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Row by row

Art and Eunice Snider harvest fresh bell peppers for their evening meal Saturday afternoon, at Snider's U-pick produce, south of Charleston on Route 130. Please see story and photos on page 5 for more details.

Microsoft may face anti-trust charges

SEATTLE (AP) — The Justice Department plans to review allegations that Microsoft Corp., the nation's biggest computer software maker, has committed antitrust violations, news reports said this weekend.

The Federal Trade Commission, which has been investigating Microsoft since 1991, gave the Justice Department its records in the case last week, The Washington Post and The New York Times reported, citing unidentified government sources.

The Justice Department's Antitrust Division could take over the case or leave it in the FTC's hands.

The request for case records reportedly was made by Anne K. Bingaman, chief of the Antitrust Division.

There was no answer at Microsoft offices in suburban Redmond on Sunday. Microsoft spokeswoman Marty Taucher said Friday the company had not been contacted by the Justice

Department.

The FTC hasn't publicly acknowledged investigating Microsoft, but the company has discussed the probe and has denied any wrongdoing. The FTC last month deadlocked for the second time this year on whether to bring an administrative complaint against Microsoft.

Competitors, including Novell Inc. and Lotus Development Corp., claim Microsoft purposely designs its products to be incompatible with utility software programs offered by other companies.

They also say Microsoft gains an unfair advantage by giving huge discounts on its MS-DOS operating system to computer manufacturers who pay a royalty on every machine they sell.

MS-DOS is by far the most popular operating system software for personal computers in the United States. Operating systems control such basic computer functions as opening and closing files.

Budget increase brings benefits to all at Eastern

Governor Jim Edgar and the General Assembly have approved a \$53,483,300 operating budget for Eastern for the 1994 fiscal year, which began July 1 and runs through June 30 that will go toward employee salary increases, program improvements and library materials.

This represents an increase of \$870,800 or 1.7 percent over the 1992-93 budget of \$52,567,500.

Of the additional \$870,800, \$307,900 is intended for salary increases. This represents less than a one percent salary increase. Any salary increase beyond this figure is entirely dependent on the outcome of collective bargaining discussions and would have to be reallocated from existing university programs.

Faculty salaries at Eastern and the other Board of Governors Universities (BGU) lag significantly behind salaries at peer institutions in Illinois and across the country.

"Narrowing the gap between our faculty salaries and those of our peer institutions is a top priority," President David Jorns said. "Although the state allocated us some money for salary increases, unfortunately it is not enough to make our faculty salaries competitive with others."

Eastern and the BGU had asked for \$1.4 million for salary increases, but that amount was reduced to \$1 million by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The legislature cut that to \$307,900, which was what the Senate recommended.

A downside to the budget, according to Jorns, is that the 1.7 percent increase does not match inflation nor does it cover all of the university's financial obligations, such as deferred maintenance on campus buildings.

"While we are gratified that the governor and General Assembly provided a modest increase for Eastern that includes monies for employee salary increases, program improvements and library materials, we still have serious financial obligations that must be met," he said.

Jorns pointed out that while the university has reduced the number of its colleges to meet immediate operating costs, there are no resources available for deferred maintenance projects, estimated at over \$65 million.

For students, a 2.3 percent systemwide increase for the five BGU universities means that tuition will remain the same for fall 1993. Eastern undergraduates pay \$1,848 per year and graduates \$1,944.

EIU undergraduates also will benefit from improvements that will be made in undergraduate and minority education and from new equipment purchases. Directing funds to these areas is a primary objective of the IBHE's Priorities, Quality and Productivity (PQP) initiative.

Students and faculty alike also will benefit from a 10 percent increase in funding for Booth Library, which amounts to \$77,100. This increase is needed

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Rising floodwater attacks St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After days of waiting, the water came.

Two of America's biggest rivers swelled to record levels and assaulted the city from all sides Sunday, crashing through a levee in a pre-Revolutionary War hamlet to the north and threatening hundreds of homes to the south.

Urgent appeals went out for sandbaggers all over Missouri's largest metropolitan area, where residents spared the flooding saw live television pictures of foaming water gushing through levees and swallowing farmhouses in seconds.

And still the water rose — faster and higher than anyone expected — with crests on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers forecast for a Sunday night collision at their confluence north of the city.

"We're fighting a war," said fire Chief Neil Svetanics in the emergency command post downtown. "The war in Iraq lasted four days. The Israelis won a war in seven

days. We've been in this campaign for 25 days and haven't reached the pitch of battle yet." St. Louis now is the focal point of the months-long flooding in nine Midwestern states that has contributed to 45 deaths and caused \$10 billion in damage.

The area came under siege late Friday when water burst through a Missouri River levee in the Chesterfield suburb west of downtown, flooding hundreds of businesses and a commuter airport.

By Sunday, the Mississippi had reached a level of 49.2 feet, 19.2 feet above flood stage. It was expected to crest at 49.7 feet.

That level would be just 2.3 feet from the top of the city's 52-foot floodwall, which sprang a leak at its northern end during an earlier crest on July 20.

Workers repaired that section of the wall, which protects an industrial area north of down

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Pastor's message: The flood is not a message from God

HOLT'S SUMMIT, Mo. (AP) — Though their homes may be submerged, their lives disrupted for who knows how long, the Rev. Myron Couch wanted his parishioners to know: God does not use floods to send messages.

"God doesn't prevent bad things from happening to people," the Baptist preacher told both his congregations, as they gathered together. "But God is with us in everything we experience, and God is ministering to our spiritual needs now." All over central Missouri, the Sunday morning airwaves carried similar messages of reassurance. Don't grieve, the voices said consolingly, this is an opportunity for you to renew your faith.

The message is one Couch believed the faithful from his congregation in nearby Cedar City especially needed to hear. He could not go to them; their beloved church



is full of water and, like many of the homes swept flat by the flood, may prove beyond repair.

Lying on bottomland across the Missouri River from Jefferson City, Cedar City takes on water every six or seven years when the river overflows.

But the flood of '93 is without precedent, pouring over houses, mobile homes, businesses and churches. The town's 400 residents fled a month ago and must remain scattered until the river slowly

recedes.

The Rev. JonnaLee O'Dell has sought to deliver the same reassurances to the congregations of the four United Methodist churches she serves, including one in Cedar City, which has water "to the ceiling," she said.

For those worshippers, the loss of the church — formed more than 100 years ago — has compounded the tragedy, for the church is a center of community life.

"What I have been trying to help people understand is that in the midst of this, God grieves with us, and that our faith provides us with what we need to come out on the other side," O'Dell said.

Couch's flock here is working to build a church, so both his congregations gathered in a local Lion's Club building. The two dozen people heard Couch read from John 7:25 about "streams of living water" —

which the minister said was planned long before the floods — and sang hymns, accompanied by a portable electronic keyboard.

The men were in their suits, the women in dresses — even the worshippers from Cedar City. They knew the river, they knew what it could do, and so they had plenty of time to clear out their houses before the first devastating crest swamped their town.

After weeks of endless rain and ominous, crashing thunderstorms overnight, the sun shone intensely Sunday. It was hot. It felt good.

For Beverly Coots of Cedar City, there was no question about coming to church.

"It lifts your spirits to know the Lord is with you," she said. "It shows you that material things can be taken away from you and it's not that bad, because the Lord will provide."

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Budget

to keep up with double-digit inflation in the cost of books and professional journals.

In addition to an increase in its operating budget, Eastern received \$11.9 million for capital projects. A total of \$11.3 million will be used for the rehabilitation and expansion of the Buzzard Building on campus.

Of the \$11.3 million for the Buzzard renovation, \$1.6 million will be used to construct a two-level addition encompassing more than 14,000 square feet to meet expanding program needs.

The remaining monies (9.7 million) will allow the university to remodel Buzzard's existing classroom

facilities and library space, restore the swimming pool and replace the building's aging roof and heating and ventilation systems.

Deferred maintenance projects that were funded are \$285,500 to refurbish the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in McAfee Gym and \$330,500 to replace a 20-year-old chiller in the Life Science Building.

Eastern may also receive funding to bring some of its facilities in compliance with Americans Disabilities Act requirements. The amount Eastern could receive has not been announced.

Flood

town, and officials prayed it would hold.

Downtown St. Louis and the city's famous Gateway Arch sit on higher ground, safe from the flooding.

But in the south end of the city, leaks sprang all along a 4-mile levee protecting homes on the River Des Peres, ordinarily a narrow drainage channel that feeds the Mississippi.

Water also rose through the sewer system in the River Des Peres area, threatening hundreds of wood-frame tract homes, many of which were flooded during the last crest. Officials went door-to-door Sunday telling people to leave.

Northwest of the city, levees burst overnight in St. Charles, a town of red-brick roads and gaslights founded by a French fur trader in 1769.

Already soaked in some areas from previous, smaller crests of the Missouri, St. Charles took another big hit as water struck mobile homes, houses and businesses, including antique shops in the French district.

Tears rolled down Lori Hanson's face as she prepared to leave her home with her husband, three children and three dogs. As the sun beat down, water was pouring into her basement and creeping up her front yard.

"We heard it rumbling," she said of the levee, "and then we looked out and saw water." The water turned

city streets into rivers. Sandbags delivered by boat or trucks large enough to forge through the muck were stacked everywhere in front of homes and shops.

Betty Silverberg and her husband Richard, who has family roots in St. Charles dating back 100 years, vowed to stay at their home and battle the rising water. She said the town would suffer, but ultimately would recover.

"(People) have lost so much," said Mrs. Silverberg. "They'll be back. For a lot of them, it's their home place." Northeast of St. Louis, in Alton, Ill., the Mississippi swept over a sandbag levee protecting a water treatment plant, cutting the drinking water supply for 73,000 people.

Even people whose homes were away from the flooding shared the heartache through the barrage of live television pictures, including footage from helicopters of levee breaks on the rural Illinois side of the Mississippi, southeast of St. Louis.

In the most dramatic scene, a barrier broke near Columbia, Ill., and a torrent of chocolate-brown water swirled around a picture-perfect large, white farmhouse, uprooting trees three stories tall and quickly turning the fields into a lake.

The house held for several minutes. But then it broke from its foundation and was jostled downstream. Almost immediately, it folded. There was nothing left.

Flood strategy conceived in city 'war room'

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Images of war are inescapable. Color-coded maps line the walls, and telephones and two-way radios are arrayed atop folding tables surrounded by metal chairs. High-level officials confer constantly.

"It literally is a war room," said Lt. Steve Mueller, spokesman for the city's emergency operations center. "This is the most critical situation we've had to date." In this besieged city awaiting the climactic crests of invading rivers, emergencies are met and strategies planned in the bunker-like basement of the Soldiers Memorial Building.

City officials huddle here daily; they have since July 8.

Their biggest worry is protecting the city's flood wall, an 11-mile, 52-foot-high buffer that has spared most of the city. But all day Sunday, emergencies broke out as smaller levees around the area failed.

The people in the war room call themselves moles because they've been underground so long. They include workers from such departments as police, fire, streets, parks, sewers, water, utilities and engineering.

So far, they've deployed police and National Guard troops to pro-

tect against looting, rescued city workers trapped by floodwaters, organized volunteers to fill sandbags, and battled mosquitoes with spray.

But they've also come up with all sorts of contingencies if there's a break in the main flood wall, which already is saturated and under tremendous pressure, or if the River Des Peres again punches through the tattered levee protecting hundreds of homes.

"There's always the worry. You have to worry ahead of time," said Dee Delores Suda, director of the city's Emergency Management Agency. "We've seen what happened in towns where the levees and flood walls failed." The river has crested twice before in St. Louis, the largest Midwestern city battling the flood. But even when it hits the high-water mark, the danger persists. So the war room will be operating for weeks to come.

"The water is going to take as long to go down as it did to come up," Fire Chief Neil Sventanics said. "Just because it's past its highest point doesn't mean it's past the danger." "The river's got us captured," he said, "and won't let go."

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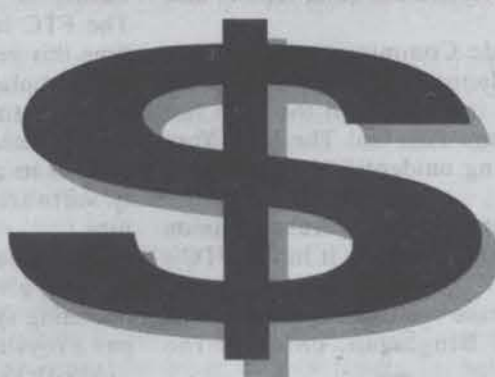
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Doubts arise about Bosnian peace plan

GENEVA (AP) — Bosnian government leaders voiced dissent Sunday about a preliminary peace accord with Serb and Croat rebels, but their Muslim president defended it as the best deal possible for the outgunned Muslim-led forces.

President Alija Izetbegovic, pressured at the bargaining table and on the battlefield, reluctantly agreed Friday to a Serb-Croat proposal to divide the former Yugoslav republic into three ethnic mini-states.

It was unclear whether the agreement could be blocked by a split in Bosnia's 10-member collective presidency, headed by Izetbegovic.

It also must be approved by the Bosnian parliament.

Child victims of war learn about hate

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — In the dusty streets here, children hiss at foreigners with a hatred far beyond the experience of their years. They hurl fist-size stones at cars and scream invective.

These are not childish games, but signs of short lives once again swept up in a wave of violence and xenophobia.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund, as many as eight in 10 children in Somalia's capital suffer from some form of trauma that needs correctional education or counseling.

Refugees return home; cease-fire holds

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (AP) — Tens of thousands of refugees began returning to ruined villages Sunday as Israeli tanks withdrew from south Lebanon following a U.S.-brokered cease-fire.

The truce, which took effect Saturday, ended a week-long Israeli blitz that police said killed 140 people, wounded at least 496 and sent 500,000 people fleeing north.

Israeli warplanes, gunboats and artillery had bombarded a broad swath of south Lebanon in the largest and bloodiest offensive since Israel invaded 11 years ago. The offensive followed a rash of rocket attacks by Shiite Muslim and Palestinian guerrillas against Israel's self-styled "security zone" in south Lebanon.

Skinheads say they're just kids

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Their worst vice, they say, is smoking cigarettes. They readily add to the list being young, impressionable and historically ignorant.

Their language is typical teen-ager: all, like, "you've got to be kidding!" Meet four members of the Fourth Reich Skinheads. According to federal agents and indictments handed down Thursday, the 20-year-old leader of this group, Christopher Fisher, was an armed, bigoted young man who planned to ignite a race war by bombing Los Angeles' most popular black church.

According to Timothy Traster, Samantha Turrill, Kori and Debi — Fisher's girlfriend — it was really an undercover FBI agent and an informant who suggested and pressed for the church bombing and the assassination of Rodney King.

The four, who gathered

recently on the back steps of the Trasters' duplex, insist they are regular teen-agers who are proud of being white and tired of feeling discriminated against in their racially mixed communities. Debi, 16, and Kori, 17, asked that their last names not be used to protect their families.

The FBI declined to comment on the youths' claims. "The affidavits speak for themselves," spokesman John Hoos said in an interview late Thursday.

On July 15, claiming that Fisher's bombing plans were out of control, the FBI launched a sweep that netted eight people, three of whom were affiliated with the Fourth Reich Skinheads.

The group came to the FBI's attention when the informant discovered a hotline the group operated that played racist rhymes before callers left "white pride"

messages. They now concede the hotline was racist and wrong.

In April, according to a federal affidavit, the unnamed informant called the now-defunct hotline and left a message asking to meet with its operators.

When the man arrived for the meeting, he said he was the Rev.

Joe Allen of the Church of the Creator, a Florida-based white supremacist organization.

The man invited some members of the group to his Newport Beach "church" office — a warehouse equipped with weight-lifting gear, Hitler pictures and an arsenal of guns.

There, Debi and Traster met the man's "nephew" — "a really good-looking guy" named Mike McCormick, Debi said. "McCormick," the teens believe, was the FBI agent, "Allen" the infor-

mant.

Traster said he went there to exercise "except we didn't get to work out." "They always sat us down and talked to us. They always suggested a race war. If you tried to talk about anything else, like what we did over the weekend or something, they always changed it back to a race war." Debi said the group had no name until "Allen" pressured them to come up with one.

"It wasn't on our fliers, it wasn't on our hotline," she said.

"We never called ourselves that," Fisher was charged Thursday with offenses including bomb-making, conspiring to blow up the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Central Los Angeles and throwing a Molotov cocktail at an Orange County synagogue.

The FBI initially said

Suspects in bombing had violent past

SEATTLE (AP) — One of the young men is a police lieutenant's son who beat a cat to death against a newspaper vending machine.

Another attacked a Hispanic man with a dowel, and a third incited a melee at a New Mexico nightclub.

Federal agents say Wayne Paul Wooten, Jeremiah Gordon Knesal and Mark Kowaalski have graduated to more serious crimes — they were arrested this week in the July 20 bombing of an NAACP meeting hall in Tacoma.

Wooten and Knesal, allegedly caught shoplifting Thursday at a J.C. Penney's in Salinas, Calif., were charged with explosives violations. Knesal and Kowaalski, who was picked up in a Seattle suburb, were later charged with the bombing.

The FBI says the Tacoma bombing was the start of what was to be a racist-inspired series of attacks on civil-rights groups, synagogues, submarine bases and black rap stars.

Nobody was hurt in the bombing, which came after attacks on two other offices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a synagogue in California and Washington in the last three weeks.

Interviews and court documents paint a picture of three young men who played rough.

FBI agents said they seized a small arsenal of firearms, white supremacist literature and Nazi-style flags in Kowaalski's home in suburban Auburn.

Kowaalski, 23, who spent much of his youth around Newark, N.J., moved to Auburn after being paroled in June from a New Mexico jail where he served time for two counts of aggravated battery involving a melee at a now-defunct Albuquerque nightclub.

Kowaalski jumped onto the stage and "started shouting skinhead-type things, Nazi power, that sort of stuff," said Neil Candelaria, a prosecutor in Bernalillo County, N.M. "When they kicked him out he tried to come back in. He stabbed two patrons trying to get back in." A riot involving more than 40 people followed, witnesses said.

Records show Kowaalski, who also goes by the last name Stevenson, also had a conviction in New Brunswick, N.J., for distributing drugs to minors on school property, Candelaria said.

In a jail interview with the Albuquerque Tribune in March 1992, Kowaalski, a 5-foot-8 bull of a man with a close-shaven head and an assortment of militant tattoos, claimed his mother was attacked by blacks when he was growing up.

"It's not OK to be white anymore," he said. "You have to tiptoe around so

you don't hurt anybody's feelings and you end up getting smashed anyway." Knesal, 19, had juvenile convictions in Seattle for failure to disperse, attempted theft of a motor vehicle and malicious harassment, court records show. In the latter case, he was accused of hitting a Hispanic man with a dowel as he and a group of other skinheads at a party tried to throw the man out.

When Wooten, 18, was arrested with Knesal, authorities found pipe bombs, rifles, a list of Jewish synagogues and groups, white supremacist literature and fake identification in Knesal's 1987 Volvo, the FBI said.

According to Pierce County court records, Wooten's rap sheet includes convictions for criminal trespass, malicious mischief, theft and animal cruelty. He was sentenced to community service for killing a cat by slamming it against a newspaper vending box outside a north Tacoma supermarket last year.

The store's assistant manager, Mark Erkers, said a customer came and told him about the beating. He went outside and confronted Wooten.

"I just said, 'How would you feel if I did that to an animal of yours?'" He just kept looking at me, laughing. He kept saying, 'You don't know who you're messing with,'" Erkers said.

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Suspensions should sound the alarms

The long arm of the law has once again reached into several of the local bars.

A sting operation using a 19-year-old person who entered several local bars and requested to be served, found four bars guilty of violating liquor laws.

The bars were given sentences ranging from a three day liquor license suspension in the case of three bars, and a one-week suspension in the case of Friends & Co..

The differences in punishment stems from this sting operation being the second time in a year that Friends & Co. was caught violating local liquor laws.

The punishments were just and fair, but the sting operation that caught the four bars should be placed under some scrutiny.

Were the four bars that were caught the only ones that were involved in the sting operation, or were all bars in the Charleston area placed under the same microscope for examination?

These penalties will mean the tightening of security in all of the bars in the area, but how often will these sting operations happen during the school year, when all the bars are open?

Summertime in Charleston is a much more laidback time for all town residents, so will the raids increase in size and frequency when the town once again is put under siege by college students?

Who decides the time for these raids, as well as which bars get checked on a specific day? These are all questions that should be clearly laid out, if the mayor and his multiple liquor committees were open and forthcoming with all of the information concerning these raids, not just the outcome.

These suspensions should serve as a warning for the underage-drinkers, as well as the bar owners of Charleston. The leash is getting shorter, but there is still enough slack to hang yourselves with.

TODAY'S
QUOTE

Praising the lean and sal-low abstinence."

John Milton

Carnies are a rare breed of people

After attending the Coles County Fair Saturday night, I think I found out there is a potential third gender group out there.

The third group, besides males and females, would be made up of people we all know and usually deal with once a year. Those fine, upstanding people, and potential gender group members, are known as carnies.

For the uninformed, carnies are people whose jobs are to operating games and rides at places like the Coles County Fair.

Working as a carnie seems like a decent enough way to make a living. You are out in the sun all summer long and get to travel around the country. You get a good tan and have an educational experience all at the same time.

Everyone can't be a carnie though. Carnies have their own attitude, lifestyle, language, look and mannerisms. To be a carnie, you have to have all of them down pat. If you don't, people will eat you alive.

Most everyone knows what carnies look like. The men usually wear dirty baseball caps, a five o'clock shadow, worn-out blue jeans and the attractive company shirts. The women look like the men without the five o'clock shadow - their's is usually more of a one o'clock version.

All carnies, both male and female, must have a tattoo prominently displayed on them and be able to smoke cigarettes while conducting their games.

Just like other men and women, there are both good and bad carnies. Some are nice about getting you to play their games of chance. Others are more hostile and threaten you by calling you names if you don't play their games. If a couple is walking by their booths, the carnies try to insult the male's manhood by challenging him to a game. The carnies seem to think that women like the cheap stuffed animals that are handed out after a victory.

The games that they run are nearly impossible to win at the first time you play. I usually don't play these games, but since Friday was pay day I tried my hand at a few.

The first stop was at the basketball shooting tent. I had



Don O'Brien

two chances to sink a four-foot setshot with a regulation basketball. It looked easy, but the rims were barely big enough for a small children's basketball to fit through, so the odds of making the shot wasn't that great. I went zero for two, lost a buck and had the carnie, a female who told me that she had been a carnie for three years, laugh at me for shooting an airball on the second chance. By laughing at the losers, the carnies get some sense of selfworth since they are the ones usually being laughed at.

The next stop was at a shooting gallery. The carnie, a nice fellow with a few teeth missing, challenged the people I went to the fair with to shoot until we win. With the odds of winning one to one, I thought that this dollar would be well spent. I would have my fiance wrapped around my finger for the next month if I could win her a stuffed pink elephant.

But my fiance wanted to win on her own, so I gave her a buck and watched it ride. After 10 shots, she still didn't have the right combination to win a prize.

The carnie, who was laughing at her the whole time she was shooting, suddenly had to switch with another guy. The other guy wasn't as gratuitous with his shots and told us we had to pay a buck for each shot.

In order to win at this game, you had to knock over plastic boards with characters from the movie "Aladdin" on them. In front of each board was a letter. To win you had to gather three consecutive letters. She was one letter away from winning, so I shelled out another buck. She hit a board, but got a letter she already had. After telling the carnie she was through, he gave her a Bart Simpson baseball card for her efforts.

From there she went on to win a cheap whistle after cheating the carnie at the balloon-popping dart game and I won a stuffed pink dog dressed in a tuxedo after beating her and another friend at a racing game where the carnie, who was pregnant, talked trash to us during the game.

In all, the night was fun and educational. I also figured out why little kids don't say that they want to be carnies when they grow up.

- Don O'Brien is news editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.

Grumpy Duck

Paul Weimerslage



Guest viewpoint

Take compromise for what it is worth

• An editorial from the July 23, Daily Egyptian from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

"All men are created equal." With this statement, the U.S. Constitution presents an ideal society-in reality it is often left out. More than 70 years after women earned the right to vote and 130 years after the emancipation of slaves-both groups that fought vigorously for equal rights-another minority has been made a prisoner, being forced into the closet or made to suffer the consequences. In charge is the U.S. military, and seeking equality are homosexual citizens wishing to serve their country.

For nearly 50 years, the Pentagon has banned gays from entering the military, but a new "compromise" will allow them in under certain conditions. In essence, the directive will allow gays to serve, but in uniform only if they remain in the closet. Still allowing for discrimination against gays, the policy falls way short of President Clinton's campaign promise to repeal the ban outright. But taken for what its worth, the policy does offer an unfortunate but necessary step for progress.

Lifting the ban on gays in the military was one of Clinton's most critical promises when campaigning for the presidency, and it has been one

of his most looming since taking office. He has said he would repeal the ban. He announced this week that he instead negotiated a compromise with Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, that would slightly ease the ban. "As president of all American people, I am pledged to protect and to promote individual rights," Clinton said. "As commander-in-chief, I am pledged to protect and advance our security." He feels he completed both tasks with the new compromise, disregarding the assumption it is a sign of political weakness.

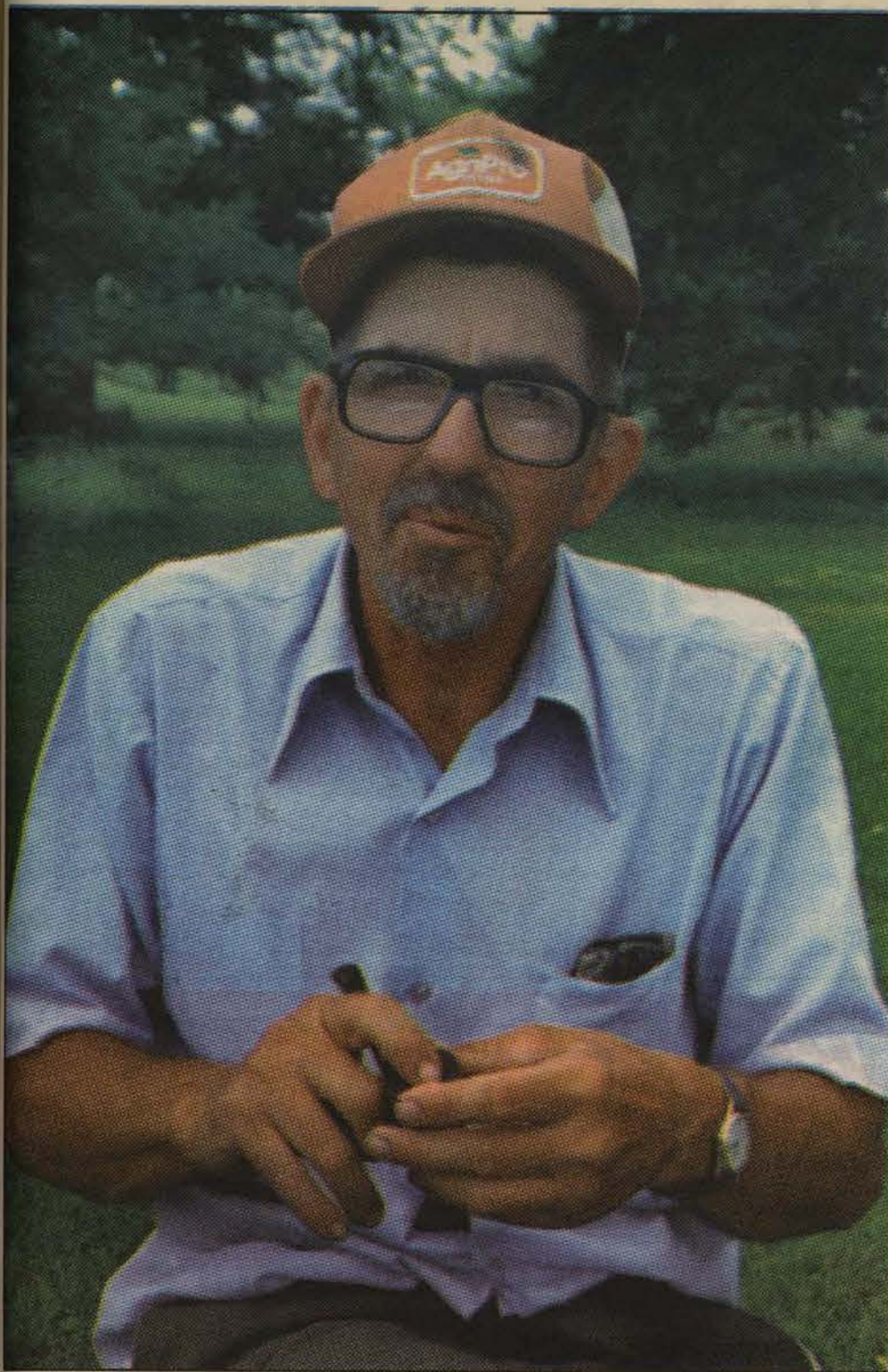
The fact is that Clinton was the minority in his struggle to lift the ban. He repeated a promise and should have kept it by issuing an executive order. Not only would it have reaffirmed that we have a president who stands behind his word, but it would have solidified his belief that the ban is indeed wrong.

The larger issue, however, is not Clinton's weakness or betrayal. The issue is how gays are treated, and this compromise does little more than treat homosexuals as a different creed of human being.

The new policy states "homosexuality is incompatible with military service" and homosexual conduct will be grounds for dismissal from the

military, even though the Pentagon recognizes that gay men and women have served with distinction. The guidelines prohibit past witch hunts launched solely to determine one's sexual orientation, but investigations could be launched if a commander learns of homosexual conduct, which simply could be one's own "statement that the member is homosexual or bisexual." Basically, the directive is meant to let military personnel be gay privately-merely having gay friends, reading gay publications and marching in gay-rights parades are not by themselves grounds for starting investigations.

The policy does little in the way of ending discrimination against people whose sex life is not the norm. In fact, it secures the idea that homosexuality is immoral: The federal government thinks it, so why shouldn't anyone else? It has been said that we no longer have a ban, but rather a muzzle-this is unacceptable. The new policy should be welcomed only if it is a foundation for later lifting the ban for good, then it could signal a small, yet noteworthy sign that America is moving toward full acceptance of gays-not merely in the military but in all walks of life-just as we did with blacks and women many years ago.



Above: Art Snider packs his pipe while explaining his life as a "hobby" farmer.

Upper right: Art deals with one of the customers at the weekly farmer's market on the square in Charleston.

Left: Tilling is one of the many daily chores that Art shares with all farmers.

Lower Right: While not the primary crop in Art's field, rhubarb is one of the crops that Art finds most challenging to cultivate.

Photos and story by Dan Koonce



The Sniders picked a hobby, you pick the fruits and vegetables

Art and Eunice Snider have the luxury of walking out their back door and being at work. Charleston residents since 1970, they always had a craving to start their own business.

"We've been farmers all our lives, it's in our blood," said Art.

When Art retired after 23 years of service in academic advising at Eastern, he and his wife walked into an expensive and challenging hobby by purchasing 13 acres of land, Sniders U-Pick Produce. Many entrepreneurs are mainly interested in the profit, but the Sniders get more than money from their operation.

Art said, "Farming is therapeutic. Taking care of something and watching grow, it's better than walking." The Sniders have also developed a love for the people, because they come to talk and not just to buy produce.

After conducting a through inventory, shelling the last of the popcorn and ordering the seeds, the season begins as early as mid-February by planting the seeds in flats. The Sniders agree that it's a lot of hand operations, but it's fun for them.

The two biggest variables in farming are the weather and the market. The weather hasn't affected the Snider's farm that much, however, the month of May was cold and wet and pushed their scheduled planting date back a week and a half. A common fact among all farmers is that farming helps you develop a respect and appreciation for the weather. "We have to work around the weather. If it's going to rain we'll work twice as hard that day to harvest," said Art.

The market is very interesting and unpredictable for farmers. Many of what Art calls u-pickers, customers who pick their own produce, shop on a daily basis so they only come out once.

"We don't know whether the customers like their produce frozen, canned or if they just don't know what to do with the vegetables," said Eunice.

The Sniders believe that the most popular vegetable in Charleston is green beans. "Ninety-nine percent of the people in Charleston eat fresh green beans and when we bring them to the farmer's market they're the first to disappear," Art added.

Another crucial variable in farming is timing. Knowing when to pick the vegetables and how to properly store them. Art said that most of the vegetables that are sold in stores are bred for shipping. These vegetables may seem to be the proper color and size, but if they're not stored at the ideal temperature and humidity their freshness and nutrients dwindle away.

"Don't get me wrong about grocery stores. At no place can you buy a large variety at a great price. It's just some

vegetables are not worth eating in the stores," he said.

What makes good crops is their freshness, quality and cleanliness. At Sniders U-Pick Produce, customers can pick what they want. "You can't get much fresher than that," added Art.

When the Sniders pick vegetables for the farmer's market or for those who choose not to pick their own, the vegetables are no more than 24-hours-old so most of the nutrients are still there. The people like what they see and what they get, so they come back for more. "That's why we get so much satisfaction out of farming," said Art.

The Sniders had trouble with the u-pickers at the start.

"We had to educate them first," Art said. "You have to be open or closed. If I stopped working every time someone



drove up and asked a question I'd never get anything done." Art felt that he didn't want to offend anyone but sometimes you have to.

Art did admit to being bored just once since he's been a full-time farmer. "The last time I was bored was when the power went out last January. With my eyes it's hard to read by candlelight," Art said. In between occasionally nodding off in his chair, Art manages to read at least two books a week or play his electronic bridge game.

The Sniders spend at least 50 hours a week gathering, which doesn't include spraying, irrigating, and tilling. "When you pick 100 lbs. of green beans, you know it. I would bet that 10 out of 11 nights we are in bed by 9 p.m."

Art admits to having failures, but that doesn't bother him. "If I make a mistake I'll just till it before anyone sees it," Art said. Over all the Sniders are very happy with their decision and they would do it all over again aside of a few changes.

"Eunice has been very supportive of my hobby, economically and emotionally," Art added. Both Art and Eunice also agree that their endeavor is exciting and challenging.



Country band set to play at Ted's on Monday night

By MITCH MCGLAUGHLIN
Editor in chief

Charleston, long known as a home to rock and roll of all varieties, is going to be visited Monday evening by a purveyor of the hottest musical form in the country.

Timothy P. and Rural Route 3, who recently opened for Alabama, George Strait and Ricky Skaggs at a Marlboro Country Music concert, will be bringing their musical stylings to Ted's Warehouse, 102 N. 6th.

Some fans of Clint Eastwood might remember the band from his film "Every Which Way But Loose," in which the band was featured. Public television fans may have seen Timothy P. and Rural Route 3 on one of their appearance on public television as well.

Timothy P. and Rural Route 3 hale from Denver, a town that does not immediately spring to mind as a mecca of country music, but none the less, the band has built-up a steady following and good word

TIMOTHY P. RURAL ROUTE THREE

of mouth.

Headed by Tim Irvin, formerly of Lake Bloomington, Timothy P. has five members in total, all of whom live in the Denver area.

Band members include Jerry "muttonhead" Erickson of Lexington on guitar and steel guitar; Bruce Horn of Decatur on bass; Ed Dingleline of Washington on piano and Deerfield native Todd Lahey on drums.

Irvin, Erickson and Horn first started playing together in Bloomington 13 years ago. After moving to the Denver area in 1976, Dingleline and Lahey joined the band.

Since their Denver move, Timothy P. and Rural Route 3 have played numerous college concerts and night club dates, as well as

winning a reader competition in *The Denver Post* and a Denver news and art weekly called *Westword*.

The band has recorded three albums that have received critical acclaim, as well as good regional sales.

The bands' repertoire is not limited to country music. Their shows run the gamut of rhythm and blues and even includes a capella numbers from the 1950's.

Humor is also one of their favorite weapons. Mike Foster of *Prairie Sun* magazine remarked "you can tap your feet to (the music), if you don't get off the beat from laughing."

The band has enough songs and humor in them to keep even the most song hungry crowd satisfied.

New 'talk show' getting viewers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Consider the great digests of knowledge and artistry. Encyclopedias, collections of the year's best, the compendiums that take a world, sort it and serve it up neatly.

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In a half-hour each weekday (check local listings for times), the cable TV show presents 10 clips picked from 22 talkfests. A roundup for the week, "Talk Soup Weekend," airs on Saturdays.

"Talk Soup" hears America singing, and a very weird song it is. Watch Geraldo Rivera interview a 1,000-pound man, Hambone, and the woman whose heart he has won.

See "gold-diggin' studs" showcased by Jenny Jones. Montel Williams take on teenage racists. Vicki Lawrence and successful plastic surgeries. Phil Donahue and transsexual lesbians. Maury Povich and transsexual politicians.

It's the kind of company some are loath to keep.

Chevy Chase, preparing for the September debut of his late-night program for Fox TV, tried to shake off the talk show label altogether during a recent news conference.

Talk shows, the writer-actor said scathingly, are "those things in the middle of the afternoon where the underbelly of society are made to look like Middle America." It's clear, however, that many folks get a kick out of poking around that plump old gut. So "Talk Soup" might stand simply as a shortcut for devotees of Phil, Geraldo, et al.

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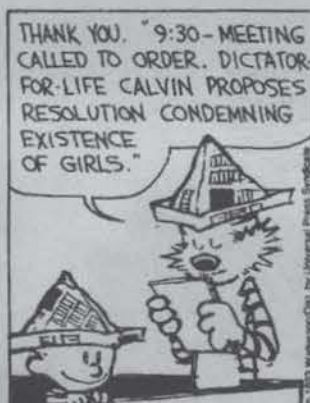
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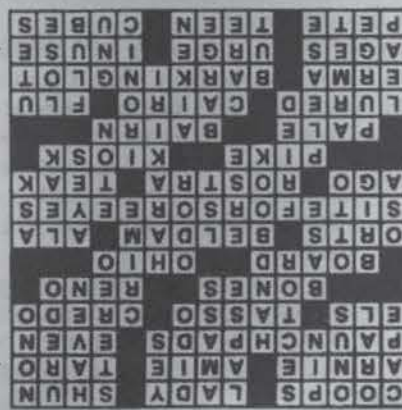
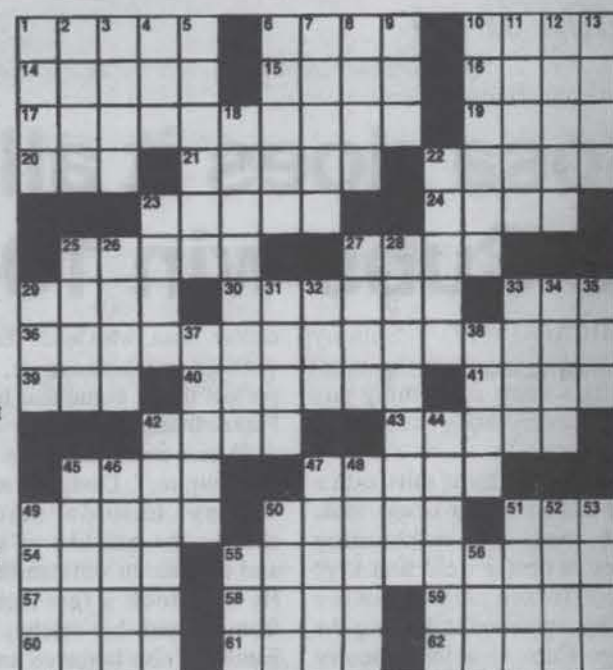
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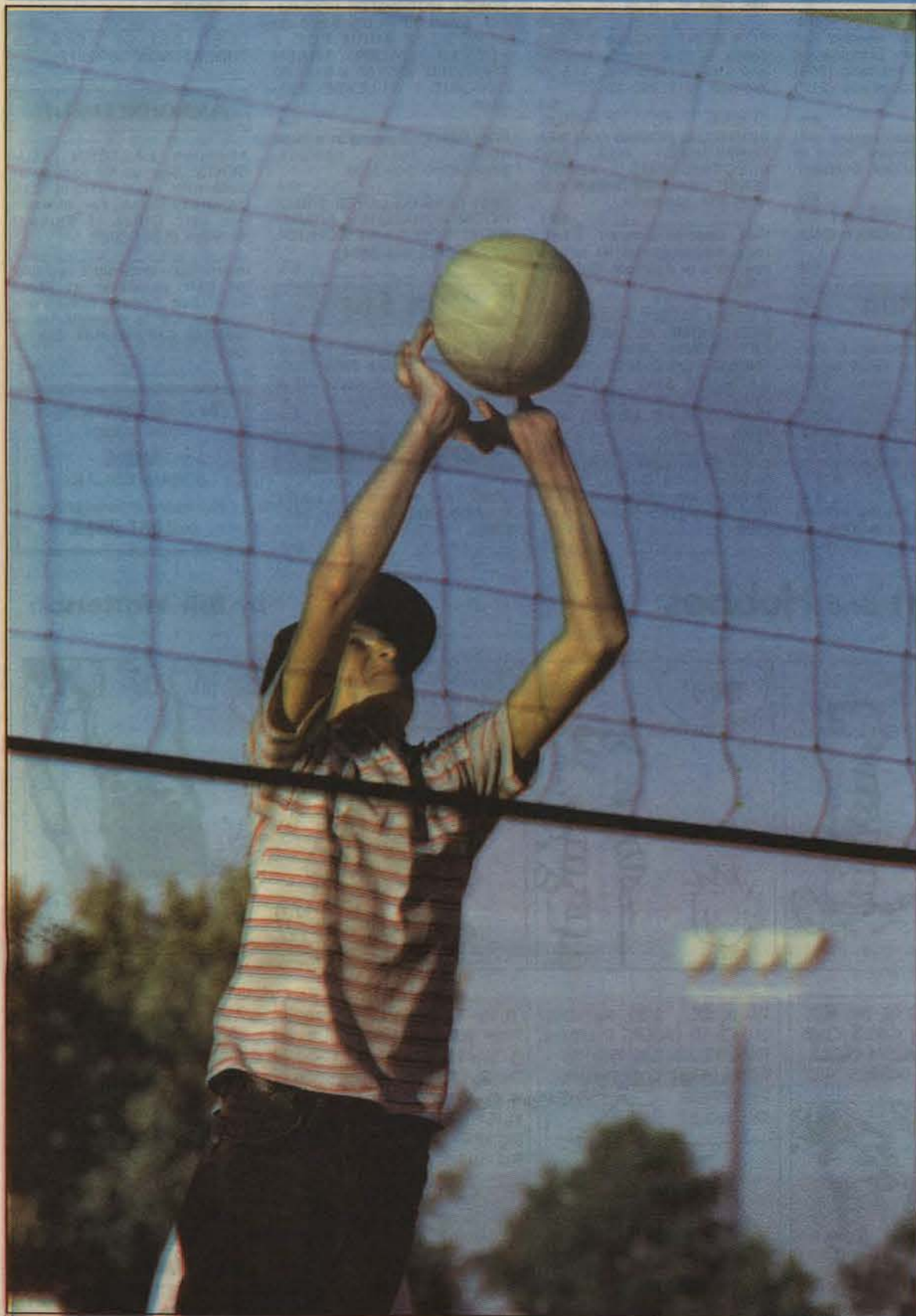
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Lupe Cantez, a migrant worker from Texas, sets the ball to his teammate while playing volleyball at the Pi Kappa Alpha courts Saturday evening.

Sosa does it all as Cubs win 10-4

CHICAGO (AP) — Sammy Sosa enjoys baseball the most when he's doing everything and he did everything he could Sunday.

Sosa drove in three runs with a homer and a two-run single, stole a base, made two outstanding catches in center field and kept runners frozen with growing throwing reputation in leading the Chicago Cubs to a 10-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I enjoy everything I do, it was one of those games," Sosa said. "I didn't get any hits in two games and everyday somebody else was doing something. This was my day."

On his two great catches, Sosa said "When I'm in center field, I'm ready for everything. As soon as the balls were hit, I broke." And with a runner on third in the second inning and a fly ball hit to

center, Sosa, who leads the majors with 14 outfield assists, made a perfect throw home that left Mike Piazza frozen at third.

"I can understand his leading the league," Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda said. "He charges the ball like an infielder and he has an outstanding arm. He also took a few runs away from us with his catches." Ryne Sandberg also homered and drove in three runs.

The Cubs struck for five runs in the first inning against Orel Hershiser (8-10) to make an easy winner of Jose Guzman (10-7).

Jose Vizcaino led off the first with a double and scored on a single by Sandberg. Derrick May tripled Sandberg home and Steve Buechele was hit by a pitch. Rick Wilkins doubled to score May, and Sosa singled to score Buechele and Wilkins.

Klein is this man's choice

Lisa Robinson, the last of three finalists for the women's basketball head coaching position, was on campus Thursday and Friday for face-to-face interviews with the selection committee.

Robinson, who has been an assistant at Illinois State for the past 10 seasons, said that she feels that she could make the transition not only to head coach, but to the smaller staff and budget than is available at ISU.

"In terms of having one less staff member, it puts a bigger burden on the coaches you have, but it's not impossible by any means," said Robinson. "And there are some good things about it. You can be more cohesive."

Like the other two candidates before her, Robinson said that she favors an up-tempo offense and pressure defense, noting that the style is more popular with the fans. Unlike the other two candidates, Robinson addressed the issue of hiring an assistant coach quickly to get things underway for the upcoming season.

Despite solid answers from Robinson, don't be surprised to see Ft. Hayes (Kan.) State's John Klein as the name submitted to President David Jorns at Tuesday's scheduled meeting with athletic director and selection committee spokesman Mike Ryan.

Unofficially, several committee members stated that they were not completely satisfied with many of the answers given by Kentucky's Jerry McLaughlin, but were very pleased with the answers given by Klein.

Klein also has the advantage of having proven head coaching experience, taking a team from similar straits as Eastern is now in several losing seasons in a row, and turning it into a national champion. Another big plus, he will be the only candidate getting a budget increase over their past positions — and questions about the budget seemed to be a key in the interview process, coming frequently to all three candidates.

Ryan was unavailable for comment, as he is in St. Louis for the Gateway Conference Football Media Day Monday.

There the Gateway will announce its pre-season All-Conference teams and its pre-season poll. Expect to see Northern Iowa at the top of the pre-season picks yet again, though Eastern will score in a big way as quarterback Jeff Thorne should hold on to the Offensive Player of the Year award that was already given to him by *The Sporting News*.

As for the Panthers this season, expect to see them finish in the middle of the pack yet again, though success in a very tough early non-conference season — including Murray State, McNeese State, a 1992 playoff qualifier and a team picked in the top 10 this season by several polls, and Division I-A independent Navy, all on the road — could make them more of a challenge than anyone could anticipate.

Then again ... don't get your hopes up.

Jeff Glade is Sports Editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News



Jeff Glade

Jackson inducted into Hall

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — After years of talking about it, years of waiting, the moment finally happened for Reggie Jackson on Sunday. Mr. October made it into the Hall of Fame, just like he always said he would.

"When fans think about Reggie Jackson, they think about the playoffs and World Series," Jackson said. "They think about three home runs in the World Series and the home run off the light transformer during the 1971 All-Star game in Detroit."

Jackson, who talked about the "magnitude of me" years ago, has the lowest batting average among outfielders in the Hall, but few matched his dramatic flair or huge ego.

He hit 563 home runs with 1,702 RBIs for Oakland, Baltimore, the New York Yankees and California from 1967-1987. But his career average was .262 and he struck out a record 2,597 times.

"I think all the great moments I had put me over the top," Jackson said. "I might have made it without those numbers, but it probably would not have been on the first ballot of eligibility."

Jackson, who played his best when big games were on the line, was elected by the Baseball Writers Association of America with 93.6 percent of the votes. He is the 29th player elected in his first year of eligibility.

Thirty-eight members of the Hall attended the

induction ceremony, with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner also stopping by.

"I thank Mr. Steinbrenner for putting me in pinstripes," Jackson said.

Reggie expressed love for his 90-year-old father and many baseball friends through the years. He talked about his greatest moment, the night he hit three home runs on three straight swings in Game 6 of the 1977 World Series. The last was a drive into the center-field bleachers off the Dodgers' Charlie Hough.

"I was running around the bases, a foot above the ground," Jackson said. "When I got back, everybody was cheering. My teammates were hugging me. Billy Martin was hugging me!" His moods were volatile. One day he would sign autographs for youngsters, the next day spurn an elderly woman who wanted him to sign a baseball for her grandson.

Jackson was not always loved by his teammates. He had heated words with Thurman Munson, Graig Nettles and, of course, Billy Martin and Steinbrenner. It was Jackson who deemed himself the "straw that stirs the drink," a remark that particularly enraged Munson.

But, more important, he was a winner. In 21 seasons, Jackson played with 11 division winners, six AL champions and five World Series winners, missing the 1972 Series for Oakland with an injury.