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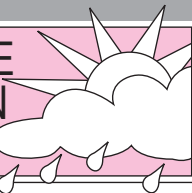
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Cubs fall to Pirates



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IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Dinah blow your horn

Tom Birkner, a music teacher from Belleville West High School at Belleville, orders students to start playing on Tuesday afternoon during a practice session for the concert on Saturday of Eastern's jazz camp at the Fine Arts Center. The concert will be on 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at Dvorak Concert Hall.

First Lincoln Festival to feature spirit, history

By **PHYLLIS KARPUS**
Staff writer

Groups and organizations wishing to have a booth at the first Abraham Lincoln Festival held in Charleston on September 28 need to contact organizers as soon as possible.

The Lincoln Festival will be a day of celebrating old-time community spirit with emphasis on Lincoln history. The day will feature a walking parade, games, music, contests, demonstrations, booths and Lincoln presenters will highlight the festivities around the Charleston Square.

Sherry Walker, co-chairwoman of the event, said the festival is a spin-off to the re-enactments of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, which were held in Coles County in the past including last year at the Coles County Fairgrounds in Charleston.

The focus of the event is to preserve and extend the knowledge of Lincoln's life and times.

"We want the celebration to be informative, educational and entertaining," said Vicki Woodard, historic liaison for the festival. "Our goal is to show that history does not have to be boring, and

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**-Vicki Woodard,
historic liaison, Lincoln Festival**

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The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with a walking parade in downtown Charleston. Woodard said the theme of the parade is taken from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: "It is a parade 'Of the people, by the people, for the people.'"

"We want every child in Charleston to feel the excitement of being in a parade," Walker said. "They can decorate their bikes with crepe paper and playing cards like kids did in the past, or walk their dogs, or just walk."

Walker said they are planning a little Abe and Mary look-alike contest. "We'd love to see lots of little Abes and Marys parading around Charleston," she said.

A Civil War military camp-in

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City Council one step further in abolition of last liquor license

By **MISSA BECK**
City editor

The Charleston City Council voted Tuesday to pass a contingency regarding the fate of the only remaining class C liquor license for Charleston bars.

One Charleston resident, Denis Wilhoit, has expressed interest in attaining the remaining liquor license.

Attorney Greg Bonelli, representing Wilhoit, has filed the appeal with the Springfield Liquor Commission regarding Wilhoit's application for the license.

Bonelli has scheduled a hearing for Mayor

Cougill to present his side for amending the ordinance.

The Council discussed on July 2 changing the seven class C licenses to six, and along with six class A licenses. Currently, there are 12 total drinking establishments in Charleston satisfying tavern owners' tastes for business competition.

In other business, the council voted to layover and amend an ordinance concerning toy vehicles such as skateboards and roller blades which are not to be allowed in front of businesses and public buildings particularly on the Charleston square.

There are already signs prohibiting bicycles on the

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Eastern's female population is on the rise with national trends

By **JEFF KELLY**
Staff writer

All college men who say they can't find a date on campus are out of an excuse.

The fall 1995 student population of Eastern was roughly 58 percent female, which coincides with national statistics that show record numbers of women attending and graduating from colleges.

This overpowering percentage,

taken from statistics at Eastern's Planning and Public Affairs Office, is nothing new to Eastern, or almost anywhere for that matter.

Women accounted for 54 percent of all college degrees conferred in 1992, according to a study done in *American Demographics* magazine in May 1994. Eastern would seem to be about average in this category, traditionally having a larger female population.

Looking back throughout history, there have been some years when men at Eastern seemed downright scarce.

In the fall quarter of 1943 the *Eastern News* reported that "total enrollment at Eastern dropped to an unexpected low of 281 students this fall as compared with 615 last year." Of this total, *The Eastern News* stated that "only 44 are men."

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Trustees approve budget

Jorns also issued raise

By **DENISE RENFRO**
Campus editor

Eastern's Board of Trustees Monday approved a fiscal year 1998 budget request which would allow for a 9.4 percent increase in the operating budget.

The budget would provide more than \$5.7 million for academic program enhancements, equipment purchases, deferred maintenance and faculty and staff salary increases. The total operating budget, with the raise, would be more than \$66 million.

"I feel the budget passed is a realistic budget for Eastern - it addresses needs that we have in operating budgets and in capital projects," said Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president.

"I'm really pleased the board adopted the budget as presented," Nilsen said. "That budget will be sent to the Board of Higher Education and then the general assembly."

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Three Tuscola men charged in January courthouse arson

TUSCOLA (AP) - Three young men were charged Tuesday with the arson fire last January at the Douglas County Courthouse.

Sheriff John Chambers said a tip led investigators to the suspects and that a fourth person is being questioned.

Two of the suspects are brothers - Howard Wilson, 21, and Robert Wilson, 18. The third suspect is a 17-year-old juvenile.

They were charged with burglary, arson, criminal damage to property, possession of incendiary devices and criminal damage to state property, according to Assistant State's Attorney Darrell Price. Wilson was already serving a sentence in Champaign County on a domestic battery charge,

Price said.

Investigators believe the suspects threw fire-bombs through the state's attorney's window in an attempt to destroy evidence against them in a previous crime.

The fire caused more than \$100,000 in damage, Price said. The state's attorney's office was gutted and adjoining rooms were blackened by smoke, he said. Prosecutors have moved back into the office, which has since been renovated, he said.



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and demonstrations will be located behind the library.

The 33rd Infantry Regiment Band of Bloomington will provide period music. The Skiffles, a dulcimer band from Decatur, will also perform during the day.

Woodard said there will be period games like those Lincoln would have played when he was young.

At least nine members of the Association of Lincoln Presenters from Kentucky, Ohio, Kansas and Illinois will give 15 minute presentations, which will represent a different aspect of Lincoln's life.

The presenters will portray Lincoln's ideas on religion, being a lawyer and his passion for politics.

Representative Richard Durbin (D-Springfield) and Al Salvi (R-Wauconda), candidates in the upcoming race for the U.S.

Senate seat, have been invited to debate on the Coles County Courthouse steps.

The candidates are vying for the same seat Lincoln and Douglas were campaigning for during the 1858 debates.

Even if the candidates cannot schedule the debate in time for the festival, Woodard and Walker promise the day will be filled with fun, games and contests for all ages, all interrelated with Lincoln's life.

Walker suggests that men in the community start working on a stove-pipe hat for the tallest stove-pipe hat contest.

The Festival will also feature a pie-eating contest, a pumpkin and gourd painting contest and a miniature log cabin contest. The pumpkins and gourds will be displayed in store windows and will be judged by local artists.

"The miniature log cabins can

be made from ice cream sticks, Lincoln Logs, twigs, anything simple," Walker said. They will be judged by local real estate agents.

Woodard said that since this is the first year for this type of event, "we have no way of knowing how many people to expect. Thousands, we hope."

"We also understand Sept. 28 will be relatively early into the fall semester; however, we hope to get Eastern students and organizations involved. They are such a vital part of our community."

Walker invites any group or organization from the community and Eastern to contact her at 345-8459 if they are interested in setting up a booth at the festival.

Woodard can be reached a 932-5378 for additional information about the event.

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"That budget is just a request that will be recommended to the IBHE," said Jason Anselment, student body president-elect. "It's important for us to request to the IBHE and state legislature numbers that very realistic."

"Consistently in the past the numbers have been sliced down a little (by the IBHE and legislature)," he said.

"We'll try and do the best we can to get our fair share," Anselment said.

"The budget submitted yesterday seems to be very realistic in terms of our needs."

The board also voted to approve a 7 percent raise in President David Jorns salary. His yearly salary will go from \$120,000 to \$128,400. This is the first pay raise Jorns has received since September of 1994.

Anything that has to do with personnel is done in a closed session of the board and any decisions or actions must be done in an open session, Nilsen

said of Jorns' raise.

In other board business:

■ The board reviewed a report regarding inter-collegiate athletics. The report showed the athlete graduation rate to be very similar to the rate for non-athletes.

"One of the things that I remember the questions that were in the report were legitimate, inter-collegiate athletics are important," Anselment said. "The answers were appropriate, it was a very promising report concerning the academic standard our athletes are held to."

■ The board approved naming the tennis courts located south of Weller Hall the "Rex V. Darling Varsity Tennis Courts" in commemoration of former Eastern tennis coach Rex V. Darling.

Darling, who coached from 1945 to 1974, had the longest tenure of any tennis coach in Eastern history and was responsible for the first tennis courts being built on campus.

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Charleston square.

There are already signs prohibiting bicycles on the sidewalks, but after numerous complaints from businesses, the signs may need to be altered.

"That will be too much to put on a sign," said Mayor Dan Cougill. "I am amazed that there needs to be a sign for anything of this nature, common sense should prevail."

The ordinance is on layover so more thorough information and reaction from the community can be considered.

The council also passed a resolution granting \$3,000 to Charleston's tourism funds, including \$1,700 for promotions and advertising for the Abraham Lincoln Festival beginning September 28.

Also council passed a resolution to apply for state and federal grant funds to improve water distribution to the northeast side of town.

Another public hearing, the date is yet to be determined, will be held for concerned community members about the 911 address change for emergency vehicle response.

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This low number was most likely due to the "ever increasing number of men in service," as World War II was going on at that time.

In 1916, the *Normal News* reported that of the 88 seniors that graduated that year, 18 were males, compared with 70 females.

The only time men were more bountiful than women at Eastern was in the late 50s and 60s. The *Eastern State News* reported in the fall of 1955 that 1,193 men had enrolled for classes, while only 718 women were signed up. In fall of 1957, The *Eastern News* reported 1,376 men and 788 women. The September 21, 1958 edition of *The Eastern News* contained an article reading: "The ratio of men to women has improved in favor of women. This year's enrollment, with 813 registered women compared to 1,539 males, has improved from former years when females were outnumbered at least 2:1."

In the following years, the *Eastern News* reported that men repeatedly outnumbered female students in large numbers, until the mid-60s, when women's numbers began rising.

In 1964, the *Daily Eastern News* reported that women were again outnumbered by men 2,621 to 2,038. After this year, the women's student population continued to grow, and began to outnumber the male population at Eastern, and it still does to this day.

What are the reasons for this current trend?

"Not to sound sexist or politically incorrect, but as long as we have a strong College of Elementary Education, I would assume that there will always be a large number of females coming to Eastern," said Frank Hohrengarten, dean of Enrollment Management.

"Since 1986, when Eastern was 53 percent female, the number has risen to the 57 percent that it is this fall," Hohrengarten said. "Over the last 10 years, the average female EIU student population has been 55 percent. This is nothing new."

Hohrengarten said that he thinks Eastern has always had a strong College of Education, and this is a major that seems to interest mostly

females. However, it does seem that women make up a large portion of just about any major at Eastern.

Linda Leal, psychology professor and a member of the Women's Studies Council at Eastern, said that roughly 71 percent of psychology majors at Eastern are female.

"Usually, it seems to be girls that do better in school and get better grades," Leal said. "Out of the 10 or 12 students that are in the psychology honors program, probably 75 to 80 percent of them are women."

Students, although these numbers are not instantly apparent on campus, do sometimes notice that the sexual scales are not completely balanced at Eastern.

"I definitely see more girls around campus than boys," said Kelly Coleen Murrin, a volunteer at the Women's Research Center. "I wouldn't say that it's definitely a good thing, but it shows that women are taking advantage of what is offered to them."

These trends of large numbers of women filling the halls of education doesn't seem to be ending anytime soon, according to an article in the May 1994 issue of *American Demographics*.

The article says that women are earning growing shares of degrees, and may earn 48 percent of doctorates in 2004, compared with 37 percent in 1992. It also states that women's share of professional degrees, such as medicine and law, may slightly grow, from 40 percent to 42 percent.

With the growing number of females in the college population and professional society, are men considering the possibility of becoming an endangered species in the business world?

"I definitely feel threatened," said one undecided Eastern sophomore, who also claimed that he noticed a lot more girls on campus "on warm, sunny days."

"I don't think it will ever come to that (men being outnumbered in the job world)," Leal said. "The figures have kind of remained constant the last decade, and I think it's just a case where women are discovering more opportunities."

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Buzzin'

Joe Jones, equipment operator of Eastern's Grounds Department cuts tree branches that grew too long. Jones is one of the many grounds workers making summer improvements on the campus.

Computer help offered for Web

By LUKE RYAN
Staff writer

Two workshops will be offered this week in Lumpkin Hall to introduce students to the World Wide Web and Microsoft Word.

"We've had a very good response to these workshops," said Joy Rainey of Eastern's Business and Technology Institute. "We have all new labs and software this year."

The World Wide Web demonstration will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Lumpkin Hall computer lab.

The demonstration will cover what types of services are available on the web, recommended equipment and uses for e-mail. Workshop attendants will also have a chance to put their new-found knowledge to use and surf the

net.

The second workshop will be an introduction to Microsoft Word which will take place from 9 to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Basic functions of menus and formatting and editing documents on the world's most popular word processing application will be covered.

The text, "Word for Windows '95" will be used as an additional resource for the workshop.

The registration fee for the World Wide Web workshop is \$25. The price for the Microsoft workshop will be \$135 and will include all materials and a continental breakfast and lunch.

Preregistration is encouraged for both workshops. For registration and information call the Business and Technology Institute at 581-2913.

Dining Service dishes stolen

By MISSA BECK AND DENISE RENFRO
Staff editors

More than \$300 of dishware was stolen from Eastern's Dining Services.

Judy Horn, Dining services director, reported to police that 165 new clear plastic glasses, valued at approximately \$184, and 50 white coffee cups, valued at approximately \$187, were stolen from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Dining Services room, according to a police report.

On July 6, the press box at the girls softball field was reportedly broken into. A Nevco scoreboard control panel and a Dukane microphone amplifier were dam-



aged, a report stated.

On Monday, Arthur Trenholm, of 24 Kickapoo Pl., reported that his Bronco sustained \$300 in damage when three Xs were scratched on the door.

Nathan Marshall, of 1202 Lincoln, reported that his Diamondback mountain bike was stolen from the Sigma Pi House, 956 Sixth St. Loss is estimated at \$440, a police report stated.

On Sunday, Scott Burris, 810 Jackson Ave., also reported that his Diamondback Outlook mountain bike was stolen. The bike was chained to his front porch.

Estimated value is \$300.

Tracey Johnson, of 25 Monroe Ave., was cited for DUI, driving while her license was suspended, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, disobeying a stop sign, improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, a report stated.

Chad Martin, 20, of 208 Seventh St., was arrested for possession of cannabis, from 2.5 grams to 10 grams, according to a report.

Christie Edmonds, of 2219 Ninth St., reported damage to her 1992 Dodge Shadow's paint. A white, dry chemical substance, which was determined to be emission from a fire extinguisher, was sprayed on her car. Damage is reported at \$5,000.

Union to host film depicting East

By MISSA BECK
City editor

Union members will be hosting a movie presentation at 7 p.m. tonight in Room 17 of Lumpkin Hall.

The movie, "Death of a Nation," depicts Indonesia's invasion of the Pacific Island of East Timor. It features footage of a November 1991 Santa Cruz massacre of unarmed protesters against Indonesian occupancy and the later deliberate killing of over 200 survivors from the massacre.

The purpose for the United Paperworkers International Union Local 7591 sponsoring the film is because today is the 20th anniversary of Indonesia's annexation of East Timor and members support the protesters because of union ties.

"We have a lot of labor unions abroad that are no different than in Illinois'. You

certainly do not address people's problems by executing them," said Gary Collins, union president. "If fellow orders around the world unite it would be a better place for everybody."

Trailmobile, and owner Edward Wanandi, allegedly had connections to the Indonesian military. After thorough research, union members found Trailmobile was controlled by the Gemala Group, an Indonesian group that supports their armed forces.

"Showing of this movie has no relationship at all with ownership being Indonesian. A few members in the local (union) became aware of the conflict during lockout and were appalled for humanitarian reasons.

"We want to increase public awareness and emphasize this presentation has nothing to do with Trailmobile," said Larry Agan, union media coordinator.



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Faculty deserves considerable salary hike for job well done

It is time for Eastern to pay up.

The lowest paid faculty among sister Illinois universities is up for a new contract.

Eastern's chapter of University Professionals of Illinois is currently in negotiations with Eastern's administration, and a new contract is expected by August 31 – the expiration date of the current contract.

For the first time faculty raises will be decided by the administration.

Editorial

With the elimination of the Board of Governors and adoption of Eastern's own governing board – the Board of Trustees – labor negotiations lie solely in the hands of Eastern.

What is encouraging is the union chapter and Eastern have appeared to be getting along very well, and both are optimistic about a salary increase; however, no terms of the increase percent have been given.

Through 1994-1995, Eastern faculty were lowest among Illinois sister schools at an average of \$36,400 for all teaching ranks.

Northeastern Illinois University averaged \$39,400; Western Illinois University averaged \$42,100; Illinois State University averaged nearly \$10,000 more than Eastern at \$46,000; Northern Illinois University averaged \$44,000; and Illinois State University faculty averaged \$46,000.

Eastern's administration must begin awarding faculty raises higher than the cost of inflation if the school wants to keep its quality faculty.

Recent graduation rates at Eastern are second only to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana – with a faculty salary average of \$57,000.

Eastern also ranks second in the state in freshman retention rate – U of I is ahead of Illinois.

The main reason Eastern continues to churn out quality graduates at a high retention rate is the faculty.

Therefore, the faculty should be rewarded and given an increase of at least 5 percent, which would raise the average to a mere \$38,220 – still lowest among similar Illinois schools.

At a 7 percent increase, faculty would average \$38,948 – an amount that would finally put Eastern near its peers.

With the pay raise in the hands of the administration, there is no reason Eastern faculty should not be compensated for a quality job that produces results second only to U of I.

“today's quote

You get what you pay for.

–Gabriel Biel

On a road leading to Westfield, the setting Monday sun dyed the western sky and corn farms golden. We were heading to the Westfield Gym where the locked-out union workers of Trailmobile, Inc. were voting on the latest proposal.



IBE MASAYUKI
Guest columnist

The vote was to end at 8:00 p.m. But we arrived at the parking lot behind the Gym about 8:20 p.m. I was worrying if there was still something showing the results of the voting, because to take photographs of it for *The Daily Eastern News* was the purpose of our visit.

A man who looked like one of the union workers was coming nearby us from the way of entrance. (I do not know his name, so I would like to call him Mr. X.) I asked, “How is the vote going?” I thought Mr. X said “not good,” but I was not sure, so I asked again.

Instead of answering my question, Mr. X asked me, “Where are you from?” I answered, “*Daily Eastern News*.” Mr. X screamed, “Go back home! It's none of your business!” I did not understand the reason for his orders, and thought something wrong might be happening at the Gym. I started walking toward the entrance of the Gym at the other side to check it out.

Mr. X was screaming the same kind of things, and asked another photographer working for *The Daily Eastern News* where she was from. She explained she was from Charleston to take some photos for *The News*. Yelling again, Mr. X loudly asked which country she came from.

I understood what Mr. X was asking first, and stopped walking. She said, “Japan.” Mr. X asked me, “You too?” I answered yes, then he restarted screaming, “It's none of your business! ... Go back to your country! ... Get out of my country!”

Ignoring these unconstructive suggestions, I headed toward the entrance. Mr. X came right up next to me yelling at us. “Get the hell out of my country,” he screamed.

I looked at him. I did not feel any danger from Mr. X. Instead, I felt that I saw sorrow and pain on his face. As if he understood my thinking, he said, “Don't look at me with such face.”

Getting to the corner of the Gym, I saw some union workers and TV crews near the entrance. Mr. X shouted with a louder voice to the people. I forgot what exactly he said, but the brief was, “Make these 'gooks' get out of my country.”

I remember the reactions of those people. They looked at us with surprise, then looked at Mr. X with pity. Ignoring him, I started taking photos. Some union members apologized to us about Mr. X. One of them told me that the proposal had passed, getting about 70 percent support. When I finished taking photos, Mr. X was gone.

“In the Vietnam War, the U.S. Army taught rookies that Vietnamese were not humans, so it was not homicide to kill them.”

It might be easy to judge him as a stupid racist. If I called the police, this would be considered as a hate crime. Then, Mr. X will be found easily. However, for me, this incident did not look so simple.

The word, gook, which Mr. X used against us is a highly offensive word for discrimination against eastern Asians. This word was, at first, was used against Filipinos during the era of the colonization by the United States.

Later, this was used against Koreans during the Korean War and against Vietnamese during the Vietnam War.

In the Vietnam War, the U.S. Army taught rookies that Vietnamese were not humans but gooks, so it was not homicide to kill them. Mr. X might be one of those victims who were “educated” in such way. For him, there would be no difference between Japanese and Vietnamese – they would all be just gooks. (However, as a Japanese who would not be often considered as a colleague by other Asians because of the former military invasion and the present economical invasion, to be seen as a same Asian would be delightful.)

However, is a racist so careless to declare his biased view in front of the people who know him well, even if it is considered as a hate crime? This kind of discrimination usually exists under the situation with a tacit understanding by the majority, like the former United States, or with laws protecting the biases, like the former South Africa under Apartheid policy.

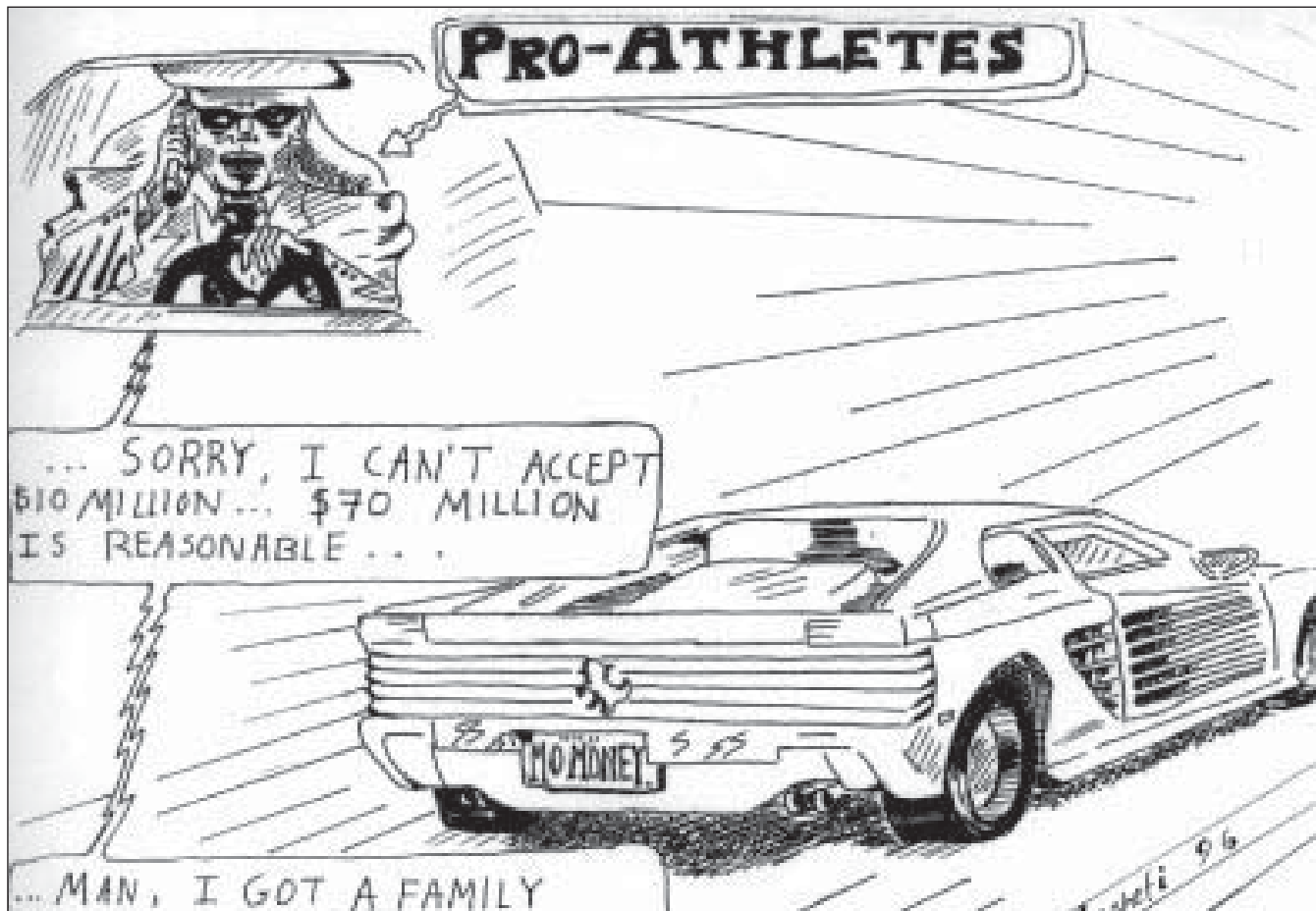
And most of recent racist offenders do not show themselves and hide behind anonymity. Without these circumstances to protect himself, Mr. X shouted, so it looks strange for me.

One of the union members told us that Mr. X was fired by Trailmobile five times, so the company would not call him back even after the end of the lockout. In short, Mr. X would be one of 400 to 500 workers to be laid off.

Mr. X must be opposing the proposal. His first words, “not good,” were referring to this result. He might have been trying to keep us foreigners from the results which would show his dismissal as “the win of the union.” His scream might be a protest against the union which lead to his fate. This is an ironic tragedy that the union, which exists to protect workers, leave workers in the lurch. For him, what did “the win” look like?

But I still do not know if this view is right. The information I have is not enough to judge, so I would like to make this as a letter to him requesting a response, including the reason why he used the word “gook.”

–Ibe Masayuki is a staff photographer and guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.



Centennial books still available

Dear editor:
I would like to remind your readers that the Eastern Illinois University Centennial history book is still available from the Turner Publishing Company, based in Paducah, Ken. Information on ordering the centennial book may be obtained by calling: 1-800-788-3350.

Al Keith
Mattoon resident

your turn

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'Surfers' out to prove they can still kick some 'butt'

By LUKE RYAN
Staff writer

The Butthole Surfers have asserted themselves commercially with their newest release *ElectricLarryLand*. The album is the second major label offering from the Surfers on Capital Records, and upon *Larryland's* release last week the album's first single, "Pepper," rocketed to No. 1 on *Billboard* magazine's modern rock charts.

"Pepper" is the odd-ball on this album of punk- and humor-tinged tunes with its hip-hop drum machine programming and rocking anthem-like chorus where vocalist Gibby Haynes actually seems to take himself seriously. This is a great song and one of the best singles of the summer, but it isn't anything Beck wasn't doing with "Loser" four years ago.

ElectricLarryLand breaks open with the punk-thrash of "Birds" and then chugs into the surf-rock tinted "Cough Syrup" before sliding into "Pepper," the album's high-point.

The Surfers are at their best on the blazingly fun punk tunes "Thermadore," "Ulcer Breakout," "L.A." and the made-for-radio "Ah-Ha," which will most likely be the next single.

Effect-laden experimental tunes are also abound with "Jingle of a Dog's Collar," "The Lord is a Monkey" and "Space," the album's instrumental closer, which is probably as close as the Surfers will ever come to *Dark Side of the Moon*.

Even the forgettable tracks on *ElectricLarryLand*

are musically sound and very entertaining. "TV Star" is a country-like ballad about a man's desire for a TV actress dubiously named "Christina", who figures out he likes "Ellen" better. "My Brother's Wife" leaves Haynes obsessing over his sister-in-law's breasts in the midst of a distortion filled looping sequence, and "Let's Talk About Cars," with its seductive melody and French conversation, would make a great soundtrack for a late-night Cinemax flick.

This is the 13th release for the Butthole Surfers in their 15-year history, and the band, which consists of Haynes, guitarist Paul Leary, and Drummer King Coffey should be assured a good deal of commercial success. Much of this can be attributed to the work of the album's co-producer Steve Thompson, whose past credits include duties with Metallica and Soundgarden.

The Surfers will be performing at Chicago's Aragon Ballroom this Saturday, and can also be seen on *The Late Show with David Letterman* on August 8.

All in all *ElectricLarryLand* is a very good album, exhibiting a wide range of lyrical talent and musicianship without taking any of it too seriously. Definitely check this one out.

This Austin-based trio is finally on the rise, and as with any underground band that finds themselves with MTV success and an over-played single, the Surfers should start packing their bags for the next Lollapalooza tour.

Grade: B+

Garbage is not trash

By MISSA BECK
Staff editor

This Garbage is not trash. The four-member group out of Madison, Wis., is gracing the airwaves with delightfully hearted alternative rock songs like "Only Happy When It Rains," "Vow" and "Stupid Girl."

Lead singer Shirley Mansar, with her angry yet soft voice, has a screaming and seductive tone to it that gives Garbage its main strength.

The sound is retro, metal and rock all meshed into one pounding beat that makes a head want to thrash around and beat on the walls. Especially for women.

What I'm referring to is popping this music in the player and driving off at 80 mph to either rip the boyfriend apart for not calling in the past five days or in desperate need to spend the overdue rent money on a new pink patent leather dress.

"Stupid Girl" is also one of the only alternative songs I have heard a decent dance mix of. So Garbage can fit everybody's taste.

The music speaks of love rebellion and, perhaps, if comparisons are your thing, another Alanis Morissette

in the making — though Mansar does not mention scratching her nails down something in revenge of a lover.



But some lyrics ("What drives you on can drive you mad. A million lies to sell yourself is all you ever had") tell a young woman not to be "stupid" and be yourself with the male gender.

A friend of mine would more than likely label this as hate music, but I feel power when I listen to it — like I want to burn my bra or something. I cannot put a definite label on it, because it can be interpreted differently for each female and male.

Favorite songs that follow the feminine "I'll kick your butt — I only look innocent" theme are "My Lover's Box" and "Supervixen." There's a ton of melodic pieces that just want to make you repeatedly rewind that scene in "Thelma and Louise" when they blow up the gas truck of the perverse, horny trucker. Love it.

Travolta shows his success isn't 'phenomenal'

Former TV star shines as dim-wit turned know-it-all

By MATT ERICKSON
Managing editor

If John Travolta isn't careful, he just might become overexposed. Since "Pulp Fiction," the former Sweathog from TV's "Welcome Back, Kotter" has taken on quite a large number of roles, the latest of which is in "Phenomenon."

And as much as I hate to admit it, Travolta is back, probably for good and better than ever. Overexposed may become a blessing for Travolta-lovers.

"Phenomenon" is a tug-at-your-heart-strings tale about a dim-witted, know-little

country guy who on his birthday is hit with a flash of white light from the midnight sky. And the next thing we know, George Malley (Travolta) is transformed into some kind of genius.

George soon takes to impressing the townsfolk with his newfound intellect, and because he was such a dunce before, the majority of the down-on-the-farm, cider-squeezing country cousins label him the town's resident freak-of-nature.

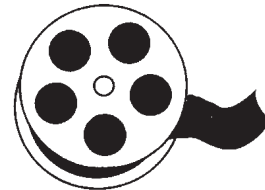
And why not? George had never beaten the town doctor (Robert Duvall doing wonders with his unusually small role) at chess before his lightning-struck birthday; now he can say "checkmate" in nine different languages.

One of those languages is Portugese, which George is forced to learn in 20 minutes so he can communicate with a native Portugan taken ill and the man's son, who is lost in the apple orchard and also deathly sick.

The almost psychic powers George is blessed with eventually scare off his old buddies, who can't figure out why he is such a whiz all of a sudden. Only a select few of George's friends stick around to support him.

One of those is Lace (Kyra Sedgwick), a single mother of two who finally learns to accept George's graces. But what is never fully explained is why Lace takes so long to fall for George. She's stubborn as a mule, and eventually lets Forrest Gump wannabe George into her heart, after he persists most of the movie.

The complications arise when George is stricken with a brain tumor, presumably thanks to his intellect being increased a mil-



lion fold. Lace and her kids have recognized George as a loving hero-type, and dealing with his illness makes up the tear-jerking climax of the movie.

The overriding theme of "Phenomenon" seems to be the fact that an individual with unusual smarts can be treated like a freak by commoners, which is a hard fact to accept.

Throughout the film, you sympathize with George for losing his friends and for being singled out as the town geek/nature freak. But the lesson learned eventually is that people fear most the things they can't explain. George is one of those unexplainable things.

"Phenomenon" may be slightly thin on its plot, and the relationships in it aren't the strongest. But what it lacks in originality and thoughtfulness, Travolta makes up for with his charm and his uncanny knack to portray both the shallow idiot and the intellectually proficient.

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Graf, Sampras pass on Olympic chance

ATLANTA (AP) — The two best tennis players in the world won't be joining the world's best athletes at the Atlanta Olympics.

Three days before the games begin, Steffi Graf and Pete Sampras, two of the main attractions at the games, withdrew. Graf pulled out Tuesday with a knee injury, while Sampras cited a strained right Achilles tendon.

Graf, the No. 1 women's tennis player and a favorite to add a second Olympic gold medal to her ever-increasing collection of titles, has been bothered by a tender knee for weeks.

"It actually happened prior to Wimbledon," Graf said. "I was practicing on a grass court and I was aggravating the knee by one strange movement. Since then, I've been trying all different medications, treatments, and it worked for a while. But I guess it's time to take a break and give it a rest to let it

heal up."

Despite the pain, Graf won Wimbledon, her second major championship this year, the 20th of her career and her 100th tournament title. In June, she won the French Open.

The Olympics were next on her list, and she was a heavy favorite in a strong field that also includes Monica Seles and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Graf previously won the Olympic gold in 1988 at Seoul, and she took the tennis exhibition tournament at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Four years ago, Graf won silver, losing the final at Barcelona to Jennifer Capriati.

Sampras has had a difficult year. His coach, Tim Gullikson, died of cancer on May 3. Sampras has not won a major tournament this year and had his string of titles at Wimbledon ended at three by Richard Krajicek earlier this month.

Drug testing is all part of centennial Olympics

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — The Olympic Games require unmatched skill, rigorous training, unsurpassed dedication and hours of work without pay.

And that's just for the folks who make sure the urine gets in the cup.

"It's such a precise process," said Dr. Bernard Griesemer, a Springfield pediatrician who is one of 40 doping crew chiefs in Atlanta for the Games. "You don't scratch on the forms. You don't drip."

Griesemer's duty as a crew

chief is to make sure there's no violation in the integrity of the doping control process.

Working with him will be 80 other medical personnel and trained staff who interview the athletes, fill out extensive paperwork and ensure urine samples are sealed and untainted when they are given to a courier to be taken to the lab. They have nothing to do with getting results, "and don't want to," Griesemer said.

The process is long and tedious, but essential, he said.



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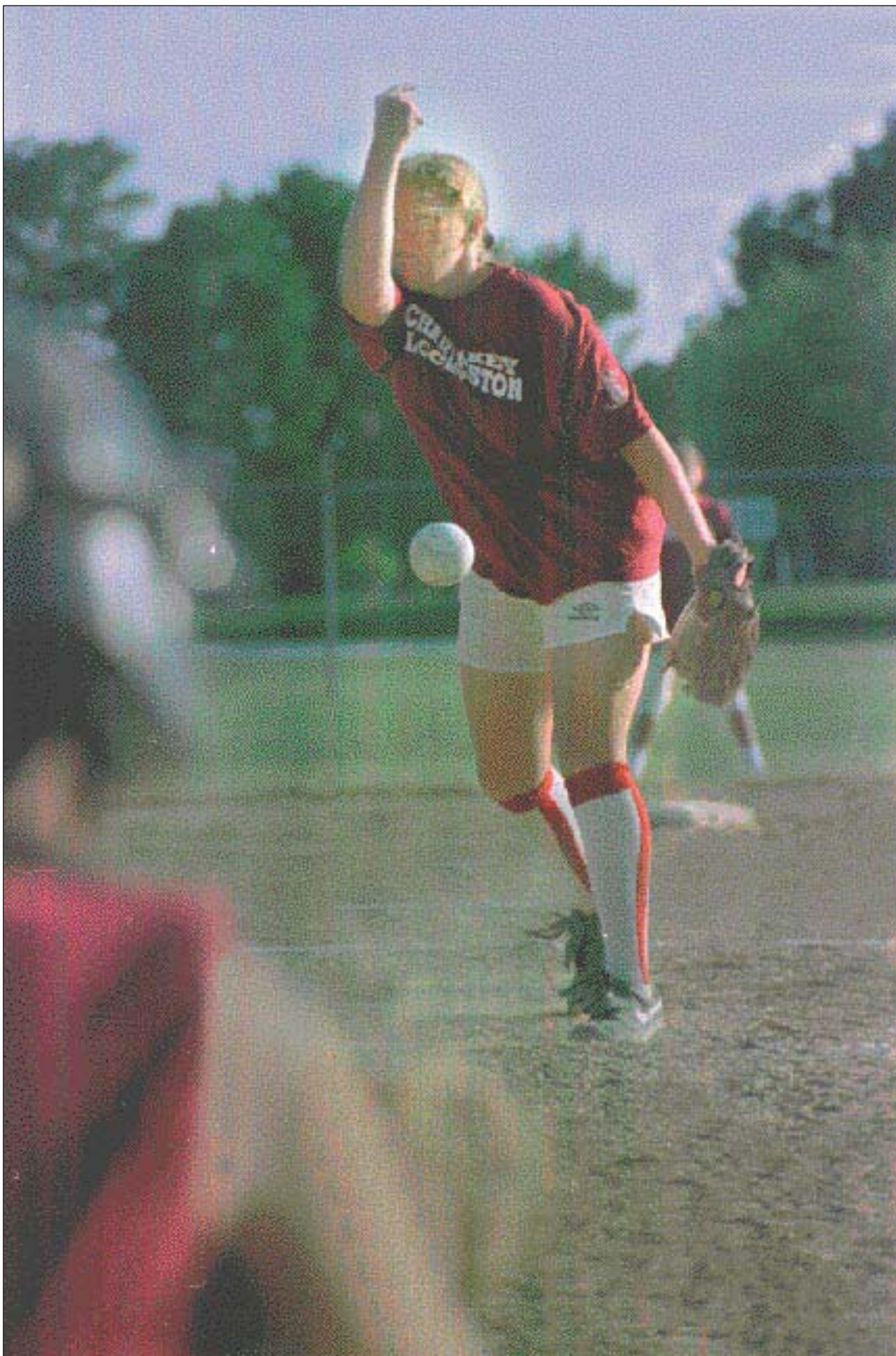
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Sports



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One, two, three strikes, yer out!

Jessica Clark, a freshman from Charleston High School, throws a softball aiming for another strikeout on Monday afternoon during the fourth inning of a game at the softball field in the Charleston Senior League.

Irvin pleads no contest in trial 800 hours community service among punishments

DALLAS (AP) – The judge delivered a stern warning to Michael Irvin: One misdeed over the next four years and the Dallas Cowboys star could be looking at 20 years in prison.

State District Judge Manny Alvarez sentenced Irvin to four years deferred adjudication, a \$10,000 fine and 800 hours of community service Tuesday, a day after Irvin's no-contest plea to a felony cocaine possession charge.

Irvin struck the deal with prosecutors as his trial entered its fourth week with testimony from a topless dancer about drug and sex parties involving the wide receiver.

Alvarez said he had heard enough evidence to find Irvin guilty on the cocaine charge and warned of stiff punishment if he gets into further trouble.

"If you come back before me ... I will find you guilty of this offense and you're looking at 20 years in the penitentiary," Alvarez told Irvin.

Asked if he understood, Irvin replied, "Yes, sir." Irvin appeared subdued at the hearing and left carrying his one of his daughters. His wife, Sandi, and two young daughters, Miesha, 6, and Chelsea, 8 months, were with him in court for the first time during the

trial.

Later, at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters, Irvin apologized to his family and the team's fans.

"There's no getting around it," he said. "I was wrong. I was wrong. I'd like to apologize to my family. I shall work on being a better father. I shall work on being a better husband."

Irvin declined to answer questions from reporters and said he was going to Miami to spend time with his family rather than reporting to the Cowboys' training camp, which begins Wednesday in Austin.

The judge ordered Irvin to spend about seven 40-hour weeks performing such chores as roadside trash pickup or serving meals at an AIDS hospice.

"I didn't want this probation viewed as a cakewalk," Alvarez told reporters after the sentencing. "It's not going to be fun for him. He needs to get out there and be treated like any other probationer, and if that means painting a house, or picking up trash at the zoo or working at the recycling center ... then that's where he starts."

Dallas sports talk shows have been jammed with callers complaining that Irvin got off easy because of his stature as a sports star.

King and Neagle knock out Cubs

Chicago's Sosa hits 30th homer in 10-5 pounding

CHICAGO (AP) – Jeff King hit a three-run home run and Mark Johnson had a two-run homer Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Chicago Cubs 10-5 to end a four-game losing streak.

Denny Neagle (11-4) won his third consecutive start, his third three-game winning streak of the season. He allowed four hits and walked two over six innings, striking out five.

King gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead in the first inning with his 22nd homer, but Chicago's Sammy Sosa countered with another three-run homer in the bottom of the inning, raising his National League-leading total to 30.

Al Martin hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the second to make it 4-3 and Johnson homered in the fifth to make it 6-3. King had a sacrifice fly in the sixth and

Orlando Merced added a two-run double.

Cubs starter Jaime Navarro (7-9) allowed up nine hits and six runs over five innings. Chicago is 2-4 since the All-Star break.

Chicago scored two runs in the seventh on Nelson Liriano's pinch-hit double and Brian McRae's sacrifice fly.

Notes: Sosa has three 30-homer seasons in four years with the Cubs. ... Chicago's Ryne Sandberg did not play. He is listed as day-to-day after being hit by a pitch on the inside of the right knee Monday night. ... In 14 games since June 30, Pittsburgh's starting pitchers are 4-9. Neagle has three of those victories. ...

Pirates catcher Keith Osik, who fractured his right hand Monday night, was placed on the 15-day disabled list and is expected to be sidelined four to six weeks. ... King's previous home run-high was 18, set last year. His 22 homers are the most by a Pirates player since Barry Bonds hit 34 in 1992.

Atlanta signs shot blocking Mutombo

ATLANTA (AP) – Suddenly, the Atlanta Hawks are a power team.

A team that entered training camp last year without a 7-footer now has the league's top shot-blocker in 7-2 Dikembe Mutombo.

"We have become one of the biggest teams in the NBA," general manager Pete Babcock said Tuesday. "What was our weakness at the end of the season has now become one of our strengths."

There is also 6-11 forward Christian Laettner and a project player in 7-4, 339-pound Priest Lauderdale.

The Hawks went for size by all available routes: trade, draft and free agency.

They started by getting Laettner and 6-10 Sean Rooks from Minnesota in a February trade for

center Andrew Lang and point guard Spud Webb.

Then last month they drafted Lauderdale, who will need considerable work. They finished the job Monday by signing free agent Mutombo to a five-year contract estimated at \$56 million.

In Mutombo, the Hawks have their first premier shot-blocker at center since Tree Rollins left in 1988. But Rollins averaged only 6.9 points a game, well below Mutombo's five-year career average of 12.9.

Mutombo led the NBA in blocks (4.9 a game) and was third in rebounding (11.8) while with Denver last season. He averaged 11.7 points but his offense suffered because of a system that emphasized scoring from the forwards and guards.

Bears sign top pick

Defensive back Harris inks 5-year pact

LAKE FOREST (AP) – Defensive back Walt Harris, the Chicago Bears' first-round draft pick, signed a five-year contract Thursday for a reported \$6.1 million, a deal that includes a \$2.5 million signing bonus.

The former Mississippi State star started 38 games for the Bulldogs, setting a school interception record with 17.

"I'm looking forward to moving up to another level, knowing I'll be up against the best. In college, there were never more than one or two top receivers you had to worry about," Harris said during a news conference to announce the signing.

Having participated in two mini-camps, Harris said it should not be a difficult transition to the NFL.

Last year's top pick, Rashaan Salaam, held out deep into training camp and was far behind when he finally settled and reported. Salaam told Harris how difficult it would be if he held out.

"I just feel kind of calm now getting ready to go to training camp next week," Harris said. "It's a good feeling because I want to get off on the right foot."

Harris will compete with Jeremy Lincoln, Kevin Minifiefield and James Burton for playing time on the corner opposite Donnell Woolford.