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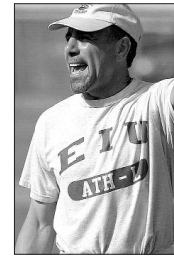
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Who wants to play rugby?

Frank Graziano runs through
his routine to find new recruits.

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13 elected to Student Senate

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A total of 244 students went to the polls and voted for 13 new Student Senate members.

The senate had 10 available on-campus senator positions, three off-campus openings and seven at-large senate spots.

Nine students ran for an at-large senate spot.

Kyle Donash, sophomore political science major; Matt Kulp, junior speech communication major; Alecia Robinson, junior marketing major; Chelsea Frederick, speech communication major; Keila Lacy, a senior family and consumer sciences major; Jessica Huber, sophomore elementary edu-

cation major and Sean Anderson, political science major, were elected as at-large senators, which represent all Eastern students.

Only Frederick and Lacy are new to the senate.

The votes ranged from Donash's 151 to Anderson's 120 for at-large senators.

Ryan Herdes, senior social science major, was elected to fill one of the three empty spots as an off-campus senator. Only five students ran for on-campus positions.

Ryan Berger, sophomore political science major; Rebecca Diehl, middle-level education major; Quinton Thomas, freshman career and technical education major; Lisa Hall, junior psychology major and Andrew

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Jacy Brasher (left), freshman special education major, and Hilary Hancock (center), freshman biology major, get a ballot for Matt McCarthy, sophomore journalism major, to vote Wednesday afternoon in the north side of Coleman Hall. Elections were being held to replace three student senate vacancies.

Council feels bar issue isn't over

♦ Some members think bar entry age should be changed to 19

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

Bartenders and beer drinkers, take notice. The last call for alcohol is still before 1 a.m. in Charleston.

At the Charleston City Council meeting Tuesday night, the decision was made by a 3-2 vote to reject a proposal for a trial period of extended local bar hours by one hour to 2 a.m. The proposal was tied in with Eastern's attempt to crack down on house parties.

The city council met with different organizations to discuss the issue over the last few months.

The suggestion to lengthen the bar hours was first proposed by Student Senate and was recommended mostly as a result of the expanded hours recently enacted in Champaign-Urbana.

If the proposal had passed, bar hours would have been extended on an experimental basis until June, when the matter would again be discussed by the council to determine if the change would be permanent.

Council member Marge Knoop, who voted against the idea, said she believes the issue will be pursued further.

"I think we will have to all give and take a little to resolve this," she said. Knoop is in favor of lowering the bar entry age to 19 and feels this subject must be examined before any positive change is made.

A similar point was made by council member Lorelei Sims.

When asked about the change in bar hours, Sims replied, "I understand the need, but I don't believe it will solve all problems."

She went on to say that lowering the bar entry age would be a more feasible solution, and that there are better ways to address current problems than extending the hours.

Sims added that an entry age of 19 would allow for a wider range of social activities, similar to those Champaign-Urbana now offers.

She said an extra hour would just give students more time to drink and would fail to solve any behavior issues on campus, which should be handled by Eastern and the campus police rather than the city.

Sims said all options have a possibility of risk and student safety is key. She also said current economic conditions would be better suited to changing the entry age rather than changing bar hours.

Council member Larry Rennels offered a differing view.

Rennels does not believe the bar entry age should be lowered.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY DANIEL WILLIAMS

Dave Heidemann, senior physical education major and manager at Stix, 1412 4th Street, pours a beer Wednesday afternoon.

Students mixed on decision

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's student body is split on the subject of extending the bar hours in Charleston.

Some keep an eye out for change, while others wonder why so many people are up in arms about the issue.

When asked about their thoughts on the matter, Eastern students presented a variety of opinions.

Underage students did not have many strong opinions on the subject.

"I don't really care. I can't get into the bars anyway," said Brad Schmersahl, a freshman biochemistry major.

Another underage student and freshman pre-engineering major, Mike Achtor, added, "It doesn't concern me. It would make a difference if they changed the age limit, too."

His opinion coincided with Charleston City Council member Lorelei Sims, who voted against extending bar hours on the premise that hour extensions would not resolve inap-

propriate behavior issues.

However, students 21 and older who could attend bars provided contrasting outlooks on the subject.

"I don't really think (extending bar hours) is necessary," Krissy Dalton, a sophomore English major said. "It just gives the partiers an extra hour to get drunk. That's all it's really good for."

Offering an opposing view was Sherrill Whitener, a junior elementary education major.

"Longer bar hours would boost the economy. More students would stay around the area which would mean more money for all the businesses," she said.

She added if the council changed the drinking age it would boost the economy and students would stay around Charleston more often.

Niki Mutnansky, a senior education major, said, "People will continue to party anyway. They'll keep finding ways to have a good time."

UPD in search of thieves

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

Police are optimistic in finding those responsible for thefts from the Sigma Phi Epsilon house that occurred over Thanksgiving break and steps are being taken to reduce the chance of it happening again.

Bob Dudolski, assistant director for student affairs and Greek life said little progress has been made in the case.

"We've found nothing substantial yet," he said. "We're trying to follow up on leads." University Police Department officers told members of Sigma Phi Epsilon the first step in the investigation is to interview everyone who was in the building over break, said Sigma Phi Epsilon president Joe Mark, a senior management major.

There were a number of people working on projects around Greek Court over the break, Dudolski said.

The projects occurred both on and off campus and were being worked on by both university and private company employees.

In addition to exterior projects, some workers had access to do electrical work inside the Sigma Phi Epsilon house over the break. However, Dudolski is not ready to point fingers.

"My personal opinion would not lead one to believe a worker would take the items that were stolen," he said.

Dudolski said Greek Court could be a better target for thefts over break because it is more isolated than buildings located in the interior of campus.

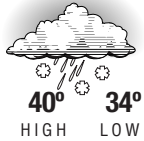
"People know the students are gone on break and that makes them a target," he said.

Dudolski also said the presence of Eastern staff is less visible at Greek Court.

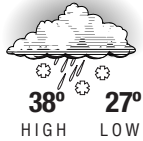
He said this issue has already been discussed and action has been taken to increase the visibility of staff in Greek Court, including more UPD patrols.

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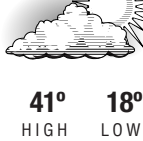
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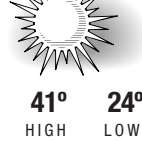
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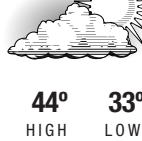
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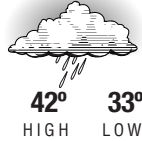
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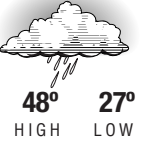
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RHA members bidding for state awards

◆ *Group has put a bid out for six different awards*

By **Brian O'Malley**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association will put in six bids for awards to be given by the Illinois Residence Hall Association.

RHA President Nachel Glynn said she and RHA have discussed bidding on three students, an adviser, an RHA program and Eastern itself to win awards.

"We have had an extremely large building year," Glynn said.

Last year RHA put in five bids, but this year they're putting in six with a possibility of a seventh, Glynn said.

IRHA consists of twelve universities in Illinois, including Eastern, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, De Paul, Illinois State University and Bradley University in Peoria, where the voting conference will be held on Feb. 20-22.

RHA will bid on Jane Roberts for Adviser of the Year, Tron Young for the Outstanding Service Award, Heather Schroeder for Student of the Year, Peter Salvadori for First Year Experience Award and Eastern for the intermediate sized school of the year, Glynn said. They will also bid on "Take Back the Night," which was a program sponsored by Pemberton Hall discussing issues on abuse and violence, for program of the year.

"We keep getting stronger every week," Glynn said. "We're also trying to get stronger on a state level."

Glynn said Roberts has been very helpful with RHA this semester.

"She is a well rounded advisor and she has made a positive influence on many student leaders," Glynn said.

Glynn said Young, Schroeder and Salvadori have all been a large part of RHA this semester.

"(Salvadori) has taken an active role since his arrival in August. Heather has shown that she has leadership skills that will help her succeed in life. Tron has shown extreme growth since he came to Eastern," Glynn said.

RHA has made the final exam kits, which gives Eastern families a chance to award their Eastern student with a bucket of candy, snacks and other things to help through final exam time, Glynn said.

All the money raised goes straight to RHA, Glynn said.

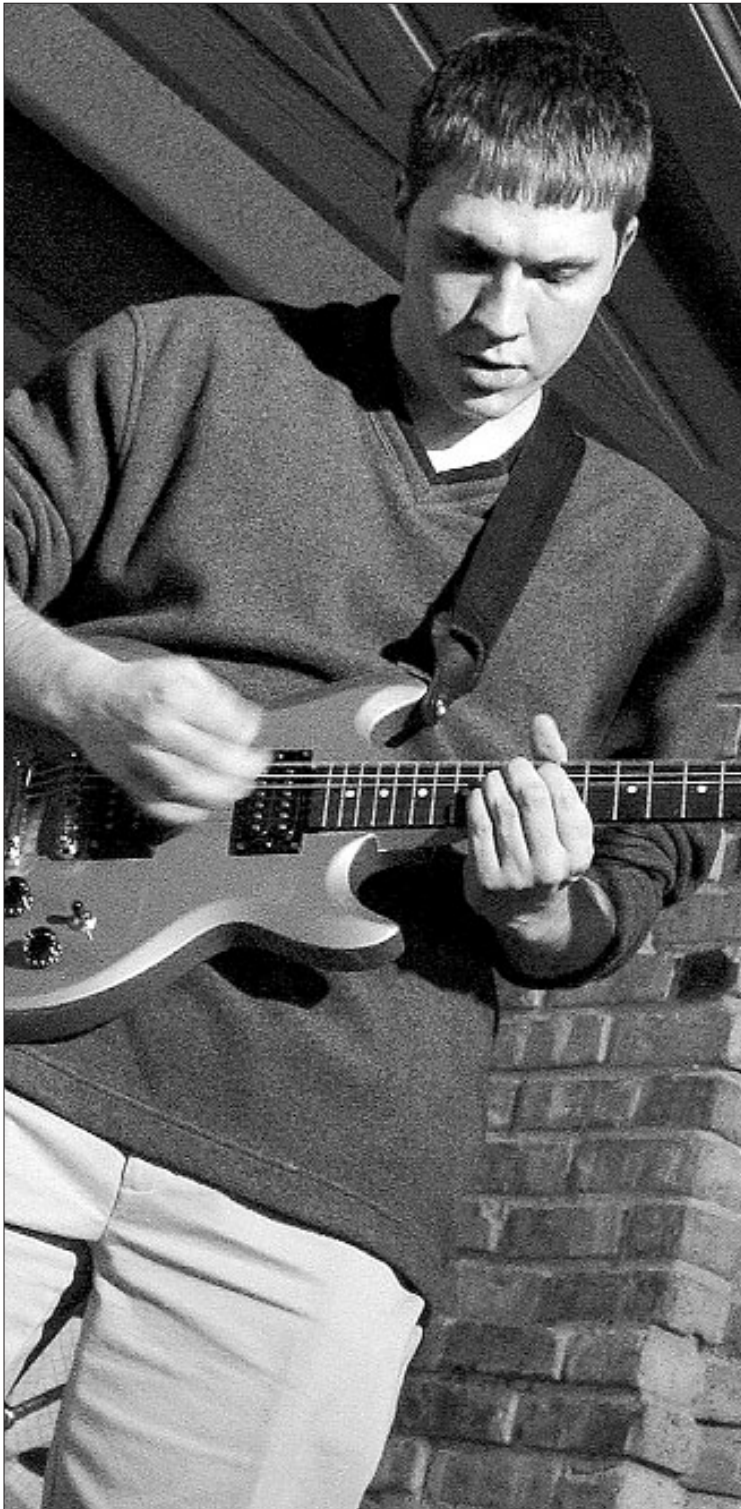
"Our budget is based off of this," Glynn said.

RHA is also planning a retreat, which will take place at Camp New Hope in Mattoon and will include programs about diversity and leadership.

"It's a fabulous program," Glynn said.

RHA will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

Money for a special cause



Andy Morisseau, senior history major, plays a solo while performing with The Band Formerly Known as Fourplay Wednesday night at a benefit for Special Olympics of East Central Illinois in the Seventh Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

By **Megan Jurinek**
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Two alternative bands performed their music for a worthy cause Wednesday night.

From 7:30 to 10 p.m., the bands Labelled and The Band Formerly Known as Fourplay, played at Seventh Street Underground in the basement of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union trying to raise money for the Special Olympics of East Central Illinois.

Jim Fanelli, a senior speech communication major, was one of three students behind organizing the event.

The three students set up so listeners could view items to later be auctioned off while the bands played. When the music stopped, the giveaways began.

"For our Public Relations Technique class we had to hold an event and right off the bat we decided to do a non-profit organization," Fanelli said.

Fanelli said each class member picked a different organization and then decided to go with his idea.

"They brought up the idea for raising money to hold a silent auction and do some prize giveaways to bring people in and raise attendance," Fanelli said.

"The community was just outpouring with gifts. Everywhere that we went to gave us all sorts of items," Fanelli said.

"We had a few local bands that we knew would play for us for nothing, that way we could donate everything to Special Olympics."

Fanelli said he would like to thank both bands who played, "without them we couldn't do it."

"Everyone worked with us very well, [and] we didn't run into any errors or any problems."

Dan Wychocki, a senior business management major, played in the band Labelled.

The band is made up of two brothers, Dan and John Wychocki, who play drums and guitar and incorporate digital effects.

"We are always down for an opportunity to play for people," Wychocki said.

Wychocki said Fanelli asked them to play the show.

"I am not worried about playing a free show as long as we get out there and get more exposure," Wychocki said.

"In all honesty, I donated some money and that, but otherwise I just wish there were more people here, you know, a little more advertisement."

The Band Formerly Known as Fourplay, made up of three members, played an approximately 45-minute set, which ended with a five minute breakdown of their last song.

Two senior management majors, Justine Russian and Julie Ingram, attended the show.

"My friend is associated with public relations, so she told us about it," Russian said.

Both Russian and Ingram held tickets to the raffle knowing that the earnings went to raise money for people with disabilities.

The event attracted more than 60 people and raised at least \$440, Fanelli said.

"We were extremely satisfied with the outcome," he said. "It looked grim for a while, but it came out perfect."

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Homework for the holidays

◆ *Several students already have part-time jobs for winter break*

By **Adam Testa**
STAFF WRITER

While some Eastern students may spend time relaxing with cocoa by a fire, other students say they will take advantage of the three-week Winter Break as an opportunity to earn some extra money.

Some students will stay in Charleston to work while others have jobs lined up back home.

Leslie Blaine, a junior graphic design major, plans to work two jobs over the break. She plans to stay in Charleston and work at Common Grounds in Mattoon until Christmas Eve.

After returning home, she intends to work at a Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Joliet.

Blaine said the money will "most likely go toward my bills and rent." Steve McKenna, a sophomore

"I'm using some of the money to buy Christmas presents. Then I'm saving the rest for utilities and spending money back at school."

— **Steve McKenna, sophomore business management major**

business management major, also plans to work over break. He plans to make \$1,800 working for Horizon Contractors, a construction company based out of Chicago.

"I'm using some of the money to buy Christmas presents," McKenna said. "Then I'm saving the rest for utilities and spending money back at school."

Todd Countryman, a sophomore elementary education major, has a

job lined up for him back home. He will work as a valet at the Empress Casino in Joliet. He hopes to make more than \$1,000 over the three weeks.

"I plan on saving up the money to spend here at school," he said. "But some of it will buy Christmas gifts."

Some students are choosing not to work over the break, but rather to take the time to enjoy themselves.

"I wouldn't mind working 10 to 15 hours a week," said Tyler Beemer, a sophomore geology major. "However, my only option would be to go back to Toys'R'Us, and knowing how busy they are this time of the year, I know they'd want me to work more than that. So I'm just going to take the time to relax and enjoy myself."

Gordon Eberlin, a sophomore business management major, will also rest during the three weeks off.

"Christmas break is my time to take a break from school and work," Eberlin said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

This farmland property at the intersection of 1500 North and 1500 East roads, north of Charleston, recently sold for more than \$280,000. The money will go toward scholarships.

Eastern sells farmland

◆ Profits from sale of 78 acres will be used to benefit education students

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern sold more than \$280,000 worth of farmland in Charleston last week, which will fund scholarships for secondary education majors.

The 78 acres of land, located just north of Route 130, was donated to Eastern last year by Identa Moler-Austin.

The land sold for more than \$3,500 per acre at an auction on Nov. 24 to a private buyer, said Patti Stratton, executive officer of the University Foundation Board.

Austin, who graduated from Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1930, gave the land to the board to fund scholarships for secondary education majors, Stratton said.

When Austin gave the land to Eastern, it was still under contract to be farmed for one more year.

The \$10,000 profit from that harvest of soybeans will also fund scholarships, said Gary Boske, farm manager for the board.

Although the land has been sold, the money will have to be invested for one full year before it gets distributed, Stratton said.

The interest generated by the \$280,558.50 in that time will also be used on scholarships, she said.

Although Stratton said the number of scholarships the money will fund is unknown, she expects an average of almost \$12,000 per year.

The terms of the donation gave Eastern the option of selling the land or continuing to farm it, Stratton said.

"She was in total agreement the farm could be sold," Stratton said.

The board owns and manages several properties but weighs the costs and benefits of each piece of land to determine whether it will be kept or sold, Stratton said.

"We don't really want to be in the business of running a farm because of the cost of it," she said.

When Austin gave the land to Eastern, she added several preferences to the scholarship requirements students must meet. The applicant must be a sophomore secondary education major, a graduate of a Coles County high school, have a concentration in the field of English and a 3.0 grade point average or higher, Stratton said.

Several people have donated farmland to Eastern over the years.

Eastern currently has 1,100 acres of farmland which helps fund scholarships, while some of the properties are held in trust and can't be sold, Stratton said.

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Treating meth abusers

◆ Editor's Note: This is the third in a series on methamphetamine in Coles County. The series will run until winter break.

By Holly Henschen
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

When a drug trend surfaces in a community, it's health care professionals who must treat the victims.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center has been forced to face the methamphetamine problem in Coles County head on.

Nurse Sally Leitch has been an emergency room and nursing supervisor for almost eight years at Sarah Bush Lincoln and has seen many meth cases.

"It comes in spurts," she said of patterns of meth abuse admissions.

Leitch said it is very frightening when they come in and she sometimes feels helpless as to how to calm patients and alleviate their symptoms.

One emergency room patient was hallucinating and delusional.

"She was trying to get bugs off her arms, and she had scratched her arms raw," Leitch said.

Rural areas like Charleston and Mattoon have noticed an increase in use of the dangerous stimulant among their populations.

"We seem to have a much higher incidence of methamphetamine abuse, usage and injury related to meth production here as opposed to Detroit and Chicago," said Dr. Joseph Burton, medical director of Sarah Bush Lincoln. He provides physician oversight and directs the emergency medical department.

"Meth was here, alive, doing well when I got here eight years ago," he said.

"The role of being the safety net for everybody, being the last stop, usually means that people end up here because no one else will take care of them, as a last resort, or because they have no means of getting care anyway else. We definitely serve a huge social role."

Emergency rooms are required by federal law to treat any patients seeking care.

Treatment of patients depends on their symptoms, behavior

Meth patients are abusers who have ingested the drug or people who have been badly burned by chemicals involved in meth production or explosions from lab fires.

Sarah Bush treats a minimum of one meth-related patient a week, and the number increases during the summer months, Burton said.

Some abusers will visit the ER on the pretense of other physical complaints, or with a friend or family member who is seeking treatment.

Police may bring in persons as a result of complaints, bizarre behavior, assault, car accidents and fires, Leitch said.

"We have a lot of people who have come in and they've overdosed, and they're like, 'Oh, my god, I need help,'" Burton said.



ILLUSTRATION BY MARK JOHNS

Source: Coalition Against Meth Amphetamine Abuse

The meth abusers who visit the ER on their own accord may have suicidal or homicidal thoughts, Leitch said.

The hospital attempts to admit such patients to the psychiatric unit, if possible.

"When these people come in, they are resource-sapping," Burton said.

Many nurses, physicians and security personnel can be required to deal with a meth patient. The time and energy intensive patients require a range of tests, like CAT scans to make sure they are not suffering from a head injury or stroke.

Meth users appear fidgety and nervous.

"They are hyper-stimulated, hyperactive, they are talking a lot, they are acting a lot, they are high energy," Burton said. "It could be something as subtle and simple as that to the next phase being complete confusion, delirium, rage, combative ... for no other explained reason."

Patients who enter the ER in an enraged state are monitored until they no longer pose a threat.

Leitch said behavior controlling medications such as sedatives may be administered. This is done if other treatments are ruled ineffective. The ER staff prefers not to use this method.

Serious burn injuries from meth manufacturing and lab explosions are sent to the burn center in Springfield at Memorial Health Center.

Drug users consider meth a relatively safe drug, Burton said.

Users mix the drug with others, and it complicates their reaction and behavior, he said.

The differences in meth production create different reactions, so there is no standard for meth related behavior, Leitch said.

Frequency of treating meth abuse patients prepares the emergency staff, Burton said.

The staff attends clinical presentations for information and also learn from hands on experience.

Patients' ages range from young-adult to mid-30s, though a few high school-age students and and 40 to 50-year-olds have been treated.

"Sometimes I'm shocked," said Leitch about the ages of those seeking treatment. "They encompass the whole gamut of age range."

Patients are advised on treatment and rehabilitation programs, and are usually discharged when they are evaluated as no longer posing a threat to themselves and others.

Treatment centers in the area have seen an increase in those seeking methamphetamine rehabilitation, said Mike Garcia, director of psychiatrics at the Pavilion Psychiatric and Psychology Center in Champaign.

"We treat it as an addiction and a disease," he said.

Each method of ingesting meth has different adverse health affects

Methamphetamine use severely damages the brain, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Reduction in levels of dopamine from use can cause symptoms like those of Parkinson's disease, a severe movement disorder.

Meth use also stunts the growth of neuron nerve endings in the brain that transmit serotonin and dopamine. Serotonin is involved in the body's regulation of sleep and memory.

Burton and his colleagues share information with each other about meth patients. National conferences on drugs are also held to update health care professionals of new drug trends and findings.

"There is a multitude of infectious complications," Burton said.

Snorting meth can cause bleeding in the nasal passages as well as risk of infection. The mucus membranes erode and deteriorate.

Inhalation increases risk for pulmonary complications, Burton said.

"It puts you at risk for pulmonary infections, reactive airway disease, pulmonary fibrosis," Burton said.

Meth abusers who inject the drug intravenously put themselves at risk for diseases such as hepatitis and HIV.

"You can also set yourself up for local infections in the veins that you use and infections of the heart.

"Chronic intravenous drug abuse seeds bacteria in the bloodstream that settles on the valves of the heart. And then you end up having vegetations and scarring that set up colonies in the heart. Once that happens, you can basically lose your heart and those valves," Burton said.

Congestive heart failure and embolisms from the heart to the lungs are possible at this stage. Septic embolisms can travel to the brain and kidneys.

Meth inhalation seems to be most prevalent method of doing the drug in this area. Nonetheless, Burton said physicians at Sarah Bush Lincoln treat abusers who ingest meth by all methods.

Meth use increases heart and blood pressure. A person runs the risk of developing an aneurysm and an irregular heart beat that can stress to the body or even cause death.

"At least in animals, we know that it makes you stupider, causes defects in cognitive functioning and multi-organ system failure for long term use," Burton said.

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EDITORIAL

Blue Crew has positive presence

Many will argue collegiate athletics is a vital part of the college experience, and along with all the school sponsored teams comes rooting for those teams.

The Blue Crew, a group that promotes school spirit at campus events, considered becoming a Recognized Student Organization last month.

The group didn't go through the process because of a lack of organization, said Pat Quinn, a graduate student in Office of Student Affairs and one of Blue Crew's advisers.

RSO standing would offer the Blue Crew benefits, but the organization needs to remember its place in the university.

The group members have to remember they represent the university in a highly visible position. Because of this, they should make the effort to set an example of sportsmanship to reflect well upon Eastern and its students and staff.

The *Daily Eastern News* reported last Spring semester Blue Crew's members shouted racial slurs at several basketball games.

Even if the organization's membership is different this year, racial slurs never promote team spirit.

Several RSOs are dedicated to the purpose of giving students a place to meet with friends, both new and old, while providing some form of entertainment.

Quinn said the Blue Crew wants to become an RSO to gain recognition from Eastern, meaning it can apply to use university resources for meetings.

Although the main focus of the Blue Crew is to support Eastern's men's and women's basketball teams, Quinn said the group might also branch out into community service by getting involved in clothing drives or visiting area nursing homes if it becomes an RSO.

Quinn and Dave Kidwell, assistant director of athletics for sports information and marketing, have admirable goals for what the Blue Crew can become. The two envision the group some day will expand in comparison to the Orange Krush at the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana.

Athletic teams have enough pressure when playing games without the distraction of racial slurs. Through cheering for teams in a positive way, the Blue Crew has the potential to be an example of good cheer at Eastern.

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

OPINION

Pride drag show unites students



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In a storm of feathers, sequins and glitter, five drag queens helped disprove some preconceived notions about students at Eastern.

DIVA 2003 brought five professional entertainers from Indiana to the Union Grand Ballroom Monday for an evening of glitz, glamour and duct tape. Some of the ladies taking the stage were transgendered people in various stages of transformation, others were female impersonators. All put on a show unlike anything Charleston has seen before.

Being a member of Pride, the campus gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/allies group that planned the event, I knew of the show for several months before it happened. I was excited we dared to bring something so controversial, albeit needlessly so, to Eastern. Still, I worried all the planning committee's hard work would go down the drain. I figured few people at Eastern would cheer on an oddly broad-shouldered woman lip-syncing to Diana Ross, bedecked in sparkling lipstick and stilettos.

I got to the show about 30 minutes early and staked out a spot to snap photos. About two dozen people, many of whom were Pride members, hung by the doors or took their seats. Maybe this is how places

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always look when one gets there early — that's pretty foreign to me.

But within the half hour, the place was packed. People stood along the walls, volunteers lugged in extra chairs and I sat in particular awe of the situation. Presumably, the majority of these people were heterosexuals who had never been to a drag show before. Many of my well-meaning, open-minded heterosexual friends have never seen one.

I've been to a fair number of drag queen shows and a lesser number of drag king shows (women dressed as men) and knew what to expect. But the audience, what did they expect? What had they heard of drag shows? Would they get caught up in it and cheer or get up and leave?

But when the queens hit the catwalk, everything around us exhaled. People got up and

danced or gyrated in their chairs, they sang, they screamed and they leapt to the foot of the stage, extending dollar bills to the queens' manicured hands. And I heard never a giggle—people were awestruck by what they saw on stage.

Hundreds of us all together let go of pretense. We quit worrying what we looked and sounded like. We just did as one of the last performers did—pulled our wigs off and cut loose.

I saw so many students who are stereotyped as apathetic and closed-minded come together in celebration of performance, gay issues and World AIDS Day; the inspiration for the show. It made me more proud than ever to be an Eastern student.

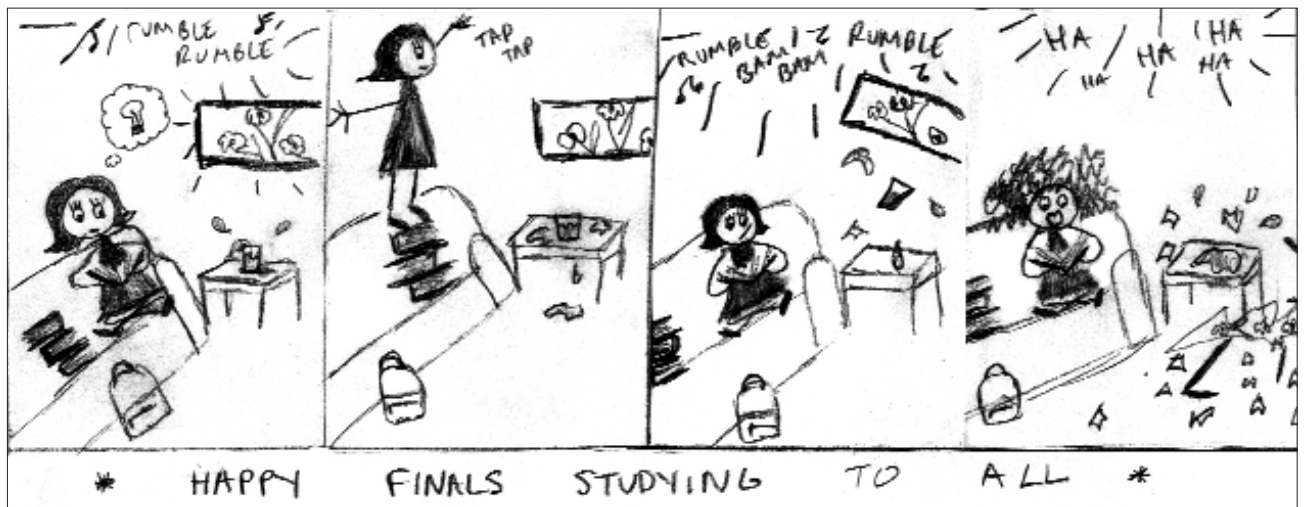
Yeah, we aren't a big liberal university with an office of gay and lesbian affairs and a gender studies school, but we can show our unity when it counts.

I've always said Eastern is a great place to be an out gay, lesbian or bisexual. I still think so, and maybe I'm ready to tack "transgender" on that list after Monday's showing of support.

So thanks, of course, to Pride, for believing in this idea — I wish I had been a bigger part of it.

And thank you to Eastern's students for proving me wrong.

Cartoon by Jennifer Chiariello



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEN needs better reporting

Two recent articles published in *The Daily Eastern News*, one a story and the other an editorial and both dealing with computer technologies, are both riddled with holes and signs of incomplete research. This results in damage to the credibility of the *DEN* with the people who know the facts, damage to the university population because it has been misinformed and damage to the efforts of the people who are working on solutions to the problems discussed in the article.

In reference to the Tuesday Nov. 18 front-page story headlined, "Art students waiting for computers," it appears that only half of the story was told. Actually, only 1/7 of the story was told.

The art lab is not alone in this wait. There are a total of seven computer labs on campus that are scheduled for upgrades this academic year, but they are all delayed due to the ever present issue of costs

vs. funds availability. There was no mention of the other six labs in the story, nor was there any explanation of why this situation exists and what is being done to solve this problem.

In a nutshell, a subcommittee of ATAC (the main committee that oversees the technology fees students pay) has been meeting weekly for several weeks. This committee is analyzing data about the affected labs and will then make recommendations about what to fund, when to fund it and how. This is a daunting task. It should also be noted that ATAC does a great deal more than fund computer labs. Just to name a couple, ATAC also builds and maintains many of the digital multimedia classroom systems and funds grants to academic departments for things like software, servers and digital cameras.

The editorial that caught my attention was headlined, "Technology fee needs to be utilized," published in the

Wednesday, Nov. 19 edition and discussed what the editorial board perceives as slow progress on the campus network reconstruction project.

Here's a news flash. The fee is being spent and, I might add, in a very wise manner. From the tone of the editorial it sounds like the editorial staff of the *Daily Eastern News* would prefer the money earmarked for the network upgrade be spent on band aide solutions rather than solutions that are done right and will allow this university to grow. Depending on who one talks with and which phase of the project one wishes to discuss, the network rebuild is somewhere between on schedule and a month ahead of schedule.

When it comes to the network renovation plan, we are talking

about what could be likened to widening a two-lane county road into a six-line super highway with turn lanes. A long time ago I helped build I-55. Trust me, I-55 did not happen overnight. The network renovation will not happen overnight either. The editorial leaves me with the impression that just filling potholes is the networks solution the editorial board desires.

Drawing from my earlier 25-year career as a working journalist, I close with this advice to the *DEN* staff: Be patient and do your homework before putting pen to paper.

Doug Lawhead
Macintosh lab manager, departments of journalism and art

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Speaker Walsh: senate did well this semester



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Mike Walsh gives the State of the Senate address Wednesday night in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

◆ *Group's decisions, accomplishments mentioned during State of the Senate address*

By Daniel Williams
STAFF WRITER

Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh spoke on the many accomplishments student senate has achieved this semester during his State of the Senate speech Wednesday.

Walsh's opinion was that student senate accomplished most of their goals and are still in the process of improving on each of them.

Walsh began his speech by highlighting many of the events and goals senate has worked on this semester.

Among these feats was the salvation of tailgating and pony kegs at Eastern Illinois football games, the honoring of Luis Clay-Mendez and Johnetta Jones and a blood drive that reportedly saved over 120 lives.

After identifying a series of student senate accomplishments, Walsh asked members of the senate to turn their notebooks to a list of goals they received at the beginning of their term.

The goals were set by student senate to make senators more efficient at completing their tasks.

The objectives included good debates, efficient use of office time, constructive criticism and to become more familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

Nearly all goals were met, Walsh said. He apologized for the lack of smoothness in many senate meetings.

"I don't really like Robert's Rules (of Order), but that's my thing," Walsh said.

Walsh went on to praise the senators on their accomplishments, despite lack of recognition.

"A lot of this campus is apathetic," Walsh said after commenting on the lack of participation in the Night Life Forum that student senate held for students to voice their opinions on night life activities.

When finishing his speech, Walsh spoke of the optimism he has for the future of student senate and the issues they plan to take on.

"We hit a little bit of a wall with the bar hours," Walsh said. "But that won't stop us."

He wished the senate continued success and urged veteran senators to be role models for future senators.

"Some of the senators here will be on (student senate) for the next 3 to 4 years," Walsh said in closing. "The future of the senate is right in front of you."

Student Senate approves member mentor program

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate passed a bylaw change allowing new senators to be trained by veteran senators.

Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh co-authored the bylaw change and said each committee chair will be a mentor to two or three new senators.

"This is a great program,"

Walsh said. "It will get rid of the cliques in senate."

The program is called the "Senate Mentor Program" and will be an added responsibility for the speaker and committee chairs, Walsh said.

"By giving the chairs this responsibility, (the speaker) is saying that this group of people can step up and get the job done," Walsh said.

New senators usually need

some help in their first semester, Walsh said.

"If nothing else, it always gives you a familiar face to sit next to at the meetings," Walsh said.

The senate also suspended the bylaws to vote on a senate bill allocating \$260 of travel expenses to be given to the Academic Affairs subcommittee for a trip they plan to take this weekend.

The bylaws state that a new

bill must be tabled for one week, but the senate suspended the bylaws to give the committee funds necessary for the trip.

The senate discussed a bill that would give the Student Activities Center \$687.28 worth of new office supplies including binders, computer diskettes, scissors and other needed items.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said he went around the office and composed a list of

items people needed.

Walsh said a similar bill is passed every semester.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Task force looking at tailgating reforms

◆ *Group debates what students are drinking and how they are drinking it before football games*

By Nicole Nicolas
FEATURES REPORTER

The Tailgating Task Force created by Student Body President Caleb Judy will try to develop a more detailed policy than the Internal Governing Policy for tailgating, Judy said.

"The Internal Governing Policy gives an overview of how tailgating should be, but there's no specific procedure," Judy said. "(There) needs to be another one that is a more in-depth policy."

The Tailgating Task Force consists of Counseling Center Director David Onestak; Eric Davidson, assistant director of health services; Chief Adam Due of the University Police Department; Dave Kidwell, assistant director of athletics for sports information and marketing, and a two student senators; Joe Gubbins, a senior English major, and Nikki Kull, a junior marketing major.

Each individual on the Tailgating Task Force was chosen for their area of expertise, Judy said.

The Tailgating Task Force met before Thanksgiving Break on Nov. 20.

During the meeting members of the group discussed a list of possible issues they want to talk about that would help to make a new policy for tailgating, he said.

One of the main issues they want to talk about is the times of tailgating, Judy said. The current policy enforces ending tailgating 15 minutes before the game begins.

Other issues include the entry age for tailgating events and what alcohol is permissible. Judy said some questions the task force wants to answer are: should it remain 21 or be lowered? Should they specify the size of the containers of alcohol? Should they be able to bring in bottles or kegs?

The force also wants to determine if tailgaters prefer being enclosed in a special section of the stadium parking lot.

"Is it a caged animal thing? Should we have an orange fence around the area?" Judy said.

The Tailgating Task Force talked about the entertainment aspect of tailgating and whether or not it should be made more of an event for everyone.

Judy said this could mean trying to attract more food vendors to the event and include games for tailgaters to play.

"It'd be more (entertaining) if there was more to do out there," Judy said. "There's more fun to be had."

Force members also questioned whether pets should be allowed into tailgating.

"Dogs and alcohol don't mix very well," Judy said.

Before the next Tailgating Task Force's next meeting Judy and Davidson will be compiling information about the past policies of tailgating, why they were changed and how other schools enforce their tailgating policies, Judy said.

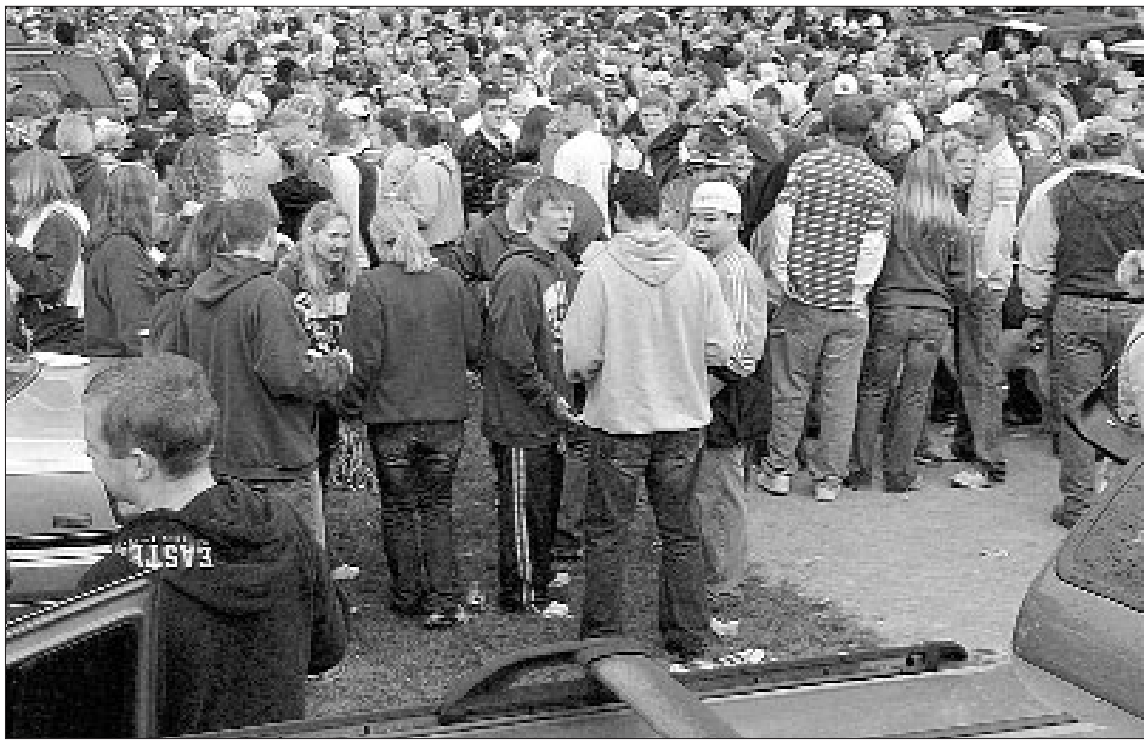
Once the group creates a new policy, it will send it to Shirley Stewart, vice president of Student Affairs, to either send an approval or a veto.

The Tailgating Task Force plans to meet Dec. 11 to further discuss the issues in question, Judy said.

"Next Thursday (we will) start diving into the issues and get a lot accomplished," Judy said.

"Is it a caged animal thing? Should we have an orange fence around the area?"

—Caleb Judy, student body president



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Students enjoy tailgating outside O'Brien Stadium before the 2003 Homecoming Game on Oct. 25.

Alcohol traditions differ at state schools

By Brent Smith
STAFF WRITER

The fate of pony kegs and the duration of tailgating times have been on the minds of students in the past months.

Several students from other state universities have not been faced with regulations on tailgating Eastern has discussed. Tailgating at Eastern is no longer allowed this semester, and the university has discussed not having pony kegs during tailgating.

The University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign policy is to allow its students to have kegs in the designated tailgating area, said Rebecca Dunne, a junior business administration major.

"If you don't have a keg, you can have coolers, grills and even tents if you want, some people go all out," Dunne said.

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale also allows kegs in the designated tailgating area according to Dan Piarowski, a graduate student at Southern Illinois University.

Tailgating at Southern begins three hours prior to the start of the game. Shannon Green, a Southern senior marketing major, said, "It usually ends a little after the game starts, but sometimes people tailgate throughout the entire game."

"Tailgating is a great tradition that goes on even at the professional sport levels," Piarowski said. "And regardless of the levels, it gives an opportunity for fans

and/or students of all kinds to bond socially."

"Tailgating at SIU usually draws larger crowds outside stadium than inside it," Green said. "I think this is something that the school is concerned about, but it is a tradition."

According to Western Illinois University's official Web site, no kegs are allowed in the designated tailgating area. The tailgating activities are also limited to two hours prior to the start of a game.

The Western tailgating policy states that, "Concert safety Corp personnel will begin to clear the area one-half hour before the game time so that the area is cleared by the 15 minute deadline before the game starts."

CAA to hold first electronic meeting

Staff report

The Council on Academic Affairs will hold its next meeting via e-mail for the first time since the ability to meet electronically was approved last June.

Council Chair Andy Methven said there's nothing on Thursday's agenda requiring members to meet in person.

Last April, the council changed its bylaws to include electronic meetings if "there was nothing controversial on the agenda," Methven said, but the change had to be approved by the president of the university.

"This is the first time we've done this," Methven said, and he hopes the electronic meeting will go smoothly.

Methven said he will send council members an e-mail Thursday morning asking them if they approve of the minutes from last week's meeting and whether or not they want to add two new items to the agenda for next week.

The two new items, a new course and a revised course, will be discussed at next week's meeting in person, Methven said.

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Smith officially becomes City Manager

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

Scott Smith, former 13-year director of the city's parks and recreation department, is officially holds the title of city manager.

Mayor Dan Cougill said the step was similar to one recently taken at Eastern, giving once Interim President Lou Hencken the official title of university president.

Since Aug. 9, Smith had been serving at as the interim city manager; however, he officially took office on Sept. 18.

In August, Smith entered into an agreement with the Charleston City Council that set a time frame for the interim position after the previous manager, Bill Riebe, left.

Once the time frame was set, the council asked him if he was interested in serving on a full-time basis permanently.

"We didn't try to go through a national search," Mayor Dan Cougill said.

Smith will hold his position as manager until the end of the current term in April 2005.

As manager, Smith has numerous daily duties.

"I am responsible for the day to day operations of the city of Charleston," he said. "No two days



Scott Smith

are the same."

Smith said his daily tasks include working with all the department heads and financing along with separate city departments including police and fire, parks and recreation, public works and information services.

In addition, he said he works very close with Cougill, the City Attorney Brian Bower and the council members.

Because Smith works with so many departments, he has numerous projects throughout the year.

He said currently his biggest project is working on the construction of a new water treatment facility.

The new plant, which is located at McKinley Avenue on the south-

east side of the city, is scheduled to begin reconstruction in spring 2005.

Construction crews and the contractor have already moved onsite and tore down an old utility building, so he said construction has already started in a way.

A Charleston native, Smith graduated from Eastern with a degree in recreation administration in 1988 and received a masters in 1993.

After graduation he accepted managerial positions in the Chicagoland area with the Rolling Meadows and Hanover Park park districts.

Before taking office as manager, Smith worked as the city parks and recreation director since 1990.

He said his job as manager is

very different from that of the parks and recreation director.

"Instead of the one division of city recreation and parks and facilities maintenance, I manage all the departments," he said.

Recently, Smith moved slightly outside, approximately 200 yards from, the allowed area for city officials to live, Cougill said.

Because of this technicality, the city council moved Tuesday night to amend an ordinance to its code. The ordinance allowed for a city manager to live within 1.5 miles of the territorial jurisdiction of Coles County.

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Moshtagh takes new position

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

The position of city comptroller was created and city treasurer was eliminated at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The position of comptroller will be held by Eastern graduate Tamara Moshtagh.

Moshtagh has been the city's first (unofficial) comptroller since May 1, when she was hired by former City Manager Alan Probst.

The duties of comptroller now keep her especially busy.

"Basically, I'm in charge of all funds coming in and going out of the city," she said.

Matching invoices to statements, investing city funds, maintaining cash accounts, budgeting budget controls and preparing the tax levy are only some of the jobs that Moshtagh might do throughout her day at Charleston's city hall.

She has even taken on the additional task of managing the city's bills payable.

This job, originally done by the

city treasurer, was taken over by Moshtagh when the previous clerk left office.

Moshtagh said she is glad the opportunity of Comptroller came to her and she doesn't see herself leaving anytime soon.

"I see myself being here a long while," she said. "I really enjoy what I do."

A Charleston native, she graduated from Eastern with an accounting degree in 1996.

She worked for the local accounting firm Gilbert Metzger and Madigan until she took over as comptroller.

While at the firm, she worked on auditing taxes and bookkeeping. Work as the comptroller is very different than her previous job, she said.

"I am serving one client, the city of Charleston," she said. "Not a number of clients."

In addition to creating the posi-



"I see myself being here a long while. I really enjoy what I do."

— Tamara Moshtagh

tion of comptroller, the council voted to eliminate its predecessor, treasurer.

Although the position was last held more than four years ago by Carolyn Kolling, the council clarified the position last night by eliminating it.

"(The city) needed to clean up the language in an ordinance that fit the way our city is running," City Manager Scott Smith said.

He said the formal elimination of the treasurer position was based on the way the city is and has been operating.

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Bar: Council still uncertain what will happen in the future

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His main concern was about the increased accident rate and vandalism that may occur.

He still sees a problem with students traveling from Charleston's bars after they have closed, which he thinks may lead to more serious or fatal car accidents.

This would cause more difficulties for the city and university police departments, he said.

Concerning the extended hours, Rennels saw more advantages than disadvantages.

Although he had reservations, Rennels voted for the proposition saying, "I think the willingness of Judicial Affairs to guard off-campus activity is good." He added, "I felt that it

"I felt that it was a package deal and it was reasonable to see if it worked."

—Larry Rennels

was a package deal and it was reasonable to see if it worked."

As for the effect on house parties and trouble on the streets, Rennels said no positive effect is likely because jurisdiction is impossible.

Knoop agreed, saying Cougill's objective was to keep the students off the street, but changing the hours would make no significant difference.


"Ultimately, it would work if (all the rules) were consistent," Sims said.

Knoop acknowledges this problem is not resolved and added, "This needs to be taken care of with a positive attitude."

Cougill and council member John Winnett were unavailable for comment.

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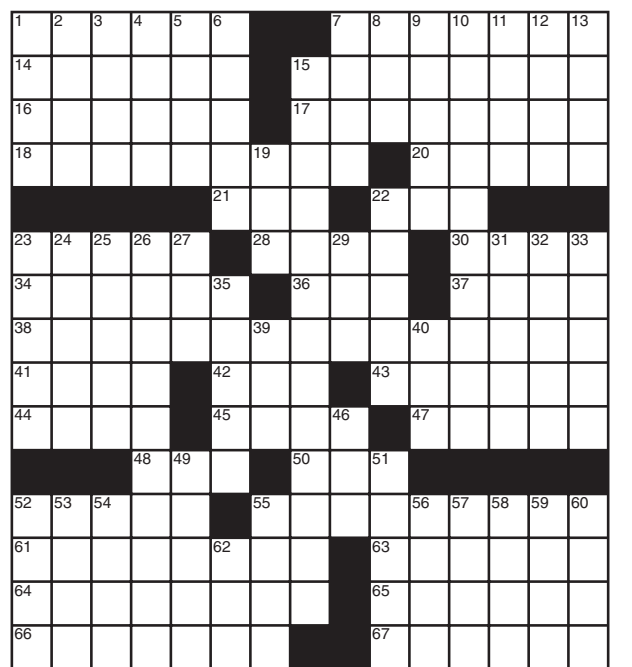
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AROUND THE STATE

UI to honor more than 1,300 minority students

CHAMPAIGN (AP) – The University of Illinois plans to honor more than 1,300 of the top black, Hispanic and American Indian students from Illinois high schools Thursday as part of its annual Salute to Academic Achievement.

If the pattern of recent years holds true, university officials say, more than half the students honored will choose to attend college at one of the university's three

campuses as part of the President's Award Program for outstanding minority students.

The program, created by former U of I president Stanley Ikenberry, has more than doubled the minority enrollment of the university since the mid-1980s, said Tom Eakman, executive assistant vice president for academic affairs. About 2,500 President's Award Program students are enrolled this year.

Teen charged in shooting death of classmate

DECATUR (AP) – A teenager has been charged with shooting a classmate to death with a stolen handgun, authorities said.

Cortez R. Reed, 17, of Decatur was charged with first-degree murder on Tuesday in Macon County Circuit Court. He is being held in the Macon County Jail on \$2 million bond.

Peoria diocese targets schools in \$32 million fund drive

PEORIA (AP) – The Catholic Diocese of Peoria has launched its largest-ever fund drive, seeking \$32 million to make parochial schools more affordable and support other educational and parish programs in the 26-county diocese.

Bishop Daniel Jenky said tuition is becoming a problem for many families.

Ryan campaign aide pleads guilty in liscense for bribes

CHICAGO (AP) – A woman who worked at the nerve center of George Ryan's political operation pleaded guilty to perjury Wednesday and turned government witness as prosecutors announced fresh charges are coming in their 5 1/2-year investigation of corruption under the former governor.

Elected: Only 244 students voted for 13 Student Senate positions

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Berger, a freshman political science major were elected to fill five spots of the senate.

Ryan Berger, Andrew Berger and Hall are re-elected senate members and Diehl and Thomas are new senate members.

The votes ranged from 104 for Ryan Berger to 96 for Andrew Berger. A total of 159 students voted for the on-campus senators.

Thomas said he ran for senate to leave his mark on campus. "I wanted to make a difference at Eastern," he said.

"I'm surprised, but I'm honored," Thomas said about being elected. "I wanted to help out the students as much as I can."

Ryan Berger said he is very excited to be re-elected.

"I'm excited I get to continue representing the students," Berger said. "I want to help out the students and campus."

Berger said he hopes to run for a position on the executive board in the future.

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing and hopefully I can apply myself and move up to a higher position in senate," Berger said.

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Tidying up

Mike Rodebaugh, university groundskeeper, vacuums leaves from around landscaping in front of Buzzard Hall Wednesday morning. "We try and get to whatever we can when we have time," Rodebaugh said.

Iraqi villagers complain about U.S. raid

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – A massive U.S. raid in a northern Iraq village led to the arrests of 34 people and the confiscation of dozens of guns, the American military said Wednesday. Residents accused soldiers of excessive force.

Initial reports said the troops were hunting for Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a top ally of Saddam Hussein who is considered a key planner of recent attacks. U.S. officials, who have posted a \$10 million bounty for al-Douri, suspect he could also be working with the al-Qaida-linked militant group Ansar al-Islam.

Although U.S. forces have been searching for al-Douri, "we did not come here specifically searching for him," Lt. Col. William Schafer said.

"This raid has been planned for a while," Schafer said in Kirkuk. "We came with a list of names of people who have attacked coalition forces."

The U.S. military said it detained 34 people and confiscated 70 small arms and six rocket-propelled grenade launchers in the raid in Hawija, 155 miles north of Baghdad.

Many villagers complained the Americans had fired randomly at people.

Alaa Hosein, a 22-year old farmer interviewed in a Kirkuk hospital, said he and his cousin were returning from their fields when soldiers opened fire. Hosein was hit in the right leg, while his cousin was critically injured in the head.

"They came to make trouble, not to restore security," Hosein said.

South of Kirkuk, insurgents ambushed a convoy of civilian contractors near Samarra, the military said. Two of the occupants were slightly injured when a roadside bomb went off near their vehicle. Samarra was the scene of an intense weekend battle between Americans and Iraqi insurgents.

On Tuesday, a U.S. soldier was killed in a roadside explosion in Samarra. His death brought to 441 the number of U.S. servicemen who have died in Iraq since the start of the war on March 20.

At the town of Najaf, 50 miles south of Baghdad, Honduran troops serving with the coalition were attacked with mortar fire early Wednesday, the military said. There were no casualties among the 360 Honduran soldiers and no damage to the base.

In Baghdad, relatives of U.S. troops visiting Iraq pressed their agenda to meet with leaders of the coalition authority, hoping to voice opposition to the U.S.-led occupation. They will also visit hospitals, schools and U.S. military bases as part of the trip sponsored by Global Exchange and the International Occupation Watch Center.

One mother held back tears while looking at U.S. soldiers guarding the entrance of the Habbaniyah military base in Baghdad.

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Illinois and OVC roundup

MOREHEAD STATE 65, WRIGHT STATE 60

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Chez Marks was 6-of-12 from 3-point range and scored 24 points to lead Morehead State to a 65-60 win over Wright State on Wednesday night.

Morehead State (2-2) also got 12 points from Quinton Smith. Vernard Hollins led Wright State (0-3) with 16 points, and Seth Doliboa scored 15. Vova Severovas had 14 rebounds.

Wright State pulled within one point twice in the second half, the last time with 1:18 left as Alex Zock hit a 3-pointer to make the score 61-60.

Wright State took a 2-0 lead on a jumper by Hollins 16 seconds into the game, but Smith hit a 3-pointer with 19:10 left in the half to give the Eagles a 3-2 lead, and they never looked back.

MEMPHIS 84, TENNESSEE-MARTIN 64

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Sean Banks had 24 points and Rodney Carney added 21 Wednesday night as Memphis dominated Tennessee-Martin in the second half for an 84-64 victory.

Banks, who entered the game averaging 12.3 points, connected on seven of 13 shots from the field, including six of nine from 3-point range, as Memphis (3-1) held a double-digit lead throughout the second half.

Carney also had nine rebounds, while Banks grabbed eight boards. The Skyhawks (2-4) led early, but trailed by 10 at the break and never got any closer after the half. Ivan Lopez added 10 for Memphis, which won its third straight.

Cleve Woodfork led the Skyhawks with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Tyler George scored 10 points and had eight assists. Memphis led 37-27 at the half after an 11-0 run erased a 24-23 Skyhawks lead.

AUSTIN PEAY 71, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 65

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Phillip Gilbert and Marcellus Sommerville each scored 20 points to lead Bradley past Central Michigan 71-65 Wednesday.

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Sommerville sank a 3-pointer for a 67-63 lead and the Chippewas never got closer than four points the rest of the way as Bradley tossed in four-straight free throws to wrap up the win.

Central survived nearly a 14 minute stretch during the first half without a field goal and only trailed 33-28 at the half.

The Braves shot 50 percent from the three-point line for the difference. Meanwhile, the Chippewas shot just 33 percent from the floor in the first half but connected on 52 percent in the second.

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Cubs sign Hawkins

CHICAGO (AP) — Scratch that right-handed setup man off the Chicago Cubs' wish list.

The Cubs confirmed Wednesday they'd agreed to terms with free agent LaTroy Hawkins. The deal, which includes a player option for 2006, guarantees the pitcher \$11 million over three years.

Hawkins, who turns 31 later this month, was 9-3 with a 1.86 ERA in 77 1-3 innings for the Minnesota Twins. He had 75 strikeouts, and didn't allow a run over 20 games from July 31 to Sept. 14.

Hawkins was especially impressive in the opener of the playoffs against the New York Yankees, striking out four over two innings and getting the victory.

Hawkins was converted to a reliever in 2000, when the Twins made him their closer. He was moved to the setup role before the 2002 season, and is 15-3 with a 2.00 ERA in 139 games since then.

"We were certainly hoping to bring him back," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said Tuesday night after being told Hawkins had signed with the Cubs.

"Obviously, he got security. It sounds like he got dollars. I could never fault a player for taking a deal that sets him up. I feel horrible about losing him. But I'm satisfied he's going to a place he wants to be. Unfortunately, it's not here."

The deal also puts Hawkins, a native of Gary,

Ind., closer to home and gives him a chance to play for Dusty Baker.

Bolstering the bullpen was high on the list of priorities for Cubs general manager Jim Hendry this offseason. Cubs relievers were 20-19 with a 4.16 ERA, 16th in the majors.

Joe Borowski was a pleasant surprise, calmly filling the closer's role when Antonio Alfonseca got hurt in spring training and finishing with 33 saves. Left-hander Mike Remlinger is solid, and Kyle Farnsworth is one of the hardest-throwing pitchers in the NL.

But the rest of the bullpen was shaky. Alfonseca never got back on track after coming back, and Dave Veres and Mark Guthrie weren't very effective. All three are free agents.

Hawkins gets a \$2 million signing bonus, \$2 million next year and \$3.5 million in 2005, and he has a \$3.5 million option for 2006.

He can earn an additional \$150,000 per season based on appearances: \$50,000 each for 60, 65 and 70 games.

Hawkins would have a chance to earn \$1.3 million more annually if he becomes Chicago's closer. He would get \$50,000 each for 20 and 25 games finished, \$100,000 for 30, \$150,000 each for 35, 40 and 45; \$200,000 each for 50 and 55; and \$250,000 for 60.

Racers:

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Now the opinion may be more positive after the Racers have won their first four home games by an average of nearly 29 points per game against Wagner, Division II West Florida, SIU-Edwardsville and Southern Mississippi.

"Coach Cronin had them ready to play, and they'll win a lot of games the rest of the year if they play like they did today," Southern Miss head coach James Green said after his 94-54 loss to the Racers.

After being predicted to finish third in the OVC preseason poll, the Racers are getting some national respect in the polls for its blowout wins. Murray State is ranked No. 22 in this week's CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll, which was released on Monday. Murray State also received one vote in the latest Associated Press Top 25 rankings, placing them tied for 49th in the nation.

"It's great that our team is receiving some recognition this early in the season," Cronin said. "We are off to a good start, and it's nice that a few people have taken notice to what we've done so far."

Last week the Racers had two of its key components to earn OVC recognition with two front court

players receiving awards. Senior forward Culbert Victor was named OVC Player of the Week after recording back to back double-doubles. The Virgin Islands native was a perfect 8-of-8 from the floor with 19 points and 11 rebounds versus West Florida and followed that with 14 points and 11 boards against SIU-Edwardsville. He just missed a third double-doubles against Southern Miss with 14 points and eight rebounds.

Junior forward Kelvin Brown won OVC Newcomer of Week as the transfer from Fort Scott Community College (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) is averaging 18.7 points and 6.3 rebounds a game.

The next contest will prove to be the toughest test for the Racers as they take to the road and face Conference USA's Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. The Horned Frogs are on a two-game losing streak after staying even with the top-ranked Kansas Jayhawks for 30 minutes before falling 85-66.

"There's nothing better than winning on the road and seeing all of the other team's fans walking up the isles before the game is over," Cronin said.

Hopefully, we will become a good road team because that's a big key to winning an OVC title."

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING



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Swimming practices at the Lantz Natatorium will go on next year as it is likely to still be an athletic sport

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◆ *McDuffie says department will likely keep all sports for the 2004-2005 budget*

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie stated Wednesday Eastern is not expecting to eliminate any sports or money from the operating procedures of the current budget.

"At this point in time we don't anticipate dropping any sports," McDuffie said.

This statement is strongly different from the one McDuffie made on Nov. 21, when he gave the impression Eastern may have to cut a sport due to cost concerns.

"We have to cut the budget just like every other department on campus whether that be eliminating a service like recruiting or a sport in general," McDuffie said.

As director of athletics, McDuffie along with president Lou Hencken and the university board of trustees would all have a say in what sport or sports benefits would be altered.

"In my role in the decision, we have to look at including the elimination of sports an option," he said.

One possible solution to the athletic budget crisis would be the elimination of the swimming program. Most of Eastern's head coaches are full-time staff, but swimming coach Ray Padovan is retired and a part-time staff member. When asked if dropping the swimming program could be an option McDuffie denounced the rumor.

"I would say that's an inaccurate statement," McDuffie said Wednesday.

When asked on Nov. 30, if his swimming program was in limbo, Padovan said he hadn't heard swimming another program from the department could be dropped for next year.

One reason why the Panthers may be looking to

cut the budget is the number of National Collegiate Athletic Association sports Eastern currently institutes. The Panthers have 22 NCAA sanctioned sports, which is more than any university in the state of Illinois, and tops in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We have more sports than anybody else in the OVC, so at some point you have to do the math," McDuffie said on Nov. 21. "You have the money to do 'X' and if you don't have the money, can you do 'X' or do you have to go into 'Y'?"

—Rich McDuffie, director of athletics

With Title IX stating "No person in the United States shall, on the basis on sex, be excluded from participation in be, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational programs or activity receiving federal financial assistance" the elimination of a women's sport is easier said than done. However if Eastern decided to eliminate both men's and women's swimming, the likelihood of a civil rights lawsuit would be greatly decreased.

"Obviously Title IX has an impact into the discussion if the talks turn to possible eliminating a women's sport," McDuffie said on Nov. 21.

If the Panthers are to cut a sport, athletes attending on scholarship for that program would be granted the scholarship for their remaining years of eligibility at Eastern.

"As a university, we would honor the scholarships of the remaining athletes in a eliminated sport," McDuffie said. "If an athlete has two years left, we would honor those two years of eligibility."

Rugged:

Graziano has to find players from other sports.

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"I look for enthusiastic, competitive individuals and Jessica fits all those characteristics," Graziano said.

"According to (Jessica's) ROTC Commander there is no challenge Jessica can't meet. I think that she is going to do quite well here."

Gross' signing is just the beginning of the annual recruiting process, which comprises the majority of Graziano's work as head coach.

"During the course of the season, I would say I spend at least one-third of my week recruiting, but at the end of our season 70 percent of my time is spent on recruiting," he said. "There are a lot of evenings during this time of the year that I don't get out of the office until nine o'clock at night."

In addition to spending long hours in the office on the telephone, or formulating questionnaires for prospective women's rugby student athletes, Graziano regularly attends high school girls sporting events around the state.

"I attend the state high school track meet and watch the women run and compete," he said. "I look for the second and third tier athletes that will not compete in track at the college level and judge their competitive spirit to see whether they can compete in rugby. It comes down to a name, a

look and a competitive spirit."

Graziano said its recruiting student athletes to play a sport at the college level.

"It's tough to sell the sport of rugby to parents who have not seen the sport before," he said. "We show them a video and they think it is great but often times say, 'we can't do it.' (Rugby) is not as cut and dry as the other high school sports, it's very challenging."

The notoriety of the Panther women's rugby team as the only Division I women's program in the nation and the team's success has also been a factor in helping Graziano recruit players from around the country.

"Sometimes players find me," Graziano said. "We are really the only team that pops up on the Internet when looking for the NCAA women's rugby page."

Graziano said many of the women athletes at the high school level who contact him comment on Eastern's program and how successful it looks.

With Graziano recruiting from a pool of women athletes who have little experience in rugby at the high school level, he said most of the athletes he has seen and recruited have had a background in softball and basketball, but other athletes he has seen in his recruiting process have come from soccer, track and even water sports, such as swimming and water polo.

The success of Graziano's recruiting can be seen by the student athletes he recruits and their performance on the field.

"We are really pioneering a women's sport here at Eastern," he said.

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If the Duke Blue Devils lost its first three games, I bet the Cameron Crazies would want to do something special to get its team a win.

However I recognize Eastern is no Duke University by a long shot.

Tuesday night the Panthers hung with one of the more athletic teams on their schedule for the

first half of play.

However, if they had a sixth man out there supporting them, they may have been able to hold on for longer. Who knows, they might have even won it.

The Panthers are a young team and may not believe in themselves yet. If they have a strong, loud, visible, sixth man that believes in them, maybe believe they can win. As a wise man once said, believing is achieving.

As the semester is "wrapping" up, make sure to advertise in the FINALS GUIDE!!

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SPORTS

Panther sports calendar

SATURDAY	Swimming vs. Butler	1 p.m.	Lantz
	M B-Ball vs. Indiana State	7:05 p.m.	Lantz
	Wrestling at Northern Iowa	Open	
SUNDAY	W B-Ball at Jacksonville	1 p.m.	



BALL FOUR

John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

Blue Crew needs to be more rowdy

The "STUD" section was what got my high school team one game away from the IHSA state playoffs.

The "STUD" section was a place where any Shamrock could come and feel like he was a part of something.

The "STUD" section was the place where creative cheers would start during warmups and wouldn't end until they left the gym.

What is the "STUD" section?

The "STUD" section was and still is the students from St. Patrick High School who follow the basketball team wherever their schedule may take them.

When a referee would make a bad call, the cheer of "Nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts, we got screwed," would echo throughout the gym.

The "STUD" section was on their feet the whole game no matter what kind of game it was. St. Pat's could have been down by 30, but the "STUD" section would still be on their feet shouting loud and proud.

Okay, enough about the old high school glory days.

I didn't feel any such atmosphere at Tuesday night's men's basketball game against the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames.

Before Tuesday's game, I talked to Eastern's starting center Jesse Mackinson and he said he was looking forward to running out onto his home court in front of his home fans. Mackinson even mentioned the Blue Crew.

The Blue Crew is the student section at Lantz Arena who are usually the loudest fans in the place.

Mackinson said, the home fans could help give the Panthers the extra adrenaline to help them play at the next level.

"(Tuesday night) we didn't give the fans much to cheer about," Mackinson said.

Despite being down only five points at halftime to UIC (who is ranked third by ESPN.com and fourth by Collegeinsider.com among mid-majors), the fans did not seem to be in the game at all.

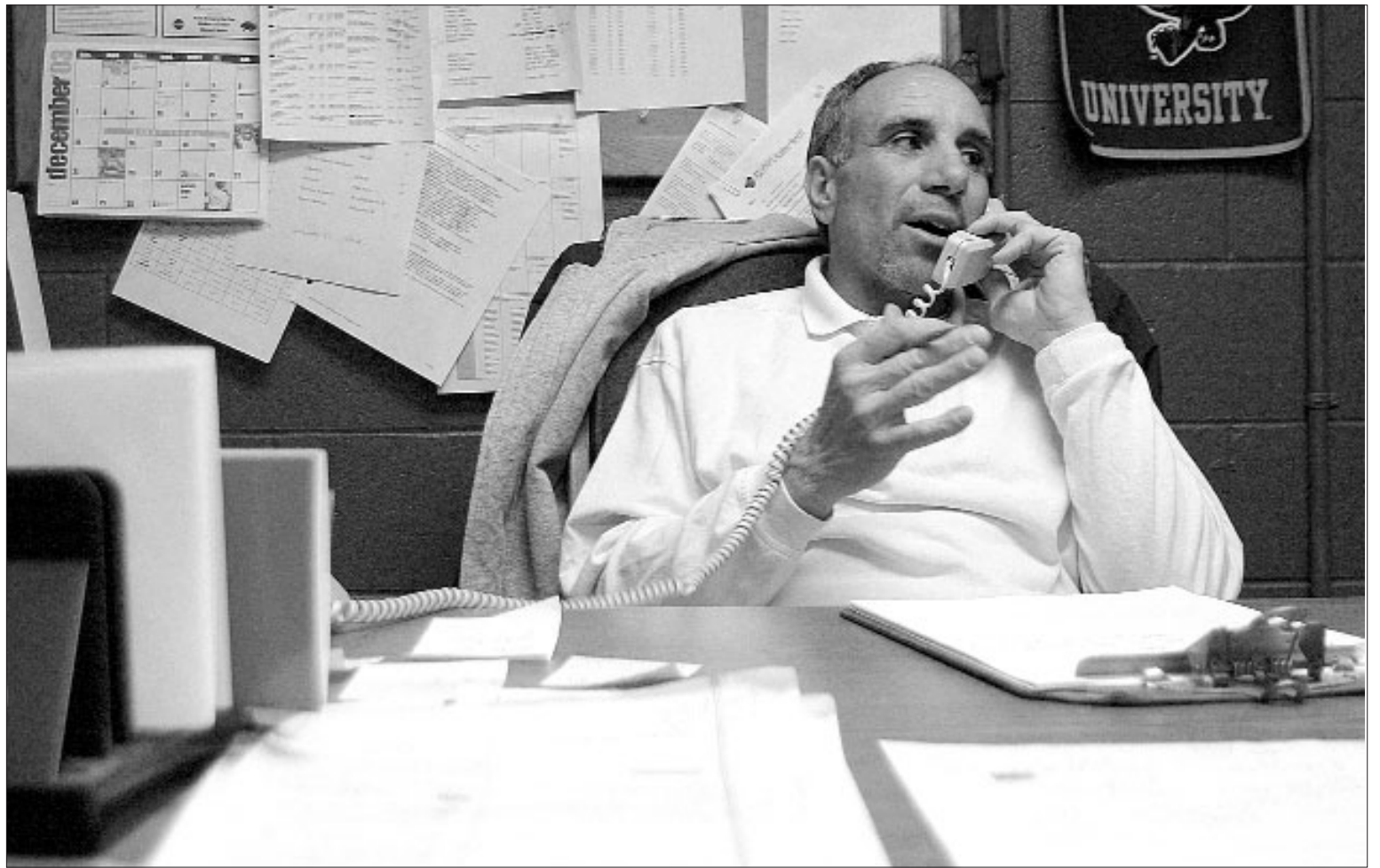
Every time a Flames player dribbled the ball as part of his free throw routine, the Blue Crew could be heard counting each dribble out loud in attempt to rattle the shooter. It may have worked as the Flames went just 13 of 24 (54 percent) from the charity stripe.

Imagine if the blue crew counted every dribble before a UIC player shot a three pointer. If they did, maybe UIC would have shot worse than 50 percent from the arch. That was not the case however as UIC went eight for 16 from three.

Maybe college students are just too mature to scream their lungs out for a basketball team. That's high school stuff. Right?

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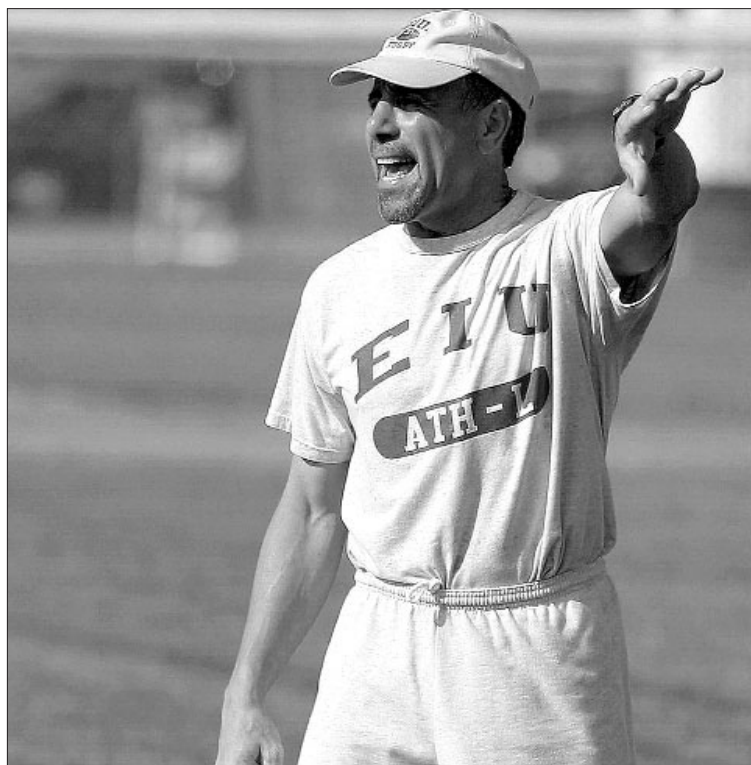
WOMEN'S RUGBY



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Eastern head rugby coach Frank Graziano talks on the phone (above) and on the field (below) Wednesday afternoon in his office of O'Brien Stadium. Graziano said he spends about 70 percent of his time on the phone recruiting potential players for his team during the off-season.

A rugged process



♦ Eastern rugby signs a rugby player after a long recruiting session by head coach Frank Graziano

By Jon Rule
STAFF WRITER

For the coach of the only Division I women's rugby program in the nation, head coach Frank Graziano sees recruiting as one of the most challenging aspects of his job.

Jessica Gross' signing of a National Letter of Intent to play at Eastern is the first for the Panthers and is the first in the nation, which typifies Graziano's dedication and commitment to recruiting dedicated student athletes to one of the nation's premier women's rugby programs.

Gross will become the fourth player to join the Panthers after departing from Zion-Benton High School and will join former player and assistant coach Michelle Reed and current players Jackie Jaworek and Robyn

Harris as Zion-Benton alumni who currently compete at Eastern.

While at Zion-Benton Gross participated in basketball as the team captain and was the Drill Team Commandor in the ROTC program

In addition to receiving the Presidential Physical Fitness Award, Teacher's Choice Award, and the 2002 Academic Award, Gross attended the Great Lakes Naval Base Leadership Academy and won their Leadership Academy Award twice.

Gross fits the prototypical player Graziano looks for during the course of his yearlong recruiting program and he is excited about the contributions he feels Gross will make to his team.

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OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL

... And they're off

♦ Murray State has started its season at 4-0 before it faces tougher competition

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

The Murray State Racer men's basketball team, who is a perennial Ohio Valley Conference powerhouse, is once again off to a fast start out of the gate against its non-conference opponents of the 2003-2004 season.

The program that has finished with a winning percentage over .500 in 23 of the last 24 seasons since 1980, and in that time has won 15 OVC championships, is establishing itself as a mid-major power in its first four games.

"It's great that our team is receiving some recognition this early in the season," Murray State head coach Mitch Cronin said.

Cronin is in his first season at Murray State and has the team playing the similar style to when the program was under head coaches like Tevester Anderson (head coach at Jackson State), Mark Gottfried (head coach at Alabama).

"We're probably not in the game-shape yet to play our style, which is to press for 94 feet and push the ball for 94 feet, and it's going to take a little bit of time," Cronin said before the Racers season opener.

"But with all of that said, I do think we're about as good as we could be right now.

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Murray State Racers
2003-2004

Non-conference schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
NOV. 23	vs. Wagner	92-68
NOV. 24	vs. West Florida	94-68
NOV. 26	vs. SIU-Edwardsville	81-56
NOV. 29	vs. Southern Miss	94-54
DEC. 3	at TCU	7 p.m.
DEC. 7	at. Western Kentucky	2 p.m.
DEC. 13	vs. Chicago State	8 p.m.
DEC. 17	vs. Southern Illinois	7:15 p.m.
DEC. 20	at #22 Pittsburgh	6 p.m.
DEC. 22	vs. Georgetown Coll.	3 p.m.
DEC. 28	at Delaware State	1 p.m.
JAN. 3	at Louisville	1 p.m.