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EIU ANNUITANTS

Righter: Quinn to veto bill

Righter says Gov. Quinn told him he would veto bill

By Marcus Smith
Online Editor

Gov. Pat Quinn is refusing to sign Senate Bill 178, which would extend the state's current health plans for two years and start negotiations over for a new plan.

"The governor has so far refused to sign the bill," Sen. Dale Righter said. "In fact, he told me personally he is going to veto it."

He said that the bill passed with a vote of 98-15 and was liked downstate, upstate and by both political parties.

Righter said this means that the plans that state employees will have do not have local providers.

"It's pretty poorly thought out, awfully executed, group health insurance procurement by the governors office," he said. "And it turns out that most counties in Illinois, including Coles, won't have the provider networks in place and folks are understandably concerned."

Righter said as of Monday the bill still sits on the governor's desk.

Righter said he does not understand why the governor does not sign the bill since he issued a 90-day contract extension.

Righter said due to a court ruling in June all plans have been

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Senator Dale Righter

eliminated, but the Quality Care Health Plan which is the most expensive option and least helpful.

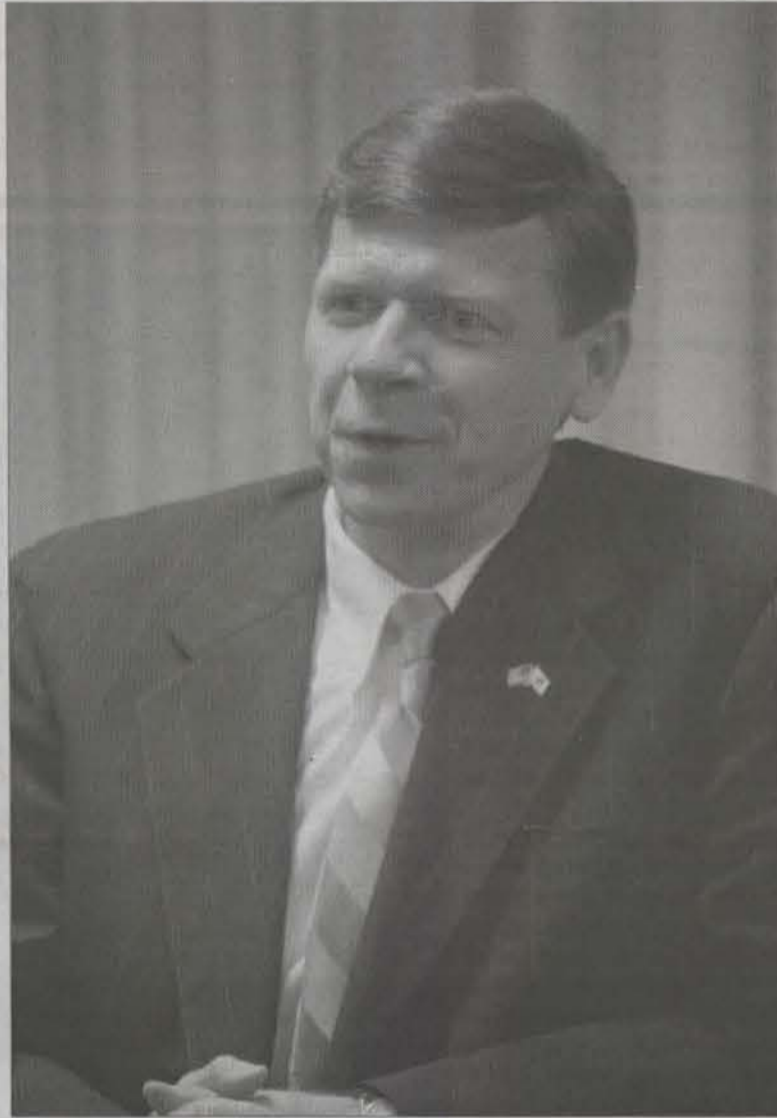
"There was a court decision in June, and before the court decision came about it was very easy to see where this is headed," Righter said.

He said with a Quality Care Health Plan, the premiums and out-of-pocket expenses will go up, but it can be used in more areas than some other plans. He said this plan would be good for some, but will not be a good fit or most.

Righter said health care was the only thing discussed at the EIU Annuity meeting Thursday.

Righter said everything is up in the air and the ball is in the governor's court.

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FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sen. Dale Righter spoke to EIU Annuity about health care at the meeting Thursday.

CITY

Council to vote on city repairs

By Jennifer Brown
Administrator Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote on a resolution Tuesday to repair cracks before they expand into further damaged repairs.

The council said they are setting aside \$75,000 to seal the pavement cracks on Madison and Polk avenues and Division Street.

John Inyart, mayor of Charleston, said a final amount is not set yet, but the construction work may be set to begin this fall.

"It extends the life of the road," Inyart said. "If the crack is open and it gets water in it, it can freeze and cause the crack to expand to create potholes."

The city will seal the cracks with tar once the process begins, Inyart said.

Inyart said the council is signing a contract with Spear Financial Inc. to refinance the bonds for the city repairs completed in 2003-2004.

Repairs to the water treatment plant were completed in 2003 and bonds were purchased for the repairs to the swimming pool in 2004, Inyart said.

"Since that time, interest rates have gone down," Inyart said. "Refinancing these bonds should save taxpayers some money."

Inyart said the council plans to refinance the bonds this fall.

The council will approve a TIF agreement that it has to complete repairs on the Up-towner.

"We did the initial part of the work," Inyart said. "The funds we're awarding with the amendment will pay for the extra work has to be done."

Inyart said the emergency repairs included sidewalks that had moved in from the street.

The total cost for the repairs was \$19,000, Inyart said.

"We had to take in doors and windows that led into the building," Inyart said. "We had to fill in the area so it wouldn't settle."

The council will vote on an agreement for engineering work that will be completed on stone bridges around Charleston, Inyart said.

"This will tell an engineer what has to be done and they'll put in a form for when they get prices for it," Inyart said.

Inyart said they're obligating around \$50,000 for the repairs to the bridges; \$6500 of which will be used for the engineering agreement.

Inyart said the bridges need to be tuckpointed to be repaired.

"They need to seal them up and keep them from coming apart," Inyart said.

There is no set date for the bridgework to begin, Inyart said.

ENERGY CENTER

Employees work kinks out of boilers

By Marcus Smith
Online Editor

The Renewable Energy Center is in the process of getting all the boilers up and running to full capacity.

Chad Weber, campus mechanical engineer, said they have three of the four boilers in place, and the three that have been in place have been up and running. The fourth boiler will come over from the current power plant.

Weber said they are working at getting the boilers up to the specified performance, and it will not be long before the facility is in full operation.

In the future, there are plans to burn other bio-mass fuel sources such as willow trees, but that will not be for a while, Weber said.

"During the first performance year of the facility it has to run on wood chips," he said.

Weber said that the university is investigating whether it would be profitable to sell the ash, but it is not known if there is a viable market for it.

Weber said when things are up in full swing, trucks of wood chips will come in, be weighed and then be hoisted up right at



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Construction workers work on the roof framework of the Renewable Energy Center Sept. 22, 2010.

a 60-degree angle to dump the chips out of the truck.

From there the chips are screened to remove any foreign materials.

He said then they will sit in the building until needed at which point a conveyor will move the chips along the way and into the gasification unit and finally into

the boiler units.

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Relax in the Red Zone



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Cody Esparza, an eighth grade student from Nathan Hill Middle School, relaxes during an ongoing music camp Monday afternoon in Doudna's 'Red Zone'.

EIU History Lesson

July 19

- 2007 Eastern's athletic department launched a new website, which assistant sports information director Bart Rettberg said had been in the works for about six months.
- 2005 The construction of the Doudna Fine Arts Center expanded, eliminating more than 27 faculty parking spaces in surrounding parking lots.
- 2005 Lynette Drake returned as the director of Health Services after acting as vice president for Student Affairs.

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TRAINING

Babysitters training a valuable opportunity

By Greg Sainer
Activities Editor

The City of Charleston is offering Babysitting 101 for potential babysitters.

The class, focusing on training babysitters, is one of the many activities organized by the City of Charleston's parks and recreation department.

The class is taught by Christina Miller, an instructor working through the Illinois Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"The things that I really like about the babysitting class is that it teaches young individuals a lot of

important skills," Miller said. "It teaches the individuals to be better prepared for babysitting."

Miller said the class prepares babysitters by teaching different activities appropriate for particular age groups, and that participants in the class would receive a disc that includes forms that could be used to record information about the child.

"It talks about different age-appropriate activities for the child and the developmental stage of children at different ages," Miller said.

Miller said they have document files to print out forms for the parents to fill out and leave special instructions, such as emergency con-

tacts and medical conditions.

Class participants could also choose to learn how to respond in specific emergency situations, Miller said. She said the class is more intense than people might expect.

"There are a lot of extra components that you can teach in the babysitting program, Miller said. "You can do additional first aid and CPR (training), and we cover rescue breathing. It's a lot more intense than people would imagine a typical babysitting class would be, because of the information we're covering."

Miller described the class as "information rich" and said that she did not learn much of what is

taught to participants until becoming a parent herself.

"A lot of the things that they teach, I had to take parenting classes as an adult to learn when I had children.... This is a class I would even recommend to new parents, just because of the material that's covered in it."

For the City of Charleston program, the class is accepting students between the ages of 10 and 16, according to the Charleston Parks and Recreation website.

Kimberly Wargo, the city organizer for the babysitting class, said minimum enrollment in order to hold the class is six, and that the

city has had to cancel a session in the past due to falling short of the required number.

"There were six or seven students in (the previous) class, but in other brochure seasons before, some times it has been canceled because we've only had two or three people enrolled, and we need a minimum of six," Wargo said.

Wargo said the babysitting class would be offered again later this year, but that the dates were still to be determined.

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LOCAL

Couple keep tasty strawberry bread coming out of oven

By Melissa Sturtevant
News Editor

Charleston restaurant What's Cookin' has been making homemade strawberry bread since June 1980.

The recipe for the bread came from Therese Kincade's mother. The recipe has been passed down for at least three generations, said Bob Kincade, Therese's husband.

The two are co-owners of the restaurant and have been working together there for 31 years.

Bob and Therese Kincade grew up in different areas. Therese Kincade is from the south side of Chicago while Bob Kincade is from Charleston.

They both went to Eastern, where Therese Kincade majored in communication and Bob Kincade received a bachelor's degree in business marketing.

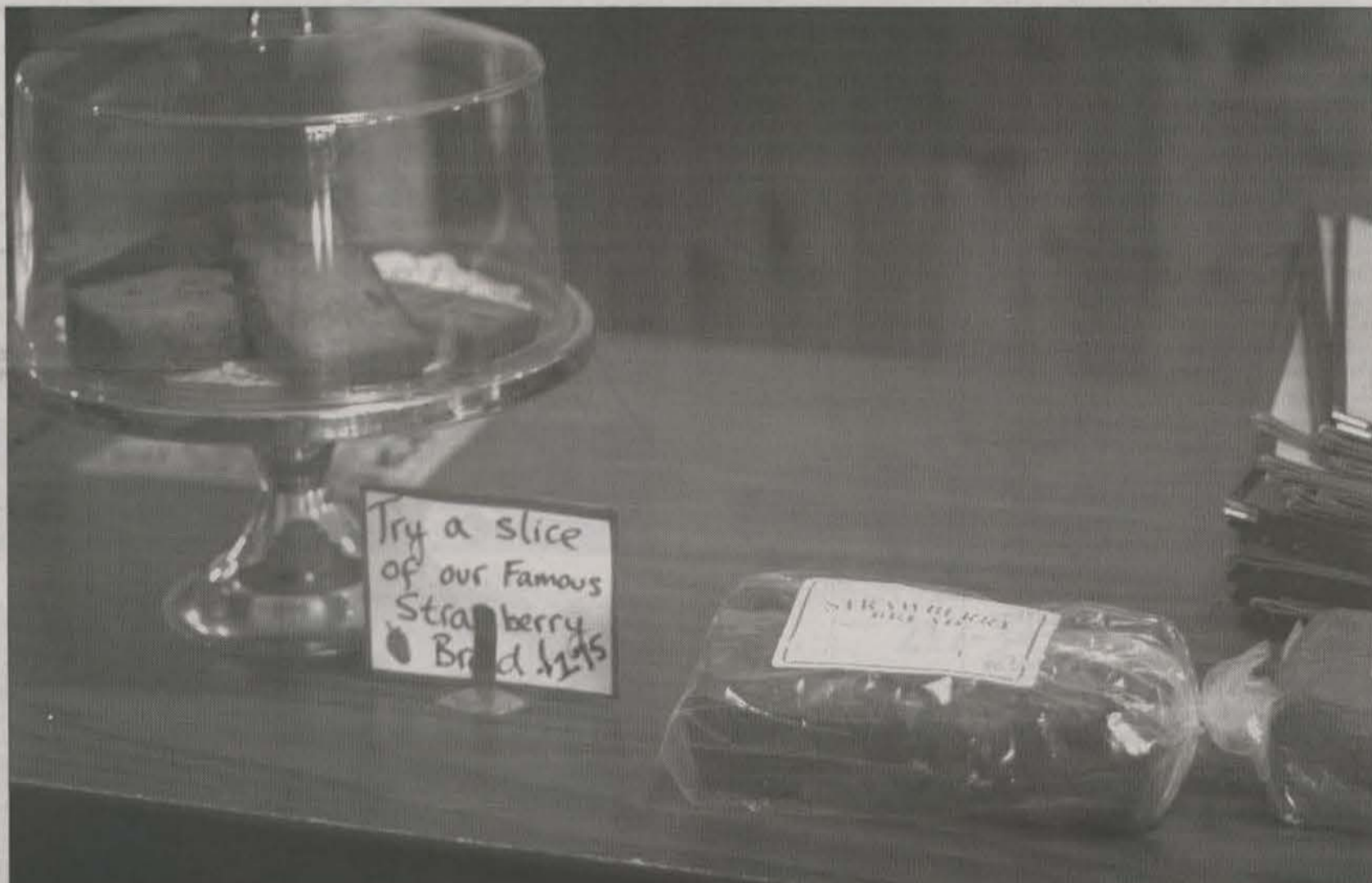
Bob Kincade said that although he and his wife work together, there has not been friction between the two while being in the restaurant business.

"We started the business together before we were married so we kind of grew up in the restaurant business," Bob Kincade said. "So we haven't had those challenges that you would think married people would have. We've gotten along really great and we've played off of each other's strengths and probably weaknesses. It's been a really good experience."

Bob Kincade said he and his wife, since they both went to Eastern, are proud of the group of regulars that come to their restaurant.

"We've been in business 31 years and we've had a lot of Eastern students look for us," Bob Kincade said. "We seem to get a lot of students on the weekends especially big weekends. They usually come here for breakfast."

Bob Kincade said he had always wanted to be in the restaurant business.



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Strawberry bread lays on the front counter at What's Cookin' the owners have been shipping the loaves all over the country for 25 years.

Before opening up What's Cookin', he had a small pizza shop.

"We started out making two loaves at a time. My wife wanted to make (strawberry bread) and I didn't think it would sell and it took off," Bob Kincade said. "Now we make 18 loaves at a time per batch."

The bread is sold year-round, how-

ever, there are certain times of the year when sales pick up.

"At Christmas time we sell a lot more (bread)," Bob Kincade said. "We have people pick up 30-40 loaves at a time."

The loaves are shipped all across the country, which has been going on for 25 years, Bob Kincade said.

Even though Bob and Therese Kin-

cade have been making the bread for so long, Bob Kincade said their children may not be interested in following in their footsteps.

"I don't know that our kids are interested in the restaurant business, but they are welcome to the recipe," Bob Kincade said. "That would make it four generations."

The recipe for the famous strawberry bread is never shared with anyone else. Only the final product is shared in order to allow people to enjoy it as much as the Kincades do.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Series defines our youth

This week we celebrate the end of an era for the Harry Potter book and movie series, which began in 1997 when some of the students on this campus were not even teenagers yet.

Thursday at midnight, the Mattoon movie theater sold out all seven screens showing the movie. It is clear by these sales that the movie has been and will be a success for as long as it stays in theaters.

When our staff sat down to talk about what we wanted to say about the Harry Potter series, the one thing that kept coming up was that it defined our generation in a way, as the Star Wars movies had in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

We believe the Harry Potter series has earned the right to be mentioned alongside the Star Wars series.

From the first book to the final movie, Harry Potter has gained a cult following.

The amount to which the series has affected this generation is shown vividly on Eastern's campus.

Harry Potter fanatics have formed a registered student organization in Harry Potter's name.

Booth Library has held events around the release of Harry Potter video games and to display Harry Potter memorabilia.

The aforementioned RSO, Harry Potter Club, has formed its own quidditch team and is competing with schools around Illinois, such as Illinois State University.

Fans dress up for the release of each movie. This includes the theater workers at Mattoon Showplace 10.

The book and movie series has also been followed closely throughout the U.S. and around the world.

Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. has its own park in honor of Harry Potter, called The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. There you walk into a world that resembles everything you see in the movies.

In London, people can take tours of Harry Potter sites seen in the movies.

Halloween costumes have been designed by either professionals or creative trick-or-treaters. Seeing Albus Dumbledore or Harry Potter on Halloween night has been a staple since the first movie was released.

Entire websites have been devoted to a single character's quotes from each movie.

Phrases from the series, mostly the spells, have become well known enough to say in every day life.

The cultural similarities to the Star Wars series are undeniable.

Just as Star Wars affected the world 20 to 30 years ago, the Harry Potter series has done that again, since 1997.

As the series ends, some people have said their childhood has ended with it. While that may be the case, as the series had a lasting affect on our youth, we believe Harry Potter, like Star Wars, will transcend the test of time.

Its impact on our generation will stick with us for as long as we live.

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COLUMN

Bring real rock and roll back to forefront

The past decade has not brought much in the way of tasteful music so to speak. Of course said statement definitely is dependent upon taste.

Nonetheless, my ears have heard nothing but the drone of pop-like rock wannabes and hippy-hop pop with a small dose of rap that has absolutely no resemblance to the early days of rap whatsoever.

Never fear rock and rollers, because rock and roll is making a comeback.

Once upon a time they said rock and roll is here to stay and that statement has a hint of truth considering some bands never stopped touring and recording.

Bands like AC/DC, Rush, Pearl Jam, Aerosmith, etc.

Who could forget the gracing presence of the Guns and Roses album that took fourteen years to make and was about as appealing as a leisure suit on a ninety degree day?

Rock and roll just lost its edge somewhere between 1997 and 1999 — about the time all the boy bands and Britney Spears and Eminem posers hit the scene.

However, some of our old-time rockers are on the fast road to attempted comebacks. For



Julian Russell

example, ZZ Top and Van Halen both have new albums coming out soon.

Steven Tyler is slipping away from American Idol and back into the studio.

A year or so back Tom Petty and Kiss both slapped out a new album. Billy Idol, Ted Nugent, Metallica, Megadeth all have wondered in and out of their remaining spotlights not so long ago.

Soundgarden is back together and touring, which as far as I'm concerned means the planets have aligned to their rightful rock and roll positions.

Sad to say the rumors of a Led Zeppelin studio reunion have dwindled.

Some bands went the wrong road like Alice

in Chains with their new singer or Queen trying to replace Freddie Mercury.

Rage Against the Machine has dropped rumors of a new album not to mention they've jammed out in their original lineup a few times since the death of Audioslave.

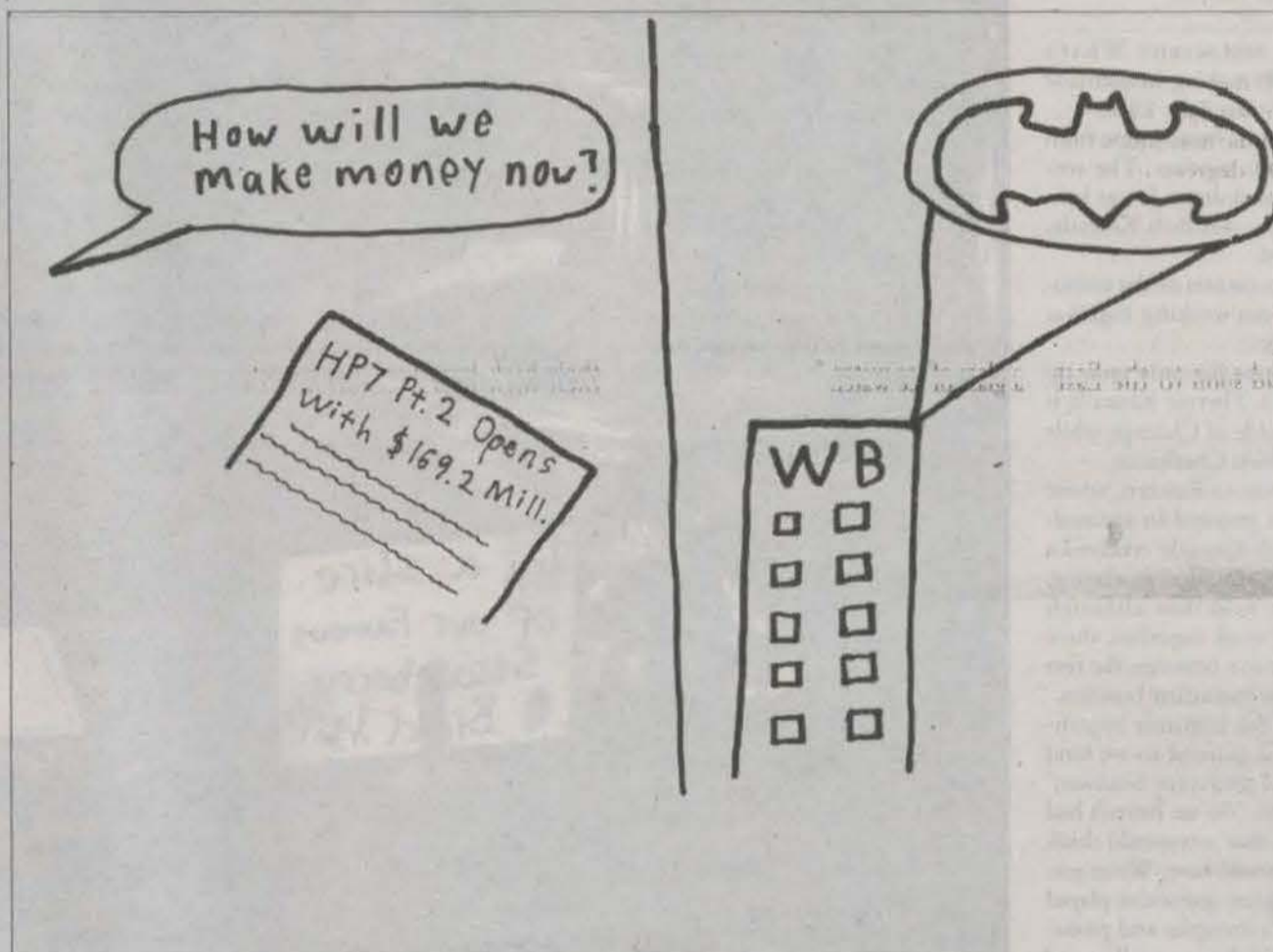
Even cooler is the fact that some new bands are sliding into the raging category of rock and roll like Cage the Elephant. They have a slight jam band quality which I am also a fan of, but when it comes down to it I was born rock and roll and will die rock and roll and will probably go deaf somewhere in-between.

The moral of this story is never fear rock and roll crusaders because the drab days of radio disgrace and unwanted senses violations are hopefully in the past.

I say that as if 90 percent of you do not simply ignore the radio anyway and plug in the iPods and MP3s. In my day, we had portable CD players that were useless before they invented anti-skip.

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Reading helps you more than harms you

Reading is something that everyone should do, and no I don't mean just or homework. I'm talking about picking up a novel and reading it front to back just for the fun of it.

Right now I am reading "The Picture of Dorian Gray." It was written in the 1800s and because of that I think it is one of the most beautifully written novels. Oscar Wilde's descriptions make the reader feel as if they are watching everything happen and the poetic writing makes the events even more tragic and/or exciting.

It is my favorite book I have reread at least 10 times. Every time I read it I feel the suspense anew. My second favorite book, Jane Eyre, I am rereading for the second time right now.

Each time I read my favorite books I can place myself in the main character's circumstance all over again. I feel what they feel and I think how they think.

Reading can not only make me feel like a different person, but it also takes me away from reality. When I am upset, happy, etc., I know that



Melissa Sturtevant

Jane Eyre will always be waiting for me within the faded pages of the novel trying to find out where she belongs.

Reading is also a good conversation piece. Just the other day I met someone for the first time and when the first almost-awkward silence occurred, I was able to fill it by asking about the person's favorite book—and guess what?—I had read the book he was talking about. It led to a very long, enjoyable conversation.

My best friend and I are able to go on and on

about our favorite books and have little debates over what style of writing is best for a novel.

I know this will sound cheesy, but reading also increases vocabulary, which can make someone sound more intelligent. I learned the word "amiable" by reading Jane Austen in high school. Now, that is one of my favorite words to use (I guess I acquire my love of intelligent-sounding words from my dad).

Reading has many uses. It is relaxing, it helps with conversation, and many other things. I wish more people read as vigorously as I do, however, reading at any rate will increase the chances of being able to have a more intelligent and meaningful conversation. So instead of downloading music, download a book (or do it the old-fashioned way and go to the bookstore). Hiding within the pages may be a new-found friend.

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NATION

Heat wave hardest on nation's poorest communities

By The Associated Press

HORIZON CITY, Texas — The cinderblocks that make up Maria Teresa Escamilla's new home will do little to shield her from the triple-digit heat that has been scorching West Texas. She has no electricity yet, and the roof is not properly attached, leaving the interior exposed to the elements.

Escamilla has been living in an air-conditioned apartment that she can no longer afford. But when the lease ends in two weeks, she has to move — a day she dreads because it means she'll have no escape from the searing temperatures.

"This is what I have to look forward to," she said. There will be no air conditioning and an unbearable number of mosquitoes at night.

With much of the nation in the grip of a broiling heat wave, few people are hit as hard as the poor, and few places are poorer than the ramshackle communities along the Texas-Mexico border known as "colonias."

The misery was widespread Monday, with the worst conditions blanketing a broad band from Texas to Minnesota and Dakotas. Seventeen states issued heat watches, warnings or advisories. And the heat index easily surpassed 100 degrees in many places: 126 in Newton, Iowa; 120 in Mitchell, S.D.; and 119 in Madison, Minn.

The high temperatures were nearly certain to persist for the entire week. Forecasters expected the extreme discomfort to spread soon to the East

Coast.

In towns large and small, the withering heat was cruellest to those who could not afford air conditioning.

Built at the edge of the desert, the colonias often lack electricity and running water. People bought the land before zoning regulations were adopted, hoping that utility services would follow.

To finance her house, Escamilla, who is 62, had to take out a loan against her funeral services and buy building materials recycled from demolition sites in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso.

Norma Salazar, who shares a tiny trailer home with her husband and six children in Horizon City, on the outskirts of El Paso, has to rely on an evaporative cooler, a cheap alternative to air conditioning that sucks the hot, dry desert air through a mesh of water-soaked fibers.

But it only cools half of the trailer, and when the heat climbs above 100, not even that.

"When it gets really hot, we turn on the fans and stay inside," Salazar said.

Going to a library or a mall to keep cool is not an option because the car doesn't have air conditioning. "So getting there is even worse than just staying inside, not moving," she added.

In downtown Minneapolis, where the heat index reached 106 degrees, the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center threw open its doors for anyone who needed to cool off and drink a glass of ice water.

Executive Director Bill Miller said he allowed about 200 people who slept at the shelter Sunday night to stay instead being asked to leave in the morning.

"We don't have them leave when it's this hot," he said. "It's hot enough to get dehydrated, especially if you're drinking. In this heat, it could kill you."

Betty Jean Horlacher-Bainbridge-Roswell slept at the center Sunday night before venturing out into the heat Monday morning. She was six blocks away when she was nearly overcome.

"I almost passed out because of the heat," the 55-year-old woman said, explaining that she suffers from diabetes, epilepsy, high blood pressure and other health issues. She pushed the baby-stroller filled with her belongings back to the center.

Had it been closed, "I would have probably died," she said.

Chicago officials opened six cooling centers, many of them in lower-income neighborhoods, along with hundreds of air-conditioned public buildings such as libraries, park facilities and police stations.

Anne Sheahan, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Family and Support Services, expected the number of people seeking refuge at the centers to climb in step with the temperatures, which were not expected to drop below the mid- to upper-90s throughout the week. The city was also offering rides to cooling centers.

Chicago authorities stepped up their high-heat precautions after a

1995 heat wave killed more than 700 people in less than a week. Now temperatures above 90 degrees trigger an emergency plan that includes city workers calling and visiting the frail and elderly.

Chicago school officials said they were making 1,500 fans available to schools that were not fully air-conditioned and asked teachers to keep blinds closed, move classes to cooler rooms and ensure students have water at all times.

Spokeswoman Marielle Sainvilus said the district would not cancel summer school classes during the heat because many students are poor.

"Unfortunately a lot of our kids do not have air conditioning at home," she said. "And they'll also get nutrition and a safe environment."

In East St. Louis, Ill., a mostly black city that's among the nation's poorest, 79-year-old Bernice Sykes spent Monday in a soup kitchen that had been pressed into service as a makeshift cooling center.

Sykes, a retired restaurant worker living on Social Security income, figured she had little choice to seek relief: One of her two tiny fans failed Sunday in her \$500-a-month efficiency apartment, which has no air conditioning.

"I want to get out of there as quick as I can," she said Monday. "Right here, I feel good. But I've got to use that one fan when I get home. It's just so hot."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which runs the soup kitchen, was hustling to offer other ways to beat

the heat, including deploying one of its two air-conditioned buses as mobile cooling stations and handing out water and wet rags for use as neck compresses.

"It's pretty brutal. When I got up this morning, it already was 80 degrees," said Pat Hogrebe, who works at the kitchen. "I'm hoping, praying for the cool weather angel to come. Today, it's just not here."

Even powerful fans can be of limited usefulness.

"When its 95 degrees out, and the fans blow out hot air that's not enough to drive down body heat," said Bobby Mukkamala, an ear, nose and throat doctor from a suburb of Flint, Mich., a once-thriving auto manufacturing town where the economy has steadily declined.

In Oklahoma, the intense heat has generated a flood of applications from elderly and low-income residents for money to help pay their utility bills.

The Summer Cooling Assistance Program was launched July 11 and ended just three days later when all \$22 million in the budget were paid out, said Rick Steen, director of field operations for the Department of Human Services in southwestern Oklahoma.

Back in El Paso, Grace Ortiz heads a task force that tries to prevent heat-related deaths. She says the group has given out more than 400 fans this year and expects to distribute twice that number before the summer is over, mainly to the elderly and needy families with children.

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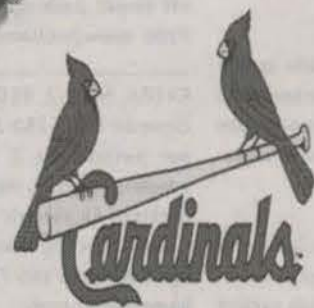
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WORLD

US defeated by Japan in World Cup final

By The Associated Press

TOKYO — This Japanese flower bloomed just when the country needed it most.

A nation reeling from months of tragedy united in joyous celebration Monday after its women's soccer team — nicknamed "Nadeshiko" for a pink mountain flower — won the World Cup by beating the United States.

Fans decked out in the team's dark blue colors hugged and sang in Tokyo as they watched the players lift the World Cup on live TV broadcasts from Germany.

On Tuesday morning, thousands of joyous, flag-waving fans turned out to greet the team as they arrived home, and two fire trucks shot out

celebratory arches of water over the team's aircraft as it approached the terminal at Tokyo's Narita Airport.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan called the victory the "greatest gift" to the nation, especially to the residents of the northeast coast most devastated by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The twin disasters left nearly 23,000 people dead or missing and caused partial meltdowns at a nuclear power plant that added to the tragedy.

The "Nadeshiko" mountain flower is believed to be a symbol of femininity in traditional Japanese culture. But some fans said the players defied the traditional feminine role with their tough playing style.

The team, which had to come back twice from one-goal deficits,

demonstrated courage by playing "a diehard match even when they were on the back foot," Kan said in the statement carried by Kyodo news agency.

Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa said the victory will encourage those working to help Japan bounce back.

"I'm delighted. The team showed great perseverance and sent a good message toward recovery from the major disaster," Kyodo quoted Kitazawa as telling reporters in Aomori.

Japan's players used the disasters as motivation throughout the tournament, watching pictures of the devastation from their homeland before some matches.

The team displayed a banner

reading "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support" before the final.

Added Toru Komatsu, 22: "This is a chance to forget the nuclear disaster and everything else, to just to unite and celebrate."

Several members of the national squad played for the former professional team sponsored by Tokyo Electric Power Co., owner of the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant.

Japan became the first Asian nation to win the Women's World Cup, beating the U.S. 3-1 in a penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw.

Bars and restaurants that showed the game live in central Tokyo were packed for the kickoff at 3:45 a.m. local time Monday — a national holiday. At some venues, dozens of

fans stood in the street and watched through the windows of crowded establishments.

After the victory, chanting fans spilled into Tokyo's streets. In Shibuya, a neighborhood known for its youth pop culture, dozens of police kept a small group of boisterous fans from wandering out into traffic.

Special edition newspapers proclaiming the victory were printed by the national papers and handed out to pedestrians Monday morning, while scenes from the game were replayed constantly on television.

"It has been so scary with the earthquake and everything," said 22-year-old Miaki Tomiyama. "The team has given us happiness."

STATE

Wood struggles as Cubs lose to Marlins, 7-5

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs thought Brett Hayes was out. Hayes thought he was safe, and second base umpire Lance Barrett agreed.

Good thing for the Florida Marlins that Barrett had the final call.

Hayes scored the go-ahead run on Greg Dobbs' bases-loaded walk in Florida's three-run eighth inning, and the Cubs lost 7-5 at Wrigley Field on Sunday.

Hanley Ramirez homered during Florida's three-run first, belting a long solo drive for his ninth of the season. John Buck hit three singles and reached four times.

The Marlins went ahead for good during the wild eighth.

Mike Stanton started the inning with a strikeout but hustled to first when Wood's fastball struck home plate umpire Phil Cuzzi in the mask and rolled back to the screen. Mike

Cameron hit into a double play, but Wood hit Buck and walked pinch-hitter Wes Helms.

Hayes came in to run for Buck and nearly was picked off second, but second base umpire Lance Barrett ruled he was safe. Cubs manager Mike Quade ran onto the field to protest and replays suggested he had reason to complain.

"It's getting tough to watch some of this," Quade said. "I get bang-bang (plays). I have all the respect in the world for these (umpires). We've heard a lot of comments lately and I try to stay out of it, but there were a couple of calls in this series that were mind-boggling."

Emilio Bonifacio then reached on an infield single, setting the table for Dobbs' four-pitch walk against Wood (1-5). Logan Morrison then hit a two-run single to center that made it 7-4.

"Terrible, absolutely terrible,"

Wood said about the call at second. "I didn't make pitches after that obviously. ... (Barrett) was right on it, right on top of it, and butchered it."

Chicago (38-58) dropped three of four in the series to fall to 20 games under .500.

"It was not a good series for us, but we had company," Quade said, referring to the umpires. "And I hope that as accountable as we need to be, those guys are being accountable."

Hayes said he thought he was safe but Helms disagreed.

"He out. I can lead off first base and see you were out," Helms said.

"Well apparently I was out," Hayes responded.

Aramis Ramirez hit a two-out RBI double in the bottom half of the eighth but Randy Choate came in and got Carlos Pena to bounce out to end the inning. Leo Nunez allowed Marlon Byrd's leadoff single in the ninth before retiring three straight for

his 26th save.

Four Florida pitchers retired 20 straight batters after Darwin Barney's single in the second, the streak ending with Starlin Castro's two-out walk against Steve Cishek in the eighth.

Reed Johnson, Castro and Ramirez each doubled and scored during Chicago's three-run first. Johnson added a sacrifice fly in the second.

Randy Wells allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings for Chicago. The right-hander has surrendered at least four runs in each of his last five starts and is winless since he beat Arizona in his first game of the season on April 4, a span of nine starts.

"(Wells) is nowhere near where we want him to be," Quade said. "I thought he was better after the first inning."

Wells' first-inning problems continued on Sunday. He walked leadoff hitter Bonifacio and Dobbs followed with an opposite-field homer that

landed in the basket in left-center.

"You warm up and come out and try to establish a plan," Wells said. "It's pretty obvious where it went wrong."

One batter later, Ramirez launched a 3-2 pitch that nearly left Wrigley Field just a shade to the left of center. The ball landed behind the camera booth behind the batter's eye.

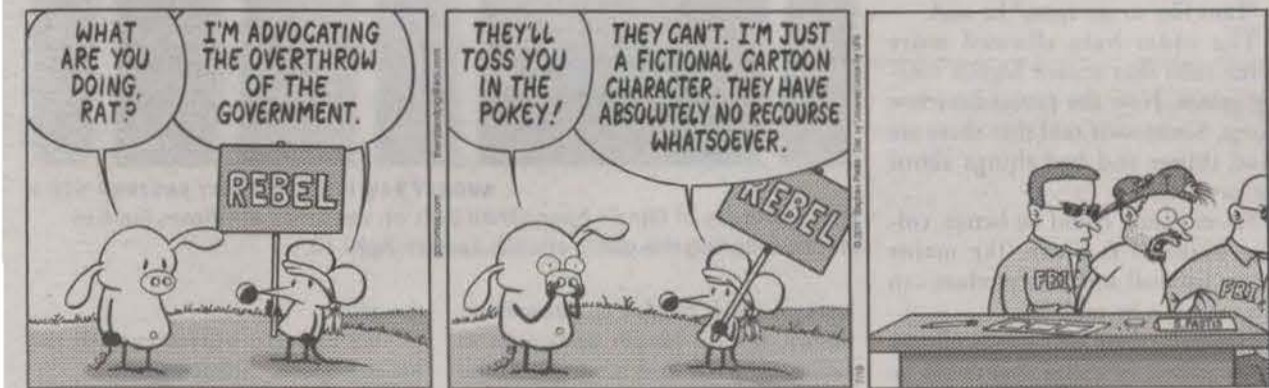
Wells has allowed 13 first-inning runs in 10 starts this season, including five of the 10 homers he has surrendered.

"(Wells) battled to get through six," Quade said. "Kept us in the game on a tough day to pitch. Wish we could have tacked on a few late."

Chris Volstad gave up four runs and six hits in three innings for Florida. Burke Badenhop replaced him and threw three perfect innings. Edward Mujica (8-2) tossed a perfect seventh and leads the Marlins in victories.

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BASEBALL

5 players named to all-star teams

Coach says this shows improvement for next season

By Marcus Smith
Online Editor

The work of Eastern baseball players in summer leagues is paying off and coach Jim Schmitz said this is proof that these players are improving.

Cameron Berra, Adam Clark, Joe Greenfield, Nick Priessman and Tyler Schweigert, members of Eastern's baseball team made it to the all-star team of their respective summer leagues.

Schmitz, head coach of the baseball team, said after last season individual improvement was one of the keys to improving as a team.

"It's exciting to see the five or six guys working hard to develop and get better, so it says they are definitely trying to improve and if they do that and if everybody improves a little bit then we will be better as a team," he said.

Schmitz said after last season's record (18-33) it was clear that the team needed to work on their personal improvement.

"We talked about as a team we needed to get better, obviously they had a disappointing season, so summer league baseball is where they get to play a lot of games and develop," Schmitz said. "Development is something we really push."

He said he is pleased with this accomplishment because there are numerous teams in various leagues and this makes it more difficult for play-

ers to stand out. Schmitz said this development indicates that the programs recruiting is working and the players are improving.

Schmitz said that each league is different in how they decide who makes the all-star roster and it is probably done by the coaches voting on who should make the all-star team.

He said assistant coach Jason Belk is responsible for getting the players placed on their summer league teams, and it is a great deal of work and time spent on the phone. The work at placing players on summer leagues is accomplished the fall before they are to play on a summer league.

Cameron Berra, catcher and outfielder, said it is an honor to be named to the all-star team of St. Louis Area Collegiate League.

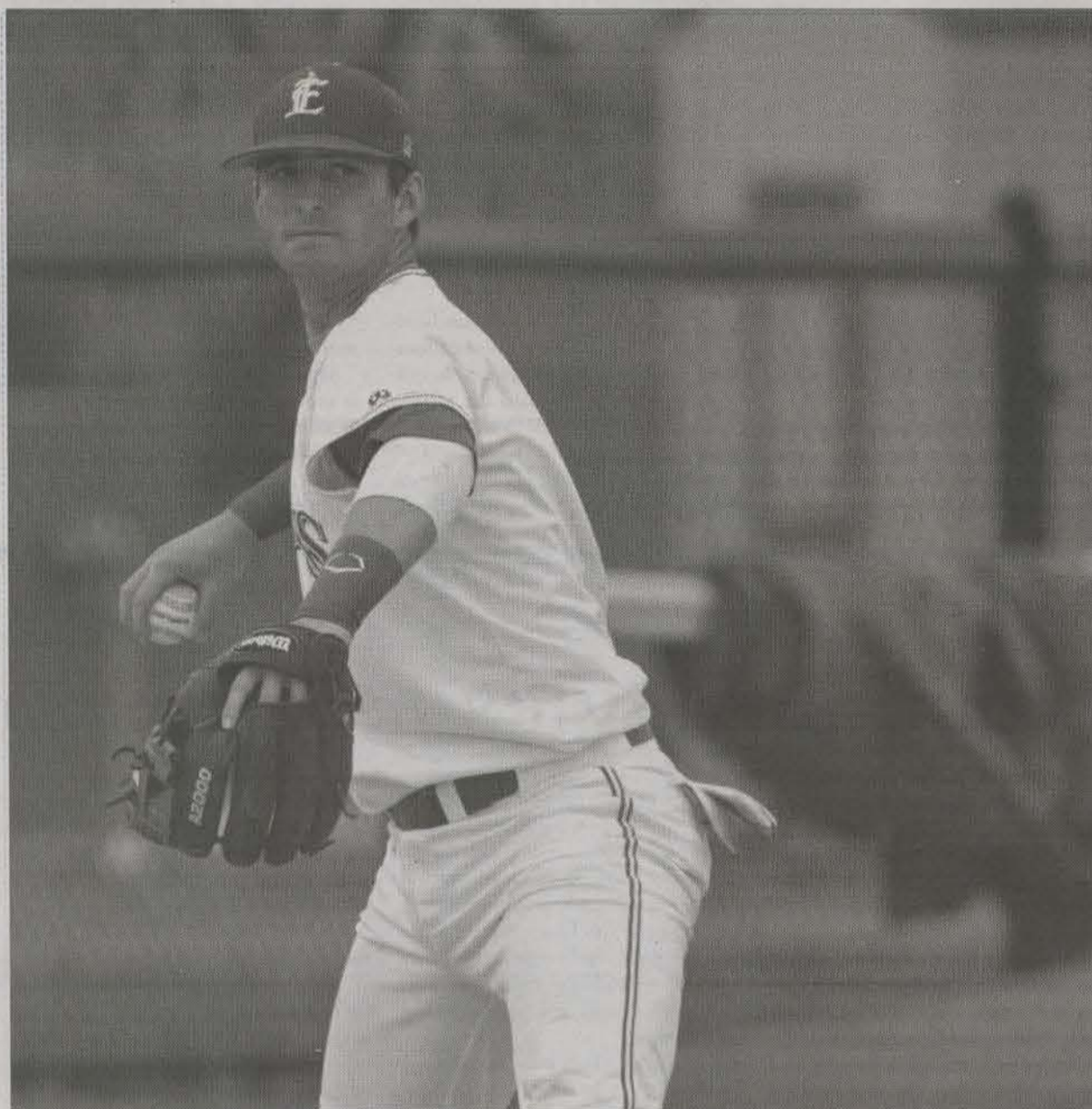
"It's always pretty cool to be named an all-star and to be kind of like one of the top players in the league," he said. "Also you get to play with and against the best players."

Berra said he played on all-star teams in high school, but it is different than playing at the college level because at the high school level it is a lot of traveling and playing in tournaments.

He said on his all-star team there are two players for each position and nine pitchers, one for each inning and one reserve.

He said he thinks he was named because he has been hitting well.

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Sophomore infielder Ryan Dineen sets himself to throw to first base during a game against Murray State Apr. 23 at Coaches Stadium. Dineen was named to the all-star squad for the Valley Baseball League, and the Valley Baseball League's Southern Division Player of the Week.

REGULATIONS

Bats could change game

By Audrey Sawyer
Photo Editor

Whether the college baseball world has changed for the good or not is yet to be determined. The era of long, high scoring games may be over.

In January the NCAA put into effect a new standard for bats used in college baseball. Bat-Ball Coefficient Of Restitution (BBCOR) measures the "trampoline effect" of a bat.

The previous standard was called the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR). There are multiple reasons for the change.

Safety is always a concern as well as the goal of creating a metal bat as similar to wooden bat as possible.

Alan Nathan, a professor of physics at the University of Illinois and chair of the Society for American Baseball Research's Baseball and Science Committee, wrote an article that compares the performance of different types of baseball bats.

Nathan explained that a wood bat acts like a rigid surface whereas an aluminum bat is thin and flexible. Therefore an aluminum bat can "give" when it hits the ball.

"The more flexible the wall, the less the ball compresses and therefore the less energy lost in the collision,"

Nathan said.

With a metal bat the ball can go further than with a wood bat because of the amount of energy lost at the time of contact. Wood decreases the energy more so than metal.

"The reason the bats changed is the exit speed off the older bats was too fast with the pitcher being so close," Eastern's head baseball coach Jim Schmitz.

"So the new bat is similar to a wood bat's exit speed." He said that the newer bats are definitely safer due to the fact that wood breaks.

Schmitz has always said that the choice between wood and metal also comes down to a cost factor. One swing can crack a wooden bat, it's much more difficult to crack a metal bat.

Considering the cost of replacing bats throughout the season compared to replacing bats every season it's a simple choice. Metal bats are more cost effective.

The BBCOR standards are also active in high school baseball.

Schmitz said that the older bats made it harder to evaluate a player when recruiting. The older bats allowed the balls to go further.

"New bats show how good of a hitter a player really is," Schmitz said.

Unlike Schmitz, Tony Simmonds, head baseball coach at Lake Land College, is not a huge fan of the BBCOR.

When it comes to college baseball he said he feels that it's already hard to get fans to games. With the new bats it might be even harder.

"Fans like to see runs," he said.

The older bats allowed more home runs that meant higher scoring games. Now the games have low scores. Simmonds said that there are good things and bad things about the new bats.

Faster games could be better, college baseball is more like major league baseball and now pitchers can throw inside, he said.

However, there isn't much offense in the games now and that could be discouraging to high school players who are potentially trying to impress scouts.

The fact that a player's home run stats could potentially be cut in half from the 2010 season to this past season makes it harder on coaches, players and even scouts.

"The bats can change the stats a lot. Scouts don't yet know how to judge the stats now. What is a good player? It's harder to evaluate," Simmonds said.

The BBCOR means that players



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The University of Illinois hangs their bats on the fence at Grimes Field in Mattoon during the game against Eastern April 12.

have to push harder to show their talent. It's no longer as simple as swinging a bat and hitting a home run to impress a coach or a scout.

Strength and power is needed more now than before for teams and players to earn more runs and win games.

Kim Schuette, the head coach for Eastern's softball team, said with softball there is an issue of it being too "hot." This means that the bats are getting "hotter" throughout the season making it dangerous for the players.

Schuette said softball as a whole is trying to control their bats and fix

the game. "We concern ourselves with the bat exit speed," Schuette said.

Which was one of the reasons baseball replaced the BESR standard with the BBCOR.

In the future, it could be possible that softball will instill a similar standard to that of baseball.

The goal of safety in both sports means that research will be continuous while trying to find ways to make the sports fairer and safer.

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