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Court filing points to Bush ordering leak

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— In 2003, President Bush said he wanted to get to the bottom of the Valerie Plame affair and that "I want to know the truth." On Thursday, a federal prosecutor's version suggested Bush and his vice president played a key role.

A court filing by prosecutors did not say that Bush or Vice President Dick Cheney disclosed Plame's CIA identity, but it pointed to them as set-

ting in motion a leak campaign to the press that resulted in Plame's blown cover.

The court filing by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald places Bush at the top of a pyramid that ended with Cheney chief of staff I. Lewis Libby feeding the press previously classified intelligence on Iraq.

A July 8, 2003, conversation between Cheney's now-indicted former chief of staff with New York Times reporter Judith Miller occurred "only after the vice president advised defendant that the pres-

ident specifically had authorized defendant to disclose certain information" from a then-classified intelligence estimate on Iraq.

Libby allegedly mentioned Plame's CIA connection in the conversation.

The prosecutor, detailing the evidence he has gathered, raised the possibility that the vice president was trying to use Plame's CIA employment to discredit her husband, Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson. Cheney, according to the indictment against Libby, knew that Wilson's wife

worked at the CIA, as early as June 12, 2003, more than a month before that fact turned up in an article by conservative columnist Robert Novak.

The authorization by Bush and Cheney in July 2003 for disclosing sensitive prewar intelligence assessments that had turned out to be wrong came amid a growing public realization that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction.

The failure to find such weapons undermined the primary rationale Bush and Cheney had used for taking the country to war.



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APRIL SHOWERS

A City of Charleston Public Works truck fords through the flooding in Greek Court Thursday morning. Sections of Roosevelt Avenue were barricaded due to the high water depth.

Charleston flooded by spring storms

BY JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Scattered thunderstorms began early Thursday morning in East Central Illinois, causing excessive flooding on Eastern's campus and the surrounding Charleston community.

According to J.C. Fultz with WAND Television station in Decatur, the

Charleston/Mattoon area received about four inches of total rainfall on Thursday, while Moultrie County had 3.47 inches and Shelbyville had 3 inches.

Many residence halls and buildings on campus experienced flooding in their basements, and many students found it difficult to get from one place to another.

McKinney Hall experienced basement flooding Thursday morning.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, said at around 10:30 a.m. his office was also beginning to flood.

"We've had an overwhelming amount of water come down so fast," Hudson said. "These buildings are large structures, and the (building service workers) have been alerted and are attempting to tend to the flooding."

Hudson said housing has attempted to put in more drainage systems in order to prevent floods.

"I mean it does happen sometimes, Mother Nature just takes over," Hudson said. "Our staff is prepared to work on it."

Jackie Stuopys, a junior family and consumer sciences major, is a resident assistant in

McKinney Hall and said the last time it rained hard buckets were used to gather the water.

"The stairs going up to the second floor are flooding, and there's a lot of water in the basement," she said. "There was about an inch of water in the basement."

Kristin Kieca, a sophomore English major, said her class was canceled in Coleman Hall, and some areas around her sorority house in Greek Court were blocked off or completely flooded.

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Eastern student defends daughter

BY SHARON TUTTLE
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern student Heather Williams, adoptive mother of Marissa A. Williams, is working hard to defend her daughter.

Marissa Williams, a 23-year-old Mattoon resident, is accused of killing her 3-month-old son by holding the baby's head in a blanket. Those close to her are saying that her mental capabilities had an impact on the incident.

Heather Williams, a senior special education major, said that her daughter has an IQ of 55, which is below the average of 85 to 115. Heather Williams said that her daughter has only a basic

concept of numbers and telling time is difficult for her. She also described her daughter as a "little socially backward" but also very sweet and easy going.

"She wants to do a good job," Heather Williams said.

Tom Sinclair, a professor in the special education department, is a friend of the Williams family. He said that a person with an IQ of 55 could be compared to a child between the ages of five and seven in terms of mental capacity. While Sinclair does not know Marissa Williams per-

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Hospital reaps Greek rewards

■ Amidst the fun of Greek Week, \$30,000 is raised for children's charity research facility.

BY JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Many students do not realize Greek Week is more than just singing competitions, games and points.

The Greek community has raised more than

\$30,000 this year for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through various activities.

St. Jude's is located in Memphis, Tenn., and provides treatment for children with cancer.

According to the official Web site, www.stjude.org, "All patients accepted for treatment at St. Jude are treated without regard to the family's ability to pay. St. Jude covers all costs of treatment at St. Jude beyond those reimbursed by third-party insurers, and total costs at St. Jude when no insurance is available. St. Jude also provides assistance with transportation costs and

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Greeks have a fun day

■Students from all frats, sororities go back to grade school for a day of play.

BY HOLLY MOHR
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Members of the Greek community participated in the Jefferson Fun Days from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday at Jefferson Elementary School.

The Jefferson Fun Days is a time when fraternities and sororities from Eastern come together during Greek Week for a day of games with the students at the elementary school.

Jenny Patton, a junior physical education major and member of the Greek Week Steering Committee, said 10 students from each chapter house volunteered to play with 650 fourth through sixth graders.



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"The kids had so much fun playing with the volunteers and the volunteers really got into it," Patton said.

She said they played scooter games and

freeze tag.

The students participated in other activities as well.

Cailey Swartz, a junior marketing major and member of the Greek Week Overall Committee, said the grade schoolers make crafts every year during the Fun Days, and this year was the first time they made beaded bracelets.

"It's nice to do different games and crafts because a lot of the kids have done this before," she said.

First-year participants had their own opinions on the event.

"The scavenger hunt was my favorite part," said Quinn Matthews, a sophomore sociology major. "The kids really wanted us to participate with them."

Matthews said this was her first year participating in the Fun Days and "just seeing everyone together where it didn't matter what letters you were wearing was an awesome experience."

She said there is not a whole lot of interaction between members of the Greek community, but there is a lot of interaction between members of houses.

For six years, the Greek community at Eastern has organized and participated in the Jefferson Fun Days.

James Mihalovich, a senior physical education major, said the Jefferson Fun Days should be done more often.

"The kids all had fun and were real excited," he said. "We should do it more than just once a year."

This was Mihalovich's first year being involved with the Fun Days. He said if he could do it again, he would.

Morgan Carstens, a member of Delta Zeta sorority, helps students in Mrs. Smith's sixth grade class at Jefferson Elementary School. Carstens was there for Greek Week's Jefferson Fun Days. The children played games and made crafts, including making cards for patients at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Designing and writing cards to children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was on the agenda this year.

"I don't think all the children understood to the fullest why we were doing this," Matthews said. "For the ones who didn't, I asked them to make bright and happy cards for other kids who are sick and feeling ill."

Mihalovich said it is a great community service project and called it "an example of how Greek society isn't all social, it's about community."

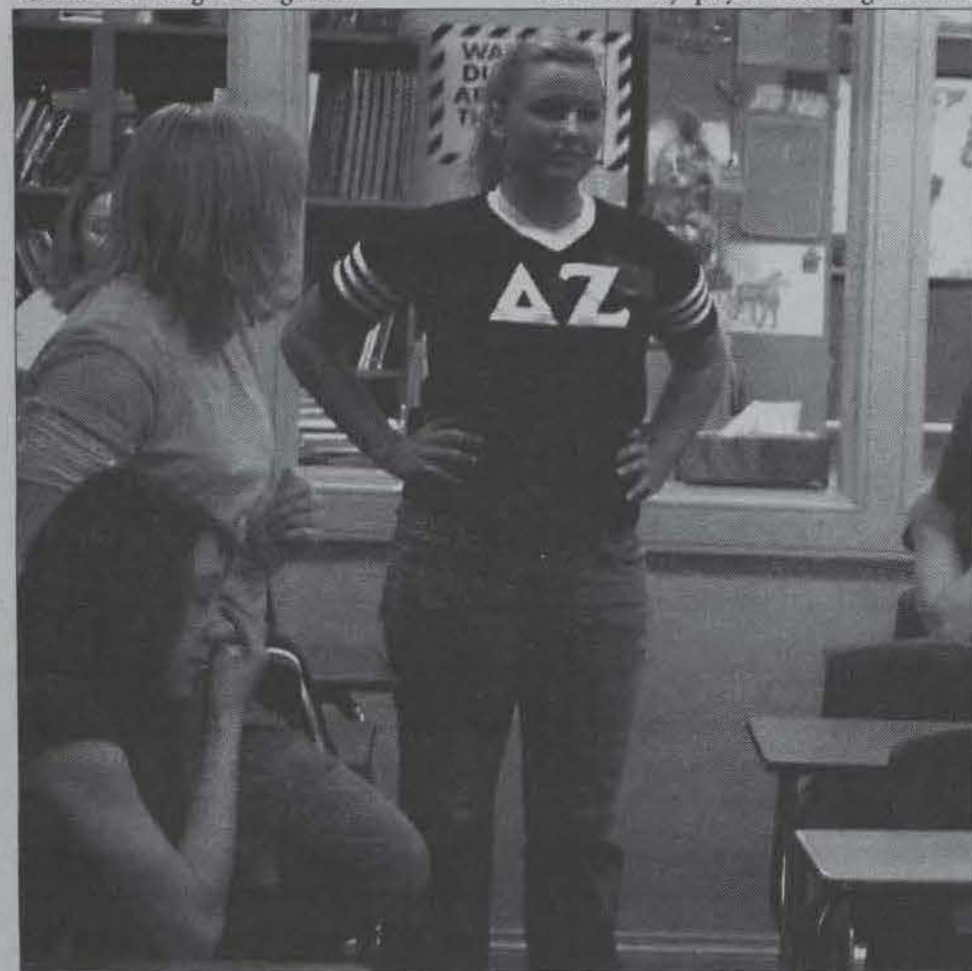
Teachers took notice of the service the Greeks were doing at their school on Thursday.

Swartz said teachers commented on how Eastern students handled themselves and how the Jefferson Fun Days has been a positive event in the lives of the kids involved each year.

"Greeks do a lot for the community," she said. "This event was one way to show EIU and Charleston what we do - community service."

Matthews said the kids felt like they were important because college kids wanted to hang out with them.

"We felt important, too," she said.



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Carstens and other members of the Greek community play Heads Up 7-up in Mrs. Smith's sixth grade class at Jefferson Elementary School. The Greek Community hold Jefferson's fun days each year at the school.

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Senate member pushes for RSO funding

By HALIE BAKER
STAFF REPORTER

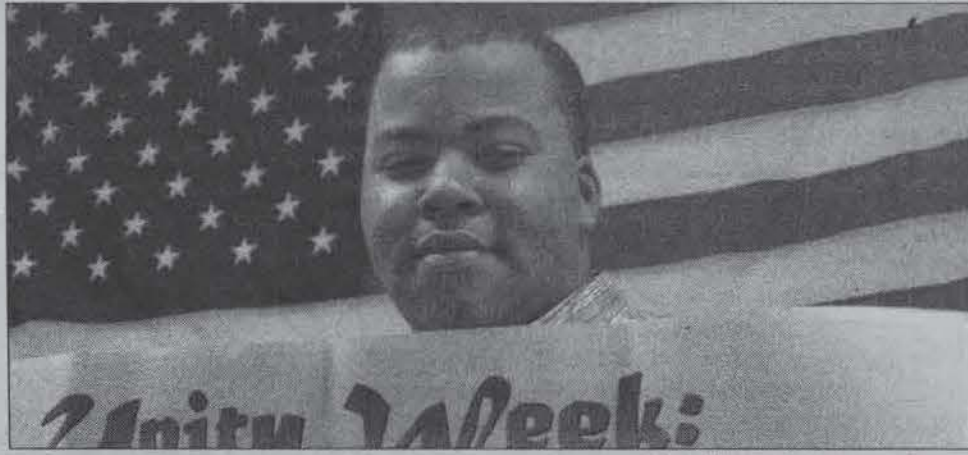
Austen Williams said he is feeling ambitious. "I love (the) Student Government, absolutely love everything about it," Williams said. "I've been involved since I was 12."

Williams, now 18, got his start in college when he graduated from high school at 14. From there he attended DeVry and DePaul University, and spent a semester at Mattoon High School before transferring to Eastern this past January.

Although he has been here less than a semester, Williams has already helped to facilitate many events through Eastern's Student Government.

He was co-chair with Keila Lacy, student vice president for student affairs, for the events of Unity Week.

"Austen is extremely involved," said Kenney Kozik, co-chair of the tuition and fee review committee. "I don't think (Unity Week) would have been such a success without his help." Williams has also been involved with various committees such as tuition and fee review, internal affairs, a sub-committee on technology and



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Senior computer information systems major, Austen Williams proudly displays a poster from Unity Week.

Panther Service Day.

Although he has several projects under his belt already, Williams said he has no intention of slowing down.

"One of the first things I noticed about (Eastern) is that they have no RSO (Recognized Student Organization) funding," Williams said. "Almost every other college I've been to in this state has that type of funding and I am going to

see to it that we do too."

He says he is willing to put in the hours and research to make his goal happen. The reason he feels most people aren't willing to work on a project this large is the amount of time it could consume. Williams said he believes he has the dedication and the enthusiasm to see the project through.

Looking toward the future, Williams would

like to stay involved with the Student Government, but not in politics. A business administration major, he hopes to land a job working in a governmental technology program somewhere in Washington D.C.

Williams was inspired to get involved in the Student Government by his grandmother, who is one of his heroes.

She told him to go after the opportunities he was given, not to wait for them to find him. After that he decided to follow her advice and began attending the organization's meetings on his own.

He even continued with her ideas when he arrived at Eastern, bringing what he felt was a very important outside view to the campus.

Williams will be running with the United University party for the student vice president of Student Affairs position in the elections April 17 and 18. He hopes to see a large student turnout this year.

"I've always been taught to go above and beyond," Williams said. "I have the drive to do the job if elected...get students' voices to be heard. I feel that I am the catalyst for change...I will bring things back to the table."

Session to teach how to restrain stress in under an hour

By JENNA DORMAGEN
STAFF REPORTER

Students feeling stressed during the last few weeks of school can learn ways to deal with their anxiety today.

Ollie Mae Ray, of the health studies department, will present "Coping with Stress," and will go over ways to lower and identify stress.

She said most students and facul-

ty are stressed because of poor time management skills.

She believes if there were more scheduling and structure in students and faculties' lives, it would eliminate a lot of stress.

She also believes that good exercise, sleep and eating healthy would also take away much of the stress their bodies are under.

Ray has been conducting stress

presentations for more than 10 years.

Normally, she gives one presentation in the fall and then one in the spring.

Ray was trained in stress management facilitation at the University of New Mexico, her home state.

People who are not eating correctly and not getting enough sleep are extreme targets for stress, she said.

"Stress is caused by even small things, such as conflicts between roommates and office mates," Ray said. "Instead of talking over their problems, stress builds because of poor communication."

Sometimes, just a bad week can cause extreme stress.

"What really stresses me out the most right now is work and paying utilities for the house I live in," said

Nancy Kater, a junior family consumer science major.

Ray is going to try to solve all of the stress factors involved in student's lives in one hour.

"If for no other reason, I want students to come so they can talk about what's bothering them," Ray said.

The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. today in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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COMMENTARY



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SENIOR REPORTER

GREEKS JUST ANOTHER PART OF THE EASTERN FAMILY

Greek Week is a special time for members of fraternities and sororities across campus, but a strange concept to most people outside the Greek community. It's mostly about unity. But without the proper information, I could see how it might look like an exclusive week we use to strut around campus and act like we're better than everybody.

I speak for myself and other Eastern Greeks when I say we don't wish for Tugs or Airband to be confusing concepts to non-Greeks. It pains me to hear that ever-annoying phrase, "it's all Greek to me." Because it doesn't have to be — it just takes a little open-mindedness and maybe actually coming out to an event to cure that mindset.

The Greek community is like a family, but it doesn't have to be super-exclusive. Yes, we proudly wear our jackets and show off our letters around campus, which sometimes translates to the idea that sororities and fraternities are giant cliques. Rather than a clique, the organizations can be more like support structures than anything. We come out to support one another during Pyramids and canoe races, and even during the events that might not be the most fun visually, like Collegiate Bowl. This kind of support follows even after Greek Week, whether it's a group of girls going to watch a member in a theater production, or a group of guys going out to watch a member play baseball. All of those events are open to everyone. And if people gave them a chance, they might just be surprised at what a good time they could have.

If people wanted to attend the events, the rest of the campus could be a part of our family as well — without paying dues or having to make lifelong commitments to our national organizations. People have to look past the sometimes-intimidating sizes of our groups, and realize that we, as a whole, are just another productive member of a larger family otherwise known as the student body of Eastern Illinois University.

Greek Week — it's much like Homecoming, only instead of having school spirit, we show spirit for the Greek community and for the organizations we represent daily. This week gives us a renewed sense of pride in our groups collectively.

During the time leading up to Greek Week, we spend an enormous amount of time with our brothers and sisters to prepare for events like Greek Sing, Tugs and Airband. We form even closer bonds with those people and share a common sense of pride when competition finally arrives and we get to show off all we've been practicing for. It would be even more special to share with the entire campus rather than just each other.

But my non-Greek friends, for the most part, don't show any interest in the events. Some of them think Greek Week doesn't involve them, that it's something they could not possibly enjoy, because they "don't know anybody," or because they are not involved. I don't like to accept those excuses.

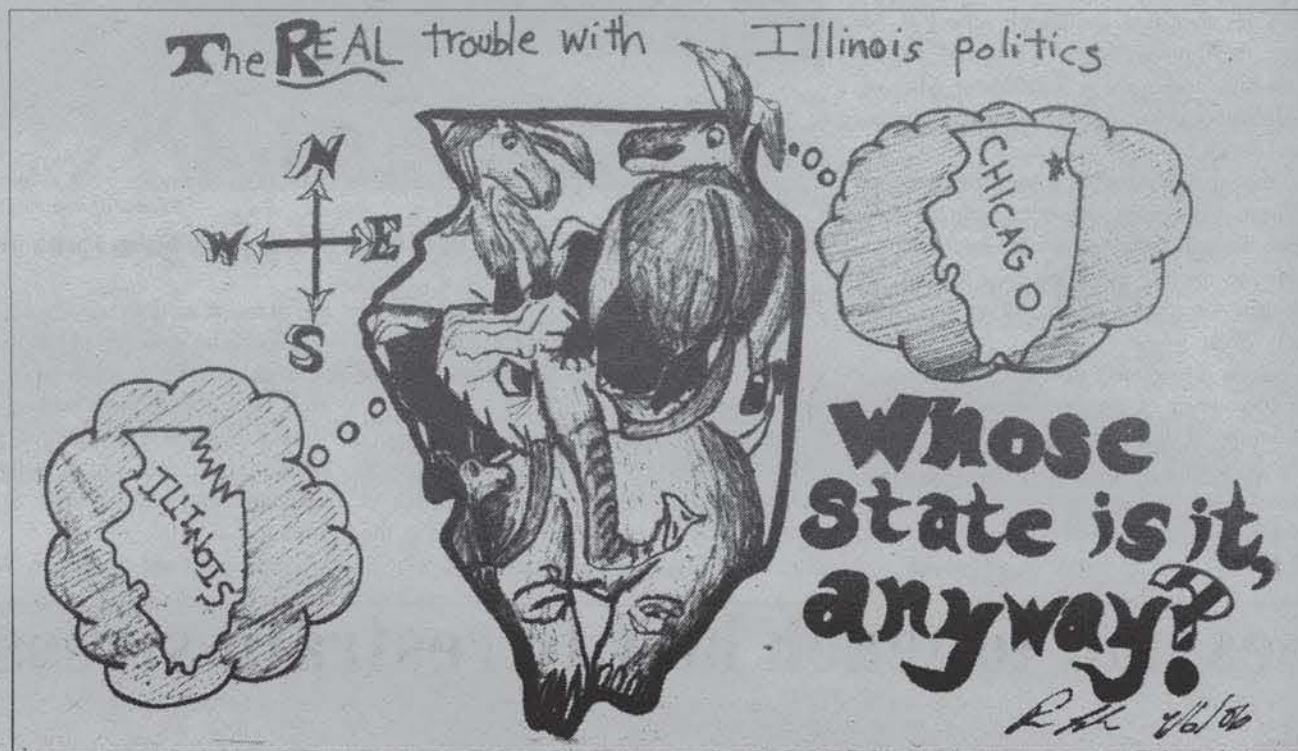
First, the Greek community at Eastern is one of the largest for a school this size, with nine sororities and 10 fraternities. There is a pretty good possibility most people know at least one member. Second, just because someone isn't involved with a competition, doesn't mean it can't be fun to go support those who are. When I was a sophomore at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, my roommate was a theater major and a dance minor. I have never had coordination, I've never been able to pretend I'm someone else on stage and I can't remember more than two lines of a monologue, but I went to every performance to support her. She was like family to me.

I felt that support when one of my friends took time out of his day to wander over to the campus pond to watch Alpha Sigma Alpha stack a pyramid, even though we didn't place. I wanted to show him something I was proud of.

On a larger scale, we Greeks want to show the campus community what we can do — we want Eastern to support us just as we support one another. Who knows? They might have so much fun that we see them out there again next year.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



EDITORIAL

More college steroid policies needed

One of the biggest stories that has followed the return of the Major League Baseball season has been the increasing suspicion that Barry Bonds, among others, has taken steroids at one time in his career or another.

A new book written by Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, "Game of Shadows," gives more detail about the allegations about Bonds. But something that this controversy should turn people's attention to is the steroid testing policy at the NCAA level.

The Missouri Valley Conference and the Ohio Valley Conference both do not have a conference-wide policy.

This is something that conferences should consider establishing in case any infractions occur. At its next board meeting, the NCAA is going to vote on whether steroid testing should be expanded to a year-round thing.

This is the way it should have been all along, and individual conferences should take it upon themselves to be another level of security against athletes using steroids.

Right now, the NCAA has a list of almost 100 banned substances. This list includes what they call "street drugs," such as marijuana and cocaine, and performance-enhancing drugs and anabolic steroids are also on the list.

Also included in the list is ephedrine, which is an ingredient in many protein shakes that athletes use, and androstenedione,

At issue

The steroid problem in professional sports and how it's handled at the college level.

Our stance

There is a lack of conference policies against steroids and there shouldn't be. This is an issue that could have a large effect in college athletes.

the substance that was found in Mark McGwire's locker during the 1998 season when he hit 70 home runs.

But this list is only effective if athletes are tested for all of them on many levels.

According to senior associate commissioner Patty Viverito, the Missouri Valley Conference does not mandate any requirements as far as steroid testing. They currently allow the institutions to develop their own testing schedule.

Kim Melcher, the associate commissioner for media relations for the Ohio Valley Conference, says schools in the conference are expected to follow NCAA policy but the conference does not have a specific policy.

Because of this lack of conference-wide policy, if a team does not comply, the conferences have the excuse that the responsibility is on the schools. This is an easy out for the conference and puts them in a position of being able to turn their heads and not worry about any infractions.

But this is an important enough issue that there should be stops and obstacles from the lowest levels—the school level—to the top level—the NCAA drug-testing program. And the conferences should become a part of it.

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

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The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else.

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Student United prepares for elections

By NORA MABERRY
ONLINE EDITOR

Members of the Student United Party are preparing for student elections on April 17 and 18. With a motto of "What's The Party?" the SUP has been going to recognized student organizations as well as meeting with Greek houses, the Resident Hall Association and student athletes.

"We want students to know this isn't a popularity contest," said Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson.

The party also wants the student body to know how diverse the organization is.

Anderson said the group includes students from RHA, the Greek community, and international students as well as athletes.

"The only way to represent the diverse student body is to have a diverse Student Government," Anderson said. "We all really want to be on Student Government."

Anderson is running for student body president and his platform includes a focus on school safety.

Anderson referenced the recent stabbing of Eastern football player Ben Brown and the June 2001 killing of Eastern student Shannon McNamara as examples of the campus's safety issues.

"There have been several isolated issues," Anderson said. "I don't think when multiple issues occur it's isolated."

In order to make campus safer, Anderson suggests increasing lighting around campus and putting security cameras in key buildings, which was discussed earlier in the semester but was never done.

"There is a willingness to work on it," Anderson said. "When you get Student Government, the administration and the student body together to work on it, it will get accomplished."

Another of Anderson's ideas is to increase school spirit.

He intends to do this by taking a Homecoming tradition, the competition between hall councils, RSOs and Greek houses for points, and extending it semester long. "If they attend a volleyball game as a group, they would get a point," Anderson said.

At the end of the semester, Anderson proposes an RSO banquet where the top RSO would get its own office space.

Senate member Levi Bulgar is running for



SEAN ANDERSON,
SENATE SPEAKER

student vice president for business affairs and is proposing budgeting RSO funding, an issue that has been a Student Government project for years.

"We have so many award-winning RSOs on campus," Bulgar said. "I believe that it is about time that they get the help from the administration they deserve."

While Bulgar is not sure exactly how RSOs would be funded, he does pledge to work with administration and the other executive board members to find a way to budget the necessary funding.

Bulgar also proposes that students receive e-mails from the Student Government.

"What I plan to do is convince the administration to send out a mass e-mail to keep people informed as to where their money goes," Bulgar said. "Be it pre-purposed budgets, new projects or additional allocations for University Board, Apportionment Board, the Student Recreation Center or (the) Student Government."

David Keyes, who is running for student vice president of academic affairs, proposes putting all student grades on WebCT, so students have access to their grades at any time.

Keyes also proposes that professors use an on-line advising form when advising students.

"It lets students be more pro-active about their future classes," said Keyes. "But it wouldn't be mandatory for advisors to

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SEAN ANDERSON,
STUDENT SENATE SPEAKER

adopt."

Another the party idea is making community service more accessible to students.

Cole Rogers is running for student vice president of student affairs and suggests having an office directly devoted to community service.

"I have been on a service learning committee on campus, we have made great strides with many different ideas, such as incorporating community service into the classroom," Rogers said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Comedian Wade hits 7th Street Underground today

Comedian Josh Wade's humor will be on display for the first time at Eastern following a student talent show tonight at the 7th Street Underground.

Wade said he would prepare for this show the same way he prepares for every show.

"I have to eat a live chicken and sacrifice a virgin," he said.

Wade's light-hearted attitude toward life comes with over five years of comedy experience.

The event starts at 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

UB, Union to sponsor putt-putt challenge in University Union

Students interested in miniature golf and winning prizes will have the chance to do so in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union today. University Board and the Union will sponsor a

"putt-putt" challenge throughout the union to show students all the offices the union has.

Prizes include a Playstation Portable and an iPod along with gift certificates from places in the union. The event is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. today.

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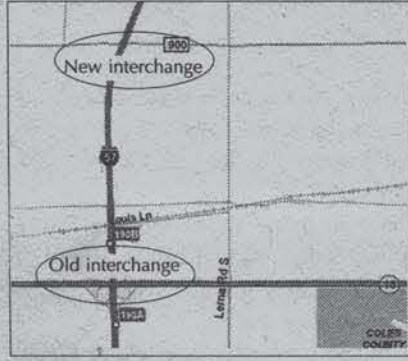
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New interchange on I-57, traffic and pollution in towns

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR



After 10 years of planning, a new interchange on I-57 has finally started construction.

Finishing time is set for 2010. The new interchange on I-57 at Old State Road, which is two and a half miles north of Route 16, will help in controlling semi truck traffic from going through Mattoon and Charleston.

The idea for a new interchange was brought up when concerns about pollution and traffic from semi trucks coming through the towns in 1996 because of such businesses as RR Donnelley and Masterfoods. RR Donnelley

prints several well-known magazines such as Good Housekeeping and Masterfoods.

Because of these businesses, semis have to go through the city in order to get them and cross over the railroad tracks.

In 1996, Fred Sherer met with then-county board chair figured out the best way to help the semi traffic and pollution a new interchange would be the best idea.

"The idea for a new interchange has been brought up before, such as in the '50s, but there was no justification," Sherer said.

There is also a new business park in the area and Sherer believes it is going to be fueled by the new interchange, he said.

The plan was then relayed to the Department of Transportation, who performed a pre-feasibility survey to scope out the project site and make sure it made sense to have the interchange.

Three years ago, a final feasibility survey was

done to make sure there is a need for the interchange.

The project's construction will cost \$28 million with funding being provided by Federal, State and County funds along with Motor Fuel Tax funds.

Construction is already started east of Route 130 and the final stage will be construction on the actual interstate.

"The interchange will get the majority of truck traffic out of Mattoon and Charleston," Sherer said.

"It is virtually impossible for semis to drive through Charleston," he added. "Also the interchange will help with pollution in both cities."

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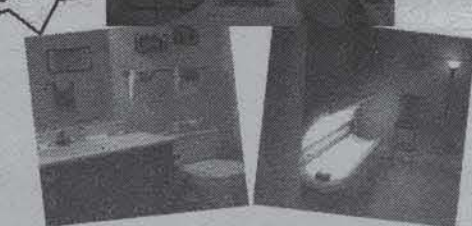
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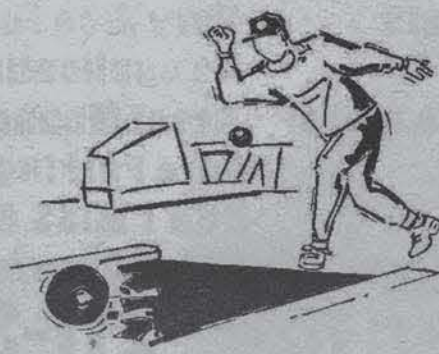
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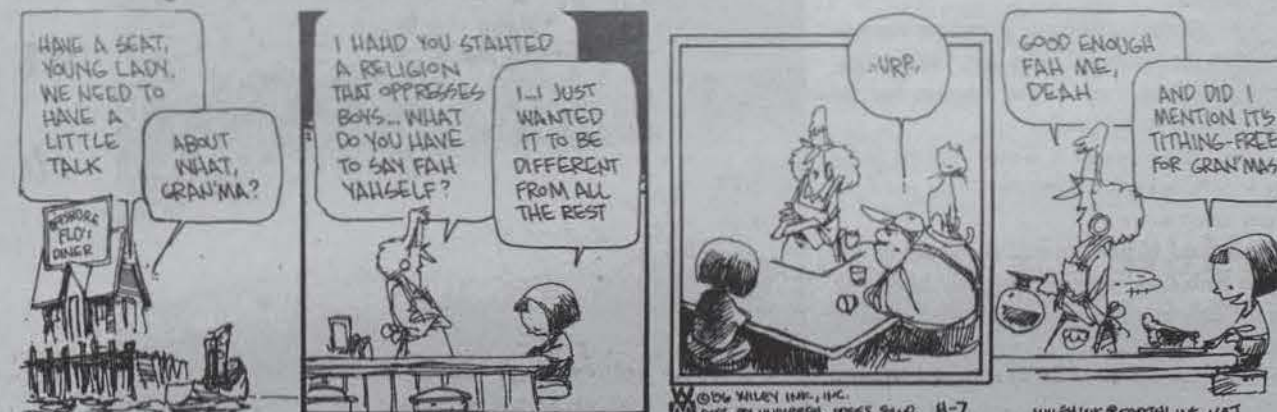


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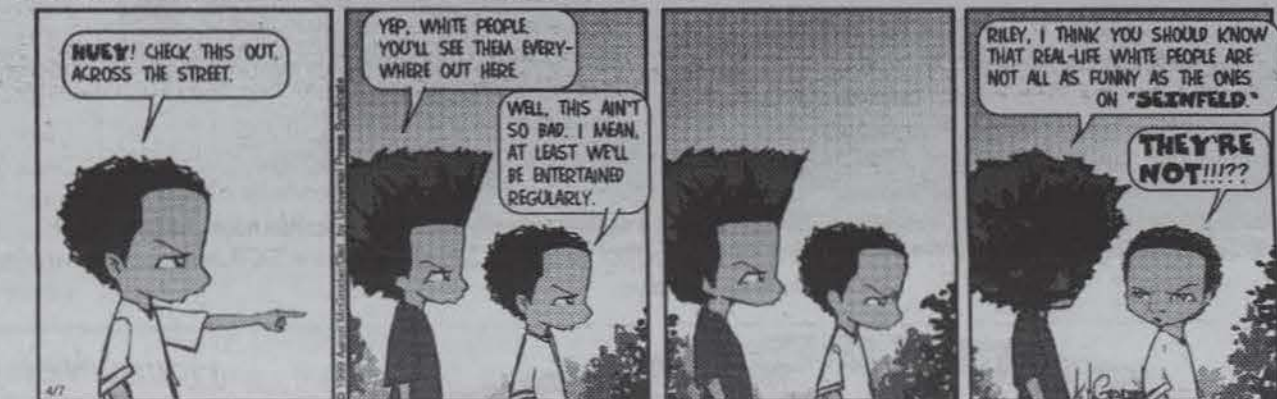
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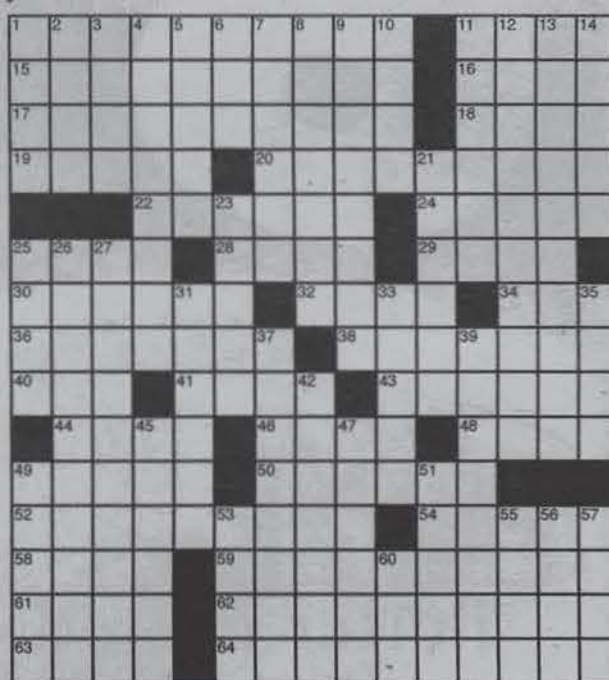
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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

SHOWERS:

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Campus feels nature's wrath

"My car was like a boat," Kieca said. "Everyone's soaking wet, pants are covered in water, everyone has hoods and everyone's umbrellas were turning inside out. A lot of kids skipped class, there were not a lot of people walking."

Chris Cachor, a senior management major, said his car died when he drove through a large puddle.

"My roommate picked me up, his car almost died, too," Cachor said. "I think you need a truck or an SUV to try and drive in this."

Thursday was also a day of inconvenience for departments moving back into Blair Hall.

Lydia Fritts, of the Bachelor of Arts in General Education Undergraduate Department, said the day was mostly hard on the movers.

"One group would come in and not want to track up the building," Fritts said. "And another would meet them at the elevator, but we came in and stayed put."

Fritts said although it is very exciting to be back in Blair Hall, the weather could not have been much worse.

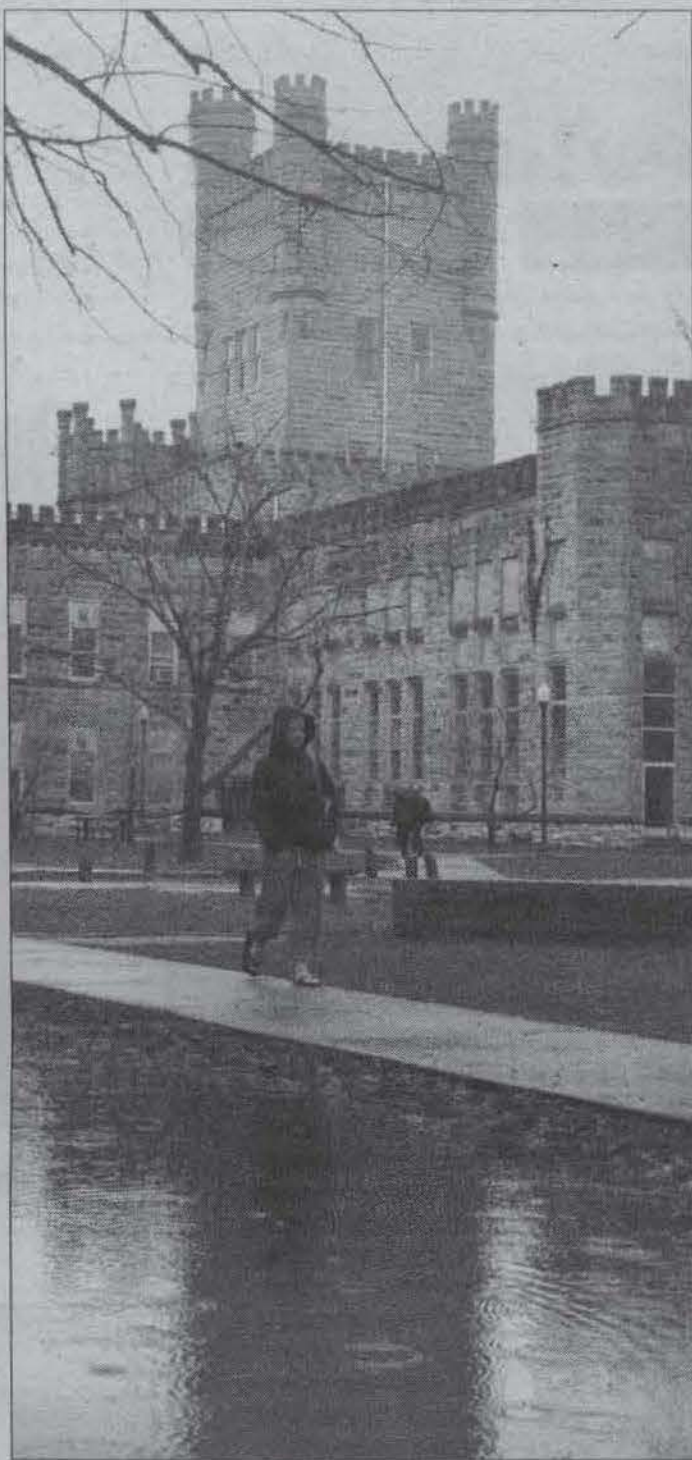
Fultz said Charleston had an on-again, off-again flash flood warning Thursday beginning in the early morning hours when the first set of storms came through.

"For (Friday) it looks like there's another round coming through, some more showers overnight but after that it should dry out for a few days," Fultz said.

Fultz advises people to not drive through standing water, especially at night.

"It only takes a few inches of water to knock your car off the roadway," he said. "If you're out driving around, turn around and don't drown."

There is a 50 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms today, capable of producing large hail and strong winds blowing at 15 to 25 miles per hour.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bethany Burton, a sophomore early childhood education major, walks past a growing puddle on her way home from class in Old Main on Thursday afternoon.

DAUGHTER:

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Charges carry 20 to 60 years

sonally, he has spoken with her former teachers and family members and does not believe she has the ability to fully understand moral consequences.

"She has no idea of the process or what she did wrong," Sinclair said. "She couldn't possibly have done the planning that would go into first degree murder."

Sinclair added that Marissa Williams' boyfriend, the father of their child, is a registered sex offender who may have isolated her from her friends and family.

Fred Johnson, an attorney at Heller, Holmes, and Associates in

Mattoon, said that a person's mental capacity can play a role in a case.

"One's mental condition can impact their criminal liability," Johnson said.

Charleston attorney James Grant said that cases involving individuals with questionable mental capabilities may be handled differently because the individuals may not fully understand what has taken place.

"They cannot appreciate the full magnitude of their actions," Grant said. "Any time you have a person's mental capabilities that are questioned, it's going to affect how the case is handled."

The case is still currently under investigation. If convicted, a first-degree murder charge could result in 20 to 60 years in prison. In some cases, it could also result in a life sentence in prison or the death penalty.

ST. JUDE:

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Houses raise cash for points

local living expenses during treatments."

Because of this, it takes around \$1 million a day to keep St. Jude up and running, and monetary donations as well as letter writing campaigns are some of the methods used to raise the funds needed.

Tom King, a junior marketing major and member of the Greek Week Steering Committee's philanthropy group, said it was Bob Dudolski, Director of Greek Life, who wanted the Greek community to raise money for the center as a way

of giving back to the community.

Two nights of letter-writing campaigns took place in February and March.

Each chapter came with six to 12 members who mailed letters to 50 of their friends and family members asking for donations.

Points are given to houses depending on how much money they raise.

If a house raises between \$100 and \$199 they receive one point, from \$200 to \$299 is two points, from \$300 to \$399 is three points and from \$400 to \$499 is four points.

"I think it teaches us as a Greek community that we are actually very strong," King said. "All of us came together and did this letter writing campaign, it shows how strong we can be as a group."

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Golf

Eastern fights weather and lack of depth

Panthers headed to Wright State Invite with little practice

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

This weekend calls for fair weather in Dayton, Ohio, where the men's golf team will be traveling for the Wright State Invitational. This would be different from the rain the team has been experiencing the past few days.

"Weather is not a factor for us," said sophomore Mike Imburgia.

With nine out of the ten players being from Illinois, they are used to playing in any weather situation, said Imburgia.

The Wright State Invitational, starting Sunday and ending Tuesday, will consist of 12 to 15 teams but only a couple from

the Ohio Valley Conference, such as Morehead State.

The other teams will consist of schools from the area, within approximately a 500-mile radius, said head coach Mike Moncel. He is unsure on how the team will do since they haven't been able to practice again due to the rain and snow.

"There's not much we can do about it. We hit when we can hit," Moncel said. "But that's what happened during spring season."

Due to the weather, the team hasn't been able to string a solid two or three weeks of practice, but hope to before conference, which has hurt the team in being able to develop.

"We are pretty much coming back off three months of not playing," senior Dustin Sloat said.

Overall, the team is solid at number one, two and three. However, the four and five slots have not been playing so well and will have to be juggled around.

"1, 2, and 3 are all good players," said Moncel. "The other guys are talented but just haven't been able to put it all together."

Since Moncel has been bringing five different players to each

tournament, a problem arises with trying to give every player the ability to gain experience on a college level, said Imburgia.

That number four slot could make the difference between doing well or not.

"If we can get at least a number four score, we should be pretty good this weekend," Sloat said.

During the Belmont Invitational last weekend, the team struggled putting, but if they putt how they should, they should be able to play well this weekend, Imburgia said.

Since Eastern is the northernmost team in the OVC, when it is less than 30 degrees here the team cannot practice.

However, all other conference schools might be a few degrees warmer, making them able to practice.

The biggest competition this weekend for the team would be any OVC team that is at the invitational.

"Playing with other OVC teams allows us to compare ourselves to them and be able to plan before conference," Sloat said.

The OVC Conference Championship is April 22 to 25 at Paducah County Club in Paducah, Kentucky.

WOIKE:

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Speculation is taking the place of news

managers, retooled lineups, ring ceremonies and disappointing extra-inning losses to the Indians are all more relevant and interesting than Rose's and Schmidt's pretend statistics.

Where does this madness stop?

How would Ben Hogan have played Augusta National if he'd been permitted to use modern equipment?

Would Babe Ruth's power have been affected by dieticians concerned with the number of hot dogs he ingested?

Would Wilt Chamberlain have scored 100 points in a game if he didn't bed 1,000,000 women?

The answer to all these questions is

simple - Huh?

Who could possibly answer these questions? They're speculation.

Now, television sports is filled with speculation and predictions, but this is a different kind of monster.

This is speculation about things that have already happened.

It's like asking how "Back to the Future II" would've been altered if Marty never would have gotten back to 1985 in the first place.

It's ridiculous.

People should step back from this steroid frenzy and focus the conversation on what truly matters, saving the final shreds of integrity from a game tainted with talk, syringes and hormones.

Dan Woike is a senior journalism major. Ask him about how America would be different if *Saved by the Bell* never aired at woikedan@gmail.com.

SKIES:

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Eastern will battle Samford and the weather

The Bulldogs (13-29, 3-7) started the year losing eight of their first nine games and have lost four in a row, including a sweep by Tennessee Tech last weekend and a loss to No. 3 Alabama.

This comes a year after Samford finished third in the OVC.

"If I knew, we'd probably be doing a little bit better," said Samford head

coach Beanie Ketcham about her team's struggles.

A problem for the Bulldogs all year has been a lack of hitting. The team's top hitter is freshman catcher Jessica Owens, who is hitting just .252.

As a team, Samford is hitting .186, while opponents are hitting .260.

"We haven't hit a stretch where we have hit the ball consistently," Ketcham said.

The pitching has been strong for the Bulldogs, with Stephanie Royall leading the way (8-8 record, 2.32 ERA, 10 complete games).

The other two Samford hurlers, Emilee Lewis and Susanna Meyer,

have ERAs below 4.00.

"Our pitchers have to be a little more fine with their pitches," Ketcham said.

With Schuette featuring the top two hitters in the conference, Rachel Karos and Katy Steele, and Brittany Castle and Sandyn Short topping .300 (.323 and .304, respectively) Ketcham knows her team can't take the Panthers for granted.

"It'll be a battle," she said.

Hopefully, it will be a battle that both teams can start and finish, because of the precipitation.

"We're just going to do anything we can to get these games in," Schuette said.

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TODAY	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE	4 p.m.
SATURDAY	SOFTBALL VS. SAMFORD (2)	12 p.m.
	BASEBALL AT MURRAY STATE (2)	1 p.m.
	MEN'S GOLF AT WRIGHT STATE	All Day
SUNDAY	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS AT SAMFORD	10 a.m.

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FROM LEFT FIELD

DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Squeezing the juice out of it

We're blessed to live in a time where a single word or phrase can stir up such a reaction from us.

Bring up the Tournament, and you could talk about Cinderella teams, top-seed disappointments, great individual play or the women's tournament (it could happen).

Say "finals," and you'll hear about stress, studying or the women's NCAA Tournament (a better game than any of the three played during the men's Final Four).

And, say "crunchwrap supreme" and hear about the world's greatest invention.

For some time, steroids has been one of these buzz words — something that everyone has an opinion on.

With Giants outfielder Barry Bonds chasing Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron on the all-time homerun list, steroids is getting a bit more play than usual.

Since steroids were brought up quite a bit in past seasons (think Rafael Palmeiro, Congressional hearings, Mark McGwire and any time a big-name power hitter got injured or saw his stats slip), its larger place in the current sports environment is extra remarkable.

But two things said this week have taken steroids from legitimate conversation piece to a boatload of craziness.

First, Pete Rose went on ESPN2's Cold Pizza and said he'd have had more hits had he used steroids. Apparently this really happened, but I couldn't confirm what he said because no one I know watches Cold Pizza.

Then, just yesterday, ESPN's Sportscenter speculated over whether Hall of Fame third baseman Mike Schmidt would have hit more home runs had he been on the juice.

Hmm... wondering whether yesterday's stars would've been even better had they been on steroids isn't what I'd expect to be hearing this week.

There's an industry term for the timing of these kinds of stories — it's called a slow news day.

You'd think there was nothing exciting going on in the world of professional baseball this week.

But, there was.

THE SEASON JUST STARTED!

There's plenty to talk about. Old faces in new uniforms, new

SOFTBALL

Panthers looking for clear skies

Eastern hopes rainy weather and losing streak will end

By **MATT DANIELS**
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Panthers will try to end a five-game losing streak — but the weather may not cooperate and let Kim Schuette's team do that.

With the heavy rainfall that hit Charleston Thursday and is expected to happen again today, the weekend's three-game series against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Samford at

Williams Field is in jeopardy.

Tarps were laid on the infield after Tuesday's practice and remained there in anticipation of the rain.

Schuette said how wet the outfield is does not matter, as long as the infield dirt is dry.

"With the lights we have, we'll do whatever it takes to get the games in," she said. "We'll push the games on Saturday back later if we have to."

The team's confidence is not sagging, Schuette said, despite the recent setbacks her team has encountered.

"It's not like we lost to bad teams," she said, alluding to a combined overall record of 48-20 of Jacksonville State and Illinois State, the two teams that have beat the Panthers on their five-game skid.

THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES

	
Samford (13-29, 3-7)	Eastern Illinois (21-15-1, 4-5)
Last game 9-1 Loss Alabama	Last game 8-3 Loss Illinois State
Standing 7th place - 5 back (OVC)	Standing 6th place - 4.5 back (OVC)

Eastern (21-15-1, 4-5 OVC) made a comeback in the first game at ISU, tying the game in the sixth inning after being down four runs.

The Panthers almost had another dramatic finish in the second game

against the Redbirds, with the go-ahead run hitting with Eastern trailing 6-3, no outs and the bases loaded.

After Sarah Coppert struck out, Angela Danca hit into an unusual double play.

Redbird third baseman Tricia Gaither threw home, forcing Brittany Castle and then Redbird catcher Casey Gorrell threw back to third, forcing Kelly McMahon out to end the inning.

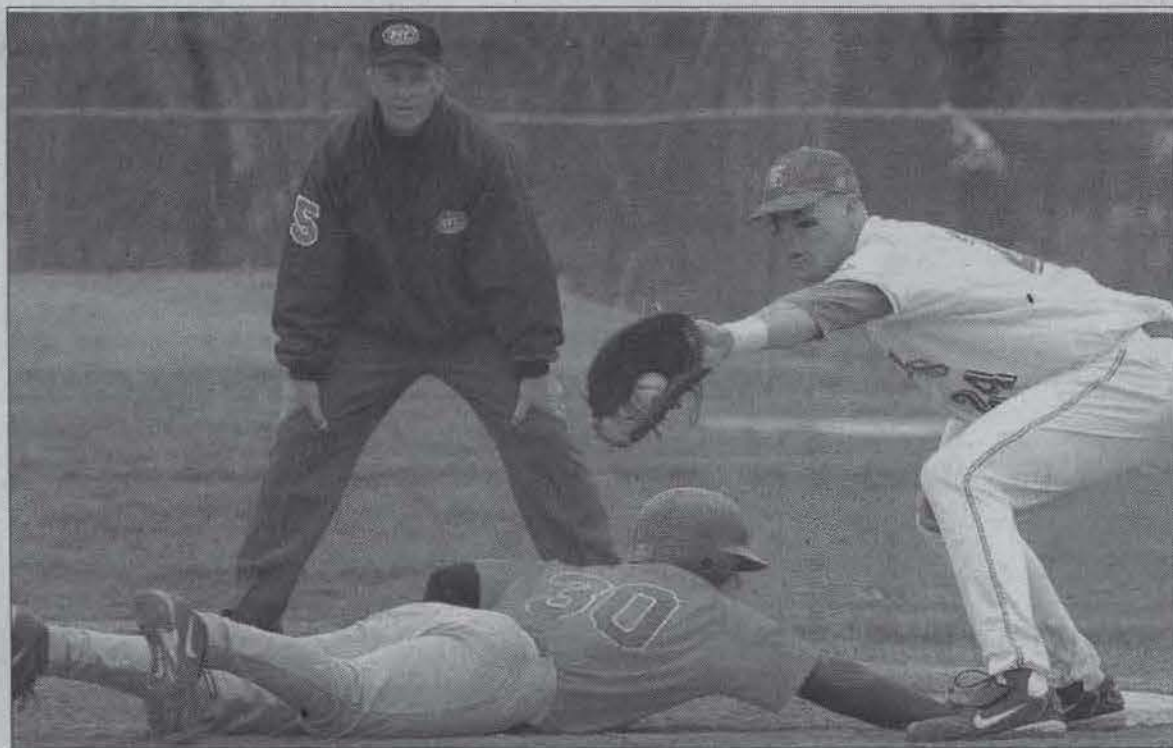
"The comebacks we had were awesome," Schuette said. "Sometimes they're almost as good as a win."

A win is something that Eastern's opponent this weekend is also searching for.

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SOFTBALL

Eastern faces struggling Murray State



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior first baseman Erik Huber tries to tag a Tenn-Martin runner as he dives back to the base to avoid being picked off. Huber had a home run in the 9-7 win against Western Illinois on Wednesday.

By **MARCO SANTANA**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panthers are playing a team this weekend that has not won a conference game and which has lost 11 consecutive games.

But they are not taking anything for granted.

"They need one spectacular thing to happen to pull them out of their funk," said junior pitcher Brandon Murphy of Eastern's opponent. "We don't want to be that thing."

Murray State (7-22, 0-6) is struggling offensively having scored just five runs in its six conference losses this season.

Last weekend, the Racers were shut out in three games against Southeast Missouri.

They then lost 6-5 to Arkansas

State Wednesday to bring their streak to 11.

"We have not done a good job of hitting," Racers head coach Rob McDonald said. "More importantly, we haven't done a good job of driving guys in."

But McDonald was encouraged with the game against Arkansas State.

"I felt pretty good about our team," he said. "If you hadn't lost a bunch of games, you'd have looked at it as a very good college baseball game."

While Murray State has been in a downward spiral for the last four weeks, the Panthers' offense has been on a tear.

Eastern has scored 47 runs in its last six games and has moved to the top of the Ohio Valley Conference in team hitting.

The Panthers' hitting has been

TODAY'S GAME

	
Eastern Illinois (13-12, 3-3)	Murray State (7-22, 0-6)
Last game 9-7 Win Western Illinois	Last game 6-5 Loss Arkansas State
Standing 1-5th place - 2 back (OVC)	Standing 10th place - 5 back (OVC)

timely. In their last six games, they have scored eight runs in their last at bat.

"If we get down a couple of runs, we know we can score," said first baseman Erik Huber. Huber leads the team and is fourth in the conference

with a .386 batting average.

Eastern won two games during the week to help them get over a loss on Sunday to Tennessee-Martin.

"They were two big games to get our confidence back," Huber said.

In Wednesday's win against Western Illinois, freshman center fielder Brett Nommenson returned to the top of the lineup after missing a game.

Nommenson injured his leg in Sunday's loss but he recovered in time to go 1-for-5 with two runs scored.

"He has been a staple in our lineup," Murphy said. "He adds a different element of speed to our lineup."

"When you can get men on base, especially at the top of the order, it puts pressure on the defense and pitchers."

Nommenson is hitting .293 with two triples and four stolen bases.

With the team's late-inning heroics, Eastern knows that it is never out of a game.

"It is extremely exciting," Murphy said of the team's offense. "(The pitching staff) always have the confidence that they'll get you out of a jam."

Murray State is the only team in the conference that has not won a conference game.

Senior Kalen Gibson and sophomore Michal Perconte anchor the Racers pitching staff. They have combined for five complete games but have won just two of their 11 decisions.

But McDonald said the lack of run support has not discouraged his two best starting pitchers.

"I don't see that they are (getting frustrated)," he said. "They understand baseball well enough to know you control what you have control over."

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Review
 Watching Keller Williams live isn't enough for Evan

Hill as he reviews Coldplay live. Here's a hint: he found the show to be "Tasty!"Page 6

Selling by his own beat

Independent artist Keller promotes legal downloading of music

Evan Hill
 VERGE REPORTER

Displaying his solo acoustic, jazz, funk, reggae techno-grass talents to a screaming capacity crowd at Champaign's Canopy Club, Keller Williams was the center of attention Sunday night.

While Keller dominates the spotlight on the stage, the crew that travels with him keeps the shows going and the business moving behind the scenes. Different people contribute to his well-being and his bottom line.

Keller's organization is built on loyalty. He has remained with the same recording label, SCI Fidelity Records, through eight studio albums, a live double-disk CD and an upcoming live DVD.

Another loyal cog in the machine is Scott Loeber, who refers to his job title as "merchandise engineer" for the Keller Williams tour.

Loeber, who has worked with Keller for five years, said he usually puts in 12-hour workdays.

"We rarely get to unload before 2 p.m., and we're lucky if we're done by 12:30," he said.

Loeber's job of selling T-shirts, stickers and CDs is important because Keller, like many performing artists today, relies more and more on merchandise sales at concerts rather than in-store album sales.

While many artists are forced to do this in response to slumping album sales, which the Recording Industry Association of America attributes to illegal downloading, Keller's business model actually encourages taping of shows and trading of bootlegged shows by fans.

"We have a pretty good fan loyalty," Loeber said.

A karma warning printed on the album liner encourages fans that trade bootlegged tapes to purchase an album or a T-shirt or even send a small check to Keller.

"Lastly, please support the artists you tape and trade by purchasing the merchandise that keeps them on the road and in fresh guitar picks. If you've taped or traded for more than two or three Keller shows, you must be some kind of fan, and it would be nice if you'd buy something when you're able," stated a similar karma warning on Keller's official Web site, <http://www.kellerwilliams.net>.

"Keller believes in tapers, but if he takes the time to record and release an album, he would like them to buy it," Loeber said.

Keller occasionally gets checks in the mail for \$5 or \$10.

Loeber said lowering the price of a CD to \$13 three years ago helped album sales as well as the Karma warning and liberal taping policy.

"Sales keep getting better," he said. "I do enjoy it. It's fun to bring a good time to good people. Not everyone is cut out for life on the road."

One member of his touring machine is Lou Gosain, lead sound tech, backup vocalist and occasional stage partner for Keller.

Gosain has known Keller for 10 years, but he said he began working for him full time in 1998.

He said he usually plays several songs on stage with



Keller Williams played a soldout concert Sunday night at the Canopy Club in Champaign.

EVAN HILL/ON THE VERGE

Keller, but he also sings back-up vocals from a mic in the sound booth.

Gosain said he was a solo act behind the soundboard when he started, but as the sound, light and projector setup became more complicated, he hired additional people. He is now the leader of a three-person team.

Although the equipment has become more complicated, he said his job is more relaxing now.

Keller's albums are available in stores and on his Web site, but also as legal downloads.

He is currently touring to promote an upcoming live DVD titled, "Sight."

HE SAID/SHE SAID

Surviving dorm boredom



CREATING FUN BY WAY OF WASTED TIME

By HOLLY MOHR ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Four weeks left of school, four weeks until I need to find a job and four more weeks of fighting dorm boredom. The dorms don't exactly cater to the socially intrigued, fidgety or easily bored students.

So this semester I have not only learned how to write like a professional journalist, I've mastered the art of making my own dorm fun. I like to call this segment Mohr's Guide to Surviving Dorm Boredom.

The 2006 Winter Olympics were held in Italy this semester. As fun as they were to watch in the dorms, I, being an undiagnosed ADD kid, couldn't sit through the whole thing night and day, day and night. Therefore, I present to you Dorm Olympics - the next best thing to Torino.

Dorm Olympics waste a lot of time and a lot of dorm closet supplies. Recruit your athletes from your floor and make your own obstacle courses. Jumping off of beds, crawling under desks, toilet paper wrapping, beer guzzling and garbage bag races (spin-off of potato sack races) can all be part of your obstacle course. Add floors to your obstacle, as your Olympic events need to get harder.

Another game I like to play to reduce my boredom is the Bozo game. I know what you're thinking and the answer is yes, that game was way underrated. What I like to do is find five or six bucket-like items (cups, bowls, hats or shoes) and fill them with desirable prizes. If it's a sober game, you and your dormmates can play it casino style and fill the buckets with money. If you're pre-gaming or just drinking in between classes, play for shots of liquor or drinks.

When you feel like your professors are ruining your life, crushing your dreams and taking pleasure in your stress and panic, pissing someone else off in the dorm can have an unusual satisfaction to it. Though I don't encourage sinking down to the level of violence or vandalizing, I do encourage the act of total annoyance. It's like an art, when used right.

I like to chat on the phone with an accent incredibly loud in the dorm hallways. The more obnoxious the voice and the more embarrassing the conversation topic is, the better. I've gotten a lot of attitude, pointing fingers and slammed doors in my face using this tactic. It's quite comical.

Playing pranks on roommates and dormmates is a classic source of boredom relief. Believe it or not, simple pranks work and leave you with hours (some times days) of laughter. Drop their toothbrush in the toilet and watch them use it. Hide their shampoo and put it back when they've bought a new one.



INDOOR SPORTS: MAYHEM AND MERRIMENT FOR ALL

By CHRIS ESSIG SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Maybe it is just me, but the urban myths are false. My mother always told me that college would present a workload that would make high school look like kindergarten.

I have 16 hours of school compared to 40 in high school. Sure there is more homework but it still doesn't compare.

Ok, I'm getting off topic. The point is: when I'm not working on columns like this one I usually have a pretty free schedule.

So what exactly do I do with all my unexpected free time? Well if I'm not cleaning up the mess my next-door neighbor left on my door (let's just put it this way, he had a field day on April Fools' Day), I find I have myriad options to pass the time.

Obviously there are things like ping-pong, billiards, and arcade games but considering I never have spare change and I hate billiards, I'm usually not found doing those activities. Instead I prefer games that are cheaper and closer to home (my dorm room).

Frisbee in the narrow corridors that Thomas Hall provides has always been one of my favorites. The best part is a bad throw can still hit the target if it bounces off the wall right. And even if you're totally off and smash the piece of plastic into the water fountain, you can always have a good laugh at the disruption you've just caused.

Soccer's the same way, and considering my goofball neighbor plays volleyball (go figure), we have access to a volleyball. It is a much safer alternative to the average soccer ball. Plus it bounces like rubber, making for some unprecedented goals.

Some prefer baseball and although there is nothing more entertaining than watching some White Sox baseball, I can't catch or throw a baseball worth crap. And considering the narrow confinements...

But it's not always sports that keep me moving. If you are ever walking down the first floor, south tower of Thomas Hall and hear techno flooding the floor, that's my roommate. It's growing on me, however unfortunate it is, because there is nothing more fun than matching it with some glow sticks and the 360 degrees of mirrors presented in the restroom of Thomas Hall. Yes, I'm talking about a bathroom rave.

Other than that, thumb war is always a great way to make the hours seem like minutes. Rock, paper, scissors is so overrated anyways.

I guess what I'm trying to say is unless you live next to a sloth, there's going to be plenty of things to keep you from boredom. They may not make memories, but they will pass the time.

THE LIST

Numeric Movies 1-10

- 1 One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest (1975) Jack Nicholson and a giant American-Indian mute get all buck-wild in a nut house!
- 2 Two for the Money (2005) Pacino makes chronic, problematic gambling look cool...go and emulate it!
- 3 Three to Tango (1999) Matthew Perry and...wait, Matthew Perry made a movie?!
- 4 Four Brothers (2005) Mom gets killed, four brothers get bad ass, adopted-style!
- 5 The Five People You'll Meet in Heaven (2005) None of them are who you'd hope.
- 6 Six Days, Seven Nights (1998) Way too much of Anne Heche not wearing a bra...EWWW!
- 7 Seven (1995) Kevin Spacey plays a complete and utter psychotic...what a stretch.
- 8 Eight Crazy Nights (2002) Who knew Adam Sandler could make such an eloquent joke as "poopsicles."
- 9 The Whole Nine Yards (2000) Matthew Perry appears again just because I didn't believe he made two movies...TWO!
- 10 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) Try 43 things I hate about this movie!

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Finding ways to boycott laundry

SENIOR VERGE REPORTER CHRIS ESSIG GIVES HELPFUL, AND POSSIBLY FOUL, WAYS TO AVOID THE DREADED LAUNDRY DAY AND SAVE THAT SPECIAL OUTFIT FOR ANOTHER OCCASION



GUIDE TO
BETTER LIVING
Chris Essig
Senior Verge Reporter

So you're heading home in a week and you have what appears to be just three more days of clothing left. Laundry seems inevitable. Well, young grasshopper, by following these easy steps you'll prove yourself wrong and buy enough time to bring your laundry home and do it there.

Pants should be worn for at least five days in a row. Pants just don't get dirty, especially blue jeans. Only under the circumstance of some horrendous calamity — tsunami, mudslide, severe flooding, coffee spillage on the jeans, heat wave, and/or Armageddon — should you even consider breaking this habit.

If you stumble upon free samples of cologne or perfume, grab a handful. Each sample should give you at least two more days to rock that outfit. If it doesn't

appear or smell dirty then how can it be?

Just because you just jumped out of the shower doesn't mean you can't put on the same articles of clothing you just had on. Remember YOU get dirty much quicker than your clothing does.

Throwing selective articles of clothing in the dryer with a Downy sheet does not count as doing laundry. Laundry costs and if you live in a dorm only the washer's cost makes the dryer free game. This is especially true for socks and underwear as they do not last nearly as long as the rest of your outfit.

Buy black clothing — namely t-shirts — and lots of them. Black clothing will last you until the end of the week. White clothing will last you until the top of the hour.

Under the armpit is the only area on t-shirts that become rancid if untreated. It is best to not always count on free samples of cologne or perfume so buckle down and buy your own. A few sprays a day will keep the inevitability of laundry away.

Deodorant is a must. If you don't know that already, please don't take this guide

seriously as no one will be able to stand being around you for an extended amount of time.

Resort to EVERYTHING in your closet, even if it isn't yours or just flat out embarrassing. If it isn't yours, it's either fashionable or, at the very least, a change of pace. If it's embarrassing, remember that money is more important than looking cool. Plus you might just start a new fashion trend by accident.

Hoodies, regardless of how often they are worn, should never be washed. They could be possibly dried (see rule four) but washing them is out of the question.

The same goes for bed sheets and pillow cases.

If anybody even questions why you're clothing appears to look the same day in and day out, turn the tides on them: ask

“If you stumble upon free samples of cologne or perfume, grab a handful. Each sample should give you at least two or more days to rock that outfit.”

them why their clothing appears the same day in and day out. They're probably doing the same thing. Otherwise they probably won't notice.

So there you have it folks — a guide to a better living. On top of that, it's not only better, but cheaper and much easier too. The best part is if you master these steps, no one will be able to tell the difference between you and those who change everyday. Trust me. The only person that pays that much attention to your clothing is yourself.

Living the good life and loving every moment

MR. GEEZER, AN ACTUAL PERSON NOT JUST SLANG, DOES WHAT HE WANTS TO WHEN HE WANTS TO

By **Michael Peterson**
VERGE REPORTER

An old sweater, vest, fake ponytail wig and spectacles. This was the outfit that Don Aylesworth wears when he wants to transform into his alter ego, Mr. Geezer.

Last Saturday (April Fools Day), Aylesworth, performed his one-man show at Marianne's Euro Deli on the Square in Charleston.

In the show, Aylesworth uses humor and general observation to touch upon the craziness that is our world. He often touches on issues that many people would be afraid to talk about, such as politics, religion and sex.

Aylesworth, who is 73-years-old, decided to make his "Mr. Geezer Act" after a serious heart attack made it so he couldn't do physical things that he loved to do, such as skiing and sailing. Aylesworth figures that even though his body doesn't work quite as

well as it used to, his mind is just as sharp as ever, so he is going to use it to the best of his ability.

"I want to ride the horse as long as I possibly can," said Aylesworth. "I'm not one who can sit idly by for a long period of time."

Aylesworth originally intended to only do his act for older people and was only going to talk about things that seniors would relate to. But he eventually began booking shows with a large range of audiences so he decided to drastically broaden his topics. He often talks about current events in his show.

He said he really felt the entire character

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DON AYLESWORTH
“MR. GEEZER”

of Mr. Geezer came together was when a friend of his gave him his spectacle. It was then that the "look was finalized." He got the rest of his costume at random places such as Goodwill and garage sales and the rest is history. Aylesworth has now been doing his Mr. Geezer act

for about seven years.

Aylesworth is also a retired professor from the University of Wisconsin and most of the times he does the show to raise money for charity. In fact, ten percent of the earnings of his show at Marianne's Euro Deli went to

the American Cancer Society.

But it's not just about the money or even the joy of having an audience liking his show. His main reason for doing it is the simple satisfaction that it gives him.

"I enjoy doing it. I don't care if there is one or a thousand (audience members)," Aylesworth said. "You have to do what you do and it keeps me active."

In addition to using his Mr. Geezer character to do shows, he also does a weekly column for "Our Community Spirit," a weekly, free publication for Amherst, Wis., where Aylesworth lives. In fact, "Our Community Spirit" named Aylesworth the 2005 "Person of the Year," as well as giving him the communitywide leadership award.

"One of the major things I quickly learned from doing this show is that if I was going to do shows at a senior centers, then I better have a damn good sound system," said Aylesworth with a chuckle.



ERIC HILTNER/ON THE VERGE

The unofficial "World's Fastest Pop Machines" sit in front of Thompson Welding in Lerna.

By Chris Essig
SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Timothy McCormick, on his last day at Eastern, had just one last request, like a teenage boy dying of cancer: to visit the "world's fastest pop machines."

Wait, what? "World's fastest pop machines?"

While not officially crowned the world's fastest pop machines, located at 512 Main St. in the heart of downtown Lerna, are two pop machines — yes, pop machines — that are so fast, that people can't help but talk about them.

"I was in Mattoon last year and I saw a couple of girls — twins that were saying after work they were checking out the machines. They are the fastest around!" said Ivan Thompson, owner of Thompson Welding Company and the famed pop machine duo.

Thompson brought one of the pop machines with him when the current location for his company was built in 1984. Before then, the business, which started in 1970, had been in a different part of Lerna.

This machine, Thompson said, came from the Donley Company, located in northern Mattoon.

The other machine came from Canteen Vending Company, located in Danville, he said.

Soda on the go

'World's fastest pop machines' found in Lerna

"At least four or five minutes of my life have been devoted to waiting for pop to dispense at normal pop machines."

-CHRIS LARSEN, A JUNIOR EDUCATION MAJOR

Thompson's wife used to work for Canteen.

He is not exactly sure how old the machines are, but estimated they were between 35 and 40 years.

The easiest way to describe how fast the machines are is if you watch yourself press the button, the pop will already be dispensed.

While Thompson admits that the machines are for the most part just quirky college humor, people of all ages have made notice of the outstanding speed of these machines.

"This man and wife one time were coming home from vacation and wanted me to take their picture in front of the machines," Thompson said.

"It's the cheetah of pop machines," said John Ronzani, a 23-year-old from Mt. Zion.

Ronzani was visiting Eastern and on his todo list was to see the "world's fastest pop machines."

So what exactly makes these machines so fast? Mechanics.

Most pop machines have a mechanism that goes up and picks up the pop that's at the top, inside the machine. In these machines, the pop is located right where it dispenses. There is no in-between mechanism, Thompson said.

The speed leads to many advantages.

"At least four or five minutes of my life have been devoted to waiting for pop to dispense at normal pop machines," said Chris Larsen, a junior education major.

The machines save that time, and, as a result, your pop is not only delivered quickly but is ice-cold and not shaken up.

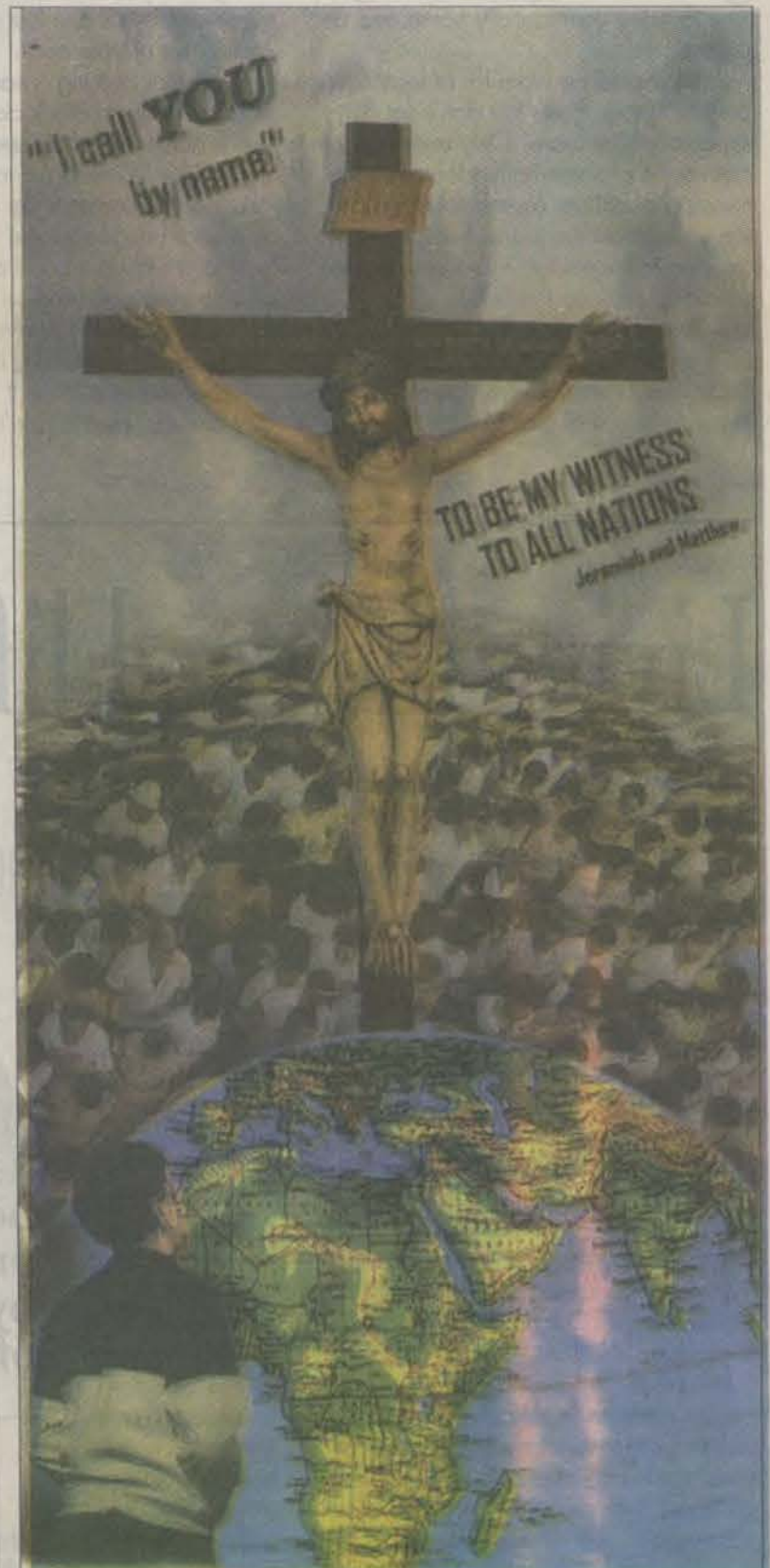
Thompson also noted how trouble-free the machines have been over the years. The only thing recently that he's had to fix was the glass on one of the machines displaying "cold drinks."

Because Thompson owns the machines, he can put whatever pop he wants inside.

Thompson said Mountain Dew, Pepsi, and Dr. Pepper are the most popular while root beer is a summertime favorite. The machines have Pepsi and Coca-Cola products along with 7-UP and Sprite, making it not only the machines with speed but variety. Thompson buys five cases of pop a month and all the money he makes past the cost of these cases is his.

Sure, most people might laugh at the ridiculousness of a pop machine really being that special but one thing remains true.

"It's a pop machine and we went to it," said Ronzani.



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This is your brain on drugs, or something like that. Moral of the story: Don't do drugs and don't be a fool. Stay in school.

Dangerous habits

Drugs still an issue on college campuses; effects just as serious

By Stacy Smith
VERGE REPORTER

His father was consistently going into the hospital, his girlfriend of two years broke his heart and his friends and family turned on him when he was at his worst.

Jason felt as though there was nothing left for him to live for and started using heroin as well as other drugs. (Editor's Note: Jason wished to be identified by his first name only for the purpose of confidentiality)

"When you have that kind of emptiness you need to fill it with something, my filler was drugs," he said. "It's an easy way out."

"I spent about \$1,000 on it," he said. "Each day varied, sometimes I would use it like 3-4 times, it all depended on cops."

People who use heroin get addicted to it because they want to get back to the same high feeling they had when they first did, Jason said.

"But there are so many highs in life that are a lot better," he said. "Like being with the person you love; that's a great high."

"It's a disease because your body craves it," he said. "It's like your body almost can't live without it."

Jason said he decided to stop using drugs when he weighed himself one day and the scale read 124 lbs. instead of his usual 165 lbs.

"I went to NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings which were somewhat helpful because you would think that you are going through something bad, but there are other people that are going through something a lot worse," he said.

Jason said has been clean for 23 days.

Drugs are usually more commonly used on college campuses because of their availability, said Kathy Phillips, a health studies professor and teacher of Drugs in Society.

"The majority of college students have done some kind of drug like weed (marijuana) or worse or know someone who has," said Kyle Basnett, a sophomore undecided major.

Heroin, Morphine and Oxycontin are technically a depressant but are narcotics because they relieve pain; addiction is the worst long-term effect, Phillips said.

Marijuana, Ecstasy, Ritalin, Adderall, LSD and hallucinogens are common drugs on campus, Phillips said.

One of the most frequently used drugs on college campuses is marijuana. The problem with marijuana is its effect on lungs and it causes short-term memory loss, she said.

Research shows short-term memory loss can be permanent when marijuana is used three or more times a week, which is considered "heavy usage," Phillips said.

Less than three times a week is considered recreational use, which causes short-term memory loss, she said.

Whether marijuana is a gateway drug (a drug that leads to harder drugs) is yet to be decided, research shows marijuana resulting as a gateway drug is more common when younger kids use it, Phillips said.

Kids in junior high and early high school are more likely to experiment with harder drugs when using marijuana, however, when older students use marijuana they are less likely to, she said.

Also, marijuana may be a gateway drug to heavy users because they want to experience a higher high, she said.

The potency of marijuana today is 10-15 times stronger than what it was in the 70s because people today grow a better quality plant, which produces more tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, (the stuff that gets a person buzzed), Phillips said.

Why marijuana?

"Students smoke weed instead of doing something like cocaine because students feel it's safer," said Chris Kamp, junior sports management major. "It's grown, not chemically made."

Stimulants are drugs like Adderall, Ritalin, Ecstasy, cocaine and hallucinogens. Short-term effects of stimulants include hyperactivity, happiness, alertness and confidence.

"I think cocaine is showing a comeback on college campuses," Phillips said.

Ecstasy is known as a "love drug" because when a person takes it they want to be around everyone, Phillips said.

Adderall is sometimes called the "smart drug" because it makes a person focus and stay awake, she said.

People don't need to take that much of Adderall, because it is made for those who have Attention Deficit Disorder, Phillips said.

"If a person takes too much they lose that focus and become real jittery like if they drank too much coffee," she said.

Taking stimulants will always cause a person to crash, whether it is drowsiness, depression or laziness, there is always a down with the high, she said.

However, long-term effects include stimulating the central nervous system, which increases the heart rate, which may cause chance of heart attack, stroke or high blood pressure, she said.

Also, other long-term effects may be psychological. Meaning people who use stimulants may encounter mood disorders like depression and bipolar disorder.

More college women are using Methamphetamine to lose weight because it increases metabolism and people have no desire to eat when on it, she said.

The high lasts about 12-14 hours on one hit, more than that may make a person active for three to four days, she said.

Along with abnormal confidence, Meth gives people paranoia and a distorted image, she said.

"I get a chance to talk to students a lot and have realized that they aren't really aware with as much as we think they are," she said.

It seems that people who use drugs and know about the effects of them still use them because even if the knowledge is there, people tend to be naïve about the consequences happening to them, Phillips said.

"Regardless to what people know about a drug, if someone wants something bad enough they are going to get it," said Brittany Raupp, a freshman elementary education major.

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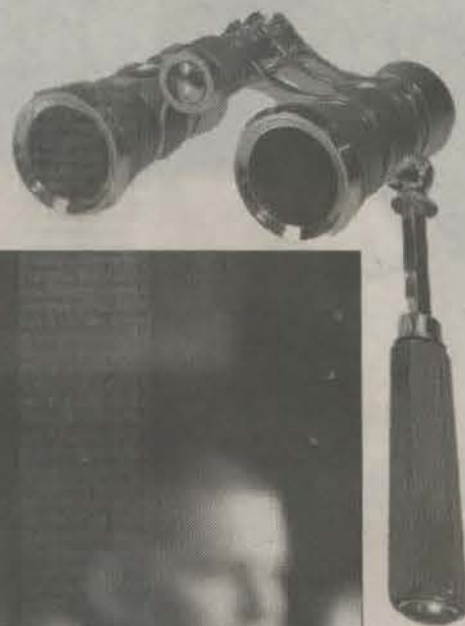


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The Editors: making rock waves with old-school touch

By Jason Duarte
VERGE REPORTER



Try to imagine, if you can, a band that rekindles the flame of Joy Division, combining the dismal vocals of Ian Curtis with the vocals of Interpol singer, Paul Banks. Now fuse that with the monochromatic style of guitar that Interpol is well known for, add a hint of Echo and the Bunnymen, and there you have it, the Birmingham quartet: Editors.

Their debut album, "The Back Room" is comprised of 11 tracks, all of which explore dark, yet danceable beats, obscurely somber vocals and wailing guitar. The high pitch of the lead guitar makes one feel as if they may get goose bumps at any given moment when combined with its highly echoed effect, making one feel as if they are jamming in a dark, dank tunnel.

The album starts with "Lights," as vocalist Tom Smith sings in a moderate tone that's backed by a simple, raw guitar piece. Shortly thereafter, the bass and the drums follow, carrying the song to its abrupt end-

The Editors	
★★★★★	
"The Back Room"	
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ing. "Lights" creates somewhat of a hypnotic effect, thus opening a gateway, making it easy for listeners to be eager about the rest of the album...and they should be, because it only gets better.

Their single, "Munich" is no doubt the highlight of the album. The drums on this track, more so than any other, brings about an urge to dance while the guitar spews an electrifying rhythm fitting perfectly with the bass, all of which, complimented with Smith's vocals.

The lyrics to Editors' songs are all fairly simple and repetitive, yet they pack more punch on CD than if one were to simply read them. For example, in the single "Bullets," almost the entire track is comprised of Smith wailing, "You don't need this disease, you don't." However, there are sever-

al verses throughout the song that incrementally contribute more to the lyrics, all going along with the suspenseful, progressive music thus creating the sound that Editors have mastered on their first studio attempt.

Editors does a fantastic job of capturing old sounds as well as new, while adding an extensive amount of originality to the two, making something reminiscent while creating something completely original at the same time. For a band to gain as much attention as Editors has with the release of their first studio album, that's really something.

When asked about the band's ambition and their great manifesto, Smith replied "It's one step at a time. We want to make a debut album that we can be proud of, and see how far that takes us. But as far as global domination goes, we'll leave that to U2."

Currently on a co-headlining U.S. tour with Stellastarr*, Editors has just released its debut album, "The Back Room" on March 21. You can catch them in Chicago, taking the stage at 8 p.m. on April 16 at the one and only Metro.

Coldplay delivers with spicy hot performance



Evan Hill SENIOR REPORTER

Coldplay has blown up in the last two years and transformed themselves from a sensitive British rock band favored by melancholy college students into a major mainstream rock-touring powerhouse.

Their first two albums put them on a multinational tour of small theaters and college campuses.

Now, however, you won't catch them in an arena with less than a 10,000 capacity. Chris Martin and Coldplay played

before a sold-out audience at Chicago's United Center. A United Center representative said the Center holds about 12,000 people depending on how it is configured.

All the favorites were there, I don't want to completely spoil the set list, but suffice to say, all the singles were represented as well as some memorable album tracks and a certain bonus track from their recent album.

Coldplay's light show was everything a savvy concertgoer would expect from a multinational arena tour, but not so overwhelming that it stole the show.

Huge projectors behind bands have been en vogue for several years now

(since Pink Floyd played the Berlin wall really), but Coldplay almost underutilized theirs. A good close-up of Chris Martin on the screen was appreciated though because it was the only way to really see him from some of the far-flung seating. The lights were blended effectively with the songs and conveyed their mood appropriately, and even some of the auxiliary displays were tapped.

Coldplay draws a mainstream and diverse crowd, but their music is beginning to prove that they are sticking around for longer than the latest fad and have something going beyond just a sensitive U2 clone.

VIDEO GAMIN'



David Thill
VERGE EDITOR

Consoles still reign supreme over computer inferiority

When I was about 10 years old, my father approached me with a proposition. He said if I agreed to give up my strange, and it was strange, obsession with toy guns (cap guns, Nerf guns, etc.) that I could get a video game console.

Even at the age of 10, I almost soiled myself. Up to that point I had never owned a video game console, which during the Golden Age Nintendo was damn near unheard of.

So, just to be different, we chose to go with the Sega Genesis console over the Super Nintendo Entertainment System. And the console served me very well for several years until I moved on to the Sony Playstation (better known to some as the greatest invention in the history of the world).

At that point in my life I hadn't even heard a murmur of the Console Wars that were to follow years later and the Console vs. Computer gaming war was just beginning to flair up. Thus, I stuck religiously to my Sega Genesis and game consoles in general.

Now that the likes of "Everquest" and "World of Warcraft" have raged onto and dominated the gaming world, the focus has shifted from consoles to computer gamers and I stand firm with my consoles, once and for all.

While there are currently millions of players storming the online fronts, there are tens of millions sticking to consoles and for good reasons too.

While no one can debate the fact that computer systems sport the mightiest muscles when it comes to visual graphics. Computers just simply have the bigger and better hardware as well as the ability to continually upgrade whereas consoles can't. That isn't to say consoles don't have their strong points.

Console games almost always debut to the tune of \$49.99, as do most console games. However, console games drop in price much faster. Not to mention that while with each year software companies seem to find more and more development groups, the Big 3 (Sony, Nintendo and Microsoft) are always cranking out more and more games and selling more and more copies. In fact, the "Halo" series has already sold more than 10 million copies thus far.

I am a fairly adept video game player. For the most part, I have made a rule of not touching either an instruction manual or a strategy guide. But, while children become more and more proficient with keyboards and mice, I still prefer a good old-fashioned controller. I may be growing long in years but I just can't seem to master using those different devices at once. I can barely walk and chew gum at the same time, but perhaps that is more a statement of my intelligence than anything.

The point is that computer games may be growing and will undoubtedly continue to do so for years and years—probably forever—they will never truly take over the consoles in video game dominance. In fact, I think I may be buried with my Playstation 2. Or my Playstation 3. Or my Playstation 43: whichever happens to be popular when I die. But I digress.

Austin Record Convention turns tables

By Samuel Ladach-bark

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SAN MARCOS, Texas - Throughout the weekend at the Austin Record Convention, buyer requests would be announced over a public-address system. The requests would sound something like this: "I have somebody looking for anything Wilco on vinyl, also any David Bowie singles." One vendor or another would find one of the sought-after items, no matter how obscure the artist or printing was. The sellers would then meet the buyer at the announcement booth up to discuss prices

This was the scene at the semiannual Austin Record Convention, hosted by the Crockett Event Center in North Austin. It was filled to the brim with collectors and music enthusiasts and on its Web site, boasts that the event is the largest sale of recorded music in the country. More than 1 million 45s, 78s, LPs, CDs and cassettes were found under one roof for two days last weekend.

The entrance fee was four dollars, but the selection and bargain prices made it well worth it. For the hardcore collectors, a \$25 early-shopper pass could be purchased. Those with this pass could begin their shopping at 7 a.m., while the rest of us had to wait until 10 a.m.

Collectors worldwide arranged their tables in rows, which ran the length of the center. Many of them set their best stuff on display directly behind their seats, almost as a testament to their collection. On more than one occasion, the salesmen were unable to part with some of their more coveted LPs when it came down to a sale. The most comprehensive collections included mostly records from the '50s, '60s and '70s. There were a few booths with great '80s and '90s selections, but this

definitely was not the place to find many recent releases.

Buyers needed to be ready to dedicate some serious time to this convention, as searching through seemingly endless stacks of CDs and LPs can be quite cumbersome, but finding an out-of-print CD or bootleg live album from your favorite artist can make all the hours worthwhile. Bringing a shopping list of desired finds always helps, as most sellers know their collections by heart and were able to say whether they had what shoppers were looking for.

It's finding what you're not looking for that makes this kind of show great. One booth featured a complete collection of rare and exclusive B-sides and live records from various artists. It's hard to believe that Sonic Youth and Radiohead had put out more than a dozen live records apiece. Vendors would happily let buyers listen to any possible purchases and were quick to give preview suggestions based on the stack of records you were already clutching.

In addition to music sales, several vendors also had posters, DVDs, collectibles, memorabilia, amps and turntables for sale. There was even one booth that sold nothing but original photographs of live music performances. Any live shot of any pop musician from the

'60s through the '90s could be bought for a few dollars. There was also more than one booth that exclusively sold Elvis music and collectables.

More than a massive sale of music, this convention was a gathering of old and new collectors who shared a genuine love for music. The best advice for a show like this: Don't spend your money too quickly, pursue the show's offerings thoroughly before you start to lay down your bucks, and never be too shy to haggle. If this sounds like your cup of tea, don't miss the fall convention. For details and future event dates, visit www.austinrecords.com



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Sexually transmitted infections numbers high in the United States

By Brian Gartlan

SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

In 1973, Walt Disney Productions made a 16-minute film called *VD Attack Plan*, which was created to educate teenagers and young adults about the threats, infections and myths that sexually transmitted infections possess.

Though the film graphically shows red syphilis germs and green gonorrhea germs, the film depicts a war against sexually orientated infections.

VD Attack Plan promotes the importance of immediate treatment, and although the film is three-decades old, it is still relevant to life in 2006.

"Approximately one in four sexually active college students will contract an STI by the time they graduate from college," said Barbara Walker, a health studies professor. "About 1-in-3 will have an STI by the age of 25."

More than 20 STIs have been identified and they affect more than 13 million men and women in this country every year.

Sexually transmitted diseases are the second most common type of communicable disease, she said, second only to the common cold.

Chlamydia is the most common disease with 4 million cases reported annually.

Walker said that symptoms for men include a slight burning sensation while they urinate.

"These symptoms are almost identical to gonorrhea," she said.

Symptoms occur within one to four weeks and more than half of women do not show signs of Chlamydia initially.

Among other statistics, about one of five sexually active adults in the United States has herpes.

"It is possible to transmit genital herpes to the mouth or face," Walker said.

There are two different types of herpes.

Simplex I comes in the form of cold sores and simplex II, which affects the genitals, increases the chances of cancer in both men and women.

"Herpes blisters of type I and type II look the same," Walker said.

Women with herpes who are expected mothers hold the risk of passing the disease onto their babies.

Pregnant women with active outbreaks at or near the time of birth will deliver their babies through a cesarean or a C-section.

"Half of all babies exposed to herpes will contract it," Walker said.

Though chlamydia is the most reported STI, the most common is Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) with a possibility of 30 different types.

"About 50 percent of sexually active people will contract (HPV)," Walker said.

A female Eastern student said she got HPV from sleeping with a man who lied about the amount of women he had slept with.

She slept with him three times in the span of six months and she does not know when she actually contracted it.

"Finding out you have an STI is the scariest feeling in the world," she said.

She has not slept with anyone since she contracted the disease and said it holds her back from sleeping with men.

"Wearing condoms and getting checked regularly after each partner can help reduce the chance of getting an STI," she said.

Maurice Brownridge, a sophomore secondary education major, said he has never been tested for an STI, because he has never encountered a woman with an STI.

"I would not know what to do," Brownridge said. "I'd just hope it was curable."

Quick STI Facts

◆ **Syphilis** More than 32,000 cases in the United States in 2002. Passed to another person via direct contact, like sexual partners or mother to child. Cannot be spread by a toilet seat, a door knob, a swimming pool, a hot tub, clothing or eating utensils.

◆ **Gonorrhea**: 1.5 million cases occur annually in the United States. The ability to urinate is painful and difficult.

◆ **Genital Warts**: Affects 500,000 Americans annually. First bumps appear small and painless. Risk of becoming genital cancer.

◆ **Genital Herpes**: Affects about 30,000 Americans. Painful blisters or open sores. Medicine cannot eliminate it from the body. Women can pass it to their children.

◆ **Chlamydia**: 4 million new cases annually. Abnormal discharge and burning urination. Treated with antibiotics.

◆ **AIDS**: First reported case in the United States was in 1981. About 1 million affected in the United States. More than 2,000 infants have contracted it through their mothers. Occurs through sexual activity and sharing needles.

How to...

Order a drink at a bar



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Bethany Jindra, a senior Family and Consumer Sciences major, says that "having your boyfriend work (at the bar) helps" getting you a drink quickly, but a sultry stare and cash in the hand helps, too.

THE ART AND CRAFT OF GETTING THAT DRINK HAS SPECIFIC GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THAT BEER STILL HAS HEAD BY THE TIME YOU GET IT

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It's Friday night, you arrive at the bar late because your boss forced you to stay; you finally find your friends (who are all trashed at this point) after getting a cranberry vodka spilled all over your new white shirt. It seems like you are the only sober one in the whole place, so you rush up to the bar and you wait and wait and wait and wait...

Trying to get served at a bar can either be a frustrating job or a pleasurable activity. By mixing up a little imagination and experimentation and tossing out any inhibition can create a concoction for a bar service success.

Guys, we all know that it's cool to show up to a bar wearing those collared shirts and jeans with massive amounts of hair gel, but in reality, when wearing that attire you are just an average Joe. Remember this isn't about fashion, it is about getting served. So be brave and be different. Maybe pull out that

old suit that barely gets used or that silk shirt and bellbottom jean outfit from last Halloween. Anything sexy and out of the mix will get you a drink faster than any Mr. Collared Shirt and Jeans.

It's a whole different ballgame for us girls, however. To get a drink it's not about what we wear, but rather what we aren't. So the best way to attract the bartender's attention is to wear shirts that give those two lethal weapons some air.

On the other hand, shirts that have large, visible sexual phrases like "I'm Easy, Just add Alcohol" aren't classy options, but if you are looking for alcohol fast, this will do the job.

Now that you are in the proper attire, the next step is to give the bartender "the look." I am not talking about a Zoolanderesque pose, but something subtle and sexy.

Girls, once the male bartender notices you, bat those sexy eyelashes. I mean why else were eyelashes invented? Guys, instead of batting your eyelashes, give the bartender of

your sexual preference a small wink. This will get you served 10 times faster than using the traditional male nod for everything.

The bartender should be on his or her way up to talk to you now. The next step, after he or she asks, "what can I get for you?" is to give the server a compliment. This will assure speedy service the next time up to the bar. "That shirt really compliments your eyes" or "You must have the patience of a saint to deal with all these drunks" are simple compliments that usually will be received with a bashful smile. Don't be too forward or say anything sexual because the most likely response will be a slap in the face.

Finally, once you have your drink, take a small sip and say to the bartender, "this tastes amazing."

I know we are all poor college students, but leaving a decent tip is essential. Snubbing the bartender will piss them off and can guarantee a long wait your next time up to the bar.

Following these steps will insure a pleasurable experience getting served at the bar.