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CAMPUS | BUILDINGS

Fire damage
still not yet
determined

Electrical fire confined
to air conditioner
transformer unit

By Beth Hackett
Activities Reporter

The cost of damages to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from the fire Friday night has not yet been determined. Most of the issues have to do with cost because of smoke damage.

“It was not as bad as it could have been,” said Cathy Engelkes, deputy director of the union.

The cleaning crew and an outside cleaning company that specializes in smoke damage were hired to come and take care of the problem.

Gary Reed, director of physical plant facilities planning and management, said there was no significant damage to the collateral systems and no loss of building services.

The damage appears to have been isolated to the high-voltage air conditioner transformer within an electrical vault on the west side of the union, where the fire started.

Students who were at the bowling alley at the time of the fire said they did not hear the alarm.

Fire Chief Kris Phipps said the alarm system in the union is a type of alarm that when pulled, takes a couple of seconds to electronically send the message to the fire station.

It’s common for people to believe it does not work if it does not sound as soon as a fire initiates but the Union system was working properly, he said.

Assistant Chief Pat Goodwin said the fire department was notified when the fire alarm was pulled in the union.

Although it was a small fire, a lot of smoke was produced.

Phipps said there is a difference between the smell of an electrical fire and that of a wood-burning fire and as soon as the firemen walked into the union they knew it was an electrical fire.


“An electrical fire has smoke that is a little lighter. It smells different,” Phipps said. “It’s just as toxic as the other, though, as they both put out carbon monoxide and toxic chemicals.”

Immediately after the fire, the electricians pulled two fire alarm boxes and reactivated the systems, a common procedure.

“We will not leave the scene until the system is operating

LAW | FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

University fails to give complete contract



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The first page of the Goo Goo Dolls' contract with Eastern.

Information withheld
from contract and
budget from the Goo
Goo Dolls concert after
FOIA request

Staff Report

Eastern Illinois University has refused to release certain financial information relating to the Goo Goo Dolls' performance last weekend.

Eastern says it can claim an exemption in this case, arguing that such details are trade secrets.

But at least two legal experts disagree with the university's reasoning, saying money spent by the university is public record and that such information should not be kept from the public.

The DEN received a letter on Tuesday from the university's general counselor Joe Barron, who claimed an exemption from the Freedom of Information Act. He wrote that a public agency does not have to disclose specific financial

information if the "information is privileged and confidential and considered a trade secret, the disclosure of which may cause competitive harm." Barron, the university's FOIA officer, cited 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 140/7 (1)(g).

In the letter from Barron, Eastern refuses to release specific financial information, including total dollars spent/money paid, compensation, gross receipts, billing and percentage of gross profits after sales tax.

The law allows the public agency to redact, or black out, any information they claim is not public record, said James Tidwell, journalism department chair. Tidwell is also the author of "Media Law in Illinois: A Reporter's Handbook." He said information that is not public record can legally be withheld.

Eastern complied with part of the FOIA request on Tuesday when the DEN received a copy of the contract between Eastern and the band. However, certain parts of the contract had been blacked out,

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CAMPUS | DIVERSITY

Professor hopes to break down stereotypes

LAILA FARAH | WOMEN'S STUDIES PROFFESOR

“We are weakening democracy without strengthening it. We are undermining democracy in an attempt to save it.”

Lebanese-American
professor talks of life as
a ‘hyphenated person’
in post-9/11 U.S.

By Lakita Coleman
Staff Reporter

The attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, enhanced stereotypes of Muslim-Americans and Arab-Americans.

Laila Farah is trying to tear them down.

Farah, an assistant professor in women's studies at Southern Illinois University, used biographical narrative to break down stereotypes through poems and several stories.

Her performance, “Living in the Hyphen-Nation,” was intended as a vehicle to raise awareness through the voices of women from the Middle East.

“We are weakening democracy without strengthening it,” she said. “We are undermining democracy in an attempt to save it.”

Farah's performance was held at the Tarble Arts Center Tuesday night.

Throughout the critique, Farah told of examples of how U.S.

immigration laws concerning Arab and Muslim women aren't being enforced correctly.

She said she finds it unbelievable that American soldiers are still torturing people in other countries and nothing is being done to stop it.

As a Lebanese-American, Farah also told how these events have affected her. Her mother is Caucasian while her father is Lebanese.

She had difficulty explaining her background to others around her.

Farah wrote “Living in the Hyphen-Nation” after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. She performed it now as part of Women's History Month.

She said that even though the Constitution has been written and civil rights are listed, it is not being used to its potential.

Farah also said that young people right now have to carry on what she is currently doing.

Angela Zartuche, a senior psychology major at Eastern, agreed with Farah.

“People my age need to start understanding what is going on in the world,” Zartuche said. “It is up to us to keep these stories alive and in our hearts.”



KELLY MARIE CREMENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Laila Farah, a Lebanese-American feminist, reenacts a bombing that happened when she was 19 in the Tarble Arts Center Tuesday. Farah is a professor of women's studies at DePaul University.

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SOC turns lives around

Student Organization Council to unite RSOs

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

The 120-plus leaders from 64 Registered Student Organization who attended Monday's Student Organization Council's first meeting probably didn't think it would raise them up, touch their heart and turn their lives around.

After the introductory presentation of the Student Organization Council (SOC), Student Body President Sean Anderson asked the student leaders to stand, touch their sternum and turn around in a circle.

The purpose of SOC is to promote school spirit, community service and networking among organizations, Anderson said during the presentation.

Presidents and treasurers for all RSOs were invited to SOC.

SOC would have a point system for RSOs.

A proposed point system would give RSOs points for holding regular meetings, attending an athletic event and for other items, as well.

The sample point system in the handout was from Florida International University.

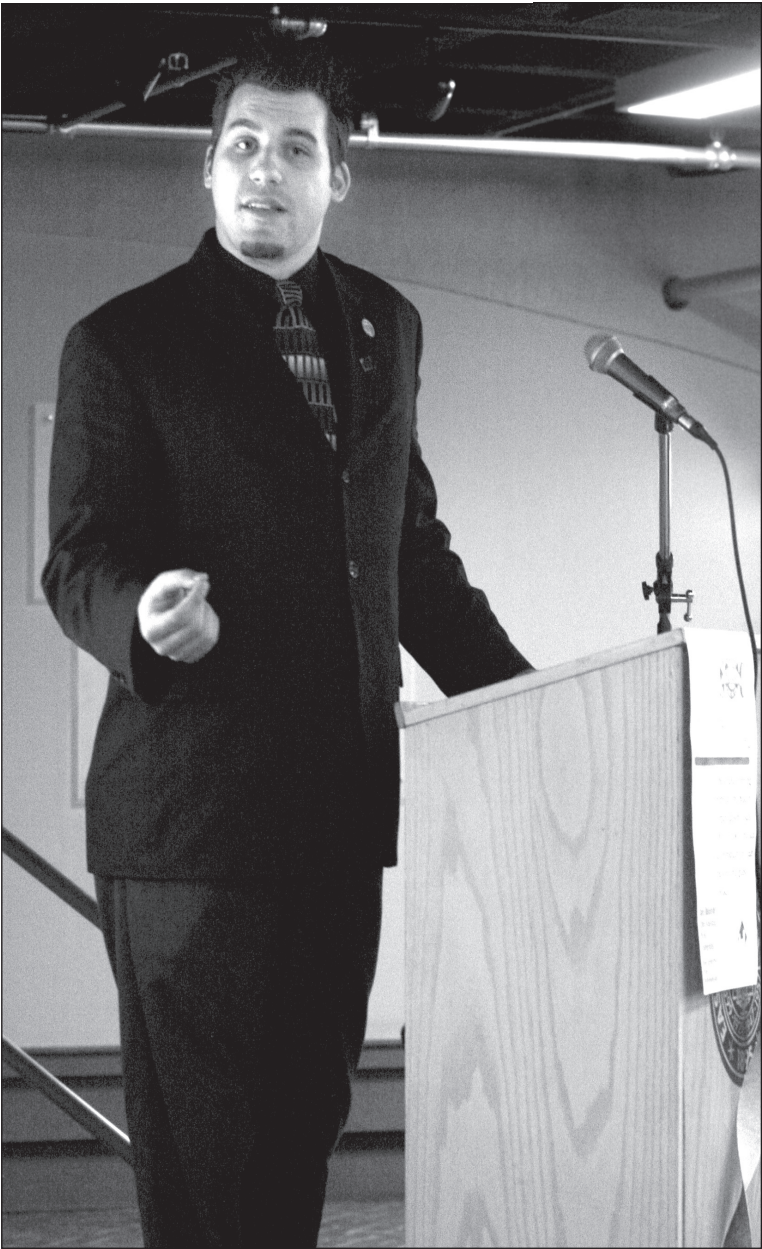
"It's a good idea if they can get people motivated to do it," said Matt Toren, vice president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Marty Scott, president of the Psychology Club, had the same sentiments. Patience is needed to make SOC work, but it will be good for the university, he said.

A lot of feedback was received at the meeting, Anderson said.

Anderson hopes to see SOC in full or partial form by the end of the year, which will help give credit to organizations and to help them fulfill their goals.

A proposal on RSO funding



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student Body President Sean Anderson speaks to representatives of Recognized Student Organizations about his new program to get the student body more involves with RSOs and campus events Tuesday at the 7th Street Underground.

MATT TOREN | VICE PRESIDENT OF DELTA TAU DELTA

"It's a good idea if they can get people motivated to do it."

was also presented. Cole Rogers, Student Vice President for Student Affairs, and Levi Bulgar, Student Vice President for Business Affairs, presented the direction they took in getting a proposal ready.

The benefits of RSO funding are increased school spirit, greater diversity, creating additional educational opportunities outside of class, and as a recruiting tool for

Eastern, Bulgar said.

Potential problems for the funding are legal liabilities, the misuse of funds by an organization and the subjectivity of the funding process, Rogers said. While there are proposals on how to disperse RSO funding, it will be mainly up to the administration, he said. A student body referendum would have to be passed to get funds for RSOs.

Proposed bylaw change pulled

Constitution would 'trump' any bylaw change made

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

A proposed bylaw change that would have allowed the Student Senate speaker to cancel Student Senate meetings has been pulled.

The proposed change would have allowed meetings to be canceled because of inclement weather or if the university canceled classes.

"No matter how much we refine it, the (Student Body) Constitution can still trump it," said Student Senate Speaker Jeff Lange.

The proposal was supposed to be addressed at the Student Government meeting at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room.

FAST FACTS
»Student Senate meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The constitution states: "Regular meetings of the senate shall be held at least once per week during the fall and spring semesters, at the discretion of the Speaker of the Senate."

A constitutional amendment could be possible in the future, Lange said.

The student body would have to approve an amendment to the Student Body Constitution by a two-thirds vote, if an amendment is proposed.

Another bylaw change will be voted on tonight that will only require the External Relations committee to meet as a whole once a month.

The committee, which has

multiple members from the city, will correspond through written reports every other week.

The bylaw change proposal would formalize a process that has been common for the last four semesters.

A resolution that would request departments to post their average class size on their Web sites will be introduced.

According to Lange, it could convince prospective students to attend Eastern if they will get more one-on-one time.

In other business, delegates who attended the Conference on Student Government Associations will present what took place at the Texas A & M University conference.

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campusbriefs

FACULTY SENATE | ATHLETICS

Athletes' GPAs, grad rates high

However, Athletic Department needs more scholarships, says McDuffie

By Jess Kinsella

Faculty Senate Reporter

The success of an Eastern athlete can be measured on the field, on the track, in a pool or on the court.

Their success is also measured in the classroom.

Eastern holds over 500 athletes, many of whom excel in the classroom.

In the spring of 2006, 55 percent earned a 3.0 or higher, said Rich McDuffie, athletic director.

"Academically, we think we do very well," McDuffie added.

He spoke to the Faculty Senate Tuesday about the success and challenges in athletics at Eastern.

McDuffie, who has been athletic director for almost 10 years at Eastern, said that within the past six years, the university graduation rate is at 61 percent while the athletic program has had a 69 percent graduation rate.

Academically, Eastern is at the top of state institutions in Illinois, McDuffie said.

Despite their many successes, athletes have faced a few hurdles.

The Eastern wrestling team has not met the academic standards for the past three years, McDuffie said.

The NCAA penalizes the teams that do not meet standards by not allowing a certain amount of money to be allocated to those programs, McDuffie explained.

McDuffie also faces other challenges.

The NCAA only allows a certain amount of scholarships to be awarded to student athletes.

Eastern is about 50 to 60 scholarships short of the amount they need for student athletes, he added.

McDuffie said that although the shortage of scholarships is reflected on that sport, the coaches work hard with what they have.



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Director of Athletics Richard McDuffie speaks to Faculty Senate Tuesday at Booth Library. McDuffie spoke about many issues concerning Eastern athletics ranging from scholarships to academic advising.

RICH MCDUFFIE | DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

"We try to be competitive on the field, in the court and in the classroom."

Athletics also faced a difficulty common to everyone this past year; gas prices.

University fueling has gone up \$153,000 in the last year for traveling, McDuffie said.

Most Eastern athletic teams bus to a majority of their away games. Baseball travels everywhere on buses, according to head coach Jim Schmitz. Football flew twice this season, once to Hawaii and once to Birmingham, Ala. Women's soccer bussed everywhere except their Oct. 20-22 road trips to Jacksonville State and Samford. Both conference schools are located in Alabama.

Some faculty members agreed

that athletes are some of their best students. Athletics are an important part of campus life, said Senate Chair Assege HaileMariam.

John Stimac, professor of geology and geography, said that his department has had nothing but positive remarks about their student athletes. John Pommier, associate professor in the department of recreation administration, thanked McDuffie for making academics a high priority for athletes.

"We try to be competitive on the field, in the court and in the classroom," McDuffie said.

Bob Chestnut, director of research and sponsored activities, presented a new initiative that was

approved by Provost Blair Lord.

The Proposal Initiative Fund was created in order to support projects with potential to lead significant external funding, Chestnut explained.

This would include projects such as research, creative activity, service, curriculum development and outreach, he added.

The program guidelines are not final and are subject to change.

The program could include two types of grants; one with a maximum of \$1,500 and another with a maximum of \$7,500, Chestnut explained.

Senate members discussed the initiative, which will be brought back at another meeting.

Lynn Curry, history professor, and Ann Brownson, librarian, will serve on the proposal committee. The senate will meet March 20 at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room.

City Code to be posted online

Park Hills subdivision annexed into the city during council meeting

By Scott Richey

Online Reporter

The Charleston City Council approved an ordinance Tuesday night that adopted the 2007 City Code.

Other city council business included the approval of the annexation of the Park Hills subdivision, 919 W. Polk and the approval of a \$400,000 loan to Diepholz Chevrolet.

Approving the 2007 City Code will allow Charleston residents to access the City Code online.

The code contains all of the

ordinances approved by the city council.

By posting ordinances online, Charleston residents will receive a more accurate and timely update of the council's actions.

The code was last reviewed in 1991, so there were more than 15 years worth of ordinances not easily or immediately accessible.

Charleston mayor John Inyart said that by Wednesday, a link will be available on Charleston's Web site to the city code.

The Park Hills subdivision and 919 W. Polk is adjacent to city limits, and the annexation of both properties were unanimously approved by the council without the usual two-week layover period.

Inyart said the layover period was waived because no one objected to moving forward and approving

the annexation during the public hearing held before the start of the council meeting.

Waving the layover period speeds up the building process for the people that want to develop the properties.

A single residence is planned for the property at 919 W. Polk, but because it is zoned as R2 residential, the development of apartment buildings or duplexes on the five-and-a-quarter acres would be allowed in the future.

The council also unanimously authorized the \$400,000 loan to Diepholz Chevrolet for their expansion and new hires.

Inyart said that authorizing the loan would allow the city to maintain the sale of Buick, GMC and Pontiac vehicles in Charleston.

This lets the city retain several

jobs and the sales tax revenue from the sale of the vehicles.

The payment of the loan will be held until all of the loan documents are signed.

In other news, the council approved or tabled several parking ordinances. Resident-only parking at 1508 First St. was repealed and will be changed to public parking on the west side of the street.

Resulting from a petition presented at the February 20 city council meeting, the council placed an ordinance on file for the next meeting that will prohibit parking on the south side of Cedar Drive.

The petition initially called for parking on both sides of Cedar Drive, but the street is not wide enough to provide for that.

The north side will be open for parking between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Division Street to close until

June for construction

» Division Street has been closed since Monday to through-traffic from State Street to Harrison Avenue.

The road is closed for widening and resurfacing, and will be closed until around June 15, the project's completion date.

Access is only available to residents and businesses while the section is under construction.

Questions can be directed to City Hall at 345-5650.

Scholarship available for

Charleston High grads

» Graduates of Charleston High School who are Charleston residents can apply for the 2007 City Roads Scholarship. The scholarship is a tuition waiver.

Applicants must also have a letter of acceptance for the fall semester at Eastern, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and complete the scholarship application.

The application can be picked up at City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave., and online at www.charlestonillinois.org.

The deadline is March 24.

— Marco Santana

Health fair today in Student

Recreation Center

» Health Education Resource Center will host 65 different local and national organizations that will "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" to one common goal: increasing health awareness at the 9th annual Health Fair.

The health fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center today in the Lantz complex.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn, ask questions, participate in health activities and be eligible for raffle prizes. The health fair is free of charge and open to the faculty, staff and students.

— Michelle Simek

Workshop to help students

'Dress for Success'

» Career Services will host a "Dress for Success" workshop.

The workshop will take place at 6 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall Room 2030.

Attendees will get advice on what constitutes professional attire and there will be drawings for gift certificates and coupons.

Christian Campus House to

discuss AIDS pandemic in Africa

» The Christian Campus House will be having a discussion on the AIDS pandemic in Africa. It will be at 5 p.m. at the Christian Campus House lounge, just south of Lawson Hall.

They will also be talking about the film "Dear Francis."

The documentary is about AIDS in Swaziland.

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VIEWS

TUESDAY
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COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

Welcome to ‘Superficial Anonymous’

Recently I was watching a DVD of a TV show that I used to love back in the day and essentially the message of the show is that looks are not what matters, the surface is just that, surface, and what truly matters is what is on the inside.

Nice thought, makes you all warm inside. But then when I was getting ready to go out for the night, I was cursing myself for wearing these shoes/boots, pumps as some circles jokingly call any well-heeled shoe, that were a little too tight and damn uncomfortable. This is also after spending over an hour to shower, dress, “do my face” and attempt to perfect my hair that is undergoing the patience taxing process of being “grown out.”

This wouldn’t be such a bad thing except I go through pretty much the same process for whenever I go out of the apartment (although hair can be touch and go, depending on how late I am), no matter if it is to go to class, Wal-Mart or a friend’s house. I do not belong to the pajama club or the sweats club, and neither do the majority of my friends; so I wonder, do we really believe that it is inner beauty that counts?

Now, don’t get me wrong, I can look in a mirror, God forbid that it be a full length mirror, and I know which, outer beauty versus inner beauty, I want to be true, but the truth is that we are obsessed with image and presentation.

Am I the only one that adheres to the idea that a banging outfit makes you feel better and more confident?

It is truly a contradictory minefield we walk through because on one hand we have people preaching to us “inner beauty” and we all say “Amen,” but on the other hand we are bombarded with images of people being flawless.

We live in a world where a pimple can be the ruin of an entire day. Also, the pressures, while being greater on women, are not limited to the female gender, and it is not just one group of people who are religious in the cultivating of their image. For it seems to me that it takes some real dedication to wear ripped jeans and second-hand shirts to achieve that “I don’t care, I’m anti consumerism and labels” look.

If even those who “don’t care” about appearances and their “look” actually do, then I still wonder is there any escape?

Maybe I should just admit it and move on: I am someone who likes labels, prefers labels; I like expensive clothes and want to be able to buy a ton of them and not worry, I love expensive shoes and I will never “not care” about what I am wearing.

The cold truth is that while inner beauty is by far more important than the genetic cards you are dealt, what you do with the skin your beautiful soul is poured into is something we can control, and quite frankly it matters.

Maurice Tracy



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ourview

Concert successful, facts pending

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The University Board put on another overall successful concert over the weekend, bringing the Goo Goo Dolls and Augustana to Charleston.

The UB Concert Committee should be recognized for throwing two consecutive, successful concerts.

However, because the university continues to refuse to give *The Daily Eastern News* the total concert expenses, we are unable to determine whether the concert was financially successful or not.

With more than 3,300 tickets sold, the concert was essentially “sold-out,” proving that both the Goo Goo Dolls and Augustana are still popular among college students.

This is the second concert in a row that has sold out at Eastern after Foreigner’s Parent’s Day Weekend performance last semester drew in 3,300 fans.

Concerts can easily be hit or miss. Bands with large college-age followings such as the Counting Crows and Yellowcard only brought in 2,000 people. Other big name performers at Eastern such as James Brown, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, and O.A.R. failed to bring in 3,000 people, while Bill Cosby and Aretha Franklin gave sold-out performances and Jeff Foxworthy brought in nearly 6,000 people in two nights.

These last two shows were much better than past concert performances such as those of Emerson Drive, which sold only 525 tickets, Howie Day, which sold only 700, Twista, at only 1,500, and Everclear, at only 1,600.

It’s obvious that the UB Concert Committee is getting better at planning

concerts that will bring thousands of people in.

But, because the university is withholding appropriate contract information from us, it is impossible for *The DEN* to determine whether this concert was fiscally smart, and we are forced to speculate without exact figures, pending a Freedom of Information Act request we filed.

As we reported in a Feb. 27 editorial, “Student Affairs hides information,” Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said the budget was too complicated for reporters and editors at *The DEN* to understand. Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, agreed that we should not have budget information until after the concert.

And although we were given the budget after the concert, the total expenses and the cost of the Goo Goo Dolls, Augustana and the Agency Booking Commission were withheld.

From the the documents the university provided to *The DEN*, the university made \$42,000 from selling more than 3,300 tickets at \$12 a piece to students, \$17 at

general admission price.

Expenses for the concert not including the bands and booking commission expenses added up to about \$16,000.

These included expenses for advertising, transportation, security and other concert supplies and miscellaneous items, but did not include the cost of the bands, which generally cost tens of thousands of dollars. A successful band like the Goo Goo Dolls would be more expensive than a band that’s not as popular.

The \$12 a ticket is only one-third the price of the \$36 Goo Goo Dolls tickets that are selling for their concert in Detroit today. This leads us to believe that the university could have made much more money by selling tickets for a third of the price that they normally cost.

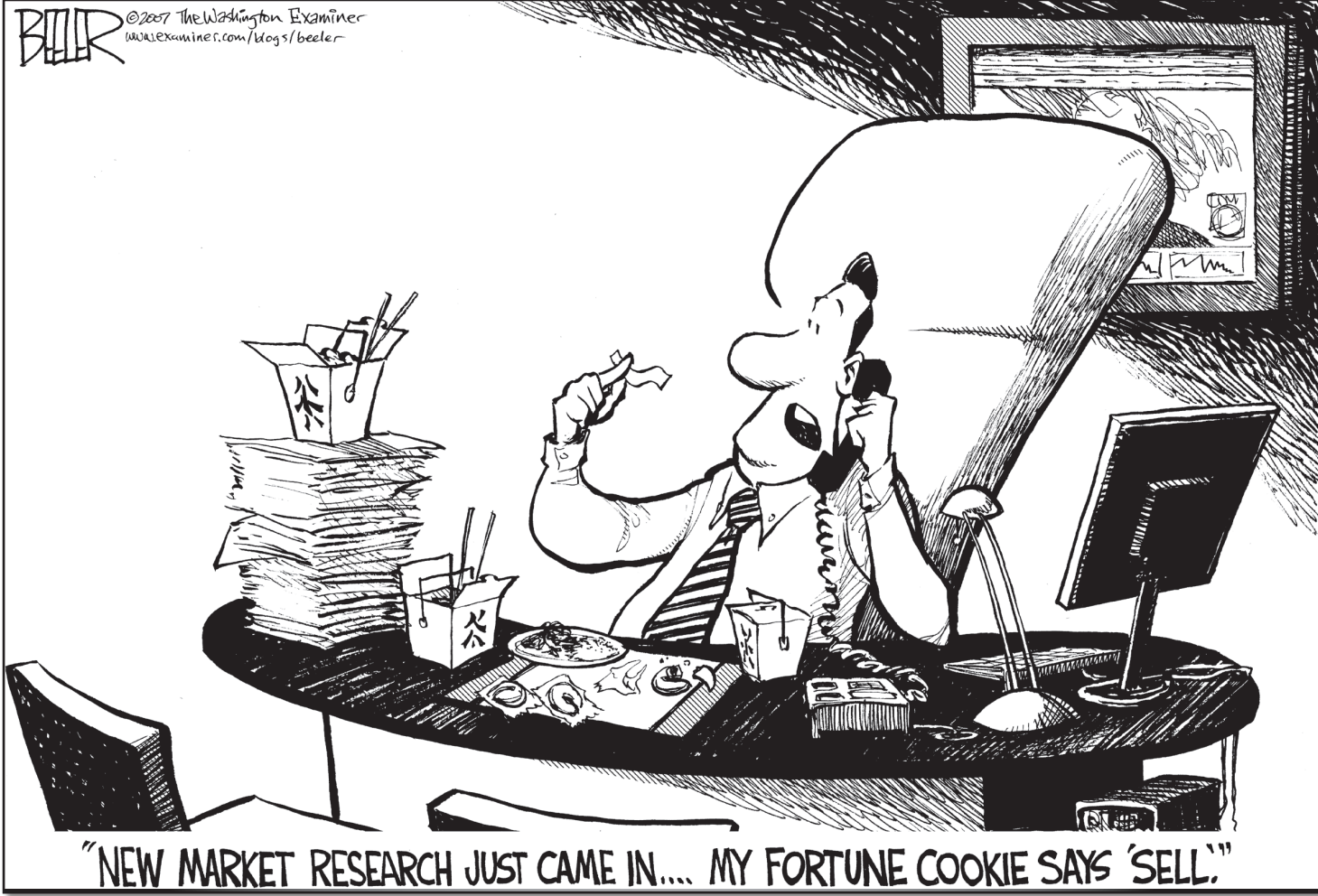
Tickets for a popular band like the Goo Goo Dolls should cost much more than \$12 to successfully make a profit so that future concerts can be funded without taking more student fees to pay for them.

A \$12 ticket price is similar to going to Mac’s Uptowner or Friend’s and paying \$5 to see a local band that pulls in about 40 people. It appears that the concert was successful in terms of numbers of attendees, but pending our FOIA request, we are unable to determine whether the university did an adequate job handling student fees.

Each student pays more than \$100 to the Apportionments Board each semester, which budgets the UB. That’s well over \$1 million per semester, and we at *The DEN* will continue our struggle to accurately report if these fees are being properly handled.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.
Reach the Opinions editor at DENopinions@gmail.com.

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | NATE BEELER



OTHER VIEWS | BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Last week Student Court, the judicial branch of student government, imposed a gag order on a case scheduled to be heard today.

Student body Attorney General Ben Collins is pressing charges against the African Student Association “for not following procedure regarding allocations from the Student Life Fund.”

There’s absolutely no need for a gag order in this case. At least no reason has been given that has adequately justified the court’s actions.

This directly contradicts numerous statements made by members of Student Government pledging for renewed transparency and openness.

FEATURED BLOGGER

"Thank you, ESPN and spring training baseball. As I was preparing to leave my room, a Tigers-Yankees game was about to begin. Pitching for the Yankees in his MLB debut was Kei Igawa. That got me thinking..."

SCOTT RICHEY



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MARK GOODMAN | DIRECTOR OF THE STUDENT PRESS LAW CENTER

“The fact that they’re a public agency makes it much more questionable whether they can refuse this information.”

including the amount of money paid to the Goo Goo Dolls and the agency booking commission. Total expenses were also blacked out.

Goodman said the law could come into play in this situation.

“There is an exemption in the law that could apply, but by no means is it clear that it does,” Goodman said. “The fact that they’re a public agency makes it much more questionable whether they can refuse this information,” Goodman said.

The DEN requested a copy of the University Board’s budget with specific information about costs related to the Goo Goo Dolls concert, including the money paid to the band.

That request was denied by Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

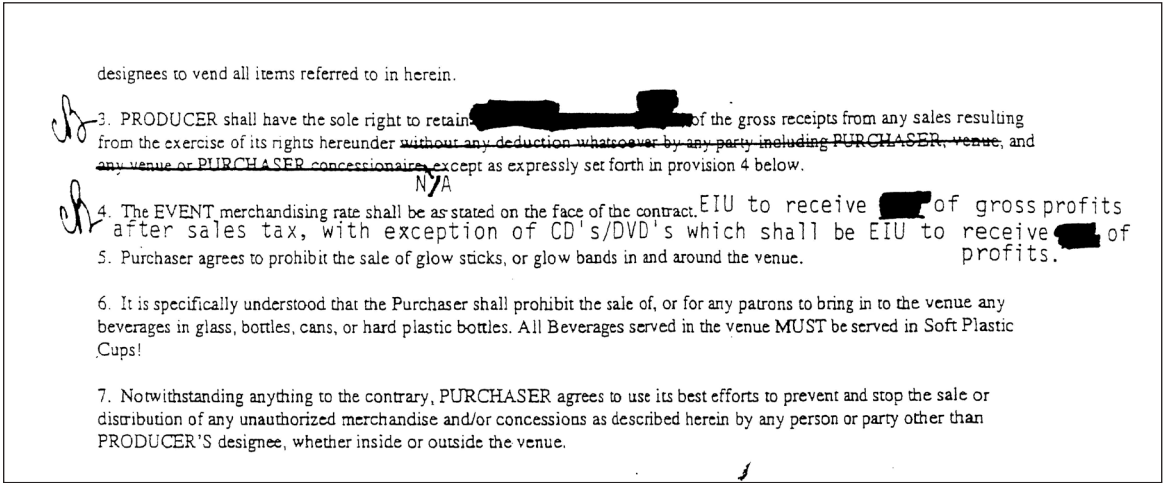
The DEN filed a Freedom of Information Act request Feb. 23 after a copy of the Goo Goo Dolls’ contract was not supplied.

“If something is specifically

defined as a public record, no exemptions apply,” Tidwell said.

The DEN has the right to appeal the FOIA denial, which can be directed to the head of the public agency, which is the university president.

The DEN plans to appeal the denial to Eastern President Lou Hencken, said Nora Maberry, editor in chief of the DEN. Maberry will also seek the opinion of the Illinois attorney general.



Page 4 of Eastern’s contract with the Goo Goo Dolls, showing where specific numbers have been blacked out.

Prescription stimulant abuse rising on campuses

By Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. - Some Southern Illinois University-Carbondale students will probably look beyond their favorite latte for help surviving midterms this week, according to a Student Health Center official.

The abuse of Adderall, a prescription medication often used to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, has become more prevalent on college campuses in recent years, said Ken Culton, alcohol and drug coordinator at the Student Health Center.

Adderall can increase alertness, improve task performance and decrease fatigue in its users, according to WebMD.com. Culton said students use the drug to stay awake and remain concentrated for long periods of time.

“It’s not so much that the student is motivated to get good grades,” he said. “It’s more often that a student wants to get good grades within the context of heavy drinking or not sleeping enough or being overwhelmed in their life.”

The abuse of prescription stimulants is most prevalent among whites, members of fraternities or sororities and students with poor grades, according to a report released by the National Institute

on Drug Abuse.

One of the biggest concerns associated with the abuse of Adderall is dependency, Culton said.

“When will it stop?” he said. “When you get on the job, your rationale will be ‘I need Adderall to function better or to meet my deadline,’” he said.

Adderall is sometimes used with alcohol to help the user stay alert or stay awake longer to drink, Culton said. He said mixing the two could cause respiratory failure and death.

Adderall tends to be more popular than other drugs, most likely because of the drug’s availability, Culton said. He said the rate of abuse at SIUC is no higher than at other universities of its size.

Renee Krynski, a junior from Bartlett studying social work, said the abuse of Adderall is prevalent at SIUC. She said she doesn’t use the drug, but most of the users she knows use it when studying for tests, writing papers or attending class.

Krynski said most of the users she knows are aware of the health risks.

“It does not faze them,” she said.

She said most students that abuse Adderall are doing so to catch up on work they put off.

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correctly,” Phipps said.

Repair costs may be slow coming.

“We will continue to develop the repair plan and will not have final costs until the repairs are completed,” Reed said. “There are no known problematic issues aside from the minor smoke orders.”

Engelkes said no events were rescheduled, but some conferences and luncheons on Saturday were moved to 7th Street Underground.

There are no safety hazards regarding people being inside or around the union at this point, Phipps said.

Firm hired illegal immigrants to keep up with \$91 million in military contracts, feds say

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A leather company owner was arrested during a raid at his company Tuesday and accused of hiring hundreds of illegal immigrants to work in poor conditions so he could meet the demands of \$91

million in military contracts.

Francesco Insolita, 50, and three top managers were arrested after federal agents raided Michael Bianco Inc. in New Bedford on Tuesday morning. About two thirds of the company’s 500 employees were detained by immigration officials for possible deportation, authorities said.

U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan accused Insolita of exploiting the illegal immigrants to maximize his profits on the military contracts to make backpacks and safety vests for soldiers.

Sullivan said workers were paid

about \$7 to \$7.50 per hour and Insolita set up “deplorable conditions,” including docking employees for being late, and fining them \$20 for spending more than two minutes in the bathroom or talking while working.

“It’s the typical sweatshop you read about ... in the early 1900s,” Sullivan said. “These were the deplorable conditions that these workers essentially had to endure under.”

Insolita was released after his court appearance and declined comment. His wife, Suzanne Thompson, said Sullivan’s characterization of the company as a sweatshop was

“horrifying.”

“None of that is true,” she said.

Most of the suspected illegal immigrants were women from Central America, officials said. The Massachusetts Immigration & Refugee Advocacy Coalition denounced the raid, and planned emergency support and a vigil for affected families Tuesday.

Michael Bianco Inc., founded in 1985, specialized in manufacturing high-end leather goods for retailers including Coach Inc. and Timberland Co. before landing a \$9.4 million military contract in 2003 to make survival vests.

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Libby convicted

Top reporters ordered to reveal sources

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Once the closest adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby was convicted Tuesday of lying and obstructing a leak investigation that shook the top levels of the Bush administration.

He is the highest-ranking White House official convicted in a government scandal since National Security Adviser John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra affair two decades ago.

In the end, jurors said they did not believe Libby’s main defense: that he hadn’t lied but merely had a bad memory.

The CIA leak case focused new attention on the Bush administration’s much-criticized handling of intelligence reports about weapons of mass destruction in the run-up to the Iraq war. The case cost Cheney his most trusted adviser, and the trial revealed Cheney’s personal obsession with criticism of the war’s justification.

Trial testimony made clear that President Bush secretly declassified a portion of the prewar intelligence estimate that Cheney quietly sent Libby to leak to Judith Miller of The New York Times in 2003 to rebut criticism by ex-ambassador Joseph Wilson. Bush, Cheney and Libby were the only three people in the government aware of the effort.

More top reporters were ordered into court, including Miller after 85 days of resistance in jail, to testify about their confidential sources among the nation’s highest-ranking officials than in any other trial in recent memory.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald said the verdict closed the nearly four-year investigation into how the name of Wilson’s wife, Valerie Plame, and her classified job at the CIA were leaked to reporters in 2003 just days after Wilson publicly accused the

administration of doctoring prewar intelligence. No one will be charged with the leak itself, which the trial confirmed came first from then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

“The results are actually sad,” Fitzgerald told reporters after the verdict. “It’s sad that we had a situation where a high-level official person who worked in the office of the vice president obstructed justice and lied under oath. We wish that it had not happened, but it did.”

One juror, former Washington Post reporter Denis Collins, said the jury did not believe Libby’s main defense: that he never lied but just had a faulty memory. Juror Jeff Comer agreed.

Collins said the jurors spent a week charting the testimony and evidence on 34 poster-size pages. “There were good managerial type people on this jury who took everything apart and put it in the right place,” Collins said. “After that, it wasn’t a matter of opinion. It was just there.”

Libby, not only Cheney’s chief of staff but also an assistant to Bush, was expressionless as the verdict

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Relay For Life is an event for anyone and everyone to help eliminate cancer. Anyone can participate by walking, jogging, running or taking part in other activities including listening to bands, or watching the dance team, Ecstasy. A main money-raising feature of the night will include President Lou Hencken taking a pie to the face. On March 28, there will be a bank night where everyone is welcome to bring the money they have already raised. There is no set amount of money to be raised. The deadline to get teams together is March 16 so that T-shirts can be ordered and ready for the event.

WHAT IT MEANS: EASTERN’S VIEW

I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby was convicted yesterday of one count of obstruction of justice, on a count of making false statements to the FBI about a conversation with NBC’s Tim Russert and two counts of perjury.

Andrew McNitt, political science professor, said if Libby had originally told the truth about leaking Valerie Plame’s name as a CIA agent, the entire situation would have blown over.

“If he had been more straightforward about what had happened, the prosecutor wouldn’t have been able to go after him,” McNitt said. “It was a cover up.”

Jury member Denis Collins told CNN he and other jurors felt bad about the verdict because they believed Libby was the fall guy.

McNitt said it’s hard to know for sure.

“I really don’t know,” McNitt said. “It’s hard not to draw the assumption that the connections run a little bit further than Scooter Libby.”

He said, however, that he doesn’t expect investigations to continue because the highest possible position implicated would be the vice president, not the president.

“The timing is such that rather than an impeachment, the election will happen and the American public will make a decision,” McNitt said.

was announced on the 10th day of deliberations. In the front row, his wife, Harriet Grant, choked out a sob and her head sank.

Libby could face up to 25 years in prison when sentenced June 5, but federal sentencing guidelines

will probably prescribe far less, perhaps one to three years. Defense attorneys said they would ask for a retrial and if that fails, appeal the conviction.

“We have every confidence Mr. Libby ultimately will be vindicated,”

defense attorney Theodore Wells told reporters. He said that Libby was “totally innocent and that he did not do anything wrong.” Libby did not speak to reporters.

The president watched news of the verdict on television at the White House. Deputy press secretary Dana Perino said Bush respected the jury’s verdict but “was saddened for Scooter Libby and his family.”

Cheney called the verdict disappointing and said he was saddened for Libby and his family, too. “As I have said before, Scooter has served our nation tirelessly and with great distinction through many years of public service.”

Wilson, whose wife left the CIA after she was exposed, said, “Convicting him of perjury was like convicting Al Capone of tax evasion or Alger Hiss of perjury. It doesn’t mean they were not guilty of other crimes.”

Libby was convicted of one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury to the grand jury and one count of lying to the FBI about how he learned Plame’s identity and whom he told.

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Governor to make ambitious proposal

Blagojevich expected to ask for \$1.5 billion boost in school funds

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich plans to ask lawmakers to increase education spending by nearly one-fourth next year, just one of many big proposals stuffed into the State of the State address he will deliver Wednesday.

Aides said Tuesday that he will seek a \$1.5 billion boost in state school funds, which now stand at \$6.5 billion.

Blagojevich policy adviser Kristin Richards called it “truly a monumental increase. It will be the first time the state is putting \$1.5 billion in new dollars into education in one fiscal year.”

The Chicago Democrat also is expected to propose making health insurance available for everyone

in Illinois, imposing a new tax on business transactions, leasing the state lottery to a private contractor and borrowing billions of dollars to help struggling pension systems.

The speech, which will combine the State of the State and the budget addresses that are usually delivered separately, could be the most ambitious of Blagojevich’s four years in office.

The \$1.5 billion in additional school spending would allow for a significant increase in the state’s “foundation level” the minimum amount of money guaranteed for every student. The level would jump by \$686, hitting \$6,020, Richards said.

That would still be short of the \$6,405 that an expert panel recommended in 2005.

Besides boosting basic spending levels, Blagojevich’s proposal would increase reimbursement rates for special education teachers for the first time in more than 20 years and give schools full funding for

“categoricals” such as transportation. Those changes would tend to benefit wealthier districts that don’t get much state aid.

Blagojevich also plans to call for \$1.5 billion in construction money to help districts build new schools and repair old ones, Richards said.

The governor’s school proposals are big, but they may not please some education advocates, including Blagojevich allies.

They want a major overhaul of the way Illinois funds education so that schools don’t rely so heavily on property taxes.

Blagojevich’s proposal would pump more money into the existing system, although Richards said they are trying to improve the system with more accountability and incentives for districts to consolidate.

Still, Blagojevich’s funding proposal won applause from the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the Statewide School Management Alliance.

They said the money, particularly

if it’s followed by similar amounts in future years, might be enough to stifle calls for major changes.

Richards would not discuss how Blagojevich plans to come up with the education money or the construction funds, saying the governor will discuss that in Wednesday’s speech.

But everyone in Springfield expects Blagojevich to propose a major new tax, perhaps the biggest in Illinois history.

The “gross receipts tax” would apply to business transactions essentially requiring a business to pay the state every time it takes in money. The tax would be coupled with a phase-out of the state’s corporate income tax.

The tax could be structured in a way to exempt small businesses and lower the impact on manufacturers. Still, business groups are sharply critical, saying the tax would give companies a strong incentive to buy supplies in other states or simply leave Illinois.

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Bomb threat prompts school evacuation in central Ill.

LINCOLN — A bomb threat scratched on the wall inside a bathroom stall led to an evacuation of Lincoln Junior High school in the central Illinois town of Lincoln, authorities said.

About 400 students were evacuated safely in about six minutes Tuesday morning, said Kirby Rodgers, superintendent of Lincoln Elementary Schools, District 27, which includes the evacuated school. A bomb-sniffing dog was brought in and the school was searched, but nothing unusual was found, Rodgers said.

Worker error caused fatal chemical plant explosion

ILLIOPOLIS — A series of explosions that killed five employees at a central Illinois chemical plant in 2004 was caused by a worker who mistakenly opened a valve on a high-temperature reactor that was in operation, a federal agency said Tuesday.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board also faulted the plant owner, Formosa Plastics Corporation U.S.A., for failing to address problems that made human error possible at the plant near Illiopolis, about 25 miles east of Springfield.

House approves new electric rate freeze

High rates prompt legislative action

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — With outraged consumers calling for action, the Illinois House Tuesday again approved an electric rate freeze despite complaints that it was an act of legislative futility.

The House voted 92-5 to roll back rate increases that took effect in January and freeze them at the lower levels for at least three years. It’s the second time in two months the House has overwhelmingly backed a rate freeze.

But the measure faces little hope as it heads to the Senate, where President Emil Jones remains opposed to it.

Some supporters weren’t swayed by Jones’ opposition, saying lawmakers owed it to constituents back home to act and, hopefully, spur progress.

“We have an opportunity to protect our people,” said Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion. “If it gets people to the bargaining table, so be it. If it doesn’t, we’ve done the right thing.”

Bradley and other downstate legislators have been under tremendous pressure in recent weeks to help consumers stunned by soaring electric rates.



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AROUND THE TRACK

Rain or Shine

It's time to break out the Under Armor as the track team heads outside for the 2007 outdoor season.

Our first meet will be on March 24 at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and if I remember correctly, last year it was freezing.

As was the Big Blue Classic right after that. And something tells me that this year won't be any different, as we don't leave the state but only twice. Once to Terre Haute, Ind., and once to Louisville, Ky. It's not easy running in the cold weather. Your legs get all numb to where you can hardly lift them. The wind is blowing so hard that it takes all you have to get through the race. It makes it so hard to run a good race and get a good time. However, the only good thing about the weather is that we are used to it.

We live in it and practice in it. It is also not so bad because when you have a meet, everybody runs under the same conditions, not just you.

Not to mention it brings our team together, literally, as we huddle together in groups to keep warm. This kind of weather also shows how dedicated athletes are, and not just track athletes.

Now you have softball and baseball practicing outside, as well.

Here, athletes are practicing when they can barely even feel their fingers and toes. To me, that is dedication. Especially when you have athletes who are from out-of-state and are used to warm weather.

Sophomore Violet Nwordu, a sprinter on the women's track and field team, came to Eastern from Houston and every time it gets cold out I always make sure to ask her how she is feeling.

I remembered the first time it snowed and I asked her if she even knew what that white stuff is. She just started laughing and made a comment about how she missed home. Some of the track athletes will get to feel warm weather as they make their way to Georgia for the spring break trip.

Only one thing is for sure.

Whether there is rain, shine, snow or wind, whenever there is a track meet, there will be the Big Blue out on that track.



Molly Clutter is a sophomore journalism major and a member of the women's rugby and track teams.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF | NOTEBOOK

Hawaii-bound Panthers

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern will travel to the Kauai Collegiate Cup March 15-17 in Princeville, Hawaii.

"It's the highlight of the year," said junior Jaron Rose.

Rose said the team will have to worry about different factors when they play the links at Hawaii.

He said the team will be concerned with the type of club they use.

The type of club will play a factor because there will be a lot of wind in the open space because Hawaii is adjacent to the ocean.

"I don't know what to expect," Rose said.

All teams will begin play on the Makai Golf Course.

Golf Digest has named the Makai Golf Course one of "America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses" for 16 consecutive years. There are three separate golf courses with only six holes a par 5 or above.

This is significant because the golfers will drive the ball less.

"It is hard to read the grain because you're on the island and you don't know where the break is," head coach Mike Moncel said about the play at Hawaii.

Shots for different courses

The men's golf team will travel to a variety of courses during the spring golf season.

They traveled to Birmingham, Ala., to the Birmingham Southern Invitational where the Panthers finished seventh out of 15 teams in late February.

Rose said when they play on a variety of courses they have to weigh a variety of factors.



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Senior Anthony Imburgia practices his chipping at the Meadowview Golf Course in Mattoon. The men prepare for the weekend golf tournament in Princeville, Hawaii.

He said they are tested on a variety of courses depending on the location.

The Panther men travel to Branson, Mo., Nashville, Tenn.,

and Paducah, Ky., this season.

The Eastern women have already traveled to Ensenada, Mexico, this season, and after making a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., during

spring break, will also travel to Carbondale, Urbana and Paducah, Ky., this season.

He said the courses for the southern states will vary because those courses have more hills.

"You have to be smart and play low shots," Rose said.

Rose also said a golfer has to be concerned with the greens, the grains, the sand traps and what clubs to use.

"Your club selection will be very important," Rose said.

Senior swings through

Driving distance is key in the golf game.

Rose said senior Ty Comerford has the best drive.

"He generates a lot of speed through his arms," Rose said.

Comerford showed his driving ability by finishing in ninth place at the DePaul Invitational in September. Comerford shot a 2 over par total during the three-day invitational. He fired off a 71, 73 and 74 on a par-72 course. He tied for ninth place with his three scores.

Traveling with an injury

Senior Chelsey Bach and the female golf team will travel to Jacksonville, Fla., to participate in the Butler Spring Invitational Sunday through Tuesday. Bach has been the consistent leader for the Panthers. Bach was fourth at the Baja Classic in New Mexico.

Moncel said she has a slipped disc in her back right now.

Bach posted her best finish in the fall (6 over par in two rounds) at the Huskie Classic in September.

"When she's healthy, she's great," Moncel said.

» Softball

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The two, along with fellow senior Katy Steele, form the nucleus of this year's team, a team Short said she has high hopes for.

The high hopes for the three began early, with all three thrust into the starting lineup right away as freshmen who were expected to produce.

Short did the most damage her freshman year, hitting .428 with eight home runs and 39 RBIs, breaking six single-season records in the process.

Steele (a .243 average, with two home runs and 17 RBIs) and Adams (a .278 average, with four home runs and 17 RBIs) also contributed their freshmen year and along with Short, are three of the most prolific

hitters in Eastern history.

Steele, from Brownsburg, Ind., has increased her average every year (from .243 to .290 to last year's .309), and has also increased her power production. Steele had four home runs and 28 RBIs last year and is hitting .353 this year to go along with five RBIs.

Short's average hasn't compared to her .428 average freshman year, but the power numbers that weren't there her junior year are there this year.

She already has four home runs, which tops on Eastern's squad.

Adams already has her name on Eastern's top 10 list for doubles, walks, runs, total bases and home runs.

Short is the program's career home run leader (21), RBIs leader (95) and doubles leader (51), and also is in the top 10 for hits. She

only needs 22 more total bases to break that program record.

And all three have stuck around through a coaching change in the middle of their careers and seeing their original freshman class of eight shrink down to just the three.

"We've gone through it every year and the original group gets smaller and smaller," Steele said.

Durability is another common trait these three have, with Adams starting 172 games so far in her career, Steele 168 games and Short 162.

"I'm not sure there's an inning where at least two of them haven't been on the field," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "You can't put a price on experience."

Each of them have had to go through different experiences here, from Short being homesick her freshman year and thinking about

switching schools, Steele having to deal with switching positions and to Adams not adjusting well to dorm living.

Short and Adams are currently first and second in the chase to have the most career home runs.

But Adams said the two joke about it.

"We're not really serious about it," Adams said. "We're not like, 'Oh, well you hit a home run, now I hate you.' It's nothing like that."

But three years ago, Short said Adams "moved out of the dorm room because we hated each other so badly."

Not anymore.

Steele said her, Short and Adams all understand each other now and what they want to accomplish.

"We've gone through a lot," she said. "We've grown as people, from kids to adults now, I guess."

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SPORTS | BROADCAST ANNOUNCER

Talented Twork works hard

By Adam Tedder
Online News Editor

Freshman WEIU sports announcer John Twork has always had an idea of what he wanted to do with his life.

He likes to talk on the air.

Twork knew it even when he was a toddler.

“I would probably say it started pretty young,” said Kathy Twork, John’s mother.

His mother recalled a story about a young John being in the backyard with a new Wiffle bat and ball.

“I’d give him the bat and toss him the ball and he was so comical,” she said. “He would turn the bat around and would announce in between the pitches. Even then he was more interested in talking about it than actually doing it.”

But there is more than just knowing what he wants to do.

His colleague at WEIU, sports broadcaster and Eastern’s assistant sports information director Ben Turner, said John has talent.

“For a first-year guy in college, just his voice quality and his ability is impressive,” Turner said. “Without a doubt, he is the most talented radio voice I’ve encountered as a freshman.”

Turner went on to explain that Twork has “it.”

“It’s like athletics, he has that ‘it’ with his voice,” he said. “In time, he’ll build up his vocabulary, but you can’t teach the ‘it’ he has.”

Twork, from Bloomington, has spent much of his life practicing what he loves to do. He attributes a lot of his early practice to one of the earliest Christmas gifts he received, a “little Playschool microphone recorder,” Twork said.

“He loved it,” his mother said. “He ran around interviewing me and my husband and then he would



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John Twork, a freshman journalism major, puts on the headset he uses to announce Eastern athletics.

want to stop it and listen to himself. I think he went through a couple of those.”

Twork later saved up his money for more sophisticated equipment. But he took even more interest in the eighth grade, when he met Mark Johnson, the then-sports director for WJBC radio station

in Bloomington. Twork had been a long-time fan of Johnson’s play-by-play broadcasting for the Illinois State Redbirds basketball team. Johnson took time to answer some of Twork’s questions.

“He got me started in it,” Twork said. “He got me interested in broadcasting.”

But that was not the only mentor Twork found.

Twork had the opportunity to speak to Pat Hughes, the play-by-play voice of the Chicago Cubs. Twork wrote a letter to Hughes asking questions about the job and to Twork’s surprise, Hughes responded with a phone call.

JOHN TWORK BIO

» **Name:** John Twork
» **Work:** at WEIU covering Charleston’s girl’s high school basketball, Eastern football and men’s and women’s basketball, softball and baseball; worked at WJBC and Raider Radio

“I really wasn’t expecting anything, you know, he’s a busy guy and this was during the baseball season, but he called me up on the home phone,” Twork said.

Twork said the conversation lasted 10 minutes and Hughes encouraged Twork to work on play-by-play.

Twork said he was even more excited about this because he is a passionate Cubs fan, something his mother says he got from his father.

Twork started his own Web site, Raider Radio, while he was a junior at his high school in 2004.

The site had an archive of play-by-play broadcasts of his high school sporting events that Twork had recorded.

His mother said this gained him attention and Twork found an internship at the Bloomington radio station, WJBC.

He also began working at his high school paper and served as a sports writer before being promoted to sports editor, a position he said he greatly enjoyed because of his passion for sports. Right now, though, Twork is busy working at WEIU, having just finished covering Charleston High School girl’s basketball games and Eastern women’s basketball games. He said he enjoys going to school and hoping to get his dream job.

“I would love for Pat Hughes to retire, as much as I like him, and to be the play-by-play announcer for the Chicago Cubs,” Twork said.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL | TEUTOPOLIS 55, MOWEAQUA (CENTRAL A & M) 45

Unlikely looking outside shooter carries Shoes to state

Teutopolis knocks off Central A&M in Super-Sectional game

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Craig Westendorf doesn’t look like the typical 3-point shooter.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound senior looks better suited to score near the basket than 20 feet away from it.

But Teutopolis’ starting center sure played the part of the deadly outside shooter, hitting all five of his 3-pointers and leading the Wooden Shoes to their second straight state tournament appearance. Teutopolis beat Moweaqua (Central A&M) 55-45 Tuesday night at Lantz Arena in the Charleston Super-Sectional.

“(Teams) don’t think I can usually shoot it from out there,” said Westendorf, who finished with 17 points.

Westendorf’s outside shooting came at crucial times in the third quarter, as Teutopolis broke open a close game to lead 37-25 heading into the fourth quarter.

Westendorf hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 7 minutes, 16 seconds remaining in the first quarter, upping the Wooden Shoes lead to 24-20. He made two more straight 3-pointers in the quarter to



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Jason Runde of Teutopolis looks to shoot the ball against Bryce Hogan of Moweaqua Central A&M during the Super-Sectional game held at Lantz Arena on Tuesday night. Teutopolis won 55-45.

keep the Wooden Shoes up by 12.

“Our guards were driving and I was coming off screens wide open,” Westendorf said. “The guards penetrated and got me open looks.”

Teutopolis head coach Ken Crawford, in his final year as the Wooden Shoes head coach, said Westendorf usually does offensive drills with the outside players, but at Tuesday’s practice, told Crawford

he wanted to work inside.

“He works all inside last night and goes out and busts three’s tonight,” Crawford said. “Go figure that.”

Second-team all-state selection Jason Runde held off the Raiders by converting at the free throw line late, making 10 of 12 free throws in the final 2:45.

“My team relies on me so much,”

said Runde, who finished with a game-high 22 points. “I shoot about 40 free throws every day at practice and in the morning, so I take pride in that.”

Teutopolis (30-2) got out to a quick 14-7 lead, thanks in part to two 3-pointers by Westerndorf.

The seven-point lead quickly went away. Central A&M went on a 13-5 to eventually take a 20-19 lead following a baseline drive and reverse, left-handed layup by guard Tanner Sloan. After a Teutopolis miss, Central A&M appeared that it wanted to hold the ball for the final shot of the half.

However, the Raiders (18-15) did take a shot, but Brad Stringer’s inside shot was blocked with 47 seconds to play. Teutopolis worked the clock for the final shot, but Stringer blocked Runde’s layup attempt.

However, Teutopolis’ Rich Borries was there for a putback layup, giving the Wooden Shoes a 21-20 halftime lead they never relinquished.

Teutopolis now faces the state’s top-ranked team, undefeated Nashville, in the quarterfinals of Friday’s state tournament in Peoria.

Last year, the Wooden Shoes lost to the top-ranked team in the state, and eventual state champion Seneca, in the quarterfinals.

Teutopolis 55, Central A&M 45

Teutopolis	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-t			
Westendorf	28	6-8	0-0	1-3	0	2	17
Borries	32	3-5	0-1	4-10	2	3	6
Koester	29	2-8	1-3	0-3	3	2	6
Runde, Jason	32	5-14	12-14	1-5	3	0	22
Tipton	28	2-5	0-2	4-4	3	1	4
Haskenherm	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bathwell	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Schurmacher	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Zerrusen	7	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Deters	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Runde, John	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	160	18-40	13-20	10-26	11	8	55

Field Goal Percentage: .450 3-point goals: 6-16 Blocked shots: 3 Steals: 8 Turnovers: 9

Central A&M	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
		m-a	m-a	o-t			
Canaday	31	5-13	0-0	5-9	0	2	10
Stringer	32	5-7	1-2	1-5	1	2	11
Hogan	26	0-2	0-0	0-4	1	5	0
Sloan	28	1-6	0-0	0-2	6	4	2
Bond	32	8-15	1-2	1-1	0	2	18
Standley	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	2
Mitchell	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Scott	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Adamson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bressner	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Rarick	0+	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS	160	21-46	10-25	10-25	9	19	45

Field Goal Percentage: .457 3-point goals: 1-11 Blocked shots: 4 Steals: 4 Turnovers: 10

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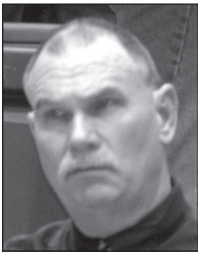
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SUNDAY at Belmont |
1 p.m. Nashville

SOFTBALL

SATURDAY vs. UC Davis |
11 a.m. San Jose, Calif.

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The capacity crowd at Lantz Arena for Tuesday night's Class A boy's basketball Super-sectional game between Teutopolis and Moweaqua Central A&M witnessed a historic event.

Next year, the IHSA will switch to four classes in boy's basketball and other sports, away from the current two-class system. Other sports, such as track and field, will switch to three classes.

Teutopolis head coach Ken Crawford (above), is retiring after this year, so he doesn't have to worry about the switch to four classes.

Here are three reasons why we disagree with the switch.

- 1. Everybody's a winner** – Moving to four classes will crown a state champion in four classes. This diminishes the actual feeling of winning a state championship. Athletics, even at the high school level, isn't meant to please everyone.
- 2. No clear plan** – When and where are all the four state tournaments going to be played? No definitive plan has been set in place, which is inexcusable. Right now, the girls' state basketball tournament is at Illinois State's Redbird Arena. The boys' state tournament is in Peoria at Carver Arena.
- 3. Last of a dying breed** – Illinois likes to boast it has some of the best high school basketball in the nation. Indiana used to say the same thing, but not much is heard of these days ever since the Hoosier State switched to four classes, also.

—Matt Daniels

SOFTBALL | PLAYER UNITY



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Senior softball players shortstop Chelsea Adams, catcher Sandyn Short and first baseman Katy Steele pose after practice at O'Brien Stadium. The three have played for four years and have become good friends.

Seniors move on up and out

Adams, Short and Steele form nucleus of team

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Sandyn Short used to not get along with Chelsea Adams.

In fact, the two could not stand each other. So much that Adams moved out of the dorm room she shared with Short after the first semester of their freshman year here at Eastern.
Fast-forward three years to now. Short, a senior catcher, and Adams, a senior shortstop, said, "(We) hang out together all the

time now."
"I think a big part of it was we were both really upset being as far away from home as we were," Short said.
Short came to Charleston four years ago from Davis, Calif., while Adams came from Everett, Wash.
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FOOTBALL | COACHING UPDATE

Hutson replacement search in full swing

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

The dual roles of co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach held by Mark Hutson, who left Charleston on Jan. 11 to coach the offensive line at Tulane, has made finding his replacement an unusual task.

But that task should be completed the week following spring break.

Associate athletic director John Smith, head coach Bob Spoo and wide receivers coach Mike Lynch, who played center at the University of Montana, are sorting through applications for both offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

Lynch said they have been writing summaries and ranking every applicant the last couple of days with the goal of creating a list of the top five candidates by Thursday.

"We want a guy with a lot of experience," Lynch said. "We want someone who has been in the fire, not someone who wants to learn, who has questions. We want someone with answers."

Smith said the next step is researching potential candidates during spring break and possibly conducting some phone interviews. Then the week after spring break Smith hopes to bring in "three or four" applicants for

THE COMMITTEE

» It is sorting through applications for the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach to replace Mark Hutson, who will coach the offensive line at Tulane.
»Committee to the right: Mike Lynch, wide receivers coach; Bob Spoo, head coach; John Smith, associate athletic director



interviews on campus and make a decision soon after.
The Eastern administration is still unsure if they will hire an offensive line coach and promote an inside candidate to full-time offensive coordinator duties or will hire a coach who can do both.
Co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Jorge Munoz was approached about becoming the Panthers' full-time offensive coordinator.
"He is being considered and Jorge is very well thought of," Smith said. "If coach Spoo feels Jorge is the best fit for the offense then we will hire the best offensive line coach."
Munoz last held the position at Division III Anderson University in Anderson, Ind. The Ravens averaged more than 450 yards of offense and 30 points per game in Munoz's two seasons at the helm from 2001-02. But a decision has yet to be made on Munoz.
Smith is in charge of whittling

down the 100-plus applications received since Eastern posted the job opening on the NCAA Web site.
Eastern's position is one of 13 other football coaching openings posted on the NCAA's Web site and this lack of opportunities might explain the huge number of applications submitted.
Lynch said the majority of the applicants have come from coaches at the I-AA level but some have I-A experience.
Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni thinks otherwise.
"When we have an opening it's always attractive because coach Spoo's such a good guy to work for," Bellantoni said.
"It's really been amazing," Lynch said. "So many people are interested because coach Spoo is so well-respected. He really is a legend in this profession."
Smith also pointed to Eastern's excellent track record of moving its coaches to higher levels as a

reason for the many applicants.
Mike Shannahan, head coach of the Denver Broncos, was Eastern's offensive coordinator in 1978 and Roy Wittke spent 13 seasons with the Panthers before he took over as quarterbacks coach at Arkansas in 2003. Wittke was hired by Arizona State to be its offensive coordinator in 2006 and is now the offensive coordinator at Northern Illinois.
Smith said finding a replacement for Hutson is underway because the team will begin spring practices March 26.
With 100-plus candidates from across the country and all levels of college football, the Panthers should get a suitable replacement for Hutson, whose offensive line had three all-Ohio Valley Conference selections this season.
The offensive line also helped create running room for Eastern's second all-time leading rusher and 2006 OVC co-offensive player of the year, senior Vincent Webb Jr.