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NAOKO KOJIMA/Staff photographer

Gov. Jim Edgar addresses participants in this year's Boys State convention Wednesday night in Lantz Gymnasium. Edgar, an Eastern alumnus, spoke to a crowd of about 900 on the importance of active participation in the democratic political process.

Edgar urges involvement in politics

By DION CASSATA
Staff writer

Gov. Jim Edgar said participation in national and local politics by average citizens is of the utmost importance to a healthy American government.

"To make a democracy work, it takes millions to be involved in the political process," Edgar told more than 900 high school boys attending this year's American Legion Boys State convention. "It's essential that you be involved if our system is going to continue.

"I am delighted to welcome you to my home town, and I hope you will come away from this week with a better appreciation of politics," Edgar said in his speech Wednesday in Lantz Gymnasium.

"It's important that you spend some time helping your community," Edgar advised the young men. "You are the cream of the crop, that's why you are at Boys State."

Edgar urged the young men not to become jaded towards American politics.

He explained that because of several factors, including entertainment and modern media, "it can be very easy to concentrate on the negative (of politics) - this is a mistake."

"There never will be a perfect government," Edgar said. "There will never be perfect people in government, but most people in politics are good

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New College may house services

Counseling Center, Testing Services, others face consolidation

By DENISE RENFRO
Campus editor

Recommendations have been made to consolidate several student services into functions of a new University College.

The Taskforce on Lower Division Student Academic Services released a recommendation that would consolidate the Academic Support Center, Academic Assistance Center, Freshman Seminar, Counseling Center, Testing Services, and Disabilities Services into one administrative structure - the University College.

The services would all become components of the University College and would be located in one area or within near proximity.

"We're looking for available space," said Charles Evans, taskforce chairman.

"What is envisioned is a unit in which all lower-division students would be enrolled and advised until they achieved admission to one of the degree granting colleges," the taskforce's recommendation stated.

The taskforce makes their recommendations to Terry Weidner, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Bud Sanders, former director of the counseling center, said the consolidation of the services downgrades several areas.

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Rape suspect sought

Man wanted in connection with another incident

By DENISE RENFRO
Campus editor

A Chicago man, currently facing a warrant, is being sought in connection with a second incident involving sexual assault, according to a police report.

Police are continuing to search for the suspect involved in the May 31 incident where a woman was sexually assaulted in her home.

According to police records, as of June 5 there was a warrant out for the arrest of Shavun Hawkins, from Chicago, who may be connected with the crime.

"(Hawkins) is charged right now with sexual assault at the place where the party occurred, and for a second incident, he's being charged with residential burglary and

attempted sexual assault," said Steve Furguson, Coles county states attorney.

"The incidents happened on the same day," Furguson said.

The incident allegedly involving Hawkins occurred on the 1500 block of Fourth Street, a police reports said.

Police speculate that Hawkins attended a party at the residence and then may have remained there to later sexually assault a woman.

A second, separate incident occurred on May 30 on the 1200 block of Second Street.

The suspect for the May 30 incident is described as a white male in his mid-30s, 5 feet 7 inches tall weighing 170 pounds.

Police believe the man entered the victim's residence through a ground floor window.

Police have no leads to this incident.

Detective Lt. Ken Belleau said the Charleston police are continuing to look for the same suspects in both incidents.

Judge rules state tuition waivers must be opened to public record

By ROB STROUD
Staff writer

Circuit Court Judge John Madden has ruled that the state must open the records of tuition waivers given to students by Illinois lawmakers.

However, those records are not available because of the 10 day appeal process being carried out by the Illinois State Board of Education.

When *The Daily Eastern News* asked for the records pertaining to the university, Dave Curry, a representative for the board's office, said "(the board's) position is that (the records of tuition waivers) is not public information."

Curry explained the refusal by saying that the state was in the process of filing an appeal to the ruling.

Shelly Flock, Eastern's director of public information, said the university is waiting on the ruling and action of the board before doing anything.

"I don't know that the university has any obligation to give that information," Flock said. "The Department of Education will be releasing that information."

The Champaign *News-Gazette* received refusals for the disclosure of the information from Southern Illinois University as well as from several other schools. The Associated Press met similar refusals.

These refusals prompted the *Chicago Tribune* to file a suit calling for the full disclosure of the records of the tuition waivers.

Springfield bureau chief for the *News Gazette* Michael Hawthorne was the reporter responsible for obtaining the lists of students from Eastern and Western Illinois University.

However Hawthorne met resistance obtaining the list from Eastern.

"I expected it and didn't get it," Hawthorne said.

According to Hawthorne the court decision is "a ruling that the newspaper welcomes."

The ruling has received a very different reaction from the Illinois Attorney General's office. The attorney general's office in Chicago declined to release a list of Eastern students that had received tuition waivers to *The Daily Eastern News*.

The practice of giving tuition waivers has been

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Gov. Edgar's brother's role in DCFS meetings questioned

CHICAGO (AP) - Gov. Jim Edgar's brother said he was just trying to help a friend with ties to a Colorado youth jail when he attended meetings with state officials deciding whether to remove Illinois children from the facility, a newspaper reported today.

The officials ultimately decided to let the children, and millions of dollars in state contracts, remain at the youth jail, where Illinois investigators had earlier found rampant abuse.

"The only influence I tried to have was to make sure the process moved along," Fred Edgar, an administrator at the Coles County Health Department, told the Chicago Tribune on Wednesday.

But his involvement raised questions about whether he was trying to inappropriately influence a state agency under his younger brother's control.

"Fred Edgar's favor was to be

a sword over the heads of the DCFS people at that meeting," said Tracy Litsey, executive director of Illinois Common Cause, a government watchdog group.

"That's what the appearance would be." Gov. Edgar's press secretary, Mike Lawrence, said no one on the governor's staff was aware of Fred Edgar's involvement. Lawrence said the governor was away on vacation and could not be reached.

In December, investigators from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services recommended that 29 Illinois youths housed at the High Plains Youth Center in Brush, Colo., be removed as quickly as possible.

The team reported that the children were physically and sexually assaulting each other and that they had illegal drugs and homemade weapons, and that staff training was poor.

Shortly after the investigative

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Fred Edgar, Gov. Jim Edgar's brother

team filed its report with DCFS Director Jess McDonald, Fred Edgar phoned McDonald and asked to meet with him about the center, McDonald said Wednesday. McDonald was appointed by Gov. Edgar.

At that meeting, McDonald invited Fred Edgar to a meeting in Chicago between DCFS and officials of Denver-based Rebound Corp., which operates High Plains.

Two weeks ago, Fred Edgar asked McDonald at another meeting when DCFS would begin sending new children to the Colorado center, McDonald said.

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Sanders protested reorganization of the Counseling Center until his retirement on May 31.

"I don't see why it was necessary for the Counseling Center to be downgraded," he said.

"It may not seem like a large thing but what it tells the counselors is that what they do isn't as important as what people in Testing Services or disabilities do," Sanders said. "(This is happening) because I retired, apparently Evans is taking advantage of that," he said.

"It may be the only university Counseling Center in the country that has to report to an academic advisement unit," Sanders said.

Sanders is concerned with the title of his replacement. The title may not be director because of the reorganization of the unit.

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- Bud Sanders former center director

instead of the Counseling Center reporting to a dean now it reports to academic assistance center," he said.

"Just within the last year the person that was coordinator of Disability Services was promoted to director," Sanders said. "But I don't see why the rest of the Counseling Center should be demoted," he said.

Most of the positions will remain the same but, Sanders said, "apparently a couple of those positions are only tempo-

rary.

Sanders said the reorganization would not require new funds except for the proposed new position, coordinator of academic support services, but some of the money is coming from the director of the Counseling Center position.

Members of the Task Force on Lower Division Student Academic Services were appointed on July 31, 1995 by Provost Terry Weidner.

The taskforce consists of 18 people from faculty, administration and campus governing bodies.

One student was appointed to the taskforce, but she resigned before the recommendations were voted on.

Evans could not be reached for further comment. He will return Sunday.

WAIVER

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going on since 1905 when a state law was passed which enabled lawmakers to give two four-year waivers to students from their district.

These tuition waivers have generally been broken down by year or semester to benefit more students.

The News-Gazette discovered abuses of this law in February.

The paper made the discovery when it obtained lists from Eastern and Western Illinois University containing the names of 13,037 students who had received tuition waivers since 1989.

Many students on the list had parents with political connections to the lawmakers who had granted the waivers.

Some students were not even from the district that the lawmakers represented, which violates the waiver policy.

U of I gangs on rise

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) - University of Illinois police worry that gangs are slipping by them by disguising some members as college students.

"A lot are adopting a college cover," said Champaign police Sgt. John Murphy, head of an anti-gang unit. "This gives them a legitimate link to the community. There's probably more using that cover than people realize."

The problem became clear last year when members of Chicago street gangs were found with phony University of Illinois identification cards, operating a drug ring in an off-campus housing complex.

"Any college town is going to have a lot of large apartment complexes," Murphy said. "They can operate without being detected. There's always people coming and going at all



hours."

UI Police Chief O.J. Clark said gang members are either becoming students or trying to pass themselves off as students.

"We do know when we have a large number of gang members on campus," Clark said. "It's usually at a social function, like some of those at the student union."

The Jan. 9 murder near campus of UI student Anthony Neal highlighted the gang problem, Clark said.

"It was apparently a drug deal that went bad," Clark said.

'Date rape pill' maker plans to fight abuse

MIAMI (AP) - The maker of the so-called "date rape pill," the sedative Rohypnol, says it is planning an ad campaign to fight its abuse.

Ten times more powerful than Valium, Rohypnol has been used to incapacitate unsuspecting people, leaving them with no memory of an assault or robbery. It also is used to extend or ease the effects of other drugs.

In cases of "roofie rape," victims who are slipped the drug become dizzy and disoriented, and have trouble moving their arms and legs. Ultimately, they

pass out and have little or no memory of what happens next.

Hoffmann-LaRoche plans to produce radio, television and print public service announcements in English and Spanish, as well as free urine testing capability for law enforcement.

The drug company's ads warn women to be cautious in bars and keep an eye on their drinks. The print ad shows a photograph of a man's hand holding a drink beneath the words "WOMEN BEWARE!" The copy describes the misuse of the drug and mentions the urine test.

EDGAR

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people. They are trying to do the right thing."

Edgar said the United States has "served as a model for the rest of the world" and that a democratic society "is not something that is guaranteed."

In keeping with his promise, Edgar spoke for only about 15 minutes, aware that while he was speaking the Chicago Bulls were playing in Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

Edgar said with a smile "I understand what is going on a little west of here in Seattle, so I will try not to keep you long." This remark was met with vigor-

ous applause.

Edgar concluded his speech by saying, "I hope you continue to be active throughout your life. Don't sit back and complain. Be involved in the process. We expect a lot from you. Please don't disappoint us. Don't disappoint yourselves."

Edgar graduated from Eastern in 1968. He served as secretary of state throughout the 1980s and was elected governor in 1990.

Edgar was the second state leader to speak at the convention this week. Loleta Didrickson, the Illinois State Comptroller spoke June 10.

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Bullseye!

Josh Williams, 10, of Charleston, joins members of the Illinois Tomahawk Throwers Association at the KRD Pow Wow in Mattoon Sunday afternoon.

Board honors Fix with degree

Trustees vote to give honorary bachelor's to former student

DENISE RENFRO
Campus editor

The executive committee of Eastern's Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to award a bachelor's degree to former Eastern student Tim Fix, from Plainfield.

Fix was one of the two students who died in a swimming accident at Lake Charleston on May 9. The other student, Joe Bee, from Springfield, was a junior.

Fix would have graduated in December after student teaching in the fall.

"I think it's a very fitting thing for the university to do," said Shelly Flock, director of public information.

At the meeting the board also approved a request to offer the early childhood education option in elementary education as a major.

According to Terry Weidner, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, the course

requirements and program costs for the early childhood education degree would remain the same, the only change will be in the name.

"The enrollment of about 200 in early childhood education also should remain constant," Weidner said in a press release.

The board also approved funding for reserves for repair and replacement of equipment.

The capital reserve fund is for anticipated parking and street repair improvement projects.

The board approved to increase the fund by \$44,000 for anticipated parking and street repair improvement projects. It is an increase from \$206,000 to \$250,000.

The increase is funded by money from the parking fund which is from tickets and permits, Flock said.

The board also approved a request to award tenure to two newly appointed administrators.

Charles Coddington will be employed July 1 as professor and chair of the School of Technology.

Adeniyi Coker Jr. will be employed as coordinator of the African-American Studies Program and associate professor in the department of theater arts.

The board approved a one-year, renewable contract with Coles County Sanitation and Recycling Inc., Charleston, for trash collection, recycling, and disposal services from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15.

Summer theater schedule planned

By STACEY SANTORO
Staff writer

Eastern's theater department performances this summer are aimed toward the little people of Charleston - the children.

Eastern's resident repertoire company, Summer Fest Theater, will be performing two children's plays: "The Arkansaw Bear" and "Puss In Boots."

"The emphasis on children's theater is growing in the department because it's a popular theater in this country," said Clarence Blanchette, theater professor and director of "The Arkansaw Bear."

"(Children's theater) is also culturally important because if we

can turn a child on to theater ... something more real than a monitor, maybe they'll be better off," Blanchette said.

"The children shows in the past have been well attended," said Jay Sain, the theater's business manager.

The focus on children's theater benefits theater students as well as the children.

"During the school year, it's more of an academic and educational theater - the summer company is more professional," said Jay Sain, business manager for the theater.

The summer company allows the theater students to "move toward the professional side of

theater," Blanchette said.

"It's a baby step towards the real world because the students are still within the security of the university, but it is still a step toward that side of the theater," he said.

"The Arkansaw Bear" will be performed at 7:00 p.m. June 27, 28, 29, July 12, 13 and at 2:00 p.m. June 30, July 7, 14, 21 in the studio at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"Puss In Boots" will be performed at 11:00 a.m. July 5, 19, 20 and at 1:00 p.m. July 5, 12, 13, 19, 20.

Tickets cost \$3.00 each, with special group rates for 15 or more people.

Lisowski getting back to nature

By MARGARET BIERITZ
Staff writer

For elementary and junior high education professor Marilyn Lisowski, the classroom is not confined to a place with four walls and fluorescent lighting.

For Lisowski it has a dirt floor and dense foliage.

Through her classes and community involvement, Lisowski shares her love and concern for the environment in a variety of ways.

She names environmental awareness as one of the most important aspects of involvement.

"Students at Eastern have a great opportunity to get involved with the environment," Lisowski said.

"Information technology has made many resources available to students," she said.

Lisowski hopes that this information will inspire students to soak up more of the what nature has to offer.

"Everyone owes it to themselves to take time to look at what's natural," she said. "Let nature do the talking. Allow yourself to experience nature, learn more and do more."

Lisowski said the university community offers many opportunities for involvement. "Many classes are available, and students have the opportunity to learn and get involved. In the area, Fox Ridge and the Embarras River Watch are areas where students can be a part of the environment."

Lisowski has seen many changes in the way Eastern deals with environmental issues since 1987 when she began working here.

"When I first came, there was no recycling," she said. "One of the classes I taught had an action component, which led to the formation of a recycling committee three or four years later." The committee eventually implemented a campus-wide recycling program.

Lisowski said her position allows her to effect many people, both in and out of the classroom.

"In my classes, I work with future



Marilyn Lisowski

teachers who will have the power to influence others," she said. "Awareness of educators will bring information to future generations."

This domino effect proved true in Lisowski's life. Her interest in the environment was encouraged by a teacher of hers.

Growing up in an inner-city neighborhood near Pittsburgh, Lisowski did not have much exposure to nature.

"There were virtually no trees or open spaces in our neighborhood of row houses," Lisowski said. "There was some semblance of grass at a nearby cemetery, but that was about it."

Lisowski's high school science teacher took her under her wing and taught her the importance of understanding and protecting the environment. From that point on, Lisowski made educating people about the environment her priority.

Lisowski has seen many changes in the way people deal with environmental issues over the years.

"There was a real emotional reaction in the 70's," she said, "and we've become more analytical. We're not looking to preserve the environment for our own motives. We're making changes for the future."

"Concern for the environment is not just a phase," Lisowski said. "Today, people have a deep commitment to the cause."

Lisowski said being involved with the environment brings her a lot of satisfaction, but what she enjoys most is sharing nature with others.

"People are sort of a reflecting glass for me," she said. "There is nothing I enjoy more than watching others experience the wonder and exhilaration of being part of their environment."

Trailmobile spokesperson resigns after 22 weeks

On Wednesday, Ed Kennedy, human resources manager and spokesperson for Trailmobile, resigned after 22 weeks of lockout.

It was the third resignation since the lockout began Jan. 21.

Kennedy said he resigned to pursue a career advancement - not because of the lockout.

Tim McDonnell, general counsel for Trailmobile, has taken Kennedy's duties as spokesperson and could not be reached for comment.

John Manzi, former plant manager, quit in April, and Mel Johnson, vice president of operations, left in January.

Trailmobile officials met in Chicago this weekend without union members for reasons undisclosed at this time.

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Air conditioners spoil more than the user

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Spillway monument will give warning, provide memories

The planned monument in memory of drowning victims at the Lake Charleston spillway is a worthwhile effort.

The committee, headed by Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill, is on the right track in providing a permanent memorial listing the tragedies that have occurred at the lake and spillway.

The structure would help inform visitors to Lake Charleston that the spillway area is extremely dangerous and is not for swimming.

Seeing a listing of those who have been killed by the waters on a memorial between the spillway and parking lot will likely make many students think twice about taking a swim.

Accidents on the spillway cost two Eastern students — Joe Bee and Tim Fix — their lives in May, and the spillway is known to have caused at least two other deaths in recent years.

Four years from now many students visiting the lake will not know about the two lives lost in May.

Nor will it be known to many how incredibly strong and deadly spillway currents are.

But with a memorial in place, all visitors and students in future generations will be aware of the spillway's dangers to swimmers.

Visitors to Lake Charleston would be able to see a list of names of the drowning victims and the dates it occurred.

The memorial would contain a warning detailing the spillway's dangers and the ban on swimming.

One side of the monument would also give recognition to those who attempted to rescue the drowning victims, Cougill said.

Lake Charleston is a peaceful and popular relaxation site for Eastern students. However, it is not a safe swimming area.

Although signs declare no swimming, a memorial of those who have lost their lives at the lake can only help to prevent anyone from going into the lake or spillway.

Not only would the memorial prevent future occurrences at the lake, it will ensure a lasting memory to the victims of the Lake Charleston spillway.

Humidity and heat has turned on full blast, turning people off and their air conditioners on full force — but not me.

I admit it's been that type of humidity that makes my clothes feel wet and I can wipe a pound of grease from my face at the end of the muggy day, but a fan and a shower suits me dandy for those conditions.

That's right, an air conditioner has never been in my family abode for all of my 20 years of existence. Hence, I was raised without the opportunity of stepping into a 60-degree frigid igloo of a home from a sweltering outside of over 95 degrees.

My house is older than Reagan, but my parents thought of air conditioning as a "luxury", to which they had other things to spend loot on and survived with roughly five fans strategically placed around my house. Trust me, I know my air currents and wind directions.

So my body temperature tolerance has adapted to this upbringing. Roasters of days to some are like luke-warm bath water to me.

Air conditioners are more than spoiling luxuries, they create havoc for adaptation to inner environments. For example, how should I dress? When I wear a sleeveless half-shirt and shorts in preparation for a hot day, I should be wearing a sweater and jeans when I step into any campus buildings.

On the weather subject, the fake cold also dries any beads of sweat that might be seeping down my body, making that icky sticky feeling. Yuck!

When it's raining, that's the worst. I'm drenched like a drowned cat before venturing into a cold air-conditioned area and shiver. It's what I call a refrigerated experience, a popsicle stuck in a freezer.

When I spend the night in a conditioned place, I catch a nasty, raspy throat and nose snuffle the following day. Who needs that?



MISSA BECK
Guest columnist

"My house is older than Reagan, but my parents thought of air conditioning as a 'luxury...'"

How does one even know when to turn the darn thing on? Last Saturday night I was outside and saw my breath it was that cold! One probably must wake and judge each day when to touch that dial. Why not just leave it off and save a few cents?

That brings up another point. It is also ridiculously expensive: My

summer roommate announced she was very close to turning on our air the other day. I frankly announced I wouldn't pay that electric bill — only the basic rates for turning a lamp on.

With these past weeks of soggy, rainy weather, you'd think everyone would be out and about appreciating any remote days of rays. But now people are staying in not because it's too wet — it's too hot! What is summer about anyway? Snow?

I guess it's the nature natural within me, so I believe air conditioning is cheating against Mother Nature. Aren't you afraid you'll hurt her feelings?

Personally I have waited longingly all winter for summer. To feel the grass between my toes, to test the endurance of my underarm deodorant, and witness my hair turning lighter from *del sol*. You can't appreciate those nifty things inside, with the exception of a tanning bed.

Let me take you back to a good times of the frontier, where the "waving wheat" and Jesse James or Wyatt Earp roamed with the buffalo. The women wore hats, and layers of long dress clothing and the men wore long sleeved shirts and leather chaps with pants in 100-degree blazing weather. Now I reckon they didn't come in after a hard day of rounding them cattle or shooting them varmints into a cool air conditioned home. Nope, the cool breeze of the night gave them their comfort, an activity that can still be enjoyed today on any chosen front porch.

So turn them puppies off, know definitely what to wear, save that money and you'll survive and enjoy the summer the natural way, y'all.

Editorial

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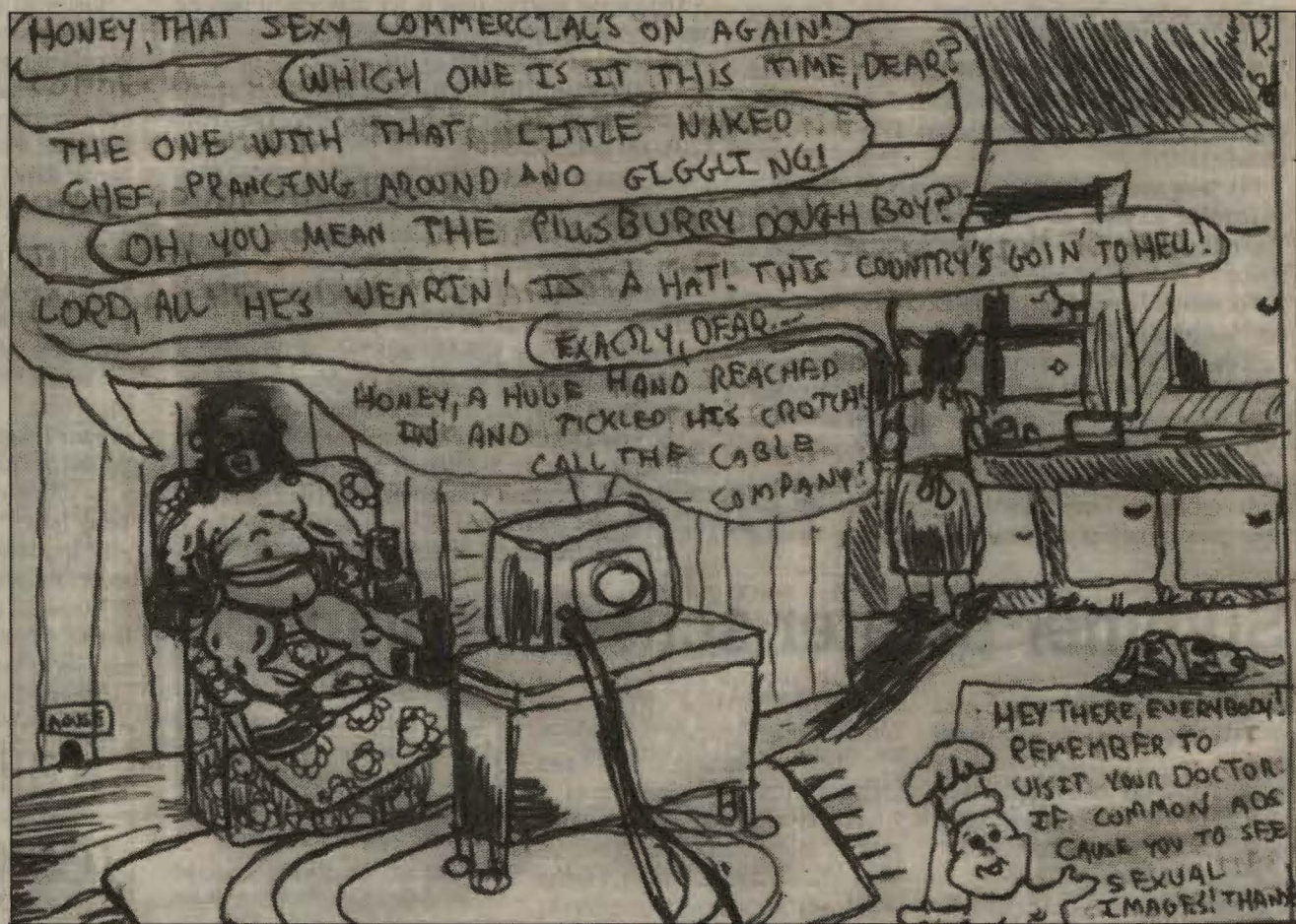
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Thinking before acting can save future trouble

Dear Editor:

A few months ago, I requested an expungement from the circuit court of Coles County. Judge (Dale A.) Cini presided over my case and has given me the opportunity to remove from my personal record a misdemeanor arrest.

Judge Cini has requested that I write a letter. This letter is a condition of my supervision. In this document, I am required to discuss: the events of the night I was arrested, how this arrest will and has affected my life, and the court's treatment of my case.

In 1979 while attending Eastern Illinois University, I was arrested. Walking through the IGA, I placed in my pocket one of the store's many items. I circled around the store and attempted to exit through the check out line.

My departure was halted by two off-duty police officers. I was escorted to the manager's office where the police were called. I was arrested and charged with retail theft. I spend the night in jail and was bonded out the next day.

your turn

A few weeks later I stood before the Judge and explained how it was a prank. My foolishness cost me not only money but the arrest remained on my record. I had pleaded guilty without supervision or probation. This meant the arrest was permanent and could surface at any time.

Having completed my Master's program, I am hopeful that in the fall I will be teaching. The reason I am writing this letter and seeking this expungement is so that I will be able to pursue my chosen career of teaching. In today's marketplace to ensure the quality of individual that is being hired companies and schools use background checks.

It takes only a matter of minutes to find out if someone has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. I know this to be a fact as I sat in the state's attorney's office while he made sure this was my only conviction. The process was completed in the amount of time it would take one to order take-out food.

Many years of hard work would be worthless as I would not be able to pursue my goal of teaching. A teacher in

Chicago Heights is faced with a similar situation. He was released from his position once a background check had been completed. A 20-year-old misdemeanor arrest cost him his job. He is in court fighting to regain his position.

I explained my situation to the court and they allowed me to reenter a plea of guilty with supervision. My earlier plea was vacated and with this supervision I would be able to have my record expunged.

What I hope is that anyone who reads this will realize that those actions we perform in our youth can later prevent us from obtaining our goals. What I did was wrong and what it almost cost me is not worth the risk of pulling a stupid prank.

I am fortunate as a judge and state's attorney gave me a "break." I thank them and appreciate their efforts to assist me in this matter.

My first lesson as a teacher will be this letter and I will say this: "Think about what you are doing because your actions, you are responsible and stupidity could endanger the opportunities that will be offered to you in life."

Bato Prostran
Chicago, Illinois

today's quote

Whoever in discussion adduces authority uses not intellect but rather memory.

—Leonardo da Vinci

Jury convicts Pruitt for brutal slaying of grandparents

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) - A jury rejected Brian Pruitt's insanity defense Friday and convicted him of murder for stabbing his grandparents to death.

Pruitt, 17, showed no emotion as the verdict was read, just a little more than two hours after the jury of seven men and five women began deliberating.

His attorney, public defender Robert McIntire, said the law requires Pruitt to be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole. Illinois law does not permit the death penalty for defendants under 18.

But McIntire said he plans to appeal, at least partly on the grounds that Illinois law makes it too difficult for defendants to prove insanity.

Frank "Pat" McNeely, 58, and Roberta "Bobbie" McNeely, 57, were found dead Oct. 17 in their Danville home. They had raised Pruitt on and off since he was 6 and were his foster parents.

McNeely's daughter, Darla Shuck of Ridge Farm, said she has mixed emotions now that her nephew's trial is over.

"I'm happy that we got the verdict, but at the same time I'm sorry that Brian threw his life away," she said.

The prosecution said Pruitt, then 16, stabbed his grandmother in the back and then coolly waited for his grandfather to come home so he could kill him, too. Pruitt cleaned up the evidence, fled in a car and threw away the knife, prosecutors said.

In a taped confession, Pruitt said he could not stop himself from killing his grandparents. "I didn't know I was doing this," he said. "I wouldn't want to hurt them. They're all I have."

Relatives and records have described a troubled teen who set fires, fired gunshots, stabbed furniture and threatened to kill while he was being raised by the McNeelys.

Pruitt had spent two years in out-of-state mental hospitals and was supposed to take a variety of medicines for his mental problems. But he stopped taking the medicine months before the murders.

His attorney said that left Pruitt insane and not responsible for his actions, although the jury did not agree.

"It is very difficult when a defendant has as high a burden as he does to prove his insanity," McIntire said after the verdict.



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Kris Potrafka (left), a recent graduate of Eastern, Matt Fear (middle), a junior health studies major, and Bryan Reaka, a graduate student in industrial technology, speak to incoming students Saturday morning in the lecture hall in Booth Library.

Debut provides early foundations

By STACEY SANTORO
Staff writer

"Orientation is like the stamp of approval from the students. It says, 'not only have I chosen to come here (to Eastern), but it's the best choice I could've made,'" said Shelly White, acting director of orientation.

EIU Debut, titled this year as "There's a Jungle Out There," is an orientation program that lasts throughout June for some 1700 incoming freshmen that informs both students and their families about Eastern.

"Orientation has been around forever, but it's only in the last five years that it has developed into a more comprehensive program," White said.

"When I came to Eastern in 1990, I saw an adviser, took a test and left. Now freshmen get a packet of information and orientation is an all day thing," White said.

To help guide and run the programs, 15 orientation leaders are chosen.

"The orientation leaders undergo very intense training to receive an eclectic background on Eastern. Their training teaches them to facilitate programs, give tours as well as learn improvisational speaking techniques," said White.

"We were hired in late February and early March. After that we went to two

hours of training every Sunday night," said orientation leader Bryan Reaka, a graduate student in industrial technology.

"(EIU Debut) gives the students a brief overview of what to expect in their first couple weeks of college," Reaka said.

"I think that those students that stay overnight are the students that really care and really want to see what college is like. It really does give the students an idea of what it's like to wake up with another student in the room. They have to get used to things like sharing a room and sharing a bathroom," said Laura Draughan, EIU Debut coordinator and associate hall counselor.

The optional overnight program includes dinner and a tour of the campus but two new programs were installed this year for the overnight guests, according to White.

One is the "Safari Adventure," which is a video prepared by the orientation leaders on the resources in Charleston.

The second of these programs is set up like a talk show called "Disorientation," which deals with families in transition.

"It addresses issues including finances, grade expectations and values," White said.

"While the freshmen are busy the parents are being educated as well," White

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-Shelly White,
acting director of orientation

said. The parents participate in a mock quiz show called "The Mommas and the Poppas." According to White, the show is set up like Family Feud where the parents have to answer questions from 100 surveyed freshmen.

After that, the orientation leaders put on an improvisational skit show called "Bushwhacked." For the skits, the freshmen write down issues that concern them and the leaders act out situations.

"A lot of what the students go through is hearing lots of information. This breaks up the monotony of the day and solves the students' problems in a humorous but educational way," Reaka said.

The day concludes with a tour of Carman Hall and Greek Court.

"In general, it's a great program and gives students a good transition. It gives a lot of tips to help students to get acclimated to student life," said David Milberg, director of student life.

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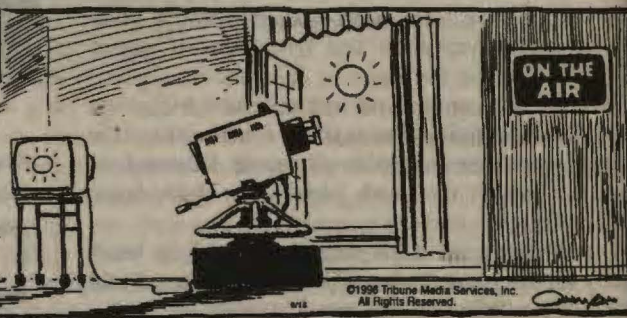
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Puzzle by Norma Steinberg

Jordan's pinch hit saves Cards after blowing 3-0 lead

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pinch-hitter Brian Jordan hit a two-run double with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning Sunday as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Mets 5-4 despite blowing a three-run lead.

The Cardinals had runners on first and third when Luis Alicea walked on a full count to load the bases against John Franco.

Jordan, who hurt his right shoulder banging into the wall making a catch Saturday, hit the first pitch off the left-field wall to score Willie McGee and pinch-runner Royce Clayton. The Cardinals, who had a 3-0 lead in the second, took three of four in the series.

Doug Henry (2-2) allowed singles to McGee and Tom Paganzzi in the eighth before departing with two outs. Dennis Eckersley finished for his 10th save.

Mark Petkovsek (5-0) won despite allowing the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth. The Mets went ahead on a fielding error by rookie left fielder Miguel Mejia, who entered the game for Ron Gant as a defensive replacement. Mejia ran down Jose Vizcaino's drive to the gap but then dropped the ball for a two-base error to start the inning.

One out later, Rico Brogna sin-



gled off Petkovsek to give the Mets a 4-3 lead. Petkovsek allowed two runs, one earned, in three innings.

The Cardinals are only 7-16 in day games, with six of the victories at Busch Stadium.

The Cardinals had five hits in the second to take a 3-0 lead on run-scoring singles from Paganzzi and Ray Lankford and an RBI groundout from Alicea.

Mets pitcher Pete Harnisch, who's 1-for-20 for the year, hit a sacrifice fly in the third to score Carl Everett, who doubled to lead off the inning.

Jeff Kent hit his seventh home run with two outs in the fourth and New York tied it 3-3 in the seventh when Everett tripled to start the seventh and scored one batter later on pinch-hitter Todd Hundley's sacrifice fly.

Harnisch lasted six innings and allowed three runs on seven hits. Cardinals starter Mike Morgan made it through five, giving up two runs on five hits.

Cubs waive veteran reliever Doug Jones

'Fireman' not worried about job prospects

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs placed veteran reliever Doug Jones on waivers Saturday for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

Replacing Jones on the roster was right-handed reliever Kent Bottenfield, who was 1-2 with 18 saves and a 2.19 ERA at Triple AAA Iowa.

The Cubs also called up first baseman Brant Brown from Iowa to take Mark Grace's spot on the roster. Grace was placed on the 15-day disabled list Friday, retroactive to June 11.

Jones, 38, was 2-2 with two saves and a 5.01 ERA in 28 games.

He had signed as a free agent in December, expecting to replace Randy Myers as the

Cubs' closer when Myers signed with Baltimore. But the Cubs used Turk Wendell, who now has six saves, in that role.

"I'm not worried about getting a job," said Jones, who has 241 career saves, 12th highest on the all-time list, over nine seasons with Cleveland, Houston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the Cubs.

"They told me it was a matter of getting an opportunity to pitch."

Jones, who had seven 20-save seasons, said he wasn't surprised at the move.

He was 2-for-7 in save situations and posted a 4.50 ERA in April, 6.07 in May.

Left-handers were batting .321 against him, right-handers were hitting .296.

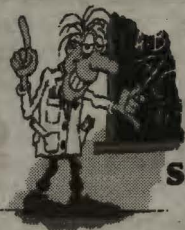
Brown, 25, who started Saturday in place of Grace, out with a mid-back strain, was batting .316 with 22 doubles, eight homers and 29 RBI.

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Sports



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Aaah!

Josh Rigdon (left) of Charleston and Sam Sneed (right), from Chicago, play basketball Sunday afternoon outside of Lantz Gymnasium with friends who are at Eastern for an incoming student orientation.

Hopes High for Willie

By TIM MCCANN
Staff writer

Willie High, former Eastern star tailback, is looking for a chance to prove he can run with the best.

High, the Gateway Conference Runnerup Offensive player of the year in 1995, hopes to enter the NFL as a free agent.

A number of teams have shown interest in the speedy tailback, but High isn't saying which ones.

"I don't want to jinx myself," he said.

High's chance to prove he belongs among football's elite will be in this summer's tryouts.



Willie High

whatever it takes to help my team win, I'm a team player."

Bob Spoo, High's former coach at Eastern, thinks High will be an asset to whatever team gives him

He hopes to make a good enough impression on any of the 28 teams in the NFL.

"I'm a hard worker. I'm very coachable," he said of himself.

"I'll do

an opportunity.

"He's an exceptional player, an exceptional person. He's a leader and a hard worker. I hope someone realizes this," Spoo said.

Spoo called his former tailback a team player and said it would be "well worth their while" for the team that decides to give High a chance.

Among his many achievements while at Eastern, High was named to the First Team All-Gateway Conference three times, he was Football Gazette and USA Today's I-AA First Team All-American in 1995, and he is the Gateway Conference's all-time leading rusher with 4,231 yards.

Eastern signs prized recruits

By KEITH O. WEATHERSPOON
Sports editor

Eastern baseball coach Jim Schmitz announced that he has signed two junior college standouts for next year's baseball season.

National Junior College Athletic Association All-American and Lake Land Community College star Clint Benhoff and Illinois Central College standout Mark Smith have signed baseball letters-of-intent to compete for Eastern.

Benhoff, a lefthanded-hitting first basemen, set Lake Land's single season records for home runs (19) and runs batted in (81), plus career marks for homers (29) and RBI (121). He also hit .364 for a Lake Land team that finished 41-15 last season.

"Clint can mash the baseball, and that's what we needed ... someone from the leftside of the plate who

could pick up the offensive production that we lost from several graduates," said Schmitz.

This year Benhoff was also First Team All-Region and Co-Most Valuable Player in the Collegiate Conference of Central Illinois.

Smith, who was the 1994 Illinois High School Association's Class A state baseball tournament Most Valuable Player, will play first or third base, Schmitz said.

"It was his hitting abilities that we are pleased to bring to Eastern," Schmitz said. "Mark adds the offensive output we need from a righthanded batter."

Smith posted impressive numbers for Illinois Central this past season with a .395 average, seven home runs, 19 doubles and 49 RBIs and named to the First Team All-Region.

He also was named First-Team All-Conference twice in his career at ICC.

Schott plays incognito in return

CINCINNATI (AP) - Marge Schott didn't have much to say or much time to spend when she returned to baseball Sunday, four days after stepping aside as the Cincinnati Reds' chief executive officer.

She showed up at Riverfront Stadium in the seventh inning of a 7-0 victory over the Montreal Expos, watched the last couple innings from her front-row seat and left a couple minutes after the final out.

It was her first public appearance since giving up day-to-day control through the 1998 season. Her agreement with baseball allows her to retain ownership of the team and to move around the ballpark as usual.

She did not stop to talk to reporters waiting for her and spent only a few moments with the team on the field as she left.

"She just said, 'Good job, honey,'" outfielder Eric Davis said.

"I felt tenderhearted towards her, just seeing her there, because she's always been such a part of everything, like she belonged there," manager Ray Knight said. "Today she was just hurrying in and out."

Schott did not attend either of the first two games of the series. She usually goes onto the field before games with her Saint Bernard, watches the first six innings from the owner's booth, then goes down to her front-row seat to mingle with fans.

She is allowed to go on the field, in the stands and in her booth, but chose to sit only in her seat next to the Reds' dugout Sunday. She brought her dog, Schottzie 02, but left it in the parking garage under employees' supervision.

Bulls fourth NBA title a moving time for MVP Jordan

CHICAGO (AP) - When destiny finally arrived for the Chicago Bulls, the moment was all the more moving for Michael Jordan.

Overcome by memories of his murdered father, Jordan celebrated with tears the title his father wasn't there to see, the title he pursued so relentlessly after coming out of retirement.

"I never doubted that I could get back this moment, and the fact that it happened on Father's Day makes it even more special," Jordan said Sunday night after the Bulls returned to their home court to win their fourth NBA title in six years.

After letting the Seattle SuperSonics back into a series that looked like it would end in a sweep, the Bulls finished them off with a dominant 87-75 victory in Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

Swamped by emotion after the final buzzer, Jordan lay facedown on the court, cradling the game ball as his teammates cele-

brated around him. Jordan then took the ball into the Bulls' locker room, where he again collapsed, his body wracked by sobs.

"I can't even put it into words," said Jordan when he returned to the court, his face stained with tears.

Jordan's tears were for his father, killed less than two months after the Bulls won their last title in 1993.

"I knew he was watching. This was for dad. I'm very happy for him," Jordan said. "This has been a very special year, there's no way you can really describe it."

But it can be recounted, as fans who witnessed it will undoubtedly do for years to come. There were 72 victories in the regular season, an NBA record, and accolades and awards seemingly without end.

The Bulls' place in history isn't as secure as it could have been, knocked down by two straight losses to a dogged opponent, but the Bulls are still NBA champions because they

"We knew we were good enough to win. We just had to put the nail in the coffin."

- Michael Jordan
Finals MVP

finished their season with the kind of all-around excellent game they needed to put a final stamp on a season of superlatives.

Playing with a focus and aggressiveness seldom seen earlier in the series, the Bulls beat the Sonics mainly with rebounding and defense - much of it by Dennis Rodman, who had 19 boards in one of the best games of his career - to overcome a merely mediocre night by Jordan, who nonetheless got his record fourth finals MVP award and the championship he pursued so hard follow-

ing his retirement.

"We knew we were good enough to win. We just had to put that nail in the coffin. We were waiting for that game to show up where we played real well."

And that they did.

Jordan had 22 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and although he did not have the kind of dominant game he has become known for, every other member of the Bulls picked up the slack in a game Chicago controlled throughout the second half.

Scottie Pippen, who struggled with his shooting touch through the first five games, came back with 17 points, eight rebounds, five assists, four steals and three 3-pointers.

Rodman, who tied his own NBA Finals record with 11 offensive rebounds, added nine points, five assists and three more of Chicago's 14 steals. He played his hardest in a third-quarter stretch when it looked like Seattle might be fighting its way back.