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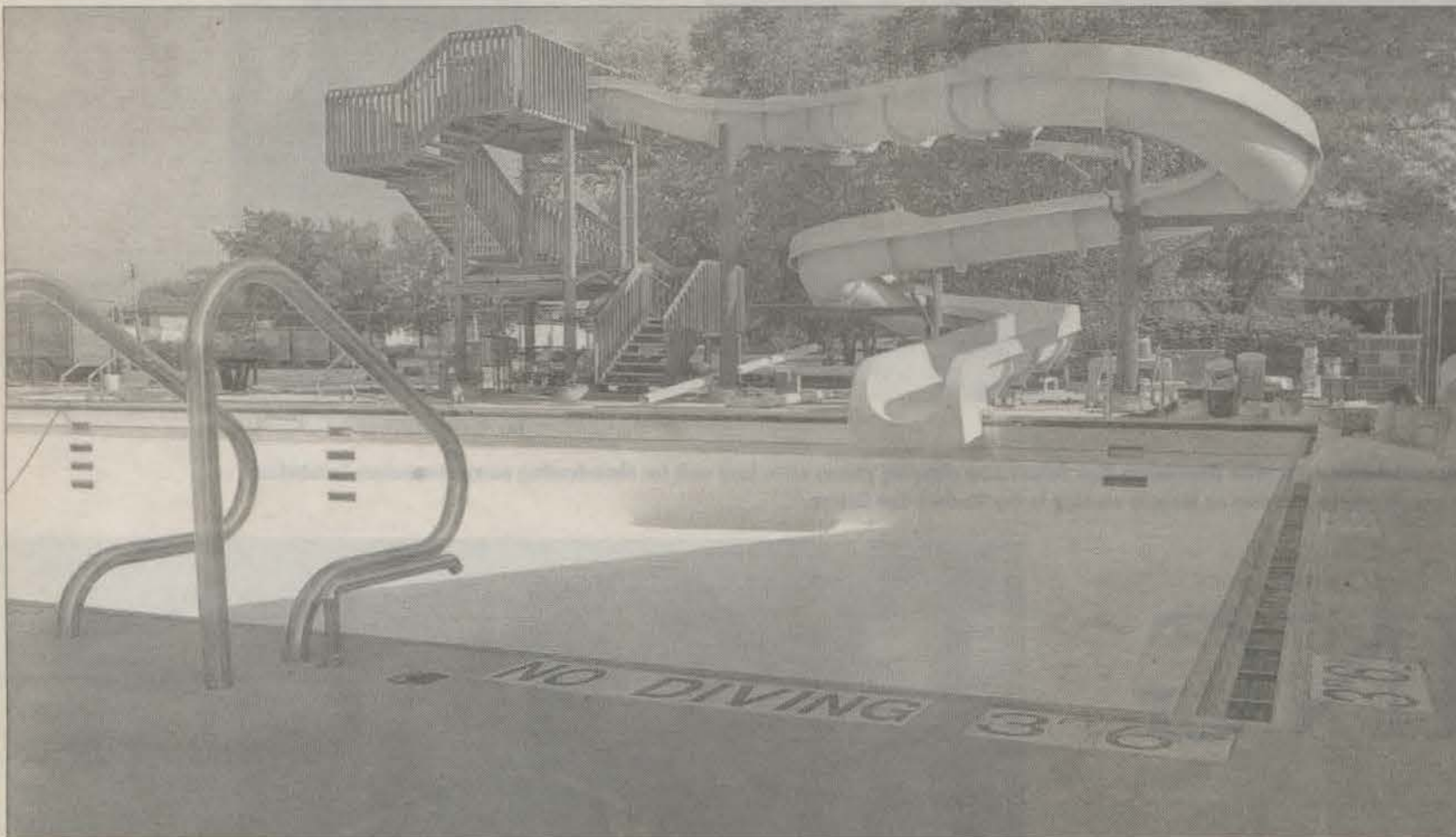
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The Charleston Community pool remains empty while construction continues. Once renovations are complete, admission prices will remain at previous price levels: regular \$3.50, children under 6 and senior citizens \$2.

STILL No POOL

Hot weather and general setbacks push reopening back several weeks

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Charleston residents will have to wait a few more weeks before they can enjoy the reopening of the Rotary Community Aquatic Center.

Formerly known as the Community Pool, the facility was originally scheduled to be operating by July 4, but adverse weather during May and June and the amount of renovations and improvements affected the opening date.

"I think just the scope of all the work that

needed to be finished was more sizable than we thought at first," said Brian Jones, director of parks and recreation. "We're probably still going to be pushing to get open by the end of the month."

According to Jones, contractors have been working as many hours as they can to finish the facility in a timely manner.

When the Aquatic Center does open, it will have many features for patrons to enjoy.

"The biggest thing people are going to notice is a zero-depth pool," said Jones.

The zero-depth pool will also feature water tools such as sprayers and buckets that dump water for small children to enjoy.

In addition to the zero-depth pool, there are

also several other key features that Jones feels patrons will enjoy.

The facility will now feature two vending location; whereas only one was offered in the past, and a new set of restrooms have been installed on the deck area.

"I think people are going to like the new mechanical building with another set of restrooms," Jones said.

Additionally, nine umbrellas will also be installed around the pool's perimeter, whereas the old facility only had three umbrellas.

"We've incorporated six new umbrellas so people will have the opportunity to get in shade if

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Local gardeners, plants feeling extreme temps

By TEARRIA RUFFIN
STAFF REPORTER

With forecasts predicting a summer heat wave across the country and rising temperatures, the summer's extreme heat makes it difficult for area gardeners and Steve Malehorn, manager of Eastern's Thut greenhouse, to keep up.

Temperatures in almost every state coast to coast were expected to reach highs in the 90s according to the Associated Press. Frequent irrigation becomes vital for a plant's survival during the summer time.

"Watering in the summer is essential to keep the plants from dying," Malehorn said.

Malehorn emphasized the importance of a

gardener taking time to study the behavior of a plant according to the climate. There are over 3,000 species in the Thut greenhouse alone. A garden of such vastness requires landscapers to spend three hours or more maintaining it.

"It isn't a case of watering the plants everyday, but to learn what the plants need," said Malehorn. "Each plant has its own personality."

Because of extreme climate changes, Malehorn discourages gardeners from cultivating new plants during the summer.

"Plants are best put in the spring when it is



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Steve Malehorn, manager of the Thut Greenhouse, waters some plants.

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Former botany chair dies at 85

By KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Former botany department chair William Wallace Scott, of Charleston, died June 24 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He was 85 years old.

Although his many achievements will not be easily forgotten, Scott will probably best be remembered for his easy-going personality.

"He was a very warm, compassionate individual," said surviving wife Jeanette of Charleston. "He was truly devoted to student research. He was always there to help students and graduate students, which were many."

Scott certainly was devoted to his students. Before taking a position at Eastern, he was a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, worked as faculty at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, James Madison University in Harrisonburg and the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C. When he became chair of the botany department at Eastern in 1968, he did not want to leave the position.

"He came out here as head of the biology department, and then got a different job in Old Main, but he went back to the biology department because he missed being around the students," said son Robert Scott, of Charleston.

He was also a teacher outside of the classroom as well. Robert remembers that even though he was the last one to go to college, his dad did not harp on him for it, accepted what he did, and was a listener.

When Robert's daughter, Emelle, was having trouble biting her fingernails, Scott had the perfect cure.

"Emelle would always chew her fingernails, and we'd try to get her to stop," Robert said. "So dad took her up to the university, scraped the dirt from under the fingernails and put it under the microscope and let her look at it. So he was always trying to teach something, instead of just shoving it down your throat."

When World War II came calling, Scott served in the Navy Medical Corp in the Pacific, and later was involved in the United States Marine Corps in Korea during the Korean War.

"His willingness [to go and fight], I think it made me very patriotic,"

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The cheerleading squad from Jerseyville Community High School play clapping games while they wait for cheerleading camp counselors to tabulate evaluations and awards for the campers on Monday evening in the Student Rec Center.

BRING IT ON

■ Eastern plays host to high school cheerleading camp

By KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

High school girls from around the state come to Eastern this week for the Eastern Illinois NCA II cheerleading camp.

From July 17-20, high school junior and senior varsity cheerleaders from six schools in Illinois gather to improve leadership skills as well as new material, cheers, chants and, of course, stunts.

Hollian Montgomery, a NCA camp staff member, has been working the camp the longest, a total of four years. She says the camp is a good way for the girls to "improve on what they want to improve on."

Ryan Brooks, camp manager and athletic trainer, says the 66 girls who attend spend most of the day practicing and exercising. It is only a four-day camp so they need to get as much accomplished as possible. On the last day the girls have a performance for their parents on what they have learned so far.

Montgomery said the one thing the

girls look forward to the most is the stunts.

"The most dangerous stunt we teach here is the pizza man," said Montgomery. "It is where you do a flat back, half turn so the girl on top lands in the opposite direction laying back on the hands holding her up. It is like a toss and flip. It's the most dangerous because it is the least stable."

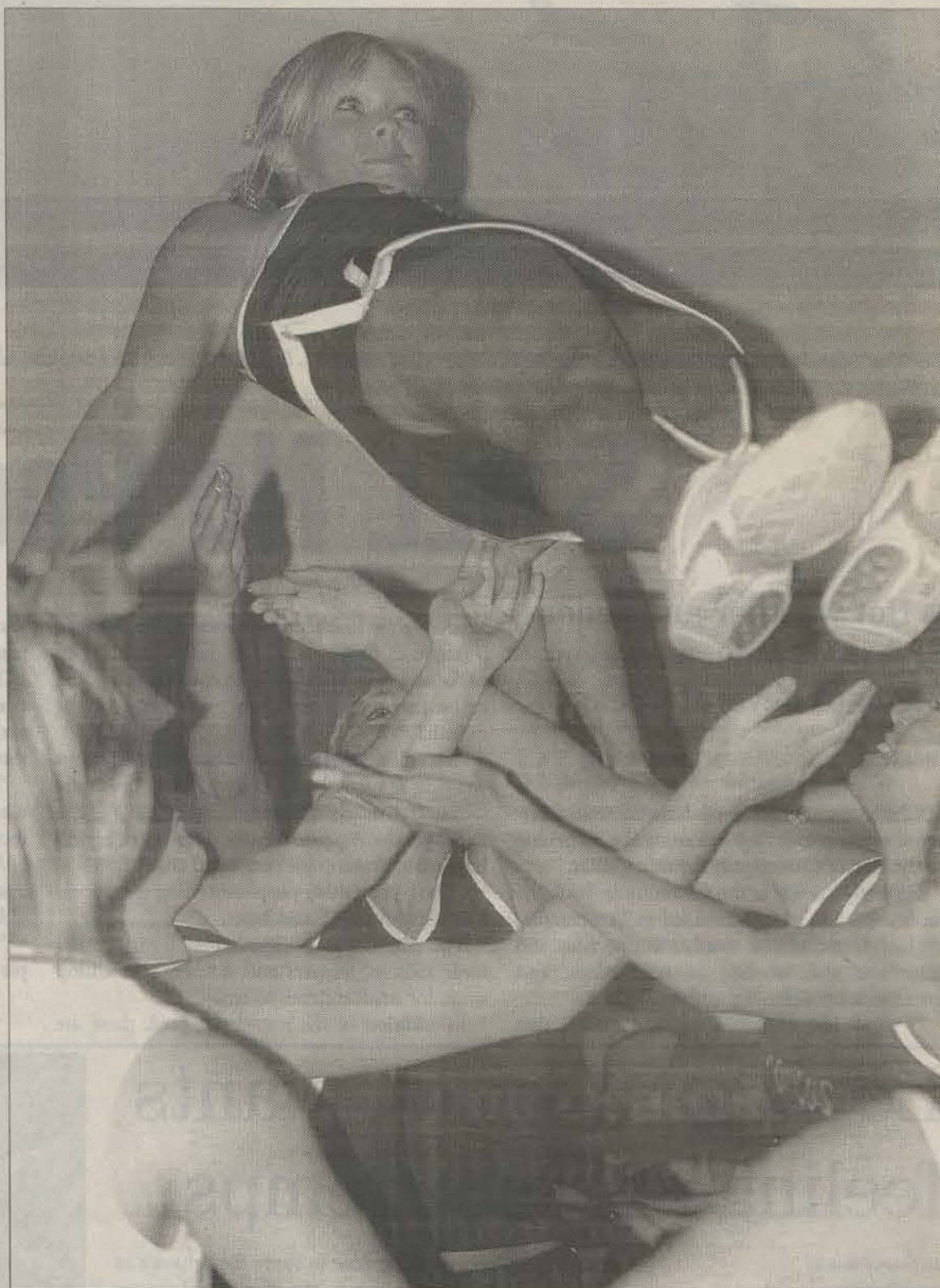
Many of the girls who came to the camp have different reasons for coming.

Chelsea Hess, 17, of Neoga, said the reason she wanted to come to camp was because it was "a good time to improve as a team, not just as an individual."

Whereas Chelsea Evans, 17, of Neoga, came to camp "to learn different things and learn how to improve" on her cheerleading skills.

Some of the girls say they became cheerleaders to stay physically fit or meet new people at the high school games. However, Melissa Lynn, of Effingham, became a cheerleader for a different reason.

"I became a cheerleader because whenever I was younger I use to watch the older cheerleaders in high school," said Lynn. "They are an inspiration to me and I always thought I wanted to be one."



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The Broncos cheerleading squad from Cerro Gordo High School practice four-corner spotting drills during cheerleading camp at the Student Rec Center on Monday evening.

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High school band harmonizes at Eastern

TEARRIA RUFFIN
STAFF REPORTER

Students are reminded of regular campus life as their ears are entertained by the procession of the Herscher High School band.

From July 9-14, Herscher High School hosted a band camp for its students on Eastern's campus.

"We have been coming down here for the last 14 years in order to get students away from the day to day stuff like doctor's appointments and jobs," said Roy Vanmeter, the band director. "By getting them away from home, we can get them to concentrate a little more."

According to Vanmeter, band members are preparing for upcoming shows in the fall that will include pieces such as "America the Beautiful" and "Blue Shades" by Frank Tichelli.

At times, students sacrifice summer recreational fun for long, exhausting hours on the field practicing a piece to perfection.

"The message I try to teach my students is that hard work pays off," said Vanmeter.

Not only are his students learning the meaning of hard work, they are also building social skills that will prepare them for life outside of a high school band.

"I believe band camp benefits you by building a certain amount of character and learning how to deal with certain types of people," said John Kambie, a junior at Herscher High School.

Learning to socialize with other bandmates is a very significant lesson that Vanmeter wants to instill in his students.

He believes that the band will sound better if all are on one accord.

"The band is only going to do well as long as we get along with each other and you can tell in performances," said Vanmeter.

Herscher band mates had an opportunity to release some steam. Some of the events planned for the students will include a talent show, swimming and bowling.

To Vanmeter, the greatest lesson he wants his students to learn is that music is not only a fundamental avenue for other areas of education, but it can also break barriers of language.

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Right: Three members of the Herscher High School marching band practice in the field south of the Tarble Arts Center.

Below: A line of the Herscher High School marching band practice work out Monday morning.



Camp helps children unlikely to go to college

BY MEAGAN MORGAN
STAFF REPORTER

In a time where a college degree is the key to success and a high school diploma narrowly pays the bills, youths have hope.

Children not typically destined for college have hope. The Upward Bound program and camps provide that hope.

Eastern hosted an Upward Bound camp for the University of Illinois on Friday and

Saturday, with nearly 60 in attendance.

This two-day camp allows the students to experience a day on a college campus, said Matt Boyer, conference coordinator.

The high school students and chaperones, the majority from the Champaign-Urbana area, received a full tour of the campus, visited the Trio and Gateway offices and experienced campus dining.

A little recreation was also planned for the group, including an ice cream social and an

academic bowl, so students could engage in educational and friendly competition.

Upward Bound is a program that prepares participants for college by providing academic support, personal and career counseling, and cultural enrichment.

The program aids students who are low income, first generation military veterans; students who come from low-income families; or students who come from families where neither parent has a bachelor's degree.

Each student within the Upward Bound program receives a grant from William Hoff, junior assistant to director and assistant director of Upward Bound at U of I.

The grant covers all of their expenses, said Boyer.

Eastern has hosted the Upward Bound program for 12 years.

The program allows students to travel to other schools to receive firsthand experience of the colleges, giving them many options.

OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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EDITORIAL

World needs to do more than talk to solve conflicts

For the past six days, Israel and the militant group Hezbollah have been engaged in cross-border fighting. President Bush says he is sending Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to the Middle East in order to help calm the situation.

While this is a step in the right direction, the conflict in this region of the Middle East will not be solved by a simple visit from Rice.

The United States and the United Nations need to do more in order to calm the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel.

25,000 Americans are estimated to be in Lebanon and the State Department has told U.S. citizens to "ready themselves immediately and await further instructions."

These further instructions better come soon because Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Monday that Israel will continue fighting in Lebanon until the release of two Israeli soldiers abducted last week by Hezbollah militants.

Olmert said that he wanted complete peace and quiet and Hezbollah leaving the boarder area.

A call for peace and quiet is ironic coming from a country that fights and bombs the Palestinians regularly.

The current fighting began last week after Hezbollah kidnapped two Israeli soldiers in a cross-border raid.

Israel responded with an offensive aimed at Hezbollah and in response to that, Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel.

In six days of fighting, 165 people have been killed and 415 wounded in Lebanon. 24 Israelis have died in the conflict and more than 300 have been wounded.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and British Prime Minister Tony Blair called for an international stabilization force to be sent to the Israeli-Lebanese border to help end the fighting. President Bush has said that Israel has the right to defend itself. All countries do, but at what cost? When will enough blood be spilled?

Yet again, as with other conflicts, the world community needs to do more than just talk.

Hezbollah's actions are inexcusable. It was an unprovoked attack and kidnapping, but Israel's response is just as inexcusable.

As of Monday, the death toll in the conflict is 209 in Lebanon, 24 in Israel.

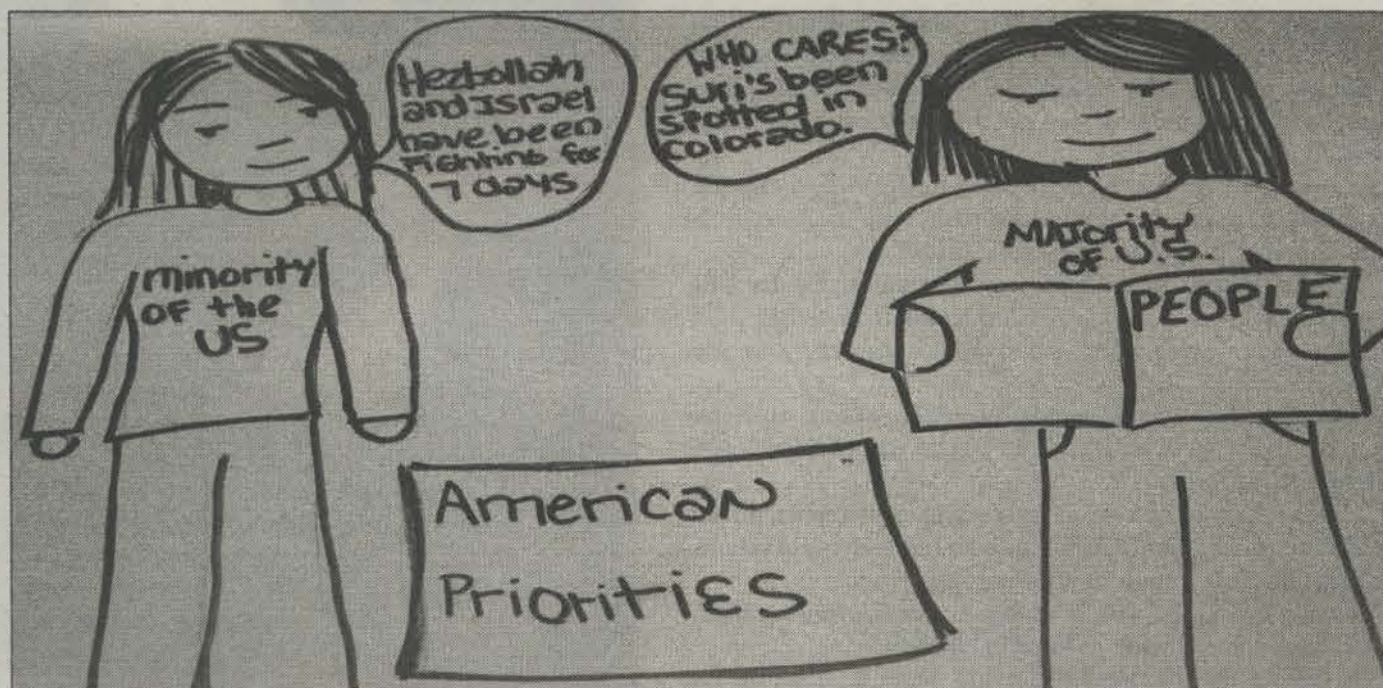
That's eight times more death in Lebanon than in Israel. The international community needs to stop turning a blind eye to Israel's part in the conflict and the conflict with the Palestinians.

Tony Blair said, "The only way we are going to get a cessation of hostilities is the deployment of an international force to stop the bombardment of Israel and get Israel to stop its attacks on Hezbollah."

This international force needs to be deployed now, before any more blood is shed.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY NORA MABERRY



COMMENTARY

What you don't know can kill you

"What you don't know can kill you."

I found this statement in a magazine that arrived in my parents mail the other day.

I found a lot of things in this magazine that are killing me, and I did not even know it.

I am here today to save all of your lives. Listen closely so you will not miss these survival tips.

First thing first, do not believe anything the government is telling you.

Did you know the government is conspiring to let drug companies kill people? And, to top it all off, they are trying to hide it from everyone.

Oh, and did you know that people like doctors, nurses and pharmacists are all in on the same conspiracy?

They are all trying to kill you too.

In fact, that oath they take to protect you from harm is really a big joke they all get a kick out of.

Okay, okay, all kidding aside, there is an important issue we need to talk about. It's about your health and where you get your health information.

When it comes to health, people are



CIARRA KENT
GUEST COLUMNIST

"The health industry is full of good, educated individuals, but unfortunately, we must battle those who are just trying to make a buck on the next pill."

getting their information in a lot of very scary places.

To me, the scariest place of all is the Internet.

It is convenient, fast and most everyone has access to it.

Now, do not get me wrong; there is a lot of good information out there from agencies like the American Cancer Society, the National Institutes of Health, the American Dietetic Association and many other sites that offer sound health

information, but sadly to say, there are a lot more scary places lurking between those good URLs. Magazines and other forms of media can be just as guilty is offering health information that is not looking out for your best interest.

Of course, the obvious question is where should you get your health information?

Visit your doctor or call his or her office to talk to a nurse.

That's a great place to start.

Try peer reviewed journals and read everything with a critical eye.

The health industry is full of good, educated individuals, but unfortunately, we must battle those who are just trying to make a buck on the next pill or method that will cure obesity, warts or enhance your sex drive.

My parent's mailbox is another scary place for health information.

But at least they can order a simple kit that will test their urine for parasites for only \$39.95!

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else.

Editorial cartoons run every day, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday.

Anyone is welcome to write or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

Columnists Needed

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

Cartoonists wanted

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues.

A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

Justices stand on their own

THE STAR-LEDGER, NEWARK, N.J.

As the U.S. Supreme Court released its final batch of decisions last week, with rulings on campaign finance, Guantanamo Bay detainees and Texas congressional redistricting, it was tempting to draw broad conclusions.

Despite the impulse to make declarations about the newly configured court, which includes two appointees of President Bush, John Roberts and Samuel Alito, a fair reading of the recent rulings suggests it is difficult at this point to offer a definitive assessment of where the court is headed.

Those who thought Alito and Roberts would walk in lock-step with Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, appointees of the first President Bush, may be surprised.

They haven't.

In the Vermont campaign financing case, for example, Thomas and Scalia wanted to undo 30 years of settled law, lifting virtually all restraints on campaign contributions and spending.

Alito and Roberts refused to play. Yielding to precedent, they were part of the majority that let stand a 1976 decision that prevents states from imposing limits on campaign spending.

At the same time, however, they held that limits on contributions, such as the one adopted in Vermont, were constitutionally permissible.

The redistricting case was a mixed bag, too.

In that case, the high court upheld Republican Tom DeLay's redrawing of the Texas congressional districts but also ruled that the Texas Legislature had violated the Voting Rights Act by drawing congressional lines that hurt Hispanics.

The justices ordered the state to redraw one district.

In the Guantanamo case, the court roundly rebuked Bush with a ruling that halted special military trials for detainees later this year.

The court said the process the administration wanted to use violated the Geneva Convention and U.S. law.

Two court traits, however, have emerged.

Op-ed

A sampling of opinions from around the nation

Despite Roberts' desire to build more consensus among the justices, many decisions this term were as splintered as ever.

The redistricting case produced six separate opinions.

Unanimity, while not always desirable, is beneficial because it makes the law clearer to the public as well as to lawyers and judges.

Perhaps the most important revelation to come from this term is a firm indication that the court will show more restraint.

So-called legislating from the bench may become a thing of the past.

That change will put greater pressure on Congress to act clearly on issues of national concern.

Discussing God and government, in good faith

PEORIA JOURNAL STAR

At last, a Democratic leader of some stature who isn't afraid to say out loud that he goes to church, who neither ridicules nor panders to people of faith, who acknowledges that religion is relevant, in life and in politics. If anyone wonders why Illinois Sen. Barack Obama is a breath of fresh air on the national political scene, this is why.

A speech Obama gave a few weeks ago to the Sojourners Call to Renewal conference in Washington, D.C. has been getting a lot of attention, not only for its insight and balance, but for its soul-searching honesty.

Perhaps Obama is on to something. Perhaps America would be a better place, the world a safer one, if more leaders recognized that the extremes on both sides of the religious divide are unhealthy, whether it's conservatives who use the Bible as a bludgeon or liberals who "dismiss religion in the public square as inherently irrational or intolerant."

If more had the conviction, confidence and courage to say that "faith doesn't mean that you don't have doubts." If more appreciated that church has never been just for the sinless and certain, that no political party or denomination has a lock on God, that separation of church and state is not the enemy of religious freedom but its friend, as so many Founders knew from family experience.

If there were more influential voices who comprehended that government alone cannot save "the gang-banger" who "shoots indiscriminately into a crowd," and who have no fear of sounding "preachy" by saying so. Cynics will say that Obama is just running for president, catering to a constituency that has flexed its muscle on the other side of the ballot. Perhaps.

But perhaps there is a pragmatic, private and prayerful middle in America, or even many of no specific faith who nonetheless "hunger" for something more — if only more civility and less hypocrisy in public discourse — who will respond to the message that, at its best, religion is a "source of hope," just as of so rarely, a leader comes along who also shows himself to be.

Daley's choices, Sorich's guilt

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Even before this criminal chapter in Chicago's history, only the newly arrived or the terminally naive thought merit determined who got city jobs here.

Local lore and ample evidence — all those politically connected nephews on the city payroll, suggested the fix often was in. You learn something about how a city hires its workforce when one of its best political tomes is titled, "We Don't Want Nobody Nobody Sent."

But the federal trial that led to Thursday's convictions of Mayor Richard M. Daley's former patronage chief, Robert Sorich, and three other former City Hall officials has opened this city's eyes to patronage more abusive, more ambitious,

than what many Chicagoans had figured. This wasn't just favoritism, it was fraud. It was a cunning, intricately documented scheme by which city government insiders rigged test results and faked interviews so they could give jobs and promotions to a chosen few. It was a clever way for Daley's loyalists to bribe armies of foot soldiers to do their political work in the streets.

It was also illegal.

And it created a debacle that didn't have to be.

Had Daley made different choices early in his mayoralty, he'd have spared himself the ugly parlor game that now consumes Chicago: Who's next to be indicted? What racketeering statutes might the prosecutors now invoke? How high will this scandal reach? Because by no one's imagination is Thursday's conviction of Sorich, Timothy

McCarthy, Patrick Slattery and John Sullivan the end of the Justice Department's crash remodeling project at City Hall.

Daley didn't spend political capital to halt the illicit patronage hiring that for many decades has bonded the futures of Chicago pols and their pals. He didn't reform a city contracting system that cheated businesses whose lower bids or genuine minority status couldn't compete with the insiders' clout.

Not until his administration was cornered by federal investigators did he overhaul city government's personnel and inspector general's offices.

So the questions hang in mid-air:

Who's next to be indicted? What racketeering statutes might the prosecutors now invoke? How high will this scandal reach?

Policies should protect kids with special needs

DAILY TELEGRAPH, LONDON

Of all the people we should ensure are properly treated, those with special needs must come first. Adults with mental disabilities endure the most shocking treatment in the NHS. And today, it appears that children with special educational needs also suffer at the hands of the system.

Since the 1970s, the catch-phrase of educationalists has been "inclusion" the

principle that all children, of whatever capacity, should be educated together. New Labor enthusiastically endorsed this orthodoxy: the 1997 Green Paper called for more children with special educational needs to be in mainstream schools, a principle furthered by the 2001 Special Needs and Disability Act. The result has been that 90 special needs schools have closed since 1997.

This is not an altogether popular development, as ministers with special needs schools in their constituencies have found. And so, as the House of Commons education select committee reports, the Government has quietly steered policy away from inclusion. The effect has been confusion and great distress for many thousands of parents and children.

The clash of ideology and political pragmatism has hit those we need to care

for most. New Labor talks a lot about choice: it should practice what it preaches. It is absurd for central government to decide that one size of education fits all pupils. Each child's individual needs are different. Parents should have far greater choice; they know their children best. If they could choose where to send their children to school and resources followed the child, with more money allocated to those pupils with greater need, the right choices could be made on a child-by-child basis. And schools could fund extra requirements, in mainstream or specialist institutions.

We have a moral duty to do our best for those least able to look out for themselves. Confused policies hurt the most vulnerable in our society. Decentralising education by making money follow pupils would put an end to a muddle that is damaging thousands of lives.

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WORLD

World news at a glance.

Somalia boycotts peace talks with Islamic militia

MOGADISHU, Somalia—Somalia's nearly powerless government said Friday it would boycott peace talks with an Islamic militia that has seized control of most of the country's south, noting the group wanted to topple the leadership and had massacred civilians.

The boycott was the latest setback in a swiftly deteriorating relationship between the internationally recognized government and the radical militia, which the United States accuses of harboring al-Qaida and wanting to impose a Taliban-style theocracy.

"The Islamic group has extreme views which cannot go with the world's civilized and democratic system," government minister Ismail Mohamud Hurreh told The Associated Press on the eve of Saturday's talks in Khartoum, Sudan, under the auspices of the Arab League.

Abdallah Mubarak, the Arab League's special envoy to Somalia, said peace talks would take place at a date to be determined, but that Sudan's president would talk with the Islamic leaders Saturday.

The Supreme Islamic Courts Council sent negotiators to Khartoum despite the boycott by the government, which was formed with the help of the United Nations but wields no real power outside its base in Baidoa, 150 miles northwest of Mogadishu.

"If the transitional government doesn't come, then the international community will see who wants peace in Somalia and who doesn't," said Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, a top Islamic official.

The Islamic militia wrested Mogadishu from a secular alliance of warlords last month, bringing weeks of relative calm to a capital that has seen little more than chaos since the last effective central government was overthrown in 1991.

— The Associated Press

Bombay police lower death toll

BOMBAY, India—Authorities lowered the death toll from the synchronized bombings of Bombay's commuter train network, saying Sunday that 182 had been killed.

Officials previously said that at least 200 died and more than 700 were injured in Tuesday's blasts.

The new toll was released by Sanjay Joshi of Maharashtra state's disaster response coordination agency, who also said that 842 people were injured. Of the injured, 286 remain hospitalized, he said. Bombay is the capital of Maharashtra.

Officials said the death toll had been too high because some of the dead were counted twice by separate emergency agencies before being added to the overall tally.

The series of carefully coordinated bombs during evening rush hour triggered public anger, and accusations that the perpetrators were Islamic militants aided by Muslim-majority Pakistan, the neighbor and archrival of predominantly Hindu India.

— The Associated Press

Iraqi oil ministry official kidnapped

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Gunmen kidnapped a senior Iraqi Oil Ministry official Sunday.

Attackers stopped Adel Kazzaz, director of the North Oil Co., shortly after he left the ministry, beat his bodyguards and whisked him away, ministry spokesman Assem Jihad said.

The North Oil Co. runs Iraq's oil fields around the northern city of Kirkuk. The other major fields are in the south and are run by a separate company. Both are government-owned.

Kazzaz was in Baghdad to attend a meeting with ministry officials, Jihad said.

— The Associated Press

Hezbollah leader suggests more civilian attacks likely to occur

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah on Sunday made his first appearance after days of clashes with Israel.

Nasrallah said his group had "complete strength and power" and suggesting it would continue attacking civilian areas.

Hezbollah had "no choice" but to hit the northern Israeli city of Haifa with rockets Sunday after Israel struck civilians in Lebanon, Nasrallah said.

"When the Zionists behave like there are no rules and no limits to the confrontation, it is our right to behave in the same way," Nasrallah said on the militant group's Al-Manar television station.

Nasrallah said he taped the message at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The message was an apparent attempt to disprove Israeli media reports that he was wounded in Israel's pre-dawn bombing of his south Beirut headquarters. The message aired about 7 p.m. The Hezbollah leader looked tired and his speech was slower than usual.

It was his first public appearance since a news conference Wednesday after Hezbollah captured two Israeli soldiers inside the Jewish state, sparking the recent conflict. Nasrallah released an audiotape Friday describing a Hezbollah attack on an Israeli missile ship.

In the video, Nasrallah promised "surprises" and urged global Muslim support for his guerrillas, who he said are "longing" to fight Israeli forces on the ground.



An Israeli soldier stand next to remains of a rocket fired from southern Lebanon, which fell on a main road next to Kiryat Shmona, July 13, 2006. Twenty-eight Lebanese civilians, including 10 children, were killed in dozens of Israeli air strikes across the country after Hezbollah militants seized two soldiers and killed eight, local police said. Overnight an Israeli woman was killed in the northern Israeli town of Nahariya in rockets fired from southern Lebanon by Hezbollah. (Pierre Terdjman/Flash90/MCT)

Israeli leaders have not publicly mentioned the possibility of ground invasion and one did not appear likely Sunday.

Nasrallah denied Israeli accusations that it was receiving help from Iran, including advanced missiles. He told Arabs and Muslims worldwide that his group was fighting Israel on behalf of them.

"Hezbollah is not fighting a battle for Hezbollah or even for Lebanon. We are now

fighting a battle for the (Islamic) nation. Where does the nation stand on this battle?" he said.

Israeli airstrikes earlier Sunday destroyed Nasrallah's office and residence inside the central Hezbollah compound in a south Beirut suburb. The missile attacks knocked Al-Manar TV off the air for a few minutes, and officials said its main building was badly damaged.

A 'lost child' of the Sudan to become U.S. citizen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON—At the age of 3, Aduel Riak began traveling across Africa, going from country to country looking for refuge from the civil war that had erupted in her homeland the year before she was born.

19 years after she fled the Sudan, Riak was sworn in as a U.S. citizen during an Independence Day ceremony in Boston.

"The United States has been so great to me in many, many ways. It has given me a chance of a lifetime that no other country has given me, not even my birth country," said Riak, now 22 and a student at Brandeis University.

"It is my home."

Since 1995, more than 22,000 refugees from Sudan have arrived in the United States. The refugees must wait a year before they can apply for their green card for legal residency and five years before they can apply for citizenship. Immigration officials say Riak is among the first wave of the "lost children of the Sudan" who are becoming U.S. citizens.

Riak first fled the Sudan in 1987, along with her mother and five siblings, when the civil war led to a mass exodus. For the next several years, her family lived in a refugee camp in Ethiopia, until they were separated and forced out during a political uprising.

Then 8, Riak began walking with a huge crowd of people, mostly children. Most were orphans or didn't know where their parents were.

Riak said she didn't know where she was going, but was just told to keep walking. In searing heat, across desert and remote terrain, thousands and thousands of people walked. For three months, they walked 18 to 20 hours a day, Riak said.

"It was a flock of children and a few adults. You sort of just joined the stream of people, and the stream became a river, and



With only a few meager possessions, villagers from Tarny in northern Darfur seek safety following an attack on June 29 by soldiers from a rival rebel group. Fighting among rival rebel groups is escalating in Darfur, threatening a two-month-old peace agreement and prolonging a war that has already killed some 200,000 people. (Shashank Bengali/MCT)

the river became rivers of people," she said.

They ate whatever they could find, mostly wild berries. They had water only when it rained. Other times, they had to drink urine to survive, Riak said.

The group walked to Kenya, where they finally found some respite in the Kakuma refugee camp.

Riak stayed in the camp until she was 16, when she was told she was going to the United States as part of a resettlement program.

"I thought, finally, I will go to school. I will begin my life," she said.

Lutheran Social Services in Boston arranged her resettlement in the Boston area. Over the next few years, she lived with three foster families in Belmont, where she attended high school.

In 2003, at the age of 19, she went to live with a family in Needham.

Helen Peters and Garrett Parker had

two grown children of their own, and decided to take in Riak after spending Christmas Day with her in 2002.

Peters and Parker got Riak into a pre-college program at Brandeis University. This fall, she'll start her senior year at Brandeis, where she is majoring in anthropology, and international and global studies.

Riak learned several years ago that both her parents are alive.

She will see them for the first time in 17 years when she returns to Africa this summer for a two-month oral history research project on the refugee camp in Kenya.

As a U.S. citizen, Riak could eventually sponsor her parents for citizenship as well. It's something she plans to talk with them about, she said.

"There is an abundance of opportunity in the United States that you cannot find anywhere else," she said.

NATION

News briefs from across the United States.

Foreign companies buying U.S. roads

WASHINGTON—Roads and bridges built by U.S. taxpayers are starting to be sold off, and so far foreign-owned companies are doing the buying.

On a single day in June, an Australian-Spanish partnership paid \$3.8 billion to lease the Indiana Toll Road. An Australian company bought a 99-year lease on Virginia's Pocahontas Parkway, and Texas officials decided to let a Spanish-American partnership build and run a toll road from Austin to Seguin for 50 years.

Few people know that the tolls from the U.S. side of the tunnel between Detroit and Windsor, Canada, go to a subsidiary of an Australian company, which also owns a bridge in Alabama.

Some experts welcome the trend. Robert Poole, transportation director for the conservative think tank Reason Foundation, said private investors can raise more money than politicians to build new roads because these kind of owners are willing to raise tolls.

"They depoliticize the tolling decision," Poole said. Besides, he said, foreign companies have purchased infrastructure in Europe for years; only now are U.S. companies beginning to get into the business of buying roads and bridges.

— The Associated Press

United moving to downtown Chicago

United Airlines will make a downtown Chicago building its new headquarters site, the company announced Saturday.

The nation's second-largest carrier, a unit of UAL Corp., has been shopping for a site since spring, when it said it was looking to consolidate its facilities and might move its world headquarters from its longtime base near O'Hare International Airport.

The search took it to Denver and San Francisco, two United airport hubs, but most observers expected the carrier that has long billed itself locally as "Chicago's hometown airline" to stay in the area.

United said Saturday that it will move into the former R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. building overlooking the Chicago River at 77 W. Wacker Drive in early 2007.

About 350 United employees will be part of the move from Elk Grove Village, which is 20 miles northwest of downtown. At the same time, United will consolidate several suburban facilities to its campus at Elk Grove Village, a move the company said would save money without a loss of jobs.

— The Associated Press

Wide track found to be cause of Chicago subway derailment

CHICAGO—The track at the site of a train derailment in a Chicago subway that sent more than 150 people to the hospital was too wide prior to the accident, a National Transportation Safety Board investigator said Friday.

The track exceeded the standard rail-to-rail width at several points by up to 1 1/8 inches, NTSB investigator Kitty Higgins said.

"That doesn't seem like a lot, but that's enough for the car to derail," she said.

But Higgins noted investigators have not reached their final conclusions on the accident's cause and would continue working.

Chicago Transit Authority track is supposed to be examined twice a week, and the section of track where the derailment occurred last was inspected July 7 — four days before the evening rush-hour accident, Higgins said.

Investigators now will try to determine why the tracks were too wide, she said.

Additional tests on parts of the track, including the ties that help bind the rails together, will be conducted in Washington, D.C.

— The Associated Press

Detainees may get new protections

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Negotiations on how to treat enemies captured in President Bush's war on terror spilled into the open Thursday as administration officials indicated a willingness to look at new protections for detainees in CIA and Pentagon custody.

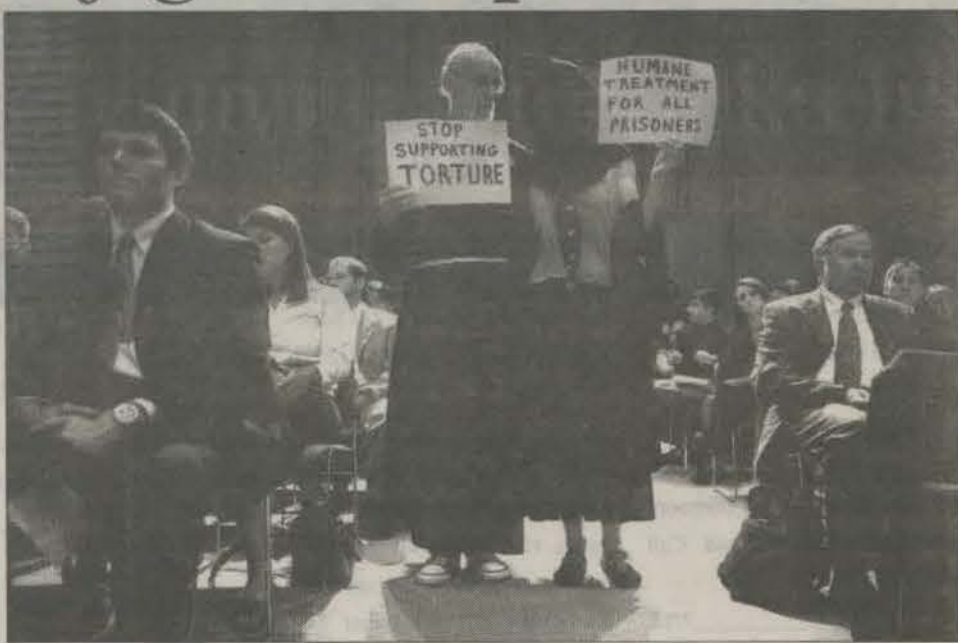
But, officials maintained, these "enemy combatants" must not be granted certain legal rights that would expose classified information or hinder interrogations.

The Supreme Court on June 29 ruled that the Pentagon's military tribunal system was not authorized by Congress and violates international law. The decision prompted a Pentagon memo acknowledging that military detainees must be afforded basic protections under the Geneva Conventions. Left unclear by the administration was whether detainees held by the CIA also would be protected.

The CIA has never acknowledged that it holds any members of al-Qaida. However, senior administration officials and intelligence lawyers have been in extensive meetings since the court's decision to determine how it applies to all detainees, including those considered the most dangerous followers of Osama bin Laden.

"The court made a ruling that Common Article 3 applies to our conflict with al-Qaida," Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said, referring to an article of the Geneva Conventions dealing with the treatment for prisoners of war. His comment came in what was the clearest statement yet from the administration that the court ruling applies to all suspected al-Qaida members in U.S. custody, not just those at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Also at issue has been whether Congress should pass legislation authorizing the Pentagon's more stringent tribunal system struck down by the court, or create a new system with trials similar to courts-martial used for prosecuting members of the mili-



Protestors Louis Vitale, of San Francisco, and Toby Blome, of El Cerrito, California, are escorted from a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, July 13, 2006 during a hearing on the Guantanamo detainees. (Chuck Kennedy/MCT)

tary.

Citing recent meetings with Stephen Hadley, the president's national security adviser, Senators John McCain and John Warner said Thursday they were told the administration would back legislation based on the Pentagon's Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Hadley also had met recently with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., another GOP moderate who has been open to using the military's court-martial system as a guide for developing a court system to prosecute detainees.

"At that time, I was under the impression that that was the administration's position," McCain said of his meetings with the White House. "I hope that hadn't changed."

But publicly, the administration continued to insist that Congress legalize the Pentagon-established military commissions.

Gonzales cited several concerns with

extending rights provided by the military code of justice to al-Qaida detainees. Among them, he said, were having to tell terrorism suspects they have a right to remain silent, providing them with the military equivalent of grand jury proceedings and excluding hearsay evidence.

"There are a series of procedures and processes and rights, that I think it is appropriate to ask, is this what we want to provide to terrorists? I don't think that they are necessarily required to be provided to terrorists."

McCain said America's image was suffering because of how its war and terrorism prisoners are treated.

"We will have more wars and there will be Americans who will be taken captive," said McCain, who was a Vietnam War POW.

"If we somehow carve out exceptions to treaties to which we are signatories, then it will make it very easy for enemies to do the same to American prisoners."

Congress moving to send stem cell bill to Bush

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Congress embarks this week on the weightiest of debates on morality and the march of science, deciding whether to use public money for embryonic stem cell research and, in turn, setting up President Bush's first veto.

Neither the House nor Senate has demonstrated enough support for the bill to override a veto, though the House probably will try, just to give Bush a definitive victory in the showdown.

Supporters of the research hold out faint hope that Bush, presented with new data and pressured by election-year politics, might reverse course and sign the bill.

"This would be his first veto in six years, on something that the vast majority of the public supports," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "What would come down on him would be all the scientists, all the Nobel laureates and everyone else who supports it."

Polls show that 70 percent of the public supports the bill, which would expand federal aid for embryonic stem cell research. The process is believed by many scientists to hold the most promise for curing diseases such as juvenile diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's that strike millions of people.

The bill comes before the full Senate at the same time that Republicans, with their congressional majority at stake, are trying to energize their conservative base of voters during the fall elections.

Set for House action are bills to protect



President George W. Bush discusses the Mid-Session Review (MSR) of the federal budget in the East Room at the White House on July 11, 2006. Bush is expected to veto a bill that would use public money to fund stem cell research. (Olivier Douliery/Abaca Press/MCT)

the Pledge of Allegiance from court challenges and a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, which failed in the Senate. Bills to encourage stem cell research from sources other than embryos also are expected to be voted on this week.

But it is the Senate's stem cell bill that probably will draw the most attention and Bush's first veto.

In 2001, Bush halted federal funding of new embryonic stem cell studies, compar-

ing them to abortion because the process of extracting the crucial stem cells destroys the days-old embryo.

He said at the time that such federal support for research could continue on the 78 stem cell lines then thought to exist. But in the years since, the National Institutes of Health have confirmed that a fraction of that number of lines exist and that few, if any, are viable for clinical trials.

Supporters hope that development might change Bush's mind. But the White House, struggling for election-year credibility with its conservative base, has left no wiggle room in its public and private statements of opposition. Several lawmakers who have spoken to Bush, adviser Karl Rove and other White House officials in the year since the House passed the bill say they consistently have rejected any talk of compromise. Rove last week said Bush was "emphatic" about his intent to veto the bill. White House spokesman Ken Lisaius said Friday the president would follow through if the bill came to him.

That could happen this week. Vote counters on both sides of the debate in the Senate say at least 60 votes for the bill exist perhaps as many as 64; that's enough to pass it. But 67 votes would be required to overturn a veto if all 100 senators are present. GOP Sen. Trent Lott, who said he will vote for the bill and predicted it will pass the Senate, said Sunday he believes "something could be worked out."

"I think Congress has to go ahead and act, and then we'll take it from there," he told CNN's "Late Edition."

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CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL

University Village annexation to be put to public comment

BY ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Charleston residents wishing to share their opinions of the annexation of the University Village housing complex property will have an opportunity at tonight's City Council meeting.

The council will hold a public hearing at the beginning of its meeting before voting on the annexation of the property later in the meeting.

The annexation would make the property located between Wal-Mart and the Campus Pointe housing complex part of the city of Charleston.

"This means we can begin collecting taxes, and we can get water out there," said Mayor John Inyart.

With leases scheduled to begin this August, it is important to finalize the annexation soon so that city provided utilities, such as water, can be supplied, said Inyart.

According to Inyart, the council has been aware of all stages throughout the development of the property and has approved the plans for the project.

"This is the final step in the process to actually bring the property into the city," said Inyart. "We'd be foolish at this point to not annex the land."

The council will also be voting on the installation of stop signs at the intersections of Franklin and McComb streets and Olean Place and McComb Street.

At the June 6 meeting of the

council, Lewis Coon, a Charleston resident, addressed the council about his appreciation for sidewalk repairs near Jefferson Elementary School.

At the same time, Coon addressed the issue of traffic in the area near the school.

Members of the city staff looked into the situation and decided the best option would be to put in the proposed stop signs.

"[The stop signs] will make it a safer area," said Inyart. "There's a lot of traffic there before and after school."

Due to the resignation of the city's comptroller, the council will also be voting to approve the appointment of a new Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund agent.

According to Inyart, the council will vote to approve the designation of the director of human resources into the position.

The city is currently advertising for the position of comptroller.

In other business, the council will vote on the following:

Award bids for various street materials including rock, concrete and asphalt to be used by the Street Department in the coming year.

Approve a bid award for decorative street lights to be used in the continuation of improvements downtown and

Authorize the closure of certain portions of streets on the Square to be used to display antique automobiles in conjunction with the Burl Ives Film Festival in September.

POOL:

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New pool will include better lighting, more amenities

needed or desired," said Jones.

The facility will also be better equipped for evening use due to the installation of new lighting.

"I think people will see a big difference in the way it's lit up," said Jones.

The parks and recreation department are also looking into new options dealing with pool entry, said Jones.

"We're also looking into the idea of some sort of punch card," he said.

The punch card would be worth a set number of visits to the pool, and this method would help with parents not having to send money with their children every day, said Jones.

With such a short time left to summer after the pool's opening, summer passes will not be sold this summer.

Daily admission will be charged. Entry for individuals seven years or older will be \$3.50, and entry for children under age six and senior citizens will be \$2.

These prices are the same as they were before the renovation.

"We feel like it will be a nice facility and hope that people will come see it for themselves," said Jones.

The Aquatic Center will be open until Labor Day.

In the past, the department discussed extending the open season, but it is difficult to operate because of staff issues with students returning to school.

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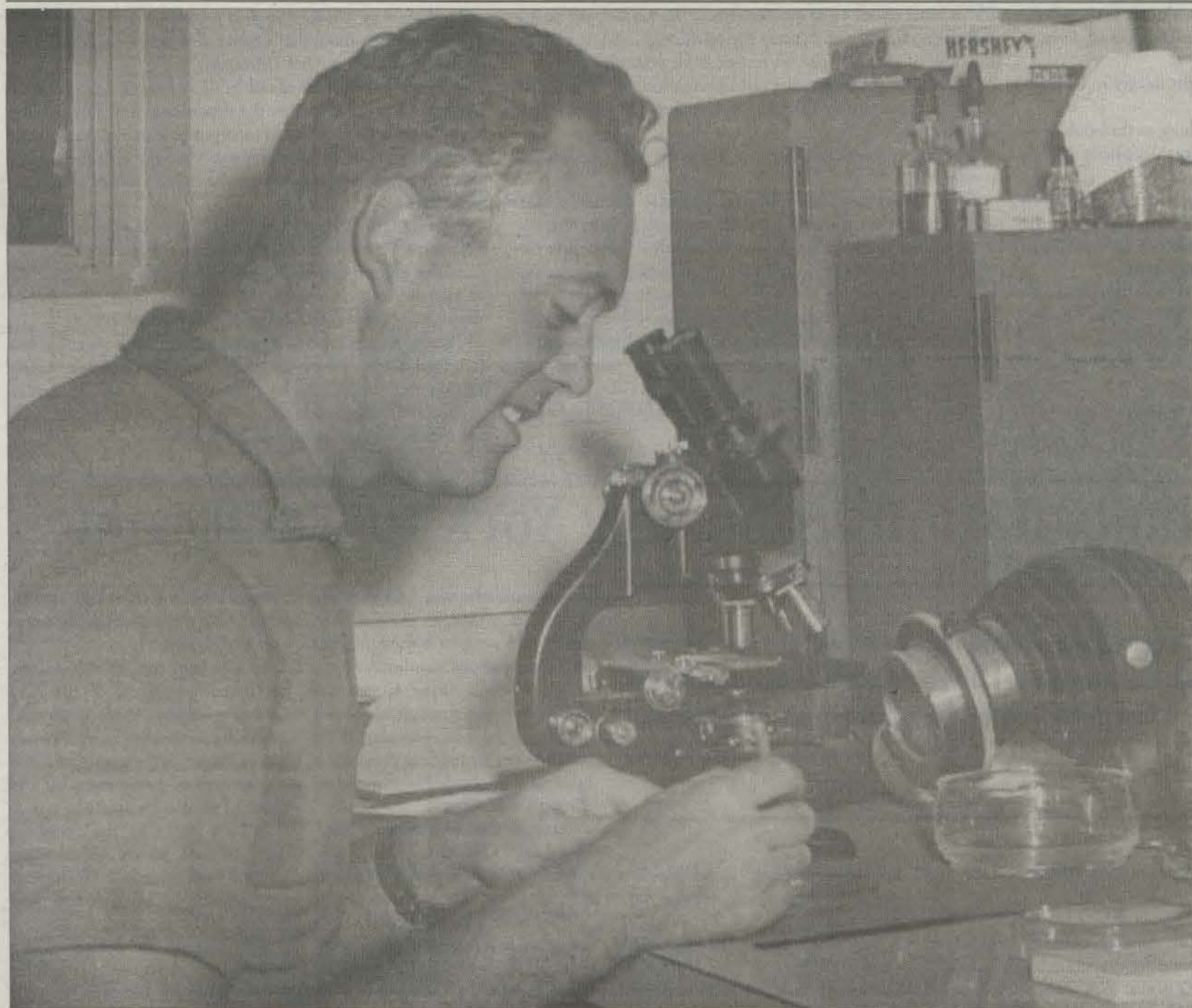
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Landscaping provides 'variety and change'

not a good time to put them in because the heat and the ground are dry. It takes a lot more work."

Gardening adds beauty and flavor to a person's yard. For those seeking to become horticulturist, make gardening an educational experience not only themselves, but for observers as well.

"Landscaping provides variety and change," said Malehorn. "Plants provide a learning experience."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Former botany chair William Wallace Scott, of Charleston, died at the age of 85 on June 24. In addition to belonging to many clubs and societies, Scott was an easy-going person and a loving father.

PROFESSOR:

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said son William W. Scott Jr., of Richmond, Va. "He gave up a lot for the service that he did."

He also served as an active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Mattoon, and was also a part of the Charleston Country Club, Charleston Elks E.P.O.E. #623, the Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Barton, Vt., and was even an Eagle Scout, getting a chance to go to the

first National Scout Jamboree in Washington D.C.

But that's not all.

He also served as president and executive secretary-treasurer of the Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society, a member of Sigma Xi and Phi-Kappa Phi Honor Societies, director of the Virginia Jr. Academy of Science, president of the ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies).

He was active on the boards of the AIBS (American Institute of

Biological Sciences) and the AAAS (American Association of the Advancement of Science) and belonged to the Sons of American Revolution.

With all his work and activities, it's hard to imagine Scott had time for anything else.

"He was a devoted father, grandfather and was always there to help them in any way he could," Jeanette said. "He was interested in what was going on about it."

"He used to always like to take

the grandkids where they had the stuffed birds at the university, the greenhouse and he was especially happy when his nephew, James, went into the same study he did," Robert said.

Scott was also interested in many hobbies from stamp collecting, bridge and watching or participating in almost all sports.

"We went to stamp shows and he had a large collection," Robert said. "I have some of the postcards he used to collect, one of when a torna-

do came through Charleston in 1917."

But perhaps what son remembers most about him was his easy-going personality.

"He was a fun loving, easy-going person that was always having a saying about him and a smile on his face," he said.

"I don't think there's any one specific thing that stood out in my mind that made me remember him," Scott Jr. said. "But he was always there."

'Grapes of Wrath' to be focus of One Book program

BY KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

Booth Library has named "Grapes of Wrath" the book to read this year in their One Book, One University program.

Similar to what the library did last fall with "Frankenstein," the library will be holding discussions, films and speakers relating to the George Steinbeck novel.

The novel will be connected to an exhibit on farm life the library will be hosting in February and March 2007.

Allen Lanham, dean of library services, hopes to incorporate "Grapes of Wrath" not only into the exhibit about farm life but current events as well.

"The exhibit comes with panels and photographs and realia, or pieces of things representing farm life such as the kitchen or the barn. Those types of things," said Lanham.

"We hope using the 'Grapes of Wrath' will stimulate people to think about farm life. Through that it is easy to incorporate modern issues that could be related to the book as well, like the immigration policies for migration of Hispanic people."

Chosen by the library advisory board and the library faculty, "Grapes of Wrath" is a novel that many departments and disciplines can incorporate within their class discussions, said Lanham.

"We want people to read and discuss, to be aware of literature," said Lanham.

"The faculty wants the book chosen to directly relate to their discipline. We try to choose something that will fit in to many different departments."

The problem that comes about when a book is chosen for this program is usually how involved faculty wants students to get.

According to Lanham, the library wants faculty to be original in their discussions of the novel.

However, some faculty wants the teaching of the book to be highly prescriptive, or taught the same way throughout the various departments.

Lanham said that is impossible to do because students do not want to be taught the same thing in all their classes and the library cannot do anything because they do not have credits to give nor do they have direct contact with students.

Hopefully the faculty of the departments will find some creative way to incorporate the novel into their class discussions, said Lanham, whether they offer extra credit or not.

"Here is a way for faculty to emphasize learning," said Lanham.

"[The novel] takes place on many different levels. Sometimes it might just be for an extra 20 points; sometimes



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Angus beef cows graze in a pasture on 18th street Monday evening. The farm life in Illinois and around the nation will be the focus of the "Grapes of Wrath" program sponsored by Booth Library in February 2007.

it's to learn about your own interests. We are hoping people will understand the enjoyment found through reading without the push of someone else, to just do it for yourself."

The library will be sending out information about the spring semester event to the different departments in the middle of fall semester.

The library wants to make sure it gets the full attention that it deserves.

Some departments have already decided to discuss "Grapes of Wrath" in their classes for the fall and spring semesters.

Dana Ringuette, an English professor, said, "If the few faculty members that I've heard from are an indication (most faculty members are not on staff over the summer), then, yes, English classes will incorporate 'The Grapes of Wrath' into syllabi for fall and spring semesters: sophomore-level courses in literature, upper-division courses in the major program, and elective courses in film and literature."

However, not all faculty are fully aware of what the library has planned.

Anne Zahlan, another English professor, said she really did not know much about the "Grapes of Wrath" being named the book for One Book, One University.

"I do not know much about it," Zahlan said, "but I think it is a great choice. The sooner the department and faculty know about it, the sooner we could incorporate it in our classrooms."

Zahlan said sometimes the library does not give the English department enough notice to get the novels ordered as texts for the classes.

Even though "Frankenstein" had some notice, only some classrooms were able to actually incorporate the book.

Zahlan also explained that just because the novel might not be assigned in some classes, that does not mean they should overlook the library's exhibit and book discussions.

"Faculty do not have to assign it to have students talk about it," said Zahlan. "People can cooperate and attend the events but do not necessarily have to use the novel as a text. Discussions can be made in any 20th century American literature course or even an English 1002 class."

Heat wave boils nation from New York to California

■ Records set across country as temperatures reach 90 degrees, expected to last the week

"Any walking around today and you are just burning up. I'm giving up. I had a doctor's appointment, but I'm just going home to sit near my air conditioner."

ELIA ESCUERDO, 37, FROM THE BRONX.

the combined effects of heat and humidity of 99.

The heat may have caused a New York subway train to lose power, stranding commuters for about 2 1/2 hours.

About 70 people had to be evacuated. Transit spokesman Charles Seaton said the power loss may have been caused when the "third rail" which powers the train buckled.

In Illinois, state officials made more than 130 office buildings available as cooling centers. Detroit cranked up the air conditioning in 11 of its libraries and invited the public to take refuge from the heat. In Kentucky, Louisville officials offered free fans or air conditioners to those in immediate need.

Arkansas authorities reported one heat-related death but did not release any details.

On Saturday, a 3-year-old boy died in South Bend, Ind., after

apparently locking himself inside a car in 90-degree heat, relatives and neighbors said.

Fierce heat blanketed the nation from California to the Northeast. Scores of communities reported temperatures of more than 100. Redding, Calif., about 160 miles north of Sacramento, reached 110 degrees. Parts of Kansas and Oklahoma hit 108.

The Northeast could get a break starting Tuesday night, with scattered showers and thunderstorms expected for parts of the region, but the heat was likely to persist in the southern Plains until Friday, according to the National Weather Service.

At the nonprofit Bishop Sullivan Center in Kansas City, Mo., officials passed out window air conditioners to the elderly.

"It's just oppressive some of the houses you walk into," said center Director Tom Turner. He recalled

one woman who was "just dripping with sweat. I thought she had been doing yard work or something, but her house was just that hot."

In Cleveland, Tony Godel was already sweating through his brown T-shirt by 10 a.m. Monday as he worked on a remodeling project at a hotel in Cleveland. He planned to drink a lot of water.

"You get used to it after a while," Godel said. "You know what you're getting into. You're paid to deal with it."

The heat pushed power consumption to a record in some states, and calls also went out for electricity conservation. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered state offices to adjust thermostats and turn off nonessential lights for the rest of the week to reduce electricity.

PJM Interconnection, which operates the electric grid for all or part of 13 states and the District of Columbia, asked people to reduce usage, especially between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging set up a telephone "helpline," with nurses available to answer questions about coping with the heat.

The city Health Department sent outreach workers to help the homeless and elderly, just as it does during bitterly cold weather. Managing

Director Pedro Ramos said workers would help them avoid dehydration and find shelter.

In Chicago, the stifling weather prompted organizers of the Gay Games to deliver extra water and sports drinks to athletes. Spokesman Kevin Boyer said organizers asked competitors to bring extra ice and fluids to various events.

In New York City, the record for the date was set in 1953, when Central Park recorded 100 degrees. On Monday, the mercury had reached 90 before noon.

The line at the Empire State Building was short only 15 minutes to the top. In summer months, tourists wait more than two hours.

Annelisa Leite, 17, said she and a friend did not want to wait around in the heat to get a glimpse of the city from on high.

"We went to Macy's instead," said Leite, who was visiting from Brazil. "It was too hot to stand in line, even if the line was short."

The federal government reported last week that the first half of 2006 was the warmest in the United States since record keeping began in 1895.

The average temperature for the 48 contiguous United States from January through June was 51.8 degrees, or 3.4 degrees above average for the 20th century.

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Three Panthers earn national recognition

■ Eastern goes into the 2006 season led by a trio of All-Americans

By BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Sports Network has named three Eastern football players to their 2006 Division I-AA preseason All-America team.

Linebacker Clint Sellers was a first-team selection, while offensive guard Jon Reuter and strong safety Tristan Burge were second-team selections.

They were each recognized for past contributions on the field as well as their expected contributions this fall for the defending Ohio Valley champs.

"They have all earned the right to be pre-season All-Americans because of their work ethic," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo.

The players are happy to be recognized like this, but ultimately have the bigger picture in mind.

"It feels pretty good to be recognized, but it doesn't really matter," Sellers said. "The main concern is trying to win another championship."

Sellers said that the summer workouts for the entire team are going very well and that everyone is working very hard in preparation for the upcoming season.

The senior linebacker also said the emphasis for each individual on defense is to do his job, which has allowed for him and the team to be successful.

"Don't try to make other people's plays and let the system work for you," Sellers said.



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Senior linebacker Clint Sellers makes a hit during practice on April 12 at O'Brien Stadium. Sellers was one of three Panthers named preseason All-Americans.

Spoo said it will be difficult for the reigning OVC defensive player of the year to improve much upon his performance from last season in which he recorded 121 tackles, three sacks, 13 tackles for loss and five interceptions.

"If he could just duplicate what he did last season, that would be great," Spoo said.

Reuter is coming off a season in

which he had an 86.3 percent blocking efficiency and allowed only one sack, leading to a first team all-OVC selection.

"He has played a couple years for us," Spoo said. "He is very intelligent and determined to go beyond what we did last year."

Burge is coming off a broken bone in his foot that prematurely ended his 2005 season, but said that

he is about 85 percent right now and expects to be 100 percent once the season starts.

Spoo is confident that Burge will come back from the injury and be the force he has been in the past.

"Tristan is one of our finest safeties in my 20 years here," Spoo said.

The senior safety said that his individual accolades are secondary

to the team goal of winning a national championship.

Burge tries to lead by example and said the most important thing he can do is be as physical and aggressive as possible.

"I try to set the tone for the team, whether it be a big hit or a big play," Burge said.

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Campers learn why, not just how

By CHRIS SENTEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern hosted its high school volleyball camp last week, which brought girls from as far away as Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Erin Hake came to Eastern's camp to improve her volleyball skills and gain more knowledge and experience about the game.

Hake experienced more than she expected when she jumped for a ball and landed on someone else's foot causing her to sprain her ankle.

Instead of complaining and being upset for the time she lost at camp, she put ice on her injury and made the best of the situation by sitting on the side of the court and watching and learning from her fellow campers' experiences.

"They do swing blocking here, I've never done it, but from just watching it I've definitely learned a lot, but it'll be interesting to see if I can do it," Hake said.

Head volleyball coach Lori Bennett said that the ankle sprain was not a severe one, and that Hake would be able to start practicing again by the next day.

Hake is a recruit for the 2007 season at Eastern, and her time at camp gave her the chance to meet the coaches as well as some of her future teammates.

Like all summer sports camps, Eastern's volleyball camp's purpose is to help all the participants get better and to give them a fun experience.

"This is an all positions camp, but it gets more detailed into playing defense and builds passing, setting and hitting into one big game situation and we want to teach the girls more of a concept of volleyball rather than just the skills of volleyball," assistant volleyball coach Cheryl Astrauskas said.

Astrauskas believes that the most important thing the girls can learn from this camp would



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Laura Bolbig, a junior from Mattoon High School, prepares to serve during the girls high school volleyball camp in Lantz Arena Friday morning.

be the knowledge and thinking side of the game. She said that there is a lot of thought that goes into volleyball, like reading the opponents and teaching the girls to see things and learn things and develop as a whole volleyball player, not just a physical volleyball player.

"This is a general skills camp so we break down every skill and teach the girls how to do it from start to finish, and then we teach them

how to implement that into their game," Bennett said.

"We work on offensive systems and defensive systems, and even though those are going to be different than what they do in their high school, it's still exposure to new and different things."

Bennett hopes that by the end of camp all the girls realize that if they work hard and make commitments to doing something, they

can be good at it and it can still be fun.

The camp included close to 20 high school girls. Three of the girls at the camp are incoming freshmen at Eastern and will play on the volleyball team, and Hake is committed to coming to play at Eastern in 2007. Bennett said that the camp should help the girls familiarize themselves with Eastern and that she feels the girls could definitely make an impact on the season.

Panthers hire new assistant coach

By KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Men's basketball assistant coach Kwanza Johnson left for the University of Nevada, and former University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville coach Marcus Belcher will be taking his place this season.

"They both played for outstanding coaches, both relate real well to people," Eastern assistant coach Michael Lewis said when comparing Johnson and Belcher. "Marcus is a younger guy, but Kwanza did a remarkable job while he was here."

For the past two years, Belcher worked aside head coach Marty Simmons in Edwardsville, where he helped coach the team to a 48-17 record and two straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, including an Elite Eight appearance last year for the Cougars.

He was a starting point guard for the Southern Illinois Salukis at Carbondale and played under current University of Illinois head coach Bruce Weber.

"Those guys are a special bunch," Belcher said referring to Weber and the coaching staff that he played for while at Carbondale.

"Being a part of all that, they not only tell you what to do, but they're dedicated. They have one thing on their mind, and that's winning the championship."

In his time there, his 118 assists led the team in 2002, helping push the Salukis to a Sweet 16 appearance and a 23rd national ranking. Although Southern Illinois lost out that year to the University of Connecticut in the Sweet 16, they did secure earlier impressive wins over Texas Tech University and the University of Georgia.

After graduating from Southern in 2002 and working for the private sector for the next two years, he suited up as a coach at SIU Edwardsville in 2004.

In addition, he played two years at Moberly Area CC in Missouri and became a second-team All-State selection at Mexico (MO) High.

"I think when you look at a quality individual, he's going to bring a lot of things," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "He's a young guy that has great experience and a great background."

This season, Belcher has said he looks to be a part of the rebuilding process.

Belcher also plans on leading the team to a championship, looking to improve off of last year's ninth place finish, when the Panthers finished with a disappointing 6-21 record. Yet he also plans on giving the players a chance for success when they leave Eastern.

"Hopefully I can bring some enthusiasm, some winning ways," Belcher said. "I look forward to coaching these guys."



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Former University of Southern Illinois Edwardsville coach Marcus Belcher was hired as the new assistant head coach. Belcher will work with George Tandy and other players to lead the panthers to the OVC championship.