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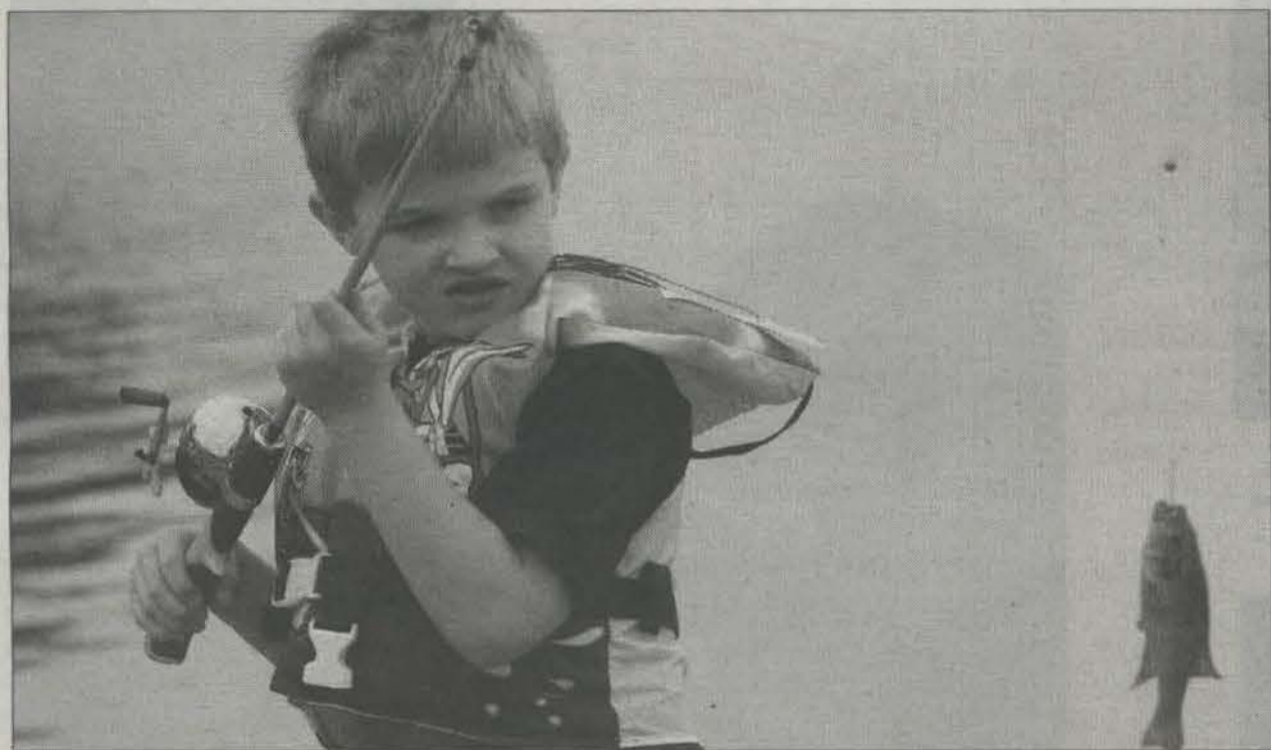
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Ethan Dow, a 5 year-old from Charleston, looks at his hooked fish. Ethan won first place for the 5-8-year-old group during the Alex Russel Memorial Kids Fishing Derby Saturday morning at Lake Charleston.

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Locals fish for prizes

Seventy-eight area children compete in fishing derby

BY ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

With a call from C.J. Applegate, athletic supervisor for the parks and recreation department, a herd of children, parents, grandparents, friends and volunteers moved from the Lake

Charleston pavilion to the lake shore. As the Alex Russell Memorial Kids Fishing Derby officially began, some parents provided advice; others helped their young children cast their poles. The lakeshore became a quiet haven, with the sense of tranquility only being broken by the talking of participants and volunteers, the chirping of birds and the sound of fishing bobbers hitting the water. For many participants, the derby has become an annual tradition. For others, it has been a family affair lasting for several years.

The Campbell family of Charleston is one of these families.

With three participants in the derby this year, and one who has become too old to compete, the derby has become a part of their summer lives.

For Kaity Campbell, this year's derby was a special one.

Since she is 15 years old, this was the last year Kaity was eligible to compete. Kaity said it will be hard for her to leave the derby behind.

"I don't want to quit," she said. "It's fun. I love coming out to fish."

Kaity's brother Travis Campbell, 9, said that his favorite part of the fishing derby was "winning, and I figure

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Zarqawi killed by airstrike

U.S. denies accusations of beating, shooting terrorist

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A medic spent about 20 minutes trying to save Abu Musab al-Zarqawi even as blood ran from the terrorist's mouth after the airstrike that mortally wounded him, the U.S. military said Monday.

But the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq was not wearing the suicide belt he vowed to use if American soldiers ever caught him. Seeking to dispel allegations that al-Zarqawi was beaten or shot while in U.S. custody, Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said an autopsy performed Saturday proved the Jordanian-born militant died of "massive internal injuries" that were consistent with a blast caused by the two 500-pound bombs dropped on his hideout.

"A coalition medic treated Zarqawi while he did lapse in and out of consciousness," Caldwell said at a news conference in Baghdad. "The medic secured his airway, at which point Zarqawi expelled blood." He said the medic "noted the breathing was shallow and labored."

Col. Steve Jones, command surgeon for Multinational Forces, said DNA tests done by the FBI posi-

tively identified al-Zarqawi.

The cause of death was listed as "primary blast injury of the lung," with blast waves from the two bombs causing bruising and bleeding of the organs. Al-Zarqawi suffered multiple bruises, scratches and deep head wounds, and Jones found no evidence he had been beaten or shot. X-rays also showed a fracture of his right lower leg.

Al-Zarqawi was overweight, a medical examiner said, but Caldwell declined to provide other personal characteristics.

"All the injuries found were consistent with the type seen in blast victims," Jones said. "The abrasions, lacerations and the fracture were likely due to flying debris, or Zarqawi being thrown against a hard object by the force of the blast."

U.S. officials previously had said al-Zarqawi mumbled and tried to roll off a stretcher before dying at the bombed house outside Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The military presented the details of al-Zarqawi's death amid confusion over events leading up to it and a claim by a witness that U.S. troops beat the terror mastermind to death.

Classic-car owners compete in Charleston show

Crowds gather for cars of the past

BY KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

From muscle cars to go-carts, Charleston's sixth annual Car Show to Benefit Camp New Hope left people not wanting to leave in the vehicles they came.

One of the first cars upon entering was a pretty-in-pink '74 Volkswagen. According to owner Sarah Skorczewski, Hugo "the Wonder Bug" Super Beetle was bought on Ebay, painted in pink by her father, and although the brake pedals and clutch pedals have been replaced, it still has its original engine.

"Had to have a Volkswagen," Skorczewski said. "I drive it every day."

A little red, white, and blue splashes this \$3,475 retail valued machine. The AMC Rebel Machine is decorated in the colors inside and out; even the engine and interior show the American colors.

Only 1,000 of the cars were produced with this color scheme.

The show also included a red and white



Rodney Pearcy, a body judge in the Jaycee's annual car show, inspects the paint of a 1940 Ford coupe. This year's show was Pearcy's third year as a judge.

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1956 Pontiac Star Chief.

"All the chrome had to be redone, all the paint, engine reworked, transmission reworked, pretty much just the whole dang car," said Roger Kinder, of Newton, winner of

the 1950-1959 stock car category for his Star Chief.

It was those 1960-1969 and 1970-1979 muscle cars that really seemed to stand out. There was the classic 1968 Chevy Camaro SS,

in an orange paint job with a white racing stripe down the hood and back end, and also a sea green 1971 Oldsmobile Delta SS, complimenting a 1971 Philadelphia Eagles cap that sat in the front seat.

"Fifteen thousand, five hundred original miles on it, never been rebuilt, never seen a drop of rain on it. I fell in love with the interior (big chuckle) [when I bought it]," said Joe Nave, of Martinsville, and runner up in 1970-1979 stock cars awards on the day.

Although it was a car show, it was the trucks that walked away with the major awards on the day.

Mike and Emily Hourigan's Ford F1 Pick Up won for Best in Show, while the Participant's Choice Award went to Cathy Veach for her 2004 Chevrolet Corvette. Keith and Bryan Sparks won the Mayor's Choice Award for their 1938 Chevy Master Deluxe.

Salem resident Mike Hourigan's fire truck red pickup comes with heated Ford Explorer seats that, Hourigan says, he got from the junkyard.

"We've been going to a lot of shows; this is our first Best in Show award," Hourigan said.

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CONCERT IN THE PARK



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The conductor of the Charleston Community Band leads the band in songs from the past such as childhood hymns "Jesus Loves Me" that had people singing and humming along at Kiwanis Park on Thursday evening.



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French hornist for the Charleston Community Band plays during the concert in the park at Kiwanis Park on Thursday evening.



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Clarinetist Ruth Ann Finley from Greenup plays during the concert in the park.



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Two-year-old Emily Davidson helps to conduct her father, trumpet player Eric Davidson, at the community concert in the park at Kiwanis Park on Thursday evening with her mother Jill Davidson.



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Trombonist Charles Hughs of Charleston plays behind one of the three known Charleston city flags during the Community Concert at the Park which was held at Kiwanis Park on Thursday Evening.

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Campers come to Eastern for Boys State

■ 71st Premier Boys State teaches life lessons

By KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

Saturday was filled with enthusiasm as Premier Boys State came to Eastern to start their week teaching boys from all over Illinois the highs and lows of politics.

Benjamin Billups, 17, is a junior soon-to-be senior at Joliet West High School. As he waits in line for food he said he came to boys' state not only because of a friend's recommendation, but also because of his plans for the future.

"I heard about [Boys state] from friends and my counselor," said Billups. "But I also came because I am interested in politics and government. I hope to have a career in a branch of politics."

Premier Boys State has been a part of Illinois for 71 years. Put on by the American Legion, the week-long camp teaches boys in between their junior and senior year of high school what it means to be involved in politics, said Dick Snodgrass, camp director and treasurer of boy's state.

"The camp teaches citizenship among other things," Snodgrass said. "It teaches the boys sportsmanship, the electoral process and the political process."

During the week, the camp is divided into eight counties with four cities in each county. Each city and county has positions open for the boys, known as citizens at camp, to run for. They campaign for a position of their choice and elections are held. Such positions include mayor, alderman, city council, and police chief.

Not everyone though gets to hold an office. Some, according to Snodgrass, help others with their campaigns. It leads up to Thursday's election for state positions, which include governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and Supreme Court justice among others.

"The boys run their cities and counties the same as a real official would run Charleston," Snodgrass said.

Billups said he hopes to be involved in city government "either as a councilman or mayor."

During the week, the boys attend

"Most of the boys are in the achievers in their class. Most of them are in the top 10-20 percent of the class academically. Plus there are two things that put you over the top for resumes and one of them is being a citizen at Boys State."

DICK SNODGRASS, CAMP DIRECTOR

government classes and seminars spread out across campus. Also, some boys during the week get together and put out a newsletter, The Premier Boys State-Ment, and almost all the boys play sports at some point during the day.

Snodgrass also addresses that most of the 600 boys who attended boys' state are generally in the top of their class.

"We are very fortunate for the most part," Snodgrass said. "Most of the boys are in the achievers in their class. Most of them are in the top 10-20 percent of the class academically. Plus there are two things that put you over the top for resumes and one of them is being a citizen at boys' state."

Lucas Miller, 17-year-old from Paris High School, plans on going to University of Chicago. He says that one of the reasons he came to boy's state is his college application.

"[Boys' state] looks really good on a college application," Miller said. "Plus I'm interested in politics as a career. One day maybe I'll be in Congress."

Miller says that he plans on running for a city position while attending boy's state.

"There are only a few posts that certain people hold," Miller said. "Later we are having meetings so we can look deeper into positions, but to me I'm just focused on the scholarships."

Bradley Galvez, another 17-year-old from Paris High School, sits by his friend Miller in the dining hall. Galvez has no experience in politics. He came to boys' state in order to try something new.

"It seemed like an interesting experience where I get to meet new people and have fun," Galvez said.



Justin Rice from Palestine drives the ball upcourt while being defended by Levi DeSutter, of Woodhall, during tryouts for Premier Boys State basketball at Lantz Arena on Sunday afternoon

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"It's just something different I don't know much about."

Galvez said by attending boys' state he hopes to see how everything works out so he can make good decisions about his future.

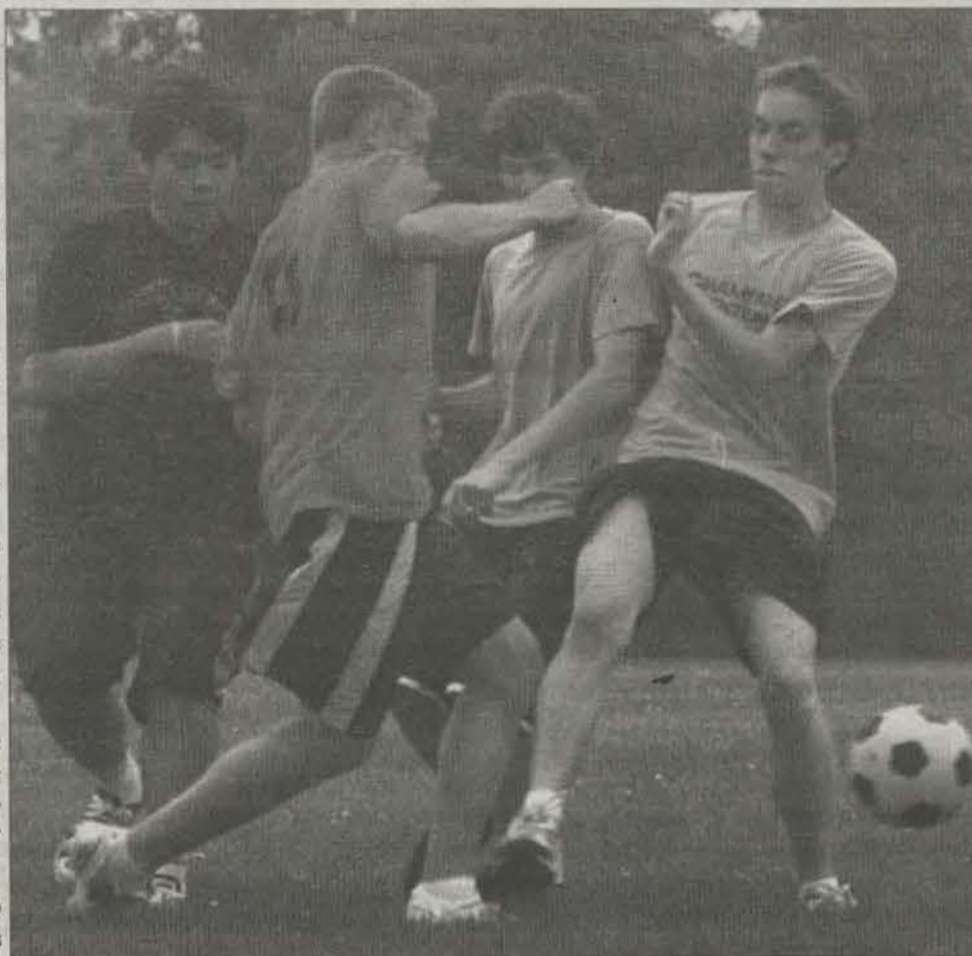
Richard Stewart, 17, is a soon-to-be senior at Beverly East High School, about 40 minutes away from St. Louis.

He sits all alone at the dining table quietly eating his food. He comes to boy's state being the only one from his high school.

"It's difficult for the first couple of days but once you get to know people it becomes okay," Stewart said.

Stewart also has no experience in politics and said that by attending boy's state he is learning a lot more in detail on the political system and the way it works.

"You gain a lot of learning and it looks really good on a college resume," Stewart said.



A group of boys scramble for the ball during soccer tryouts for Premier Boy State at the intramural fields on Sunday afternoon

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Boys can only attend Premier Boys State once as a citizen, and only during their summer between their junior and senior year.

After that they may come back to work staff.

Premier Boys State will be held at Eastern from June 10 to June 17.

Chilled water loop extended in the University Union

By KRISTINA PETERS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Student fees are being used to pay for the extension of a chilled water loop needed to improve the air conditioning in the oldest part of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The southwest corner building is the oldest part of the Union, and the part of the building where student fees will essentially make up union funding, which will then be used for the chilled water loop project.

Altogether, this project costs about \$650,000, said Karl Helmink, architectural mechanical engineer.

Extending the chilled water loop is necessary because the two chillers that were in the building are no longer efficient.

"The chiller on the original building went kaput," said Jeff Cooley, vice president of business affairs.

Part of the reason why the chiller went "kaput" is because its time was overdue.

"The chillers are beyond its

useful life span, which is between 30 to 40 years old," Helmink said. "So instead of replacing these units, we are extending the chilled water loop."

By not replacing the chillers, Eastern will be spending less money.

"It's cost saving for us," Cooley said.

Investing any money into the chilled water loop will be beneficial to those who use the union.

"A reliable source of air conditioning will be established for this area of the building for the years to come," Helmink said.

Work began on extending the chilled water loop in mid-May.

"We are trying to complete the [external work] to the building this summer while the students are away," Helmink said.

On June 11, fencing was delivered and put up to block off the sidewalk between McAfee and the union.

"This is the area that needs to be dug up and the new piping will be routed from basically the southeast corner of McAfee to the west face of the union," Helmink said.

According to contractors, the sidewalk will be fenced off until the end of July.

Extending the chilled water loop is just one step in improving the union.

"Part of the project here was not to just fix the chillers but to also improve air handling and ventilation," Cooley said.

The housing office inside the union is getting an upgraded ventilation system as well as the old craft depot area.

"Improving the union is an on-going project," Cooley said.

OPINION

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

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EDITORIAL

Pics put names, faces together

■ New rosters give faculty pictures of the students in classes.

Eastern has developed a new class roster that contains student photos as well as names.

This roster will make it easier for professors to identify students and remember who they are after the class is over.

This roster will make it harder for students to skip class. While it is a student's choice, albeit a bad one, to skip classes, it hinders the learning process.

With this roster a professor will be able to know for sure if a student is skipping class and will confidently be able to enforce attendance policies.

Professors at Eastern may have to teach more than 100 students a semester. It is nearly impossible to remember the names of every student they teach, but as some professors pointed out, it is easier to remember faces.

David Raybin, a professor in the English department, said he thought the new rosters were one of the best ideas the university has had in many years because some people are good at remembering names while others are good at remembering faces. Being someone who is better with knowing faces, Raybin thinks the new rosters have improved his ability to remember names of his students.

While this may be true, it does raise one issue of concern.

The student pictures come from Panther Cards. The photos are taken when students first register for classes either when they are a freshman or first-year transfer to Eastern.

A student may look very different from year-to-year due to changes in hair color and weight gain or loss. This may make it difficult for faculty to match student names and photos to their actual faces.

This could be remedied if the university required students to update their Panther Card photograph yearly.

Eastern is not the only Illinois university using this new roster system.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign uses a similar system. That university found that because of the large number of students in lecture classes, if faculty members were only given a list of names they had no way of knowing if a student was really who they said they were.

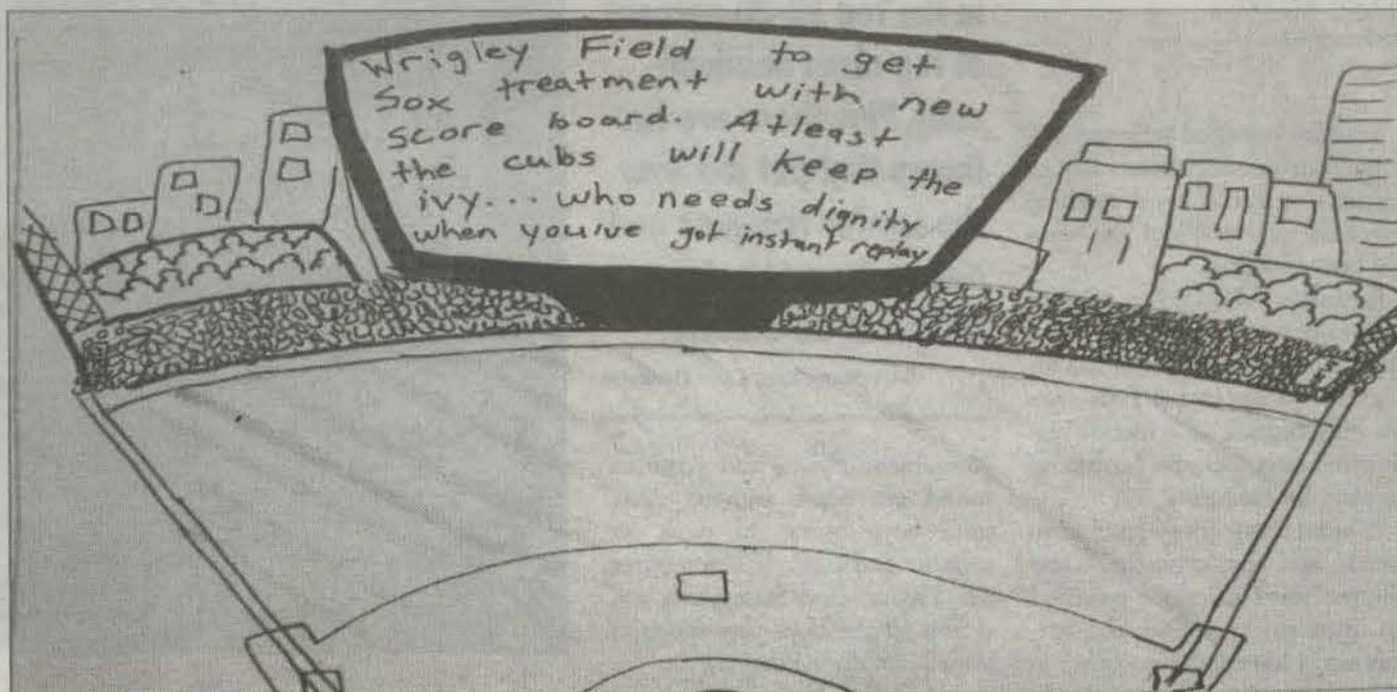
While this says alarming things about the ethics of college students, it is an ingenious idea.

The program at Eastern isn't costing students anything because the university is using open source software, which is free.

Only faculty members have access to the photos. Faculty must login to see the roster for the class they are teaching, eliminating any chance of the rosters or pictures being seen by unauthorized eyes.

While the new rosters still have some problems to work out, it is a good first step in encouraging student attendance and making it easier for faculty to recognize their students.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY JAY GRABIEC



COMMENTARY

Technology is ultimate student pastime

Yes, I'm still reading MSNBC.com for my news events. This time I saw the headline, "Beer loses to iPod in undergrad survey," that caught my attention.

I am generally skeptical of surveys, and this one is no exception.

According to the article, Ridgewood New Jersey's Student Monitor surveyed 1,200 full-time undergrads at 100 colleges across the country to determine their results.

The article said that beer fell from its position as #1 most "in" activity to share the #2 position with Facebook.

Everyone knows that beer and Facebook go hand in hand.

It is only natural that the two should share a position. I just figured they would be tied for first.

The article states that the Ridgewood group has been surveying students to find out what's "in" around college campuses for 18 years.

The only other time beer was pushed out of the #1 spot was in 1997—and the Internet was the culprit.



CARISSA HAYDEN
GUEST COLUMNIST

"Don't get me wrong. I am not anti-technology. I'm just poor and live in the past because of it."

So basically, if you want to give beer a run for its money, introduce some sort of new electronic product. If the pattern continues, then every nine years something will come along to temporarily beat out beer drinking as the coolest undergrad activity.

I wonder what the hot new product of 2015 will be, anyway? Whatever it is, I highly doubt it will have anything to do with academics.

While I still hold my beliefs that surveys can be manipulated to say anything and that they are terribly inaccurate

because nobody has asked me yet, I have to say I think I learned something from this particular one.

Don't mess with the brew.

Sure, there have been two instances where something has come along that kids thought was better than beer, but both times beer bounced back within a year's time.

I guess the fact of the matter is, beer has been around a lot longer than any of our modern technological gadgets, and geek toys are constantly changing. Beer pretty much stays constant.

Being an undergrad that neither drinks beer nor owns an iPod, the results have little bearing on my life. Don't get me wrong, I am not anti-technology. I'm just poor and live in the past because of it.

Until they start selling iPods at Dollar Tree, I'll contend that they are cute little devices that I can live without.

Got comments?

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ZARQAWI'S DEATH HELPS INSURGENCY GROW

Every time we eliminate an enemy we can name in Iraq or Afghanistan (not a common occurrence) the Bush administration parades pictures of their bloated corpse all over television and celebrates it as a victory.

But Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of al-Qaeda in the Land of the Two Rivers, was already a marginalized figure when a US air strike killed him on June 9th. Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaeda's second-in-command, criticized

Zarqawi in a letter intercepted by US forces back in the fall of 2005, and the Mujahidin Shura Council, an insurgent umbrella organization that included al-Qaeda in the Land of the Two Rivers, demoted Zarqawi to a strictly military role back in April of this year because of his increasingly quixotic tactics.

It was clear that Zarqawi, especially after his disastrous bomb attack in Jordan, was increasingly becoming a liability to the Iraqi insurgency. Not only did the United States permanently remove his incompetent leadership by killing him, we provided the insurgents

with a well-known figure they could turn into a martyr.

In addition to that, Zarqawi was only the leader of the military wing of one of Iraq's over eight different insurgent groups. His death is the equivalent of cutting off the tip of an octopus' tentacles and proclaiming it a victory.

Because of this, I believe Abu Musab al-Zarqawi will help the Iraqi insurgency in his death much more than he did in his life.

MICHAEL KLEIN

HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT

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Drum and bugle corps blasts O'Brien

Rosemont group uses Eastern for practice camp

By KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

From the top of O'Brien Stadium, the sideline looked like a mini campsite.

Rosemont's 135 man Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, with a show known as "Machine," lit up the crowd with 72 brass, 32 color guard and 28 percussion instruments.

Their stay at Eastern served as a "What it Takes" camp for people that did not make the Corps this year, so that the Cavaliers could work with the approximately 50 campers on some of the show, said graduate assistant Jordan Thomas.

"I think it's very exciting, very innovative and it will be a lot of what they expected and a little bit more," said Chris Leone, of the drum line.

Starting off with a friendly "Stars and Stripes Forever," the hard-hitting brass filled the stadium. Even the bells were incorporated precisely on the decrescendo of the brass, right into the melody, making for a

unique transition from hard to soft.

But it was not only the playing that made the show. Marching formations also impressed the crowd.

At one point in the show, the Cavaliers formed an X, if only for a moment as the brass swiftly moved back to let the drum core take center stage.

The flags twirled metronomically to the music, and it was always about the finishing position—meeting in a tight square, finishing precisely on the same note, everyone in the same stance.

The last few minutes the Cavaliers came out and put on some of their 2006 competitive show that had the brass at its best.

The percussion hit in perfect unison, and while there were 28 of them, it sounded more like one perfect instrument.

"I thought it went really well; the camp was awesome," said Jeff Brown, horn sergeant. "The kids really enjoyed it; they had a great week. We had a great turnout, the crowd really enjoyed what we did."

The Corps was at Eastern



NORA MABERRY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont perform Friday night at O'Brien Stadium. The Corps were at Eastern practicing for their summer tour that runs through August.

through Saturday before heading home to Rosemont to learn more of their show before their nationwide tour starts June 16 in Oswego.

Despite having to learn five more minutes of their show the Charleston audience thought the

Corps put on a good show.

"I thought it was exceptional, they're always a good quality

group and they always put on a very good performance," said Eastern student Amy Moran.

CARS:

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"Very rough, very rough [competition], had a lot of good variety of vehicles and a lot that could have deserved Best in Show."

Charleston Mayor John Inyart was responsible for judging for the Mayor's Choice Award, and contributed his decision to his liking of older cars.

"I found out that judging is not very easy," Inyart said. "It's harder than it looks; I'm partial to the older stuff and this particular car has not been restored. It's the third owner of the car and it's to my understanding that

the original owner went away to WWII and never came back, so it's just got a lot of character and you can see the history in it."

Third owner Keith Sparks has said that despite the chips and scratches the car carries on it, it shows a lot of character.

After the original owner died, "the car sat in a garage at his parent's house until the early 1960s," said Sparks. "Then Buford Car over in Champaign bought it and they just used it throughout the years for parades and car shows and then they sold it to me October the 13, 2002."



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I can win this year."

Unfortunately for Travis, at the end of the day he was the only Campbell who did not walk away a winner.

Kaity took home first place in the 13-15 year old division, and her brother Jesse Campbell won first place in the 9-12 year old division.

Kaity said it felt "pretty good" to win the derby in her last year of competition.

Other competitors shared Kaity's sad feelings about leaving the tournament behind, as this year was their last year eligible to compete.

Robin Houston, 15, of Charleston, has been competing in the fishing derby since she was very young, said her father William Houston. William was a friend of Alex Russell, the man who founded the fishing derby in the 1980s and whom the derby is now named in honor of.

"It's kind of sad [being my last year] considering that Alex was one of my best friends," said Robin.

Robin said that her most embarrassing memory from her more than 10 years of par-

ticipation was the time that her little sister beat her in the competition and earned first place honors.

While many participants in the derby are multiple-year veterans, there were also some first time derby participants competing.

Lee Sherwood of Charleston brought his two daughters, Morgan, 8, and Emma, 5, to the derby for the first time.

Lee said he brought the children out so "they could come out and enjoy a day of fishing."

At first, Morgan was afraid to cast her own pole because she feared getting it tangled on her sister's line.

Less than a minute later, Morgan had caught her first fish of the day.

Lee said that he will probably be bringing the girls out to the derby again in the future.

In addition to awards for the top three finishers in each of the age divisions, prizes were also awarded for the largest bass and the largest catfish.

Eric Haynes, 13, of Alvin, Texas, won the largest bass award with a 12" bass.

He was very excited to have won the contest.

"It feels really good," Eric said. "At first, I thought I wasn't going to make it."

Fishing Derby Winners

◆ 5-8 Year Old Age Group:

Ethan Dow

◆ 9-12 Year Old Age Group:

Jesse Campbell

◆ 13-15 Year Old Age Group:

Kaity Campbell

◆ Biggest Catfish:

Tim Hiser and Dylan Hutson

◆ Biggest Bass:

Eric Haynes

After the awards were presented and the winners chose their prizes, names were randomly drawn to pick from the remaining prizes.

There were also grab bags for each child participant to take.

This ensured that every participant walked away with at least one prize for the day.

"I'm really glad that my sister got drawn for a prize," said Eric Haynes.

"She really needed a new fishing pole and

now she got one."

Among the prizes that were given away were fishing poles, tackle boxes, minnow buckets filled with other gifts including movies tickets and free bowling, a tent, a sleeping bag, a bow and arrow target and various children's toys.

With 78 participants, the attendance was lower than last year.

"I expected a little more but you never know what people have going on," Applegate said.

"There's always so much going on during the summer."

Despite the decrease in turnout, Applegate and Brian Jones, director of parks and recreation, were pleased with the way the event went.

"It went as well as we expected," Jones said. "It looked like everyone had a good time and had fun."

Many people were worried about the weather and possible storms, but the weather held off to make for a good fishing day.

"We just get lucky with the weather," said Applegate.

"It's never really stormed on us."

"The weather held out for us," said Jones.

"It was a little cool, but there were no storms."

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Students take a ride in a hot-air balloon

By KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students from around the Midwest came to Coles County Airport this week as the Johnson Flight Encampment got underway teaching students how to fly.

The Johnson Flight Encampment is a camp offered to students enrolled in the Air Force Youth Auxiliary program. The camp helps students ages 14 - 21 learn how to fly glider planes, power planes and hot air balloons as well as achieve their pilot's license.

The Encampment is the only Illinois encampment that offers all three classes in flight.

Most of the camp members are from Illinois, but the camp has branched out in recent years to include students from Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan and even a student from Florida.

The camp divides students, or cadets, into three groups depending on the air craft the cadet wants to learn, said commander cadet Kirk Thirtyacre.

Each cadet will get about seven hours of flight time the entire week. First-year students will get a pre-solo flight, in which the instructor flies inside the craft but leaves complete control to the cadet.

According to Thirtyacre, starting the second year a cadet may ride solo on the aircraft if the instructors think he or she is ready. Although, whether students make the solo flight their second year or not, they are welcome to come to the camp as many times as they would like.

"A good majority come back," said Thirtyacre. "There is even one senior who has been here a lot, close to seven or eight times."

During the week, cadets will start their flight day at 8:30 a.m. and stay at the airfield until 4-4:30 p.m. either flying or learning the mechanics of the aircraft. Then cadets get together, eat dinner at Stevenson residence hall and spend some time participating in an activity together before going off to study for the next day.

Cadet David Brady, a 17-year-old from Parkridge, spends his second year at the encampment. He expresses that flying is not his only reason for coming back.

"I am trying for a solo glider this year," said Brady. "[But] another reason I came back here is the people and the friends as well as the flying."

Cadet Patti Noonan, a 15-year-old from Aurora, agrees with Brady for her reason for coming back a second year.

"Last year, I remember we went swimming at the college after dinner and a tornado blew in," said Noonan. "We had to evacuate the pool area and boys from another camp, I think boys' state, were there whistling and hollering as the girls from our camp walked by. It was a lot of fun."

Commander Rick Oeth, the camp director, believes in giving the cadets fun activities along with a long week of learning.

"We do a lot of fun stuff too," said Oeth. "Tonight is movie night."

Oeth expresses that the camp is not just for teaching students how to fly. He believes it is so much more.

"These kids learn how to work

together taking turns as followers and leaders," said Oeth. "They learn that during the week. If they come away as well trained leaders and followers we did our job."

He also explains that not all cadets who attend will go into the military, let alone become professional pilots. Oeth says learning leadership is what the camp is really about. Just because the camp is sponsored by the military does not mean that all cadets are signing into service, even though some do. It is "teaching kids life lessons through aviation."

Cadet Mike Schatzman, a 16-year-old from Mokena, said that he did want to continue flying through the



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Danny White, 15-year-old from Algonuin, Illinois, lights the pilot light on a hot air balloon system at Coles County airport Saturday morning as a part of the week long Johnson flight encampment.

military.

"I want to join the army right after high school, become an Apache pilot," said Schatzman.

Brady said he wanted to join the

military as well, through his college ROTC and as long as he flies something he will be happy.

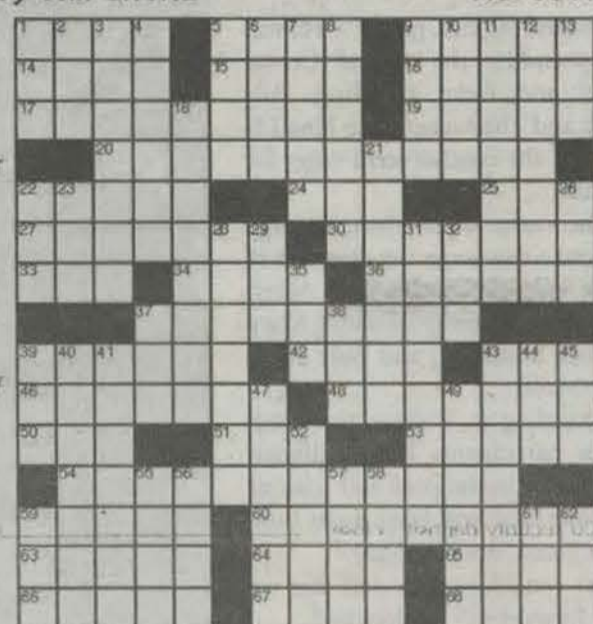
Noonan, however, said she had no plans for the military.

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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Track and Field Camp begins Wednesday for area kids

■ Middle and high schoolers will work be coached to better their skills.

BY KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Around 50 kids, grades 7-12, will be attending the annual Co-Ed Track and Field: Hurdling, Pole Vault and Throwing Camp June 14-17, and the coaches seem eager for its start.

The camp offers three training sessions a day under the direction of track and field coaches Tom Akers, (hurdling and camp director), Mary Wallace (throwing) and Nate Davis (pole vault).

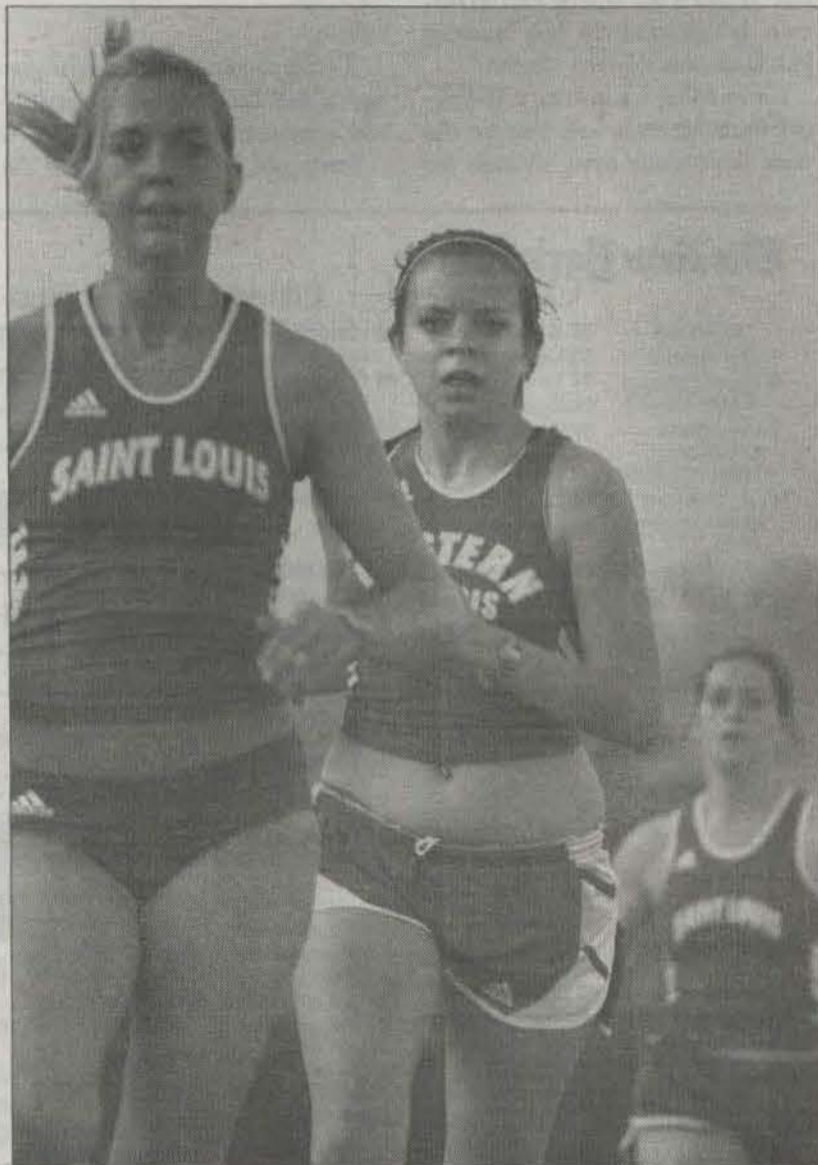
According to Wallace, the camp offers participants lunch, dinner, some time in the pool and a list of activities that will keep them busy from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

"It's something as a staff that we look forward to," Wallace said.

"We're always working with collegiate athletes, so it's fun to work with younger athletes and get back to the basics, and it's really exciting to watch them learn, seeing them develop and grow as an athlete."

With a 7-12 grade age group, Davis has said that although they pretty much group them together, they do take time once a day to work with them individually as well.

"The older kids kind of teach the younger kids, especially with the hurdling camp," Davis said. "With



Eastern's Nicole Amstadt runs in the Big Blue Classic at O'Brien Stadium in early April.

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the younger kids, we'll work on their fundamentals; a lot of kids need that kind of direction, but we'll also get

in the classroom and talk and get out in field and just play frisbee football and have some fun."

At the end of the camp, a competition is held, but according to Davis, by that time the kids are tired from jumping hurdles three times a day.

Perhaps the greatest thing for both the coaches of the camp at least is watching their campers grow athletically.

"I hope that the campers have more knowledge than what they came with, so if someone that just missed state maybe we can make them be a state qualifier and enhance their performance as an individual," Wallace said.

Davis has said that the camp has also served as a basis of recruitment for future Eastern track and field members.

It's easier to coach players that coaches get to know on a more personal level.

"We've recruited three or four kids from the camp because we know them personally and they're easier to coach that way," he said.

After this camp, a speed camp and a long jump/triple jump camp is set to take place for next week.

Wallace contributes breaking up the track and field categories to the sport's many different disciplines.

In order to give campers a better experience, they try to focus on more specific areas.

She has also said that the camp, which has been going on for at least 15 years, has maintained its numbers over the last few years.

"[40-60 kids] is about what we've been having," she said.

Eastern hires sports information director

BY BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern has named Rich Moser the new sports information director effective June 15.

Moser, 34, comes from Gonzaga where he was the assistant sports information director for seven years.



RICH MOSER

He replaces David Kidwell, who is retiring after 34 years, and will direct media relations for Eastern's 22 sport inter-collegiate program.

Moser was hired after a search committee headed by journalism department chair James Tidwell narrowed the initial applicants down to 10.

The remaining applicants then went through full interview process where the committee narrowed those 10 down to three.

Tidwell said Moser's experience with big time media coverage at Gonzaga along with his strong background in technology was what the committee really liked about Moser.

Moser gained experience working with ESPN, CBS and the NCAA tournament as the Gonzaga men's basketball team has been in the national spotlight for the duration of Moser's time there.

The move to become the sports information director brings Moser closer to family that he has in western Kentucky.

Athletic director Rich McDuffie is happy with the hiring of Moser and is looking forward to the potential changes that Moser may bring.

Moser has started making plans on how to upgrade the Eastern athletics Web site.

Aside from Gonzaga, Moser was the sports information director at Millsaps College for one and a half years.

When he was a graduate assistant at Delta State, Moser was the media relations director for the NCAA Division II South Regional in softball.

Moser has worked with a couple of minor league baseball teams, the Port City Roosters and the Spokane Indians, as well as produced a nightly sports talk radio show for the Baltimore Orioles.

Moser was the media relations director for the 1995 Grey Cup champion Baltimore Stallions of the Canadian Football League.

BASEBALL SEASON IN REVIEW

Baseball adds 14 wins over last year

■ Panthers used defense to help them snag a third-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference regular season.

BY BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's baseball team can look back and attribute much of their success this season to their stellar play on defense.

The Panthers committed a league-low 66 errors and led the conference with a .968 fielding percentage. They also turned a conference best 61 double plays.

Defense is something that often gets overlooked by fans, but the truth of the matter is defense is just as important as every other phase of the game.

"The defense was a key to our success this

year," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said.

Schmitz said that good defense allows for pitchers to avoid having to worry about making the perfect pitch as they know the guys behind them will make the plays.

Assistant coach Sean Lyons is in charge of defense and brings the philosophy of focusing on the fundamentals, making sure of one out and preventing the big inning to the team.

Lyons believes that pitching and defense is a mentality and that they go hand in hand.

"Pitching and defense win games," Lyons said.

Eastern spends about 1/3 of their time working on defense through drills and repetition.

Schmitz said a big difference in the defense this year was the overall athletic ability of the players in the field.

Junior Adam Varrassi was moved to shortstop last year and freshmen centerfielder Brett Nommensen improved the range in the outfield, allowing for more plays to be made up the middle.

Varrassi and senior second baseman Blake Meyer worked hard to become the double play combination that led the conference.

"It takes time and is a long process," Varrassi said. "Blake is the best second baseman I ever played with."

The Panthers should be strong defensively next year once again, as they return most of their position players.

One position that Schmitz hopes to get better defensive production out of is catcher.

The number one catcher, Joe Hernandez, was hurt all year and Eastern had a difficult time replacing him defensively.

Panther catchers threw out a conference low 14 base runners this season and had a conference high 23 passed balls.

That being said, Schmitz hopes to repeat this season's defensive success, as he does not think a team can play much better than the Panthers did.

"I don't know if we lost a game because of poor defense all season," Schmitz said.