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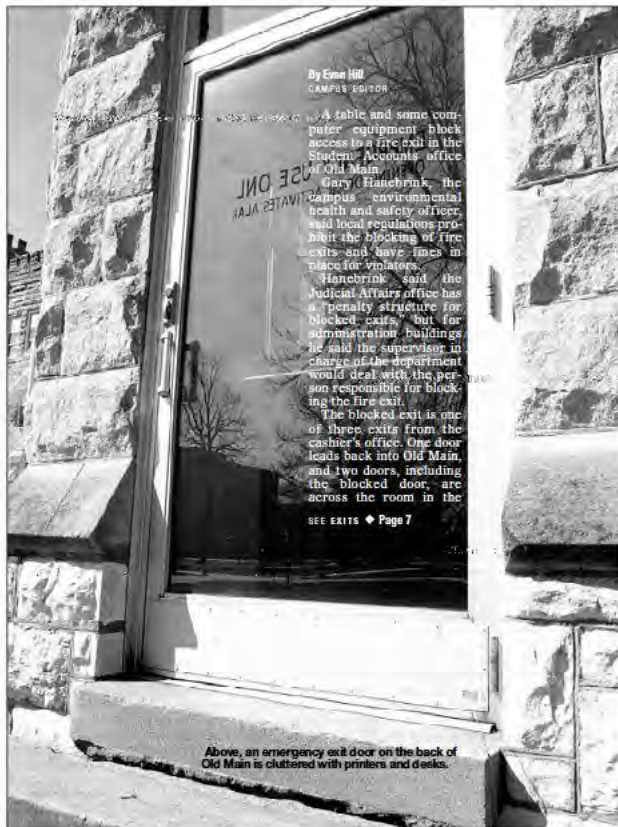
No sibling rivalry here

The Blankenbaker brothers are one of two related pairs of players competing in the same sport.

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Hidden hazards

Blocked fire exit one of three from cashier's office



By Evan Hill
CAMPER EDITOR

A table and some computer equipment block access to a fire exit in the Student Accounts office on Old Main.

Gary Hancock, the campus environmental health and safety officer, said local regulations prohibit the blocking of fire exits and have fines in place for violators.

Hancock said the Judicial Affairs office has a penalty structure for blocked exits, but for administration buildings he said the supervisor in charge of the department would deal with the person responsible for blocking the fire exit.

The blocked exit is one of three exits from the cashier's office. One door leads back into Old Main, and two doors, including the blocked door, are across the room in the

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Above, an emergency exit door on the back of Old Main is cluttered with printers and desks.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Senate to hear ways to up freshman retention rates

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Ways to improve freshman retention rates have been discussed by a committee and the results will be presented to the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support/Achievement, said the Academic Retention Committee has seen a drop in retention for freshmen who live off campus with family, or "commuter students" and those with undecided majors.

Sanders said these students have a tendency not to return for their sophomore year because they don't feel connected to the campus.

"Undecided majors are in danger of dropping out of Eastern because they are determining where they want to go in their lives," Sanders said.

One similarity between freshmen who stay at Eastern to become sophomores seems to be a university foundations class, she said.

"Students who take university foundations tend to have a higher retention rate than those who do not," Sanders said.

To improve the freshman retention rate, the committee has suggested giving undecided majors more information on programs they can major and making commuter students feel more connected to campus, Sanders said. The Academic Advising Center offers freshmen with undecided majors a panel of students who describe the benefits of their respective majors.

Another idea suggested by the committee is the creation of a handbook designed for commuter students to increase retention of these students.

"We saw those numbers were really low. We'll try to increase the numbers with a student commuter handbook, given out at orientation," Sanders said.

Reasons for the lower retention rate among commuter students could be because of a lack of involvement with the college.

"They're not leaving with a bad (grade point average), they're

"They're not leaving with a bad (grade point average), they're just leaving."

—Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support/Achievement

Average freshman retention rate

- ♦ Univ. of California-Los Angeles: 97%
- ♦ Univ. of Illinois-Urbana Champaign: 92%
- ♦ University of Iowa: 84%
- ♦ University of Arizona: 77%

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGE 2003, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

just leaving," she said.

Inviting commuter students to eat in the dining halls was another suggestion the committee made.

The committee, chaired by Sanders, was formed at the request of Blair Lord, vice president of academic affairs, and has 15 members. The purpose of the committee was to address low retention rates among freshmen and find solutions to the problem, Sanders said.

The committee's proposals have been sent to Lord, who said "For the time being, a significant part of the committee's work is seeing that the issue of retention remains visible."

Lord added, "Much of what we as an institution can accomplish in the area of retention is done through the ongoing interactions of faculty with students, therefore, it is important to keep this issue in our conversations."

Student Life director unfazed by concert's low ticket sales

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Even though the Martin Luther Jr. University Union ticket office was selling tickets up until performance date, Student Life Director Cecilia Brinker said ticket sales were still sluggish for Howie Day's performance Sunday night in Lantz Arena.

"There were about 700 tickets or so sold out of 2,500 offered," Brinker said.

She said no one thing contributed to the lower than expected ticket sales and that good and bad ticket sales are just the nature of the business.

"We were optimistic because we felt that we did have good feedback from our committee, their surveys, the fact that other schools were booking him and that his tour was doing well," Brinker said.

The Lantz Arena setting can hold up to 3,400 people. Last year's prime spring concert, which featured the Counting Crows, sold more than 2,000 tickets as did the April 25, 2003 Dave Chapelle perform-

ance.

Brinker said that right now University Board will have to wait until all the receipts and everything is added up to figure out how much loss they took for the Day show.

"It will take about a week to get all the invoices in but (low ticket sales) doesn't change much for University Board," University Board concert coordinator Joe Atamian said. Brinker said Day was a good show for the students who did attend. She attributes lower ticket sales to several things.

"Spring Break was a factor. People had money before and after they might have been strapped for cash. We didn't advertise as much for this show, the timing was off, some students might not have wanted to go out on a Sunday night when they have classes and work the next day," Brinker said.

"We are in the red after this show. The cost to bring Howie was \$28,500," Brinker

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Owen Beverly performs for students Sunday night in Lantz Arena as the opening act for Howie Day.

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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Array of dances showcased to begin International Week

Diane Reid
STAFF WRITER

International Week opened with an assortment of entertainment Monday night at the University Grand Ballroom.

A little girl with brilliant blonde curls danced with a big smile on her face as her skirt sashayed along with the music of the Flamenco dancers.

A Middle-Eastern woman wearing a deep purple shawl-type dress clapped her hands to the beat of a group of Celtic dancers.

A group of Flamenco dancers, an Irish band and an Indian band performed for an audience of about 60.

"The dancers practiced a lot and are very fancy I think," said Miljan Markus, an event planner.

While the Indian band has performed at Eastern before, Markus helped get a new mix of entertainment to campus.

The University of Illinois Celtic band "Spiritual Seisun" responded to Markus' invitation, bringing the group here for their Eastern debut.

Students and an Eastern professor began the evening with a tribute to Flamenco dancers.

The seven dancers pounded their heeled shoes on the slightly elevated wood floor, and resounding thunder rang through the ballroom.

As the group paired off, their leader, wearing a printed Flamenco dress, turned about in circles to show her students how the dance was done.

Once the dancers left the stage, the Celtic group proceeded to give the audience a taste of what Irish music is like.

The group of five played a wide array of traditional Irish instruments that included a tin whistle, flute, tenor banjo, Irish bag pipes, an Irish drum and a fiddle.

"Spiritual Seisun" got the crowd clapping along with the music and tapping their feet in unison with their light and energetic dance harmonies.

At the end of the program a Hindustani classical music group appeared on stage.

Shouri Lahiri and Advayanand Shirsalkar performed a type of ancient Indian music.

"This type of music started as a meditation form and has moved onto a performance art," Shirsalkar said.

The music is achieved on a "raga" style which has a melodic theme, but is very much improvised, Lahiri said.

The two performers wore deep red tunics and brilliant white pants while sitting cross-legged on a white sheet.

Shirsalkar, the vocalist, sang in an ancient language.

His voice ranged in tones and transferred into different pitches throughout his singing.

While Shirsalkar sang, Lahiri played a repetitious rhythm on his two drum-like instruments.

The North Indian percussion instrument, known as the tabla (pronounced "tah-blah"), can produce sounds in a series of pops and snaps, depending on



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAZ

Lilian Barria (right), a professor in the political science department, leads a flamenco dance with members of the IU/Dancers Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

how the instrumentalist touches the top of the tabla, Lahiri said.

At certain intervals when Lahiri stroked his palm across

the top of the tabla, the vibrations that resounded off were reminiscent of the slapping of wet sand between one's palms.

The two performers were given time for solo performances that wowed the audience.

Panel distributes awards at 2004 All Student Art Show

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The 2004 All Student Art Show has many award-winning art pieces this year.

"There were 125 students who entered with 420 pieces of work," Tarble Arts Center director Michael Watts said. "Out of the 125 students, 63 students and 92 works were selected by a panel of judges."

There were three judges for this year's art show. Ed Gettinger from Western Illinois

University, Allan Mette from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Joseph Rehjolec from South Suburban College critiqued the works.

Top winners for this year's show were: Matthew Brendan Clark with best of show for "Idio Tech," a lithograph, Logan Hamilton with the Heyduck Ceramic Award for "Untitled III," stone/arc/brick, Matt Everett with the Knopp Sculpture Award for "Untitled," a sculpture wood and steel.

"The lithograph that won best

of show took about a month of class time to do," Clark said.

Clark, senior graphic design and 2-D major is entering graduate school at Eastern next year and wants to mix teaching art with doing it professionally. He said lithographing is a faster/short cut from drawing or sketching.

There were also 10 Merit Award Winners.

◆ Logan Hamilton, ceramics, "Untitled II"
◆ Penny Hess, painting, "Formation"

◆ Jackie Hettinger, printmaking, "#2"

◆ Tim Jarosz, design, "Apple Book"

◆ Megan Mckenna, graphic design, "Weber Brochure Inside spreads"

◆ Jacqueline Porter, digital media, "City View"

◆ Anissa Rouchon, fibers, "Checked Red Past"

◆ Tricia Rizzz, metals, "Theme and Variations"

◆ Jason Schertz, electronic, "Hammer Time"

◆ Jon Small, sculpture, "Spiral

Ride"

Porter, junior art education major, used photoshop to design her art.

"I took shots of different buildings in Peoria and put them together on the computer using photoshop," she said.

Students from Eastern's Painting III class will be hosting an art show from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Burle Ives Studio. The theme of the show is "Isms." There will be 12 different pieces of art depicting "isms" such as alcoholism.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Corrections:

A story in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* misspelled Caleb Judy's name.

The editorial also in the same

edition incorrectly reported students Amanda Sartore and Kyle Donash serve on the Council on University Planning and Budget. They both serve on the Council on Academic Affairs.

A story in Wednesday's edition of *The News* reported Sigma Phi Epsilon placed second in the pyramid competition. The fraternity placed third. Sigma Pi fraternity was first and Delta Chi placed second.

Clarifications:

A story in Monday's edition of *The News* reported the university Commencement Fair Wednesday, but not include that it will be held from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A story in the same edition implied Sigma Phi Epsilon competed in this year's Tugs big men competition.

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Hearing scheduled for man linked to drug lab explosion

◆ *Jenkins faces multiple charges for possession of methamphetamine chemicals, controlled substance*

By Carly Mullady
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A preliminary hearing date was set Monday for a man arrested last Thursday night in conjunction with a methamphetamine lab explosion.

Kenneth S. Jenkins, 28, 14257 E. County Rd. 600N, was arrested on charges of two counts of drug-related child endangerment, possession of methamphetamine manufacturing chemicals and possession of a controlled substance.

He is currently being held on bond, with bail set at \$10,000.

A secretary at the Coles County Circuit Clerk's office said Jenkins appeared in court today, where he received a copy of his information.

"His preliminary bond hearing is set for 1 p.m. April 19," she said. Jenkins was arrested after police and fire departments were called to his home in response to a fire believed to be sparked by methamphetamine production.

A woman, a 4-year-old and a 10-year-old child were at the home at the time of the fire. Jenkins suffered minor burns, the woman was cut and the children suffered no



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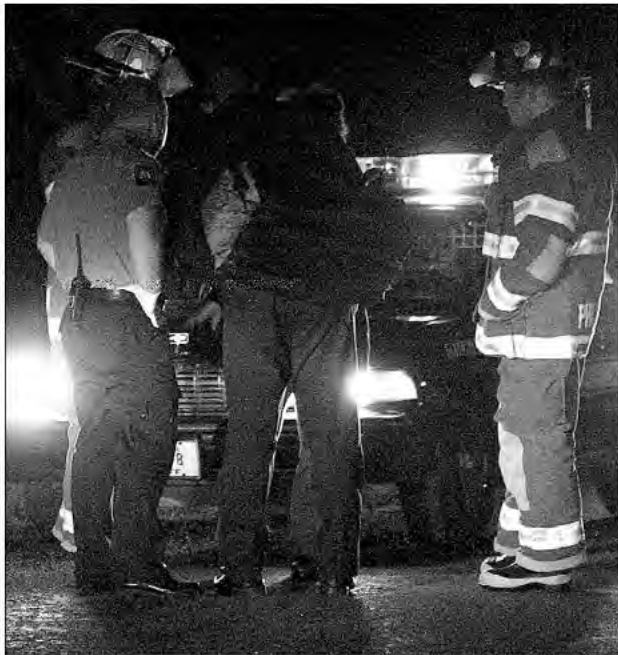
Emergency personnel check a barn at 14257 E. 600 N. Rd. Thursday in response to the reported explosion.

injuries.

An article "The Festering Problem of Methamphetamine in Illinois" by Daniel Dighton in the Winter/Spring 2003 edition of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's *The Compiler*, called methamphetamine "the most dangerous and vexing problem for law enforcement in many rural areas, particularly in central and southern parts of the state."

ECITF Master Sgt. Steve Guess said "Meth is huge here. We (investigate) a little coke and marijuana, but meth is our ballwicket."

Prior to 1999, Guess said, only three labs were seized; but from 2001-2003, approximately 200 labs were seized and 118 meth labs were seized in 2003.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Emergency personnel from the Lincoln Fire Protection District, Charleston Ambulance, Coles County Sheriff's Deputies and the East-Central Illinois Task Force interview a woman and examine her for injuries while responding to a meth lab that blew up at a home, 14257 E. 600 North Rd., late Thursday evening.

Eastern tops state universities as energy efficiency leader

◆ *Various conservation efforts help university post record-low energy costs*

By Michael Schroeder
CITY REPORTER

Eastern was recently recognized as the most energy-efficient public university in the state.

The Illinois General Assembly recently received a report, "The Energy Costs & Energy Efficiency at Illinois' public Universities," which shows the efficiency of 12 Illinois Universities.

The report states Eastern energy costs are 99 cents per square foot. This is 40 percent lower than the state average.

The next closest state school is Western Illinois who spends \$1.07 per square foot. The highest rate was \$3.03 per square foot for Southern Illinois University School of Medicine while the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign had an energy cost of \$1.45 per square

Shedding Light on Eastern's Conservation Conquest

◆ **Measurable Margin:** In 1998, Eastern's energy costs were \$1.40 per square foot
In 2003, Eastern's energy costs were 99 cents per square foot

◆ **Simple Strategy:** Energy costs dramatically decreased thanks to the installation of energy efficient showers, toilets and light bulbs

◆ **Lagging Behind:** Western Illinois' recent energy costs were \$1.07 per square foot
University of Illinois' recent energy costs were \$1.45 per square foot

Southern Illinois' School of Medicine's recent energy costs were \$3.03 per square foot

foot.

"I'm elated to know we are above all others... we are proud our work has been recognized," said Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management.

Reed said Eastern has been making moves to lower the power consumption on campus for several years.

In 1998, Eastern spent \$1.40 per square foot on energy according to the report. Since then, the rate has steadily dropped to the present

amount. The effort of the students and faculty over the last few years has paid off and will continue to, Reed said.

"If we are efficient, it is helping the environment," Reed said. He said the entire university is very proud of the conservation efforts the campus has made and continues to make.

By installing lower flow shower heads, toilets of less water capacity and automated flushing urinals,

the university has greatly reduced the water consumption, Reed said.

The installation of fluorescent bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs have been a big part of the reduction of the electric bill.

Reed said the school has increased lighting on campus for security reasons while still being able to reduce the average wattage.

The report said there is little Eastern can still do to become more energy efficient. Reed

agrees there are not anymore major projects to be done.

"We do continue to find little pockets here and there that can be improved," he said.

The school is looking into putting in hallway occupancy sensors so lights are not on when not in use. In addition, the school would like to decrease lighting in rooms that have significant amounts of daylight.

Reed said the university hopes to replace the steam plant, built in the 1920s, that powers the campus. He said that while the plant has been constantly upgrading, it is a very old building and still has some parts that go back to 1925.

This project is still a ways off and would require a large amount of funding that is not presently available.

Reed said all students and faculty should be as proud of this report as the facility staff.

"I would like to tell you that the facility staff, and students; everyone is involved in this... recognition needs to be spread out to everyone," he said.

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OPINION

Causing more than a hangover



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"Kegs for a cause" - now that's a concept college students could learn from.

This past Friday, in conjunction with our own form of Parent's Weekend, my roommates decided it was time to give back to the community.

With a combined effort from the seven living in my house and help from some of our dads, we pooled our money together to get a couple kegs in hopes of raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation.

What better way to get money from low income college students than a little entertainment and some beer with all proceeds going to an organization known for fulfilling the wishes of children with life threatening illnesses.

My roommate's dad and sister made signs, hanging them throughout our basement so people understood where their donation would be going. That same dad also helped collect money from party goers, thanking anyone who donated.

By the end of the night, counting the money we would eventually get back from the keg deposit, we were able to raise \$300 to give to the Make a Wish Foundation.

I don't only feel good about this event because we were able to raise that much money, but I

"I knew there was genuine kindness deep inside most college students that many people don't see and Friday's event proved it."

was very pleased to see the generosity of college-aged students.

College students, especially ones on Eastern's campus, sometimes get a bad wrap for being careless and insincere toward anyone other than themselves.

I knew there was genuine kindness deep inside most college students that many people don't see and Friday's event proved it.

At first, most people thought our signs were a big joke and we were just trying to scam them of a few bucks. But once they found out it would be helping a good cause, they were surprised and kind of impressed.

Though there was one individual who was more concerned with his current financial status and wasn't even willing to dish out a measly \$4, there were several people who donated more

than the money asked of them.

We had people who came back throughout the night just to add to the money they had already given. I had one guy who didn't even attend the party throw \$10 in my direction once he heard what the money would be going toward.

People who don't even drink alcohol were willing to open their wallets for the cause of an area child.

This is by no means a pat on the back for those who helped organize the event, but a way of making people realize they can do good things in simple ways. Two kegs and a little music produced \$300 in a mere three to four hours.

Both Friday night and Saturday we received a great response from people who attended and even those who did not attend.

We heard people say how they wish they would have thought of the idea and that this type of party needs to happen again. It is nice to know so many students were excited to help out and wanted to continue to help.

Upper teenagers and 20-something students can get together for the good of the community without relying on a committee or board to get it done for them. Every little bit counts and no contribution is too small.

EDITORIAL

Quorum shows council needs size reduction

The Council on University Planning and Budget proved why it needs a reduction in size. The council could only meet for 35 minutes at its meeting last month because it didn't have a majority of members in attendance.

In February, the CUPB elected not to reduce its current 38-voting-member council with an 18-10 vote. The logic behind the vote was to get representation from all areas of the university, allowing everyone to have a say in what happens.

The problem is those same people fail to show up for the meeting, making it impossible to vote on campus issues. The council needs 19 voting members to make quorum and after Allen Lanham, dean of Booth Library, left unexpectedly in the middle of the meeting, it only had 18 members, not enough to officially adjourn.

For a group that does not meet on a weekly basis, not meeting a quorum should be unacceptable. If equal representation is what the group wants, then not showing up to a scheduled meeting is not the way to do it.

And for those who can't make a meeting for a good reason, letting someone know about your expected absence. Shows a little respect toward the rest of the council and an acceptance of responsibility when you can't be there.

In Lanham's case and with the rest of the council members who did attend the meeting, they should have realized how many people they had at the beginning of the meeting, knowing if someone left they would lose quorum.

The council sat and waited to originally reach quorum so the members knew what would happen if anyone left.

This is just one occurrence that shows larger councils can be ineffective. These people care so much about not being cut from the voting because they want to be represented, but a reduction in size does not have to mean a reduction in representation.

Groups that do not receive a vote would be welcome to join the discussion during the meeting, but just might not be able to vote on the issue.

Waiting for people to show up, taking too much time to approve minutes and bickering between the many members can be avoided with a smaller council.

The council could consider the Faculty Senate's recommendation for a smaller council, especially in light of last month's CUPB meeting. An ad hoc committee could be established to debate the consequences of forming a smaller council.

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

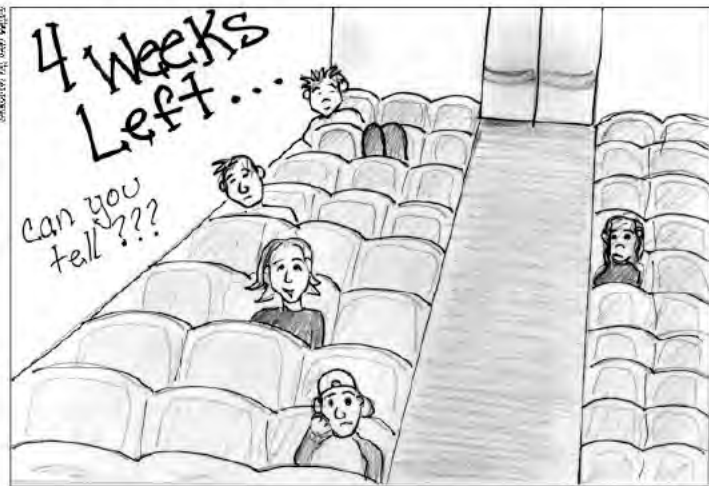
At issue

The Council on University Planning and Budget failed to finish meeting last month because not enough members were present.

Our stance

The council needs a reduction in size to help make it more efficient and to add to the productivity of the group.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Share the Christian message

To the so-called "Christians" of Eastern: Wherever you are hiding, I encourage you to take a stand for Christ. Rather than sitting back and observing the depravity of our culture, do something about it.

It's frustrating to see Christians be Christians in church, only to hide behind cross necklaces once they venture out into the public.

What happened to this boldness that Romans 1:16 describes when it states, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is that power of God for everyone who believes?"

Christ did not merely suggest that we share this message of hope, he commands it. He tells us to "Go!" Jesus did not let a fear of other beliefs, cultural backgrounds, gender or social status keep him from telling people who he is, so why should we?

A silent witness is no witness at all. A person cannot tell by your posture how to experience Christ, but by your words.

Jesus even asked his disciple Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"

How would you answer that question?

After age 23, only about 1

in 100 will trust Christ. This is a prime time to be sharing your faith.

Ninety percent of all Christians never lead anyone to Christ. That's a shocking statistic, or is it? How many people have you led to Christ? Are you going to be another Christian to contribute to this 90 percent, or are you going to help me drastically change this statistic?

Do not simply let life happen, but out of the overflow of your heart, do as Christ calls us to do so that the lives of those around us may be changed. Second Timothy 1:7 reads, "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but of power, of love and of self-discipline."

Casey Carroll,
Eastern graduate

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER

Face-lift project to begin next week

◆ Students who utilize the Student Activities Center are excited about renovations despite temporary loss of facility

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Renovations to the Student Activities Center will begin next week and students that use the room are willing to wait. On Feb. 26, the Apportionment Board allocated more than \$44,000 to renovate the activities center, which is home to the Student Government, the University Board, the Black Student Union, the Pan-Hellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council and more than 150 Recognized Student Organizations.

The activities center is located on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The \$44,000 that the AB allocated to the Student Government for the renovations is paying for labor and new furniture.

All of the furniture currently being used in the office is being sent to a storage building in Springfield, Student Body President Caleb Judy said.

The renovations will begin next week and will be finished in about a month, Judy said.

The Sullivan Room on the third floor of the Union will be the

Student Senate Speaks

"This is going to be something positive for the next 20 years. It's going to look great when it's done; it's worth the wait."

-Larry Ward student senate

"It'll be more inviting to all RSOs on campus. It'll look more business-like and more professional."

-Beckie Diehl, student senate

senate's new home, but only computers and possibly phones will be provided.

Larry Ward, Student Senate vice president for financial affairs, has an office in the activities center and said he won't mind being moved as long as he has the necessities.

"As long as I have internet access and phone access I should be fine," Ward said. "It's not that big of an issue."

Ward said he will not mind waiting for the office to be renovated because the office has needed a renovation for a long time.

"This is going to be something positive for the next 20 years," he said. "It's going to look great when it's done. It's worth the wait."



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Sidewalk sweepers

Eastern groundskeepers work on cleaning pine needles and debris from the gravel beds surrounding the sidewalk of Tarble Arts center Friday afternoon.

Student Senate member Beckie Diehl said the renovations will give the activities center more of a professional look.

"It'll be more inviting to all RSOs on campus," Diehl said.

"It'll look more business-like and more professional."

Adam Howell, chair of the senate Shuttle Bus Committee, said he is not worried that the Sullivan Room is much smaller than the room they use now.

"I think we'll be all right," Howell said. "We can still go on with the work that we have to do without that big office."

Howell said there are not many items in the activities center that people will be fighting over.

"I don't think that we have a ton of stuff here," he said.

"It's not imperative that everybody gets to some of the stuff."

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Root of the problem

University groundskeeper Rick Haney mows the grass around Tarble Arts Center Monday. With a high temperature of 58 degrees, workers enjoyed the nice weather.

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Faculty Senate: new officers to be named

By Kevin Smapler
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will announce the results of the annual faculty elections, which were held Wednesday and Thursday.

This year's elections brought more faculty voters to the polls than last year, according to senate member John Stimac.

Stimac spent time working at the polling place outside the bookstore in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during the elections.

"We had some good turnout," Stimac said. "The library had 82 percent of their eligible voters vote."

The names of the candidates who were elected to positions will be announced Tuesday during the meeting, said Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter.

Senate members will also discuss the upcoming Faculty Retirement Reception, which is scheduled to be held from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 20, at the Tarble Arts Center.

"The annual retirement recep-

tion honors retirees and shows our gratitude for their long service at Eastern," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said he is still waiting for a final list of retirees from the Provost's Office but said he knows the list has more than 10 names so far.

The reception is sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the University Professionals of Illinois. The event is open to the public, he said.

The senate will hear a presentation on student retention from Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support/Achievement.

The presentation will describe how Eastern can keep students from leaving between their freshman and sophomore years.

A presentation on the electronic writing portfolio program will be postponed until the next senate meeting, Carpenter said. Mary Herrington-Perry, assistant vice president for academic affairs, is scheduled to make the presentation and questions about the program have been sent to her, Carpenter said.

New software forces council to delay budget approval

◆ *City Council will hold special meeting to discuss new budget*

By Michael Schroeder
CITY REPORTER

The Charleston City Council had anticipated the motion for approving the budget for fiscal year 2004-2005 at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council

chambers at the municipal building. Instead, the budget will be tabled until next week when the council holds a special meeting to go over the budget on April 13, Mayor Dan Cougill said.

Cougill said the city has a new financial software package that will significantly improve the financing, however, the budget needs to be converted to the new form, causing the delay. Cougill said the council will also

Items for Discussion

- ◆ A proposed investment plan for city employees
- ◆ The purchase of steel materials for fences on city properties
- ◆ Approval of the new subdivision, Brighton Point

discuss authorizing a contract agreement with AIG VALIC, a deferred compensation plan that will give city employees a second plan to invest their salaries in.

Due to the fluctuation of steel prices in recent weeks, the city council had delayed the purchasing of steel for security fences at the new police and firemen train-

ing facilities. The prices have now stabilized, the mayor said, so the city will vote on whether or not to purchase the steel.

The approval of a subdivision, Brighton Point, located by the Charleston Country Club, is also on today's agenda.

The developers of the subdivision have requested variances from several city codes including regulations on curbs, sidewalks, gutters and cul-de-sac lengths, Cougill said.

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Four alleged victims of former priest Paul Shanley settle with church

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Archdiocese has settled lawsuits filed by four men who say they were molested as boys by the Rev. Paul R. Shanley, a central figure in the sex scandal that rocked the Roman Catholic Church.

The exact financial terms of the agreement reached late Sunday were not disclosed. However, an attorney for the plaintiffs said each will get more than the \$300,000 maximum that 550 other alleged abuse victims will receive in a \$85

million settlement reached with the archdiocese last September. The four plaintiffs — Gregory Ford, Paul Busa and two other men who asked not to be identified — had refused to sign on to the earlier settlement. Their lawyer,

Roderick MacCish Jr., described Shanley as "a human wrecking ball" and promised to continue helping prosecutors build a criminal case against Shanley. "The work is not done yet," MacCish said.

Shanley is awaiting trial on charges of raping Ford, Busa and the two others at a parish in Newton in the 1980s. He is free on \$300,000 bail. Ford, now 26, said he was repeatedly raped by Shanley, beginning at age 6.

Exits: 'Department head' responsible for each office

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east and west corners.

Emergency response plan

Handbrink said a "department head" is responsible for each office or department's emergency response contingency plans. Eastern's Environmental Health and Safety Department was established "to provide a comprehensive

and continuing accident prevention effort," according to the department's Web site, <http://www.ciu.edu/~enviro>.

Also on the department's Web site is an emergency response contingency plan guide, and according to the section for chemical spills and fires, each department's response plan must be posted along with a map with the exit route marked.

However, Dave Horsman, administrative assistant to the director of accounting and finance, could not find an emergency plan or a map posted.

He then asked Peggy Brown, a secretary in the office, to locate one, which she found in her files after several minutes of searching.

According to the emergency plan

she found, department members were required to evacuate and assemble at an Emergency Assembly Point (EAP), which was listed as in front of Old Main and behind Old Main as an alternate.

Larry Cannon, director of accounting and finance, said the department has several undocumented emergency procedures as well.

The undocumented procedures include designating someone to lock the safe and someone to conduct a head count of everyone at the EAP. Cannon was not sure how many people normally worked in the office, but he said it was around 30.

Whoever conducted the head count during an emergency would pick up a sign-in sheet to see who was at work that day.

Sales:

Brinker: University Board more in the red than it has ever been before

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See also said that this is not the first time that University Board has been in the red but this is the most in the red it has ever been before. She said the concert committee anticipated that ticket sales would be low so they were not that surprised. "The loss will be absorbed by the concert

fee we have which is \$100,000," Brinker said. Brinker expects the second Spring concert, Yellowcard and Something Corporate, to make up for the Day loss. "Tickets are selling well for the second concert. We are hoping to break even or maybe make some profit off of it," she said.

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No OVC title in sight as baseball team hits midseason

TEERING OFF

Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Before the start of the Eastern baseball season in late February, Panthers head coach Jimmy Schmitz said the team had a lot of questions heading into the opening tournament. After all, the Panthers lost seniors Bret Pignatiello, Kirk Walters, Aaron Shoburne and Danny Jordan, who just happened to be four of the team's six most productive hitters. And with 13 freshmen on the Eastern 32-man roster, expecting the youthful Panthers to all get together right away and help the team immediately was probably out of the question.

But Eastern was weathered the storm with 14 consecutive losses, and after a sweep of Ohio Valley Conference foe Murray State last weekend, the Panthers currently sit in a three-way tie for third-place in the conference behind Jacksonville State and Austin Pray. With half the season still remaining, lets play a little question and answer of our own and try to predict just where Eastern will stand come season's end.

Q-Eastern found a new ace while senior Jared Marshall was recovering from offseason surgery?

A-Yes, Eastern did and his name is Kirk Miller. Nobody shined brighter in Marshall's absence than the sophomore Southpaw who has a 2-3 record with an ERA in the upper fours. Heading into the season, I figured fellow sophomore Mike Budde would take the torch from Marshall and lead the Panthers but season ending Tommy John surgery has prevented that from occurring. Not only is Miller's ERA minuscule when compared to his teammates but his two wins



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Eastern baseball coach Jimmy Schmitz, pictured here at last week's win against Chicago State, has had to contend with 13 freshmen this year after losing four of the team's six most productive hitters.

came in conference play which is proof he is a "big game" pitcher which every team loves to have.

Q-Freshman Ryan Campbell is the answer at third base?

A-Right now both yes and no. Nobody gives the Eastern fans more "whis and awws" (with the exception of the Panther Bat Girls) than Campbell. At the plate, he can take any pitcher deep at any time and proved that with a school record tying three home run performance against Chicago State last week. In the field, he'll make a fantastic play one minute and short hop a throw the next minute. He's not the next Ron Santo out on the diamond but he isn't fazed by playing a demanding position like the "hot corner." Most importantly, he has a ton of confidence as a freshman, and while Campbell's 13 errors

stick out like a sore thumb, the truth is miscues are going to happen at third base. If the season depended on a ground ball to third base, I'd rather have last year's third sacker Jeff Cammann fielding the play, but I wouldn't stunt Campbell's "growth" by replacing him with Cammann.

Q-Pete Stone should remain in the designated hitter spot?

A-No. The DH spot has failed the Panthers all season long as Mike Gavin and Paul Dean struggled out of the gate hitting below the Mendoza Line, but Stone is not the solution at this position. When he's on top of his game, Stone may have the best bat in the lineup but his fielding in isn't bad either. With center field defensively a shaky spot for Eastern, I think you need to have Stone's glove in the field. As for the DH spot, I'd keep pitcher Erik Huber in this slot unless he takes the mound. In my opinion, one of Schmitz's best moves this year was to let Huber spend the bat as the Belleville native responded with a .455 batting average and five RBIs in just 22 plate appearances.

Q-Eastern can win the OVC?

A-No. I don't think the Panthers will win the regular season OVC crown but come tournament time anything is possible. Austin Pray at 6-0 in the conference and 19-7 overall look to very tough to pass. So does Eastern Kentucky who have the best overall record (19-4) and are tied with the Panthers in OVC play at 4-2. Eastern Illinois pulled off a huge road sweep of Murray State last weekend, but the Thoroughbred Racers (whatever they want to call themselves today) aren't the OVC's version of the 1906 Cubs. However, if the Panther bats continue to stay hot and Marshall recovers completely, I do believe Eastern can surprise a few teams in the tournament and a trip to the NCAA Regionals isn't out of the question.

Confident Cubs beat Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sammy Sosa couldn't get a hit. Kerry Wood couldn't get past the fifth inning.

Big problems? Not for these newly confident Cubs. Corey Patterson homered and Moises Alou doubled with the bases loaded Monday, leading the defending NL Central champions to a 7-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

After winning their first division title in 14 years, the Cubs got a good start on their next quest: back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1971-72.

"Last year, we were not really sure how good we were," said Patterson, who tore knee ligaments on July 6 and missed the rest of the season. "Since we did well last year, it builds more confidence. We know everyone is gunning for us."

The Reds had another disappointing debut in Great American Ball Park, where 42,122 fans watched a lineup missing Ken Griffey Jr. stumble out of the gate once again.

Sox bow to Royals and season's first game-winning home run

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The first game-winning home run on opening day in Kansas City Royals history will forever be etched in the mind of the man who hit it.

"This I'm going to remember for the rest of my life," Carlos Beltran gushed. "I'm going to live with this. Opening Day. A walk-off home run. It doesn't get any better than this."

Trailing all day after the Chicago White Sox scored four in the second, the Royals tied it 7-7 on Mandy Lopez's three-run pinch homer off Damaso Marte in the ninth.

Then after Angel Berroa singled, Beltran hit Marte's 2-2 pitch over the wall in left-center, giving the Royals a 9-7 victory in front of 41,575 fans.

Kansas City's largest opening day crowd since becoming a major league town with the arrival of the Athletics in 1955.

"I will never forget that feeling as I ran around the bases," Beltran said.

The White Sox took a 7-3 lead into the ninth, but Cliff Politte walked the first two batters and Billy Koch came in and gave up a run-scoring double to Benito Santiago, who had three RBIs in his Royals debut.

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SOFTBALL

Not rolling over despite losses

◆ *Softball coach Lloydene Searle is concerned with the team's confidence as losses mount.*

By Aaron Seiditz
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern manager Lloydene Searle understands that her team is heading into a troublesome time if things don't start to turn their season around.

Searle is quick to explain its not that her team doesn't have the ability or hasn't been giving the effort to win, but its just combining those two ingredients that has the team baffled at this point in time.

The Panthers have lost 15 of their last 16 contests and the players are losing confidence as the losses mount in conference play. The only victory for Eastern in the Ohio Valley Conference came against Southeast Missouri State last week.

"Right now the team is deflated," Searle said. "I have to be concerned with their confidence at this point, but they've proven to me that they are mature enough to handle what they are going through right now."

"When some teams may just want to roll over, this team just talks about what they can improve upon in practice."

This optimistic, or at least determined, approach to the struggles the team is going through encourages Searle, who feels that her team is not that far away.

Perhaps this past weekend's three losses to Samford best prove to Searle and her coaching staff that the Panthers are close to finding winning ways again.

The youth on the pitching staff has been a focal point for the team thus far, but the Eastern coach does not want to push the

young arms too much too soon.

Pitchers like Andrea Darnell, Heather Hoischen and Brittany Whelan have been leading this year's pitching staff, and have been doing a good job of at least keeping Eastern in the game. But as the offense has fallen upon hard times, the Panthers pitching staff hasn't found many ways to win with run production being so low.

"I don't want to push those pitchers too much, especially when the offense isn't producing as much as they could be," Searle said. "The underlying factor that we have to realize is how to balance the solid pitching we've been getting with some timely hitting."

One of the losses over the weekend to Samford was in extra innings, and both of the first two games of the series could have fallen in Eastern's favor. But late inning success went to the Bulldogs instead of the Panthers, and that is something Searle is getting all too familiar with.

"Samford, for whatever reason, was really good late in the game in going the other way with pitchers," Searle said. "They got the clutch hits they needed, while we couldn't quite find those hits late in the game."

But coming off their 15th loss in 16 games, Eastern will be looking to improve by the time their next couple of games come up against Butler.

Butler is only 7-23 overall, but still Searle and her team feel that they have to take advantage of the practice opportunities before they play Butler.

"The main concern for us is how we can improve today not what we have to look forward to," Searle said. "We know that Butler is an aggressive team and is solid defensively, but right now we have to remain focused on improving ourselves."



Pitcher Brittany Whelan winds up during a game against Central Connecticut State during the Wolfe Sycamore Classic in Terre Haute, Ind., on March 7.

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Lineup:

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runners on and two outs quite a few times but Eastern rose to those occasions and got the hits they needed to get.

The Panthers will look to continue hitting as the banged-up Leathernecks will be without three of their big bats when they come to Charleston Tuesday.

Right fielder Clint Buchan, center fielder Blake Schultz and first baseman Aaron Milliken all missed the series against Illinois-Chicago for one reason or another. However, the Leathernecks still managed to upset the Flames once in their three game series this past weekend.

"Not having as big bats and beating UIC was big for us," Western head coach Stan Hyman said. "Right now we're just trying to get healthy for the start of our conference season."

Buchan has started 28 of the Leathernecks 31 games thus far and is batting .301 with 12 runs batted in and two home runs.

Shultz was last year's Mid-Continent Conference rookie of the year and carries a .298 batting average in 23 games with 12 RBI and two home runs as well.

Milliken has started 22 games batting .280 with 15 RBI and two home runs.

Hyman said with those three out Kyle Mahan and Ryan Cougill have really kept the offense together.

"They've held the offense together but we're searching for others to step up," Hyman said.

Even without their three big bats out, Schmitz said he is impressed with Hyman's squad.

"I'm impressed with their talent," Schmitz said. "They've got some guys we were looking at."

The Leathernecks and the Panthers have similar records to this point 12-21 and 7-17 respectively and they have played similar schedules.

"Records don't mean anything at this point," Hyman said. "I know about the competition they play and I expect Eastern to be as solid as ever."

The competition Eastern has played this year includes Ole Miss, Southern Mississippi, South Alabama and Arkansas State.

"I have a lot of respect for coach Schmitz and Eastern baseball," Hyman said. "They handed it to us the last couple of years."

Even though Hyman has much respect for Eastern, the Leathernecks will go into the game with the same mindset as any other mid-week non-conference game.

"We respect Eastern and know it will be a tough game," Hyman said.

Siblings:

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coach tennis at Terra Haute South High School, and they said growing up with tennis has made them best friends. And just like when they were kids their mom comes to every match, Brandon said. Their dad can't make it to all the matches because of coaching, but they spend time with him when they compete in father/son tournaments in which they are each ranked nationally with their dad, Ryan said.

Ryan, who commutes from Casey and also stays with his brother in Charleston sometimes, had other options besides tennis for college. Ryan played golf and basketball in high school and won the Class A Illinois State Slam Dunk Contest last year.

"My coach told me I had some offers to play basketball in college, but I didn't even consider it," Ryan said. "I knew I wanted to play at Eastern with my brother. My parents never put any pressure on me. I just wanted to do it myself."

As the pairs of siblings get ready for the end of the year, all agreed that they enjoyed a year together at Eastern.

"This year was fun. I got to know Brandon a lot better," Amber said



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Freshman Ryan Blankenbaker hits a shot at his opponent from Austin Peay at Darling Courts on April 3.

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Family duos

Two pairs of siblings keep tennis in the family

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's tennis teams keep it in the family with two pairs of siblings on the court.

Seniors Brandon Blankenbaker and Amber Lanfert each have younger brothers to look out for, and freshmen Ryan Blankenbaker and Brandon Lanfert have someone to show them the ropes of Eastern tennis.

While Brandon Blankenbaker and Amber are closing in on the last two weeks of their careers at Eastern, Ryan and Brandon are just beginning.

"I think I have an advantage over the other players because I had a personal coach when I came," Ryan said. "Other guys had to get used to new coaches, but I had Brandon and he knows my style and can tell me what I'm doing wrong."

And Brandon Blankenbaker says he works his brother harder than any of the other freshmen.

"He probably gets annoyed with it but I see him make some of the mistakes I made and I know how to get through it," Brandon Blankenbaker said. "I'm just trying to push him to be the best."

The other sibling duo does things a little differently though, Amber said.

"Watching his game has helped me because we're so much alike," Amber said. "If I see him doing something wrong, then I know that I'm probably making the same mistake."

The Lanfert duo has had



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Senior Amber Lanfert practices at Darling Courts on Sept. 3.

plenty of time to see each other play, Amber said. The two picked up tennis around the same time and when they were young even shared a racket.

"There's not a lot of tennis players in Indiana so we practiced together a lot," Amber said. "When we first started I beat him all the time, but around my freshman year he went to a different level and started beating me."

Although Amber will be leaving Eastern this year (she will play her final year of eligibility in Maccomb at Western), she said she has enjoyed their time at Eastern together. Having the siblings on the men's and women's sides has helped bridge the two sides together, Amber said.

"When I decided to come

he let me know what the program was like and told me I'd like it," Lanfert said. "I think that my mom was comfortable with the decision too."

The Blankenbaker brothers played together at Casey Westfield High School. The two have been traveling together for tennis since they were kids, the elder Blankenbaker said, but it's different with the rest of the team with them.

"It's just like growing up when we used to play and travel with my parents," Brandon Blankenbaker said.

"It's kind of scary though when we're leaving for a match and I see my little brother driving the van."

Brandon Blankenbaker and Ryan are the only children of Janice and Bill, who

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Senior Brandon Blankenbaker returns a volley at the EIU Invitational on Sept. 19, 2003.

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BASEBALL



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Third baseman (22) Ryan Campbell throws to Chris Uhle at second base during last weeks game against Chicago State at Coaches Stadium.

On a three-win high

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther baseball team is coming off a huge weekend as they were able to finish a three-game sweep of Murray State on Sunday.

"I just think the lineup we're putting out there has a chance to win all the time," Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz said.

On Tuesday Eastern will look to continue their winning ways against the Western Illinois

Leathernecks. "The key thing this weekend was our situational hitting," Schmitz said.

Schmitz compared the Panther hitting to a clutch game-winning shot in basketball. He said in order to feel comfortable in those clutch situations in basketball, a player first has to be put into that situation time and time again. Schmitz said this past weekend the Panthers found themselves with

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