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Road trip



Panthers hit
the road as
holiday
games begin

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Strip club ordinance approved

Zoning board passes plan that limits adult club locations

By BRITT CARSON
City editor

The Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning approved an ordinance regulating adult entertainment in Charleston.

The ordinance will be passed on to the city council for a vote at their next meeting.

The ordinance requires all adult entertainment establishments to apply for a conditional use application and only can locate in certain areas the ordinance specifies.

"The purpose of this hearing is to regulate the location of certain activities within the city of Charleston," said City Attorney Brian Bower. "It is not to prohibit anything. It is to define the location."

Bower discussed the three major requirements adult entertainment businesses must conform to in order to operate in Charleston.

The first is that adult entertainment businesses cannot operate within 1,000 feet of a school, church, day care facility, any establishments selling alcoholic beverages, parks and municipal or other governmental unit.

The second requirement states that adult entertainment businesses, such as strip clubs, adult book stores or movie theaters, cannot operate within 1,000 feet of another adult entertainment business.

The third requirement states that advertisement signs to adult entertainment businesses outside their establishment cannot exceed 10 feet by 3 feet and can't contain any pictures or anything relating to sexual activity.

"This is for the protection of our children," Bower said.

Doug DiBianco, a professor in the music department, attended the meeting and spoke out against the ordinance.

"I think we are too concerned about the moral issue of this," DiBianco said. "We have a right to the freedom of expression. This may not be as dangerous as we

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IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Jenni Craig, senior elementary education major, throws a snowball against her friend Thursday afternoon near Ford Hall. About 2.5 inches of snowfall was reported.

More snow expected

By IBE MASAYUKI
Staff writer

More snow is on the way this weekend to add to the 2.5 inches that blanketed the Charleston area early Thursday morning.

"It's a little bit early to have this heavy snow," Dalias Price, local weather observer said.

"There's another storm coming in this weekend. It's coming out from Rocky Mountains. We shouldn't have that much (snow for next storm)."

Today should be partly sunny. Rain and snow are not in the forecast and temperatures should be in the upper 30s. Mild weather, with temperatures in the mid 40s, is expected during finals week.

"In December, normally we get 4 inches of snow, so we got half of usual," Price said.

Thursday's snowfall started a little after midnight. The heaviest amount of snow was recorded between 3 and 7 a.m. Temperatures ranged from the high of 37

degrees to a low of 31 degrees.

"This is wet, heavy snow," Price said. "In another word, wet moisture."

This storm is passing on to New England.

Around Chicago, 3 to 4 inches of snow was reported Thursday, while temperatures hovered around 20 degrees.

Charleston's average snowfall is 17 inches a year. But last year, 52 inches fell.

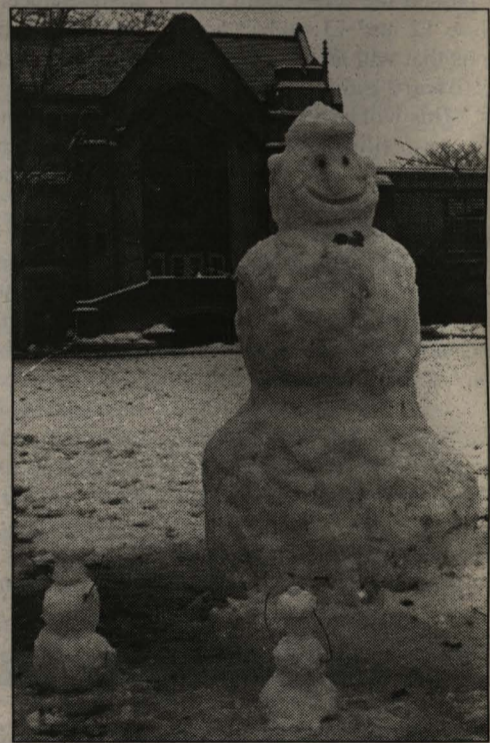
No weather related accident was reported to the Campus Police.

Students did not seem to mind the snow as several snowball fights broke out on campus. Some students even built an 8-foot snowman in the Library Quad.

"Overall, it wasn't bad, said Daren Rich, senior history major. "But I'm tired of walking on melted ice."

Rich said he had to walk through sidewalks filled with water.

"My shoes were wet and cold. It was pretty to see snow but it's tiring to walk on the snow."



IBE MASAYUKI/ staff photographer

Eight students built an 8-foot tall snowman Thursday afternoon in the Library Quad after Eastern's campus was hit with two inches of snow.

Buildings could close because of deferred maintenance

BY ROB STROUD
and JESSICA BAKER
Staff writers

Some classrooms and buildings on campus could be shut down because of Eastern's \$105 million deferred maintenance on its state funded facilities.

Physical Plant Director Ted Weidner said closing some buildings on campus would be

"the worst case scenario."

"If I get an engineering report that says some buildings on campus are unsafe for students, faculty and staff members, in order to protect their lives, I may have to close off sections on buildings," Weidner said.

Morgan Olsen, vice president for business affairs, also said closing classrooms and buildings could be a possibility.

"But I will do everything I can to keep buildings operational. This would be a last resort," he said.

Weidner said the deferred maintenance has grown because of a lack of funding from the state.

Weidner said if he had to shut down some buildings on campus, McAfee Gymnasium would be the first to close. He estimated the

backlog of deferred maintenance on McAfee to be around 60 percent of the building's actual value.

"The main problem with McAfee is the brick on the exterior of the building because they are coming loose," he said. "Some other problems with the building are the windows are deteriorating and the fire alarm system is old."

Weidner also said the painting, plumbing and wiring need to be repaired.

The university requested \$400,000 from the state for building repairs during fiscal year 1995.

"The state only gave us \$340,000, and all of that money went to repair the bricks on McAfee," he said. "With the

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RSO Homecoming evaluation meeting set

By CHRISTIAN PISTORIUS
Staff writer

To improve upcoming Homecoming events, the Office of Student Life is hosting a Recognized Student Organization Homecoming evaluation meeting today.

The meeting will be at 3 p.m. in the Tuscola/Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The meeting will be a round table discussion of participation in Homecoming events. Audience members can give suggestions for improvement for Homecoming and how to increase student participation.

"The purpose of the meeting is to let people address their concerns about Homecoming and talking about them," said Ryan Willerton, graduate assistant in the Office of

Student Life and the facilitator of the discussion.

All organization members and students are encouraged to attend the meeting. "We really want to try to get everyone on campus to get involved," Willerton said.

"We encourage all RSOs to participate in this evaluation meeting, so specific problems can be resolved and new ideas can be generated," he said.

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think."

DiBianco said the ordinance was a result of a personal vendetta against the new strip club that opened up on 18th Street owned by Mike Bickers.

"There should be a place where people can go and watch adult entertainment," DiBianco said. "We should be able to go and see it if we want."

Bower also discussed the two secondary effects of adult entertainment.

"There is a depreciation of the value of the real estate in the area and there is a significant increase in criminal activity," Bower said.

Bower cited a study done in several cities such as Seattle, Austin, Texas and Minneapolis that showed a significant increase in crime within the areas around the adult entertainment businesses.

The ordinance also requires adult entertainment businesses to have a 5-foot buffer zone between all employees and customers and violations of any of the criteria result in a minimum \$500 fine per day.

The ordinance is in response to Bickers opening his second strip club, Capone's located at 1100 18th St. next to the Charleston High School. Bickers also turned Panthers Lounge, 1421 Fourth St., into a strip club after he lost his liquor license last year.

The ordinance gives any existing adult entertainment business one year to comply with the ordinance or discontinue.

A petition with 1,850 signatures was presented to the city council at their Nov. 5 meeting requesting the regulation of adult entertainment.

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money we received, I thought we could fix at least 12 buildings on campus."

Similar problems have been found in Old Main, such as the corroding of the bathroom plumbing all the way through, Weidner said.

To completely eliminate the deferred maintenance would cost almost as much as the university's budget for an entire year, Weidner said.

Weidner said since the university is on a tight budget, and he didn't have the money to keep the buildings open, he might have to lay off some of his employees. "This could be a solution, but not a very good one," he said.

Weidner said he is happy students passed the referendum from the Nov. 12 and 13 student body elections that will increase fees \$50 to go toward campus improvements. "This will be a chance for us to improve facilities for students," Weidner said.

Olsen said Eastern has one of the worst deferred maintenances among the public universities in Illinois.

He said Eastern's backlog of deferred maintenance equals about 40 percent of the actual value (\$253 million) of the buildings that need repair.

"The basic problem is that most of our buildings on campus were built from the late 50s to the early 70s," Olsen said.

Both Library, the Fine Arts Building and the Life and Physical

Science buildings are the next buildings scheduled for major repairs, Weidner said.

Eastern requested \$17.9 million in its state capital budget request for fiscal year 1998 for Booth Library renovations. Also included in the request was more than \$1 million for planning for the renovations of the Fine Arts Center, \$947,100 for planning for renovations on the Life Science Building and more than \$1.3 million for planning for renovations on the Physical Science Building.

"I will start (repairing the buildings) as soon as the state gives us money," Weidner said.

Weidner said his department has a budget of \$250,000 for deferred maintenance. This is one-tenth of one percent of the current replacement value of the buildings, Weidner said.

He said industry standards say deferred maintenance should be two percent of the actual value of the buildings.

Kim Furumo, the director of budgeting, said in the past Eastern has asked the state for funding in two ways - a capital budget request or an operating budget request.

A capital budget request is a one-time request of money for a specific project, Furumo said.

Eastern received \$11 million from a capital request to completely renovate the Buzzard Building, most of this money was for the deferred maintenance on the build-

ing, Furumo said.

Weidner said Eastern requested money to renovate Buzzard Building around 1989, but didn't get the money until fiscal year 1994 and construction began in fiscal year 1996.

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Merrifield said a new bill calling for capital projects funding would probably be introduced when the General Assembly reconvenes Jan. 8, 1997.

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Action team discusses state funds

By DAN KARNES
Staff writer

The Student Action Team discussed funds Eastern will receive from the state with Gov. Jim Edgar and an aid Wednesday.

Student Vice President for Public Affairs Brian Anderson said Edgar told the team he was happy to see students getting involved and taking interest in the university's welfare.

Anderson said the Governor's aid spent about a half-hour discussing funding from the state with the students.

A bill that would have extended the state's bond limit to \$600 million with \$100 million of money for higher education was voted down.

If the bill would have passed, Eastern would have received \$1.9 million, with \$1 million to be used for planning for renovations in Booth Library, said Anderson.

The students met with other legislators, including Mike Weaver (R-Ashmore) and Babe Woodyard (R-Chrisman) and some from their hometowns.

The legislators told students they were students discussed the issues with them, Anderson said.

"I thought it went really well. We met with a lot of representatives and got a lot of feedback," said Student Senate member Steve Zielinski. "It was like getting a foot in the door. It wasn't an ending, it was a beginning."

Anderson said the lobbying team plans to return to Springfield about once a month during the spring.

The team also plans to begin letter writing campaigns to help to influence the legislators.



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Library-hour survey to circulate campus

By JENNIFER LEE
Staff writer

Members of a task force for library improvements Thursday decided to make plans to circulate a survey to students to see what improvements need to be made for the library.

"I was pleased with the way the meeting went, my main goal was to get together a group to work on the problem," said Kim Harris, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Five representatives from academic groups attended the meeting. Harris thinks there will be more members as soon as the word gets out.

The group discussed several concerns that they think need to be addressed to improve the library. One of the biggest

concerns is the hours the library has on the weekends.

Harris said that some students want to work on homework on the weekend and with the library closing at 4:45 it is almost impossible to do that. She thinks that the library should stay open until eight or nine on the weekends.

"Because of short library hours I have to go to the vending lounge where there is no copier or clock and I can't use a copier," said Mark Ahern.

Another problem that the task force is focusing on is the problems with the computers in the library.

"Half of the time the (computer) system is down. I've gone in several times and the system has been down," said Katrina Winch, another member of the task force.

"I don't want to work against the library, I want to work with the library," said Harris.

Monday is last publication day for *The News*

The Daily Eastern News will publish its last paper of the semester on Monday.

The business office will remain open during finals week.

The News will begin publishing for the Spring semester Jan. 13. Any news items or & Then Some contributions for next semester need to be turned in by Jan. 12.

Weekly column applications can be picked up in the office today, and should be turned by Jan. 13.

Correction

A column in the Thursday edition of *The Daily Eastern News* was incorrectly titled "Canadian athletes focus more on sports." The headline should have read, "U.S. universities focus more on athletics."

The News regrets the error.

Police give holiday vacation safety tips

By BRITT CARSON
City editor

Eastern and Charleston police departments compiled a list of safety tips for off-campus students to do before they leave for vacation.

Officer Jerry Woods of the Charleston Police Department said burglaries usually increase during Thanksgiving and Winter breaks.

"Vacations are a time when burglaries and thefts go up," Woods said. "Burglars know a lot of students are going to be gone during that time."

Woods said the Charleston Police Department increases police patrols in student areas of the city.

"Students should engrave their name and social security number on TVs, VCRs, stereos and CDs because those are the items that are the most popular to steal," Woods said. "Students should also write down the serial numbers of valuable items so if they are stolen and then recovered they can be claimed easier."

Woods said the Charleston police worked with the campus police department and compiled a list of helpful hints for students before they leave for vacation.

■ Make sure all doors, sliding glass doors and windows are locked before leaving the residence.

Stu's bust results in four citations

By BRITT CARSON
and ROB STROUD
Staff writers

Four students were cited with alcohol related charges at Stu's Surf Side Tavern at 11:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

Monika Bixby, 20, of 2403 Orchard Park Apartments and Colleen Keefe, 20, of 12 Bloomfield, were cited with a minor frequenting a license establishment, possession of a false ID and the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, police reports stated.

Tammy Bradburn, 20, and Marcy Madix, 20, both of 715 Grant Ave. No. 306, were cited with the purchase or acceptance of alcohol by a minor and a minor frequenting

a licensed establishment, police reports stated.

In other city and campus police news:

■ Charleston police discovered a burglary at 1 a.m. on Nov. 29 at 2500 Nantucket Circle. Police contacted the resident, Julie Lindstrom, 25, and notified her of the burglary, police reports stated.

Lindstrom reported a Packard Bell Legend Computer (value unknown), a Packard Bell 14-inch color monitor valued at \$300, an Epson printer valued at \$250, a Sharp color TV (price unknown), a Magnavox receiver and remote, a Magnavox 5-disc CD changer and two Magnavox speakers (value unknown) were missing from her apartment, police reports stated.

■ Make sure all extra keys that were lent out are returned.

■ Take valuables and irreplaceable items with you. Students might consider photographing items such as TVs and stereos for insurance purposes and to help identify them if they are stolen and recovered.

■ When packing things in your car do not leave the car unattended and unlocked because

it is an easy target.

■ If anyone sees suspicious activity call the police.

■ If students are leaving their vehicles in Charleston make sure they are not parked on a snow route. The routes are marked with red and white signs and if it snows, any vehicles parked on a snow route will be towed and students will have to pay towing and storage fees.

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Students who oppose loss of WGN-TV must voice their opinions

The loss of WGN-TV is an upset to sports fans, Chicago students and anyone who watches re-runs. Eastern's students need to voice their concerns by writing TCI and WGN-TV to try to bring back the broadcasts.

TCI Cablevision of Southern Illinois announced Tuesday that it will drop WGN-TV from the Charleston and Mattoon area because of increasing costs.

WGN broadcasts the Cubs and White Sox games, Chicago-based news, movies and re-runs.

"I'm upset I won't get to hear Harry Caray sing during the seventh inning stretch and then watch Sammy Sosa hit one out and see the White Sox lose the Windy City Classic," said Jim Burns, a sophomore political science major.

Students who disagree with the WGN-TV loss should send their letters to Greg Evans, TCI Business Office manager, at P.O. Box 288, Charleston, IL 61920.

This broadcasting alteration will not only mean that fans of the Chicago sports teams will miss out on the enjoyment and excitement of the baseball season, but it also means that students from the Chicagoland area will lose on-the-air contact with the Windy City.

TCI, which is based in Chicago, services many areas south of Chicago. Now, viewers from these areas will not have access to this station.

TCI is offering other alternatives to viewers to replace the loss of WGN.

Channels that will become part of the basic cable service will include the Discovery Channel, which is replacing WGN; Encore, which is a movie channel; Animal Planet; and Home and Garden, said Fred Furnish, general manager of TCI in Decatur. He added that more family-oriented programs will be aired through TCI.

While these networks are good for entertainment or educational purposes, they do not include the news, sports and entertainment viewing that WGN has to offer.

Probably the biggest impact that the loss of WGN-TV will have on the Charleston and Mattoon area is on the students. Those from Chicago and surrounding areas have lost one of their major links to news at home.

today's quote

Public opinion in this country is everything.

—Abraham Lincoln

Keith Lipke is known by many — but how well?

When most Eastern freshmen were in sixth grade, Keith Lipke was entering college. Saturday, he finally graduates.

The 25-year-old, 115-pound, 5-foot-5-inch power house will get a diploma after spending seven and a half years of undergraduate education at three different colleges, with three different majors.

"People think I've been at Eastern a long time. It's just that I've just been in college for seven and a half years," he said over a cup of coffee Wednesday evening. "I've been in college since 1989. The last time I went through a graduation ceremony was in the Reagan Era."

Lipke, originally from Lockport, spent 1989 to 1991 at Columbia College in Chicago majoring in cinematography, and then transferred to Joliet Junior College for two years majoring in journalism. Then in 1993, he ended up at Eastern and changed his major to speech communications.

With all his years of education, Lipke has filled his resume with positions such as the chair of University Board, chair of the Interfraternity Council and president of Eastern's Sigma Nu fraternity. And by serving in his positions at Eastern, he has ended up in *The Daily Eastern News* easily in more than 100 different stories.

Even though he has been interviewed by reporters on almost a weekly basis, there are still some stories from Lipke that no one ever hears.

For instance, the little guy has to buy some of his clothing, such as pants, sweaters and coats, in the boy's department of stores.

"I buy sweaters all the time in the boy's section," he said. "One time I liked an overcoat in the boy's section at J.C. Penney. There was this kid wearing it and I thought, 'Oh my God, I want that coat.' It fit me perfectly."

Lipke left to ask a friend in the mall if the coat would look OK on him. When he got back, the coat was being tried on by another young teen.

"I walk back in the store and this little kid who was 13 or 14 was wearing it, walking around like he was king," Lipke said. "Finally he put the thing back and I got to buy it."

Besides wearing children's clothes, Lipke also admits he has a few bad habits — like a bad temper, constant sleep deprivation and an array of other oddities.

"I walk too fast, smoke too much, drink too much coffee and only get about three hours of sleep a night," he said.

Add all of that up and throw in his busy schedule and you get a social life that equals zero.

"I don't have a social life," he said. "My social life is my office. I get up in the morning and go in there and say 'Good morning honey.' And then I leave at night and say 'Good night honey.' And then I kiss the walls."

If he kisses the walls, Lipke is having a good day. In fact, he said he hasn't had a girlfriend since 1990.

Was there anything special about her? "Yeah," he said.



TRAVIS SPENCER
Regular columnist

"Lipke rarely has time to go to the bars and have fun with his friends. But one night he did ..."

"She dated me." And if Lipke could date anyone on campus, who would it be?

"I'd date Jeannie Rzepka because UB needs more money." He is the vice chair of the Apportionment Board.

Lipke rarely has time to go to the bars and have fun with his friends.

But one night he did. "We stopped by Panther's (strip club) once," he said. "We were at

Stix and I did not want to go to Panther's. Of course I was forced by my fraternity brothers. We walked across the street and I kept shaking my head saying 'I can't believe I'm doing this, I can't believe I'm doing this.'"

When Lipke and friends sat down and began to watch the dancers — it happened.

"They were dancing and ... there was an exchange of money in a particular way. I'll just say that I was not sitting down when she got paid," he said. "Basically after this incident happened they all started cheering for me."

However, one night at Panther's still can't change Lipke into a wild man. When asked about a possible tattoo in the future, he just shakes his head and laughs.

"Oh God, I would never have a tattoo," he said. But if he would, what would it be? No, not the UB logo.

"It would be a tattoo of money on my stomach so every time I looked down to go to the bathroom in the morning it would remind me to be a success for that day," he explained. "There would also need to be a smiley face or something like that on it so I would be in a good mood."

That's his motto. "Make money and be happy."

But if that's his motto, what's his all-time fantasy?

At first Lipke said he wanted to live in a huge house on the side of the hill, be a president of a large company and have women pounding down his door.

But after a moment's thought it changed.

"Screw that whole thing," he said. "I

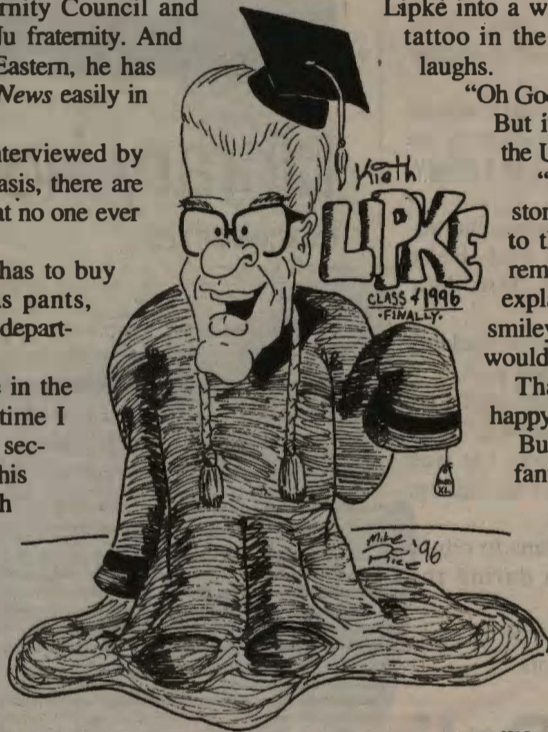
want to go far, far away for about six months and just bartend. I just want to do whatever I want where nobody knows who I am, and nobody cares who I am. I want to be able to walk down the street where nobody will say hi and stop me for eight minutes wanting to talk about something when I'm already ten minutes late for class.

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Congratulations Lipke. May you get to wear an adult gown when you receive your diploma Saturday.

—Travis Spencer is editor in chief for *The Daily Eastern News*. His e-mail address is cutss@bgu.edu.



Holiday season brings back fond memories for graduate student

Dear editor:

At this time of the year, with the holidays drawing near, my thoughts often wander to fond memories of past years spent with family and friends. This year, more than ever, I find myself in deep thought over friends and family members who have passed on, and remembering special people in my life who have shown me the true meaning behind Thanksgiving. These loved ones, whom I will never be able to share another Thanksgiving celebration with, will be present always in my heart and memory.

One friend, in particular, has brought me to the point of writing these thoughts down. My friend, Brandon, died last year just before Thanksgiving in an automobile accident. It has been very difficult to deal with the loss of a friend whom I considered my family, my brother. Today, however, things are a little brighter, and I can see a little clearer. I thank God for the time we had together and for all of the wonderful lessons of love, caring and friendship that I learned from Brandon.

your turn

Now, Brandon travels with me wherever I go, and I still look to him for the support that he always imparted. There were so many ways that Brandon let me know that I could accomplish my goals. He was always just around the corner with a big grin and arms stretched a mile wide just waiting to engulf me in one of his phenomenal hugs. Sometimes I still see him, in my memory, sitting across a classroom giving me a look that only friends can share — the kind of look that simply says we'll get through this together.

I'm confident in saying that everyone who knew Brandon is better because of it. I know that there are hundreds of people on this campus who knew my "best friend" and who would be correct in calling Brandon their "best friend," too. I know of few people who, in their lives, are as blessed to have so many true friends as Brandon did, and I was certain that I was blessed by his presence in my life.

What I would like to share with others at this time of year is the idea that we can't take each other for granted. I hoped that Brandon and I would always stay in touch and remain friends into

our later years, but now we no longer have that option. My children will never play with his children, and we'll never share embarrassing stories about each other in front of our family and friends. There are so many lessons to be learned in this life and if I had to learn this one, I can't think of anyone who embodied what life was all about better than my friend Brandon.

This Thanksgiving and holiday season, I ask that you take a moment out of the hustle and bustle to reflect on those who have helped us to become who we are today. Take time to give thanks for the blessings that we do have: food, shelter, health, family and friends. You may also take a moment to remember those less fortunate — through deed or action. This will truly feed your soul and may be the best present that you can give to yourself all season long.

Thank you, Brandon. And thanks to all of the loving friends and family that have helped me deal with his death. I would love to share the stories and memories of Brandon Hoefle's friend. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at T-Veglia@bgu.edu.

Theresa (Veglia) Anderson
speech communication
graduate student



NAOKO KOJIMA/Staff photographer

The members of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" at the beginning of their Christmas party Thursday night at Charleston-Mattoon room in the Union. About 50 people participated.

First Menorah candle for Hanukkah lit today

By THERESA GAVLIN
Activities editor

Millions of Jewish people around the world will be celebrating the start of The Festival of Lights today.

Hanukkah, which used to be called the festival of lights because of the torches and candelabras that were lit during the celebration, is celebrated over a period of eight days, starting today.

The holiday is held to celebrate the re-dedication of the Temple, which was destroyed by a religious war between the Jewish and the Greeks in Jerusalem, said Barbara Katz, a member of the Jewish Community Center.

"It's about a fight for religious freedom and the importance for religious freedom," Katz said. "People should have the freedom to worship."

The word Hanukkah comes from the Jewish word for dedication, signifying the "dedication" this celebration makes to the battle fought by Jewish ancestry to earn their religious freedom.

During the celebration, a food called latkes, or potato pancakes, are eaten, Katz said. Fried doughnuts are also eaten during the celebration.

The Menorah used in the Hanukkah celebration is called a Hanukiyah, and it has one candle place higher than all of the rest, Katz said. This candle is called the Shamash, and it is used to light the other candles in the Hanukiyah.

The dreidel, derived from the German word for turn, is also one of the most identifiable symbols of Hanukkah.

It was used by soldiers who were not allowed to practice their religion during wars, Katz said. They would have a top handy while reading the Koran and practicing their religion, and if someone would come by, they would pretend to be playing a game with the top.

Katz said she feels the United States is a great country, and believes she is lucky to have freedom to express her beliefs.

Kwanzaa celebrates unity, heritage

By THERESA GAVLIN
Activities editor

Kwanzaa, a celebration created by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to help African Americans celebrate their heritage, can be celebrated by anyone, regardless of religion or race.

The celebration, which starts Dec. 26 and continues through Jan. 1, re-evaluates how things should be by reuniting to family, friends and community, said Kiley Allen, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

The celebration discusses seven principles, one for each day of Kwanzaa.

These principles are Umoja, or unity; Kujichagulia, or self-determination; Ujima, or collective work and responsibility; Ujamaa, or cooperative economics; Nia, or purpose; Kuumba, or creativity; and Imani, or faith.

Each day a candle is lit to represent a different principle, and it is celebrated and dis-

cussed throughout the day in literature and poems, Allen said.

Kwanzaa steers away from commercial holidays, and relates to unity.

Traditional games are played and inspirational gifts relating to their heritage are given. She said Delta Sigma Theta will be holding the celebration for members of their sorority and for Charleston children, and hopes this will be held every year and to make it open to the entire campus in upcoming years.

"I just thought there was a need for it on campus," Allen said.

"We just thought it would be something interesting to do."

Allen said she decided to hold the celebration because a lot of people weren't aware of its meaning, and had never heard of it before.

"Anyone can celebrate Kwanzaa," Allen said. "It's not just for any one religion."

She added that people of every race are able

EIU holiday party in Old Main

Students are invited to take a break from studying Wednesday and join Eastern faculty and staff and community members for the annual EIU/Community holiday party.

The party will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Main Hallway of Old Main.

"The EIU/Community Holiday Party is an opportunity for community members to join Eastern's faculty, staff and students for the holiday season," Shelly Flock, director of media rela-

tions said. "It is our way of saying thank you for their support throughout the year."

Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by Eastern's Flute Choir, directed by Diane Boyd; the Brass Choir, directed by Chris Smith; the String Quartet, directed by Hyunsai Lee; and Jan Faires, harpist.

"We highly encourage students to attend," Flock said.

Art exhibit to begin Sunday

By CHRISTIAN PISTORIUS
Staff writer

The art department will present over 80 award-winning drawings and watercolor exhibits beginning Sunday.

The 11th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor exhibition will open to the public at 2 p.m. following a reception and awards presentation in the Tarble Arts Center.

Over 200 exhibits throughout Illinois entered the competition. The

entries were judged by Robert Sill, associate curator of art for the Illinois State Museum.

Sill said the selections presented in the exhibition offer a variety of forms of watercolor.

"I did not want one genre to dominate the exhibition," Sill said. "I want to represent what I felt were the best examples of the broad mix of submissions from traditional watercolors to works that challenge traditional forms."

CAA to conduct reviews of core courses

By JESSICA BAKER
Administration editor

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday decided to conduct periodical reviews and make recommendations with the General Education Assessment Committee, a CAA subcommittee, of the integrated core.

The decision was added to

the rough draft of the new course proposals for the CAA. The subcommittee presented the CAA the draft last month.

"The group's opinion is to limit courses in the core that we don't need to have," CAA member Mary Wohlrabe said.

At their Nov. 12 meeting, CAA members said they think that they should take away some courses in the core that

aren't following the nine traits and abilities and should concentrate on limiting the number of classes in the core.

The nine traits and abilities according to Eastern's catalog are: literacy, reason and ability, quantitative analysis, historical consciousness, scientific awareness, social response, aesthetic literature, multicultural awareness and intellectual curiosity.

New summer literary program in England to be offered to students

By SHELIA ROBERTS
Staff writer

A new program at Eastern offers both graduate and undergraduate students a chance to study literary masterworks for five weeks during the summer session at Harlaxton Manor in Grantham, England.

The English 3010C Literary Masterworks class fulfills the cultural experience segment of the core curriculum. The program will be taught by professors Richard Sylvia and Ruth Hoberman.

Students will read works by area writers and visit relevant literary sites. The class will include works by Shakespeare, Bronte,

Eliot, Doyle and more. The class will take trips to London, Bronte Parsonage at Haworth and Strathford-on-Avon. They also will visit sites close to the university including Eastwood, Newstead, Somersby, Lincoln and Coventry.

"We read a lot of these books here at Eastern," Sylvia said. "It can only be better

to read them in their place of origin."

The students and professors will stay at Harlaxton Manor, the English home of the University of Evansville. Meals will be provided. Round-trip transportation from Chicago's O'hare Airport to Harlaxton manor and two-day trips to literary sites are provided.

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'Mini-national' tournament on tap for wrestling team

By CHAD MERDA
Staff writer

While a majority of the Eastern students are at home over the semester break relaxing, members of the men's wrestling team will be hard at work.

In the next five weeks they will have four tournaments, the first this Saturday when they compete in the Northern Iowa Open.

The Panthers are coming off the Northern Open, where Matt Hughes (158 pounds, with a 9-0 record) won the championship for the second time in as many attempts. He is ranked No. 5 in the nation.

Head coach Ralph McCausland said it is questionable whether senior Dave Pena (118, 3-2) will wrestle this weekend or not. He sat out during the Northern Open due to inflammation in his shoulder.

"If I do (wrestle) I'll go up a weight class," Pena said. "It's hard to make weight if you're not in the wrestling room every day."

Other than Pena, the rest of the team looks to be in good shape for the UNI Open.

"We're semi-healthy other than a couple of bumps and bruises," McCausland said. "It's nothing serious."

McCausland said the results of practices have been mixed.

"Up until the last couple of days (they have been good),"

McCausland said. "Everybody is feeling stressed coming to the end of the semester."

Some of the teams at the UNI Open will be Minnesota, Wisconsin, Northern Iowa and Nebraska. McCausland said this tournament is smaller than the others but the competition is still good.

He said the objectives early on in the season are simple.

"The things I look for in the first couple of tournaments is to see a progression," McCausland said. "I expect to see that."

Pena said the Panthers should be able to have a couple of wrestlers place. Last year they saw both Hughes and Pena go 5-1 and take third place in their weight classes.

The Panthers then don't have another tournament until after Christmas on Dec. 28 and 29 when they compete in the Midlands Tournament. This could very well be the biggest tournament of the year, as McCausland and Pena have labeled it a "mini-national" tournament.

Six of the top ten teams in the nation will be in attendance in the likes of No. 1 Iowa, No. 3 Michigan State, No. 4 Iowa State, No. 6 Illinois, No. 7 Minnesota and No. 9 Michigan.

"It's as tough as it gets besides the national tournament," Pena said. "It's good to see where you're at and what you need to

do for the national tournament.

"There's usually five (nationally ranked) guys in each weight class."

Last year at the Midlands, Hughes went 5-3 and captured sixth place overall.

Then on Jan. 4 the Panthers go to the Great Plains Open in what McCausland said is also a good tournament and is a place where his Panthers will be able to get a lot of matches in.

Closing out their semester break schedule will be a home meet with Purdue on Jan. 12. McCausland hasn't even begun to think about Purdue.

"That's looking too far down the road for me," McCausland said.

As for working out during the break, many will return to their high schools and train with the team there.

McCausland is not too concerned whether his Panthers will maintain their workout programs.

"When you train this hard you need a bit of a break and to back off," McCausland said. "As long as they are active and training their shape will be fine."

Pena on the other hand said their is cause to be concerned about some of the Panthers staying in shape.

"The biggest problem is making weight when working out at the high schools," Pena said. "It's self motivation in terms of making weight."

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Morehead State to close out their conference schedule.

"It is going to be the toughest part of our schedule thus far," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said of the games coming up. "There is that extended time away from home, and we are playing some very good teams."

Before the Panthers take the floor next week, though, Samuels is quick to mention that finals week will pose some problems in preparing for the Indiana Classic.

"It's hit and miss," he said. "You try to set up practice times where we can have most of the team at practice. We expect the players to concentrate on their finals, and then once that's over, we can enjoy playing basketball without the worry of classes (during the break)."

It will be important, though, for Eastern to deal with the obstacle that finals week poses since the Panthers' first round opponent in the Classic will be Santa Clara. The Broncos have been to the NCAA tournament three times in the 1990s and have scored upsets in two of those three trips to the Big Dance.

"They have some key players

“There is a dire need to improve, and we have to find ourselves. We've got a lot of time, and I'm encouraged that we can be a competitive team by the time the conference season rolls around.”

-Rick Samuels
Men's basketball head coach

returning, and they have played an ambitious schedule," Samuels said.

Bronco head coach Dick Davey is quick to mention that he does not know much about Eastern.

"We really don't know a lot about them, but our attention is on our tournament in San Francisco this week," he said. "We are a very young team, though, and we have not really come together yet even though we have the potential to be a good team."

In the final game of the Classic, the Panthers would play either Indiana or Louisiana Tech depending on whether they win their first game.

But after the Panthers finish up their non-conference schedule, it is the OVC schedule that Samuels hopes to see his team ready for.

The Governors of Austin Peay are picked to win the OVC after making it to the NCAA tourney last season.

Austin Peay also has the nation's top returning scorer back on its team in senior forward Bubba Wells.

As for the other opponents on the first part of Eastern's conference schedule, Tennessee State is picked to finish second in the OVC, Murray State is slated to finish third and Morehead State is picked to finish last.

"There is a dire need to improve, and we have to find ourselves," Samuels said in reference to what he expects to see before the Panthers get into their conference schedule.

"We've got a lot of time, and I'm encouraged that we can continue to make progress and be a competitive team by the time the conference season rolls around."

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Eight teams still have sights on 1-AA title

The field of 16 in the 1-AA football playoffs has been narrowed to eight, and after Saturday only the final four will remain.

The two favorites, Marshall (12-0) and Montana (11-0), both have home games again this week, as do Northern Iowa, the Gateway champion, and Murray State, the Ohio Valley Conference champion.

No. 6 E. Tennessee State at No. 1 Montana:

Montana is set to take the second step in its 1-AA title defense after sending Nicholls State home with a 48-3 win in the first round.

The Buccaneers of E. Tennessee State moved to the second round winning their first ever playoff game last week. The Bucs scored a 35-29 comeback victory against Villanova.

Montana is known for putting up points (the Grizzlies outscored their opponents 185-34 in last year's playoffs), but the defense has also stepped up. The No. 1 seed recorded five sacks last week and limited the Colonel offense to 139 total yards.

No. 10 Furman at No. 2 Marshall:

These conference foes know each other well.

The teams have played each other 23 times, but only once before have they met twice in one season. The year was 1988, and Marshall beat Furman in the regular season 24-10. But the Paladins came back to knock the Thundering Herd out of the second

round of the playoffs with a 13-9 win.

This season, Marshall, ranked No. 1 all season in the Sports Network Division 1-AA poll, trailed Furman 17-14 in the team's regular season meeting, but the Herd jumped all over the Paladins in the second half, coming away with a 42-17 win. After the game, Marshall players said Paladin trash talking spurred them on to the second half blowout.

Furman will have to watch for Marshall receiver Randy Moss. Last week against Delaware, Moss reeled in a playoff-record 288 yards.

No. 8 William & Mary at No. 3 Northern Iowa:

The Purple Panthers are back in the dome a week after they knocked Eastern out of the playoffs with a 21-14 win. Under head coach Terry Allen, Northern Iowa is 37-3 in the UNI-Dome.

William & Mary took down Jackson State 45-6 last week and are upset-minded as they travel to Cedar Falls.

Northern Iowa has very limited experience against Yankee Conference teams, as they have played only one game - a 21-20 double-overtime loss to Boston University in the 1993 playoffs.

With a win, the Purple Panthers can move to over .500 in playoff games. Currently, their 1-AA playoff record stands at 8-8.

No. 5 Murray State at No. 4 Troy State:

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Indiana State 35-16.

Eastern then moved to 4-0 by rolling over Tennessee-Martin 38-0.

However, the Panthers' hopes for an undefeated season ended when Western Illinois dealt Eastern a 10-7 loss. This was followed up by a 35-28 Homecoming loss to Murray State.

The Panthers then took three straight on the road from Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri before the loss to Middle Tennessee.

"We know we belonged in the conference," Spoo said. "We have thought about the things we could've done different, but it was a good year."

Denzer added that this Panther

team had the potential to win every game.

"It was a good conference, but we should have beaten everybody," he said. "We made some mistakes, though, and it hurt us."

While the team will be dealing with losses for the 1997 season, Spoo is confident with the team he will field next season.

"We thought so highly of the seniors we had in '95 but we accomplished just as much as the '95 team," he said. "We are going to take a hit in the offensive and defensive line, but we have a great nucleus coming back. Except for (Tom) Hess, the wide receivers will be in place, and except for (Chris) Szarka, the running game will be in place."

The Trojans of Troy State had to make a comeback to get by Florida A&M in the first round, and Troy prevailed 29-25. The Trojans made it past the first round for the first time since 1993, the year they went to the quarterfinals.

Murray State used a late surge to bury Western Illinois last week.

The Ohio Valley Conference champions come into the game with a solved controversy. It was rumored that head coach Houston Nutt might be taking the same position at the University of Kentucky,

but Nutt said he was staying where he is.

Troy State running back Arrid Gregory will be a force to reckon with. The tailback ran for 166 yards and two touchdowns in the first round, counting for his fourth straight 100+ yard game.

Murray State will have its potent offense, led by quarterback Mike Cherry, working in its favor, but the defense is also on a roll. Opposing teams have scored on the Racers in only four of the last 16 quarters.

Source: USA Today Website

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like we did over at Butler," head coach John Klein said. "We have to have complete games on both the offensive and defensive side of the court."

Eastern plays in the first game of the tournament against Butler at 6 p.m. Friday. These teams met up earlier in the season with Eastern coming out on top 61-59. In this game, junior forward Barbora Garbova scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Butler had three players scoring in double figures with center Sarah Schuetz leading the way with 14 points. Guard Jennifer Marlow added 10 points and grabbed three defensive rebounds.

If Eastern defeats the Bulldogs again, they will face the winner of the Missouri/Cincinnati game at 4 p.m. on Saturday. If Eastern loses, they will face the loser of the Missouri/Cincinnati game at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Missouri (3-2) is coming off a victory at Missouri-Kansas City 64-58 and has a 1-0 record at home.

So far this season, the Lady Tigers are led by freshman guard Julie Helm. She is the team's leading foul-line shooter making 13 out of 16 and is tied for the most three-pointers made on the team with two.

She is second on the team in rebounds with 15 and is the team's leading scorer with 45 points. She is coming off a 21-point performance against Missouri-Kansas City.

The second leading scorer on the team is freshman forward Amy Monsees who has 31 points. She is one of only two players to average in double figures for scoring averaging 10.3 points per game.

The leading rebounder on the team is sophomore Kesha Bonds who has 16, and the assist leader of the team is junior guard Tanisha Johnson who has 15.

Cincinnati (2-1) had a chance to post its first ever 3-0 start this season, but lost to Northeastern Illinois 56-52.

The leading point scorer for the Lady Bearcats is junior guard Jolinda Lewis who has 46 points. She is 12 of 13 from the free-throw line and has hit four threes so far this year. She is also tied for the team lead in assists with 11.

Last year's Conference USA All-Freshman honoree Doris Scott is one point behind Lewis. She leads the team with 30 rebounds, 23 of those defensive, and with eight steals.

Junior guard Stephanie Geter is third on the team with 38 points and is tied with Lewis for the lead in assists.

Klein said that the competition level is nothing new to the team.

"We have tough competition every night. By no means do we have a cupcake schedule," he said. "We play tough Division I programs in and out. But to compete and win the conference we have to play a tough schedule."

Sox won't wait on Fernandez

CHICAGO (AP) - The White Sox have rescinded a five-year, \$30 million offer to Alex Fernandez, saying that if the right-handed pitcher doesn't want it he should go ahead and test the free-agent market.

"I can't sit here and wait," general manager Ron Schueler said in an interview with the Chicago Sun-Times. "I've got a team to put together. We'll get more pitching. It's coming."

The 27-year-old Fernandez is just three days of playing time short of becoming a six-year free agent and would already be one if he hadn't been sent to Class AAA Vancouver in 1992. Fernandez still believes that move was designed to buy the White Sox another year of his services.

"We consider our offer to Alex a very fair offer," Schueler said. "He wanted five years. We've given it to him, and now he doesn't want it. If that's the case, it's time to move on." Fernandez's agent, Scott Boras, hopes the White Sox will reconsider.


"I can't believe the Sox would pull out now when we haven't even started the free-agent process," Boras said.


Teams interested in Fernandez include the Chicago Cubs and Florida Marlins. He is 79-63 in almost six seasons with the White Sox. He was 16-10 last season with a 3.45 ERA.


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Sports

After playoffs, Panthers boast All-Conference football players

By BRIAN LESTER
Sports editor

When the Panther football season began, there were a lot of question marks surrounding the team.

There were concerns as to how the team would fill the voids left by the graduated seniors and how the team would do in its first season in the Ohio Valley Conference. And there were concerns as to whether or not the Panthers could make a second straight trip to the playoffs.

Despite three losses along the way, it seemed as if things did end up working out for the Panthers since they ended up in sec-

■ Despite the Panthers' ouster last week, the Division 1-AA playoffs continue with the field narrowed down to eight teams.

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ond place in the conference with an 8-3 mark and made a jaunt to the postseason.

Eastern had been picked to finish fourth in the OVC.

"Obviously we were successful when you look at the fact that there are 116 teams shooting for the chance to go to the playoffs and we made it," Panther head coach Bob Spoo said. "The way we made the playoffs was difficult but we did it and that is an accomplishment."

Eastern found its way into the playoffs by knocking off tradition-rich OVC foe Eastern Kentucky 45-21 in the regular-season finale after dropping a road conference game 31-24 the week before to Middle Tennessee.

In the playoffs, the Panthers faced former Gateway Conference foe Northern Iowa in the UNI-Dome and lost 21-14 when a last-second scoring attempt from the two-yard line failed. The loss left Eastern at 8-4 on the year and 0-10-1 in the Dome.

Punter Shawn Denzer, who was one of the players named to the second-team All-OVC, said he wished the team would have gone deeper into the playoffs.

"It felt real good to get back into the playoffs because that was one of our goals," he said. "I just wish we could have gone further because I thought we could've at least made it to the semifinals."

Besides Denzer gaining conference honors, 10 other Panthers were recognized for their accomplishments during the season.

Making the All-OVC first team were three of members of Eastern's offensive line - an offensive line that played a key role in making Eastern the top rushing team in the OVC.

Seniors Travis Hunerburg (offensive tackle), Lemont Clark (offensive guard) and Chris Westenberger (center) were all named to the first team.

Getting named to the second team were junior quarterback Mike Simpson, senior tight end Bob Rosenstiel, sophomore tailback Justin Lynch, sophomore cornerback/kickoff and punt returner Chris Watson, senior defensive lineman John Moyer, junior linebacker Rodney Wilson and sophomore defensive back Hasheem Rasheed.

The earning of these honors reflected how the 1996 season went for Eastern.

After upsetting Division 1-A Western Michigan in Kalamazoo 28-20, the Panthers returned home for two games to take down Pittsburg (Ks.) State 41-31 and

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Indiana State's Jayson Wells (31) attempts to make an in-bound pass to teammate Nick Hargrove (5) as Eastern's Chad Peckinpaugh defends during the Sycamores' 74-68 win over the Panthers Wednesday night in Lantz Gym. Eastern will play in the Indiana Classic next weekend against Santa Clara.

Men cagers eye OVC foes amid turbulent schedule

By BRIAN LESTER
Sports editor

With the men's basketball team riding a two-game losing streak, the schedule does not get any easier for the Panthers.

Eastern, which is 1-2 after dropping two straight home contests during the week, has the Indiana Classic in Bloomington awaiting them in nine days. The tourney in Indiana, which also features Santa Clara and Louisiana Tech, will kick off a stretch of eight games during

the holiday break.

The Panthers will also meet up with Elmhurst College at home before going on the road for their final non-conference game against St. Louis on Dec. 21.

Eastern's Ohio Valley Conference season opens up with road games against Austin Peay and Tennessee State, the OVC preseason favorites.

After the road games, the Panthers will play their first two home conference games against Murray State and

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Women cagers will begin conference play over break

By MATT WILSON
Staff writer

While all the Eastern students are at home getting drunk, the Panther women's basketball team will have a busy vacation.

The Panthers (0-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, 2-1 overall) will play in the Missouri Tournament this weekend. They then come home to play Evansville (Ind.) at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17. On the weekend of Dec. 21-22, the Panthers travel to Tempe, Ariz., to play in the Arizona State

Tournament.

The Panthers begin conference play at 5:45 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Austin Peay. They continue their road trip playing Tennessee State that Saturday. They play their first home conference game at 5 p.m. on Jan. 9 against Murray State. The final game of the break will be against Morehead State at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 at Lantz.

The Panthers will compete in the Missouri Tournament along with Butler, Cincinnati and Missouri.

"We need to play good basketball just

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Unfamiliarity with Ohio Valley hinders track teams

By ANDREA TRAXLER
Staff writer

The men and women's track teams will face new challenges this Saturday at 4 p.m. when they participate in their first meet of the year and their first meet in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The meet will take place in the Lantz Field House and will be a non-scoring meet.

The men's team won the Mid-Continent Conference title last year by more than 100 points in the individual events, but according to head coach Tom Akers, the Ohio Valley is a much tougher conference.

"You can tell by the fall workouts," Akers said. "The intensity level of the athletes is up."

Akers believes the team is solid across the board, but that its weakness is being unfamiliar with the conference itself.

"We're still in Division I, but the Ohio Valley Conference is definitely a step ahead of the Mid-Continent in track," Akers said.

According to Akers, the top contenders in the new conference are Middle Tennessee, Southeast Missouri and Eastern Kentucky.

One of the key members returning from last year is Chris Watson, who won the Mid-Continent Conference Outdoor Athlete and Newcomer of 1996.

Other players expected to succeed include Mike McBride in the 800m and 1500m, Justin Weiss in distance, Todd Moroney in the steeple chase, Mike Quinlan in pole vault and Tim Thompson in the high jump.

Akers also expects the hurdle team to do well.

Rigaud, Brandon Minor, Ray Helms and Roland Slama finished first through fourth last year and are expected to be just as strong this year.

"The cross-country team set the tone by winning their conference," Akers said. "Hopefully track can follow."

John Craft, coach of the women's team, is looking forward to see what happens in this meet.

"Not everyone is running," Craft said. "We just want to see where we are before we break for Christmas."

Craft says that the team has been training since September and they're excited to test their conditioning against other schools.

He expects the team to come out strong in throws.

Freshman Keisha Dunlap looks promising, as well as sophomore Chelsey Byers and sophomore Rachel Schwartzkopf.

Craft added that the sprints and long sprints ran good times in trials, and are expected to hold their own in the new conference.

Craft also thinks the distance runners are strong, especially coming out of a nice finish in conference.

"They're ready to run," Craft said. "They all ran so well in cross-country."

Junior high jumper Dee Walters is recovering from a car accident, and is just beginning to train again. That leaves the success of this event on the shoulders of senior Jennie Hannah and some of the new freshmen.

"Overall, it looks like we'll have a pretty good year," Craft said. "At the meet we'll find out our strengths and weaknesses."



Tom Akers

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Fate of the Miser

“A Christmas Carol,” the traditional tale of the greedy Ebenezer Scrooge, returns to Eastern like Jacob Marley from his agonizing, chained hell. But Charles Dickens’ story is far from dead.

by **chuck burke**
Staff writer

“A Christmas Carol” is anything but a ghost of Eastern’s Christmas past, present and future.

Eastern’s University Theater has made its stage adaptation of Charles Dickens’ tale a traditional staple of the holiday season. This year’s production will play through the weekend at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Run and acted by students and some members from the surrounding community, “A Christmas Carol” is in its fourth consecutive year under the direction of Jerry Eisenhour, associate professor of theater arts.

For those who have never left the caves in which they were born, “A Christmas Carol” depicts the story of the unfeeling, embittered miser Ebenezer Scrooge and his refusal to partake in the widespread joy of the Christian holiday.

On a particular Christmas Eve in 19th century London, three ghosts take Scrooge on ethereal journeys to different times in his past, present and future. And, at the risk of ruining the ending, Scrooge realizes the folly of his greedy ways in time for Christmas morning and redeems himself.

Bringing his own adaptation of the story to the stage is Eisenhour, a 12-year theater faculty member. He condenses “A Christmas Carol” into a one-hour 15-

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Alonso Balderas portrays the moaning, chain-rattling Jacob Marley in the University Theater’s adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic “A Christmas Carol” this weekend in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

So she says



by donna cuisia

It's that time of the year again - holiday time. And naturally, the holidays seem to bring back memories of childhood wishes, experiences and, of course, letters to Santa Claus.

Remember when young girls would wish for Santa Claus to bring them the Barbie Doll Dream House or the Barbie Doll Corvette? Remember when a Barbie Doll was simply a toy that amused young girls fantasizing about becoming adults? Remember when Barbie's dream man, Ken, had plastic hair?

Barbie Dolls have been a symbol of pop culture since its invention in 1959. Since then the Barbie Dolls have evolved and adapted to the changing society.

Although Barbie Dolls are still loved around the world by little girls, these 11 and a half-inch dolls are not just for children anymore.

And with the 21st century right around the corner, technology has inevitably taken its toll on Barbie and her friends. Prime example: Ken no longer has the plastic coiffure of the past - now he has nylon hair just like Barbie.

The Plastic Princess Page is a website dedicated to Barbie Doll collectors. It is "The Online Zine for Adult Fashion Doll Collectors," and it offers listings for the latest thematic Barbie Dolls, as well as the clothing that's available for Barbie, Ken, Skipper, etc.

And what you probably didn't know was that Barbie is not a thrift-store-shopping, bargain-hunting babe; she wears the latest fashions designed by Bob Mackie and Christian Dior.

But it can't stop there. The latest wave of technology has introduced Barbie to the world of computers, cyberspace and virtual reality.

According to the Dec. 2 issue of People Magazine, Barbie Dolls will be coming to CD-ROM. But there is more fun to this up-and-coming program than people

might think.

The big deal is that through this program, children (or adults) will be able to design doll-size outfits on their computers and print them out in color on cloth, according to the People article.

Who came up with such a great idea? No, it wasn't Microsoft Windows' Bill Gates. Instead, 8-year-old Barbie Doll fan E.J. Rifkin has helped Barbie make her "cyber-debut."

Rifkin used to trace her computer-drawn Barbie designs from printer paper onto cloth before she asked her father why she couldn't print directly onto fabric. Andy, who was then a software vice president, got to work, created the CD-ROM and eventually took it to Mattel, the People story stated.

Well, Barbie Dolls always seemed to symbolize happy endings, right? Wrong!

Poor Barbie, however, still holds her bad reputation for being "The Plastic Princess," with a figure women long for and an unlimited supply of new clothes and fancy cars. Having to live with a title like "Plastic Princess" is bad enough, but Barbie has been made into a mockery.

Christian's and Scott's Interactive Top 10 List on the worldwide web has created the "Top 10 Rejected Barbie Doll Themes." I won't bore you with the whole list because some of the themes are extremely dumb, although I guess that's why they got rejected.

But in case you're out shopping for young girls in the family this holiday season, please watch what you buy. If the box says "Barbie and Butthead," "Medical School Cadaver Barbie" or "Puberty Barbie (with pimple cream and tampons)," put it back on the shelf and move to the next aisle.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The holiday season will prove to be an opportune time for you to mend past discrepancies with acquaintances, for you never know when you may cross paths with a murder-for-hire axe-wielding Santa that will instantaneously end your pathetic, little life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Boy, do we feel sorry for you. Especially the Christmas babies - you guys really get the shaft with that kill-two-birds-with-one-stone combination birthday/Christmas present deal. Stop your crying and stand up for yourself, you wussy!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19): This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius... age of Aquarius... Aquarius... Aquarius... Aquariusuuuuuuuu.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You may wake up on Christmas morning only to find your happiness extinguished when you realize that your dog passed away in his ill-fated attempt to make it with Blitzen.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): When dealing with the ones you love during this festive season, our advice is - DON'T. The only reason they associate with you is because they want things.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This month you may encounter shady characters. Make many deals with them... often. They may land you big-time bucks for choice holiday spending.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): The slopes are slick this month. When sledding or skiing, wear a helmet. If you do not heed our warning, you may spend Christmas in intensive care, having egg nog intravenously fed to you while sipping fruitcake through a straw.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Oh my God, this will be the best Christmas ever! You won't even believe how fun it is! It will make you want to un-swallow all over yourself. Just make sure that you're lying on your stomach.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): When sculpting ice, as you usually do for every Christmas party, make certain not to release from his icy sleep, Krag the Paleolithic man. He is damn cold and has a chip on his shoulder.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): This Christmas the moon is in Mars, which means absolutely nothing for you. But remember that big wheel you wanted when you were 6 years old? And the Play-Doh fun factory? Well, you'll finally get them this year. Yay for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Under the tree this year you will find a brand new box of crayons - a replacement from when you were 5 years old and the girl who lived down the street was jealous that YOU AND JOEY WERE COLORING AND DIDN'T INVITE HER! WE WERE JUST MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS, WHEN OUT OF NOWHERE, SHE AMBUSHED OUR PLAY TIME AND BROKE ALL MY CRAYONS... bitch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): When you are at the Cross County Mall, sitting on Santa's lap for a picture, and he offers to show you his yule log - decline! No one really needs to know why he's called Jolly Old Saint Nick.

*The validity of these horoscopes should not be questioned. Jill Jedowski, junior journalism major, and Derek Glascock, junior psychology major, are licensed astrologers pending the arrival of their diplomas from Sally Strothers' Home Correspondence Course.

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Top 10 most "creative" Christmas displays in town

by **Jill Jedlowski**
Verge editor

Driving around Charleston earlier this week, my friends and I couldn't help but notice the peculiar lights adorning many festive homes.

Some gave me that happy, yippee-it's-Christmas feeling. However, other homes had me crippled with laughter.

I mean no malice to the owners of the following homes - I commend you for taking the time to decorate and spread the holiday spirit (as opposed to the residents of 14th Street!). Remember, the holidays are times to turn the other cheek. Just keep in mind that no matter what The Verge says about your Christmas decor - it's all in good humor.

10. North of Seventh and Buchanan - Don't drive past this white house at speeds over 5 miles per hour because you may miss the decorations.

You're driving, you're thinking, "A house ... another house ... another house ... wait! I think I see something. Indeed I do!" Even though the house itself doesn't have lights, the bushes that line the front of the house do.

You may think, "Wow, these shrubs are extravagantly decorated with two strands of lights - one white and one blue. And the lights dress the bushes in such an abstract, artistic manner, just flung over them like that." Then you get really excited when you realize that

there's THREE strands of lights (the third incognito blue strand catches your eye because it's blinking while the others aren't). What a treat.

9. North of 10th and Taylor - These people must have been all hopped up on caffeine when they pulled out the box of Christmas decorations from the attic. We found ourselves speeding away from this house like madmen - it made us very nervous and jittery with its trippy lights and scary glowing balls draped about the front porch.

8. 12th and Buchanan (near Russ & Lynda's) - Next door to the pueblo on 12th Street you'll see Charleston's guinea-pig house, testing the newest in frugal Christmas security - such an abundance of man-made spray frost that you can't possibly see into the house. (The downside is that from inside you can't tell day from night.)

7. South of Sixth and Taylor - On the right side of the street, hanging out on the porch, (I hear he's quite the swinger), is a huge inflatable Santa. Cool, man.

6. North of Sixth and Taylor - Direct your attention to the right side of the road, and you'll be overwhelmed with a holiday feeling. Unfortunately, it's the wrong holiday - cornstalks are for Halloween.

5. Seventh and Harrison - Yes, the question "What were they thinking when they did that?!" crossed my mind, too. But credit must be given where credit is due. The

white lights nicely complement the gigantic green and blue glowing orbs.

4. North of 11th and Harrison - Thumbs up to the owners of this house. They've somehow managed to contain the Aurora Borealis in their front yard.

3. South of 10th and Taylor - Frosty the Snowman's illuminated, freakish head right by the doorbell is what greets visitors at this house. Also, the four-story pine tree in front of the house may grab your attention. It's understandable that only the bottom two branches are decorated - "A" for effort.

2. Seventh and Harrison - The huge, two-dimensional, wooden Santa accompanied by an even huger, two-dimensional, wooden Christmas tree pale in comparison to the other decorations on this house's front porch. Namely, the battalion of penguins ironically bundled in winter clothes. Those little guys are definite show-stealers.

1. On Seventh across from the "Slow Children Playing" sign - "I don't get it" may be your first thought when you pass this house's front yard. Don't give up so easily. Stare for another minute or so, and you'll distinguish three deer made of twigs, covered with lights and wearing glittery, feminine scarves. Along with this house being number one on my list, this decoration also warranted our quote of the day: "It's like the nativity scene re-enacted by weedy deer."

Tupac Shakur's album leaves much to be desired

by **Keith Gawia**
Staff writer

To judge the extent of an artist's popularity, one can easily look at their success after they have passed away - especially if they died before their time.

Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon and Kurt Cobain, to name a few, have had enormous success in their posthumous career.

Just a little more than a month ago, Tupac Shakur got his chance to join these ranks in the world of hip-hop music.

Within a month of his still unsolved murder, Death Row Records released the first of Shakur's afterlife efforts, *The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory*.

The 7 Day Theory is filled with some of Shakur's worst efforts. In fact, since joining Death Row about a year ago, Shakur has lacked in talent.

The album opens up with a fake news report that leads into the song "Bomb First (my second reply)."

"Bomb First" is a continuation of Shakur's "Hit 'Em Up," the summer smash in which Shakur attacked the likes of Notorious B.I.G. and Mobb Deep. In "Bomb First," Shakur adds Nas and Jay-Z to his hit list.

The album finishes off with the same tone, as Shakur slams the aforementioned once again on "Against All Odds." The final track, although far from classic, is the best of the three previously mentioned songs.

Shakur boasts his usual me-against-the-world attitude and sounds tough but any sort of musical quality is missing.

The only decent song is Shakur's ode to the City of Angels, entitled "To Live and Die in L.A."

The album leaves you wondering two things: Is this the best Shakur had to offer from the grave? Or is this just a small appetizer before the main course is served?

Tupac/Makaveli
The Don Killuminati:
The 7 Day Theory
Death Row ★★ - two stars

A Christmas Carol

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-minute script and introduces a few twists rarely seen among the story's countless interpretations on stage and film.

Multiple actors, for example, usually portray Scrooge in his different stages of life. But Eisenhour cast only one actor, Eastern student Jason Arnold, who provides an energetic, believable version of the sardonic Scrooge.

The only exception is nine-year-old Chris Hartley, who plays Scrooge as a young boy in one scene. Hartley also plays the limping Tiny Tim, naturally capturing the boy's innocence.

Another unique twist in Eisenhour's interpretation is the character who narrates the play, Fred, emphatically played by Mike Papaleo, Fred is Scrooge's ever-optimistic nephew who doggedly attempts to inundate his uncle with the spirit of the season. Traditionally, Fred's character is minor in "A Christmas Carol," but Eisenhour gives him the significant story-telling role.

Arnold in the Scrooge role, however, deftly dictates the direction of the play, as he never leaves the stage from the opening scene in the frugal Scrooge and



Scrooge observes his younger self during a trip to the past in Eastern's production of "A Christmas Carol."

Marley accounting firm.
The play provides foreboding shock value with the dra-

matically hellish entry of Jacob Marley's ghost, convincingly played by Eastern student Alonso Balderas. Marley's ghost, weighed down by rattling chains, warns Scrooge of the fate of his life's present course and foretells the three ghosts who will visit Scrooge. Balderas fills the ominous role craftily with his booming, throaty roar.

Bearing the wrath of Scrooge's heartlessness is Bob Cratchit, his timid, underpaid clerk, played by Tony Cosenza.

The stage takes advantage of the audience's entire range of view, from the rustic street lamps flanking the stage up front to the tall, wood-stained platforms in the back. The well-constructed setup allows the actors several focal points on the stage at different height levels to put forth the appropriate aesthetic mood.

The nearly invisible stage crew works quickly between scenes, keeping the play flowing with hardly any hesitation.

Preparation for the play last weekend was hindered when Eastern student Tracy Phelps, the actor playing Mrs. Cratchit, broke her leg in a car accident. Eastern student Emilie Wood took the role with only a few days to prepare for the play's opening night on Wednesday.

"A Christmas Carol" will be presented at 7 p.m. tonight, Saturday and Sunday on the main stage at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Also, a 2 p.m. matinee will be performed on Sunday. Tickets run at \$3.50 for students, children and senior citizens. Adult tickets cost \$6.



CONCERT CALENDAR

Who	When	Where	Price	Phone
Reverend Robert Blues Band	9:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6	The Uptowner	\$2	345-4622
Sunny Hodies	10 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6	Blind Pig	\$6	(217) 351-7476
Wescott, Epperson & Co.	9:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6	Marty's	Free	345-2171
Peter & Gloria	5 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6	City of New Orleans	Free	(217) 359-2489
The Apes	9:30 p.m. Fri. Dec. 6	City of New Orleans	\$3	(217) 359-2489
Citrus	9:30 p.m. Fri. Dec. 6	Mables	\$3	(217) 328-5701
Sugarbuzz	9:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 7	Friends & Co.	Free	345-2380
Tom Erwin	9:30 p.m. Sat. Dec., 7	The Uptowner	\$2	345-4622
The Impallas	9:30 p.m. Sat. Dec. 7	City of New Orleans	\$3	(217) 359-5701
U of I Jazz Ensemble	9:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 9	City of New Orleans	\$2	(217) 359-5701
Jay Coal and the Sublimators	8:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 12	City of New Orleans	\$2	(217) 359-5701
Ginger & Andy	5 p.m. Fri., Dec. 13	City of New Orleans	Free	(217) 359-5701
Mighty Pranksters	9:30 p.m. Fri., 14	City of New Orleans	\$3	(217) 359-5701
My Brothers Keeper	9:30 p.m. Sat., 14	City of New Orleans	\$4	(217) 359-5701

Westcott, Epperson and Company to perform at Marty's this weekend

by **theresa gavlin**
Staff writer

Westcott, Epperson and Company has been performing at Eastern since 1986 and currently is the longest standing music group in the area – and it will be performing to its third generation of students this weekend.

The performance will include songs from the Eagles, Jimmy Buffett, Hootie and the Blowfish, Eric Clapton and the Freddie Jones Band, as well as some of their own material.

Rob Westcott, the assistant dean of Lake Land College and lead guitarist for the band, said he believes their vocal performance is good and is one of the main reasons that they are popular with the college crowd.

"There are lots of groups which perform, but this group has strong vocals and that's what people like about us," Westcott said. "We all sing and harmonize."

The band will begin its three-hour performance at 9:30 p.m. tonight at Marty's, located at 1666 Fourth St. There will be a \$3 cover charge.

Westcott said he enjoys playing for the college students because they are the most enthusiastic and know how to have fun.

Westcott said there is always a lot of audience participation and their performance is also interactive – audience members are able to come on the stage and play instruments with the band members during the show.

Westcott described the band's music as having an "unplugged, vocal, acoustic style," but an electrical sound system is still needed for the number of people who attend the concerts.

"When you play to the number of people we do,

you have to have a sound system," Westcott said.

The band's "regular circuit," or the area where it frequently plays, is the central Illinois area: Champaign, Decatur, Springfield, Mattoon, Effingham and, of course, Charleston, said Eastern student Tom Nevill, one of the percussionists for the band.

"It's a blast, we play almost every weekend," Nevill said. "It's kind of a paid internship."

The band was previously known as Westcott, Epperson and Davis, taking its name from the last names of its three members, Nevill said. Their music at the time consisted of only two acoustic guitars and a singer.

Nevill said after playing acoustic for a while, they were looking for a fresh approach to playing and decided to add somewhat of a rock twist to their music.

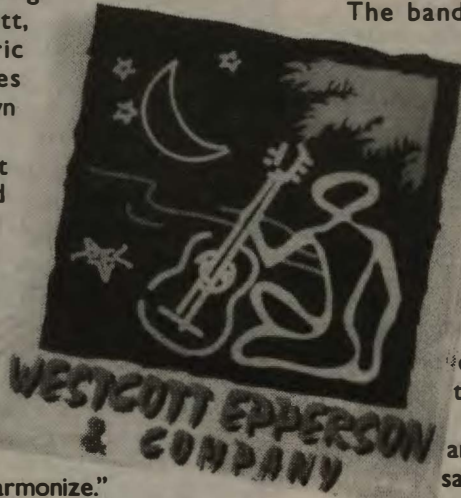
"So now we're more of like an acoustic rock band," Nevill said.

Nevill, a junior music education major with an emphasis in percussion, and Neil Vermillion, a junior percussion major at Eastern, recently joined the band to take over percussion when the previous drummer left the band, Nevill said.

Westcott and Epperson are two of the three original members of the band. Jim Williams, the lead singer, is the fifth and final member.

Westcott and Tom Epperson, the rhythm guitarist who is an industrial arts professor at Mattoon High School, both have jobs in education, but there isn't a conflict between their work and their music.

"I think (Westcott and Epperson) just like to play music," Nevill said. "They make it a big part of their lives."



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Jimmy Buffett's Christmas CD is brimming with holiday "spirits"

by Jill Jedlowski
Verge editor

Complete with coconut trees and rum, Jimmy Buffett's new *Christmas Island* will give you a warm fuzzy feeling inside and out this holiday season.

The album opens with its title track, breezing over you with the relaxing calypso sounds that all parrot heads long for in these bitter winter months.

With tropical verses such as "How'd you like to stay up late like the islanders do? Wait for Santa to sail in with your presents in a canoe," depressing thoughts about the deserted island, Charleston, on which we are all prisoners are enough to make anyone yearn for a getaway.

Traditional holiday songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Up on the Housetop" sprinkle the CD, but with a bit of a reggae twist. Welcomed is Buffett's special touch in "Up on the Housetop," where the first words are, "Hey dude, don't be rude. Christmas is the time for sharing." Complete with "tubular"s and "bitchin"s; this album will be the perfect stocking stuffer for your favorite little surfer.



And would it really be a Buffett album without a mention of a sailor and his "spirits?" The CD's third track, entitled "A Sailor's Christmas," tells of a sailor's life at sea, but also of his desire to spend Christmas docked. The sailor dreams of frolicking in the sand ... while drinking rum (of course).

"Happy Xmas (War is Over)" is the fourth tune on *Christmas Island*. This cover of John Lennon's and Yoko Ono's legendary Christmas song is a bold move by Buffett (or any artist who attempts to simulate a Lennon piece) - but it definitely deems itself a respectable success. It doesn't give you chills like the original does, but then again Buffett would probably prefer

that his CD gave people hot flashes!

Santa's side of the story is told in "Ho Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum." Sure to be the Christmas anthem of most college kids, Buffett explains that St. Nick just wants a taste of the real life - he just wants to relax. He sings that Santa's "got pains in his brain and chimney scars cover his buns. He hates to admit it, but Christmas is more work than fun."

Next, Buffett sings his slow, tropical rendition of the most romantic of all holiday tunes, "I'll be Home for Christmas." Very good mistletoe song.

And just when you think all good things have come to an end, don't stop the CD! Wait about one minute for an extra present from Buffett - his reading of the classic "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Jimmy Buffett
Christmas Island

☆☆☆☆☆
five stars

Top Ten Things You Just Don't Want to Get for Christmas

by Jill Jedlowski
verge editor

10. The Karate Kid trilogy
9. Tang
8. Toenail clippers
7. Toenails
6. Underwear from your grandmother (not hers, SICKO!)
5. Battery acid
4. Jimmy Stewart's dentures as seen in "It's a Wonderful Life"
3. A severed lamb's head (trust me - I know)
2. The Ebola virus
1. Bea Arthur wearing nothing but a big, red bow



Marvel Comics website is super, man

by Derek Glascock
Staff writer

My exciting life is filled with great peril and adventure. In between my anxious waiting for the next "Beavis and Butt-head Do America" promo and my ever-nutritious deep-fried meals at food service, I spend many hours surfing the net at the computer labs (which I might add are not overcrowded and never face the problem of equipment being outdated or obsolete).

And I stumbled across the new Marvel comics web site designed for all you die-hard comics fans. Whether it is Spider Man, the X-MEN, or the Silver Surfer, they are all here.

Along with the initial greeting by Stan "The Man" Lee (if you are unfamiliar with his work, he made a cameo appearance in the movie "Mall Rats"), came a retina-blazing image of your friendly neighborhood Spider Man.

The actual home page is terrifically drawn and displays many bright colors. However, if you are using a lesser version of Netscape, which translates into about 80 percent of the computers at EIU, the time it takes for the page to load is very frustrating.

The page depicts a city scene and offers an image map that allows the visitor to

click on the appropriate building or image that corresponds with his or her desired interest.

From here you can view the current comics that can be found on your newsstand, play games, subscribe, E-mail Marvel or see the upcoming editions.

All of the art is very well done, which can be expected from Stan Lee, and the page offers many things for all levels of comic enthusiasts, ranging from expert to novice.

Just as everything is in life, bad things must always accompany the good.

The page obviously must not be updated that often, because when I wanted to preview the upcoming issues, I was subjected to October's coming releases. Here we are sitting in the beginning of December and the page hasn't been changed since September. This setback must enrage all you faithful X-MEN fans who just can't wait a month to see what happens to Wolverine and company.

After all has been said and done, Marvel Online is a nice escape from the mundane rigors of school and the constant pressures of life. So "silver surf" your way over to <http://www.marvelonline.com> and have a good time with Hulk, Spidey, and the whole Marvel gang.

The Verge review guide

- ☆☆☆☆☆ five stars - totally bitchin'
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CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP Friday night service at 7 p.m. in the Christian Campus House. Everyone welcome.
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NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER Chili supper will be held Sunday night at 9 p.m. in the Coleman Auditorium.
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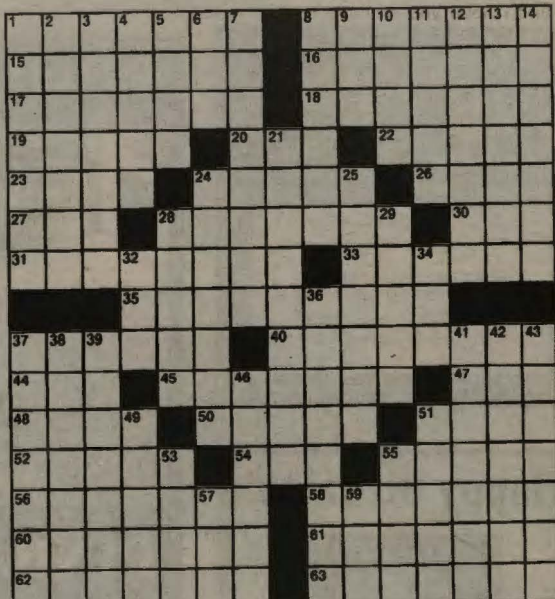
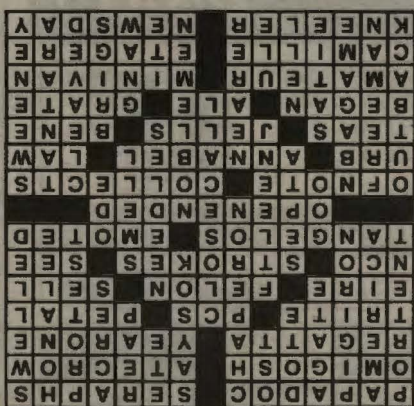
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APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION Application and reapplication for graduation for Spring Semester 1997 must be accomplished no later than the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 1997. The application forms are available in your appropriate Dean's office. - Michael Taylor, Registrar

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DELTA SIG'S: Thanks for the beautiful roses. You're the best! Love Courtney.

COME CHECK OUT CHRONIC ITCH OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK AT DURTY NELLIE'S in Palatine on Saturday Dec. 21 and Holly's Daughter on the South Side of Chicago on Saturday Dec. 28.

DELTA SIGS: Good luck on finals next week! Love Courtney.

CONGRATULATIONS MELISSA AND KATE on going active. Love your Phi-Sig sisters.

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TO ALL OF MY ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA SISTERS: Thank you for being there for me these past four years. It has been an honor to represent ASA. I will miss all of you so much. You will always be in my heart. Ladybug love, Christine

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HAPPY 19TH BIRTHDAY JANA: Hope you get some O.P or Roadhead. Don't worry, leave the rest up to us. Love, Katie & Colleen

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Grease, Grits, and Gravy worth the buy

by patty marcus
Staff writer

With song titles such as "Emily," "Jeanine" and "Cindy Ann," I can't help but wonder when Cletus' Johnny Puke is going to sing a song about me.

Here you go boys: You can call the song "Patty" and sing about the rad review I gave your debut album, Grease, Grits, and Gravy.

The four boys of Cletus are from Charleston - South Carolina, that is - and this album is one that anyone remotely happy should get. Actually, I take that back - buy it anyway. All 12 songs will make you happy.

I can't believe it! Every song on this album is awesome!

If you like punk rock (or even if you don't), this band is sure to make you smile.

In fact, everything about Grease ... is sensational: the lyrics, the instrumental compatibility and especially the exceptional vocals.

Singer Johnny Puke's voice may seem obnoxiously nasal, but it's his own sound and it works.

His tone is about as colorful as that of a cartoon character - it's adorable, inviting and very crush-worthy, boys and girls.

The nasal sound worked for the great Smiths and the unique Smoking Popes, so why wouldn't it work for Cletus?

If you don't care for Puke's voice, you're probably used to the icky, overdone grunting of Eddie Vedder and Gavin Rossdale (I'm sorry if I've offended a good percentage of students).

The lyrics are also a treat, with topics like musical politics, girls, drug use, girls, cynicism and girls.

Just to let everyone know, Scott Price plays the drums, Kevin Lewey plays the guitar and Ben Hammock plays his little bass.

As far as the music itself (and the band's entire style), I think that there is an obvious strong influence from The Queers.

I know I'll get harped on for saying that (even by Cletus), but I am more impressed by this album than by any album put out by The Queers (which were all pretty good).

Johann's Face Records has helped put out another dandy album by yet another charming band this year.

For more information on this band and other bands under the same label, Johann's Face Record Co.'s e-mail address is JohanFace@aol.com.

Cletus
Grease, Grits, and Gravy
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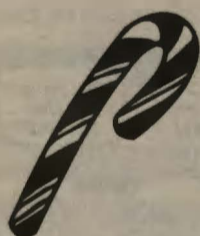
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