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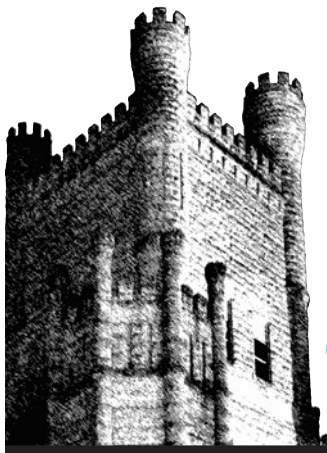
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Mike Vaughan steps into the voting booth at the Wesley Methodist Church on Fourth Street Tuesday afternoon. Eastern had the smallest turnout in its two districts combined.

Student votes lack in city elections

BY BRIAN GARTLAN
STAFF WRITER

Eastern voters struggled to voice their opinions for the Charleston primaries and again demonstrated a poor turnout for the general election.

Precincts 16 and 17 are the only precincts dominated by Eastern students in Charleston, and precinct 16 produced the smallest percentage of voters, said Betty Coffrin, Coles County Clerk.

A total of 19 voters turned out in precinct 16, and 36 votes were counted from precinct 17. Together, both accounted for only 2.6 percent of registered voters of the two precincts, Coffrin said.

“You always have to vote to get your voice heard. That’s one of the greatest things about being an American,” said Tony Zucca, a graduate student working toward his master’s degree in business administration. “People who say their

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BAILEY MURPHY,
FRESHMAN HISTORY AND ENGLISH MAJOR

vote doesn’t count forfeit the right to complain.”

The other two locations supported by Eastern students are the Wesley Foundation and Immanuel Lutheran Center.

There is usually an increase of voters when comparing the primary election to the general election, Coffrin said. Charleston drew 3,250 voters out of 12,314 registered. This amounted to only 26.4 percent Tuesday, but is still an increase from the 10.2 percent who voted in the primary election, she said.

Students who voted were disappointed in the

lack of student participation in the elections.

“Even though you may not live here, it is important to the community,” said Bailey Murphy, a freshman history and English major. “Even if we are here only part of the time, it still affects us.”

The election brought two incumbent council members, two new council members and a new mayor.

Incumbent Lorelei Sims and new member Jim Dunn both received four-year terms because they were the two highest vote-getters. New member Jeff Lahr and incumbent Larry Rennels both received two-year terms as third and fourth place winners.

This will start a new staggered pattern where two new council members are elected every two years. John Inyart was elected as the new Charleston mayor. He was the only mayoral candidate.

City manager an important position

BY HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

The city manager form of government Charleston implemented in 1997 still has not been fully embraced by the entire community, and some may not even realize how it works.

The two incumbent candidates re-elected to the Charleston City Council, Lorelei Sims and Larry Rennels, have both talked about the need to create a better understanding of the city manager form of government within the Charleston community.

Before the city manager type of government was put in place,



LARRY RENNELS



LORELEI SIMS

Charleston had a commission form of government, where the mayor acted as the liquor commissioner, police commissioner and dealt with the public. Each council member that was elected was then put in charge of a different section of the city: either

parks and recreation, public utilities, streets or the fire department. The highest vote-getter was also the finance commissioner, said Mayor Dan Cougill, who has been mayor through both types of government.

“Once you got all the decisions made, each commissioner ran and controlled the people in that department,” he said. “It was like having a car with five steering wheels. There was no coordination.”

Not only was order of the departments unorganized, but discipline between the departments was unequal because different people ran each department, Cougill said. He much

prefers the city manager type of government that was installed after voters approved it through a referendum.

“The city manager is responsible for the daily operations of the city,” said current City Manager Scott Smith. “We have a mayor and council members, but the manager works directly under the council and mayor.”

The council is in charge of hiring the city manager, providing direction to him and setting policy.

“Things are obviously different under the current form of government than they were,” Smith said.

Being a minority at Eastern

Hardships, positive points and possible improvements

BY LAURA GRIFFITH
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Minority students gathered with faculty and graduate students Wednesday to discuss their experiences and hardships at Eastern, and offer suggestions for improvement.

The five minority students, 25 faculty members and four graduate students made up the panel for the third annual minority student panel discussion and brown bag lunch, which took place in the faculty lounge of Buzzard Hall.

Both undergraduate and graduate students shared their thoughts about being a minority and why they chose Eastern.

Ari Tukes, a graduate student in counseling and student development, said he heard about Eastern from a professor at Parkland Community College who is an alumnus of Eastern.

Amna Latif, a graduate student in educational administration and native of Pakistan, said people from home told her she wouldn’t be able to get a job in the United States because of the way she dressed, but she looked at universities anyway and found Eastern.

“I was writing to universities in the states,” Latif said. “Eastern was the only one who responded to me personally.”

Hardships minority students face at Eastern include dealing with stereotypes and having class with people who have not had a lot of experience being around minorities. In 2004, out of 9,928 undergraduate students, only 12.53 percent were minorities, according to Eastern’s Web site.

“I found myself representing all the Black, African-American students; that’s a lot of pressure,” said Quinette Tukes, a graduate student in counseling and student development. “Universality is a positive thing, and I’m learning that.”

The panel also focused on Eastern’s positive points, comparing it to other schools, like Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Demarius Howard, a senior psychology major and native of O’Fallon, said he took a summer school class at SIUE, where he sat in a lecture hall with a large class.

“It didn’t seem like I had a voice,” Howard said.

Leta Chesser, a senior early childhood,

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

All day End of second and a half term “W” drops.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Photoshop, Part 2 in CATS Training Lab, McAfee Gym, Room 1214. This workshop will cover how to use some more intermediate features of Photoshop when modifying an image.

12 to 1 p.m. Starboard Training TITLE Room, McAfee Gym, Room 1205.

This workshop demonstrates the basic features and components of Starboard Technology and demonstrates how it can be used to enhance instruction.

7 to 8:30 p.m. Eastern’s Chapter National Speech-Language-Hearing Association Campaign is hosting a purse and jewelry party in Communication Disorders and Sciences classroom in the second floor of the Human Services Center. Percentage of proceeds will be donated to the NSSLHA Loves Campaign.

FANS CHEER!



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Students cheer after the Sigma Chi Big Men tugs team wins against Sigma Pi in 1:57 Wednesday afternoon at the Campus Pond.

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Benefits in walking

DEKALB — As summer rolls around, Northern Illinois University students are choosing to walk to and from classes instead of catching rides on Huskie Line buses.

Charles Battista, general manager of the Huskie Bus Line, said he has witnessed the change in students' motivation.

"The decrease in ridership is moderate during the warmer months, because it's more pleasant to be outside," Battista said.

Students who normally find themselves in the confines of a crowded bus during the winter months generally decide to walk once the weather has changed, he said.

Angela Young, a Huskie Bus Line driver, agrees there is a decline in ridership during warmer months.

"It's nicer and the students want to get in the sun," Young said.

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CLARIFICATION

In the Friday, April 1, article titled “Campus movie channel upgraded, efficiency is the key,” it was stated that the movie channel had replaced VCRs that had been broken. As of right now, those VCRs have not been replaced; instead, they are not being used.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday’s paper, the photograph of the Greek Week canoe competition identified members of Phi Kappa Alpha. They were actually members of Phi Kappa Theta.

The News regrets these errors.

WTF?

25-foot gorilla stolen

STANWOOD, Wash. — Police are looking for an oversized but rather limp gorilla. Owner Mike McDaniel said the 25-foot blue and yellow inflatable animal was cut from its tether at the Viking Village shopping center after the air was let out because of high winds last Friday.

The overgrown ape, which was being used to advertise a hot tub sale at the mall, was more vulnerable to thieves because they could make an instant getaway, McDaniel said.

“If it’s fully inflated, it does take five or 10 minutes for it to fully drain out,” he said.

According to a police report, the last All Seasons Spa and Stove employee left the mall at 6 p.m., and the gorilla was gone when a night guard came to work three hours later.

Also taken was a fan used to inflate the unnamed gorilla, said McDaniel, who rents inflatable advertising characters from his business, Air Play Rental of Camano Island.

“I could just see it, some party blows this sucker up,” said Judy Chapman, who coordinated the annual sale.

McDaniel, who has offered a \$500 reward for return of the monster monkey, said it would cost \$5,000 to replace, and he stands to lose \$1,500 in rental income by the time a new one arrives.

PEOPLE

Clients gather for funeral

LOS ANGELES — Johnnie Cochran Jr.'s most celebrated clients, O.J. Simpson and Michael Jackson, joined civil rights figures and Hollywood stars at the lawyer's funeral Wednesday, remembering Cochran's cunning legal skills and his commitment to the people he represented.

Cochran, 67, died March 29 of an inoperable brain tumor at his home in Los Angeles. He was diagnosed with the tumor in December 2003.

“He didn't just love justice or admire justice - he did justice, he achieved justice, he fought for justice, he made it happen,” said Mayor James Hahn, the former city attorney and a Cochran friend.

“We didn't clap when the acquittal of Simpson came for O.J. We were clapping for Johnnie,” the Rev. Al Sharpton told the packed West Angeles Cathedral, drawing applause from a throng that ranged from the Rev. Jesse Jackson to Michael Jackson and his attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr.

“We were clapping because for decades our brothers, our cousins, our uncles had to stand in the well with no one to stand up for them. And finally a black man came and said, ‘If it don't fit - you must acquit,’” Sharpton said, referring to Cochran's famous quote from Simpson's trial about a glove found at the murder scene.

ONLINE POLL

What do you think of the name change from Stix to Panther Paw Bar & Grill?

A) A name change isn't a big deal as long as the place maintains its liked atmosphere (and Prowler doesn't show up -- we like Billy).

B) Change is fine. It would be nice to have an establishment tied to Eastern's mascot.

C) A name change is unnecessary. What was wrong with the familiar “Stix” name?

D) If a name change was a must, couldn't they think of anything better? Now we have a bar that can possibly be referred to as “The P.P.”

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Days until finals week begins.

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misanthrope

1. a person who hates or distrusts humankind.

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Eastern develops search committee for academic affairs

Hiring process for vice president just starting initial steps

By JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Administrators are conducting an internal search for the associate vice president for academic affairs opening and hope to have the position filled by July.

Keith Kohanzo, chair of the search committee, said the committee will begin reviewing applications for the position following the April 19 due date. The committee consists of five Eastern employees.

"Among the critical qualities we are looking for are substantial administrative and budgetary experience, and outstanding analytical and communication skills," Kohanzo said.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, made a formal request to the office of civil rights to conduct an internal search for the position earlier this month.

Bill Weber, acting vice president for academic affairs, has served in this position since 2000 and was the associate dean of the college of sciences.

The candidate chosen for the position will be responsible for developing and monitoring the division's budget, the budgets of the reporting units and tracking personnel contracts across the division.

Weber said his role as acting vice president for academic affairs has been rewarding.

"Among the critical qualities we are looking for are substantial administrative and budgetary experience."

KEITH KOHANZO,
CHAIR OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

"I have particularly enjoyed working with several faculty members during the past couple of years to redesign and reinvigorate faculty development at Eastern," Weber said.

Although managing the academic affairs budget has been challenging, Weber said he has enjoyed the position.

"I am pleased to have been able to help the colleges and the other areas persevere during these tight budget years," Weber said.

Weber did not comment on his plans after a new associate vice president for academic affairs is appointed.

Those who are interested in applying for the position should send a letter stating why they are interested in the position, a current resume and three references. Materials should be sent to Kohanzo at cskkk@eiu.edu.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Sigma Chi fraternity Big Men tug against Sigma Pi fraternity during the Tugs event on Wednesday afternoon at the Campus Pond. Sigma Chi won with a time of 1:57. Wednesday marked the second day of the four-day tugs competition during Greek Week.

Tugs event continues second day

Competing for the chance to compete in Saturday's tug

By JENNIFER ETHER
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday marked the second day of the four-day tugs competition during Greek Week.

Students, both Greek and non-Greek, cheered and spectated as fraternities competed in an attempt to pull opponents into the campus pond in the competition.

Winners of the Little Men's team included Sigma Pi against Sigma Nu, Phi Sigma Alpha with a time of 22 seconds beating Lambda Chi, Sigma Chi against Delta Tau Delta with a time of 2:02, and Sigma Phi Epsilon against Delta Sigma Phi with a time of 18 seconds.

The first three men to be led into the pond by the opposing team determined who lost.

"I'm just here hanging out, having fun," said Karolyn Serio, a junior elementary education major. "I don't really have a team in mind that I want to win."

Like Serio, other students were there to support the fraternities that had prepared long and hard for the event.

"I'm here to support the fraternities," said Lindsey Balogh, a junior family and consumer sciences major. "It's just Greeks coming together to support one another at a fun event,"

The teams who won the event will compete on Saturday for the championship at the Campus Pond.

"They've been practicing for a very long time now, so hopefully they'll (Phi Sigma) win," said Tony Colello, junior business management major and member of Phi Sigma. "I don't think they're nervous at all; they'll do fine."

The next scheduled competition will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at the Campus Pond.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity little men tugs team gets ready for the snap during the Tugs event at the Campus Pond Wednesday afternoon. Sigma Phi Epsilon beat Delta Sigma Phi fraternity with a time of 18 seconds.

Doudna update


STAFF REPORT

Asbestos abatements, the process of safely disposing of asbestos, are complete at the Buzzard House and will be completed at the old Clinical Services building on April 15, said Melaney Arnold, spokeswoman for the Capital Development Board.

Workers are starting to take out trees and stumps around the buildings to make way for the new construction, she said.

The snake house is in the process of being demolished, and the Buzzard House, the old Clinical Services building and the glass wing at the Doudna Fine Arts Center will be demolished within six weeks.


After the demolition, excavations will take place in order to put the footings and the foundations in for the new buildings. "Any above-ground construction will happen in late summer," Arnold said.



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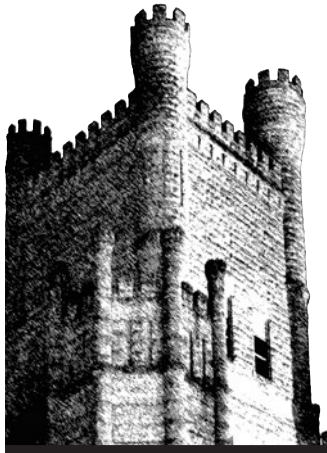
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COLUMN

A death that didn't get the headlines



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Woike is the sports editor for *The Daily Eastern News*.

It was a dark week.

Last week, the world watched 24-hour cable news channels reporting on the deaths of Terri Schiavo and Pope John Paul II.

Schiavo became the unknowing spokeswoman for the issue of euthanasia, and the Pope inspired countless people and drew criticism from opposing views.

But one death the media virtually ignored was Mitch Hedberg's. Hedberg died on March 30, a day before Schiavo died and two days before the Pope died.

While his legacy isn't as global as the Pope's or as polarizing as Schiavo's, Hedberg, a stand-up comedian, managed to reach numerous fans.

What I liked most about Hedberg was how his slow mumbling, and, for lack of a better term, 'stoner' deliveries always masked clever, simple observations.

He was a man who said he highlighted his hair, because he thought some strands were more important. He thought pickles were merely cucumbers that sold out.

The tragedy here, which has sadly become cliché, is Hedberg died at the all-too-young age of 37. His career was filled with high expectations stemming from widely popular appearances on "The Late Show with David Letterman." He performed 10 times on the highly rated show.

The Hedberg hype hit its highest when Time magazine called him the "next Seinfeld" after he received a developmental deal for a sitcom with FOX. The series never aired.

His career is comparable to Bill Hicks', a comedian gathering massive buzz just prior to his death in 1994 at the age of 32. Hicks was the only comedian ever to be censored on Letterman's show after saying about pro-life advocates: "If you're so pro-life, do me a favor: don't lock arms and block medical clinics. If you're so pro-life, lock arms and block cemeteries."

While Hedberg wasn't as politically charged in his comedy as Hicks, the two men did share a few passions — namely drugs, booze and cigarettes.

Now Hedberg wasn't necessarily the healthiest hero. As his mother told the Associated Press, "it's no secret Mitch had a drug habit." In 2003, Hedberg was arrested for heroin possession. Drugs have been a rumored cause of death, but no report mentions anything other than heart failure. Hedberg's mother said her son was born with a heart-defect.

But according to Hedberg's bio on Comedy Central.com, a few of his fans would disagree that Hedberg's heart was even remotely flawed.

One fan post tells of a group of college students meeting Hedberg at a recent show in Florida. The students complained about how hot their dorm room was. A day later, Hedberg knocked on the door and gave the students an air conditioner.

While I'll never get a chance to see Hedberg perform live, I still get a chance to enjoy his work that's been captured on to CDs and a DVD. Hedberg was hard to dislike. My parents, not exactly who I'd refer to as "comedy club fans," will stop and re-watch Hedberg performances on Comedy Central. And, they'll laugh.

Just like I laugh when thinking about this tragic death.

It isn't that I take pleasure in the death of someone who struggled with drug addiction; I just can't help but laugh at one of his one-liners.

I still remember the last "new" Hedberg joke I heard.

A few months ago, Hedberg performed at Zanie's Comedy Club in Vernon Hills, and the Chicago Tribune review highlighted Hedberg's acute wit.

An audience member asked Hedberg for a sentence that starts out great but ends awfully.

Without more than his usual casual pause, Hedberg answered, "My girlfriend works at Hooters... in the kitchen."

Now that quote will never inspire anyone like one of the Pope's, but it sure does make me smirk.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

City election brings positives

Tuesday night's election brought about three major changes to the city: a new mayor, a new city council and the passing of the library referendum. All three are positive moves for the city.

After giving 12 good years to the city, Mayor Dan Cougill chose not to run again leaving John Inyart as the lone mayoral candidate. Inyart has shown a lot of passion for Charleston and has appeared to be in touch with the students, having given a lot of attention to them during his "campaign."

The new council's mix of half-returning council members and half-new council members is perfect. The returning members can give quality information on what has worked in the past and what hasn't. The new members can bring fresh ideas to the council that may not have come up in previous years.

While Jim Dunn, who was elected to the council, did not return phone calls from *The Daily Eastern News*, Lorelei Sims, Larry Rennels and Jim Lahr were all impressive with their ideas for the city and the attention they have given to the students.

The library referendum was passed in overwhelming fashion with a 2,224-837 vote.

At issue

Tuesday night's city election.

Our stance

The three major affects of the election, a quality mayor elected, two new council members and the library referendum are all positive moves for the city

ion with a 2,224-837 vote.

This was an excellent decision by the people of Charleston, showing that no matter the cost, they understand the importance of education. The new extension will triple the size of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library while keeping the historic architecture of the library.

The library will benefit the city's current residents both through the new educational resources it will have and the attraction that the state-of-the-art facility will be for prospective businesses.

The new council and mayor will take office on May 1, leaving one more meeting for the outgoing mayor and outgoing council members, Marge Knoop and John Winnett.

All three deserve a thank you from the community for the service they have given to the city. Cougill has been mayor for the past 12 years, while Winnett has been a council member for an amazing 32 years. Knoop, meanwhile, has served for eight years and upon her election in 1997 was the first female to serve on the council in 12 years.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PENSION PLAN WILL HURT ALL EASTERN EMPLOYEES

According to John Peters, Northern Illinois University's president, Gov. Rod Blagojevich "recently submitted for General Assembly consideration a set of far reaching pension benefit/funding plan revisions designed to reduce future unfunded liabilities and utilize part of these savings to reduce funding requirements in the current state budget."

These proposed revisions would reduce benefits for all employees, limit interest credited for current and future employees, and establish a three-tier system where future employees would enjoy fewer pension benefits than current employees and retirees.

Every current employee at Eastern stands to lose thousands of dollars a year in pension payouts if the SURS system is compromised.

It is crucial that this proposal is challenged by every employee working at Eastern. All of our futures are at stake because of this pension-busting proposal. We need to protect the current system.

Changing the system will only hurt the employees and students at Eastern Illinois University.

ROBIN L. MURRAY

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Non-traditional students are becoming more apparent

By JOANIE HOLLAND
STAFF WRITER

William C. Hine, dean of the College of Continuing Education, spoke with eight students and faculty members Wednesday as part of the Booth Library Speaker Series in his presentation, “Who Moved My Cheese? The Neotraditional Student in American Higher Ed.”

“In American higher education today, what percentage of students do you think are 18 years old, full-time, non-working, living on campus or in a fraternity or sorority (house)?” Hine asked.

The answer was surprising to everyone present. Only 15 percent of students meet these requirements.

“The traditional model of the undergraduate student is dramatically different (from 30 years ago),” Hine said. “The percentage of students over age 24, attending part-time, working, married, not living in university housing and who have children is 75 percent.”

Hine estimated that the current ratio of traditional to non-traditional students today is 1-to-1, as opposed to 4-to-1 in 1970. These numbers do not take credit hours into account. Each enrolled student is represented equally.

Recently, Eastern was reviewed for accreditation by the North Central Association of Higher Learning. One of the factors in this accreditation dealt

with engagement, or how involved the school is with the community, Hine said. Engagement includes making higher education available for anyone who wishes to pursue it.

Hine cited the baby boomer generation as a major force in changing the demographic of higher education.

“The boomers have driven a lot as they come through the pipe. This is just another example,” Hine said.

There is a high volume of people closing in on retirement age, but life expectancy has gone up, Hine said. Many people aren’t ready to retire when they reach their fifties. Education is an alternative.

Other reasons are technologically-based. Currently, computer systems become obsolete every six years, he said.

“The half-life of a college education is five years,” Hine said. “If (a college graduate) is not updating and retooling, (the graduate) becomes obsolete.”

The average adult changes careers between three and five times, or roughly every 10 years.

Technology is also an influence through online courses and degrees. Schools like the University of Phoenix offer hundreds of credited courses to students each year. Other schools, Eastern included, offer approximately 20 to 40 courses a semester. Education becomes as easy as logging into an email account.

Online courses offer a viable alter-

native for non-traditional students to earn credits without the stigma of being an adult student in a class full of young students.

Linda Spangler, an instructional support specialist in Booth and a former student, was faced with the difficulty of being a nontraditional student on campus at Eastern.

“From a non-traditional student perspective, I would feel a little uncomfortable as a 40- or 50-year-old student in a class full of 18- to 20-year-olds,” Spangler said. “In an online class, age isn’t a factor. You don’t stick out.”

“At some point in the future,” Hine said, “the nature of the entire enterprise of Eastern will be changed.”

Adult students are viewing themselves as consumers buying their educations, and they are demanding higher quality, he said.

“In the continuing education office, I get calls from non-traditional students complaining that their classes ended 15 minutes early,” Hine said. “I have yet to get a call like that from a 20-year-old student.”

While education is changing, however, it’s going to take some time.

“Continuing education is still a separate thing,” said Jocelyn Tipton, a reference librarian at Booth. “If the cheese is moving, when does continuing education become Eastern with no separate distinction?”



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William C. Hine, dean of the College of Continuing Education, spoke to a small group in Booth Library on Wednesday afternoon about how non-traditional student numbers are increasing.

On-campus parking changes slowly progress

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTER

Student Senate made some progress on the parking changes bill, but, after another heated debate, the 20 percent increase was tabled again this week.

Student Senate unanimously passed the resolution's third part stating Student Senate supports a special permit being required to park at the University Apartments between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

“This is good because it favors students with children,” said Senate member Maurice Tracy.

Student Senate also voted down the portion of the resolution stating there will be a trial period for reserved parking in the following locations: Student Services building lot, west side of Seventh Street along Klehm Hall, Taylor Hall staff, south Coleman Hall,

Carman Hall (Ninth Street) and Pemberton Hall.

“I do not support this because it favors the rich and is totally a George Bush thing,” said Senate member Becky Diehl.

Adam Due, University Police chief, spoke to the Senate to provide insight on the cost of parking and police fees.

Carol Miller from Text book Services spoke on the positives and negatives of the possible relocation sites for Textbook Services.

Student Senate also passed a bill to support the Kick Butts Club and Participate on Kick Butts Day, which is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 13. The event is to collect tobacco product-related litter in an effort to clean up campus.

The Senate Housing Committee would like to pass out 1,500 Off-Campus Housing Booklets at a cost of \$65.

RHA plans fund raising

By KRISTY MELLENDORF
STAFF WRITER

Upcoming deadlines for this year’s Residence Hall Association Fundraising Wars and next semester’s committee chairmen applications are on RHA’s agenda tonight, along with two guest speakers and discussion of this semester’s exam kits.

RHA will update its progress in the Fundraising Wars.

In the Wars, the residence halls compete to see who can raise the most money to go toward RHA scholarships, said Lindsay DiPietro, RHA president. Money for the event is due April 21.

April 14 is the due date for committee chair applications. The applications are open to anyone in RHA. Open positions include chairmen of the Programming Committee, Financial Advisory Board, Public Relations Board and President’s Council.

RHA is also sponsoring final exam kits through its contract with On-Campus

Marketing. The kits will be delivered April 25. Students will receive notification through campus mail to pick up their package in Andrews lobby. The kits that are not picked up by students are donated to charity.

“The kits come with three packages, all except one arrive preassembled,” DiPietro said. “We just have to put together the fruit baskets.”

A Pie Your Executive Board and Advisers Auction will take place directly after the meeting tonight.

“I ask that anyone who wishes to participate in the auction bring money to the meeting,” DiPietro said.

Dave Jones, a candidate for student body president, will speak to RHA this week regarding the Campus Orientation Party for Student Senate elections. Erin Keefe will also speak about the Avon Breast Cancer Walk.

Jen Dunavan spoke at last week’s meeting to gain RHA’s support for Alex’s Lemonade. A motion was put forth to table the request; this week, it will be discussed further.

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American cardinals help build coalitions

Knowledge and experience with Vatican politics can influence vote for Pope

ROME (AP) – Among the American cardinals who will vote for a successor to Pope John Paul II are several with extensive Vatican experience, which could boost their influence in the conclave.

No American is expected to be selected pope or to play kingmaker in the election. But their knowledge of Vatican politics, ability to speak Italian

and relationships with other cardinals built over years in Rome could give them a strong role in marshaling support for a candidate, analysts say.

"They speak the language, they know the mind-set and they've served as diocesan bishops," said David Gibson, a former Vatican Radio newsmen and author of "The Coming Catholic Church." "They are certainly vitally important in keeping open channels of communications between groups that may otherwise be cut off from one another for reasons of language and perceived agenda differences."

Americans make up 11 of the 116 cardinals expected to vote in the conclave set for April 18.

One of the U.S. churchmen likely to be most influential is Philadelphia Cardinal Justin Rigali. He worked for more than two decades as a Vatican diplomat, serving as president of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy the Vatican's West Point for diplomats and as the second-highest ranking official in the Congregation for Bishops, which nominates bishops.

White supremacist sentenced to 40 years for urging murder of judge

Former member of 'World Church of the Creator' to serve time

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO – In the end, white supremacist leader Matthew Hale was a lonely figure in an orange prison jumpsuit, standing alone before the court and searching for the words that might somehow win him mercy for soliciting the murder of a federal judge.

"I have to go back to a solitary cell. I have to go back to hell," Hale said, pleading for a break. "They want me to die in a hole."

For two hours, the 33-year-old who once claimed hundreds of followers rambled on, calling prosecutors "shameless liars," claiming the

news media smeared him and even reciting part of the Star Spangled Banner. He said he believed he and the targeted judge were "on the same side against these liars," at one point turning to the court gallery and begging, "Somebody tell her that it's a lie, somebody tell this poor woman."

The judge presiding over his hearing was unmoved.

Hale, the self-styled Pontifex Maximus of a now-scattered group that preached racial holy war, was sentenced to a maximum 40 years in prison for obstructing justice and soliciting an FBI informant to murder U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow, who had ordered him to stop using the name World Church of the Creator for his group because of a trademark dispute.

Lefkow wasn't harmed, and Hale claims he never wanted her killed.

Federal prosecutors, however, say Hale's soliciting of a judge's murder amounted to an act of terrorism deserving the stiffest punishment the law allows. U.S. District Judge James Moody agreed in sentencing him Wednesday.

"Mr. Hale is not concerned about taking someone's life, but rather how to do it without getting caught," Moody said. "I consider Mr. Hale to be extremely dangerous and the offense for which he was convicted to be extremely egregious."

Hale showed no emotion but sat staring at the defense table as the sentence was read.

The sentencing came just over a month after Lefkow's husband and mother were murdered by an intruder who broke into their Chicago home.

Report finds overlooked problems at child-welfare agency



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The state's child-welfare agency failed to meet its deadlines for investigating abuse reports last year in a small but growing number of cases, the

Illinois auditor general said Wednesday.

The Department of Children and Family Services also did a poor job of monitoring the organizations it hires to care for children with mental illnesses or behavioral problems, the audit found. But a child-welfare expert said the agency has recently made improvements in this area.

Auditor General William Holland found that in 2.08 percent of cases,

VOTE FOR BANNING CELLS AND DRIVING DELAYED

CHICAGO – The Chicago City Council delayed voting Wednesday on a proposal to ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

The measure would require drivers to use hands-free devices unless making 911 emergency calls or talking while the vehicle is parked. The penalties for using a hand-held cell phone

would be \$50, or \$200 if the driver was involved in an accident.

VOTERS REJECT 65 PERCENT SCHOOL FUNDING

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Two-thirds of the Illinois school districts seeking more money were turned down by voters in elections this week, an outcome that at least one advocate interpreted as a call for more state support.

School districts asked for permission to raise taxes in 69 elections Tuesday. They won only 22, according to figures released Wednesday by the Illinois State Board of Education.

In 29 referendums where districts sought to borrow money for construction or other expenses, voters approved only 12.

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Council delays proposal banning hand-held cell phones while driving

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\$50, or \$200 if the driver was involved in an accident. Alderman Burton Natarus, the measure's sponsor, said he decided to delay the vote until next month's City Council meeting after he learned that two colleagues planned to table it temporarily. Natarus refused to identify the aldermen, but at least one has expressed concerns that residents of his area which is near the suburbs could be ticketed as they

crossed into the city limits. Talking to reporters after the City Council meeting, Natarus dismissed critics' arguments that drivers are distracted by the cell phone conversation itself not the physical act of holding a phone. "The issue is not distraction, the issue is control. If you have a hearing device, at least then you can expect that while this person is talking, and doesn't even have to dial, they can have

both hands on the wheel," Natarus said. Alderman Edward Burke sought to further Natarus' ordinance Wednesday. He reintroduced a "distracted driving" measure that he first put forth in 2000 that would forbid drivers from shaving, applying makeup or consuming food and beverages, among other activities. It has not yet been taken up for a vote.

MINORITY:

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elementary and middle-level education major, agrees the small classrooms at Eastern are a benefit. Chesser described an incident in a class where a woman from a small town refused to sit near her. "I made it a purpose to sit next to her," Chesser said, not trying to be mean, but stressing the idea that race should not matter, especially in a classroom. "At Eastern, I like the fact that when I'm in the classroom, everybody knows my name and when I say something, everybody hears it." The students also described how their department's methods of teaching are beneficial to them. "Being a graduate student, I have really enjoyed the hands-on (learning) that I've had with my professors," Quinette Tukes said. "I need that interaction and I've gotten that." The panelists expressed concerns that there is a need for more interaction and minority mentors. "We need to see mentors that we can relate to," Quinette Tukes said. This year's discussion was limited to faculty and graduate students because of the lack of participation by undergraduate students in the past, said Martin Brown, assistant special education professor. The purpose was "to make faculty more aware of how to support minority students in the classroom," he said. Robin Elan, a community counseling graduate student, said it was interesting to hear the panelists' unique experiences. "I never really thought of things like that," she said. "More people could definitely learn from this."

MANAGER:

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"I have the authority to hire and fire personnel." There is always understanding between the city manager, mayor and council, and Cougill explained city managers have always gotten advice and asked for the council's approval before hiring city personnel. And now the mayor deals a lot more with the public's concerns and sits on several different committees to contribute more and offer advice to the city manager, Cougill said, adding the current form of government has been beneficial to the city as a whole. "When you took the commissioner title off and gave them councilmen titles, it added a lot to how the city was run. It's allowed us to take different departments and give them someone with experience and authority to work over (city employees)," he said. "You create coordination and put professionals in charge. Now we've got professional people (city manager and department heads) running the city, and politicians (council members) setting the policy."

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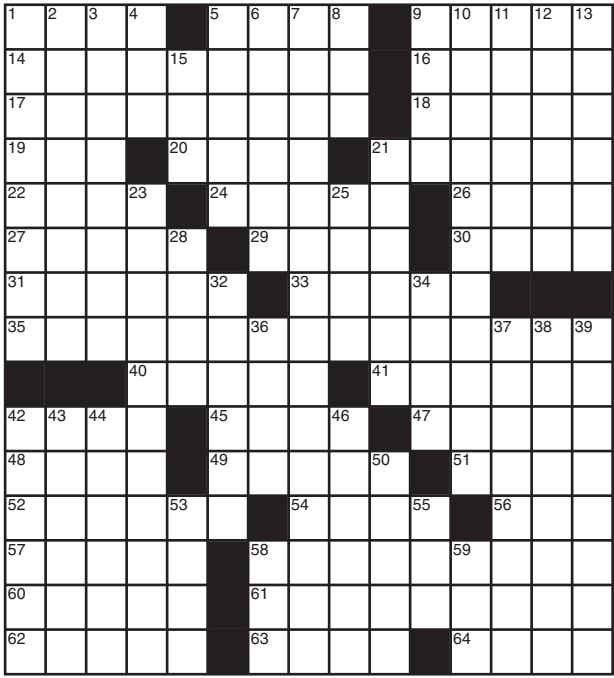
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Italian police turn back mourners hoping to view pope's body

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY - After electronic highway signs and cell phone text messages failed to staunch the flow of pilgrims, police stepped in Wednesday to turn back mourners hoping to join the 24-hour line to view the body of Pope John Paul II, on a day that brought almost 1 million people to the Vatican.

The crowd control problems developed hours after the College of

Cardinals set April 18 as the start of its conclave in the Sistine Chapel to choose a successor to John Paul, a papal election with new rules and new technological challenges.

Using a special entrance for VIPs, President Bush viewed the body with his wife, Laura, along with his father, former President Clinton and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, shortly after the U.S. delegation reached Rome. They knelt in a pew in front of the remains,

bowing their heads in prayer, joining a million pilgrims who had filed solemnly through St. Peter's Basilica.

Seeking to clear the basilica by Thursday evening so the Vatican could prepare for John Paul's funeral the following day, police announced they were closing the line at 10 p.m. Text messages were sent over Italian cellular phone lines. Those at the back would wait 24 hours before entering the basilica.

"We're just hoping the order can be

reversed," said Federica Bruni, a 20-year-old student who came from northern Italy and was one of the first to be told to go away Wednesday night.

It took more than an hour after the deadline to set up the barricades and establish the cutoff point.

"You tell these people!" said one Civil Defense officer in frustration as the time passed for the line to end.

"It's possible there are 1 million people out there," said Luca Spoletini

of the Civil Defense Department. "They are all concentrated outside St. Peter's ... We are all working to ensure maximum tranquility."

The Vatican is a keeper of secrets without parallel, but there were questions Wednesday about whether the deliberations in the conclave and the name of the new pope could be kept within the frescoed walls in an era of cell phones and now that the cardinals will be allowed to roam freely around the Vatican.

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Eastern bats heat up in win

Freshman gets two wins in two days

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern softball team scored early and often to roll past Morehead State 12-6 for its second straight win.

The Panthers (7-17, 4-5 Ohio Valley Conference) took two-of-three from the Eagles (7-17, 4-5) in the series, with freshman pitcher Karyn Mackie earning both wins.

Mackie pitched four and one-third innings of relief for Eastern, allowing one hit and one run.

"We got solid back-to-back games out of Karyn in this series. Today, she made them hit it on the ground and let the defense do the work," Searle said. "That's what we've been looking for."

Eastern jumped out to an early lead in the final game of the series, scoring four runs in the first inning against a pitcher who shut them out the day before, senior Stefanie Hernandez.

"I wish I knew why we couldn't hit her yesterday and then come out and score four runs on her in the first," Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle said. "We were patient and had long pitch counts."

In the top of the second, Morehead answered back with three runs of its own against senior pitcher Heather

Hoeschen, who allowed just six hits and no earned runs in 10 innings Tuesday.

In the top of the third, Morehead loaded up the bases with no outs, trailing 5-3. The next two hitters grounded out to third basemen Rachel Karos, who was able to save runs with the force out at home.

But before Hoeschen could work out of the jam, Morehead freshman first baseman Michelle McCrady singled through the right side to bring in two runs and tie the game at five.

At that point, Searle brought in Karyn Mackie, who got the Panthers

out of the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Panthers put up another

"We got solid back-to-back games out of Karyn (Mackie) in this series."

LYDDENE SEARLE,
EASTERN HEAD SOFTBALL COACH

six runs, courtesy of four hits and two Eagle errors. Eastern hit Hernandez with 11 runs and 10 hits before she was pulled at the end of the inning.

Two players had three hits in the Panthers' OVC win, sophomore second baseman Katy Steele and freshman right fielder Robyn Mackie.

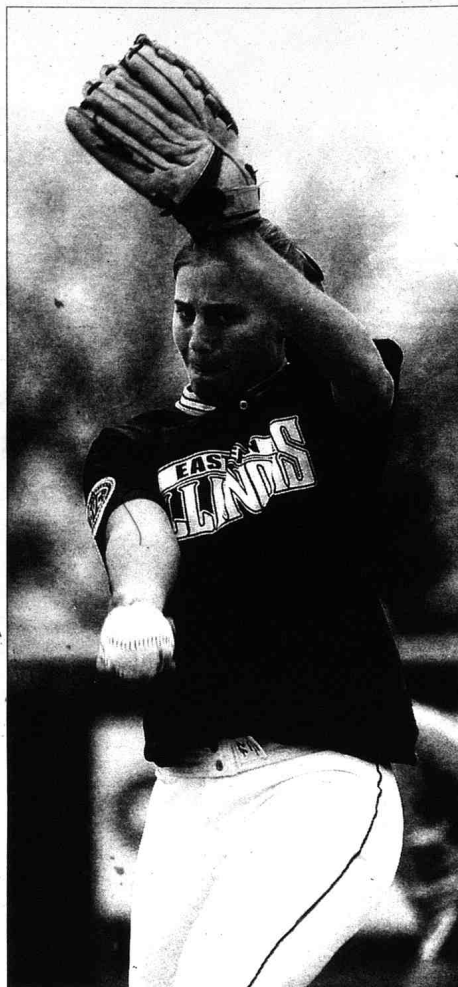
Eastern had three players driving in two RBIs, sophomore catcher Sandyn Short, junior leftfielder Cassandra North and senior designated player Nicole Leibelberger.

"We have multiple hitters in our lineup, so you can't isolate just one person," Searle said. "We have a little better supporting staff this season than we did last year."

Coming off its first series win in conference, Searle said the best has yet to come for Eastern.

"We're chipping away, but we're not looking to win series," she said. "We take it one pitch at a time."

"We haven't peaked yet."



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman pitcher Karyn Mackie releases a pitch against Morehead State Wednesday afternoon at Williams Field. Mackie allowed three runs and ten hits in her two wins over Morehead State this week.



STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Samford	9-2	16-15
Tennessee-Martin	7-2	22-8
Jacksonville State	7-3	23-13
Southeast Missouri	5-4	16-13
Austin Peay	4-4	11-22
Eastern Kentucky	4-5	13-16
Eastern Illinois	4-5	7-17
Tennessee Tech	3-5	17-23
Morehead State	2-7	9-21
Tennessee State	1-8	5-22

OVC STATS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AVG.
1. FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	29	.427
2. ALEXANDER, Maigin-JSU	36	.400
3. WORRELL, Leena-TSU	27	.398
4. PICKERING, Lindsay-SEMO	27	.385
5. MIZELL, Megan-UTM	26	.378
6. BENNETT, Kacy-TTU	40	.376
7. STEELE, Katy-EIU	23	.364
8. ROLF, Katie-EKU	36	.361
9. PAPPANO, Daniela-JSU	36	.354

HOME RUNS	G	HR
1. OLEMAN, Breanne-JSU	36	10
PAPPANO, Daniela-JSU	36	10
3. FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	29	7
ALEXANDER, Maigin-JSU	36	7
SUMMERS, Michelle-SEMO	29	7

RUNS BATTED IN	G	RBI
1. OLEMAN, Breanne-JSU	36	35
2. ALEXANDER, Maigin-JSU	36	30
PAPPANO, Daniela	36	30
4. BENNETT, Kacy-TTU	40	26
5. FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	29	24

WINS	G	W-L
1. KELLAM, Carly-JSU	19	12-5
2. MEYER, Susanna-SAM	22	11-9
3. BYNUM, Bonny-TTU	35	11-14
4. DAVIS, Nicole-TTU	11	10-1
5. FAHNESTOCK, SEMO	20	10-5

STRIKEOUTS	G	SO
1. KELLAM, Carly-JSU	19	142
2. BYNUM, Bonny-TTU	35	124
3. PIERCE, Christine-JSU	22	105
4. MEYER, Susanna-SAM	22	105
5. ANDERSON-APSU	11	76

EARNED RUN AVERAGE	G	ERA
1. DAVIS, Nicole-UTM	11	1.37
2. BYNUM, Bonny-TTU	35	1.71
3. MEYER, Susanna-SAM	22	1.81
4. MIZELL, Megan-UTM	13	1.86
5. PIERCE, Christine-JSU	22	1.88

WEEKEND SERIES



Tennessee State
(5-22, 1-8)

@

Eastern Illinois
(7-17, 34-5)

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The conference foes will meet for a doubleheader at noon on Saturday and a single game the next day at noon. Tennessee State is led by junior infielder Leena Worrell, who is third in the conference in average (.398). The Tigers got their first OVC win Sunday with a 3-1 win over SEMO.

WEDNESDAY SERIES



Samford
(13-7)

@

Eastern Illinois
(7-17)

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The doubleheader at Williams Field starts at 2 p.m. and is the end of a eight game home-stand for the Panthers. The Billikens are led by senior outfielder Adrienne May who is hitting .432 with seven doubles and two triples. Opponents are hitting .299 against SLU as opposed to the .222 the Billikens are averaging.

OVC NOTES

OVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
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Amy Fahnestock
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TRACK AND FIELD

Big Blue Classic kicks off at Eastern

By DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF WRITER

Eastern’s track & field team will be preparing to claim victory while hosting its Big Blue classic track meet, the Neil Moore Multi-Events, and the Distance and Throws Carnival this weekend at O’Brien Stadium.

Some of the teams included in the meet are Bradley University, Illinois State University, the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, the University of Illinois-Chicago, Indiana State University, Marquette University, Loyola University-Chicago, Ohio State University, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Western Illinois University, Rend Lake College, Danville College, Lincoln College, Florrisant Valley College and Missouri Baptist University, as well as club teams and unat-

tached runners.

The track meet will begin on Thursday with the men’s decathlon and the women’s heptathlon, which are held under the Multi-Events title. These events will conclude on Friday morning and will be followed by the Distance and Throws Carnival at 2 p.m. Friday. The Big Blue Classic will take place 10 a.m. Friday and is expected to run until 5:35 p.m.

Throughout the three-day event, the men’s 5,000 meter race is expected to be one of the distance races to look for as Loyola brings its best athletes to compete long distance, Eastern coach

“I think every event is going to be strong when looking at the teams coming. I don’t think there are going to be any slouch events.”

Geoff Masanet,
Eastern Head Cross Country Coach

Geoff Masanet said.

“Loyola has a nice crew of guys,” Masanet said. “I think that race is going to be a highlight of this meet.

When asked about the sprinting events, every event will be an event to watch, said head coach Tom Akers.

“I think every event is going to be strong when looking at the quality of teams coming,” Akers said. “I don’t think there are going to be any slouch events.”

The track team staff worked hard to get more people entered into the 5,000 meter race

in order to raise the level of competition and help lower the times of Eastern’s athletes Masanet said.

“The way you qualify for nationals is to qualify at regionals,” Masanet said. “The qualifying time at Regionals is 14:15 for the men and 16:54 for the women. Our objective is to hopefully get enough people to run so we can have a pretty competitive race. The more competitive the race is, the faster the times will be.”

When looking at other long distance races, the 1,500 meter race is another one to watch Masanet said.

“The 1,500 should be a good one,” Masanet said. “Indiana State and Illinois State have some really good guys. We have some really good guys too. I think that we’ll see some regional qualifying times in that race.”

FIGURE:

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there’s a perception that UIC is a dirty program; their score under the new NCAA’s Academic Progress Report (0 to 1000) was 981, 22 points higher than the national average and oh yeah, 58 points higher than EIU’s. Sorry Mark, I guess you’re not qualified but for the life of me I have no idea why.

Illinois assistant coach Jay Price – that’s right, we just told the head-assistant on the 2005 national runner up squad that he isn’t qualified to coach Eastern. Are you kidding me?

The only reason I can think we dropped Price from the list is that he didn’t want to concentrate on the position until the Illinois season was over. We penalized Price for either winning too much at Illinois or for being pro-

fessional in the way he conducts himself. Those involved in this process should give themselves a huge pat on the back.

The ironic part of the whole situation is I couldn’t understand why Price would even consider this job; quite frankly, he can and will do better.

Jay Price will make EIU regret passing him over by either not scheduling us at the big program he eventually gets hired at or by blowing us out the first chance he gets.

Congratulations because here at Eastern we proved once again that we are incapable of handling a major decision.

In short, we did another big thing badly. I’m afraid that after this, the perception has gone from “I’m disappointed in Eastern” to “that’s typical Eastern.”

CANDIDATE:

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Wisconsin to leave for nothing.”

At Wisconsin, Close said the entire coaching staff collaborated on recruiting the Midwest, particularly Wisconsin and Illinois. He said the whole staff would recruit together at Eastern as well.

“We all got involved with every kid,” he said. “We’re in this together and we have to make the right decisions.”

Some of the recruits may come from places not just across state lines, but from across the U.S. border.

Close said he would definitely explore using international contacts he made while

traveling with teams overseas to recruit foreign-born players.

“Kids over there are just dying to play Division I basketball in the United States,” he said. “And, you can get some really good players doing that.”

The bottom line for Close is that wherever he is coaching, he’s constantly trying to raise the bar and move things forward. And, it’s a philosophy that he said needs to be shared program-wide.

“In everything, we’ve all got to be involved; we’ve all got to give input,” Close said. “The more we all have ownership for what we’re doing, the better off we’re going to be.”

MEN’S BASKETBALL SEARCH

Coaching candidate offers Big Ten tempo

By MATTHEW STEVENS
SPORTS REPORTER

Wisconsin assistant Gary Close made it very clear what Panther fans would see out of his teams at Lantz Arena.

“Most of my background has been revolved in playing that up-tempo, aggressive style of basketball that includes full-court pressure,” Close said.

Close was an assistant under Tom Davis at Stanford and Iowa, and said he would use the style that produced 11 postseason berths that included nine NCAA Tournament berths and a pair of NIT teams.

“It’s definitely a fast break, up-tempo type offensive system,” ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale said. “He worked real close to (Tennessee coach and former UW-Milwaukee coach) Bruce Pearl while at Iowa. He’s an energetic hard working coach.”

However, the Badger coach did mention the philosophical ideas that he learned under Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan.

“Bo really knows how to teach half court

defense,” Close said. “He really stresses taking care of the basketball and finding the easiest shot.”

Attempting to turn around a team with 12-16 record, Close feels the high-paced style could be the easiest and most effective way of being successful very quickly.

“You look at UW-Milwaukee and what they were able to do in the NCAA Tournament playing that style, that worked well,” Close said. “Especially, in a setting that you only have one day to prepare for a team.”

Close is confident that his players at Eastern would love to play in the system and Panther fans would flock to Lantz Arena to see it.

“I have never come across a player that didn’t love (it), and it’s obviously very successful,” Close said.

Close attempted to describe his demeanor in practice and how he expects that to translate into game day.

“I told the team today that if you’re not willing to dive on the floor for a loose ball in practice, you won’t do it in a game,” Close said.

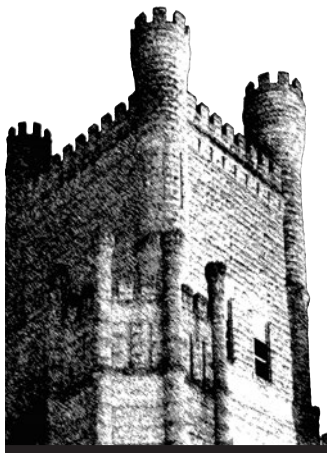
“(Gary Close) is an energetic hard working coach.”

Dick Vitale,
ESPN College Basketball Analyst

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MATT STEVENS
SPORTS WRITER

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Whether you agree or disagree with that call, it projects the image of moving forward. That's fine.

During the month-long search, I, along with faculty, community members and everyone else out of the loop, was excited.

I couldn't wait until the finalists were announced to hear the names of who would hopefully be taking Panther basketball to the next level.

"I think people underestimate what we have here," director of athletics Rich McDuffie said. "Not many realize how good our situation is, and we should be proud of what we can do."

With the overflow of people confirming that they applied for the job, I begin to believe McDuffie's confidence of getting 'the guy.'

With true apologies to the finalists here, I don't think anybody is saying, "that's your guy," when talking about Gary Close, Greg Gensing and Mike Miller. They are probably saying, "who?"

My first two questions were, "who are these guys?" and "what are we thinking?"

That was my fear. Sure enough, it came true.

Some of the candidates who weren't finalists are probably more notable nationally than our choices. There's just no way around that fact. Our process from the outside seems laughable, but trust me, it's not funny when it involves a six-figure program.

Illinois-Chicago associate head coach Mark Coomes is a big part of what was and still is Illinois basketball. Simply put, when you say Illinois basketball in Central Illinois, I guarantee you'll find the name Mark Coomes more than once. Coomes has head coaching experiencing at Wabash Valley and Southern Indiana. Coomes recruited and coached NBA player Ken Norman at Wabash Valley. But there's apparently no way he could recruit at Eastern. Along with Jimmy Collins, he was responsible and for recruiting Nick Anderson and Kendall Gill. You want to know

SEE **FIGURE** PAGE 11A

MEN'S BASKETBALL SEARCH

First candidate visits Eastern

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern took one step toward hiring a new men's basketball coach Wednesday, as members of the athletic department, coach search committee and team met with Wisconsin assistant coach Gary Close.

Interviews continue tomorrow with Creighton associate head coach Greg Gensing coming to Charleston today and Kansas State associate head coach Mike Miller finishing up interviews Friday.

Close, who has spent the past two seasons assisting Badger head coach Bo Ryan, said as soon as the Eastern

head-coaching job became vacant, he was interested.

"This is a position that's intrigued me since it became open," Close said. "I've enjoyed my stay down here so far."

Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie said he liked Close's candid approach to the interview.

"He's a no-nonsense type of person," McDuffie said. "I like his idea of practicing hard and playing hard while still going to the classroom."



GARY CLOSE
WISCONSIN

PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	TRACK AND FIELD HOST BIG BLUE CLASSIC	All Day
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD HOST BIG BLUE CLASSIC	All Day
	Women's Tennis vs. IPFW	2 p.m.
SATURDAY	SOFTBALL VS TENNESSEE STATE (DOUBLEHEADER)	NOON
	Track and Field host Big Blue Classic	All Day

BASEBALL



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Junior first baseman Chad Watson tries to pick off Northern Illinois University senior infielder Greg Larsen Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

Selfish play dooms Eastern in loss

Panthers collect 15 hits in loss to Northern

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Down two runs in the ninth is not a great spot to be, but when the heart of the batting order is up, it's not the worst spot either.

But sophomore Ryan Campbell grounded out for the first out of the ninth. Then sophomore Jason Cobb couldn't get the job done. Junior Keiji Szalo got a hit, but a ground out negated it to end the game as the Panthers lost 9-7 to Northern Illinois.

During the whole inning, the Huskies got behind their pitcher more than the Panthers got behind their hitters, and head coach Jimmy Schmitz was not happy about it.

"We're playing very selfish baseball right now," Schmitz said. "We're swinging the bats okay, and, yeah, we got 15 hits today and 17 last night, but hits are selfish. Winning is what it's all about."

The Panthers haven't been winning very often this season as their record now stands at 6-20.

Schmitz said the difference this season is that guys are more concerned with their batting averages than they are about winning. He said the Panthers haven't come together, and gotten behind each other when they need it most.

"It's not a good team feeling right now," Schmitz said. "I'm very disappointed."

The Panthers are 3-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference, which is good enough for fifth place.

That puts them right in the middle of the pack; their season is far from over. But Schmitz said the Panthers must start playing like a team or the season will get worse before it gets better.

The bats have come around in the past couple of days. In total, the Panthers have amassed 32 hits in the past two games. Because of all the hits, Schmitz said his team thinks it deserved a better fate the past two days.

"They think they've been snake bitten," Schmitz said. "We need energy from 25-30 people toward what we're doing," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said that's just not happening and he thinks, as of right now, the only way to deal with it is to hold a meeting to talk about the concept of team.

"We just have to stay focused and keep positive," Campbell said.

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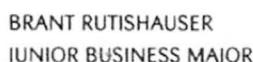
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What April Fool's Day prank did you pull this year?



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"I told my roommate
he lost weight."



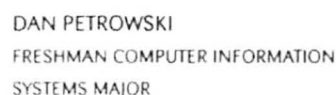
"I was watching one of my friends' fish and I told her it died."



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SHOP KEEPS CHARLESTON CAFFEINATED

BY HOLLY HENSCHEN
VERGE EDITOR

Three is the magic number for Jackson Avenue Coffee. This weekend the shop on The Square will mark its third year in business with a cadre of music acts and activities.

During a 9 a.m. interview, after being at work since 6 a.m., owner Ryan Dawson made drinks amidst the whirring of machines while asking customers by name what type of cream cheese they preferred on their bagels.

"Our main focuses are coffee and environment and being social and customer service," Dawson said. "It's the way a coffee house was meant to be."

Dawson said he went into business three years ago with his wife Dulcy because they decided to give it a try after throwing the idea around for a while.

"It's challenging but also very rewarding,"

Dawson said. "Simple moments that happen, like people telling you thank you for something small that you did, make all the hard times and number-crunching worth it."

Being located away from campus hasn't hurt Jackson Avenue Coffee, he said.

"We didn't realize it until we opened how much traffic is up here," said Dawson. People do come from across town to come to our business. The Square has environment and stone structures that are just amazing."

In three years of business, the shop has added music to their foundation of coffee. Last year, they expanded 900 square feet for an office and music room.

Jackson Avenue also routinely adds drinks to their menu and will soon have 100 percent fruit smoothies on Wednesdays, said Dawson.

"We're always changing recipes and tweaking things."

Jackson Avenue Coffee caters to all audi-

ences, from students to local residents, with a family-oriented environment.

"If we just hold that simple base, everybody can come," said Dawson.

A musical act once complained that the Jackson Avenue performance rules disallowed swear words, but the shop didn't waver.

The customers are the most rewarding part of owning a coffee shop, he said.

"The spectrum of people I know and the conversations I have in a day are amazing."

This weekend, Jackson Avenue Coffee, will cater to both family and student clientele with events from morning until evening Friday and Saturday.

At 10 a.m. Friday, parents are encouraged to participate with their children in Penny's Tiny Tunes. At 8 p.m., Mike Blair from Madison Greene will perform after Ryan Groff, a Jackson Avenue Coffee employee for two-and-a-half years.

"Groff has been with us for two-and-a-half years he's leaving this summer."

"He's been such a huge part of us," Dawson said. "We thought it would be appropriate for him to do a solo show."

Saturday morning Tarble Arts Center curator Kit Morice and a handful of Eastern students will hold an activity for children from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Then at 1 p.m., Jackson Avenue will host a "coffee-cupping," which is like a wine tasting, with coffee.

"It's very concentrated coffee," said Dawson. "You sip it and but don't swallow it and spit it right back out. You still can get a little buzz off of it."

Saturday night at 7:30, Eastern acoustic trio Shady Katle, composed of sisters Courtney and Kristen Boscoe and Eastern Talent Search winner Courtney Shepard, will open for Chicago native Liz Bowater.

All shows at Jackson Avenue Coffee are free of charge.

Graduate art students explore social issues

BY BRIAN O'MALLEY
STAFF WRITER

A group of graduate students have their artwork displayed at the Tarble Arts Center until the end of April.

Michael Watts, Tarble Arts director, said eight graduate students have submitted art to this exhibition.

"This group thesis exhibition presents work by EIU's current MA Studio Art candidates," Watts said.

The art varies from drawings and paintings to metal sculpture to computer-based digital works.

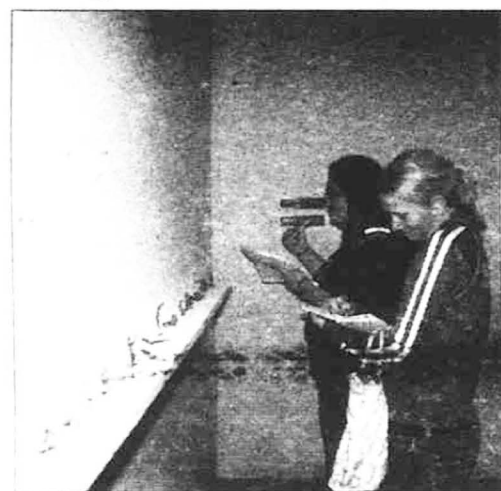
Graduate student Jonathan Donaldson is submitting digital art and said most of the artists dealt with social issues when creating their pieces of art.

"My work has turned toward issues related to our culture and it's consumerist mentality," Donaldson said.

Watts said graduate student Megan Glosser's drawings and paintings are strongly influenced by Japanese Animation and graphic novels.

"My work questions the existence of social hierarchies and the power struggles," Glosser said. "I draw from my own experiences in the military, both as a National Guard and as an active duty soldier during the war with Iraq."

Derrick Harris created sculptures out of wood and metal for this display. He uses the strategy board game, chess, to create his sculptures.



JOAQUIN OCHOA/VERGE

Left: Moriah Johnson, a freshman nursing major, looks at "Humvee," while above Megan Koncel, a sophomore elementary education major, and Jessica Hamrick, a sophomore elementary education major examine the soldiers.

"I find the game of chess fascinating because I see life as somewhat like the game of chess, with all its moves and counter-moves," Harris said. Using chess as a symbol, his art expresses the battle of good vs. evil and man vs. mother nature, he said.

Watts said Nam Clark submitted paintings, drawings and blow-up punching bags to take a deeper look at stereotypes having to do with race in America.

"Through humor, my work addresses

issues of identity, conformity and confrontation," Clark said. Clark uses popular culture, such as graffiti and work from famous cartoonists, as inspiration for his work.

Jessica Robers created intaglios and monotypes that focus on loneliness, isolation and "the pressure in our culture for women to be perfect," she said.

Like Donaldson, Clint Shaw focuses on the consumer in his metal sculpture. He used junked car parts to create his wing-

like sculpture, which he said combines his love of cars and futuristic design.

"My work is about the design and the American dream," he said.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by Eastern's art department and the reception is co-sponsored by Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, Watts said.

The 2005 Graduate Art Exhibition began at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday and will continue until April 24 at the Tarble Arts Center. Admission is free for everyone.

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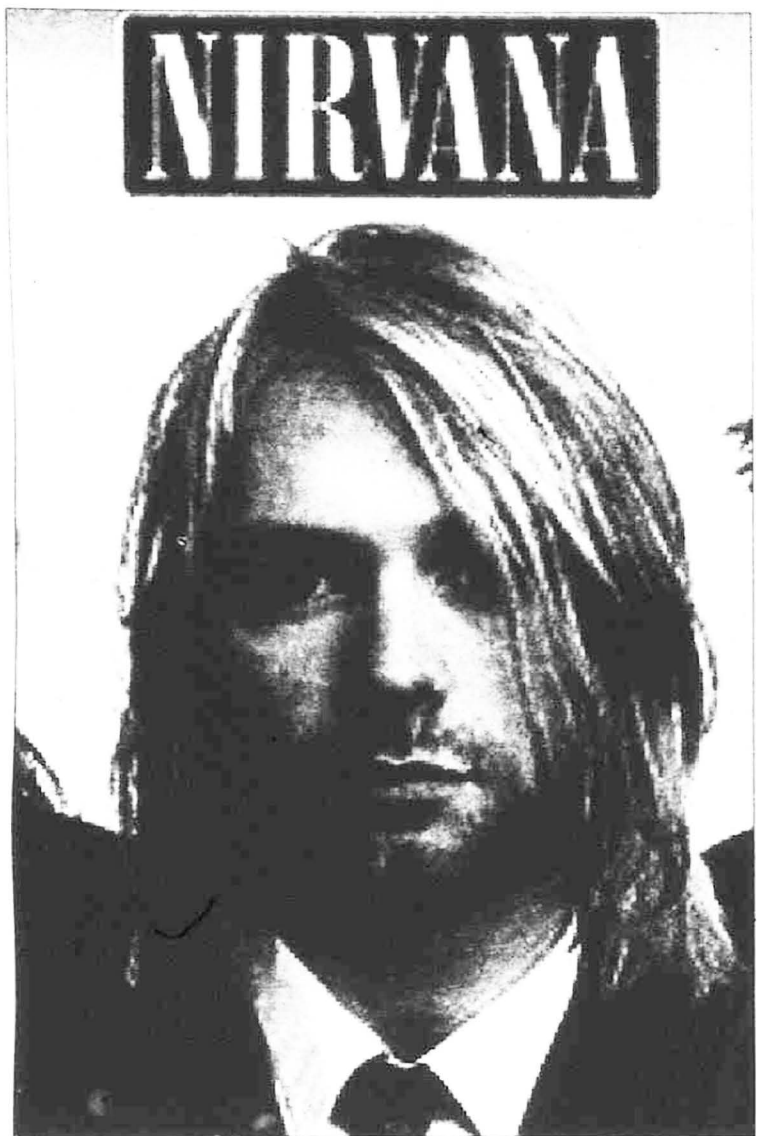
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Kurt Cobain died 11 years ago. Nirvana's 1991 release "Nevermind" was recently added to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry.

Eleven years ago Tuesday, Nirvana frontman and grunge posterboy Kurt Cobain was found dead in his home. The surrounding media coverage made suicide seem heroic and tragic. Cobain became the patron saint of depressed teenagers around the world.

Nirvana was popular and controversial since 1992, when their major label release "Nevermind" hit it big. The band embodied the 'it's cool to be a reject' concept, which comforted legions of angsty teenagers across the globe. The Subpop records 'Loser' image became the anthem of Generation X.

After Cobain's death, I became enamored with the black glamour of the situation. Nirvana was my favorite band and I was in love with Kurt Cobain. I learned to play and sing every Nirvana song, which is about as difficult as being an angry teenager. I read all the books written on Nirvana, made homemade permanent marker T-shirts a la Cobain and scrawled self-styled band logos across my notebooks at school. I filled countless books with crappy poetry and four-chord songs, exploiting the quiet verse/loud chorus style Nirvana ripped off of the Pixies. For years, my only goal in life was to be in a successful band.

POP SHOTS

By HOLLY HENSCHEN
VERGE EDITOR



Cobain's intermediate distorted guitar stylings are inventive. It pained me, though, to see the band bashing their instruments, namely Cobain's Fender Jagstang guitar, at the end of shows. Nirvana was a lucky recipient of timing in the music world. Rock needed a transition between 1980s glam and what was to come. Other bands, such as Sebadoh, Green River, Sonic Youth and The Melvins were much more accomplished. Nirvana combined all of these styles and marketed them effectively. Production by Butch Vig and Steve Albini definitely made them more palatable to a wider audience. Nirvana's harder edge is audible on "With the Lights Out," released in late 2004. They never intended to be Top 40 material.

The media capitalized off of Cobain's depressed image. His lyrics pointed to what people wanted to hear. Eventually, though, I feel Cobain became a victim of his fame. Many band members work hard and pay their dues for a chance in the spotlight. Once the media is upon them, it's too late and the new star has to

live with the fact that they got what they wanted and no longer want it.

Also, I am of the camp that knows Cobain was knocked off by his evil wife. Check out the documentary "Kurt and Courtney," rentable at Family Video, for more evidence of this. Like most people, I felt like I knew the guy (or at least the way he was presented by the media), and he would never do such a thing. With such blatant lyrics, suicide would be too obvious and clichéd.

One disgrace to the Cobain legacy was the printing of his diaries. This travesty raped the private life and memory of someone already so posthumously whored.

More than a decade later, the glamour has worn off. The most successful member of Nirvana is Dave Grohl. His musicianship is exponentially more developed than Cobain's, and ... he's still alive. It goes to show that drug addiction isn't all it's cracked up to be.

As much time has passed since Cobain's death now as had passed since I'd been born when it happened. Idolizing Nirvana definitely saw me through a miserable time in my life, but I wonder if the exploitation of Cobain's unhappiness provoked and exacerbated my own, along with many in my generation.

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THRIFT STORE EXTRAVAGANZA

BY KELLY McCABE
STAFF WRITER

Thrift store trendiness is in the spotlight. Celebrities sporting vintage getup have added to the craze.

Although some students may be worried that they left their favorite Salvation Army behind when they left for Eastern, Charleston has its fair share of thrift stores.

Whether you're looking for a vintage concert tee or a retro lamp for your living room, it's possible that you may find them at one of these shops.

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Skis, a giant piggy bank, self-help books and '70s-era raincoats sit on the racks just waiting to be found by a resourceful shopper. Although Charleston's newest thrift shop, Community Thrift Store, is well hidden (65 Castle Drive, past Dairy Queen), it is perhaps Charleston's most traditional thrift shop.

The store's inventory resembles that of a typical garage sale, with items that the former owners just didn't want anymore, items that other people may be searching for. Shoppers may stumble across that pair of skis that they've been wanting but couldn't afford to buy brand-new, or the vintage purse that will go perfectly with their favorite outfit.

The shop has been open for just a year but Linda Jones, member of the board of directors, said the community has been very generous. Community Thrift Store is affiliated with Charleston's Assembly of God church. It operates on straight donations, which in turn makes the prices inside the store lower than consignment shops, Jones said. Prices range anywhere from 25 cents to five dollars for clothing, which she said are the most popular items.



SOMEONE/VERGE

Vintage store Spence's on Jackson has clothing as well as shoes and records from days of yore.

"(We) are more of a community service we support missions with some of our profit," she said.

Community Thrift Store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

SPENCE'S ON JACKSON

Spence's on Jackson is vintage in every sense of the word. A Frank Sinatra photo sits in the front window welcoming customers into the store, and when you enter, it feels like you're in a time warp.

While browsing the shop, the only clue that it's a thrift store is the CD player that sits on the counter—and even that's well-hidden. Decorating the walls are old record covers—AC/DC, Elton John, Boston, Johnny Carson. Photos of Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and Billie Holiday are scattered throughout.

The store is very cozy, with a sitting area and TV by the door for people waiting for their slow friends to finish shopping. Owner Linda Spence said she likes to make people feel welcome in her store, which also has a toy area for children.

"When people come in, it seems like they're always on a mission," said owner Linda Spence.

Spence's is likely to fulfill that mission with its variety of clothing, accessories and old toys all of which are handpicked by Spence. Pant suits from the '70s, old Western shirts (which are the most popular), a treasure chest full of colorful scarves and a large shoe collection are only a fraction of what's inside the store.

"I Love Lucy" fans will be pleased to find a poster of the popular

"Vitameatavegamin" episode. The "M*A*S*H" board game is sure to catch any fan's eye. The James Dean cutout will make ladies swoon just as it would have in the '50s.

Spence said it may be cliché, but she wants customers to "feel like they're the most special person in the world."

TWICE IS NICE

As shoppers enter the doors to Twice is Nice consignment shop on 18th Street, they are greeted by little signs saying "Shoplifters Will be Beaten to Death." But don't be scared; looking around the large store may calm your fear because the shop is actually very cozy and friendly. Decorating the walls are paintings that may be purchased and plastic plants sit atop the racks of clothing.

Charleston has been the home to Twice is Nice for seven years, but was previously in Tuscola for nine. Owner Nancy Kuyendall thought that moving the store to a college town would be a lucrative move. The outlet mall in Tuscola also hurt business.

"When the mall went in up there, business kind of died down," she said.

Twice is Nice is a consignment shop, which means the store gets 50 percent of the profits selling items for the previous owner. This results in a little higher prices for items, but as Kuyendall pointed out, the store carries stylish brands such as Abercrombie & Fitch and Bebe. Although much of the clothing is gently worn, some items still have their price tags attached.

The store has the typical resale shop items such as clothing, shoes and housewares. But dig a little deeper, and you may find the Fabio video novel you've been dying to read or the Hanson Christmas album on tape that would be the perfect gag gift for a friend.

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Money gives a 'Million' dollar message for film

BY BRIAN O'MALLEY
STAFF WRITER

From the director of "Trainspotting" and "28 Days Later" comes "Millions," a lighthearted and tense little movie about two brothers who find a sack of money after moving into a new neighborhood.

The 9-year-old Anthony (Lewis Owen McGibbon) decides to pay off the students at his new school to be his servants and body guards, while 7-year-old Damian (Alexander Nathan Etel) wants to help the poor.

Most young boys at his school idolize soccer players, while Damian is obsessed with saints. As many children have imaginary friends, Damian is visited by different saints, such as St. Peter and St. Nicholas, throughout the course of the movie and

they try to aid him in helping the less fortunate.

Underneath this story are three important subplots: 1. the brothers live alone with their father (James Nesbitt) because their mother is dead 2. It turns out the money is from a bank robbery and the mastermind (Christopher Fulford) comes snooping around looking for the loot 3. the United Kingdom is changing from pounds to euros in a week so the boys must either spend it or exchange the money before it's too late.

This movie never stops moving and it has the energy of a child. The two leads are extraordinary and Etel's character, Damian, is one of my favorite characters of all time. It doesn't seem possible to create such a goodhearted character, but screenplay writer Frank Cottrell Boyce pulled it off with ease.

"MILLIONS"
4 ★★★★★

Like all of Boyle's movies, "Millions" is shot very well and colors are used to magnify situations and characters. For example, some Mormons that live near the boys always have bright colors on like white and yellow, while the bad guy wears all dark clothes.

When I say bad guy, I'm not just lacking better vocabulary. This movie is essentially a family movie, so calling him the "bad guy" is the best way to say it. He is truly the only "bad" character with importance in the movie.

The script avoids clichés and uses Damian's imagination to push realism out of the picture and give the story what it needs: a child's mind.

I can't think of anything wrong with this movie, which is amazing because there are so many ways it could have been ruined.

I've always had the theory that the best child actors can be found in England, well this movie does nothing but support my theory.

Etel and McGibbon seemed extremely comfortable on screen and will most likely fulfill healthy film careers, if they decide to keep acting of course. And both of them mark their film debut in "Millions," which is more impressive than anything else.

Overall, this film is sensational and should leave the audience satisfied and emotionally moved. Some may even be leaving the theater wiping tears off of their cheeks.

The Atari Star is light years from out of this world



BY GREG WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Some bands challenge you to listen a little bit harder; music that takes a couple times to really click with the listener. This type of music can be some of the most rewarding for a music fan.

Other times though, you keep listening in, keep playing back the album and nothing clicks. Some songs may stand out every now and then, but overall there's no reward, no treasure chest; the songs that didn't do anything for you the first listen are still as uninspiring as before. In other words, you just listened to the new Atari Star album "Prayer + Pretend."

The Atari Star is made up of Rob Vester, Marc Ruvolo and Davey Houle, the latter two run the indie label, Johann's Face Records. The Atari Star is basically another indie rock band that has nice production values with talented musicians, yet

"PRAYER & PRETEND"
1 ★☆☆☆☆

they really don't put it to good use.

Songs like "Always If Only" have a decent buildup that culminates in the pounding of instruments, but you just don't really feel it, or care. Before you realize it, the song is over and a new song begins and there is more building-up to be done.

That's not to say that "Prayer + Pretend" doesn't have its moments every now and then. "Night Striped Assassin" has a fun, dare I say, 'dancey' feel to it that grabs the listener for a moment from the blandness of the record.

For every fun little moment like the one on "Night Striped Assassin," there are quite a few more to turn that smile into an emotionless state. "Bridge of Sighs" is a song to listen to in the middle of the winter away from

everyone else while reassuring yourself that no one understands you, and they never will.

"Mosquito Heart Serenade" concludes the album on a somewhat upbeat way even if the ending chorus isn't the happiest. "Men argue, and announce their wicked ways, but men argue all the time." Take that you cruel, cruel society!

To put it bluntly, The Atari Star is boring. The band may have a message, but does anyone care? "Prayer + Pretend" is an album that can be put on and before you know it, it is over. That is not because it was fun, it is due to the fact that the whole album sounds the same and carries the same sort of tone and formula for the most part.

Now, to put it punily, I prayed and pretended that I don't have to listen to this album again now that the review is over. That sentence doesn't get any better with repeated listenings, neither does "Prayer + Pretend."

Jazz trio returns to Eastern to spice up the night

BY CHRIS WALDEN
STAFF WRITER

Three jazz musicians came to Eastern April 3 to compose an evening of fun and relaxation for listeners. The audience was a warm blend of varying ages, many of them appearing to be older than students.

The Simon Rowe Trio group consists of pianist Simon Rowe, bassist John Huber and drummer Jeff Magby. The trio has been playing together since the group formed in Indianapolis in 1998.

The opening number of the evening was exactly what people expect to hear when they think of jazz. As soon as the music began, the musicians were getting into it. Smiles on their faces surfaced while their bodies moved to the beat of the music.

Rowe's fingers surfed along the piano keys to create a cool

and relaxing melody that didn't overcome the bass and drums. The drums defined the tempo that people were tapping their toes to. At times the drums grew louder and demanded the piano and bass to join in louder as well. Just when the music would seem a little loud, all three dropped their dynamics in a delicious mezzo-forte transition.

Each instrument sported its own solo and brought out how much each instrumentalist simply loved playing jazz together. None of the solos dominated the musical collage, leaving room for the other artists' expressions.

Rowe explained afterwards that the trio never got much time to work together, but one would never know after having seen them work together so fluently.

Other musical pieces featured high-tempo parties of drums and excitement, but the loudness never lasted long, for the transi-

tions always gradually quieted. Before long, the jazz filled the room with a quiet but nonetheless intense and enticing harmony.

The bass loops and piano rolls were fascinating to listen to, but it was clear the audience was enjoying the music because the musicians were enjoying it.

Rowe continually smiled and danced in his seat while creating perfect musical moments with his grand piano. No matter how long applause greeted the trio in the middle of their performances, they kept on giving the people what they wanted: fun, amazing jazz.

Marking the middle of the evening was a piece Rowe said was inspired by Kenny Wheeler. Like so many quiet piano solos, the piece was romantic and relaxing, better suited for couples dances, far from the flashy high-tempo music of hotel lobbies and dance floors.

Rowe stroked the keys precisely and carefully, generating a mood that was neither thrilling nor depressing. Not long behind, the bass and drums carefully joined the piano to create a romantic atmosphere, the kind of music heard in a book store.

Shortly thereafter, Huber commanded a rare and groovy bass solo, occasionally matching pitches with Rowe. Huber couldn't help but reveal a gleeful smile for love of playing the bass.

Following right behind was a powerful and rocking drum solo.

The final piece of the program was a return to the quintessential jazz performance: a catchy beat, controlled dynamics and quiet pauses leaving the audience waiting for more.

There was so much going on in the final number - drums, loud bass and piano tangents - and yet it was actually not cluttered

or crowded.

They made it look like so much fun to be jazz musicians. It truly is a pleasure to just be in the same room as this music.

When the audience applauded encore, Rowe, Huber and Magby agreed to perform an unrehearsed Duke Ellington piece.

This wasn't Rowe and Magby's first visit to Charleston - both came to Eastern sporting their love for music. Rowe was a member of Eastern's jazz faculty for two years, and Magby is a 1995 Eastern graduate.

Together, the trio drew their inspiration and music from Midwestern jazz artists such as Willie Akins, Jeanne Trevor and Luqman Hamza.

The trio recently released a CD called "Flamingo," under the record label Catalyst Production. Rowe founded the label in 1997, and "Flamingo" is its fourth release.

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SERIE-OUS LAUGHS

By JOAQUIN OCHOA
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Two theatre groups, the Charleston Alley Theatre and the Charleston Community Theatre have joined forces for the first time to provide "Take Ten," a series of 10-minute plays.

Anne Higley, Charleston Community Theatre board member, said co-producers Pat Lenihan, a former Eastern economics professor, and Jeri Matteson Hughes, dean of College of Arts and Humanities, organized the series to get more involvement from the community.

"We wanted to get more students and community members. When you do a large production with lots of lines, it's very intimidating. But when you're doing a 10-minute play, it's a lot easier for people to participate in theatre and get their feet wet. We have some actors who are acting for the first time."

Lenihan, from Charleston Community Theatre said both groups recruit from the community, and the point was so there would be more people willing to do it.

Lenihan said that about half of participants are new to the theatre groups. "We do have quite a few. Some of them have not been in production before so we do have quite a number of newcomers."

But there are some who have in past performances this year. Higley said Joe Allison, who last played in January's production of "Proof" is performing in "Dual Duel," while Cass Strong, who played the sister in "Proof" will perform in "Medea."

The performances range from an improvisational Renaissance sketch to a modernized minstrel show and short scenes.

Higley said, "These are all very funny shows." She added that each theater had four plays to direct and the directors decided which to perform. Playwright David Ives has three of his works being performed: "Sure Thing," "English Made Simple," and "Universal Language." "There are two



JOAQUIN OCHOA/VERGE

Above: Rick Shepard tries to pick Jerie Weasner, an English faculty member, at a coffee shop during "Sure Thing," one of the eight plays being shown at Tarble Arts. Left: Candice Andrews plays the bell during "Sure Thing."



shows by Christopher Duran, who is a favorite of Charleston Alley Theatre, and there's some of David Ives' (work). Both of them focus on short fiction, Higley said.

Mary Hogg, director of "Sure Thing," has a very funny show, said Higley.

"He writes a lot about communication problems. Two people meet in a coffee house, and the guy comes up to the girl, and it doesn't quite go off as he wants it. He gets to replay the scene over and over and over again, until he gets it right," said Higley.

Performances of "Take Ten," co-sponsored by the Tarble Arts Center, will take place in the Tarble's performance space, located on South Ninth Street. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. Curtain for Sunday matinees will be at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for students. For more information, call Tarble at 581-2787.

TEN MINUTE LAUGHS

1. "TOM AND MATT'S MINSTREL SHOW" JOKES AND SONGS FOR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
2. "SURE THING" BETH AND BILL MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME. SIMILAR TO "GROUNDHOG DAY," BUT IN A COFFEE SHOP
3. "MEDEA" A SIDEWAYS LOOK AT THE GREEK TRAGEDY
4. "UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE" A SHY GIRL WHO STUTTERS WANTS TO IMPROVE HER SPEECH BY LEARNING UNAMUNDA
5. "ENGLISH MADE SIMPLE" AN EXAMINATION OF HOW THE FIRST THREE MINUTES OF CONVERSATION CAN BE SO IMPORTANT
6. "FUNERAL PARLOR" A STRANGE GUEST LEADS THE WIDOW TO HER GRIEVING
7. "CORNERED" A MAN COMES HOME TO FIND HIS WIFE LITERALLY PAINTS HERSELF IN A CORNER
8. "DUAL DUEL" IMPROVISATIONAL SPEECH THEATER, WHERE ACTORS MAKE UP THEIR OWN LINES

The Charleston Mystique: a 5-year memoir

As a veteran resident of this glorious institution, I feel compelled to leave my mark on the university in some way that can sum up my past five or so years at Eastern and in Charleston. So here it is: my memoir.

It's not so much a memoir as a feeble attempt to convey how great this place is to all the complaining freshmen, angry that there isn't a Starbucks with another Starbucks conveniently located across the street or a mall with the latest Express for Men's fashions. It's also directed at those who will be leaving Chuck Vegas only to return every year for Homecoming festivities, who hopefully will read this and say, "Well, I guess so."

Charleston is more than just a town with an exit on Interstate 57. It's a destination for thousands of us during those short months between August and May. Lots of people leave for the weekend because, as a famous song put it, "There's nothing to do in Charleston." Yet, really, what is there to do in Chicago? To many, this may seem to be a really stupid question that requires the obvious retort, "What is there NOT to do in Chicago?"



GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

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But my point is not to compare the sheer multitude of activities abound in the Second City versus that of Charleston because bars and shows do get old, believe it or not. I do want to point out, however, that Charleston is a lot more than a lame Chicago suburb with a mall and a variety of restaurants. It has the thing that makes life interesting: people. To fully appreciate what this town and Eastern have to offer, one must look around. Simply sitting in your dorm room waiting for the school or the town to provide you with entertainment will just make you bitter. Go out, meet people, and actually spend time not driving back to your pathetic suburb to enjoy \$6 Miller Lites and the company of those you went to high school with who still think working retail is gainful employment.

College offers much more than just an education. It's a

social and educational experience which helps us adapt for the future. We learn to be apathetic. Who cares if we don't shower before our 10 a.m. (or 2 p.m.) classes? Who really looks at whether or not our socks match or if I've been wearing the same pair of pants for two weeks?

We learn to play darts and drunken pool. We play softball in the middle of the street at 4 a.m. We quickly find out that, contrary to all sorts of laws of physics, our light fixture is, indeed, holding up the ceiling and, perhaps, even the house. We make Eastern the only place in the world where "Doctor? Hook me up with the big P*ker" equals an order of Chubby's extra-large extra cheese pizza with extra sauce. It's where we manage to single-handedly condemn a house. Peace be with 10th and Lincoln.

My five years spent here essentially amount to a vacation. Not to say that the schoolwork wasn't intensive, because it was. I have found myself walking the hallowed halls of my temple of learning—Coleman Hall—at the wee hours of the morning on numerous occa-

sions where my only friend is Mr. Coffee. Yet when we think about our short time here, we can ascertain that we will never experience this life again. Many of us are not employed and can actually go through a semester without plugging in our alarm clocks. Time spent in class usually does not take up that much time and homework can, believe it or not, be interesting. Most of us have weekends free, limited responsibility in our lives (no children, no mortgage). Despite that, we still live life as though we can't wait until we graduate and end this surreal life. Who wants to leave impromptu fishing trips and backyard golfing for full-time employment and a townhouse in middle-class American suburbia where the only entertainment stems from a really green lawn and shopping for window treatments?

I seriously believe that there is no other time in our lives where we can sit back and think how great it is to have coffee every morning with people who live 10 feet away. It's when 4 O'clock Club and Turkey Testicle Festival means that we really have nothing productive to do

the next day and that softball at noon still reminds us that we will lose every intramural game we play in. It's also where your unstable walkway going to your apartment somehow transforms into a "terrace" where four apartments join together to enjoy some Pabst Blue Ribbon much like the weekend before when you were sitting in a canoe on the river. And it's where we join the global "snap-action" team.

My words of advice for all future Eastern alums: enjoy your time here. Do things. Stop complaining about the non-existent parking problem because really, not being able to find a parking spot twenty feet from the door only constitutes you being lazy, and not that the school needs more asphalt. Play bingo at the Moose Lodge. Talk to the townies after they fall asleep on your floor. Move out of the residence halls. Have parties. Read for classes. Talk to your professors. Learn the name of the cop that busts you for open alcohol because that won't be the last time. Golf in your backyard. While stressing about the future, don't ignore the present. Enjoy Eastern while it lasts.