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## Boys unite for camp

■ Former campers return to motivate, advise high school boys

BY KATEY MITCHELL  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Boys from all over Illinois come to participate in the American Legion's Premier Boys State Camp every summer. They come to learn about government, politics and even themselves.

Sometimes the camp makes such an impact on an individual's life that they want to come back; however, those individuals might not be able to come back as campers, or citizens as boy's state calls them, but they can return as counselors.

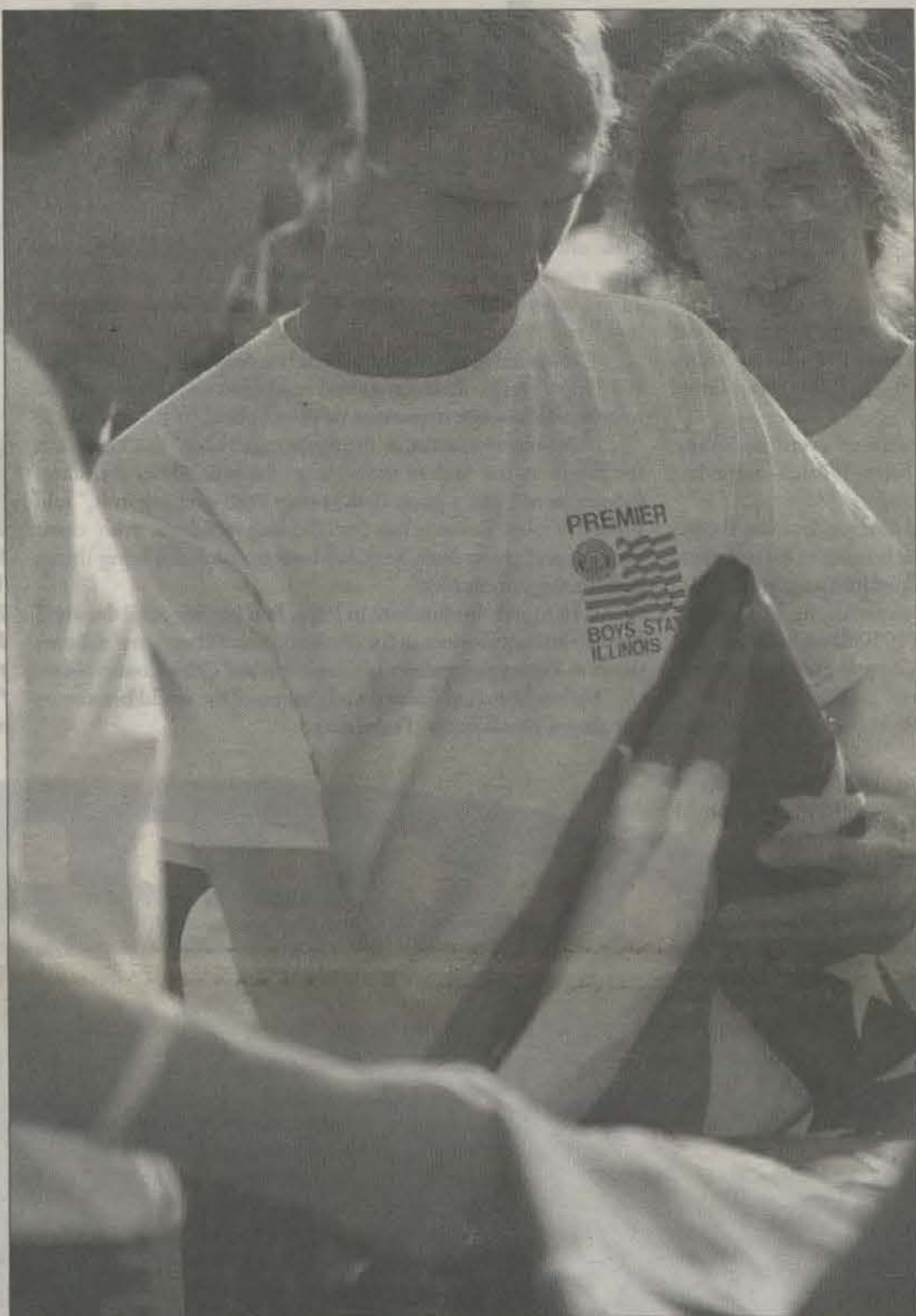
Boys state counselors help citizens with their experience at the camp. Whether it is with elections, sports or advice, counselors are there to help campers with personal motivation.

Sean Purdy, 23, has been a counselors for boys state for five years. He has just graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis and has taken leave from the Navy to help out at boys state. To Purdy, it is as much an experience for him as it is for the citizens.

"I love teaching the kids about government and how to become a band of brothers," said Purdy. "I have an opportunity to influence new leaders of America by showing them integrity."

Purdy takes his position as a leader very seriously. He tries to accomplish a sense of family with his boys, a "band of brothers."

"A county has around 65 people," said Purdy. His counties over the years have been "the most counties because all of them knew each other and got as close



Boys state color guard members fold the American flag during the retreat ceremony on Wednesday evening in the south quad.

JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## Planning underway for family weekend

■ Concert takes nine months of preparation

BY NORA MABERRY  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Foreigner may be coming to Eastern in October, but the University Board Concert Committee has been planning the event since January.

"Family weekend planning usually starts right after we get back from Christmas break," said Mallory Taylor, University Board Concert Committee Chair.

"Our office has one portion and that's mainly the entertainment," said Ceci Brinker, Director of Student Life at Eastern. "We started looking at entertainment in early January and we started to make inquiries."

The concert committee put together a survey so they could get student input on the acts from previous family weekends. The survey was put out in March.

"We look at the feedback and see who is out there," said Brinker. "We will look at acts and see who we can get for the weekend."

"We work with the Parents Club, and work with administration when picking acts for Family Weekend," said Taylor.

The committee also works with an agent who knows the venue, the market and their budget.

"It took a lot to get to this decision with Foreigner," said Brinker. "We looked at other acts."

The committee looked at Journey, STYX and comedian Bill Engvall.

The committee uses the feedback from the survey, but according to Brinker that does not make or break the committee's decision.

"We have to look at who's affordable, who's available and who is appealing to a wide range of parents, students and the community."

Brinker said that decision is also influenced by the artists' interest in coming to Eastern.

"An artist might be at the top of our list, but Eastern might not be at the top of theirs," said Brinker.

"We had our agent price everyone from James Taylor to Bill Engvall; we even looked at the American Idol tour," said Brinker.

"We do much more planning in advance for this concert," said Brinker. "For student concerts we

## Fire team completes state validation drill



DEN FILE PHOTO

Firefighter Rod Plummer unstraps "Rescue Randy" from a backboard after lifting him from an escape hole in the south quad Sept. 27, 2005. The Charleston Fire Department completed a state validation drill in Champaign last week.

### ■ Charleston firefighters tested on rescue tactics

BY ADAM TESTA  
CITY EDITOR

In a matter of 33 hours, members of the Charleston Fire Department worked alongside members of nine other departments to rescue 115 victims from tornado-related damage zones.

These 33 hours were part of a validation process the state requires fire and rescue departments to complete every three to five years, said assistant Fire Chief Pat Goodwin.

The drill began in Champaign at 5 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, with the 10 departments arriving periodically. The Charleston department arrived on scene at 8 a.m. Upon arrival, the firefighters

went through a medical examination.

After medical evaluations, the team had to set up their base of operations. The team was responsible for providing their own food, water and shelter, said Tim Meister, firefighter/paramedic and participant of the drill.

"We had to be totally self-sufficient for the first 24 hours," he said.

After having a base of operations set up and tools staged, the team was assigned their first rescue task.

For their first rescue task, the team had received reports that between 12-14 people were trapped inside a two-story collapsed house with a leaning wall. Before entry would even be possible, the team had to stabilize the wall.

After completing their first task in three hours, the group had 45 minutes to regroup their tools and rehydrate themselves

before starting their next task.

The second rescue task involved a collapsed concrete pile with various vehicles, including an airplane, trapped inside. The team had to cut through the concrete, climb through the pile and rescue victims.

The second task took the team between four and five hours to complete. As the drill ended at approximately 8 p.m., the team had 50 minutes to reprepare their tools and to eat a meal. By 9 p.m., they were back at work on the next rescue task.

The team's third rescue task also involved a collapsed pile; however, this pile was a lightweight collapse pile consisting of materials such as wood and light steel. The team had to complete a 50-foot horizontal entry into the tunnel and rescue three victims.

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# The Arts & Entertainment

## EIU alumnus honored

Embarras Valley Film Festival will highlight Burl Ives

BY TEARRIA RUFFIN  
STAFF REPORTER

The Embarras Valley Film Festival will honor the belated Burl Ives, an Eastern alumnus, at the third annual Embarras Valley Film Festival scheduled for September 20-23, 2006, at the Tarble Arts Center and Mary J. Booth Library.

The festival is a free, family oriented event including guest speakers Jennifer Cutting and Steve Winick, archivists and musicians from the Library of Congress.

According to Joy Pratte, the festival director, Ives was chosen to be presented this upcoming September because of his notoriety. His musical endeavors with folk song helped him to gain his widespread popularity. Not only was he a musician, he was also an accomplished actor, appearing in many 1950 films, such as "East of Eden" and his Academy Award winning role as best supporter actor in the 1958 film "The Big Country."

"He was a natural choice. The people know who Ives is," said Pratte.

Films have evolved from the classic films of Ives' era. Ives' films and other films of the 50s influenced the public viewers indirectly and mild manner response to censorship, which the opposite of the sex charged, violent, multi-million dollar motion pictures of today.

"Well, T.V. doesn't show

these old films as much anymore. What these old films have to show us is that a person doesn't need in-your-face kind of action all the time to be able to have a good film. These movies prove that," said Pratte.

Compared to the former festival honorees, Gregg Toland and Bill Phipps, Ives is often recognized more. On the other hand, all honorees follow one important mission upheld by the festival.

"Our major mission, at the Embarras Valley Film Festival, is for people in this area to realize what the possibilities are. Coles County is not just a poor, dark county with nothing in it," said Pratte, "Coles County has had famous residents who come through and come from here and be successful and bring things back to the community."

Prior to and after his death in 1995, Burl Ives impacted the world through his contributions in the film and music industry, and still continues to impact the residents of Charleston and Coles County today.

"He has impacted Eastern and the rest of the world because he has shown possibilities," Pratte said.



Ives was given Eastern's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1987, and in 1988 he was nominated by then Eastern President Stan Rives and selected by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities as the recipient of its Distinguished Alumnus Award for his "contribution to the cultural and intellectual life of the nation and the world."

## Filmography of Burl Ives

The last four films Burl Ives played a role in before his death

- ◆ Two Moon Junction (1988) played Sheriff Earl Hawkins
- ◆ Poor Little Rich Girl: The Barbara Hutton Story (1987) (TV) played F.W. Woolworth
- ◆ Uphill All the Way (1986) played Sheriff John Catledge
- ◆ The Ewok Adventure (1984) (TV) played the voice of the Narrator

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# CAMPUS

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## Eastern adds hybrid car to fleet

In an effort to cut its gasoline use, Eastern has added a fuel-saving hybrid car to its fleet and is investigating the possibility of buying more.

EIU received its 2006 Toyota Prius in January, and fleet manager Ron Mathenia is recording its performance and costs to determine whether it might be beneficial to purchase additional hybrids.

Based on what he's seen so far, Mathenia thinks hybrids suit the university's needs well.

"We've got to reduce the number of gallons of gas we use here at the university," Mathenia said. "If we can decrease it any amount whatsoever, we can really have an impact."

## Writing center open for summer

The Writing Center, located at 3110 Coleman Hall, opened for the summer on Monday, June 12. Students can drop in or they can call 581-5929 to make an appointment for help with writing assignments. The center's hours will be 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Meetings for teachers education

Students must attend a meeting to formally apply for university admission to teacher education and to initiate the selection process. The College of Education and Professional Studies schedules meetings each semester. The required formal application form is distributed and collected at the meetings, and the rules and regulations concerning selection, admission to and retention in teacher education are explained. Students who have not previously applied must attend a meeting. The following meetings are available Summer Semester 2006 to initiate the selection process: 3 to 3:50 p.m. Thursday, June 15, and noon to 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18. The meetings are held in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium, Room 1501. Registration is not required.

The next opportunity to initiate the "Selection Process" and apply for university admission to teacher education will be during the Fall Semester 2006.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

### Textbook distribution

Textbook Rental open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Web Pages w/Composer: Intro Workshop

Booth library will be hosting a workshop teaching professional tips on Web Design. Learners will then create a basic web page with Netscape Composer. The workshop will be from 9a.m.- 11 a.m. in Booth Library's e-classroom, Room 4450.

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 15 years ago** – Eastern third baseman and outfielder Tim Pyzarski became the highest professional draft choice in Eastern's history when he was selected by the Oakland A's in the first round of the MLB draft.
- 10 years ago** – Gov. Jim Edgar, an Eastern alumnus, visited Eastern's campus to speak to participants in the 1996 Premier Boy's State.
- 5 years ago**– Police continued investigation into the death of Shannon McNamara, an Eastern Student, who was murdered in her Charleston Apartment
- Last year** – A deer smashed through a window in Carman Hall, which was unoccupied at the time. The deer had apparently been scared by a dog at the campus pond.

# Getting oriented at Eastern

## Thousands of students to attend Eastern debut program

By CHRIS CALVERT  
STAFF REPORTER

In a time of uncertain change for recent high school graduates, the purpose of freshman orientation is to acclimate incoming freshmen to their new home for the next four or so years.

"I came to the orientation program to learn more about EIU," said Katie Wilson, who came from Virden, to attend the June 13 orientation day. "I really like the orientation so far."

Orientation also helps parents become more comfortable with their child's transition to college.

Katie's mother Cindy Wilson said "Katie is my second [child] to go away to school, so it's not as scary, but this [orientation] definitely helps too."

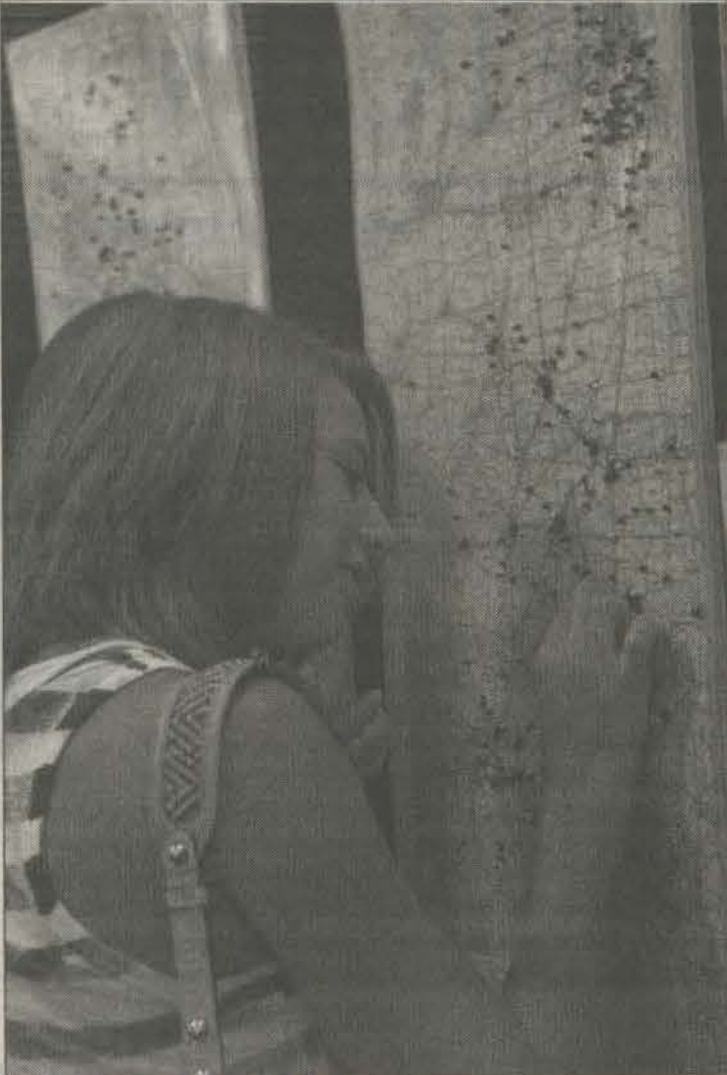
For most of June and parts of July, about 1,800 freshmen and 1,100 transfer students will attend the various orientation days.

On any given debut day there are about 85 students and 130-150 family members along with them, said Kimberlie Mook, Director of Orientation.

**"We've tried to incorporate games and fun ways to learn about the university instead of sitting there all day and watching a Powerpoint presentation."**

MEGAN STEPP,  
AN EASTERN STUDENT ORIENTATION  
DIRECTOR

To split up these large numbers, four student teams take 20-30 students each, depending how many are there that day, and split them into color-coded groups as a form of crowd control so that not everyone is in the same place at the same time.



JAY GRABIEC/ THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
**Jaclyn Rinkel, Mattoon, marks her hometown on a map before EIU debut on Wednesday morning. Debut is an orientation program put on for incoming freshmen to help them get acquainted with school.**

"The prime focus is to make sure students understand expectations academically and socially, to make sure they have an opportunity to sit down with an adviser, plan a schedule and get registered," said Mook.

Mook also said the orientation staff tries to provide additional information for students such as helping them learn about PAWS, SPIN, setting up their e-mail accounts as well as living in the halls and getting involved in social and academic activities.

The day starts early for those attending orientation, 7:15 a.m. for check in, to be exact. The program begins at 8 a.m., where after the welcome the student orientation staff performs the tradition of singing a song and dancing to get everybody's attention and to wake them up.

This year they are singing The Temptation's "Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch" with some of the lyrics changed to relate to coming to Eastern.

Previous years have seen Aretha Franklin's "Respect", as well as the

"Friends" theme.

During the academic orientation session the staff addresses general issues such as "What's a catalog? What do you have to do to be here? and What's advisement?" said Mook.

After the academic session, students and families are separated into their own programs, which are run by five student orientation directors.

The parent program is a full-day family program that provides information and answers to questions parents may have.

The incoming students are guided by current Eastern students who take the freshmen through all the tasks of the day and serve as the experts for the students.

This provides an opportunity for "incoming students to ask questions of current students because I could answer their questions the same way my staff's going to answer their questions, but in likelihood their going to believe my staff as opposed to me because they want to hear it from another current student," said

Mook.

Around noon, students are allowed some free time to have lunch or participate in the information fair, which is an opportunity for students and family to check out and ask questions of departments on campus that do not have a specific time during the program.

Megan Stepp, one of the student orientation directors, said that Eastern's orientation program has improved greatly since her arrival in the summer of 2002. "I feel that since I was a freshman, the orientation program in general has come leaps and bounds."

Stepp attributes this change for the good to Mook's past six summers as director of orientation.

"We've tried to incorporate games and fun ways to learn about the university instead of sitting there all day and watching a Powerpoint presentation," said Stepp.

This year the orientation staff is doing a game show involving commercials which is used for "light entertainment and a way to engage the students," said Mook.

Stepp said the game show "motivates them to get to know one another and lets the parents and families see their students learning something important."

"The audience may not be really receptive to it sometimes, but we later get phone calls and emails saying that did a really good job," Stepp said.

Bryan Mceldowney, a soon-to-be freshman from Flossmoor, said that at first he expected orientation to "pretty much be boring and all lecturing," but he liked the entertainment added to the program at the beginning.

"I liked Becky [Wilson] and Alisa's [Rogers] slap-stick humor because it kept me from falling asleep."

If he had the opportunity to decide whether or not to attend orientation again, Mceldowney said that he would definitely do it again.

"As long as students come to us with the right attitude they end up having a good day," said Mook.

Upcoming dates for freshmen orientation are: June 15, 21-22, 26-29, July 5-6, 10-12 and final late day registration on August 17.

# Booth Library expands collection

## New purchases based on faculty recommendations

By MEAGAN MORGAN  
STAFF WRITER

Mary J. Booth Library revamped its collection after acquiring 2,072 new print titles in May.

The campus library purchases materials continuously throughout the year. Each month it receives 1,000-2,000 titles, said Karen Whisler, head of Collection Development.

"The University administration gives the library a budget of over \$1 million each year to purchase library materials, including books, audiovisual materials, periodicals, journals and electronic resources," said Whisler.

Recommendations from teachers and students are considered when deciding what materials to add.

A materials purchase suggestion form is available through the Booth Library website, <http://www.library.eiu.edu>.

Whisler said 14 librarians serve as subject bibliographers and work with faculty in various departments to select titles that support their curriculum.

New titles are displayed for about a week in the Marvin Foyer, near the north entrance of the library, before being placed on the shelves.

A list is available online through the library's website containing all the new titles received in the last year, divided into months and within each month the titles are arranged by location in the library.

A few of the newly acquired titles are *Ten, nine, eight* by Molly Bang, *Handbook of Child Psychology, 6th edition*, by William Damon and Richard M. Lerner, and the DVD of *Basketball Diaries* starring Leonardo DiCaprio.



# OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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### EDITORIAL

## Mission will never be complete

### Current policy on Iraq is not what is best for the United States

President Bush held a news conference in the White House Rose Garden on Wednesday and said, "One message I will continue to send to the enemy is, 'Don't count on us leaving before the mission is complete.'"

Bush added, "Don't bet on American politics forcing my hand, because it's not going to happen. I'm going to make decisions not based upon politics, but based upon what's best for the United States of America."

Bush should not make decision based on politics in America. He should not yield to his democratic rivals who oppose his ideas just because they are his. However, when the majority of the American public does not support something, that should force his hand.

According to a Gallup pole taken June 12, 52 percent of the American public believe that we will not win the war in Iraq, and 53 percent of the American public believe that things are not going well in Iraq and 51 percent of those polled believe the war was a mistake.

The American public realizes that our mission will never be complete in Iraq and keeping troops in Iraq is not in the best interest of the United States of America.

The President needs to realize this before it is too late.

While the killing of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq was a small step forward for Bush's war on terror, it did little, if nothing, to ease the peace process in Iraq.

Bush said that the terrorists are vulnerable.

He went on to say that the United States will strike the terrorists' network, disrupt their operations and continue to bring their leaders to justice.

Zarqawi is the first high level terrorist to be killed inside of Iraq. Abdul-Rahman al-Iraqi, who in the past had been identified as al-Qaeda in Iraq's second in command was not killed in the bombing and as of Wednesday, Abu al-Masri, was claiming to have succeeded Zarqawi as the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Even if the United States finds and kills terrorist leaders daily, there is another one waiting in the wings to be a replacement.

Bush said he will not make decisions based on politics, but will make decisions based on what is best for the United States of America.

The war is not what is best for the United States of America.

According to the Department of Defense's daily casualty report for June 14, there have been 2,499 military casualties since March 19, 2003 in Iraq.

There are 132,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

How many of them will have to die until the government realizes that the casualty cost of the war is too high?

The president needs to put his pride aside, realize he made a mistake, and pull our troops out of Iraq before the casualty count goes any higher.

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

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY NORA MABERRY



### COMMENTARY

## Commentator finally goes too far

Well this past week the lovely Ann Coulter stole her little brother Damian's thunder. While we all knew the devil's son would be gracing us with his presence on the big screen, we did not know that the little bugger's big sister would be dropping us another addition to her ever expanding collection of political "thought" etched onto paper. I am of course referring to Godless Ms. Coulter's new book causing waves in all forms of the media.

The part of the book that is receiving the most attention from the American media is the part where Coulter goes for the jugular with the Jersey Widows of 9/11.

She labels them harpies, and she states, "I have never seen people enjoying their husbands' deaths so much."

Later she suggests that they do a spread in *Playboy* in an effort to extend their "shelf-life."

Everyone is outraged that she has labeled these women as harpies and asserts that they relish their husbands' deaths. Ann Coulter has now gone too far.

Not when she made statements supporting Apartheid, she wasn't too far over the line when she supported racial profiling Arabs and Arab-Americans, she is never out of line when she makes racist remarks about African-American people, or when she comments about queer people and gay rights, and let us not for-



**MAURICE TRACY**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**She states, "I have never seen people enjoying their husbands' deaths so much." Later she suggests that they do a spread in *Playboy* in an effort to extend their 'shelf-life.'"**

get the many things she says about women. According to her, women are the reason for Democrats winning elections. So basically, we can blame Bush being in the White House on the short-sightedness of men.

This is Ann Coulter. This is what she does. She is a racist, bigoted, conservative political pundit who makes millions from saying racist, homophobic, sexist comments in a "witty" way, and she characterizes the political left in such a way that many conservatives gloss over the fact that their blonde trophy spokesperson of the moment is just one trip to Wal-Mart shy of buying a white sheet, hood, and a can of kerosene.

Obviously, I don't have much love for Ms. Coulter, but it is not the manner in

which she speaks of the Jersey Girls that I particularly care about. Yes, she could attempt to make her point, however wrong it may be, in a less harsh and disrespectful way, but who am I to talk/write. The real problem is that Ann Coulter's message is completely biased and without weight.

Why does she hate these women? Because they are not pro-Bush, pro-Iraq War, they wanted a 9/11 commission, and they do not grieve in the manner that the almighty Ms. Coulter deems appropriate.

She also asserts that they do this behind the veil of being a widow so that no one can attack them. She seems to be doing just fine on her attack. Ann does not stop to address or consider that right after 9/11 those who were/are anti-war, anti-Bush, etc. were labeled anti-American by people like and including Ann Coulter. So, one not being able to speak against Bush without being labeled anti-American is permissible, but one not being "able" to speak against the grief of widows and their families without people questioning if you have a conscience or a soul is somehow wrong?

I think that Ms. Coulter just wants to have her cake-eat it to.

*Got comments? Let us know at [deneic@gmail.com](mailto:deneic@gmail.com)*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PETTING ZOO WAS A DISGRACE

For those who are concerned about the peaceful co-existence of humans and animals, I pose the question: What is the point of Rural King's disheartening and furthermore, insolent exhibition of animals not native to our geographical location? Apparently, the animals are supposed to be eye-catching novelties, set against a corn and soybean blanketed background. From early in the morning to late at night, two elephants could be seen standing in the same restricted posi-

tion. And then there are the tigers, situated in a small enclosing, as one might associate with the confines of cows or goats in a petting zoo.

Whereas zoos at least do an adequate job of supplying a sizable area for the animal to roam and exercise its limbs, as well as supply shelter where an animal can escape the heat of the day. In addition, in the case of Rural King, one notes that it's not safe to have animals of such size locked up in fences that don't look secure enough to contain animals other than

livestock, yet these barred quarters are still out in the open, in a busy public area.

It's especially worrisome, considering the store being located next to a school with kids coming and going.

Finally, my message is this: living beings must always be respected.

Humans should be educated enough by now to understand the importance of all life and its effect on the ecosystem.

**REBECCA VAUGHN**  
SOCIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE

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# 'Body Electric' director meets with First Lady

**■ Program allows youth to make healthy choices through art**

By KEVIN KENEALEY  
STAFF REPORTER

Gaye Harrison, director of I Sing the Body Electric, just returned from meeting with First lady Laura Bush in Indianapolis.

Harrison said she and the First Lady discussed more innovative ways to carry out I Sing the Body Electric's projects.

These projects include using the arts as a way to help East Central Illinois' youth to make healthy choices.

The program strives for prevention in unhealthy choices through three stages: a biennial Centers for Disease Control Youth Risk Behavior Survey; a project production, arts and health festival; and an arts and health tour.

"Through the surveys we find out what are the top concerns of teens in East Central Illinois. Then we'll present them with the data we



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Gaye Harrison, director of "I Sing the Body Electric," stands near a statue sculpted by a Shelbyville youth group to help combat Crystal Meth use. Harrison just returned from Indianapolis where she met with First Lady Laura Bush.

found," said Harrison.

For example, 12.4 percent of respondents reported they had used methamphetamines in their lifetime in 2002 for East Central Illinois, roughly 3 percent higher than the national average. On the latest 2004 analysis however, meth use dropped among youth in East Central Illinois to 7.9 percent, more comparable to the 2003 national average.

From there, teens are assisted by university interns and art mentors to come up with an art form to convey a health issue.

Youth performances are even committed to video through help from the WEIU university public television station.

"If someone wants to write and/or perform original music, we won't give them a sound system, but will provide them with the funds they need to get guitar strings or the drum sticks," Harrison said.

Eastern alumnus Scott Krebsbach was a graduate assistant for the program from Fall '05 to Spring '06, and was in charge of arranging art tours and surveys with the school in the seven-county region and sched-

uling interns for their participation in those tours and surveys.

Krebsbach said Electric has helped him in being more comfortable working with students and it was important to learn their thoughts in regards to issues that affect them in school such as alcohol, drugs, body image, etc.

"It is a great program and a wonderful experience for any college student who is looking for a paid internship experience," Krebsbach said. "I would encourage anyone that is attending EIU to get involved. It would be a great item to have on your resume and gives you wonderful experience with students in the region of all ages."

I Sing intern and Eastern student Alana Tamkin is going to be involved with the program for another semester and a half, and among other things, talks with the students on the problems they face on a daily basis.

"The program has helped me grow as a person and opened my eyes to what other people may have to face without having a choice," Tamkin said.

## DRILL:

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This task was difficult because the limited space made it difficult to bring tools and supplies into the tunnel, said Goodwin.

Upon completion of this drill, the team returned to their base of operations to shower, rehydrate and attempt to sleep before their final drill began in the morning.

The final task of the drill involved a four-story building with a collapsed first floor. Three victims were trapped in the basement, so the team had to work to ventilate the area because of a lack of oxygen. The only way firefighters could enter the building was through the fourth floor.

The drill was completed early in the afternoon of Friday, June 9.

Prior to actually going through the validation drill, the firefighters had spent the past three years training in classes to prepare for situations such as this, Goodwin said.

"It was nice to be able to use the

skills we've been learning for the past three years," Meister said.

Goodwin and Meister both agree that the training proved that the members of the department are capable of handling any similar situation.

"If something happened in Charleston, Coles County or the state," said Goodwin, "I don't think we'd have a problem handling the situation."

Mayor John Inyart and City Manager Scott Smith visited the scene of the training.

"We are extremely proud of their efforts and pleased to have the team right here in Charleston," said Inyart. "They are available to help not only our residents but also the residents of the other 14 counties around us they serve."

The department was able to use the Polaris Ranger that had been donated to them earlier this year.

"There were some teams that used wheelbarrows [to transport tools] so we were able to help them out," said Meister.

Inyart was impressed with the cooperation of the different departments all working together.

"Seeing our team participate with other teams from all over was most impressive," he said. "Knowing that as many of these teams as we need would be able to respond to an emergency in Coles County certainly gives me a good feeling."

Inyart was also impressed with the work that the department put into the training before the actual validation drill.

"Our department has completed this entire process on their own, from securing the grants for equipment and overtime expenses to the hundreds of training hours that have been spent," he said. Goodwin said that he is 99.9 percent positive that the department will receive their validation after the drill. An official notice will be received in approximately one month, he said.

"The guys did fantastic, and I'm proud of them," Goodwin said. "I'm not afraid to say these are some of the best guys in the state."

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## BOYS STATE:

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take a group of guys who really don't know each other at all to having them tight as glue."

"It's about bringing kids who are not all from the same cliques in high school, the athletes, the academics, the loners, and bringing them together for a common goal and bonding from that. It's kinda like 'The Breakfast Club,'" continued Purdy. "It's like a melting pot of different types of people where everyone has their own unique character to fit into the picture, like a mosaic. The picture is the common goal and each individual color stone is an individual character. It's fun and it's why I keep coming back."

While other counselors spend their afternoon time helping coach sports teams or academics, Purdy helps kids learn individual skills. He helps with marching and drills as well as individual workouts.

"Yesterday I taught a kid to swim who didn't swim before," said Purdy. "It's what I like doing, teaching kids skills they need in life and having fun with it."

Not all counselors are like Purdy. Christopher Magee, 21, is a college student at Illinois Central College. He has been a counselor for four years

and comes back not only because of the inspiration he received from his counselor while he attended boy's state, but for the networking for his job.

"I came back to be a counselor because of the counselors' enthusiasm when I was here," said Magee.

"They were here to help us and guide us while letting us do our own thing. I wanted to be like them. But I also came back to network with the boys state alumni association to work on increasing the numbers for boys state."

Magee helps the boys in his city by running the meetings the first couple nights until they had a mayor elected. After that he steps back and gives them advice when they need it. He also helps coach a basketball team during the afternoons.

"We're 2-0 right now," said Magee. "It's really fun helping them out."

Magee then went on saying that during downtime they boys in his city get together and hang out. They play a game called broomball, a broom and dustpan version of hockey and play in the halls of the dorms. Magee said he still has to get in on a game.

Another counselor is Eastern's own Resident Director Doug Howell. Howell, who during the summer

works for Conference Services, takes vacation from the university to help with boys state.

"I just walk over from Thomas to Lawson," said Howell. "I have the shortest commute from anyone here; I walk a hundred yards for vacation instead of driving two hours."

Howell has been a boys state counselor for 12 years. He enjoys the program and enjoys helping each class of citizens for a "worthwhile and necessary experience," said Howell.

Howell takes his experiences here at boys state to heart. In fact, boys state is one of the reasons he came to Eastern.

"I came to Eastern for boy's state in 1994 and I loved the campus so much I decided to go to school here and I eventually got a job here," said Howell. "I wouldn't have gone to Eastern if not for boys state. A one time summer camp turned into a career."

During the school year, Howell will run into two or three boys state alumni who took the path Howell took and came to Eastern for school.

He likes running into those boys because it is "kind of cool to sit and talk with them awhile."

Howell said he would come back as a counselor to boys state "as long as they'll have me and I'm able."

## PLANNING:

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plan two months in advance."

The advanced planning is because of how many other agencies are involved in planning family weekend and because ticket information for family weekend is sent to students' homes during the summer.

Planning for Family Weekend 2007 is already in the tentative stages.

"I'm already looking at acts for Family Weekend 2007," said Brinker. "But it's a challenge because most acts don't book a year in advance."

Some Eastern students were concerned that the concert would not appeal to students.

Aisha Dyson, a senior sociology major, said she had never heard of the band and was worried they were wasting student funds on events students would not attend.

Other students said that they understood that it was hard for the committee to find an act that appealed to students and parents.

"I know sometimes they have a hard time bringing in bands that

appeal to the tastes of both students and parents," said Kari Hobson, senior dietetics major.

"I haven't heard of them," said John Teresi, junior history major. "But my parents were telling me about them and the songs they came out with."

Both Brinker and Taylor said the Family Weekend Concert is geared towards parents.

"We do our very best to find something that appeals to students as well," said Taylor.

For the Spring 2006 concert the University Board brought in country act Emerson Drive. The act had booked multiple shows in Illinois before performing at Eastern, something that Taylor thought may have affected ticket sales.

Foreigner will perform at the Illinois State Fair in August. Taylor said that she did not think that would affect family weekend ticket sales.

"It's really not a concern," said Taylor. "They may end up being fantastic and people may want to see them twice."

Eric Hiltner contributed to this report

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# Doudna construction on schedule

■ Crane failure causes slight delay in fine arts building's completion

By KRISTINA PETERS  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Construction on the Doudna Fine Arts Building, which has been closed since 2002, is on schedule for completion despite a small mishap with a crane.

The crane, used to place structural steel, broke down about a month and a half ago after it caught fire.

The electrical fire took place in the internal control system of the crane, said Stephen Shrake, manager of design and construction.

"[It] caused a slight delay," said David Blanchette, spokesperson for the capital development board.

After not having a crane for about two weeks, they received a smaller replacement crane that is now on site and operating.

Other than the crane, there has been no other major delays with construction, said Rex Hilligoss, project manager for facilities planning & management. Everything is going "pretty well" and nothing unusual has happened.

The completion date for Doudna is August 2007, and with that almost one year away, the building is about halfway done, he said.

"We consider the project approximately 45 percent complete," Blanchette said.

About 100 workers are on the Doudna construction site every day working hard to finish it on time.

August is the target date but it is still too early to tell if that date will be met, Hilligoss said.

Currently, work is being done on each of the four areas of the building that are divided into A, B, C and D.

Area A is music and the existing northeast building area and the new portion west of it, area B is music and art, area C is art and all of the new building south of the existing structure and area D is theatre and the new structure on the east side of seventh street, Shrake said.

In area A, some drywall and sound insulation was installed in the Dean's Suite above Lecture Hall.

Installation of exterior sheathing and waterproof-



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(Above) A construction worker mixes concrete on Wednesday morning during work on Doudna Fine Arts Building.

(Below) Workers spread concrete Wednesday morning at the Doudna Fine Arts Construction site. Construction on the building is on schedule and is set for completion in August 2007.

**"We consider the project approximately 45 percent complete."**

DAVID BLANCHETTE, SPOKESMAN

ing materials is finished on the north and south sides of the Percussion Lab in area B.

In C, the lower level foundations are almost complete, structural steel was delivered and is now being installed at the west side of the mechanical space and mechanical equipment such as air handlers, steam piping, valves and water piping are being assembled in the mechanical space.

The concrete floor was poured on the ground level of the north side of the theater and work is being done on the block walls around the stage in area D.

Some areas are ahead of others, but that is to be expected, Hilligoss said.

When finished, the Doudna building, which is costing \$51.8 million, will be quadrupled in square footage.

"There will be a major difference in appearance," Hilligoss said.



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## Getting healthy

I sat down at one of my favorite restaurants with a friend and I was looking forward to a nice meal, a few drinks and catching up on life. But, the situation turned sour and here's why: these days everyone is guilty. She says, "I really should not have ordered this, I should be trying to lose weight." Seriously, what's with all the guilt we have towards food?

Okay, I know we live in an over-nourished, fast food nation and every second of our lives we are reminded of two things: One, we are not skinny enough; and two, there is a great new Chalupa featured at Taco Bell. Talk about mixed messages. No wonder most people feel guilty eating anything but celery sticks.

I have to admit though, as much as nutrition is my passion, I am a "foodie." I enjoy the rare days where I can go to dinner and order something delicious, and if I'm lucky, a little exotic. I love everything about food: the taste, the smell, the texture, and did I mention the taste? Eating is a sensuous experience, and I think most of us have been taught if it makes us feel that good, it must be wrong. So, in repentance (past, present and future), please forgive me for the sins I will eat tonight.

Let's let go of the guilt and instead rejoice in our culinary experiences. I'm talking pan-seared swordfish with a side of mango salsa and Asian inspired Cous Cous. All right, not exactly college-life cuisine, but I can dream.

But, if your dream consists of going out for dinner with friends or picking up a hot-and-ready pizza every once in a while, don't feel guilty.

Concentrate on the good things you do for yourself.

For example, during these hot summer months eat all the fresh fruit and summer veggies you can get your hands on. These nature-made delights are feel good foods and packed full of vitamins. I've never felt bad about eating watermelon all day or throwing together a summer salad. But, I did actually have a good friend ask me if watermelon was bad for you. I thought she was kidding. She believed just because it tasted so good, it must be something she should feel guilty about. I assured her that, amazingly enough, healthy food does taste good.

Instead of thinking about food as an enemy, see it as a good friend. Food is the fuel that helps us get through every



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Coach Mike Miller watches the action during a game against Samford on Feb. 25. Miller is running a basketball camp to improve individual forward and guard skills starting Sunday.

## Campers will get back to basics

### ■ Eastern coaches to teach basketball fundamentals

BY KEVIN KENEALY  
STAFF REPORTER

This Sunday, around 80 basketball players, grades 5-12, will be participating in Eastern's Guard/Forward Camp.

Although Eastern offers a basketball team camp, which begins June 30, camps like the Guard/Forward Camp are garnering more attention.

"Individuals are tending to be more interested in specialty-type camps and we'll run the guard/forward camp a lot like the individual skills we run with the team [at Eastern]," said Mike Miller, head men's basketball coach and one of the coaches at the camp.

Miller has said the guards and for-

wards will get a chance to practice their fundamentals, work on breaking things down, basic footwork, creating habits, different kinds of footwork and the fundamental skills of ball handling and passing.

The camp will work on skills specific to either the guard or forward position, and will feature a daily skills competition, 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 games and optional swimming in Eastern's swimming pool.

Along with the basketball coaching staff, high school coaches also come to help out at the camp along with some of Eastern's basketball players.

"We split them [5-12 graders] into age groups; a lot if it is just developing skills and habits, teaching guidance," Miller said.

The big thing about the team camps is well, 'Team Play.' Teams come to register as a group from

their school and then are guaranteed to play eight games in the camp. Then the top four teams from each division are able to compete in the 'Final Four' for camp champions.

"Team camps come in with high school teams and they just play games, whereas the guard/forward camp is more of a breakdown with skill work," Miller said. "We have some schools from Indiana coming, so it gives them a chance to play with people from all over."

Originally, there were supposed to be two team camps: one this Friday and one on the June 30, but that was changed to form one large camp.

"It makes more sense to do it all at once," said Chad Altadonna, assistant men's basketball coach and one of the coaches at the camp. "It makes the competition better, plus the officials could only do the sec-

ond one."

Unlike the track and field camps, Miller has said no one has really been recruited to the basketball team as a result of the camps, but has said that if there's a student athlete out there interested in Eastern, it's better to go through the camps.

"I hope they have a good experience," Miller said. It gives them a chance to meet different people and see the campus as well. It's a great thing."

In addition to the guard/forward and team camps, there is also a basketball day camp for kindergarten through eighth graders from July 17-20 that focuses on basic dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, footwork and defense fundamentals. For more information, contact Eastern's assistant men's basketball coach Chad Altadonna at (217) 581-2511.

## Eastern prepares for kids' soccer camp

### ■ Former campers return to Eastern to motivate, advise high school boys

BY CHRIS SENTEL  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern will host the girls and boys 2006 soccer camp starting June 19, and will conclude June 22.

The camp will be taught by men's soccer Head Coach Adam Howarth and women's soccer Head Coach Tim Nowak, and will start at 9 a.m. and

run until 2 p.m. each day.

The kids in attendance will be between the ages of seven and 12, and will develop their technical skills as well as tactical skills.

Some of the skills to be refined are passing, ball control, dribbling, slide tackling, heading and shooting.

"If they're able to pick up two or three things for the week, pick up one new idea or one new thing each day, I think we'll be doing really well," said Howarth.

In the mornings the campers will practice technical training and have small-sided games. They will then have lunch, which was included for

them in the sign-up fee. Also, they will practice tactical training and have full-sided games in the afternoon before they are sent home.

"We hope the kids come away from the camp with a general excitement about the game of soccer, that they learn it's a fun game to play and make a lot of great friends," said Nowak.

The instruction is designed to meet each individual camper's needs. Each participant will receive an evaluation, which will include a written analysis of the individual.

The camp is designed for those who are serious about learning and becoming a better soccer player.