you needed someone above reproach, somebody whose ethics and character were above question. I think Ken was really a good stepping-stone."



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Interim Athletic Director Ken Baker attended the football team's Spring Game on April 19 at O'Brien Stadium. Baker took control of the AD job when former Athletic Director Rich McDuffie was placed on administrative leave at the start of the Fall 2007 semester.

During his tenure, Baker has overseen the renovations to the football locker room and plans for a brick backstop at Williams Field, home of Eastern softball. He also started to give money each program raised back to the individual program and not just to the athletic department, something Baker said had been done in the past.

"Ken has brought stability and a calming influence at a time when both were important for the department," said Jon Steinbrecher, commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Super Bowl

Baker said 26 cameras, all from different angles, were pointed on David Tyree when the Giants' wide receiver came down with the improbable catch in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLII. This gave him and the replay crew enough time to look before the next play was called and rule Tyree's catch was indeed a catch.

"What meant the most was it was just a great football game," Baker said of the Giants' 17-14 win against the previously undefeated Patriots. "Tom Brady did what he needed to do and Eli (Manning) did what he needed to do. You know (the Super

Bowl) is big, but by the time you get there, you've worked a lot of big games. The thing that makes it more difficult is the routine's different, the security's different. But once the game starts, it's no different."

Baker said he had a feeling he'd get selected to go, but still didn't believe it until after he received the phone call from Blandino.

The NFL grades replay officials after every game, and Baker's reports came back each week with high scores.

"Sometimes you have great years and you don't get the call," he said. "Lot of guys have great years and don't get the call."

The first person Baker called after receiving the news was his wife, Sandy. Sandy then brought some family members to Lantz to celebrate the news with Ken.

Sandy has worked on a scrapbook about Ken's experience at the Super Bowl, and just finished it this week.

"Now I can clean the house," Sandy joked. "Our son-in-law took a lot of pictures for us. My daughter taught me how to scrapbook. It's turned into what I hope is a real memory for the family."

Ken said he took his entire family on the trip, including his 3-year-old grandson, Josh.

"We paid \$700 for the 3-year-old's ticket and he enjoyed the popcorn and the confetti," Ken said.

Hencken said he watched the game while on vacation in Florida and started to get excited around a roomful of strangers when a play needed to be reviewed.

"People around me are like, 'What's wrong with this guy? I've never seen a guy get so excited about a play,'" Hencken said. "Then the announcers are like, 'This is an obvious call.' So then it's, 'Please Ken, get this right.' And of course he did, as he did nearly every call this year."

Balancing it all

Ken and Sandy recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on April 6. But Ken wasn't around Sandy for most of the day because he attended several Eastern sporting events.

He still keeps an active tab on what is going on with Campus Recreation, and is eager to concentrate his full responsibilities on that job shortly.

Just last week, he delivered a 15-minute presentation to Student Senate about a possible student fee increase in relation to Campus Recreation next year.

But Sandy has become accustomed to Ken's busy lifestyle.

"We've managed to keep a strong family life even with him gone," Sandy said. "I've just been so proud of him throughout the years with what he's managed to do with his life, being a young man growing up in Charleston. Just being the kind person he is. That counts for an awful lot. Even though he is gone a lot, he

is doing good things."

Hencken said when he eats breakfast, usually around 7:30 a.m., he sees Ken driving into work, and when he has dinner around 6:30 p.m., he usually sees Ken driving home from work.

Perry said he thinks Ken saw this opportunity as a service to Eastern, even though he knew it would take up more of his time.

"I'll bet, in the timeframe he's been here, that there hasn't been a handful of times that I haven't walked in the door that he hasn't been in his office," Smith said. "It's really funny, when he does leave around 5 p.m. sometimes, it's almost like he's apologizing."

Ken retired as a field official in the NFL after the 2001 season. He took a year off to be with his family, as he had to deal with his mother's death and his mother-in-law's death.

"I needed to be with my family," Ken said. "I was out for a year and they asked if I'd come back and do replay. And the rest is history."

History is a word that can define Ken's life the past eight months.

Whether it was reversing the recent unpleasant history in the inner workings of the athletic department, generating money to fund new football locker rooms, officiating in one of the most memorable Super Bowls or quietly stepping out of the spotlight to let Burke fully take control of the position, he's certainly set precedents and standards at Eastern.

"If everybody in the world was like Ken Baker, we wouldn't need police or armies because he's such a great person," Hencken said. "And Eastern's very fortunate to have him, and we were this year especially."

BAKER AT EIU

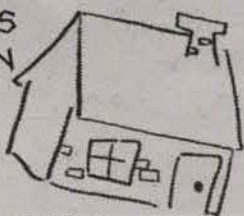
•Ken Baker has lived in Charleston nearly his entire life. He went to Charleston High School. He attended Eastern and received his bachelor's degree in physical education and master's degree in the same field from Eastern. Baker Gymnasium at Charleston High School is named after Ken's father, Merv, who compiled 557 wins at the high school level at four different schools, with the majority coming at Charleston. He even met his future wife, Sandy, while pulling a float for her sorority in Eastern's Homecoming parade in the early 1970s. But for a man that has lived most of his life in east-central Illinois, he has plenty of worldly stories to tell — as do others.

BAKER ON GROWING UP IN CHARLESTON

"Since 1954 I've been here. I used to ride my tricycle up and down Lincoln. It was a two-lane road back then. I'd get in trouble for it, but I'd still do it I remember trick or treating at Coach Lantz's* house. So all these people that these buildings are named after, we knew most

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Sr. Mick Galeski

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Basketball –

Sr. Jake Byrne

• Scored career-high 30 points against Jacksonville State on Feb. 28. • Ranks fifth for all-time field goal percentage list.



Swimming –

Sr. Joe Laird

• Advanced to the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships. • Dove a career-high 315.15 points (3-meter dive) against Millikin on Jan. 11.



Indoor Track –

Sr. Obe Eruteya

• Won the high jump at the OVC Championships with career high of 6 feet, 9.75 inches. Placed second in triple jump at same event. • NCAA indoor provisional



Baseball –

Jr. Brett Nommensen

• Leads the Panthers in batting average (.346), doubles (10), walks (24), stolen bases (13) and outfield assists (four).



Golf –

Sr. Mike Imburgia

• Was Eastern's top finisher in OVC Championships (T-13th). • Led Eastern with 75.3 stroke average.



Tennis –

So. Jeff Rutherford

• 13-8 at No. 1 singles. • Earned All-OVC First Team honors.



Outdoor Track –

Jr. David Holm

• Won 800-meter run at Vanderbilt Invitational in near NCAA Provisional Qualifying Time (0.36 seconds off). Ranks third all-



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Junior wing Samantha Manto runs with the ball for one of her six tries during 108-3 victory against Ohio State on Oct. 6 at the Lakeside Rugby Field. Manto finished with 32 tries, which is the most in a single season.

TOP 5

Eastern athletes to watch next year, selected by The Daily Eastern News sports staff

1. Rachel Galligan

The junior women's basketball player from Bloomington narrowly missed out on being named 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year. Next year, Galligan, one of the top forwards in the conference, should have no trouble taking home the league's top honor. She led

the Panthers in scoring, rebounding and free throws made during the 2008 season while leading Eastern to the OVC Tournament title game.

2. Brad Peters

The St. Peters, Mo., native will be the top returning starter for the Eastern men's soccer team. The junior forward was instrumental in the Panthers' success during the 2007 season, helping Eastern advance to the Missouri Valley Conference semifinals for the second straight year. Peters led the Panthers with 11 goals.

3. Chevon Walker

Walker is the only athlete to watch next season that has yet to play in a single Eastern game. The red-shirt freshman running back transferred to Eastern from Florida this semester. Walker led Eastern in its spring football game with 135 rushing yards and one touch-

down on 22 carries and was the fastest player on the field.

4. Samantha Manto

The 2008 women's rugby season will be the junior wing's last at Eastern. The Hanover Park native won her third consecutive Co-Offensive Player of the Year award following the 2007 season after she ran in 32 tries – an Eastern single-season record. Manto also set a single-season scoring record (160 points).

5. Josh Mueller

The freshman from Columbia stepped into the Eastern baseball team's No. 1 starting role midway through the 2008 season. Mueller is one of 12 freshmen on the Panthers' roster this year, but currently leads Eastern in strikeouts (47). Mueller has also pitched the only complete game for the Panthers this season.

Five Eastern teams to watch

1. Women's Basketball

All five starters return for a team that finished tied for second in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers finished with the 2008 season a winning record at 19-13 record and 15-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers made it all the way to the OVC Tournament championship game before losing to Murray State.

2. Football

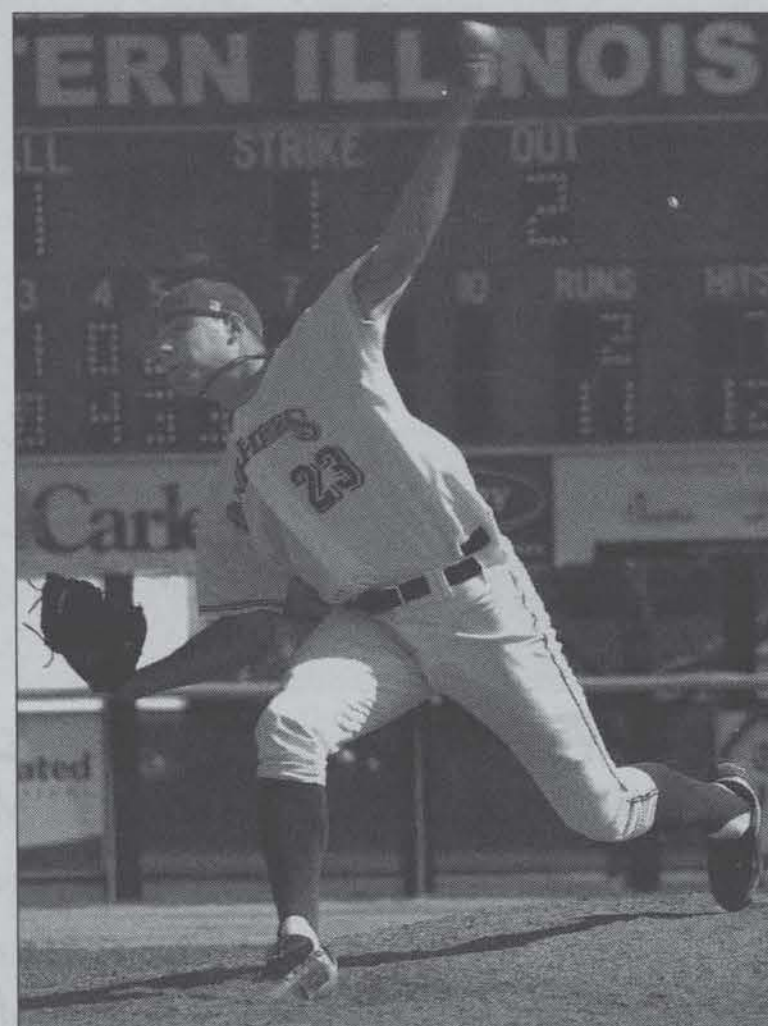
Eastern has made three consecutive appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The 2008 season could produce a fourth straight postseason behind a veteran defense and an offense led by sophomore quarterback Bodie Reeder and a strong backfield with senior running back Norris Smith and Florida transfer running back Chevon Walker.

3. Women's Golf

Four of Eastern's top five golfers return next season for a team that finished fourth at the OVC Championships. The Panthers will be led by soon-to-be senior Carrie Riordan, who earned First-Team All-OVC honors with the second best stroke average in the league (77.5).

4. Baseball

The third-place team in the OVC has a chance to be even better next season with all but three players returning next season. The Panthers will be a veteran team at the plate behind junior center fielder Brett Nommensen, sophomore and



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Sophomore Tyler Kehrer and the Panthers are currently third in the Ohio Valley Conference and will lose only three seniors next year.

catcher Richie Derbak and solid on the mound behind freshman Josh Mueller.

5. Rugby

Samantha Manto, Molly Clut-

ter and Crystal Jones will finish their careers and have a chance to make history at the same time. After losing to West Chester (an NCAA Division II team) 20-19 last season, Eastern has the opportunity to win

TOP FEMALE ATHLETE IN EACH SPORT

Cross Country – So. Erin O'Grady

• Top Panther at the OVCs. • Finished in top 10 at EIU Panther Open.



Rugby –

So. Samantha Manto

• Led the team with 32 tries and 160 points, in single season.



Soccer –

Sr. Michelle Steinhuis

• Second-Team All-OVC, OVC All-Tournament Team, ranks second all-time in game-winning goals.



Volleyball –

Fr. Alex Zwettler

• Member of OVC All-Newcomer Team • Set Eastern freshman record with 355 kills.



Basketball –

Jr. Rachel Galligan

• Joined 1,000-point club, became school's blocked shot leader, First-Team All-OVC, All-OVC Tournament Team.



Swimming –

So. Laura Nilsen

• Finished third in the 200-yard backstroke at Summit League Championships, finished fourth in the 100-yard backstroke



Indoor Track –

Jr. Jenna Uhe

• Won the triple jump (41 feet, 3.75 inches) and finished second in long jump at OVC Championships.



Golf –

Jr. Carrie Riordan

• First-team All-OVC • Second best stroke average in league.



Softball –

Jr. Sarah Coppert

• Leads the team in batting average, top two in on-base percentage and slugging percentage. • Earned All-American honors at ASA Tourney.



Tennis –

Jr. Natalie Martin

• Earned First-team All-OVC honors. • 16-3 singles record at No. 2 singles.



Outdoor Track –

So. Kandace Arnold

• Named OVC Player of the Week and moved up the EIU career list in both the shot put and discus.



WEIU provides tunes and tv for students

Award winning TV station gives students the chance to be on air talent

By Daniel LaDeur

WEIU-FM, better known as the Hit-Mix at 88.9 on the dial, is the only live and local Charleston radio station. This is the emphasis of everything the station does, to be the voice of Charleston.

Whether it's by having a morning show that reports the local news or by broadcasting the local high school basketball games, WEIU-FM makes sure that before it does anything else it keeps its listeners informed.

The DJs at the Hit-Mix are a family of dedicated students, who work hard to master their craft of radio.

"We have fun, were just like one big family," said Jennifer Smith, senior communication studies major and host of the morning show.

WEIU-FM, on the first floor of the Buzzard Building, offers stu-

TASHA BROWN | SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

"I was so nervous when I first started there, but the rest of the people there really make you feel comfortable."

dents a chance to get started in radio broadcasting early in their careers.

There are many opportunities to work at the radio station including an on-air DJ spot, sports broadcasting or even working as a sales representative.

"It's a good chance to gain experience in radio, so that when you graduate you are job ready," said Jared Schaefer, a senior communication studies major and the news director at WEIU-FM.

The Odyssey

For students interested in learning what radio broadcasting is all about, there is a non-licensed radio station where students learn how to use the equipment.

That station is called the Odyssey, also housed on the first floor of Buzzard.

There, students can play any type

of music they want. This is where students learn how to use an audio board and get comfortable being on-air. It is a training ground for those trying to become a part of the Hit-Mix team. This station can be heard online or on Channel 5 on campus.

The transition between the Odyssey and the Hit-Mix is made easier by spending time observing the DJs on the Hit-Mix and learning the equipment.

Weiu-TV

WEIU-TV provides students with an opportunity to gain experience working for a television news show.

News Watch, a live 30-minute news program, airs at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. News Watch is an entirely student-run show.

Students go out and shoot the

news, report the news and are anchors on the news show.

Students also are given the opportunity to produce, direct, technical direct and learn many other jobs at a television station.

"WEIU has definitely given me an opportunity to get real-life experience at a news station.

It has allowed me to go out and get internships in large market areas," said Tasha Brown, junior communication studies major.

News Watch is not the only program that WEIU-TV airs; it also has a morning show and a night-time wrap-up show call Nightcap.

A typical day for the station would include assigning the stories of the day to students who would go out and shoot the video and interviews for that story.

They would then come back and edit all of their video and interviews

and prepare to air on News Watch.

Then when the story is done, the show goes live. Students are responsible for making the show go smoothly.

"I was so nervous when I first started there, but the rest of the people there really make you feel comfortable," Brown said.

WEIU-TV has earned numerous awards for their news show, including outstanding newscast, outstanding videography, outstanding news anchor in 2005 and outstanding weather anchor in 2006.

WEIU-TV also offers scholarships to students looking to work at the television station.

There is also a summer internship that offers an opportunity to learn the equipment.

WEIU-TV is a partial PBS station for the surrounding areas and first premiered in 1986. WEIU has a focus on local programming for a region that is under-served by the commercial stations.

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RESTORING INTEGRITY, MAKING HISTORY

Ken Baker thrives in difficult position as interim AD,
officiates a legendary Super Bowl

By Matt Daniels
Editor in Chief

Ken Baker received the first call that changed his life this school year nearly 720 miles away from Charleston.

He sat in the press box at M&T Bank Stadium, the 71,008-seat home of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, a few hours before the start of a Sunday night preseason game on Aug. 19. The Ravens were scheduled to play the New York Giants, a game in which he had to work as an NFL replay official.

Baker then received a call on his cell phone from Eastern President Bill Perry.

A week earlier, no one knew this phone call would transpire. That was when Eastern still employed Rich McDuffie as its full-time athletic director.

But Perry relieved McDuffie of his duties on Aug. 13 and placed him on administrative leave, seven days before the start of classes.

Perry called Baker because he needed an interim athletic director, and he needed one soon. Baker was one of the three finalists for the interim position, along with Gail Richard and Larry Ankenbrand.

Perry said Baker's understanding of Eastern athletics, plus the positive feedback he received from people on campus about Baker, made him his choice to fill the void.

"When you consider an interim or permanent, it's a competition," Perry said. "And the people who have been nominated and put forth, you look at all their characteristics and pick the best person."

That person was Baker, who officially started his job as interim AD on Aug. 21.

Baker had just finished lunch at the Thomas Hall cafeteria on a mid-January weekday when he received the second phone call that changed his life this school year.

The NFL's director of officiating operations Dean Blandino called while Baker was on the tennis courts near Lantz Arena with news that Baker would work Super Bowl XLII.

"I had been waiting a long time for this call," said Baker, who has worked 16 years as an NFL official.

Baker will return to his position as Campus Recreation Director once new athletic director Barbara Burke assumes her role June 1. He said he had no plans to become a permanent hire at the athletic director spot, and will step aside graciously once Burke starts.

"Unfortunately, a lot of our politicians make decisions based on getting re-elected," Baker said. "Well, I wasn't running for office. I came in, stepped in with no agenda and just one thing in mind and that's doing what's best for the university, the department and the student-athletes."

It was Baker's work with the athletic department to repair its damaged public perception following McDuffie's removal, combined with the fact he worked one of the most memorable Super Bowls ever, that made him *The Daily Eastern News* 2008 Person of the Year.

Lending the helping hand

Mike Heimerdinger can partially thank Baker for the role he played in helping Heimerdinger meet his future wife Kathie.

Heimerdinger, the Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator, and Baker have known each other for nearly 40 years, dating back to their time together on Eastern's baseball team in the early 1970s. Back when the two attended Eastern, freshmen couldn't have a vehicle, so Baker, a few years older than Heimerdinger, drove Kathie and Mike on their first official date.

"And 'Dinger's still married to Kathie and Mike Shannahan's still married to Peggy and I'm still married to Sandy, and we were all in the same fraternity," Baker said. "So that was the greatest success of all three of us, staying married. We all married our college sweethearts."

Heimerdinger, who's coached in the NFL for 13 seasons, said the two talked often this year, more so than they have in the past, because of Baker's role as interim AD. Before

Baker took on that role, however, Heimerdinger said he would only talk to Baker if he happened to be at the same game. Heimerdinger said he found out coaches couldn't talk to officials during the season on the phone, so the two long-time friends stopped that a while ago.

"What he did as an official in this league is work his way up the league," Heimerdinger said. "You have to have quite a reputation in that league and I don't know anybody that doesn't like Ken Baker."

Lou Hencken didn't start playing golf until he became Eastern's President in 2001. At first, he was terrible, but Baker worked with him to develop his golf game, Hencken said.

Although Hencken said by no means is he a good golfer, even to this day, Baker's help made him enjoy the game more.

"He usually hits (his drives) straight down the middle," Hencken said. "Takes a long time on his putts. I go up, hit it, I'm not going to make it. Whereas Ken goes up, he's like Tiger Woods. He'll walk around, take a look at this and more times than not, he'll make it."

John Smith's enthusiasm for his job had started to wane. Eastern's associate athletic director since 2002, who has worked in an administrative level with Eastern's athletic department since 1997, was tired of asking people for their money to

support Eastern athletics.

"That wears on you," he said. "Eleven years of that, you get tired of always going to people and going back to the same people and having an agenda that you have to try and give again, give again. What he did for me in terms of fundraising was allowed me to go out and thank people. It was like he took the handcuffs off me."

Baker is quick to downplay any of his work in the athletic department this year and says numerous other people have contributed more than he has. But Smith, whose office is separated from Baker's by only by a wall at Lantz Arena, said Baker has left his influence on the athletic department.

"He really brought the program some enthusiasm," Smith said. "And I know he got a lot of people excited and he rejuvenated me."

The transition

Sexual harassment allegations against McDuffie leveled by former Eastern athletic department employee Pam Collins appeared in the Aug. 8 edition of the Charleston Times-Courier. It was the first time the public had heard of these allegations. Five days later, McDuffie was out of a job. Baker said he knew coming into his role of interim AD wouldn't be particularly easy.

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How things work at EIU

BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

SECTION B

Use 'em or lose 'em

By Cathy Bayer

If any of Kevin Brocious' friends need money, he's got them covered. With less than three weeks left in the semester, Brocious has just more than 150 dining dollars left on his student account.

The freshman accounting major rarely went to the Union to dine last semester, so he came into the spring semester with 100 additional dining dollars.

"I just haven't had time to use them," he said.

Eastern's meal plan includes both meal swipes and dining dollars. Meal swipes start over each week, while dining dollars last all semester. Any unused dining dollars from the fall semester roll over to spring. But unused dining dollars from the spring do not roll over.

Dining dollars only roll over from fall to spring because it is the same academic year and budget, said Jody Horn, director of University Dining.

Eastern used to offer a meal plan that just had swipes, Horn said. The plan was upgraded to include a bonus swipe.

"Eventually we split the meal plans into swipes and dining dollars," she said.

The dining dollars allow flexibility because meal swipes can only be used in the dining centers.

Dining dollars can be used in residence hall dining centers, university food court, convenience stores and Java Beanery and Bakery, Horn said.

Students can also pay for guests with their dining dollars, adding to the flexibility of the plan, she said.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has a different plan. Students sign up for a meal plan, choosing between \$1,250 or \$1,730 for the semester. SIUE has a 60-40 meal plan, meaning 60 percent of that covers the operation cost of dining services, including cost of labor, supplies, maintenance and utilities. The other 40 percent goes towards the actual retail cost of the food.

SIUE already pulls 60 percent off the cost, said Christy McDou-



FILE PHOTO

Eastern's housing and Dining offers a variety of meal plans for students. Dining dollars can be used in residence hall dining centers, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union food court, Java Beanery and Bakery and the convenience store.

gal, accountant for SIUE dining. For example, if a student wants a hamburger that costs \$5, that student will only pay \$2, she said.

On top of that, whatever money is not used at the end of the school year is reimbursed to the student.

"It's kind of the best of both worlds," McDougal said.

It seems, for the most part, that students like the program, she said.

Western Illinois University in Macomb has a choice of three dining plans, but no fixed meal plan with swipes, said Jack Schoonover, Western's director of residential administration.

Each student purchases a meal plan.

They pay a charge called "board." Approximately 50 percent of the board charge is taken off the top cost

to pay for fixed costs, like salaries, dining furniture, equipment and utilities. The remaining money is for the student to use for food.

At the end of the year, students can request a refund check for the leftover money on their account.

If a student has a fee or bill that needs to be paid before the end of the year, the money left over on their card can go toward paying that balance, Schoonover said.

Western students have a different plan for vending machines and laundry facilities.

Eastern does not have a refundable plan.

For that to happen, meal plans would have to be more retail-based, Horn said.

"Our plans are based on the fact that we have somewhat of a missed

meal factor," she said.

That serves as a cushion, Horn said.

"We know not everyone eats everything," she said. "We are able to offer a lot of choices and variety because we know we have some padding. If we refunded everything that wasn't specifically used, we would be much more limited (with food selection)."

If that were the case, dining services would have to charge more for everything offered, she said.

Still, using all extra dining dollars is sometimes a problem for students.

A few weeks ago, a female student came into the Thomas Convenience Store with more than \$200 dining dollars, said Kelly Dalfino, a sophomore psychology major and Thomas Convenience store worker.

The student literally bought a few of everything, and still had \$73 left over, Dalfino said.

Most people know they have lots of dining dollars left by this point, said Alyson Schroeder, a junior elementary education major and Taylor Dining Services employee.

Schroeder recommends treating friends to dinner to get rid of dining dollars without wasting them.

She also said to not eat in the dining centers to use up dining dollars, especially if students already have a meal plan.

Horn recommends shopping at the convenience stores or food court and stocking up on food to take home, like a soft drink case.

"You could also purchase gift certificates for one of your friends who is graduating," Horn said.

Panther cards more than identification

ID cards work as debit cards at some locations

By Kristen Larsen

Students using their Panther Cards' debit option in Charleston may have problems with purchases, because many businesses around the city are not equipped to accept it.

Companies that verify customers using a personal identification number accept the Panther Debit Card, said Michael Smith, assistant manager at Monical's Pizza. Other debit cards with a Visa, MasterCard or other major company's logo can still

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"I use it all the time back home like at Target. But it would be nice if I could use it at more places in Charleston than just Wal-Mart."

be used without a PIN-based system, but the Panther Cards cannot.

"We don't accept it (Panther Card) because our machines only accept the debit cards with a Visa or MasterCard logo," Smith said.

The Panther Card issued to each student at Eastern has multiple functions, enabling students to use

dining dollars, Panther Cash, meal swipes and Panther Checking.

Panther Checking allows students to establish a bank account on campus through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, and makes student identification cards double as debit cards.

Lindsay Kramer, a sophomore elementary education major, said

Panther Checking is a convenience because she doesn't have to carry an extra card and always has her Panther Card with her anyway.

With a First Mid account, students can use the on-campus bank located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the four ATMs on campus, said Susan Smith,

assistant director, Campus Card.

Wal-Mart, a staple of student shopping, accepts Panther Card debits, although businesses such as JCPenney and QQ Buffet do not.

"I use it all the time back home, like at Target," Kramer said. "But it would be nice if I could use it at more places in Charleston than just at Wal-Mart."

The Marathon Station on Lincoln Avenue also accepts Panther Cards as debit.

Some businesses, such as Marty's, have ATMs close to or inside their buildings to give students access to cash through use of Panther Cards as well as other debit cards.

Election ends in split results

By Nora Maberry

Levi Bulgar is the Student Body President-elect.

Bulgar, representing the Students United Party, won the election for Student Body President with 354 votes, 103 ahead of the next candidate.

Eric Hiltner, representing the United Party of Students, came in second with 251 votes.

Bobbie Mitchell, from the Students Wanting Action Today party, came in third with 228 votes and Dominic Capparelli, representing the Campus Action Party party, came in fourth with 225 votes.

Bulgar said he had mixed emotions about the election results.

"I feel a little disappointed that Sean Wyrobek and Alison Kostelich did not win," Bulgar said. "I would have liked to serve with them on the executive board."

Wyrobek and Kostelich, both members of SUP, were running for student vice president for student affairs and student vice president for academic affairs, respectively.

Bulgar said he was surprised by Hiltner's second place finish in the election results.

"In the beginning everyone was asking 'Who do you think the top two people will be?'" Bulgar said. "It was always my name and Bobbie's name that was thrown around because of our Greek connections and because of our time on Student Government, and our connections because of that."

This is the third year Bulgar has run for an executive board position as a member of SUP and won. He previously served as student vice president for business affairs and is currently serving as student executive vice president.

"For a lot of time, I did feel a lot of pressure about it," Bulgar said. "But I really did feel that I had to work very hard to support the people that have come before me, the people that made it possible for me to be on Student Government and the people that are working so hard to get on it now."

Bulgar said his first goal as Student Body President is to make sure incoming freshmen are exposed to



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Student Body President Levi Bulgar was re-elected during the spring 2008 semester. Bulgar won the election with 354 votes.

all aspects of Student Life at Student Government's First Night event.

Eric Wilber, from SWAT, ran unopposed for student executive vice president.

Wilber said his win obviously wasn't a surprise, but was excited.

"I think we have a very diverse exec board, split between all three parties," Wilber said.

Wilber said he expected to work well with the other executive board members since he had served with them on Student Government before.

"My main goal is to get Student Action Team back up and running, and make sure the students know who their student trustee is," Wilber said.

Tiffany Turner, from SUP, won the election for student vice president for business affairs. She defeated Kevin Lee from SWAT by 44 votes.

"It feels pretty good," Turner said. "It was very nerve-wracking because it wasn't a clear cut election."

As a part of her job, Turner will be chairwoman of Apportionment Board.

"I am going to start a traveling-fee forum for students and try my best to get a full AB next year," she said.

Turner said the first step to fill all AB positions was to carefully select members.

Student Government elections were held Monday and Tuesday, where 1,058 students voted.

The new Student Government will take office July 1.

In addition to announcing election results, the Senate heard budget proposals.

Ken Baker will have to wait until next week to see if the Student Recreation Center will get the fee in-

crease it requested Wednesday night. Baker presented the Student Senate with a proposal, asking for a budget increase of \$2.50 to help pay for facility, maintenance, grounds and staff at the center. Student Senate tabled the resolution until next week's meeting.

Baker, Interim Athletic Director and director of Campus Recreation, told the Senate the Center probably would not be able to afford the increase in their budget during the upcoming year.

"We're asking ahead because next year this budget will be in the red and we can ask for a minimal contribution tonight that will help us next year and in the future," Baker said.

The Center budget is broken down into three parts, Baker said. One part pays student workers' salaries, another pays fixed costs, such as debt, retirement, utilities and staff

salaries, and the third part pays for facility and grounds maintenance and staff.

Included in the budget are one building service worker foreman, one building service worker, one electrician and a part-time plumber, Baker said.

Baker said the increase could be attributed to increased fuel costs and the fact the Center had been without one building service worker.

This is the first increase that has been asked for in 17 years to fund the facilities and grounds maintenance, Baker said.

"I don't want to come to you next year and say, 'Hey, we're \$30,000 in the red,'" Baker said. "I don't want you to be surprised."

Baker told the Senate the Center had put off refinishing the floors because money was not in the budget to complete the project.

Baker told the Senate the increase was not needed to keep the Center open, but was needed to maintain a quality of service.

"We will be open," Baker said. "The floors may not get done, the grass may be a little higher but we want to continue to serve you at the level that we think you deserve."

Also at the meeting, the Student Senate voted 21-4 to approve the fee increase for the new Textbook Rental building. The increase would raise the fee to \$9.95 per credit hour from \$8.95 per credit hour.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the new building would be named the Student Textbook Rental Service Building, if a donor was not found to buy the naming rights for the building.

Nadler said the building had been a part of Eastern's master plan for the last decade, but the schematic design of the building only advanced during the fall semester.

Nadler said the need for a new building was critical to the university because of safety and parking concerns the current building has.

Nadler told the Senate a delay would be costly to students.

"The reality is every year that we delay building the facility, it's going to cost the students six or six and half percent more per year," Nadler said.

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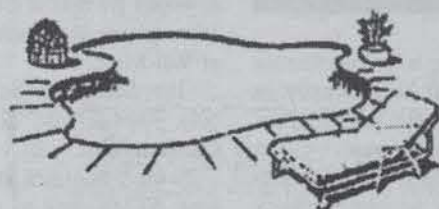
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Academic advisor Lora Green goes over next semester's schedule with Nic Atkinson in 9th Street Hall Thursday afternoon. All incoming freshman have to meet with an advisor in the Academic Advising Center.

GUIDANCE DURING AN IMPORTANT TIME

The Academic Advising Center helps new students pick

By Chris Gerler

All incoming freshman have to meet with an adviser in the Academic Advising Center, located at 2100 Ninth St. before registering for classes.

As academic advisor Greg Aydt said, students "can't register until they meet with us."

To set up an appointment students must go to the Academic Advising Center and follow the signs.

The advisers at the center recommend that students look over the preparation checklist they receive when making appointments before meeting with an adviser.

Some things to check include looking over prerequisites for courses and to review any requirements.

Aydt also encourages students to try looking for classes that interest them and for students with a major to check their department's website

for a four-year plan.

For any students that are undecided about a major, Aydt encourages them to visit the Career Services building and to take the Discovery Assessment.

Since many students may feel stressed when registering for classes, but Aydt would like to remind students to not "feel pressured to make an important decision. Try out different classes."

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LOST ID CAN MEAN STOLEN IDENTITY

By Tabitha Miller

As soon as Nicole Fleming realized she had left her purse in the bathroom, the fear of identity theft struck her.

She is one of the many students that have dealt with the fear of someone finding their personal items and using them as their own.

"I went back and searched for it, asked people, went to the lost and found," said Fleming, a sophomore theater major. "But I lost it for good."

Fleming said she did not think of filing a police report, but wished she had. She had been on a trip to Nebraska for an International Thespian Festival when she lost her purse. Luckily, she did not end up being a victim of stolen identity.

Jenn Shaffer, a senior psychology

major and desk assistant at Pemberton Hall, said a lot of lost items are brought to the Pemberton front desk on a daily basis.

"We actually get most of the items from the parking lot rather than inside the building," Shaffer said. "We mostly get Panther Cards and sometimes driver's licenses."

She said most of the lost items are found during the weekdays, though sometimes, on the weekends, they will find cell phones and keys that are left behind in the bathrooms.

Michael Connelly, a representative of the Social Security Office in Chicago, said the best thing students can do is not carry everything with them.

"People have a big problem if they lose their wallet with everything in it, because you need some type

of identification to get replacement identification," Connelly said.

To get a replacement social security card, one can show a driver's license, employee ID, passport, marriage or divorce record, adoption papers, birth certificate, insurance card, or school ID card, among others.

"Contact the credit bureau in advance when you lose your card," Connelly said. "It's also not a bad idea to order a credit record every couple of years to make sure no one is using your number."

A main issue for Eastern students is the loss of their Panther Card.

"I lost my Panther Card before," said Sarah Shaller, a graduate student majoring in college student affairs. "I was really worried about my dining dollars the most, that someone would use them up.

Luckily, I didn't have my bank account on (it) so I didn't have to worry about that."

Shaller said that she looked all over for it and went back to the places she had been when she last had her panther card, but couldn't find it.

"Someone called me after I had already gotten another one," Shaller said.

According to Eastern's Web site, if a Panther Card is lost or stolen, the student should immediately contact the Telecommunications Office in the Student Services Building. Because each Panther Card has electronic cash on it, which cannot be replaced, the Web site advises students to treat their Panther Cards as if they were cash.

If the Panther Card is used for dining dollars, meal swipes, or

Panther Checking, housing and dining services should be notified when the card is lost or stolen. The fee for a replacement Panther Card is \$20.

If a student should lose his driver's license, or any other form of identification, the Secretary of State's office advises that credit bureaus be notified. This prevents new fraudulent accounts from being opened.

According to the Secretary of State's Web site, www.cyberdrive.com, if an account has been tampered with, close it and open a new one with a different ID number and password.

A duplicate driver's license can be made at the local Secretary of State's office for a fee that ranges from \$5 to \$10, depending on the person's age.

Show, prove your E-identity

By Stacy Smith

Students are prohibited using social security numbers to identify themselves on campus. This is now enforced by Illinois and federal laws. Unlike identity theft or fraud, 'e' numbers minimize harm to those affiliated with the university.

"The most harm a person can do is go into the business office and pay your bill," said Bill Witsman, project director for Banner. "Because the 'e' numbers only pertain to Eastern Illinois University, much harm can't be done."

Social Security numbers are prohibited on any card or other document required for an individual to access products or services provided by the institution to

provide safety, according to the Social Security Numbers Limited Use Act, which was introduced by Senator Iris Y. Martinez.

"It's a fabulous idea to get rid of social security numbers because it's improving security," said Susan Smith, assistant director of campus cards. "People are usually hesitant to give it out anyway, and this is a positive move."

Banner, an easier and more secure computer software system, is replacing all major software, like that of the financial system, human benefits, human resources and financial aid, Witsman said.

'E' numbers are only used on campus, unlike a social security number.

In March, students will be using

'e' numbers to register for the fall semester.

Students can find their identification number on their Panther Card, but can only access their accounts or paws with a created password, Smith said.

"The 'e' numbers are more effective and secure," she said. "Because of state laws being mandated, changes needed to be done."

In hope of familiarizing students, last year 11,000 new Panther Cards were distributed.

'E' numbers can be found on a student's panther card, however a password is needed before accessing accounts and paws.

The 'e' stands for Eastern, because a certain number of



characters are used, and the system is an Eastern identification. But the rest of the numbers are random, Witsman said.

Because the IRS doesn't identify employees by their 'e' number, the

social security number is still used.

However, social security numbers are not used to identify students and are not placed on panther cards.

"I don't think it will be a difficult adjustment," Witsman said.



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Students rent instead of buy

By Marco Santana

When students are finished moving into their residence halls, off-campus apartments or Greek houses, one final step must be completed before they can go to classes: They have to pick up their books.

Unlike most universities in the state of Illinois, Eastern provides a system that allows students to rent textbooks for the semester.

"With textbook prices at an all-time high and continuing to rise, our service is a great benefit to the students of Eastern Illinois University," said Carol Miller, deputy director for the textbook rental services.

Students are charged \$7.95 per credit hour for the service and the fee is included in all other fees that are covered by tuition.

To pick up their books, students must go to the office that is on the south end of Pemberton Hall, which is located just east of Fourth Street.

They should bring their Panther Card as well as a copy of their schedule to make the process go more smoothly.

At the start of each semester, the office extends its hours to help students who are not yet in town, Miller said.

"(The extended hours are) a convenience for those students that cannot get here due to job and/or family commitments," Miller said. "For those students that want to pick up books before classes begin as well as those that come in between or after classes during the first week."

The more students who pick up their books before classes begin, the better off it is for Miller as well as for students because it results in fewer lines and less time to return books, she said.

In order for Textbook Rental Services to flow smoothly during the peak times of book return and book distribution, they must increase their staff from the normal six-person permanent unit.

These additional employees are temporary civil service employ-



FILE PHOTO

Students pick up their books during the Fall semester at Textbook Rental. Students pay a fee at the beginning of the school year to rent their books at Eastern instead of purchasing them.

CAROL MILLER | DEPUTY DIRECTOR

"With textbook prices at an all-time high and continuing to rise, our service is a great benefit to the students of Eastern Illinois University."

ees, student employees and student groups and organizations that can use the job as a fund-raising experience.

"They do a tremendous amount of work in a very short time," Miller said. "Without these addition-

al people, it would be impossible to accomplish our goals."

To hire these people, Miller said Textbook Rental works with the Human Resources and Financial Aid offices.

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Finding a spot is never going to be easy, but knowing where to look can help you get to class on time

SWEET SPOTS

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1. This is the E-Lot, right across from Stevenson Hall. Ideal for classes located in McAfee, Coleman and the Physical Sciences Building.

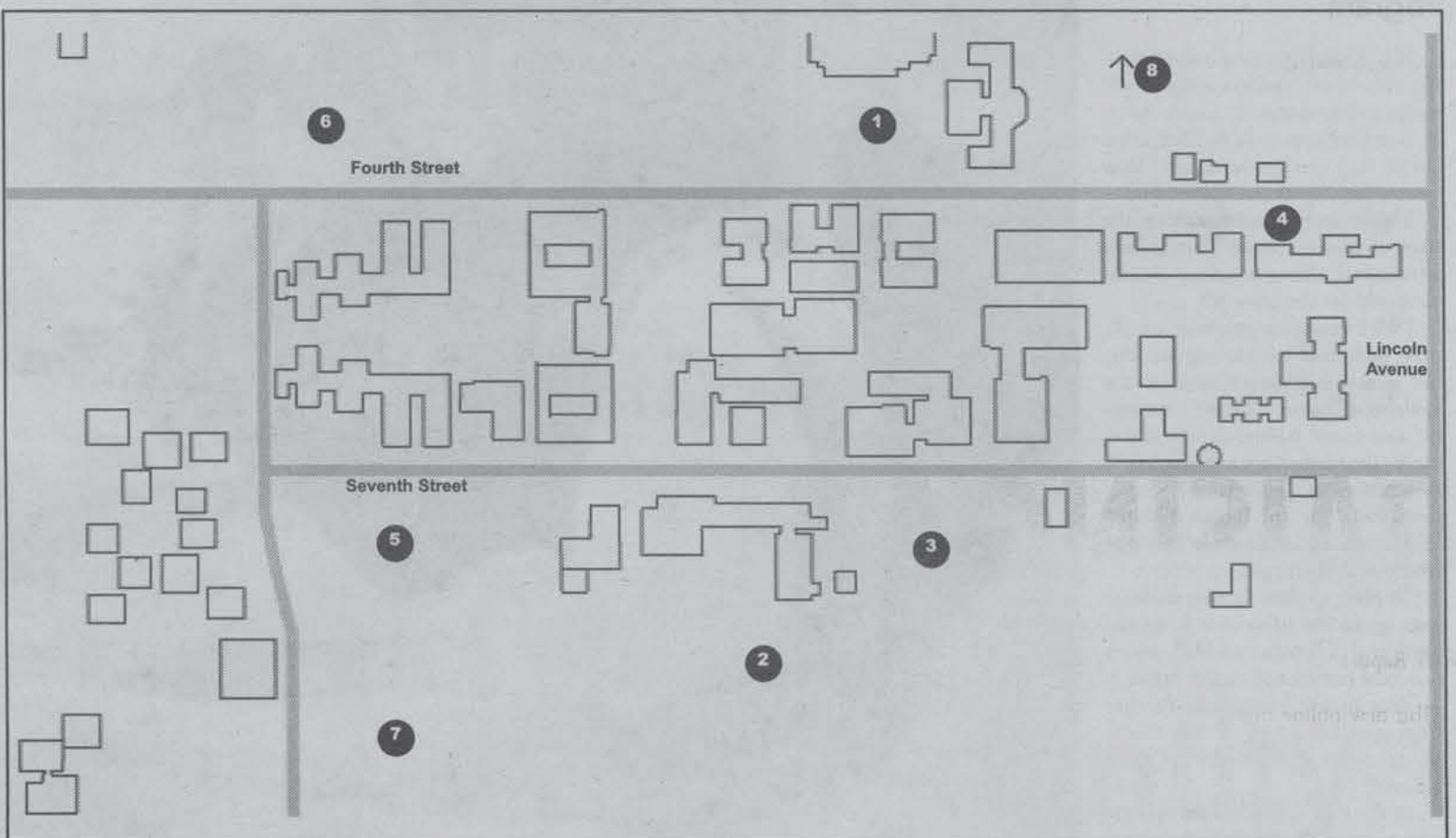
2 & 3. With construction clogging the east side of campus, due to the Doudna Fine Arts Building that is still being built, education majors and others will find themselves fighting for these spots behind Buzzard Hall.

Both lots on Ninth Street are in demand, but there are also a line of spots along Hayes Avenue that are open for student parking that many overlook.

4. Pemberton's Hall student lot is one of the few lots on campus that directly border a classroom building.

NEXT BEST BETS

If you arrive on campus between



9 a.m. and 10 a.m., the best spots are all gone. But these lots are your next best bet.

5. S-lot. Across the Tundra (the large, grassy area on the south side of the Tarble Arts Center) from the main body of campus, this lot is much better when the weather is nice than when a cold wind is blowing and the ground is frozen.

6. The W-lot sits across from Lawson and Taylor Halls, and

is the primary parking lot for the west half of campus.

Both the S and W lots are often full of underclass cars sitting unused for weeks.

HIKING IS UNDERRATED

Get here after 11 a.m. and there are two choices: circle endlessly hoping to swoop in like a vulture when someone pulls out for lunch, or accept the long, walking fate that

awaits you. We at *The Daily Eastern News* suggest students with afternoon classes invest in a good pair of running shoes and learn to love to walk.

7. The 9th Street Lot, next to Greek Court, is quite a trek from the rest of campus and even it is full in the afternoon.

It does not seem bad until a cold wind is blowing, at which point a parking garage begins to make sense.

8. Not actually on the map is the O'Brien Stadium lot. If absolutely all else fails, this lot will always have some sort of parking available to it because no one wants to walk that far but these spots are actually great if you have classes in Lantz.

If not, and it is a Friday, it may make more sense to simply cut class and begin tailgating for that night's home football game.

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Paper schedules no longer available

Discussion continues on student laptop program

By Graham Milldrum

The changeover in online registration has been a smooth transition, as was reported to the Academic Technology Advisory Committee on Friday.

Kathy Reed, associate director of the information systems department, said the staff had planned on switching over to the new registration program at 6 a.m. March 26.

But when the staff came into the

office, they found that the program had already switched.

"It went better than what the student paper said," said Reed.

She said the transition was so seamless that none of the students called for help at midnight when the switch occurred.

She said the program is much more usable than the previous version.

This version allows students to search all classes, even before the students can sign up for the classes, and operates quicker.

Students had very little to stay to the office, she said.

Most of the feedback they have

received has been positive.

She said there have been no complaints of the system running slowly, which was a major handicap of the old system.

She said 6,400 seats for classes had been filled by Thursday night, before the sophomores and freshmen could register.

With the new program, the regular printed section in The Daily Eastern News has been omitted. Reed said this is a banner issue, and if they had printed the schedule, it would have been a 400-page document because of Banner's formatting.

Brian Poulter, a journalism professor, said paper schedules were proba-

bly unneeded for most students.

The plan to issue to or require laptops of all freshmen was indirectly explored.

Some classes, particularly those in the communication disorders and sciences program, would be altered to allow better usage of laptops in the classrooms.

One concern is being able to support all the laptops simultaneously, said Chat Chatterji, assistant vice-president of information technology.

The current system works with the current use, but he said running 30 laptops for an hour and a half might strain the network a great deal.

To help offset the problem, equipment is being adjusted in the pilot areas to improve speed and avoid problems.

Greg DeYoung, associate director of campus infrastructure, described the current system as acting like nearly 340 islands around campus.

Since they act somewhat independently, the bandwidth cannot be easily shared.

That means that parts of the campus with many computers in use will be slow while others function normally.

RAISING A RUCKUS

Staff Report

The new online music server for on-campus residents is ready for use.

Ruckus is a music server that has more than 2.5 million songs available for download.

It will also have free movies available at the beginning of the summer, said Peter Opere, a Ruckus account executive.

Right now, the program has more than 4,500 movies and TV shows available for \$15 per semester. Students can access songs and download them on to their computers for free if they live on campus.

Students can join by going to

www.ruckus.com and downloading the player, which recognizes the on-campus addresses and routes the student to the on-campus server.

The free songs cannot be put onto iPods, mp3 players or burned to a CD.

The songs come as a Windows media file with digital rights management protection.

If a student wants to use a Ruckus song on an MP3 player they can buy the feature for \$20 per semester.

Jared Rowcliffe, a resident assistant at McKinney Hall, has tested the program online for Housing and Dining Services for more than a year.

He said since the program has been available on the Eastern server the time required for downloads has decreased significantly.

While it once took about 30 seconds to download an album, it now takes less than 10 seconds, he said.

Rowcliffe has yet to see any problems from a usage standpoint.

"The variety is there and I have found nothing to complain about," he said.

Ruckus partners with all four of the major record labels and hundreds of independent labels. If an album comes out at night, students will be able to access it by morning on Ruckus, Opere said.



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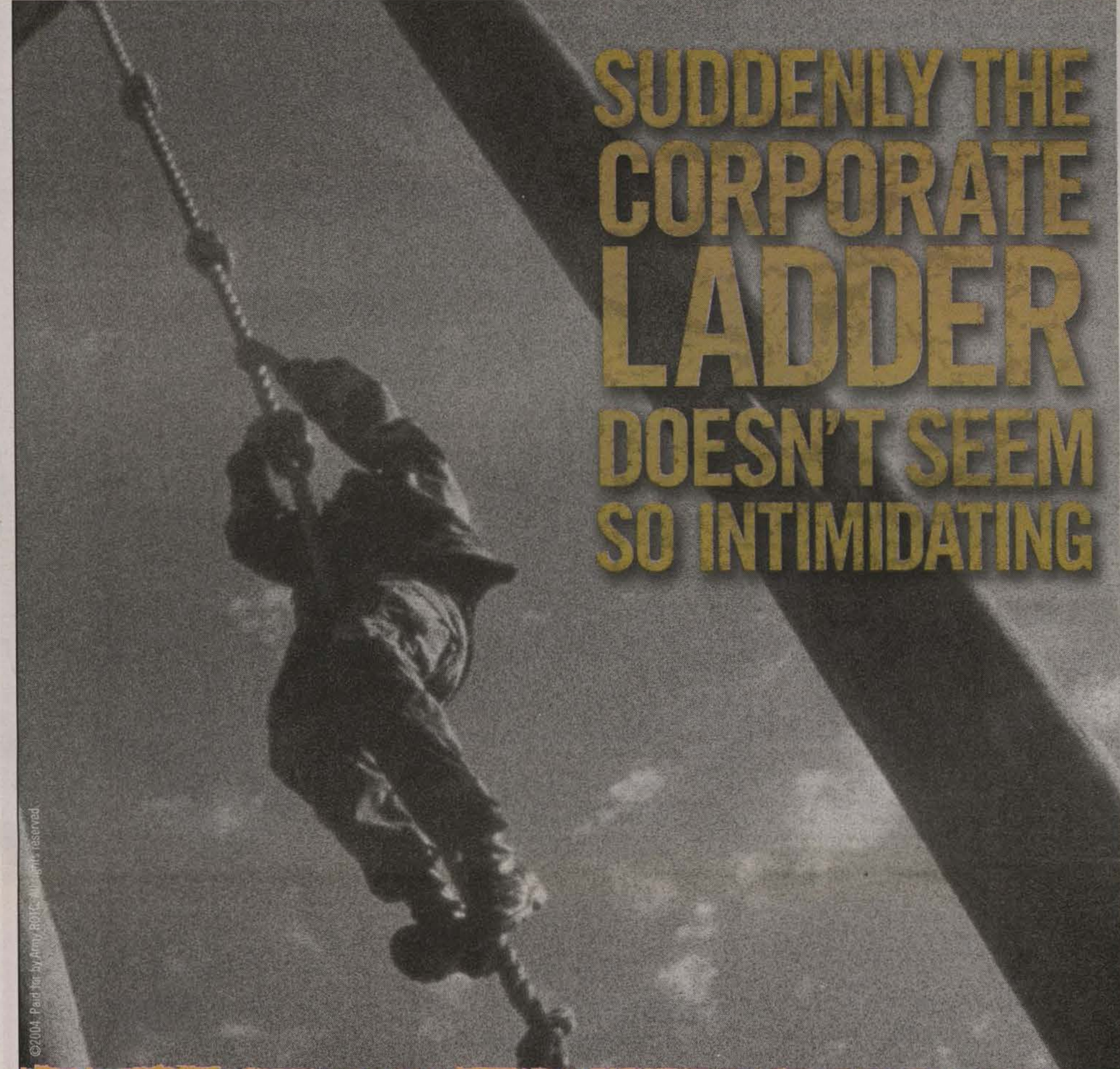
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SECTION C



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jim Figora, a junior art major, putts for the hole on the fourth hole at the disc golf course Wednesday evening. "Disc golf is a great way to take your mind off the stresses in the world," Figora said

New disc golf course open

By Barbara Harrington
Staff Reporter

LEVI BULGAR | STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

"It will get a lot of students who wouldn't normally go to the (Student Recreation Center) out there. Before, people who played Frisbee golf or frolf, as some call it, would have to travel 30-40 minutes away to play."

One spring of construction and \$15,769 later, Eastern is now on par with Southern Illinois, Western Illinois and Illinois State Universities.

Disc golfers can now play on the new nine-hole course for recreation or competition.

The student senate approved the course in February, and construction began in the spring and was completed over the summer.

Levi Bulgar, student body president, said he believes the money allotted for the course was money well spent. The university already had the space for the course, and Bulgar liked the idea of bringing an up-and-coming sport to campus.

"It will get a lot of students who wouldn't normally go to the (Student Recreation Center) out there," he said. "Before, people who played Frisbee golf or frolf, as some call it, would have to travel 30-40 minutes away to play."

Disc golf is similar to regular golf. The object of the game is to get through the course with as few "strokes" as possible, but instead of putting a ball into a hole, players throw a disc into a target or basket.

To help a player successfully make par, there are several types of discs available: a basic disc, a putting disc and a disc that curves to one side.

"[The game] can be as sophisticated as you want," said Ken Baker, director of Campus Recreation and interim athletic director.

For those who are new to the game, there is a practice basket across from Taylor Hall, which serves as a sort of "driving range."

Players can work on developing

skills such as distance and aim before trying out the course.

Baker said since the completion of the project he has seen players out on the course regularly.

"Even over the summer we had a league develop," Baker said.

Baker and Bulgar both expect the popularity of the course to increase as the semester goes on.

"I'm hoping more people will say 'Hey let's go try this. It's something new; it's something fun,'" Bul-

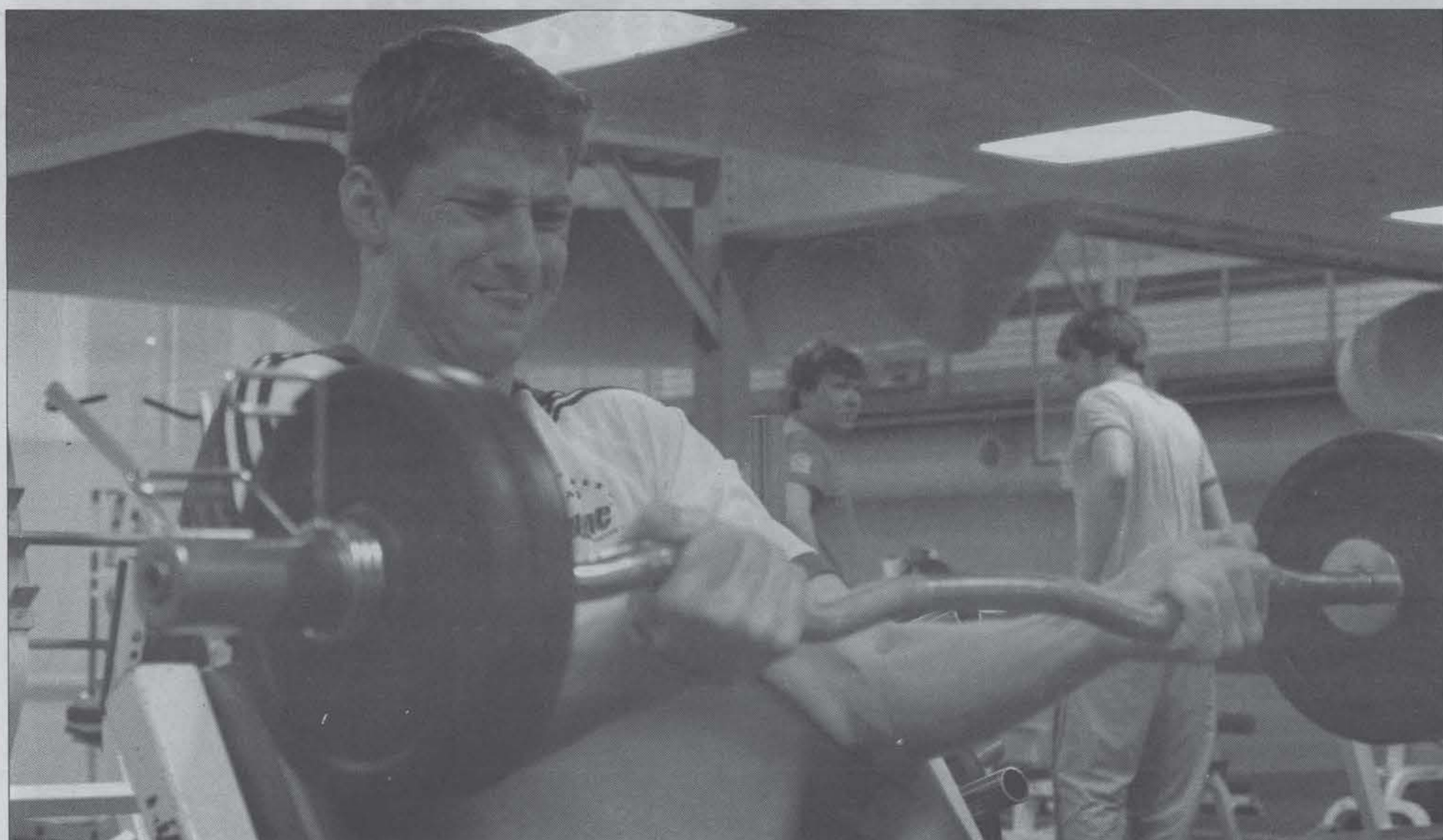
gar said.

The course is open to everyone, and there is no tee time, sign up or fee to play.

It is located just south of the campus pond. Discs and score cards are available in the Rec Center. Scorecards are also available first tee.

DISC GOLF COURSE

- Equipment available at REC Center with use of Panther Card
- Location: South of Campus Pond, across from Taylor Hall
- Free admission for students
- Scorecards available at first tee



FILE PHOTO

Svetlozar Zahariev, a junior physical education major, performs a curl in the free weight area in the Student Recreation Center on March 27, 2006. The Rec Center is open for student use during the Fall, Spring and Summer terms.

Rec Center has weights, tracks and television

By Matt Daniels

KEN BAKER | DIRECTOR OF THE REC CENTER

Director of Campus Recreation Ken Baker continues to see the Student Recreation Center thrive and expand.

Baker, just finishing his eighth year as director of the Rec Center, can remember back to the days when the building did not have restrooms.

"We keep improving but people don't remember the way it used to be," he said.

"Students sometimes don't really appreciate how good we have it," said Baker.

How good Eastern has it is that students, and Baker emphasizes the

word students, can show up at the Rec with just their Panther card and use the facilities that have six basketball/volleyball courts, fitness centers with aerobic and strength training machines, a 1/9 mile track and free weight areas.

"If students get here at 4 p.m., they might have to wait awhile to use the elliptical machines. But we

have more ellipticals than Western Illinois, Illinois State and Indiana State combined."

Baker pointed out that at other universities, students have to pay extra fees to use exercise equipment or to play intramurals.

But that isn't the case at Eastern.

The Rec also has an aerobic/multi-purpose room, a dance studio and a

lobby/lounge with two couches and a big-screen television.

"We continue to see our numbers go up," Baker said. "Our student body stays the same, well generally the same, but everybody else wants to use it."

That everybody else that wants to use it includes the residents of Coles County.

But Baker is quick to point out that the building is for the students first and foremost.

"Our most difficult thing is to protect the (building) for the students. One of our biggest challenges is to maintain the integrity of the students in using the facility," Baker said.

Students saw changes this year at the Rec, with security cameras being installed and each piece of cardiovascular equipment having its own television monitor.

Instead of students watching what is on the TVs in the Rec, students can now choose what they will watch.

"Each year the expectations keep getting higher," Baker said.

"We keep improving but people don't remember the way it used to be. Students sometimes don't really appreciate how good we have it."

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FILE PHOTO

Shauna Searcy, a composition and rhetoric graduate student, works on a paper in the Writing Center in Coleman Hall Wednesday evening. The Writing Center offers tutors and other resources to help with paper writing problems

Writing center offers help for students

By Ryan Sweeney

LAVADA SIMPSON | WRITING CENTER TUTOR

"There are many repeat students who come in all the time, sometimes more than once a day, to get help with their writing and revising."

The writing center has tutors available to help students perfect their writing skills as they face the stresses of midterms.

Shannon Littleton and Lavada Simpson, tutors in the writing center, said they offer help to students who have problems with proper writing. They also try to give as much help as possible to make them more confident in their writing.

Graduate students who have experience in teaching and have completed their course work currently work in the writing center. In order to learn how to instruct students in writing intensive courses and help them perfect their skills,

these students work with other teachers as well.

Tutors in the writing center do not proofread and correct the mistakes students make, but they do help the students identify their mistakes so they are able to correct them on their own. Littleton said the overall goal of the writing center is to help students perfect their grammar skills and also learn to write in a professional manner, along with aiming them in the direction where they can find the information they need to do

so.

"I wouldn't consider us proofreaders, but more as coaches who want to get the students to learn how to find and correct their mistakes more on their own," Littleton said.

Some of the busiest times in the writing center are midterms and finals week.

"There are many repeat students who come in all the time, sometimes more than once a day, to get help with their writing and revising,"

Simpson said.

Valerie Holmes, a freshman, said she has utilized the tutors in the Writing Center occasionally this year.

"The writing center has helped me establish a certain format and helped me express certain ideals and details helping to research specific points on what it is I am clearly looking for help in," Holmes said.

A lot of students come in to get help on how to write bibliographies in APA style, which is something

most professors require for research papers. Many professors do not require their students to go to the writing center, Simpson said. But some suggest going just for the help anyway.

Students who are involved in the Gateway Program at Eastern are required to go to the Writing Center by their professors.

The writing center has been looking to improve the program by getting more tutors and is hoping to improve their services by making them accessible through the Internet. The demand for tutors now is high, and the Writing Center is looking for help at all times.

The Writing Center is located in Coleman Hall Room 3110.

Health Services offers medical care on campus

By Melissa Territo

AARON TOWLER | SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

"The best thing about health services is that they always try to make students feel welcome because they are so friendly."

Health Services provides students with medical services and health educational programs to prevent and reduce preventable health risk and illnesses that interfere with students' every day lives.

"Health Services helps students with academic performance, learning, student retention and personal growth opportunities," said Eric Davidson, Associate Director of Health Services.

Four Medical Doctors, one Nurse Practitioner, one Physician's Assistant, one Pharmacist, two Pharmacy Technicians, two Lab Technicians, one Phlebotomist and one Psychiatrist one day a week staff the Health Service Clinic.

Amanda Suggs, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major said, "The clinic is very accessible to students because it is located in the central part of campus."

Health Services is recognized as a leader of student health within the state.

"We are one of the few Health Services within Illinois, as well as in the nation, who have fully implemented an electronic medical record and patient management system," said Davidson.

Health Services have made it even easier for students by incorporating an online appointment scheduling and record availability.

Sam Karr, a junior communication studies major said, "They always try to schedule me in as soon as possible, and the doctors are always personable and nice." Along with the Health Services Clinic, there are Health Services educational programs available to students. The educational programs are designed to help students prevent health risks

and illnesses that interfere with their academic performance and personal growth opportunities.

"The best thing about Health Services is that they always try to make students feel welcome because they are so friendly," said Aaron Towler, sophomore sociology major.

There are over 15 educational programs available to help students.

There are one-on-one education sessions, small groups, student organizations and presentations tailored to classes.

All consultations are confidential and will not be disclosed without the counselor's written consent.

Davidson said that Health Service tries to always be able to accommodate students, especially since the majority of the educational programs are administered by graduate and undergraduate student employees, interns and volunteers.

"We do a lot, especially when it comes to the level of our staffing compared to the students," said Davidson.

Health Services is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Appointments can be made by going to the office to arrange an appointment or by calling Health Services at 217-581-2727.

Booth adds new materials

By Kristina Peters

The amount of work it takes to keep the materials in Booth Library up to date may not be apparent when walking through the building.

Materials for the library are always being purchased throughout the course of the year, and last month the library received 1,336 new materials.

Each month the library gets 1,000 to 2,000 new items, said Karen Whisler, head of collection development for Booth Library. A budget of more than \$1 million, which comes from appropriated funds, makes purchasing many of materials possible. This helps in providing students, faculty and staff with the resources they need, she said.

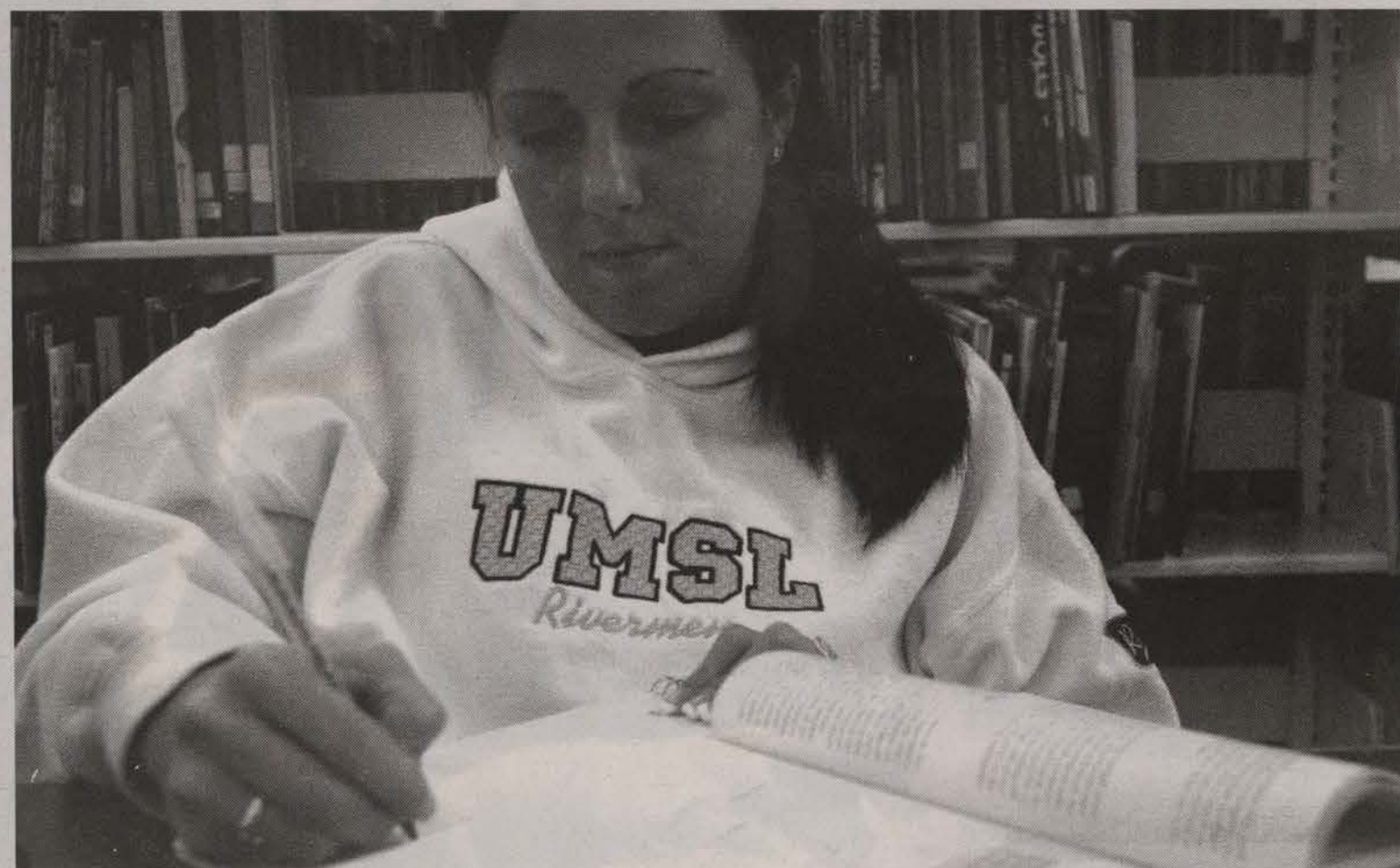
"We get new books everyday," Whisler said.

The library does not only buy textbooks, but it also purchases recreational reading material, novels, periodicals and even films.

"The main objective is to keep the collections current," said Carl Lorber, a general operations worker in the library. The library sends out slips to faculty and staff asking them for suggestions to figure out what to purchase.

"We work closely with the faculty," Lorber said. "We are trying to buy books that support the curriculums."

Besides receiving faculty input, librarians will also read book reviews



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to help make decisions.

Students can also give suggestions for new materials to buy by visiting the library Web site and filling out a request form, Whisler said. A list of the library's new materials can be found online. There the new items are broken up into categories. Lists

from past months can be found on the site as well.

When the new materials arrive, the library staff places them on shelves in the Marvin Foyer for one to two weeks. Previously, the new materials were placed in the atrium.

"[The Marvin Foyer is] a nice

location," Lorber said. "It's kind of like a showcase."

Students and staff are able to check out the new materials after the library receives them.

"They are ready to go as soon as they hit the shelves," Lorber said.

After being displayed in the

foyer, the materials then go to designated areas.

With the number of materials that arrive each month, the library still finds that there is enough room for it all. The library does not get rid of older books unless they are in poor condition or are a duplicate.

Counseling center helps students deal with pressures

Over 600 students helped each year

By Melissa Territo

The social and academic pressures that college students face daily can be exciting, yet challenging and stressful at the same time.

Sometimes the stress and pressure can be too much for one person to handle. Eastern Illinois University's Counseling Center is both free and confidential, which assists and supports students in growth and appreciation of themselves.

There are six psychologists and counselors, two interns and one secretary at the Counseling Center.

There are four different services

JUNIOR BIOLOGY MAJOR | STUDENT

"I like the fact that I can schedule my appointments on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. This helps me set time out of my day to express my feelings to another person that cares and understands."

available to students: personal counseling, group counseling, outreach and consultation.

Each year, the Counseling Center provides personal counseling to over 600 undergraduate and graduate students. Suicide, rape/sexual assault, loss of a loved one, anxiety/panic attacks and self mutilation are just a few of the problems that students face that can be helped at the Counseling Center.

A sophomore physical education

major who wishes to remain anonymous stated, "The Counseling Center has helped me deal with my problem and feelings on being homesick."

The Counseling Center provides an opportunity for students to freely express their personal problems and/or concerns that they do not share with others.

"I like the fact that I can schedule my appointments on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

This helps me set time out of my day to express my feelings to another person that cares and understands," said junior biology major who wishes to remain anonymous.

The benefits of counseling allow students to be able to experience trust and openness with someone, be heard and understand and learn a lot about their own self. Most sessions are typically 50 minutes long. Students are limited to eight individual counseling sessions each

semester, to a total of 32 sessions over their enrollment at Eastern Illinois University. Unlike the limits on individual counseling sessions, students are not limited in their participation in group counseling.

The Counseling Center also provides education programming on mental health topics. There are Life Skills Seminars sponsored by the Counseling Center each semester, which are a series of workshops covering: stress management, improving relations and coping with depression.

The Counseling Center is located on the first floor of the Human Services Building. Appointments can be made by going to the office to arrange an appointment or by calling the Counseling Center at 217-581-3413.

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Booth Library
This is where you get your study on. The Library features group study rooms, computer labs and hundreds of research material.

Tuft Greenhouse offers nature to students

Greenhouse named for former professor allows students to study botany hands on

By Teague Fitzgerald Molloy

The Thut Greenhouse is a hands-on exhibition filled with different plant benches that overflow into the walkways throughout the building.

The 3400-square foot Thut Greenhouse, wedged near the Doudna construction site and the Biological Sciences Building, was built in 1962.

It is the biological science department's botanical conservatory.

The greenhouse is open to students from 8 to 10 a.m.

Steve Malehorn, who manages the greenhouse, will happily answer student's questions while they tour the different rooms of the greenhouse.

The greenhouse contains a Desert room, a Fern room, herb Garden and research room.

The greenhouse is named after Hiram Thut, a professor of botany at Eastern who died in 1974.

He retired in 1969 after 37 years of teaching at EIU.

According to Eastern's Biological Sciences website, "Thut was involved with the planning of the present Life Science Building and was instrumental in getting our present greenhouse.

Thut also found time to be active in church and civic affairs, and was an inventor, having received a patent



The Tuft Greenhouse is located on campus across from Buzzard Hall. The greenhouse is named after Hiram Thut, a professor of botany at Eastern who died in 1974. Thut Greenhouse also functions as a facility for study in and out of the classroom.

in 1943 on a bimetallic light meter manufactured by a division of Bendix Aviation Corporation."

Thut Greenhouse also functions as a facility for study in and out of the classroom.

Currently, the greenhouse is being used to study a Japanese beetle mating behavior on grape and soybean plants, cataloging prairie species and soil response to invasion by an exotic plant species.

Student investigator research involves field surveys and lab research including flower initiation, flower development, pollination, fertilization, seed development, seed dormancy, germination, and seedling establishment.

This EIU research and development has been presented at Environmental Horizons, Illinois State Academy of Science, and Botanical Society of America.

Help with the future

By Eugenia Jefferson

Career Services is there to help students make wise decisions regarding their career.

Career Services is in 1310 Human Resources Building.

Descriptions of different majors and careers are available online with information of the different careers and potential employers.

If students can't make up their mind with the list and advice, they could take the Discover test. Discover is a self-assessment program that helps measure your abilities and personalities into suggesting the perfect career for you. Career Services also gives advice to students who are thinking about attending graduate school.

Not only does Career Services help out academically, but it offers a wide range of jobs and internships. It helps students write an effective, professional resume that will catch potential employers. It provides job searches, fairs and listings, as well as tips on different types of interviews. Recently, Career Services started having externships.

"Last year we had 70 and this year we had 120. It's a growing program," said Linda L. Moore, Career Services' director.

Career Services also provides different information from academic advisers. Moore said Career Services tries to update academic advisers on what's hot and what's not in the job market.

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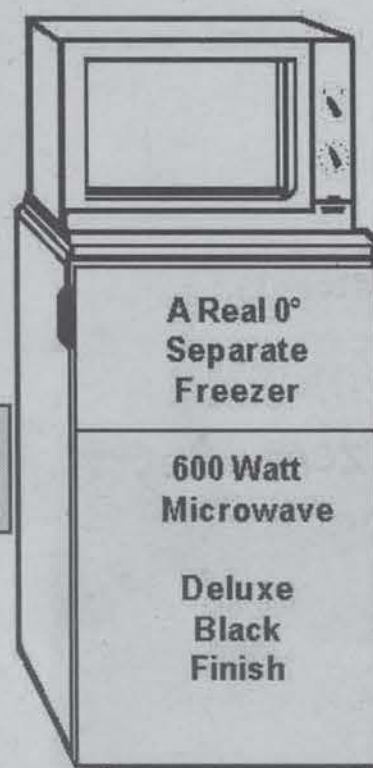
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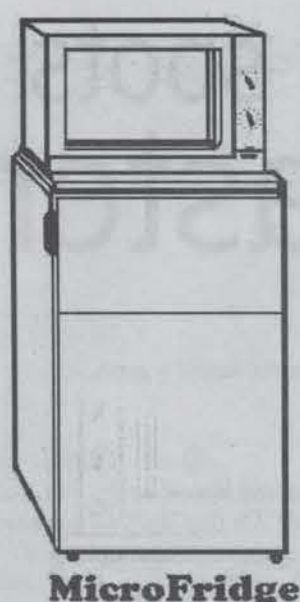
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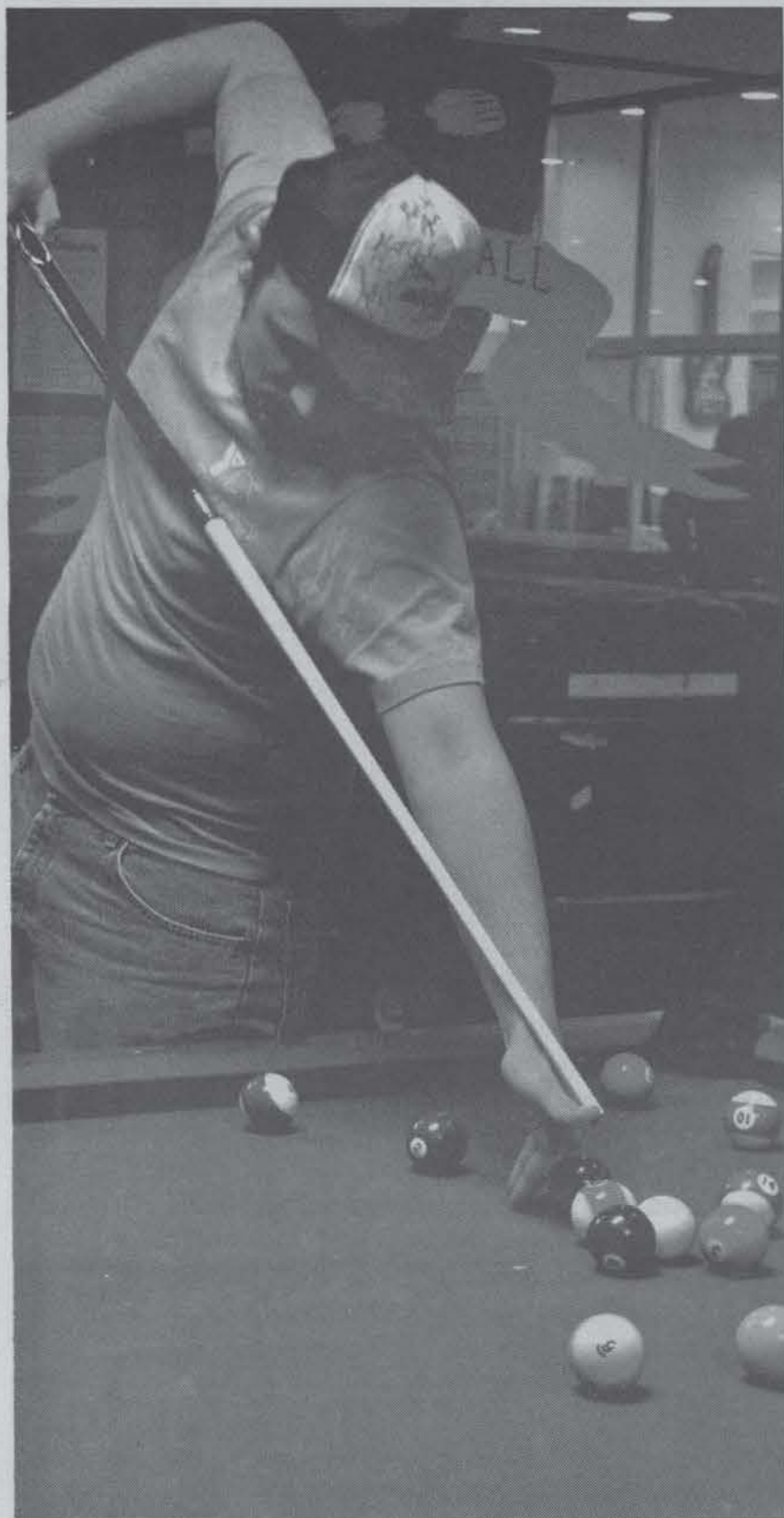
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Kevin Miller takes a shot at solids while playing pool with four of his friends in the Thomas Hall lobby.

10 Hidden spots at Eastern

1. The University Book Store- where else can you buy poster board, key chains and sweatshirts all with in walking distance of your dorm? It's a more expensive than Wal-mart, but when it's 20 degrees and snowing outside, you won't mind paying extra for some construction paper.
2. The bowling alley- games are a \$2.25 for students with a valid ID. It's cheap entertainment and you get to release some pent up aggression by throwing pretty marble balls at pins. Trust me, it will come in handy during finals week.
3. The food court- home to one of the only Chick-Fil-A's in the state, the Union food court offers everything from subway to pizza and accepts cash and dining dollars. Don't take the trays out of the union, they frown on that.
4. The rec center- students can play racket ball, basketball, volleyball, walk on an indoor track or swim. Yes, I said swim. For the non-athletically inclined there is a giant TV in the lobby and a foosball table.
5. 7th street underground- Former student body president Ryan Berger promised that the 7th street underground would be the coolest place on campus after renovations were completed. That remains to be seen, but it is where any comedian that comes to Eastern performs and any place that
- has live entertainment is good.
6. Booth Library- It has books. Lots and lots of books. But it also has movies and CDs that students can check out. There are computer labs and comfy chairs. Plus Booth sponsors films series and guest speakers.
7. McAfee- it's basically a maze that used to be a gym. It's the only building on campus with ceilings enough to house Chinese Acrobats. Plus, sometimes if you sit on the steps you get a free concert from the music department.
8. Marty's-A bar. On campus. With a panther outside that students ride.
9. Tarble Art Center- provides Eastern with a little class and culture. With everything from paintings to exhibits on Native American's Tarble is Eastern's own art museum.
10. The ITC- Located in Buzzard Hall, the ITC is a lab for education majors, but anyone can use it. You can buy construction paper, googly eyes and bulletin board boarders. Plus, they have a laminator and it's cheaper than anywhere else on campus.

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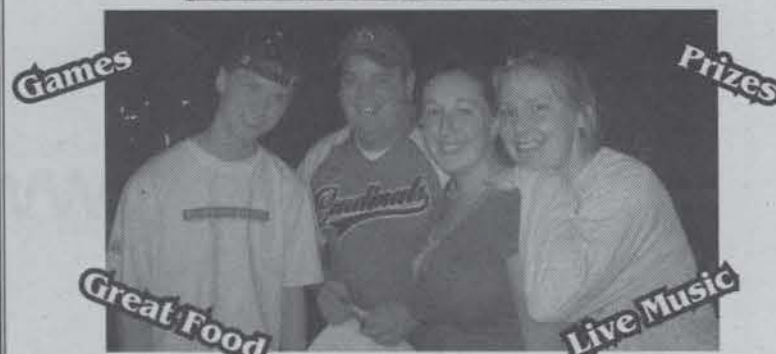


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Things to do around town

Confection perfection

Children's clothing store transformed into candy shop

By Julia Bourque
Staff Reporter

Walking into the store, a shelf full of "Potty Putty," "Sea Monkeys," "Whoopee Cushions" and other kids' toys stands at the right.

On the left, a counter showcases several flavors of hand-dipped, premium ice cream and old-fashioned soda machines used to make green rivers, shakes and malts.

In the back, a jukebox and pinball machine complete the 1950s' motif of Giraffe Confectionary.

Located at 516 Sixth St. on the square in Charleston, Giraffe Confectionary has catered to residents of all ages since 2004, creating after-school memories for some and reliving memories for others.

"I've always been fond of ice cream soda shops from the 1950s and '60s," said owner Jackie Tarrant. "My mother used to take me to a drive-in, and I'd always get an ice cream soda. I just wanted to offer those same kinds of treats to people in Charleston."

In its beginning stage 28 years ago, Tarrant operated Giraffe from her home on Madison Street.

Giraffe, as it was named before it became a confectionary, sold "upscale" children's clothing, Tarrant said.

After her children graduated from high school and moved on to college, Tarrant decided to go to school herself at Eastern Illinois University to get her master's degree in social work.

After earning her degree, Tarrant closed Giraffe and did social work in Charleston for four years.

Tarrant then decided to go back into business and reopened Giraffe at 608 610 Sixth St. in Charleston.

But after only a few years of operation, the building was destroyed by fire in 2003, and Tarrant was forced to relocate once again.

This time, however, she wanted to sell more than children's clothing; she decided to turn Giraffe into a confectionary.

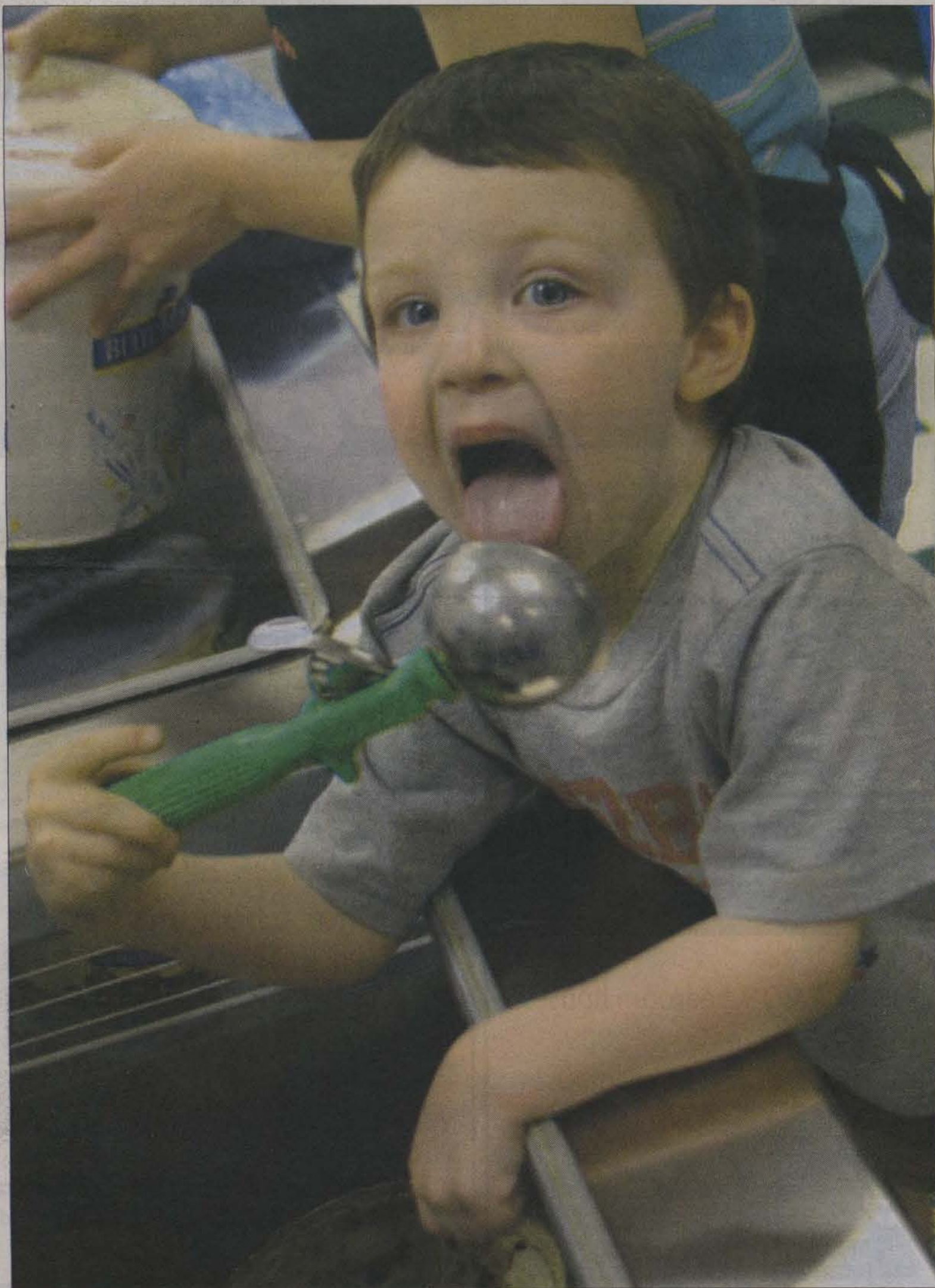
The menu at Giraffe Confectionary includes items such as ice cream, which is the store's best seller, to candy cigarettes.

Tarrant said some of the top sellers for the old-fashioned candy are the Bun candy bars, Dots (the little dots of candy on a long sheet of white paper) and Valomilk, which is like a Reese's but filled with marshmallow instead of peanut butter.

The cheapest item on the menu is a single scoop of ice cream in a cone for \$1.45. The most expensive item is the banana split for \$4.95.

"The banana split is very big and gooey," Tarrant said. "I've only seen two customers who have been able to eat the whole thing by themselves."

Giraffe Confectionary is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and can be reached at 217-348-5734 for further information.



Brady Upton, grandson of Jackie Tarrant, owner of Giraffe Confectionary, takes a lick of his favorite ice cream - mint chocolate chip - on May 10, 2006.

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GIRAFFE CONFECTIONARY INFO

- Hours: 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Phone number: 217-348-5734

- Open: Monday through Saturday
- Located: 516 Sixth St. on the Square
- Menu items include ice cream and various candies

Works of art on display at Tarble

By Jess Kinsella

Vibrant oil paintings to detailed charcoal on paper line the walls of the Tarble Arts Center. The center, on Ninth Street next to Buzzard Hall, offers plenty of opportunities for students to view all types of art work.

Student shows and exhibitions ranging from traditional paint and print to computer based or pre-historic artifacts are on display year round, said Kit Morice, curator of education.

Most of the artwork on display is accompanied with a statement from the artist describing what they envisioned or how they went about creating the piece.

The center is currently gathering Abraham Lincoln pieces for their permanent summer collection starting June 3, Morice said.

Not only does the arts center provide student, community and featured artists' work, but it

holds theater productions as well.

The center just expanded the atrium area in 2004, which provides a large area for the plays to take place.

The Charleston Community Theater group, which consists of Eastern students and members of the community, performs about three productions throughout the year at the center, Morice said.

Various recitals and private music shows involving students or members of the community are also held at the center, Morice said.

The Tarble Arts Center books its artists and displays about a year in advance so that it can provide a monthly newsletter for the year, Morice said.

Summer hours for the center are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

If students have questions they can call the Tarble Arts Center at (217)-581-ARTS(2787).

The Station offers laughs and good times

By Courtney Stanley

The sound of people singing their hearts out to country, dance and rock music echoes from The Station on every Thursday through Saturday nights.

But that is not all.

Appetizers, pool tables and darts are also popular during the week at The Station on 611 Monroe Ave.

But karaoke is the big thing, said

Kathy Rardin, the manager.

"We have some people that can't even carry a tune, but some are really good," she said. "So it really balances itself out."

Thursday is the big college night because many students come here after bingo at The Moose, Rardin said.

But it is mostly a townie bar because the lack of transportation for some students to The Square, however, we would prefer to have more

college students, she said.

"I like it because I'm a people person and I like the socializing," she said. "But it is funny to see how crazy the students can get sometimes."

The Station does have daily drink and shot specials, as well as jello shots on karaoke nights. A lot of people love the Purple Tickler and the Sweet Tart shots, she said. But the Purple Tickler is a special recipe and no one knows the ingredients —

not even the bartenders. It is already made-up before the night, she said.

Rardin has managed The Station since her sister, Theresa Smith, took it over in April of 2005.

She worked in day-care for 10 years. So it was like going from babysitting little kids to "big kid" drunks," Rardin said laughing.

"By the time they get four or five drinks in them, they get up there and do karaoke and they just don't

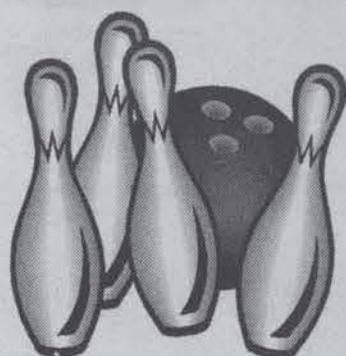
care," she said.

Jim McBride is the deejay in charge of karaoke on Thursday and Friday nights, and a group called All Star Karaoke does it on Saturday.

"It's normally pretty exciting with the kids (students) up here all the time," said Vern Mathias,

All Star Karaoke, who switches on and off doing the karaoke with his daughter, Heather, on Saturday nights.

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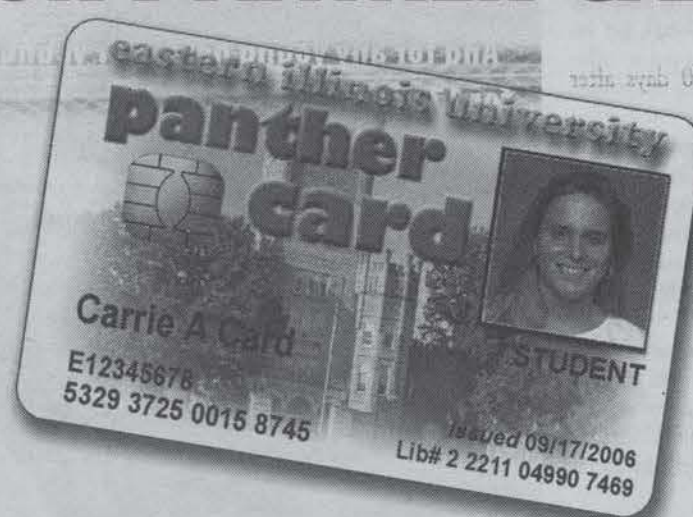
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Old is new again at Twice is Nice

By Courtney Stanley
Staff Reporter

Nancy Kuykendall jumped at the chance of opening a resale consignment shop 17 years ago when her sister-in-law, Laura Arwine, approached her with the idea.

She had always been a fan of resale shops and garage sales.

"I've always loved clothing and I love working with people," she said.

So in 1987 —they did it. They opened Twice is Nice in Tuscola, Ill., when a two-story Victorian house came up for sale in an auction.

But Kuykendall, from Tuscola, eventually went solo and moved the store to a college town — Charleston, Ill.

The store was located on the south side of The Square in Charleston for two years.

But she re-opened it on 1100 18th St. to have room for furniture and other merchandise.

The majority of customers are working families, but students seem to come in more everyday. And a lot of men, too, she said.

The store has everything from couches and chairs to women's, men's, and children's clothing.

"I think just having a good resale shop is a service to the community," she said.

Especially since the only place to buy clothing now in Charleston is Wal-Mart and Maurice's.

And there are always sales, Kuykendall said.

They usually start 30 days after each season and gradually increase. Everything is 20 percent off in March, 30 percent off in June and 50 percent off in July.

But in August, Twice is Nice has a two-week indoor garage sale where items are sold near garage sale prices.

"Things are carried out of here in trash bags," she said.

But students are offered an extra 10 percent discount every day with a student identification card, she said.

Twice is Nice also clears most of the floor twice a year, in February and August, and donates the merchandise to organizations like Teen REACH. A person can bring in up to 50 items of clothing during the



FILE PHOTO

NANCY KUYKENDALL | BUSINESS OWNER

"And for any young person or young entrepreneur who's thinking about starting a business. I've been it for 17 years."

year to consign for a six-month period with an appointment.

But she said they won't take any clothes that have been sitting in a closet for the past 20 years.

They do have to be in good shape, in style and ready to go on the floor.

And many of the clothes are name brand, she said.

Also, 50 percent of the sale is split with the client when it sells.

"I think Nancy is a really nice

lady and easy to negotiate with," said Steven Larrik, a senior journalism major at Eastern. "The quality of the stuff is really good, especially on the furniture."

With furniture, a call is all that is needed to let her know it is coming.

But if the item has not sold in 90 days, the owner will have to come and pick it up.

She said she does have to watch what is coming in and out and watch the floor.

When she doesn't have room for anything else, she stops taking things. But with clothes, it is different. If we have to line them up in the backroom —we will, she said.

"And I often here, do you get tired of dealing with clothes all the time?" she said. "And no, no, I really don't."

She said she almost closed the store in Tuscola years ago when the Tanger Outlet Mall slowed business when it opened.

But her daughter told her she had to try harder, which is why she moved the store to a college town.

The building and the location in Charleston is great, she said. No parking problems, a lot of room and a dock out back to load the furniture.

"And for any young person or young entrepreneur who's thinking about starting a business, this really is a good business," she said. "I've been it for 17 years."

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Healthy options at the Union

By Michelle Simek

When students think about New Year's resolutions that have to do with weight loss, their first thought may be exercise.

But exercise won't help too much if they don't eat right.

The Food Court in Martin Luther King Jr. University Union offers one of the largest and most diverse dining choices on campus for students picking up an afternoon snack or eating a full-blown meal.

There are greasy options, but if a student wants to eat right, there are several choices for that as well.

Megan McCallister, nutrition education coordinator for Health Services, has tips for any student looking to eat better without giving up any guilty pleasures.

McCallister recommends avoiding foods that are fried or have a lot of grease.

Alternatives include baked chips, fruit bowls, salads, grilled or deli sandwiches and wraps that are easier to carry around and eat while walking to class.

If fried or greasy foods cannot be given up, moderation is key.

"Pizza within moderation can still be healthy," McCallister said.

Drinking sugar-filled beverages such as soda or fruit juices can also add unwanted calories to students' diets.

"People don't think about drinking their calories," McCallister said. "The drink cups in the Union are 20 ounces and can have



Students walk by an entrance at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union on Thursday, June 26. The food court offers many diverse spots to eat at.

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anywhere from 180 to 320 calories."

Better choices include 100-percent-fruit juices, which have less sugar and can be counted as a serving of fruit as well, she said. Tea and diet beverages are also good choices, but milk and water are the best.

"College students, on average, do not consume enough milk to keep

their bones strong and healthy, and six to eight glasses of water a day is a definite," McCallister said.

Students can still eat at Connie's, Chik-fil-A and other establishments but need to look for healthier items.

"Wraps are good choices," she said. "However, students need to be careful of the calories in the salad dressing because they can double

the number of calories in the foods they are eating."

Subway is also a choice with made-to-order selections where vegetables can be loaded on lean meat and whole wheat bread.

Although the Food Court has many good choices, many empty calorie selections are also available.

Empty calories have very few

nutrients, vitamins and/or minerals when compared to their calorie levels, McCallister said.

Fried foods, sweets and soft drinks are almost always lacking any nutritional value.

When asked what he usually eats in the Food Court, Steve Tsangos, a senior history and secondary education major, said, "I like Subway, but sometimes it gets old."

Tsangos visits the Union about five times a week and opts for fried foods from Connie's such as burgers, fries and grilled cheese.

"I think the Union has a lot of food choices, but they need more variety," Tsangos said.

"The only thing I would consider healthy would be the salads and fruit bowls."

Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining, said that with knowledge of foods, a student could select a variety of choices that would allow them to eat healthy in the Food Court.

The process for selecting choices for the Union involves a number of people including dietitians, food vendors and students' input, Horn said.

If enough students fill out comment cards requesting a certain product, the Food Court will work with their food vendors to see if that product can be brought in.

Products are added or subtracted based on what vendors can provide and food trends, Horn said.

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RECORD STORES STILL ROCKIN'

By Jessica Leggin

Margaret Chickey refuses to buy a Britney Spears CD.

"I will never buy it," said the freshman elementary education major. "If it is just that one song, I'll just download it."

As the music world has crossed into the Internet, there has been one question.

Are record stores losing money?

Susan Prignano, a sales associate at 4th Street Records, said she thinks record stores are struggling.

"There is so much access to the Internet and it's really hard to keep up with it," she said.

"If you compare it to the '90s before downloading, there has been somewhat of a decline."

At 4th Street Records, the online age has not affected the store much.

"Music is still one of our top sellers below Eastern hoodies," Prignano said.

She said the music market in the store is steady.

At other stores, owners have decided to take a different route when capturing customers.

Jeff Brandt, owner of Exile On Main Street in Champaign said he tries to carry music people can't find online. Exile specializes in vinyl records. Brandt said these records are flawless in terms of sound.

"Vinyl is a complete perfect style of music," he said. "Music on mp3 players sound awful."

Brandt said sounds on mp3 players, and even compact discs, are compressed files and filled with unnecessary noises.

"Things just get lost," he said.

Brandt said his sales in vinyl CDs have increased the last two years.

Children also find an appeal in the vinyl records. Steve Kisar, owner of Old Main Book Shoppe in Champaign, said parents bring their children in to buy records.

"I have all wide-ranged ages," Kisar said. "People in their 20's, college-aged, high school and middle school."

Kisar said owning vinyl records have become popular in his store.

"Someone just came in the store recently and bought \$1,400 worth of rare vinyl records, and paid cash,"

STEVE KISAR | OWNER OF OLD MAINE BOOK SHOPPE

"I sell material that is not available online and has gone out of circulation."

he said.

Kisar said the reason is because vinyl records tend to be cheaper than compact discs.

"Some people will have a downloading party and DJ party with the vinyl records," he said.

Chickey said she usually burns CDs from her friends.

"It is just easier and cheaper," she said.

Chickey said if she likes more than three songs on a CD, then she might buy it in the store.

The Old Main Book Shoppe only sells used materials.

"I sell material that is not available online and has gone out of circulation," Kisar said.

The store also sells other merchandise to help bring in customers.

"We sell books, phonographic records, used postcards, magazines and paper goods."

Stores have strayed away from the sale of popular mainstream music.

Jeff Nettleton, assistant manager at Borders in Champaign, said more popular music is heavily affected by online sales.

"We use other musical outlets," he said.

Borders tries to sell music in the jazz and classical area.

Nettleton said the store has a different kind of shopper.

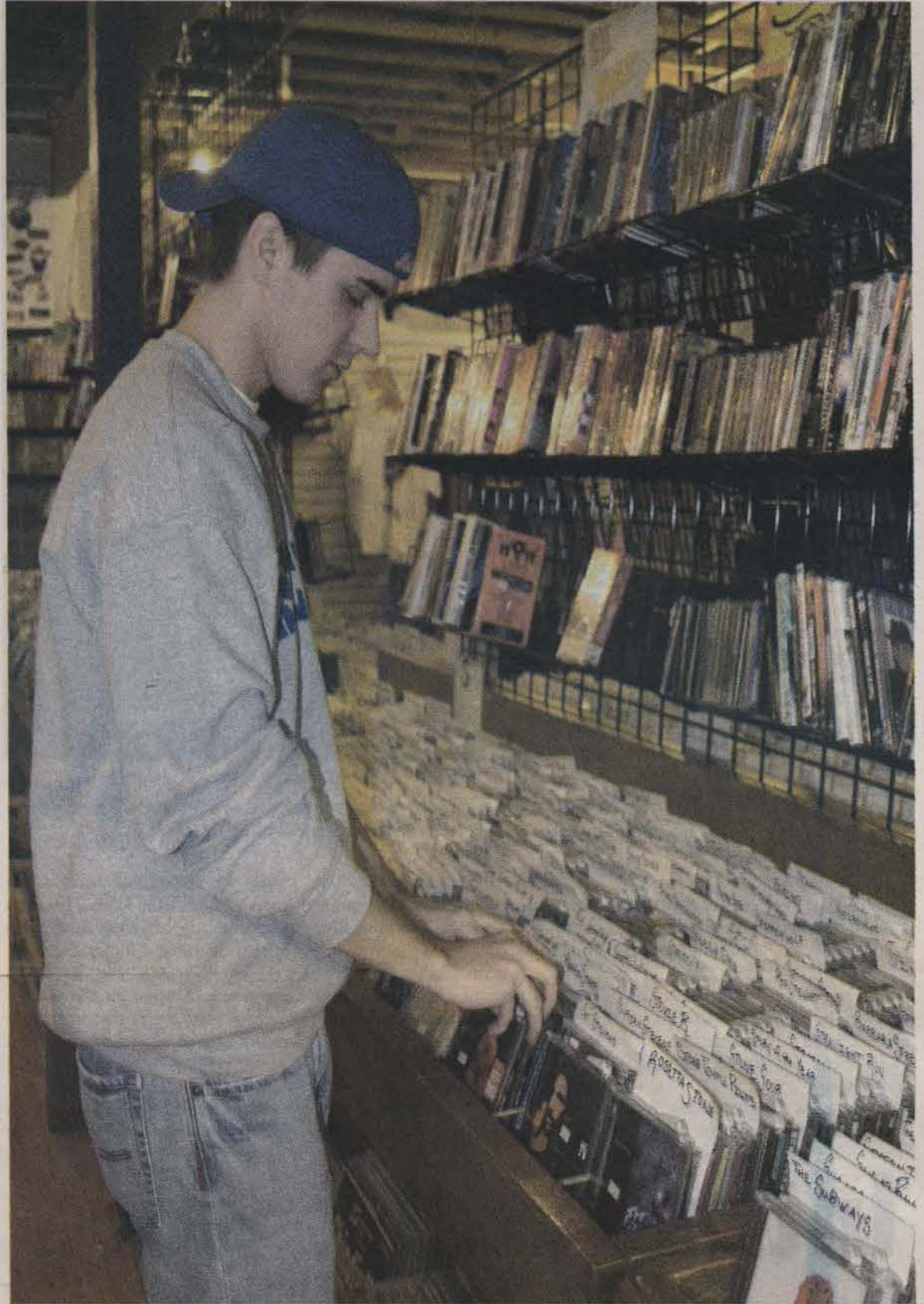
"Our customers tend to be more diverse," he said.

"The Internet is not their key source for music."

At Exile, the owner still values his customers.

"People like shopping in record stores and having that environment," Brandt said.

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Paul Weber, a junior finance major and six-month employee of 4th Street Records, sorts CDs Thursday afternoon. Some record stores have seen a decrease in sales as popularity in downloadable music sites increases, but employees of 4th Street think their diverse selection of music have helped them keep business strong.

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CLUBBING IN A CITY ATMOSPHERE

By Chris Gajda
Staff Reporter

"It's like Stu's on steroids!" said Michael Boska, owner of Club 217.

Boska, a 1997 Eastern alumnus, also owns AJ's and Boxa. He said he wanted to open the bar to help carry on Stu's.

Boska said he originally planned on a "chill bar" atmosphere, similar to that of AJ's, but over time, it turned into more of a club.

"I wanted 217 to be something different; something that would push the envelope," Boska said.

As an Eastern graduate, Boska wanted to bring something more to the students.

Boska said his family has been in the restaurant business for years and he "just sort of fell into it and started to follow the dream."

Club 217 has become what it is because of the Eastern students.

The bartenders, waitresses and manager are all students. They all want it to be a fun place where students can kick back, and they do what they can to help.

"I listen to what the students want," Boska said. "They know best. They're smarter than I am."

Boska said what helps make the atmosphere of the club is the architectural structure of the building, which was built in 1978.

"You'd never build something like this today," Boska said.

The second floor of A.J.'s is Club 217's ceiling. The concrete floor and iron supports help give it a modern industrial look, Boska said, which adds to the club's atmosphere.

"I like [Club 217] because it's a different atmosphere than Stix or Marty's," said James Lane, 26. "It's more open, and has better sound and lighting."

Right now, Club 217 has four flat screen TVs around the bar that



FILE PHOTO

Dan Taylor, senior social sciences major, makes a Tequila Sunrise Wednesday night at Charleston's newest establishment, Club 217

usually have a sports game on, or, if the students want, they can request a particular channel. Two more TVs will be added.

After 11 p.m. is when Club 217 becomes more of a club scene with dance music and shadow girls dancing on the TV screens.

The next closest thing to the atmosphere of Club 217 is the Panther Paw across the street, which also has a dance floor and bar. But aside

from the obvious aesthetic differences of both bars, Club 217 offers something no other bar in the area offers: VIP areas.

Two VIP areas can be found opposite each other on the sides of the club and guests can order individual bottles of champagne, with prices ranging between \$20 and \$80.

Because of the exclusive club atmosphere, Boska said many of the

students that go to Club 217 say they forget they are in Charleston.

With about 60 percent of the local population hailing from the Chicagoland area, it's only right that the bar focuses on the students, and that is why its atmosphere is geared towards that of a city club, Boska said.

Allyson Stoeck, a 22-year-old graduate student, said she likes Club 217 because it's "flashy but laid back."

"I like that the lights aren't in your face and it's easier to get drinks," Stoeck said. "I like the look of the balconies and I like the bartenders, because I know most of them and they're really friendly. It reminds me of the bars I go to when I'm back home in Chicago."

But Club 217 is not just a club, Boska said.

In an attempt to add to their already growing reputation, Club 217 will start having live bands perform.

The club's first live show will be at 9 tonight with a band by the name of X-Krush, a cover band from Champaign.

Boska is also toying with the idea of a live karaoke night. A three-piece band will be provided and customers can request a song and sing with the band.

Those details, however, are still unconfirmed, but are on the backburner.

Boska is also negotiating an attempt to have a regular comedy night one night per week as well as a buffet offered at a student discount.

All of these are ideas presented by the students to try and make the club everything it can be. Both Boska and Nick Giannelli, its manager, strongly encourage any and all students to make a request for any performer they would like to see to help with the students' enjoyment of

Club 217.

Club 217 has only been open for about a month, but has hit its 306 capacity limit every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

With students more aware of the consequences of underage guests in local bars, Boska said they have an advanced ID check-in system, constant surveillance and trained security.

"Every day here is a clean, safe environment for the students," Giannelli says.

The club's busiest night, thus far, was Halloween.

Staff gave away three \$300 prizes to contest winners along with over 500 free giveaways in shirts and beads.

Club 217 is open Monday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. While Charleston law orders all bars to close at 1 a.m., Boska said he thinks it would be great not only for buCluysiness, but for the students as well, to be open later.

"I know there are some places up north that don't close until 4 a.m., but there's really nothing I can do about that except wait and see if anything happens," Boska said.

Club 217 offers specials every night of the week, including \$3 rails, \$2 bottles and \$1 margaritas on select nights.

With the weekends full, usually reaching its capacity limit by 11:30 p.m., the weeknights are not very busy, and is one reason why Boska is trying to add more live entertainment with performers, comics and live karaoke during the week.

However, Boska is not trying to draw the crowds away from the other popular local bars.

"We all need each other," Boska said. "We work off of one another. I'm not trying to draw any business away from any of the other bars. We all help each other survive."

Intramurals: word gets around

By AJ Watson
Staff Reporter

"We have quite a bit of participants compared to other schools when I discuss it with my colleagues," said Kevin Linker, director of intramurals.

Through intramural activities students are able to unleash their competitive edge or the just get to enjoy

recreational activities ranging from a bags tournament to a wrestling meet.

According to Linker Eastern has nearly 45 activities for students to participate in year round including, five singles and doubles tournaments each semester, seven team sports and eight special events.

When deciding what activities to offer the university must find activ-

ities they think will be recreational and activities students will want to participate in. University officials must also factor in total cost of the activity and availability of staffing. Students are allowed to make suggestions on activities they would like to see offered.

"That's how dodgeball was implemented," Linker said, "but we have to make sure it is going to be worth-

while."

To get students involved, the university tells the resident advisors in the dorms about the activities and told to let the students on their floors know as well as post flyers.

The university also has information posted on its official website. However, the most effective way students find out about the different activities seems to be word of

mouth.

"Friends let me know through word of mouth," said Tim Dietze, a junior secondary education English major.

"This guy I sit next to in my Diversity in Schools and Culture class said his wife was looking for an extra person for their basketball team," said Jessica Wendel, a freshman physical education major.

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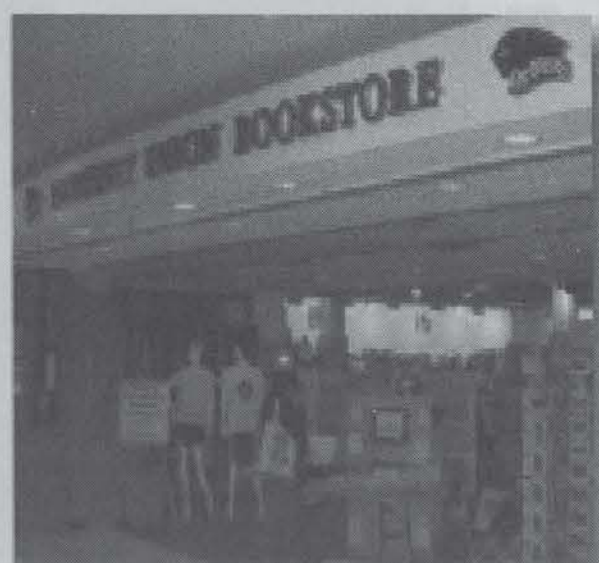
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OLD-FEEL SCREEN DOESN'T GET OLD

By Cathy Bayer

Not much has changed since 1938.

At least not at the Will Rogers Theater in downtown Charleston.

A faded yellow sign with burnt orange stripes announces "Will Rogers," with rust encrusting the edges.

Lights line the sign and the marquee, which lists the theater's two featured films.

The sides of the building continue the yellow trend with stripes. The bright colors stand out from the other buildings in Charleston's square.

For the most part, the theater is just as it was nearly 70 years ago.

Because of its style, the Will Rogers Theater is on the National Historic Register.

Will Rogers Theater is a second-run theater, meaning movies are played there after spending time at a bigger theater.

In this case, Will Rogers and Showplace 10 work together, since they're both owned by Kerasotes Theaters.

It closed in the early '80s, and was bought by Kerasotes Theaters, reopening in 1984. The company changed the one-screen theater into two screens.

The remodeling upset many Charleston residents, said Robert Harrison, general manager at Will Rogers Theater.

The theater's art deco-style ceiling was also covered, in order to accommodate the theater-screen split. A plain drop ceiling was added.

People didn't want the art deco, 1930s, depression-era styles to be changed. So rather than tear down the ceiling, the drop ceiling conceals the classic ceiling, Harrison said.

The outdoor ticket box that pro-



FILE PHOTO

Will Rogers Theater in downtown Charleston as it appears in 2006. The Theater has been around for nearly 70 years. Will Rogers Theater is a second-run movie theater, which runs films no longer at bigger theaters.

trudes from the building's front is no longer used. The concession stand changed locations, handicap-accessible restrooms were installed and the theater's balconies are no longer there.

However, that's where the changes end.

An art deco-style mirror occupies the wall across the two theater entrances.

Adjacent to the mirror is a portrait that nearly takes up the entire wall.

It's of Will Rogers, a famous actor and vaudeville star.

Rogers died in 1937, the same year the theater was built. The idea was to honor the actor, as well as attach a well-known name to the theater, Harrison said.

The theater can hold nearly 300 people.

"Walk the Line" filled quite a few seats because of all the baby boomers wanting to see the film," he said.

"Walk the Line" was showing for four weeks, while movies usually last only a week, because of the overwhelming demand of people wanting to see the movie.

Children's movies also do well.

There's only one problem: Students don't often go to the theater.

"I always say I'm going to (go), and then don't," said Kaitlin Kasper, a freshman math education major.

When she does go to the movies, it's to do something outside Charleston, she said.

"I do intend to go someday, (though)," she said.

But not a lot of college students go to even the evening or late night shows, Harrison said.

Melissa Veverka, a freshman elementary education major, said she

didn't know the theater existed. She said she would definitely go, but had no idea about the theater.

"I love watching movies," she said.

When she wants to see a movie, she goes to Showplace 10 in Mattoon.

Jin Ma, a biology graduate student, said she also had never heard anything about the theater.

On a good weekend at Showplace 10, more than 2,000 movie tickets are sold a day, said Brandee Tywell, manager at Showplace 10.

On a slower day, the theater sells anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 tickets, she said.

Michelle Garrard, a junior math major, has heard of the second-run theater, but has no interest in going. "They don't show the new movies," she said.

However, recently Will Rogers has begun to show new films again. Films that can be seen at Showplace 10 are now available at Will Rogers Theater as well. The prices have been raised to the same price.

A booking department in Chicago decides what movies will play at both Showplace 10 and Will Rogers theaters, said Dale French, area manager for Kerasotes Theaters. The reason Charleston and Mattoon don't get certain films is just a matter of availability, he said.

Harrison, who has been working at the Will Rogers Theater since 2003, likes the laid-back feeling and atmosphere of the theater. He sees a lot of the same people come in to see a movie.

When regulars come up to the concession stand, he already knows what they want, which adds to the movie-going experience, he said.

The movies are also cheaper than at a regular theater because of the lack of stadium seating and the theater's single speaker.

Former cook made diners feel at home

By Michael Peterson

Marianne Furrar is the kind of person who someone would feel they've known their entire life in just 5 minutes of talking with her.

Wearing her hair pulled back, a flower-donned shirt and a brown apron that says, "When in doubt, smother it with chocolate" visitors would have never guessed that she just got out of the hospital from a 103.5-degree fever, leaking small intestines and a perforated ulcer.

"I was in the hospital for seven days," Furrar said. "I was so grateful that my kids took care of everything. I was lucky."

Furrar, who was born in Mannheim, Germany, is the owner of Marianne's Euro Diner located at 615 Monroe Ave. in the square.

In fact, she is the only female restaurant owner in Charleston.

She said she came to the United States in the 1970s to work for her aunt who was the owner of the "Little Mexico" restaurant in Mattoon.

She opened her diner in 1998 because she wanted to have a European restaurant with an emphasis on quality rather than quantity.

"I don't have French fries and I don't have cheeseburgers. Sorry people."

Furrar said with a smile on her



FILE PHOTO

Marianne Furrar, owner of Marianne's, prepares some food for her customers. Marianne's is located at 615 Monroe Ave. in the square of downtown Charleston.

face. "But I do have lots of vegetarian items as well as homemade food items."

"As well as some of the smoothest coffee in Charleston," chimed in one of the customers sitting at a table while drinking his cup.

Furrar is constantly trying to find ways to get students involved.

For example, every Wednesday she serves \$3.95 all-you-can-eat

spaghetti, and on Friday's from 8 to 10 p.m. she features live music from local artists.

But probably the first thing one will notice when walking into Marianne's is the simple yet elegant European décor of the diner.

Pictures of professors, friends and other customers hang from the peach-colored walls.

Another defining feature of the restaurant is something called the

professor table.

It is a specific table at Marianne's that is always reserved for the professors, many of whom have gone to the diner on a regular basis since it opened eight years ago.

"I've never been to the school, but I know all the professors. And I just love them to pieces," said Jasmine Mannin, an employee at Marianne's.

"We've done catering for professors at other universities and they always act like we are below them. Here it's not like that."

Arguably the most important feature of the diner is the real sense of community.

It feels like "Cheers" in the sense that when you go there everybody knows your name.

"Being here is like being part of a family," Mannin said. "When I got pregnant she was like, 'I'm going to be in the delivery room!'"

One thing Furrar does is hire people that other employers might find too risky because of their past.

Furrar, on the other hand, hires them because she believes that everyone in life deserves a second chance.

She thinks the world would be a better place if people learned to accept one another rather than "pointing fingers."

"She also helped me find an apartment," Mannin said.

"If it's in her power to help, she will do it."

So why does Furrar do this? For one, Furrar does not believe in coincidences.

She believes that everything in life has a purpose.

The hard times are just an obstacle that we need to overcome, and it is those times that make us who we are.

"I am a Christian, and I am very careful when I say this because the term has become so watered-down," Furrar said.

"But I do have a faith that allows me to draw from a higher power. I think that is part of what makes me who I am."

Furrar also landlords a duplex as well as a room that is above her restaurant.

In the 70s she owned a Mexican/German cuisine restaurant called "Muchachos" and in the 80s she owned a jewelry, gold and silver store called the "Gold Buyer."

"Because I am very outgoing and I have had several businesses before I know a lot of people in this area and a lot of people know me," Furrar said.

"My personality is what you see is what you get."