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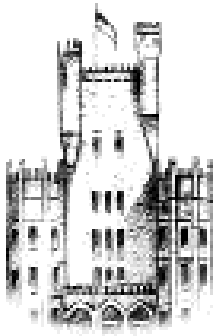
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Water treatment plant has no violations

By Benjamin Tully
Editor in chief

It often smells like that fish your dad caught and forgot about in the garage refrigerator, but that doesn't mean Charleston water isn't safe to drink.

Charleston received no violations following an annual test of drinking water required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA sets standards for drinking water that limit the amount of specific contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

"As far as the quality of water for 2001, we meet or exceed all the IEPA requirements," Bill Bosler, Charleston water superintendent, said.

Charleston last received a violation in 1996 for a high turbidity count which is the measurement of cloudiness in the water and is attributed with the quality and effectiveness of the filtration system and disinfectants.

Bosler said the annual test is in addition to daily tests performed by the Charleston water treatment plant were a certified lab facility assists the plant in monitoring levels.

"The water is safe to drink, cook with, bath in—everything," Bosler said.

Engineers continue to draw plans for a modern facility, with the current plant built in the 60s, as Charleston determines the amount of funding needed.

"I tell people, we're driving a 1964 Cadillac, you're not going to

have the luxury of a 2002," Bosler said.

The new facility will have the capability of eliminating the taste and odor, but Bosler said, smelly water doesn't mean contaminated and the odor in Charleston's water can be attributed to the Charleston plant's water housing.

The Charleston plant currently uses a carbon filter along with an aeration system to help reduce some of the taste and odor.

"The reason we get a taste and odor is we are a surface water treatment plant," Bosler said.

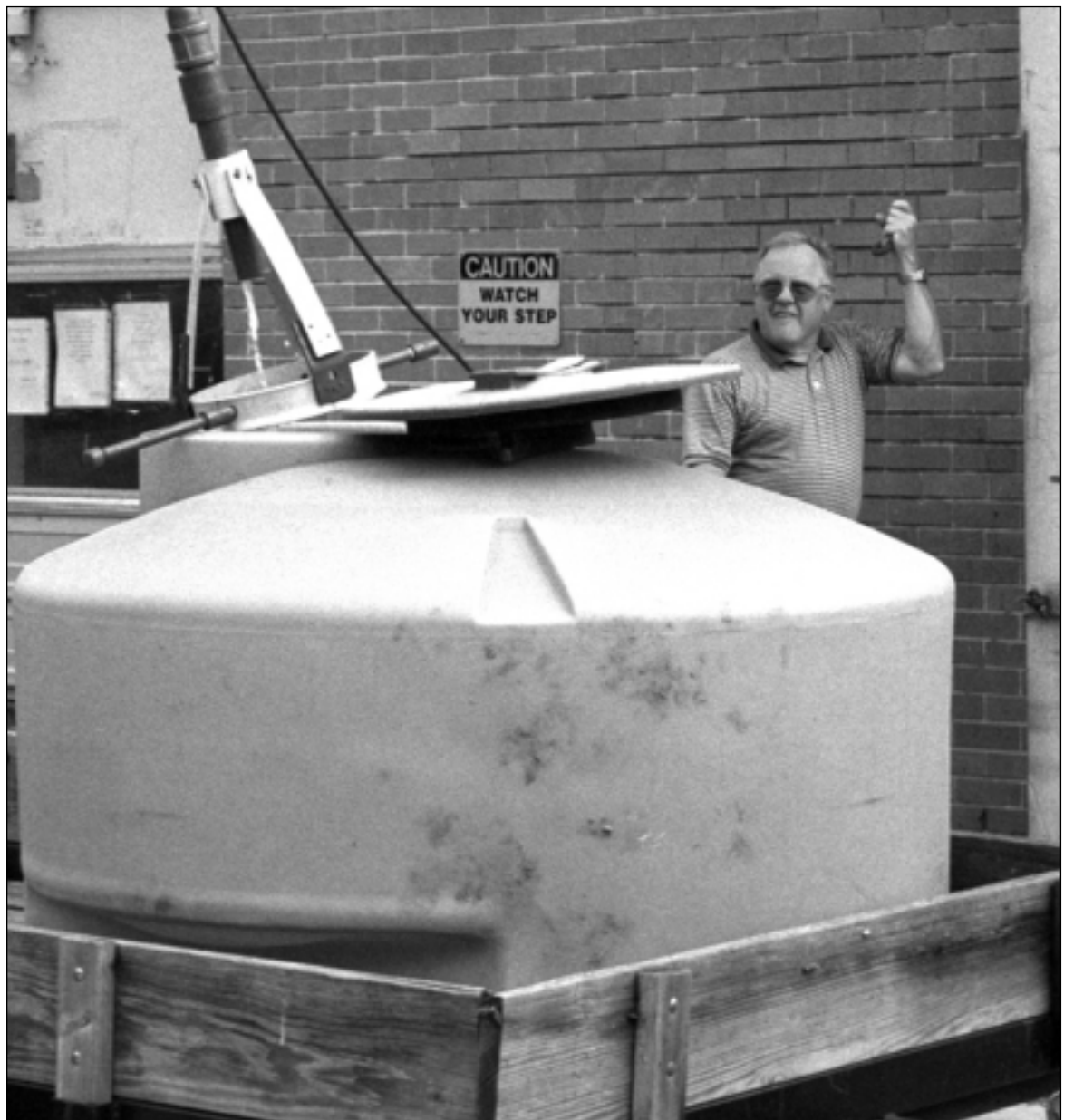
Bosler said surface treatment plant's reservoirs are shallower with less movement and more exposure to the sun.

Some plants, like Chicago's, draw water from the depths of large lakes where the water continuously churns and is far from the sun. Charleston draws from a side channel reservoir (Lake Charleston) measuring an average of seven and a half feet deep and spanning 365 acres.

Each spring and fall the water temperature changes in Lake Charleston bringing mucky water from the bottom to the surface. Bosler said when the lake "rolls over" combating the odor and taste becomes more of a challenge.

But bad taste and odor are heat activated as well. Bosler said, at his home, he keeps a gallon jug full of water in the refrigerator and has no problems.

"The colder you can get it, the more it eliminates the taste and odor," Bosler said.



Geoff Wagner/ Photo editor

Verlon Myers, of Charleston, fills his 500 gallon tank with Charleston water to use on flowers and for his swimming pool. Water from the Charleston Water Treatment Plant met or exceeded all standards required by the Environmental Protection Agency for 2001.

Discipline referrals down

By Erica Foltz
News Editor

The number of disciplinary referrals for the 2001-2002 academic year totaled 767, 144 fewer than the 2000-2001 academic year.

The number of students involved in the referrals decreased from 717 in 2000-2001 to 616 in 2001-2002.

"Enrollment numbers were down and that could have contributed to the decrease," said Keith Kohanzo, judicial officer for the university.

Of the 767 referral cases, 491 of the cases involved freshman, 131 involved sophomores, 87 involved juniors, 54 involved seniors, and four involved graduate students.

The number of alcohol policy violations and/or alcohol related referrals dropped by about 13 percent to 429 referrals which was previously 491 for 2000-2001.

Kohanzo also feels that the number of referrals may have been affected by the fact that the university started to contact parents for the second alcohol related offense.

The biggest drop in alcohol policy violations came in the area of possession of alcohol in a public area. The number of those violations dropped from 178 in 2000-2001 to 20 in 2001-2002.

All of the numbers decreased from the 2000-2001 year with the exception of graduate students which remained at four.

Included in the number of disciplinary

referrals is the number of academic misconducts.

The overall number of cases for academic conduct increased by 160% from 30 cases during the 2000-2001 academic year to 78 cases for the past academic year.

Of the 78 cases, 43 of the cases involved plagiarism. Most of the plagiarism cases dealt with students who had plagiarized papers from the internet.

Seventeen cases of reported plagiarism occurred within the English department.

One tool that some of the English professors have been using is turnitin.com.

With this Web site, teachers can do a search to help them better know whether a paper has been plagiarized.

The search is very close to a simple search that students can use to get information. From the search, teachers may be able to find websites that information may have been copied from.

"A number of the faculty use it," said Bonnie Erwin, acting chair of the English department. "It certainly helps and gives us one more resource to check."

Faculty are encouraged to report cases of academic conduct to Judicial Affairs, but not all do.

Faculty is also encouraged to draw attention to Eastern's academic integrity policy and stress that students strongly follow it.

State fair celebrates 150th birthday in Springfield

Felicia Martinez
Campus/Activities Editor

This year Illinois will celebrate the 150th birthday of the State Fair in Springfield.

The first State Fair was held in Springfield in 1853. The fair was installed not only to improve livestock and agriculture, but to display labor, education, the arts, and sciences.

Admission to the fair was 25 cents, and attendance was around 20,000 people. In 1854, the feature was Senator Steven Douglass' speech and a rebuttal the next day by Abraham Lincoln.

In 1858, terror struck the fair when a hot air balloon display accidentally detached from the fence releasing two young children into the air. The balloon landed 18 miles away leaving the children scared but relatively safe.

The tenth anniversary of the fair was restricted due to the Civil War and the economic depression. Few prizes were given and there was no general fair site.

In Sept of 1894, they held the first permanent fair. It ran for six days and they set up several buildings that they determined they would use for future shows. Admission to this Fair was 50

cents for adults, 75 cents for one person riding on horseback, and \$1.50 for a wagon full of four people.

Today the fair is still held in Springfield and it runs for ten days beginning Aug 9. It is filled with several attractions and also plenty of entertainment.

Throughout the years it has had some of the most extensive agriculture shows in the country.

This year there will be nine concerts, demolition derbies, and even auto race shows. Hundreds of thousands of people attend the fair each year.

Some concerts include Toby Keith, the artist who sold the single "How Do You Like Me Now" in 1999, and Journey, the popular 1980s band who had singles such as "Wheel in the Sky," and "Open Arms." They will also have the Gin Blossoms, Spin Doctors, Seven Mary Three, and Sponge.

Other events include a demolition derby with combines on Aug 9, and on Aug 10 a demolition derby with cars. They will have truck and tractor pulls on Aug 15 and 16 On Aug 17 they will hold the Silver Crown Series Auto Races and

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Pilots from both planes told Swiss air control they were descending before collision

BERLIN (AP) — Less than a minute before their jets rammed into one another at 36,000 feet over southern Germany, both pilots told Swiss air traffic control they were descending, German investigators said Tuesday.

Investigators said the cockpit voice recorder of the Bashkirian Airlines Tu-154 showed the Russian pilot, speaking in English, acknowledge the air traffic controller's order to descend about 30 seconds before the crash. Previous information showed the pilot followed the controller's order to descend despite his onboard collision avoidance system ordering ascent.

Fifteen seconds earlier, the controller was notified by the pilot of the DHL International cargo jet that he too was descending on the direction of his computerized crash avoidance system. "But there was no acknowledgment from the ground station to (the DHL plane), it's just on the tape and we are not so sure if the controller really got that message," said Odo Zboralski, a spokesman for the German flight accident investigation office in Braunschweig.

The crash killed all 71 people on board both planes, including 45 Russian school children headed for vacation in Spain.

Flight voice recorder information released by the German agency Monday showed that about 45 seconds before the July 1 crash, the planes' automatic warning systems simultaneously told pilots to take emergency maneuvers, directing the Russian plane

to climb and the DHL plane to descend.

But one second later, Swiss air traffic control told the Russian plane to descend. Faced with conflicting orders, the Russian pilot hesitated until the order was repeated by air traffic control 14 seconds later.

The Russian then acknowledged he had received the air traffic controller's order, Zboralski said. He did not mention his cockpit warning system's order to climb.

The two planes, while over southern Germany when they crashed, were under the control of Skyguide, the company that runs Swiss air control which has responsibility for air traffic in that zone.

Investigators had earlier determined there was only one controller on duty in the Zurich control tower at the time of the crash and that the tower crash avoidance computer was undergoing maintenance and not in operation. Additionally, some telephone lines serving the tower had malfunctioned, making it impossible for controllers of other air space, who could see that the planes were on a collision course, unable to call the Zurich tower to warn the lone controller. A second controller working that night had taken a break.

Prosecutors in Zurich have launched a criminal investigation to see if charges of negligent homicide are warranted. Swiss aviation officials on Tuesday ordered Skyguide to always have two controllers on duty for the

foreseeable future.

"The office came to the conclusion that precautionary measures were needed even though it had yet to complete its investigation," said a statement from the Swiss Federal Office for Civil Aviation.

The agency also made the suspension of the controller indefinite, saying he should not work in the tower "until further notice," the office said. Spokesman Rene Aebersold said the suspension should in no way be interpreted as assigning blame but only recognizes "his psychological burden."

Russian officials have said the Bashkirian Airlines pilot made the correct decision to follow the air traffic controller's order over his onboard warning system. Western experts, however, maintain a cockpit warning system always takes precedence.

"We're looking to clarify what the real legal situation is," Zboralski said.

Investigators expect to be finishing transcribing the voice recorder tapes by the end of the week, when experts will begin examining the information from both planes' flight data recorders, Zboralski said.

He said a complete transcript of the voice recorders would only be published when the agency concludes its investigation, which could take months.

All the bodies were recovered and 47 have been identified. Friedrichshafen police on Tuesday said further identifications may now depend on DNA analysis.

Court orders new sentence for first man sentenced to die under 1995 New York law

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The first man condemned under the state's 1995 capital punishment law cannot be executed because the law was unconstitutional at the time his case was tried, New York's highest court ruled Tuesday.

The Court of Appeals ruled 6-1 that the law at the time of Darrel Harris' trial violated his constitutional right to a trial by jury by offering him an incentive — avoiding death — if he pleaded guilty and accepted a sentence of life without parole.

Harris, who chose to go to trial, was ordered re-sentenced to 20 years-to-life, 25 years to life or life without parole. The judges said there was no doubt about his guilt or the fairness of his conviction.

The court has said the law is coercive because an innocent

man, threatened with death, might be tempted to plead guilty to save his life. It has also said the law was unconstitutional because a person who sought a jury trial faced extra punishment — death — merely for asserting his right to a trial.

The former New York City jail guard, now 44, was convicted by a jury of shooting two patrons to death in a Brooklyn club and fatally stabbing a third in 1996.

His trial took place before a 1998 Court of Appeals ruling that threw out the part of the death penalty law that allowed a guilty plea to avoid a death sentence.

"All of us agree that the statute at the time of defendant's trial impermissibly discouraged defendant's assertion of his Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights," Judge Richard Wesley wrote for the majority in Tuesday's ruling.

"Accordingly, the trial court could not constitutionally impose the sentence of death on this defendant."

The five other condemned inmates in New York all have appeals pending before the Court of Appeals. One, Angel Mateo, was tried and convicted before the 1998 ruling but sentenced after the decision. The other four death row inmates were tried and convicted after the 1998 ruling.

Harris was the first person condemned to die under death penalty legislation enacted by Gov. George Pataki.

The Republican's predecessors, Democrats Hugh Carey and Mario Cuomo, had vetoed capital punishment bills for the previous 18 years. Pataki's pledge to restore capital punishment was one of the decisive factors in his defeat of Cuomo in 1994.

Cause of death unknown for SIU-C student

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — Authorities were still trying to determine Tuesday the cause of death of a Southern Illinois University student whose body was found in his dormitory room.

University police found Pieter Badenhorst, 23, of Winnetka

dead in his dorm Sunday night after his family asked officers to check on him, police said.

They had become concerned when Badenhorst, a senior plant-biology major, had not made it home to the Chicago suburb for the holiday weekend.

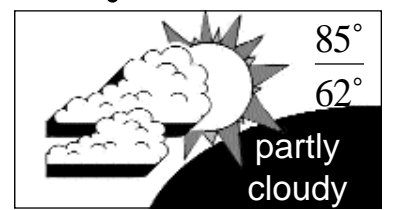
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Thomas Kupferer said Tuesday an autopsy performed Monday night did not immediately indicate a cause of death.

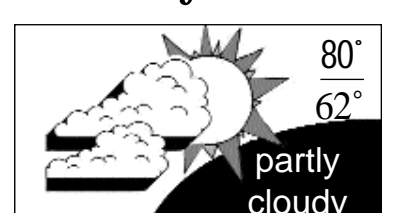
Kupferer, who said he did not suspect foul play, said he will know more when results of further tests are available in a few days.

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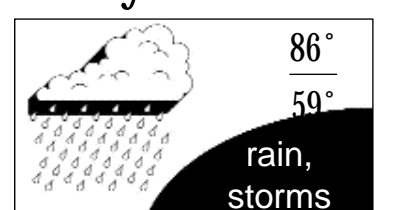
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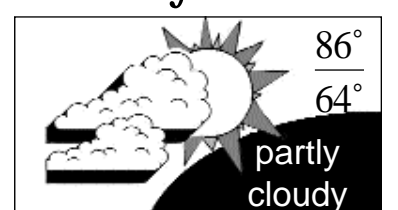
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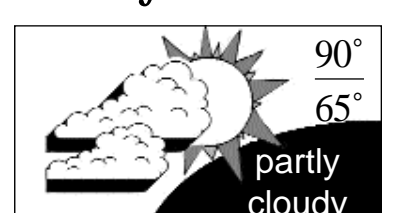
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Haddad seeks political refuge

DETROIT (AP) — The detained co-founder of an Islamic charity is seeking political asylum in the United States because he fears he will not be safe in his native Lebanon if the U.S. government succeeds in deporting him, his attorney said Tuesday.

Rabih Haddad, who appeared in immigration court via a video linkup from the Monroe County Jail, has been detained for more than six months on a visa violation.

"There is a justifiable fear that he will be persecuted" if he returns to Lebanon, his attorney, Ashraf Nubani, said outside the Detroit court. "The United States has cast an aura, unjustifiably, against him as a man with links to terrorism."

Haddad, who helped start the Global Relief Foundation, was arrested Dec. 14 — the same day the charity's suburban Chicago office was raided. The Ann Arbor resident is accused of overstaying his visa.

The FBI has said it suspected Global Relief of links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network. The Treasury Department froze its assets.

Neither Haddad nor Global Relief have been charged with terrorist activity. Both have denied involvement with terrorists.



Geoff Wagner/ Photo editor

Nothin' but net

Walt Burkydile and Charlie Holmes of A & R Services place a fence around an area of sidewalk undergoing repair in the Library Quad. Several sidewalks located in the quad are being repaired while others are being expanded to help accommodate the increased flow of pedestrian traffic to the newly renovated Booth Library.

FCS course may be designated writing intensive at CAA

By Erica Foltz
News Editor

The Council for Academic Affairs will meet Thursday at 11a.m. in the 1895 Room, Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Items on the agenda include academic waiver reports for April and from the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Humanities, Business & Applied Sciences, Education & Professional Studies, and Sciences and an academic waiver report for June from the College of Sciences.

A May 16, request from Dean Martha Brown will be discussed concerning executive action on FCS courses 2800, 3245, and 3853 to become designated as writing intensive courses.

A proposal to establish a Speaking-Across-the-Curriculum Committee will be discussed. The committee would serve the purpose of designating certain courses to fulfill public speaking requirements.

There is currently a Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Committee in place which controls writing intensive courses.

State Fair

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on Aug 18 there will be the Super Series Auto Races.

This year in particular, the fair is going to be focused on the 150th anniversary. Included in this is a free preview show the Thurs before the fair begins. The preview show begins at 6 p.m. that evening with a parade "they will be dressing in 1853 dress or having floats that depict Fair history," John Herath said, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Also this year, along with the 1853 theme, "There will be a book coming out later this month highlighting the history of the Fair," Hearth said. He also said some of the vendors at the fair will be using original packaging to keep the historical feel of the State Fair. Some extreme rides, such as bungee jumps, may or may not be present.

However, there is supposed to be a simulated hang-glider, "I'm anxious to see that," Hearth said.

The historical information in this article was provided by the Illinois Department of Agriculture web site (www.illinoisstatefair.info).

Hotel chains improved diversity, but lacking in some areas

HOUSTON (AP) — Hotel chains have made progress in providing business opportunities to minorities, but have been slow to increase black property ownership and advertise in black-owned media, a new NAACP report found.

The hotel report cards, which cover 2001 and 2002, were issued at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's annual convention. They assigned grades to 11 national chains — Marriott received the highest grade, B, on the 2002 report card; Starwood was the lowest with a C.

"The ability of African-American and Latino entrepreneurs in particular to break into the historically

closed-door society of hotel ownership remains hampered," NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said. "The hotel industry generates huge revenues," yet those are "disturbingly being enjoyed by only a few."

The NAACP did note some progress in board appointments, employment and increased contracting opportunities, the report said. Hotels have also formed diversity councils and franchise recruitment programs, it said.

Mfume said he hopes the report card will influence consumers' decisions. American blacks spend more than \$35 billion annually on travel and tourism, according to the NAACP report.

"We're asking people of all races, who believe in fairness in this country, who for whatever reason make a decision to go to a hotel, to use this report as a guide," Mfume said.

The grades are based on the NAACP's assessment of the hotels' diversity in hiring practices, vendors, advertising, philanthropy and equity ownership and franchise opportunities.

David Sampson, senior vice president of diversity initiatives at Marriott International, Inc. said the company was pleased with its B grade.

"We have to mirror the communities which we do business in," Sampson said. "When you consider

the demographic changes in our country — the Asian, Hispanic and African-American markets — those are huge new markets for us to expand and tap."

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, owner of the Sheraton and Westin chains, "takes the NAACP report very seriously," said spokeswoman K.C. Kavanagh. "We're a relatively new company and are aggressively pursuing diversity issues."

Starwood formed a diversity council of senior executives and recently hired a seasoned diversity executive, she said.

Donna DeBerry, senior vice president of diversity at Wyndham

International, said the chain's lower grades in the past — a D in 2000 — "definitely impacted our business." For 2002, the Wyndham received a B-.

Hilton Hotels Corporation, which also received a B-, has created an internal grading system based on the NAACP's measurements.

In the last report card, issued two years ago, the NAACP gave grades of mostly C's and D's to the chains.

"Although the NAACP has seen great responsiveness from the industry," Mfume said, "we are also somewhat disheartened to report progress in certain categories still remains stagnant."

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Charleston water good

Finally the rumors and fear can stop. For all those coming to Charleston for the first time you may be safe in the knowledge that our water is in fact drinkable.

The community should give the Charleston Water Plant employees recognition for keeping our drinking water safe while fully utilizing a facility in need of improvement.

Good to be safe

Getting a tasty glass of water from the tap can be a challenge but at least it's safe.

Many Charleston residents have wondered just how safe the drinking water is. The smell alone makes any drinking experience an

unpleasant compared to the joys of bottled water from the Swiss Alps.

Over the past 15 years or so, companies have been creating water snobs across the nation.

Flavor, carbonation and caffeine have all made their way into the mainstream water consumer's world. The plethora of choices in regular bottled water has given shelf space to more brands than ever expected.

This makes municipal, or, city water difficult to swallow.

Nothing is worse than fixing yourself a nice meal and filling a glass of water from the tap only to find a putrid smelling drink you believe may be killing you.

Its tough to think that something so vital to life could be contaminating your body, infiltrating your bloodstream with unidentifiable forms of bacteria.

Charleston's water plant is old and the water could smell better when it comes out of the tap, but the official tests have come in and it is completely safe to drink.

The best advice from the officials at the plant is to chill the water in an old water jug from the supermarket.

The new plant will virtually eliminate the water's odor and funny taste lessening the need to spend so much on pricey bottled drinking water.

So chill it, drink it and enjoy it; Charleston water is not contaminated, will not kill you and will soon be getting better.

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

Today's quote

“

For one heat, all know doth drive out another,
One passion doth expel another still.

George Chapman
1559-1634

”

The summer of books and booze

Summertime in Charleston—giving Mayberry a run for its money. Heck, giving ghost towns of the west a run for their money.

The truth is, half of Charleston's 20,000 population, Eastern students, went home for Summer break.

Who can blame them?

It seems that this town is the only exciting when it is filled with young and healthy students. People can make any-place exciting, even Charleston. Just take a drive around campus at 12:30pm on any Friday night this fall semester.

This Summer, like every year at this time, Charleston loses about 10,000 fun and exciting people.

For me, Summertime is supposed to be lazy, but there is too much unoccupied time. Even an award winning slacker like myself (slacker of the year 1999), is having trouble being lazy.

I am forced to keep myself occupied or go crazy. Struggling to save my sanity, I find myself scrounging for hobbies and even creating new ones, such as naming each of my sweat glands.

I have kept myself occupied this lazy, hazy Summer by watching baseball on TV, playing home run derby at Morton Park, playing video baseball on my Playstation 2, and reading. That's a lot of baseball!

This Summer, I've already read such classics as Cash



Ryan Navel
Guest Columnist

“We are making sure there is no stale beer left over in the bars for when the students get back. I'm sure no one will thank me for that one.”

by Johnny Cash, *The Three Musketeers*, *Catcher in the Rye* and now I'm reading *Brave New World*. Well the Cash book isn't a classic... yet. Perhaps I should read a book about baseball to keep the theme going. I am sure I've read more in the past two months than I have the past two semesters. No, I am not an English major. I would be in trouble if I were.

I have also been going out at night, playing pool with the few friends I have left in town. We are making sure there is no stale beer left over in the bars for when the students get back. I'm sure no one will thank me for that one.

It is always interesting when there are more bar employees present than bar patrons.

For those who are braving the slow days of Summer in Charleston with me, I wish you well.

Be sure to keep those air conditionings running.

Enjoy the wide-open Lincoln Ave. before those crazy student drivers get back here—again believing they have to cut you off to get to class.

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A critique of pure fairness

By Mary Ryan-Daily Illini

Guest View

My younger sister was complaining about something the other day; I don't remember what. She just turned 13, so she will complain about everything for the next eight years at least. She complained and I said, “Well, life isn't fair.”

After the horrific shock of realizing I am turning into my mother after all, I started to wonder about that one, oft-repeated phrase.

My whole life, I was taught to believe that everyone should be treated fairly — that fairness was a concept to strive for. I played T-ball and baseball as a kid, and you had to “play fair.”

Nobody could really tell you what “fair” meant; we just knew it meant you had to throw the ball to all the kids, even when you knew they wouldn't catch it.

It's hard for people to tell you what fair is. The dictionary says it means “showing no partiality, prejudice or favoritism, just, upright, honest,” but it also says that it means, “properly open to attack” as in, “fair game.”

How on earth can something mean “free from prejudice” and “open to attack” in the same breath?

That's like an adult telling a kid not to pick on the little kid because it isn't fair, but when that same little kid does something the adult doesn't like, then by all means, make that shrimp eat dirt.

Which brings me to the idea of the “fair fight.” There is no such thing. In movies and in real life, there are no two people who are

evenly matched; it really is a myth.

One will always be bigger or faster or have some wicked martial arts or military training.

Or maybe he or she knows the terrain better or has more endurance than the other.

Maybe he or she has eight friends waiting to pound the other one into a pulp if their friend loses. Oh wait, bringing other people into the fight isn't “fair.”

And life just continues to be unfair if you're a woman. I feel really sorry for the guys who played sports with me as a child.

I know their parents were forever taking their sons off to the side to say things like, “Don't throw the ball so hard at Mary. It isn't fair.”

If you get lucky when you grow up, you have parents who tell you that you can do anything you want to do, like mine did.

Then I found out that I could do anything I wanted, but I just might get paid less than those boys I outran in grade school.

That doesn't seem fair either. So, if life isn't fair, why are we taught that we should play fair at games, and try to be fair in our dealings with others?

Where did this whole concept of fairness come from? And why on earth does it seem that our parents inform us that life isn't fair when we hit our teens and they want us to start being responsible?

What's worse, have you seen what happens to the people who try to make the world a fairer place?

Think about it — Jesus, Mahatma Gandhi, The Rev. Martin

Luther King Jr., The Rev. Oscar Romero and others I don't have space to name — they all tried to tell adults to treat each other fairly. Responsible adults who told their children to “play fair” killed those men.

If that doesn't make you wonder, then I don't know what will. Is it too difficult to be fair when you're older?

I mean, when your child tells you he or she wants to do something because everyone else is doing it, do you recite that lovely adage, “If everyone else jumped off a cliff would you?”

The same concept can be applied to the things adults do that are wrong: cheating on taxes, cutting people off in traffic, ignoring the things you might be doing to help other people — none of that is very fair. “But everyone else is doing it...”

Why do we spend so much time and effort to make our children treat each other fairly only to undo all that work when they watch the way we adults treat each other?

Why not just let them grow up pegging each other with baseballs and beating up the little kids?

Isn't that what we do on a massive scale to each other every day?

Maybe we know, instinctively, that the world would be a better place if fairness were the rule.

But when we grow up and have to take care of ourselves, maybe we get selfish. Maybe we get lazy. Maybe we teach our children to be fair in the hope that they will be the ones who fix the world.



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Going to camp? Oh yes Spielberg and Cruise deliver in 'Minority Report'

Filling You In with Matt Rennels



by Ryan Rinchiuso
staff writer

Minority Report might be a futuristic sci-fi thriller but it plays more like old 40's film noir movies than any other genre. The film might star Tom Cruise and be directed by Steven Spielberg but it isn't a typical star driven action film.

'Minority Report' might have come out in the middle of the summer but it is a thinking man's film usually released in the fall.

Thanks to 'Minority Report' blazing its own trail this summer and not settling for the norm, the movie becomes something that is hard to forget and easily debatable with friends.

'Minority Report' tells the story of the pre-crime division of Washington DC in the near future. Murder can be seen and stopped before it happens by three people only known as the "Precogs."

Heading up this division is Detective John Anderton, who is deeply involved in his work so he won't have to think about his missing son. He believes the system is great and defends it to a FBI agent (Colin Farrell) set to investigate it.

This belief changes when Anderton himself is supposed to kill a man he does not even know in 36 hours. Anderton believes that he is being set up and goes on a pilgrimage to find out who and why before he is captured.

The whole story, based on a story by Philip K. Dick, is a jigsaw puzzle that the viewer has to assemble themselves piece by piece. Little things that are said or actions done by characters might seem insignificant at the time but play major roles in the plot.

To make it even better Spielberg does not spell out the clues in dialogue but rewards the people really thinking with all the answers they could want. Even after the film, a few things that were supposedly easily understood could be blown apart by a theory another person has, making this film one that can be discussed for a long time.

The story was great, but what etches the film into the memory banks of everyone who has seen it is the great directing by Spielberg and the acting by the stellar cast. Spielberg has made better and more enjoyable films than this one, but no film has Spielberg's talent been better used.

The visuals in the movie are breathtaking and awe-inspiring. When stopping for a few seconds and thinking about the movie, I am bombarded by many different visual moments that blew me away. The spiders crawling around the building, the chase on the vertical expressway and the way the victim and the murderers name is etched on balls are just some of the great visuals not easily forgotten.

Tom Cruise is also keeping with his trend of picking riskier films to pursue. After being ripped apart by fans and critics and 'Vanilla Sky' (a movie that will get its respect in time) Cruise again picks a role that will segregate him from his female fans. His Anderton is cold,



Alright, you figured it out. E.T. is real and he is my pet. But, he plays a mean game of catch, check this out!

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Minority Report MGM



depressed and a drug user.

There is not one scene when Cruise turns on his charm and he even shaves his head for the end of the movie. While it might have been risky for Cruise to do, the risk pays off in one of his most real roles that Cruise has had in many years.

Cruise looks even better thanks to the great supporting cast around him that includes Max von Sydow as his mentor, Colin Farrell as the FBI agent, Peter Stormare as a crazy eye-doctor, and Tim Blake Nelson as a warden. All of these actors are given well-rounded characters to play and they all knock their parts out the park.

I would gladly put 'Minority Report' alongside 'Double Indemnity,' 'The Big Sleep,' 'Maltese Falcon' and 'LA Confidential' as some of the best film noir films ever made. The atmosphere is haunting, the mystery is slowly and expertly put together piece by piece and the acting by the whole cast is almost flawless.

The movie might have had a few plot wholes but when being this entertained, it is easy to forgive them. 'Minority Report' most of all shows us that mysteries can still be done and that Spielberg still has many tricks he has yet to pull.

If you have not seen this movie yet go see it right away, if you have seen it go see it again and pay even closer attention to the movie, either way, you will see something new.

When I came into the newsroom to type this column, I found the room taken over by 18 year olds who were foreign to me, so, I ran.

Well, after about an hour I crawled back to the newsroom to be surrounded by horde of high school journalism campers.

Watching them sit through a discussion with the interest of a piece of chalk really takes me back to my camp-going ventures. It was a high price to pay to sit through these lectures but it was worth it just to get away from your parents house for that week.

To my right is a camper who is fighting to keep his eyes open, and he isn't winning the battle. For discretionary purposes I won't describe him or tell He obviously just kicked himself when he stayed up all night in anticipation for this very discussion.

Because that's all they are here for. They're here only to learn. Whether it be a band, church, chess, math or stockbroking camp, it's not like they want anything else out of it than that, right?

Hmmm...well, I don't know about any other campers out there, but no matter the type of camp, the first thing I'd check for was the girls. A week is a long, long time in teenage speed and a lot of notes can be passed and a lot of hands can be held in that time.

And your room is a wonderful thing. For some reason there is always something enchanting about your room as a camper. Right now these journalism campers probably find the accommodations of Lawson and Taylor to be palaces; funny since if they go to school here they will call them pieces of crap.

The socializing half of camping

was great. It was a week to go out and meet all the uncomfortable and nervous people who were just as nervous about meeting these new people as you were.

So, all the nervous campers pull up in their family sedan and are dropped off by their moms or pops, shoving them off to enlist in their new week-long habitat under the care of their week-long guardians.

So, the week unfolds, weaving and winding it's way to the sad or happy sedan ride home, depending on which way you weaved or wound.

Ahhh yes, camp, a time when you can be either relax and be yourself, or tell everyone how you used to be the captain of the football team before you quit due to boredom, or you try throwin' on the hippie clothes and prepare you Trey Anastasio versus Phish discussions and your argument for legalizing marijuana.

The greatest thing about camp was the release it allowed for you and your personality to endure. You could put behind you any social anxieties and start fresh for the sake of that one week. You didn't have to worry about the social levels, and could talk to anyone you wanted.

For myself, camps were always a good summer getaway to look forward to. It was a new social community to live in, every year with a different result.

You really do get knowledge out of these camps too. In the midst of all these social activities you learn a lot too.

So, as these campers are currently nodding their heads hoping the discussion will hurry along, they are still picking up a few facts, especially the kid that's sleeping.

So, does the world really need a movie about the Crocodile Hunter?

(AP) - You may be wondering, as I did: Does the world really need a feature-length movie about crocodile hunter Steve Irwin? Especially after three installments of Paul Hogan's "Crocodile Dundee" series, each of which was lamer than the last?

And the answer, surprisingly, is: yes.

Because "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" is the laugh-out-loud comedy of the summer — mainly when it doesn't mean to be.

The movie expands on Irwin's TV series on cable's Animal Planet, in which he wrestles crocs and other Australian creatures and explains their behavior in manic, animated detail. In between, he injects his message of wildlife conservation.

Irwin is good-looking and likable, but it's his broad Australian accent and infectious enthusiasm that make him so much fun to watch. His protracted soliloquies are often so over the top, he's like a "Saturday Night Live" parody of himself.

"What an honor to share territory — share space — with such a BEAU-tiful creature!" he exclaims after tangling with a deadly king brown snake — and every venomous snake is "BEAU-tiful!"

His other favorite word is "Crikey!" which he shouts when he's excited or in danger, and he uses it so many times, it could be a drinking game. This is a family movie, though, and kids will enjoy gross-out thrills from the many slithering and crawling creatures.

Irwin's American wife, Terri, gamely goes along for the ride, but she's so calm by comparison, she's practically comatose. With her lifeless, B-movie line delivery, she's also the source of most of the unintentional laughs.

Terri explains in a deadpan monotone that breeding season is "a real bummer" for the male bird-eating spider ... because the female eats him soon after they mate!

"It seems pretty harsh," Irwin adds, his eyes bulging, "but THIS is nature's way."

But the downtimes are so flat, it makes me

wonder whether director John Stainton and writer Holly Goldberg Sloan made them intentionally bad, just so we'd look forward to seeing Irwin again.

The mind-boggling, paper-thin story line has something to do with the data recorder from a fallen satellite landing in Far North Queensland, where a 12-foot crocodile promptly chomps on it. The CIA sends undercover agents Wheeler (Lachy Hulme) and Archer (Kenneth Ransom), who've barely strayed from their desk jobs, to retrieve it. But cantankerous rancher Brozzie Drewett (Magda Szubanski, Mrs. Hoggett from the "Babe" movies) also is after the crocodile for nabbing her cattle, and has a shotgun constantly cradled in her arms to blast the creature.

So Steve and Terri are sent to rescue the crocodile — one of the movie's more thrilling segments — and place it in a safer environment. But the clueless G-men think Steve and Terri are after the data recorder, too, and suspect they're spies.

The Crocodile Hunter MGM



None of that really matters, though. "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course" is all about Irwin and his goofy shtick, and the filmmakers wisely devote most of the screen time to him.

"The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course," an MGM Pictures release, is rated PG for action violence/peril and mild violence. Running time: 90 minutes.

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Four Flight 93 passengers remembered at tonight's ESPY's with Arthur Ashe award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four passengers who died on Flight 93 during the Sept. 11 attacks will be honored with the ESPY's Arthur Ashe Courage Award.

Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham, Tom Burnett and Jeremy Glick all had sports backgrounds and will be recognized Wednesday night at the ESPY Awards.

Actor Dennis Franz will present the award to each of the families, while actor Tom Hanks did the voiceover for a video tribute that will be shown during the ceremony at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.

"When I got this call from ESPN, I thought, 'Todd, you are so happy right now,'" said Beamer's widow, Lisa. "To be on ESPN is something that he never would have dreamed of. He so much admired pre-eminent athletes. Sports was a really important thing to him."

Beamer played baseball and basketball at Wheaton College in Illinois. Bingham was a two-time college rugby champion at California. Burnett was a star high

school quarterback in Bloomington, Minn. Glick was a national collegiate judo champion in 1993 at Rochester.

"I know that Jeremy would have been so enthusiastic to be here in person, but I know that he will be there in spirit, which does make it an emotional event for me," said Glick's widow, Lyz.

All four were aboard the airliner, bound from Newark to San Francisco, that crashed in rural western Pennsylvania. Many have speculated that the passengers, including Beamer, Bingham, Burnett and Glick, kept the hijackers from plunging the jet into a populated target.

The ESPY Awards, created by sports network ESPN, were moved from February to July so the show would not compete with the Super Bowl, which was rescheduled because of the attacks.

Previous winners of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award include Jim Valvano, Howard Cosell, Muhammad Ali and Dean Smith.

Charges possible against NBA All-Star Allen Iverson

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police plan to recommend that prosecutors issue a warrant for the arrest of NBA All-Star Allen Iverson for allegedly barging into an apartment and threatening two men while armed.

District Attorney Lynne Abraham's office will be asked Wednesday to approve charges of aggravated assault and making terroristic threats while armed, Philadelphia police Lt. Michael Chitwood said Tuesday night.

"We feel there's enough evidence there now to do what we've got to do — arrest him," said Chitwood, who participated in the investigation.

If Abraham approves the charges, the Philadelphia 76ers guard would be asked to turn himself in, police said.

Cathie Abookire, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, said Tuesday night that prosecutors have not gotten any word from police about Iverson.

"When we receive paperwork from the Police Department, we will review it," Abookire said.

Iverson had a gun when he forced his way inside an apartment last week and threatened two men, one of the men said Tuesday.

Charles Jones, 21, met with police Tuesday and told reporters Iverson threatened him and another man in the early morning hours of July 3.

Iverson, accompanied by another man, reportedly went to an apartment complex before dawn to look for Iverson's wife, Tawanna, and cousin, Shaun Bowman, who lives there. Neither was there, said Jones, who has

lived in the apartment since March.

Jones declined to reveal what Iverson said or how he threatened him. Jones said Iverson had a black handgun but did not brandish it.

Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson told KYW-AM that Iverson allegedly had the gun inside his waistband. But Johnson noted, "A bulge could be anything."

Jones insisted he saw a gun. "I'm positive it was," he said.

Iverson's attorney, Tom Shuttleworth, declined comment Tuesday. Another Iverson attorney, Lawrence Woodward Jr., met with police on Monday.

"It's inappropriate for a lawyer to comment about a pending investigation. We have confidence in the legal system and we're going to let the process run its course," Shuttleworth, of Virginia Beach, Va., said Tuesday.

Iverson has not commented publicly, and no one answered the intercom Tuesday outside his suburban Philadelphia mansion.

Iverson, 27, the NBA MVP in 2001, led the NBA in scoring during the regular season, averaging 31.4 points. A three-time All-Star, he led the 76ers to the NBA Finals in 2001, their first appearance in 18 years.

In 1997, Iverson pleaded no contest to a gun charge after police in Richmond, Va., stopped a car in which he was a passenger and found a gun belonging to Iverson and two marijuana cigarettes. He pleaded no contest to the gun charge, and a marijuana-possession charge was dropped. He was sentenced to probation.

Armstrong trails in Tour de France Information tonight for women on bone loss

REIMS, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong returned to the site of his first Tour de France success Tuesday, content this time to ride easy through the heart of champagne country and a hub of American sentiment.

The 30-year-old Texan finished the 108-mile third stage through eastern France in 33rd place, as his U.S. Postal Service team turned its

sights toward Wednesday's team time trial.

Tuesday's course took riders through the World War I battlefield of Verdun, where Armstrong won his first Tour stage in 1993 — the year he won the World Championship.

Australia's Robbie McEwen won the stage Tuesday, in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 37 seconds.

Armstrong finished in a pack of 185 other riders that clocked the same time as McEwen. Armstrong slipped to fifth place overall, from fourth, but was right where he wants to be at this point in the 21-day event.

"If you had offered me this scenario before the Tour, I would have signed for it right away," USPS team leader Johan Bruyneel said.

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If you are graduating or do not plan to be at least a half-time student at EIU next Semester, it is mandatory to complete an exit interview. Failure to do so will result in a COMPLETE HOLD being placed on your University record.

Interview will be held in the office of Student Accounts, South side of Old Main, at cashier's entrance on July 24,25, and July 29, 2002.

Call 217-581-3715 TO SCHEDULE YOUR EXIT INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT.

—Laura Gesell, Collections Specialist III.

FINAL EXAM CHANGES

Students who have three final examinations scheduled for one day may change the date of one of the final examinations with the approval of the INSTRUCTOR. Requests for changes for medical or personal emergencies may also be considered. In cases not resolved between the student and the instructor to, the Department Chair will seek resolution. Students are discouraged from requesting instructors to deviate from the published examination schedules. Reasons of personal convenience such as work, transportation arrangements, or vacation plans, do not constitute grounds for approval of examinations change requests.

—Frank Hohengarten, Dean Enrollment Management and Registrar.

4WK2 DEADLINES

The deadlines for adding a 4WK2 class is TODAY-WED, July 10. The deadline for requesting credit/no credit or audit grading status for a class you have already registered for is TOMORROW-THURS, JULY 11 at 4PM. You may drop a 4WK2 class until 4PM tomorrow-Thurs., July 11 and the class will not appear on your permanent record and you will not be billed for the class. The only 4WK2 class that you may drop after July 11 that will still not appear on your permanent record (and will not be billed) is a workshop that is dropped BEFORE it begins.

—Molly J. Evans, Assistant Director, Registration.

CLEAR RECORD

Your record must be CLEAR with the University BY AUGUST 16 or YOUR FALL CLASS SCHEDULE WILL BE CANCELED.

—Molly J. Evans, Assistant Director, Registration

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION MEETING

Students must attend a meeting to formally apply for University Admission to Teacher Education and to initiate the selection process. The College of Education and Professional Studies schedules meetings and the rules and regulations concerning selection, admission to and retention in teacher education are explained. STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY APPLIED MUST ATTEND THE MEETING. The following meeting is available Summer Semester 2002 to initiate the selection process: Monday July 22, 2002 at 1501 Buzzard Hall Auditorium, from 4-4:50

No Registration Required. The next opportunity to initiate the "Selection Process" and apply for University Admission to Teacher Education will be during the Fall Semester 2002.

—Dr. Douglas Bower, Associate Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies.

Information tonight for women on bone loss

A seminar titled "Bone Loss: Prevent a Problem/Perform Better" will be hosted by Eastern Illinois University and head cross country coach John McInerney.

The seminar is free and open to the public 7 p.m. tonight in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium, Room 2030.

Dr. Paul Wilson, an endocrinologist at Carle Clinic, will outline the problem of bone density loss among young, female athletes.

Susan Kundrat, a sports nutritionist in Champaign, will share information on good nutrition—the necessary fuel to perform better.

Meg McGarvey, a varsity runner at the University of Virginia, will talk about her experience in dealing with bone density loss since high school.

Most people think that osteoporosis is a disease for older women, but some distance runners and other female athletes have

experienced the loss of bone mineral density (BMD) while still in high school. In a careful manner, we want to talk about this problem and discuss things that can be done now to prevent potential bone density loss in young female athletes.

The seminar leaders will elaborate more on the causes and warning signs of bone loss and expand on ways to avoid the problem by focusing on the benefits of good nutrition. Consuming an adequate number of calories is one of the key factors in maintaining healthy bones, and it also provides more energy, resulting in better performance.

The purpose of this seminar is to share information and resources with female athletes, their parents, trainers, coaches, athletic directors, and any other interested people.

For more information contact McInerney at cfjpm1@eiu.edu or 217-345-5700.

Enjoyable race held Saturday

A run for fun organized by Eastern's head cross country coach John McInerney will take place this Saturday.

The Panther Prowl 5,000 meter (3.1 miles) and 15,000 meter (9.3 miles) races are to be held on July 13th at 7:15 a.m.

Race day registration will take place from 6:15 to 6:45 a.m. at the Eastern Pond Pavillion and the fee is \$10.

Checks for the entry fee should be made payable to the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department.

The 5,000 meter race is over a flat fast loop course along South Fourth Street, University Avenue, and the Panther Trail south of Lantz Gymnasium.

The 15,000 meter race is a hilly course that goes South of Charleston on back roads.

Both races begin and end at the Campus Pond Pavillion on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

Awards will be given to the top five overall male and female in each race. Top two in each age group.

5,000 meter age groups—10 and under; 11-14; 15-17; 18-24; 25-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50 and over.

15,000 meter age groups—16 and under; 17-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50 and over.

For more information contact McInerney at 217-581-6647 or cfjpm1@eiu.edu.

Sports

Selig gives State of Baseball address

MILWAUKEE (AP)— Painting a gloomy picture of baseball's immediate future, commissioner Bud Selig acknowledged the possibility of another work stoppage but hoped an agreement with players could still be reached.

Speaking during an Internet chat and a news conference prior to Tuesday night's All-Star Game, Selig repeated his calls for economic change in the sport that would redistribute money from the large-market clubs and the players, sending it to the small- and middle-market teams.

A day earlier, the executive board of the players' association did not set a strike deadline but asked players on each team to give the board authority to call what would be baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Negotiations between players and owners resume Thursday.

"I'm happy they didn't set a strike date," Selig said. "There's so much pressure on both sides now. I don't really think we need any pres-

sure. ... But we have differences, we have pragmatic differences, we have philosophical differences and we need to deal with those."

Selig has proposed increasing the percentage of locally generated revenue shared by teams from 20 percent to 50 percent, and imposing a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above \$98 million. The two plans would combine to slow the growth of salaries, and the union thinks it would come

No winner; no MVP

MILWAUKEE (AP) -- You win some, you lose some, and you tie some. The All-Star Game was called a 7-7 tie when the AL and NL teams ran out of pitchers after 11 innings Tuesday. To the chants of "Let them play" and then a chorus of boos, both teams left the field for good after Seattle's Freddy Garcia struck out the Giant's Benito Santiago.

close to acting as a cap.

Some baseball executives have said another work stoppage would be preferable to continuing with the current system, which has

seen the average salary rise from \$51,500 in 1976 to \$2.38 million on opening day this year.

"The clubs have convinced themselves, and have many people, that they cannot maintain the status quo," Selig said. "It is not working. In fact, there are people who really believe that the worst of all of the alternatives facing us."

Cardinal's Andy Benes has poor outing in Single A

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cardinals pitcher Andy Benes endured a rough outing Monday in a rehabilitation start for the Class A Potomac Cannons.

Benes, who is on the 60-day disabled list with an arthritic right knee, gave up seven earned runs and six walks in seven innings in Potomac's 8-7 win over the Salem Rockies. The right-hander allowed eight hits and struck out three.

Benes is attempting a comeback at Triple-A Memphis, but was pitching for Potomac since Memphis is on an All-Star break and it was his day to start a game.

Benes is a possible candidate to be called up by the Cardinals this weekend when St. Louis resumes play in San Diego after the All-Star break.

St. Louis general manager Walt Jocketty was out of town attending the All-Star game in Milwaukee and was unavailable for comment, a Cardinals spokesman said.

The Cardinals, who had seven candidates for the starting rotation during spring training, are now looking for pitching help heading into the season's second half.

Since the death of Darryl Kile, staff ace Matt Morris has struggled. The status of Woody Williams, who left his last start with back

spasms, remains unclear.

Meanwhile, Garrett Stephenson is not expected back from a hamstring injury until next month and Rick Ankiel has been shut down since March due to elbow tendinitis.

Ankiel is expected to seek a second medical opinion from Dr. James Andrews this week in Birmingham, Ala. The Cardinals medical staff has prescribed rest for the young left-hander.

Add the failure of sophomore Bud Smith, 0-5 with a 7.18 ERA, and that doesn't leave much for the Cardinals. Two rookies — Jason Simontacchi and Travis Smith — currently complete the rotation, along with Morris, Williams and Bud Smith.

Simontacchi is 7-1 with a 2.77 ERA, while Travis Smith is 2-0 with a 5.92 ERA in six starts.

The Cardinals could trade for another starter. Colorado is said to be shopping high-profile pitcher Mike Hampton, who chose the Rockies over the Cardinals two years ago when he was a free agent.

Hampton is 5-9 with a 6.73 ERA this season, the second year of an eight-year, \$121 million deal that guarantees him \$88 million over its final six years.

You win some, you lose some. And

Baseball announces 30 greatest moments

MILWAUKEE (AP)— From Ted Williams' .406 season to Jackie Robinson's breaking of the color barrier to Barry Bonds' home-run record, baseball has had many unforgettable moments.

Fans will have an opportunity to pick which of the 30 moments selected Tuesday by major league baseball were the most memorable in history.

To some of the players honored, that's an easy question.

"Seven no-hitters for Nolan Ryan, Babe Ruth, Roger Maris hitting 61 homers, there are so many things and to be in that group is great," Bonds said.

"But for all we've done, a lot of it couldn't have happened if Jackie Robinson didn't do what he did. Jackie Robinson changed baseball."

Robinson's debut in 1947 is one of the 30 top moments, along with Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Lou Gehrig's farewell speech, Cal Ripken's consecutive games record, Ruth's sale to the Yankees and Bobby Thomson's "Shot Heard 'round the World."

Bonds could soon have an even more memorable moment than passing Mark McGwire's record of 70 homers in a season.

Bonds has 594 career homers, fourth best all-time, and has a chance to pass Hank Aaron's record

of 755 before he retires.

"He's got to get to me first, then to those guys" said Bonds' godfather Willie Mays, who has 660 home runs. "He has to go one step at a time."

Mays also had one of the moments, with his breathtaking back-to-the-infield basket catch in the 1954 World Series.

Fans will have a chance to vote at major league ballparks and at mlb.com from now until Oct. 7 for their five favorite ones.

The players or family members were honored in a pregame ceremony before Tuesday's All-Star Game at Miller Park.

But even an announcement like this was clouded by the labor discord that could lead to the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972. The top 10 moments are scheduled to be announced before Game 4 of the World Series — which could be threatened by a strike.

"We intend to run straight through to the World Series, but obviously, if for some reason there was a stoppage, there would be a pause," said John Stuart, a senior vice president for MasterCard, the sponsor of the program.

There is a modern bias in the moments with nine of the 30 coming since 1990 and 17 in the past 31 years. Three came from last year:

Bonds' record, Luis Gonzalez's World Series winning hit, and Ichiro Suzuki's MVP in his first season from Japan.

"Whatever's fresh in your mind is more apt to be more popular than old stuff," said Bill Mazerowski, whose World Series ending homer in 1960 made the list.

Some notable accomplishments from earlier times were left off, including Harvey Haddix's 12 perfect innings in 1959 before losing 1-0 in the 13th inning and Fred Merkle's "boner" that cost the New York Giants the 1908 NL pennant.

"I was wondering about Harvey Haddix's 12-inning perfect game. I thought was one of the great moments in baseball," Mazerowski said. "It was probably the most enjoyable game or the most memorable game I played in outside of the 1960 World Series."

There were also some noteworthy accomplishments left off the list that baseball might prefer not to remember, like the 1919 Black Sox scandal, the Messersmith decision in 1975 that paved the way for free agency for players and Pete Rose's ban from baseball.

Rose breaking Ty Cobb's career hits record was one of the moments, although Rose was not invited to attend Tuesday's event.

Baseball remembers former players in Milwaukee Tuesday

MILWAUKEE (AP) — For the second time in three years, baseball's All-Stars paid tribute to Ted Williams — although this time it was a much more understated ceremony than the poignant one at Fenway Park three years ago.

Boston Red Sox All-Stars Nomar Garciaparra, Johnny Damon and Ugueth Urbina unveiled Williams' No. 9 painted into the grass in left field — the position he patrolled in 18 All-Star games.

Baseball also formally announced that the All-Star game MVP will be named after Williams, who died Friday at age 83.

"It's a nice tribute to Ted," Garciaparra said before Tuesday night's ceremony.

Highlights of Williams' career played on the video board before the unveiling, and Garciaparra, Tony Gwynn, Sammy Sosa and Shawn Green talked about the impact Williams' All-Star appearance at his home stadium in 1999 had on them.

At the end of the video, the scoreboard simply said, "Ted Williams, 1918-2002, 'The Greatest Hitter That Ever Lived.'"

There was a notable absence from the ceremony as Williams' son, John Henry, pulled out at the last minute.

He is embroiled in a legal fight with his half-sister about whether Williams' body should be cremated or frozen. Bobby-Jo Ferrell, plans to ask a judge later this week to stop her half brother from freezing Williams' remains.

Baseball officials didn't want to get in the middle of the controversy.

"I love Ted Williams and I am going to miss him," commissioner Bud Selig said. "I'm sorry for what's going on. But that's a family matter that they are going to have to settle."

Williams touched many of today's players during a ceremony honoring the greatest players of the 20th century three years ago.

In an unforgettable moment, Williams rode in from center field on a golf cart. Then, the All-Stars converged at the pitcher's mound around him, looking like little kids about to meet a real major leaguer for the first time.

The warm welcome brought tears to Williams' eyes, as well as those of the current stars, who appeared almost dumbstruck in the presence of the game's last .400 hitter.

"He was a real-life John Wayne, and he deserves to be treated as a hero," Mets catcher Mike Piazza said.

The All-Star game was a fitting place to pay tribute to Williams, considered by many the greatest hitter ever to play the game. Some of Williams' greatest feats came on the All-Star stage, where he has the second most homers and most RBIs ever.

He hit a two-out, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to win the 1941 game for the AL at Briggs Stadium. Williams homered twice at Fenway Park in 1946, including one off Rip Sewell's famed "eephus" pitches.

Williams touched the lives of many of the game's greats. He sent a letter to Jackie Robinson shortly after he crossed the color barrier in 1947.

"Jack was very impressed that someone of that stature took the time to do that," said Robinson's widow, Rachel. "That was the kind of person Ted Williams was."

Willie Mays, considered by many the greatest all-around player ever, had no doubt about that Williams was the best hitter he ever saw.

"You saw him and you know he was a special guy," Mays said. "He studied more than anybody I ever saw. I just went up there and hit the ball. He really studied every aspect of hitting."

Baseball also paid tribute to St. Louis pitcher Darryl Kile and Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck, who both died last month.

A video showing highlights of both men's careers played while many of the All-Stars got loose on the field and exchanged jokes.

Cardinals pitcher Matt Morris had "DK" and "57" written on his palms and flashed them to the crowd after he was introduced. Kile's No. 57 Cardinals jersey hung in the NL dugout.

"He's going to be greatly missed," former teammate Luis Gonzalez said. "He was always there for all his teammates."