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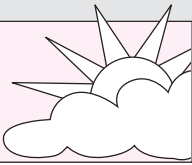
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## Big losers



Cubs, Cards  
and Sox all  
losers  
Tuesday.

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# Jorns will retire in two years

## President anxious to start \$9.5 million renovation before leaving

By DAN FIELDS  
Editor in chief

On July 3, Eastern's Board of Trustees Chair Susan Gilpin received a letter from Eastern President David Jorns.

Monday, the letter was released to the public.

"My time at Eastern has, to date, been exciting and fulfilling. However it's time for a change," a portion of the letter stated.

With those words, Jorns announced his retirement from Eastern effective July 1, 1999. The letter was released at the BOT's meeting in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Jorns, 53, has been Eastern's seventh president for more than 4 1/2 years. Having no regrets, Jorns said it was only fair that he give the Board ample time to find a successor to the university's top administrative post.

"I leave Eastern with great peace of



David Jorns

mind," Jorns said. "The next administration will receive an institution in excellent working condition.

"I believe it is in the best interest of the university and the Board of Trustees to allow sufficient time for an orderly transition to new leadership."

This isn't the only vacancy the BOT will have to deal with in the upcoming months. Terry Weidner, the interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the past three years, announced his retirement plans earlier this year. Weidner had replaced Barbara Hill in 1995 after she had retired from the post.

Jorns came to Eastern in November of 1992 from Northern Kentucky University, where he had served as the Vice

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David Jorns

President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Before that, Jorns had previously held teaching and administrative positions at West Texas University, Mankato State University and the University of Missouri.

Jorns earned a bachelor's degree in radio and television and a master's degree in speech and drama from Oklahoma State University. He earned his doctorate's in theater history and drama from UCLA in 1973.

Jorns said that in his remaining two years here, he would like more emphasis put on the strategic planning process that would lead Eastern into the next century.

"We are beginning to enter the most critical stage of the strategic planning process – that of comparing ourselves to other colleges and universities – to insure that our productivity is at optimum levels," Jorns said. "This will help guide future strategic planning activities under new leadership and serve as an important accountability tool for the university in years to come."

Jorns said he is also anxious to be involved with a \$9.5 million student-approved campus improvement, which will stretch out over the next three years.

Some of the projects include: a 24-hour computer lab, an addition to the Clinical Services Building, a campus debit-card system, pilot project funding for direct Internet access for rooms in at least one resident hall, a paved two-mile recreational path, various campus exterior appearance projects, air conditioning in the residence halls and a food court.

## ESL problems lead to investigation

By DENISE RENFRO  
Campus editor

Allegations of misappropriation of funds, professors' lack of experience, inadequate materials and inconsistent admission standards were voiced by nearly a dozen foreign students at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

Approximately 50 people attended the nearly three-hour long special meeting to address problems within Eastern's English as a Second Language program.

The Senate took everyone's comments into consideration and unanimously passed a motion to recognize problems within the English Language Center documented in the last few weeks and make sure that students currently enrolled in the program would be compensated for services promised but not received.

Representatives from the University of Illinois-Chicago and from Western Illinois University have been invited to Eastern to evaluate the ESL program. The representatives will speak with Rita Holmes, the ESL program director, Thomas Gladsky, dean of Graduate School and International Programs, President David Jorns, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Charles Evans and professors and students involved in the program.

One visitor at the meeting said the findings of the group examining the program do not matter if the students are unhappy with

the program.

Students within the program told the Senate some of the problems within the department include:

- Allegations that admission standards for incoming students are unclear and inconsistent.

- Allegations that students are not effectively evaluated as to their progress or levels of competence.

- ESL instructors are not qualified to teach English.

- Materials are inadequate and reused for different levels of classes and the written costs of these materials are not consistent with the actual cost.

- Allegations that Holmes has misused some of the funds for the program along with other complaints about services not received that students are charged for.

Holmes was not able to be contacted at press time and did not attend the meeting. Evans told the Senate that she did not feel that the meeting was the right forum for a discussion of the issues.

Some students voiced concerns that their visas would be revoked if they voiced problems within the program.

Evans ensured students that neither Holmes, nor Eastern could revoke their visas.

"Our concerns about the ESL account have not been addressed," said student Julien Martin Johnston. "I want to see the students receive the respect they deserve – they pay three times the tuition of the normal

student."

Sumie Kashima, a junior in the ESL program, said, "We want to talk to Ms. Holmes, but she didn't show up."

Holmes' records of the ESL account have been turned over to an internal auditor for inspection.

"There is no evidence of misappropriation," Evans told the Senate.

However, Senate member Lankford Walker presented checks that Holmes had signed her name to and marked out "for deposit only – ESL accounts."

Yasuo Shionoya, vice president for Sensoku Gakuen College, flew in to Charleston to attempt to help in the conflict between the English Language Center and the nine Japanese students from his school.

"I am shocked, very shocked and dissatisfied that Rita Holmes did not come here to answer the students," he said. Shionoya said he tried to get in contact with Holmes during his stay in Charleston but could not set up a meeting with her.

Sionoya said he will consider sending more students here only if there are clarifications and changes in the policy. He said he wants to see the contract between the schools and the students revised and clarified.

"We are pleased to discuss change," he said.

The Senate will wait for results from the evaluations of the program and of the accounts before further exploring the alleged problems within the department.



JOHN BATES/Photo editor

Charles Evans, Eastern's Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, addresses the Faculty Senate Tuesday at its meeting in the BOB Room of Booth Library.

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## Safety of breast implants to be reviewed by panel

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — In a move that could affect thousands of lawsuits over breast implants, a court-appointed panel will publicly review conflicting scientific studies about the controversial products. The panel was to begin today by hearing from experts representing implant makers and women who have sued the companies.

Many women say they have been harmed by implants, a claim manufacturers dispute. Both sides cite studies they say prove their point.

U.S. District Judge Sam Pointer, presiding in about 19,000 implant suits consolidated for pretrial negotiations, has given the four-member panel the task of evaluating the different findings to help courts decide the cases.

Members, nominated by an

independent committee and approved by Pointer, will provide videotaped testimony for use in court.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Robert Jones of Portland, Ore., used a similar panel and ruled there was insufficient scientific evidence to prove silicone implants cause disease in women. The decision concerned some 80 cases, but was not binding on other courts.

The current panel was expected to have more of an impact because of Pointer's status as the judge in charge of most of the federal lawsuits involving implants.

Pointer has said the work also may be valuable in bankruptcy proceedings involving Dow Corning Corp., once the nation's largest implant manufacturer.

## Bank robber passes out money to folks

SEATTLE (AP) — Robin Hood should be this bold.

David Deyoe, 39, was arrested after he held up the Washington Federal Savings Bank on Monday, walked outside and calmly handed fistfuls of dollars to passers-by, authorities said.

"He just was handing it out as fast as they would take it just before officers arrived," FBI spokeswoman Roberta Burroughs said.

"When the officers had the scene in view, all they could see was a crowd around this guy. He just threw money and people were

grabbing it." Authorities said Deyoe was unarmed when he handed a bank teller a note demanding money. He walked out with an undisclosed sum, and soon had more than 100 people flocking around for a share of the loot.

"People had no idea where this money was coming from," Burroughs said. "Some were asking him, 'Did you just win the lottery?' He said, 'No, I'm rich.'" Most of the money was recovered, but the FBI asked anyone who received stolen bills to return them to the bank. Deyoe was charged with suspicion of bank robbery.

## Pot roast causes choking

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A man flew into a rage and choked his roommate after a pot roast fell out of the oven and burned his bare feet, police said.

Roman Felix Kasprzcki, 55, was arrested for investigation of assault.

Kasprzcki apparently was drunk on Saturday when he yanked open the oven door as

the 51-year-old woman he lives with was cooking a roast, police said. The roast fell on his feet.

"He became enraged and walked across the apartment, violently choking her so she could barely breathe," Sgt. Gary F. Gallinot said.

The woman was not seriously hurt, but Kasprzcki was treated at a hospital for second-degree burns on his feet.

# Heroin use is on the rise

MIAMI (AP)— An undercover U.S. Customs agent mingling with the arriving passengers at Miami International Airport spotted a man wearing well-worn clothes but new shoes.

He gave a secret signal to a nearby uniformed officer who reined in the man to be searched.

The shoes carried a pound of heroin in the hollowed out soles and heels. The man had an additional 2 pounds in the lining of a carry-on bag.

The man was a "mule," a drug courier in the employ of Colombian cartels that are spreading high-grade heroin at cut-rate prices across American cities in an effort to get more people hooked.

The Colombians are increasing the purity of their heroin by 15 times and drastically undercutting the price of Southeast Asian heroin, says Pam Brown, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The supply of heroin on U.S. streets has doubled over the past decade, the DEA says. In Denver, for example, it has tripled in the past three years.

In the Orlando area, the home of Walt Disney World, heroin overdose deaths went from zero in 1993 to 30 last year. A Clinton administration study found that 1.6 percent of eight-graders are using heroin.

To supply the market, the Colombian cartels use their "mules," airline passengers smuggling drugs. They are American housewives, young couples trying to come up with a down payment on a house, people who have to look in their checkbook before they go to McDonald's.

"The cartels will use a woman with two kids, no husband, pregnant, a mortgage payment," says U.S. Customs supervisor Tommy Roland.

A courier can make \$5,000 to \$10,000 on a trip.

Miami International Airport is the funnel for most of the mules trying to get Colombian heroin into the United States. Last year passengers at the

airport were found carrying 848 pounds of heroin, up from 96 pounds in 1991, the DEA said.

"I've caught doctors, lawyers, architects, school principals and even judges," said the undercover agent at the airport.

"There are grandmothers and grandfathers." Four years ago it was unusual to catch one heroin courier a month. Now the agents are getting three or four a day, except on Sundays when they usually catch nine or 10.

Sometimes the smugglers swallow condoms filled with heroin.

"They train themselves by swallowing grapes in a condom," Roland says. "They place it in the back of their throat and work it down. They use some Chloraseptic to numb the throat." Ms. Brown told of a swallower who got through the Miami airport undetected, but who apparently overdosed and died when one of the condoms broke before he could let nature take its course.

"They slit him open to get the other condoms out of his stomach and left his body out in the Everglades," she says.

A handful of Customs agents at the airport are trying to hold back the floodtide of drugs.

They look for people who grasp their carry-on luggage desperately and other suspicious signs — a man wearing a dress shirt that still has the folds from taking it out of the package, a woman so nervous that the beads on her necklace bump up and down.

A woman traveling with her 2-year-old daughter and a man posing as her husband were caught with 7 pounds of heroin sewn into the lining of several jackets.

Taken to an interview room, she was handcuffed to a steel ring on a wooden bench while agents went through every item in the luggage and tested the heroin with small vials of sulfuric acid and formaldehyde that turned purple.

## First stretch of automated highway a success, but 'really dull' to drivers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The nation's first stretch of automated highway that enables computers to do the driving for you made its debut Tuesday and was proudly declared by its creators to be "really dull."

Once the computer takes over, drivers can take their hands off the steering wheel, their feet off the pedals and their eyes off the road.

"It's really exciting for about the first 15 seconds, then it gets really dull," said Jim Rillings of the National Automated Highway System Consortium. "It's like driving with a chauffeur. You just sit back and let your mind wander."

Tuesday's test was purely a demonstration, a glimpse of the future. The specially equipped cars necessary are not even available to the public. The prototype highway should be run-

ning by 2002, but the location has not yet been selected.

Test vehicles equipped with video cameras, magnets and radar navigated down the nation's first 7.6 miles of experimental automated highway on Interstate 15.

Tiny magnets embedded in the asphalt on either side of traffic lanes at four-foot intervals enable the magnetized vehicle to constantly orient itself within the lane's boundaries.

The dozen cars and buses in the demonstration project are equipped with one-inch video cameras on their rearview mirrors or windshields that follow visual aids along the road. Those could be cement barriers or even deep tracks in a snowy road.

There is no price tag for the project, but its supporters insist

it will save millions of federal dollars because it relies on existing infrastructure and eliminates the need for building more freeway lanes.

Among the partners working to develop the technology as members of the National Automated Highway System Consortium are General Motors, Lockheed Martin and Carnegie Mellon University.

Its genesis was a 1991 federal law that empowered the Transportation Department to develop "fully automated, intelligent vehicle-highway systems." It would cost less than \$10,000 to equip one mile of freeway with the new technology, compared with anywhere from \$1 million to \$100 million to build one mile of new highway, said Dick Bishop, a Transportation Department spokesman.

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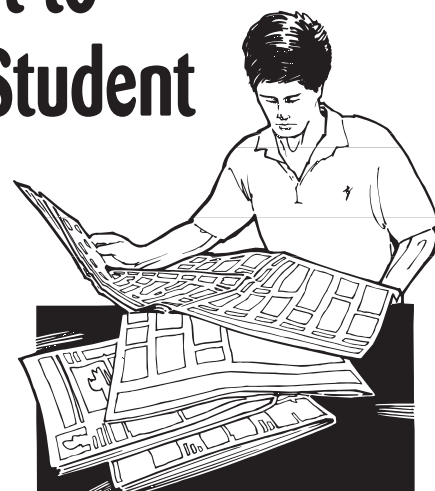
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# Stevenson Hall to host blood drive

By KEE KEE BURTON  
Staff writer

People can increase the blood supply in Central Illinois by donating blood at the Eastern Illinois University blood drive 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Stevenson Hall's Lobby.

Papa John's Pizza will provide pizza for each donor. Also, donors will receive free T-shirts for donating their blood.

According to the Red Cross, giving blood is safe and simple. They sterilize all needles and use supplies only once (for each donor). Moreover, the actual blood donation only takes a few minutes.

Despite all of the myths, one is eligible to give blood regardless of some medical conditions.

For instance, one can give blood if they take birth control pills, aspirin or non-aspirin medication.

Also, even if one has allergies,

they can give blood if he or she is symptom free at the time of donation.

In addition, one can give blood if they have had a flu shot. A woman may donate while she is menstruating. There is a requirement that the donor weigh at least 110 pounds, and they are 17 years or older.

In fact, potential donors with a heart condition, diabetes, epilepsy or have recovered from cancer may be eligible to give blood.

Furthermore, one can donate blood if their blood pressure is 180/100 or less, provided there was no change in medication dosage at least two weeks prior to donating blood.

Lastly, people can donate blood if they have had surgery, did not receive blood and were released to resume normal activity. They may also donate if they are taking Prozac, Tagamet, or Zantac and they are in good health and feeling well.



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## Hit me

Beth Campbell, a senior, practices the xylophone with the rest of the Indian Creek Marching Braves Tuesday near Campus Pond.

# LBJ's comments about vice-presidency released in tapes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As he eased Robert Kennedy out of the vice presidential picture in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson said the nation's No. 2 job was a lousy one anyway.

In tape recordings of White House telephone conversations made public by Johnson's presidential library, the former president said being John F. Kennedy's vice president was tedious.

"I found it was very frustrating to sit there and not be able to do anything in the Senate, to sit there in the cabinet and not have any places under your jurisdiction," Johnson said.

Johnson met with Bobby Kennedy at the White House on July 29, 1964 to give him the bad news — Kennedy wouldn't be Johnson's running mate. That job eventually went to Minnesota Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

It was a ticklish meeting, and Johnson recounted it that afternoon in phone calls to two close advisers — Clark Clifford and McGeorge Bundy.

Using all the political wiles for which he was famous, Johnson praised the younger Kennedy, told him he had a bright future and attributed his decision to the Republican Party's nomination of conservative Sen. Barry Goldwater. Then he asked for Kennedy's help in the upcoming cam-

paign.

Johnson said he told Kennedy, "I need your help. I think you're brilliant. I think you're dedicated. I think that you're good for the country." And he tried to sell Kennedy on the idea that not being vice president wasn't much of a loss.

Johnson said he told Kennedy: "I think there's much that you can do that will make yourself better understood and better prepared for any responsibilities or ambitions you may have than just hearing the roll call in the Senate."

Other tapes showed Johnson was unsure whether he himself wanted to run in 1964.

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## Holmes should quit sidestepping recent controversy

The only way to tackle a problem is to face the issue head-on.

Unfortunately, Rita Holmes has decided to sidestep an issue that has caused recent controversy. Consequently, because of her denying to comment on an issue in which people want answers to, it is not only making the university look bad, but herself as well.

Holmes, the program director of the English as a Second Language department, had been asked to attend Tuesday's meeting. But because of her refusal to show up, not only were students' questions left unanswered, but faculty's questions as well.

This isn't Holmes' first time that she has refused to discuss this issue. Various attempts to have Holmes comment on the situation have failed. But it seems that this issue is also bringing unwanted attention to the university.

Officials from Japan's Senzoke Gakuen junior college are visiting Eastern this week. Senzoke Gakuen is where the majority of Eastern's Japanese students transfer from.

The vice president of Senzoke Gakuen was in attendance at Tuesday's meeting. Even he wanted answers from Holmes to why the ESL students were dissatisfied with their education.

But when Yasuo Shionoya found out that Holmes refused to attend the meeting, he wasn't the least bit pleased.

"I am shocked, very shocked and dissatisfied that Rita Holmes did not come here to answer the students," he said. Coming nearly halfway around the world to see what's going on, Shionoya's got a legitimate gripe.

Shionoya said he's also tried to get in contact with Holmes, but could not set up a meeting with her.

Now, Shionoya is even tinkering with the idea of not sending students from his college to Eastern unless something is done. Fortunately, it seems Shionoya is willing to meet the university halfway, saying that "we are pleased to discuss change".

But although it's important that the university keep other officials - like Shionoya - satisfied with the program, it shouldn't forget those who help run it in the first place - the students.

Student Julien Martin-Johnston apparently is also growing frustrated with the lack of answers to her questions. Rightly so.

"Our concerns about the ESL account have not been addressed," Martin-Johnston said. "I want to see the students receive the respect they deserve - they pay three times the tuition of the normal student."

Sumie Kashima, a junior in the ESL program, said, "We want to talk to Ms. Holmes, but she didn't show up."

Maybe these voices of concern will be heard. If the university wants to save its face, it had better clean the wax out of its ears.

## today's quote

In awe of such a thing as I myself.  
Stemming it with hearts of controversy."

- William Shakespeare

## Numerous fees are starting to add up

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Have you seen this message?

"As a charge for this service, GreedyBank, Inc. will withdraw the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). Do you agree or disagree?"

I can imagine the circumstances, because I have been there. It's a little after 1:00 and you have a hard core craving for LaBamba. Are you really going to let one extra dollar get in the way of a burrito as big as your head? No way. But wait just a minute. Why does that bank get away with taking some of my money every time I do? Simple answer: because they can.

The banks have found a new application for the principles of supply and demand. Just like everything else, the price goes up until people stop paying it. Inevitably, this charge will soon be two dollars, then three, and so on.

So what should we do about it? Well, when this practice first began, I would refuse to pay the dollar and go to a different machine. Unfortunately, it doesn't take long for the word to get around (collusion?) and now it seems that all of the banks participate in this. I've gotten to the point where I hardly ever deposit money anymore because I so fear this "withdrawal tax."

Now, how about a similar situation involving a human instead of a machine. You are walking down the street and a shabbily dressed man asks you for a dollar. If you respond at all, it is probably a resounding "NO" followed by cursings and mutterings to your friends about how outrageous it was for this scum, who did nothing to deserve your money, to ask for a handout.

I've got it! (Light bulb flashes) We have reached the point in our society where we will relinquish a dollar to a computer at the touch of a button, but not to our fellow man. What a revelation: Americans are shallow people. How did this happen? Well, before we call in Oliver Stone



BRIAN ANDERSON  
REGULAR COLUMNIST

"Are you really going to let one extra dollar get in the way of a burrito as big as your head?"

to investigate, I may have an explanation that excuses some of this behavior.

The real culprit it seems is, you guessed it, the government. (My friends say my political satire is too political, oh well) We, as Americans, are so programmed to hand over our money to entities bigger than us (i.e. banks, companies, governments) that it seems like second nature.

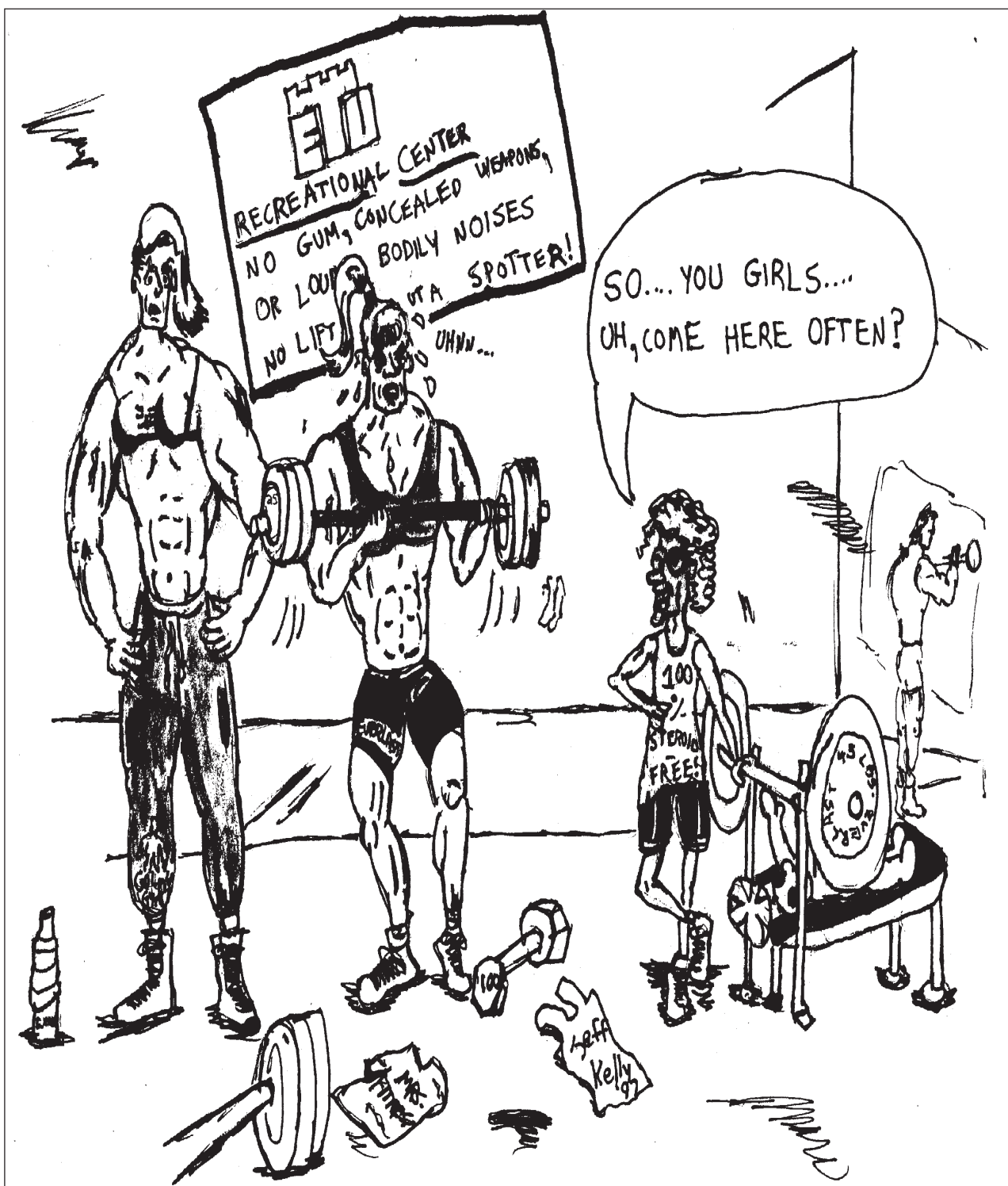
This can be applied to experiences ranging from the paying of taxes down to life as a student here at EIU. Tuition and Fees at this university total somewhere in the vicinity of \$3,000 per year. We are all happy to pay it because (except for the ESL program) it seems to be a good education for the price.

But then the nickel and diming starts to occur. For most of us, it starts the first day on campus (Student Identification Card-\$4) and continues until the day we leave (Application for Graduation-\$15). And beyond that (Transcripts-\$4 each)

Webster's defines tuition as "The price of or payment for instruction." Maybe instead of calling it tuition we should call it a down payment. My point? I would rather pay \$3,500 a year up front and get everything included instead of being told how inexpensive my education is while my checkbook register reads like the EIU fight song.

If I were a caring leader, I would now deliver my insightful solution to this problem. But, I am not sympathetic at all, I'm a capitalist. So, starting today there is a \$1.00 fee to read my column. Please deliver this to the Thomas Hall front desk at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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# Storks invade Spanish town

MALPARTIDA DE CACERES, Spain (AP) — They ruined Isabel Lancho's dress. They knocked out Maxima Pedrera's TV antenna. They came close to committing murder most fowl against the town priest.

Storks by the hundreds have moved into Malpartida, building half-ton nests on rooftops, leaving their droppings everywhere and generally aggravating many of the town's 2,500 human residents.

The gregarious, long-necked birds have built 38 nests on the roof of the 16th-century church.

Dozens of other 2-foot-tall nests, built of twigs and branches, stand on rooftops across town, looking like giant soup bowls. Hundreds of stork chicks

clumsily flap their wings in preparation for their first flight.

Adult storks, resplendent in white-feathered bodies and black wings, welcome each other by loudly clapping their red bills.

Helped by their status as a protected species, the number of storks in Spain have quadrupled to some 16,000 in the past decade, a bigger population than in any other western European country.

Across Spain, a single stork nest atop a church steeple — often the highest spot in a village — is a common sight. But nobody recalls storks blanketing a town as in Malpartida — and the reason isn't clear, although Malpartida has long had a certain stork appeal.



AMY BLIDY/Associate Photo editor

Ben Hussy (middle) and his friends try to catch a fish Tuesday at the Campus Pond. Unfortunately, this one got away.

# New reports reveal religious persecution found around the world

NEW YORK (AP) — In its first report on the persecution of Christians around the world, the State Department sharply criticizes China for suppressing religious freedom, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The report, which details international restrictions on religious freedom in 78 countries, also asks Russian President Boris Yeltsin to veto a proposed law curbing the activities of evangelical and other religious groups in his country.

The report was obtained by the Times ahead of its scheduled Tuesday release.

Congress last year mandated a report on U.S. efforts to reduce international restrictions on the practice of Christianity, but the State Department broadened its focus to include other persecuted groups such as Tibetans in China and animists in the Sudan.

The Chinese government has regularly violated constitutional guarantees of religious rights, cracking down on unregistered Catholic and Protestant groups, raiding worship groups meeting in private homes, and sometimes detaining, interrogating or beating leaders, the report said.

"The government of China has sought to restrict all actual religious practice to government-authorized religious organizations and registered places of worship," the newspaper quoted the report.

Four underground Roman Catholic bishops has been

imprisoned or detained, many priests have been searched and religious articles seized, the newspaper said.

The U.S. government, in response, says that it has pressed for religious freedom at meetings with Chinese officials — and sometimes discussed specific cases of jailed Christians. President Clinton and other senior officials have also met with the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader.

The Clinton administration has also asked the Russian president to veto legislation awaiting his signature that would restrict religions not registered 15 years ago, when atheism prevailed in the former Soviet Union and religious dissidents were persecuted.

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In Iran, government repression of evangelical Christians increased last year, and four Bahais were sentenced to death for apostasy, the report said.

Jehovah's Witnesses have been attacked in Israel and in Singapore, according to the report.

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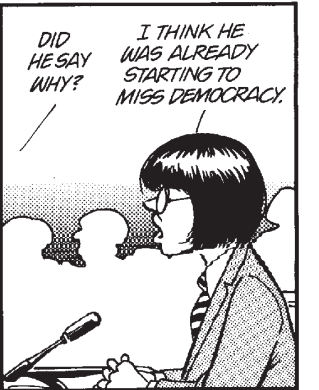
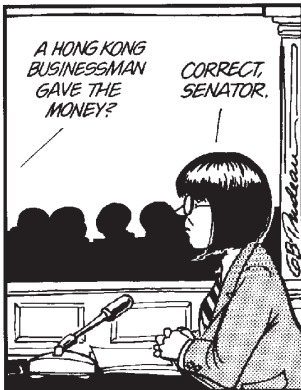
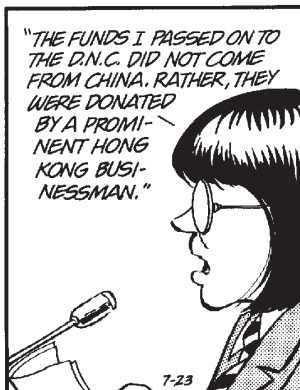
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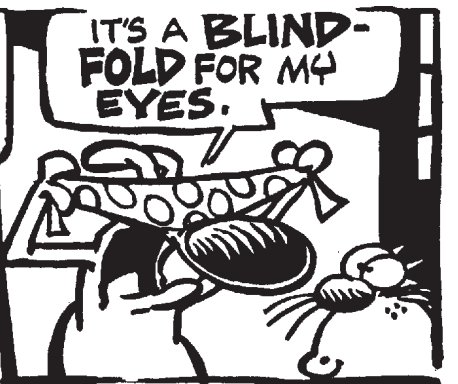
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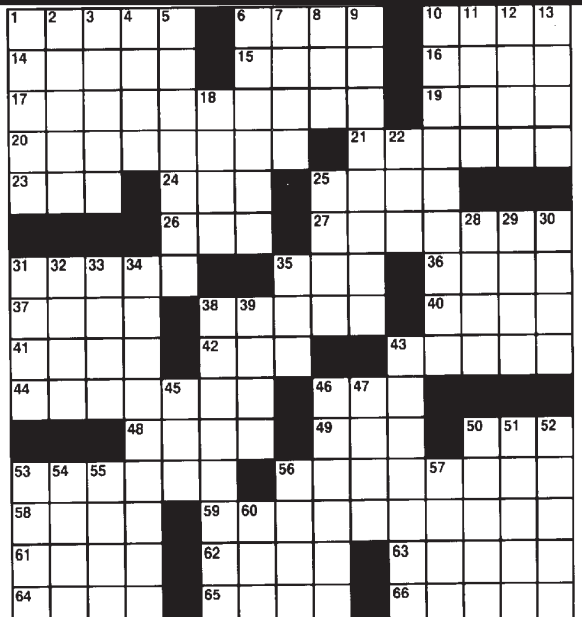
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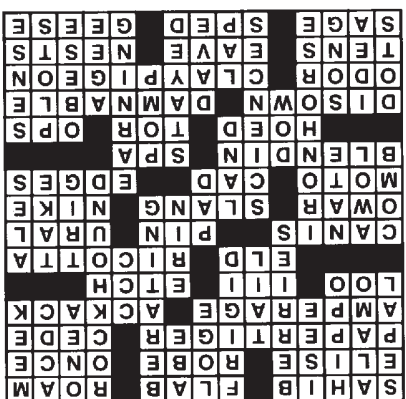
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- 19 Give up
- 20 Current strength
- 21 Antiaircraft fire
- 23 London lavatory
- 24 "Rocky —"
- 25 — A Sketch (drawing toy)
- 26 Old age, in old times
- 27 Italian cheese
- 31 — Major (southern constellation)
- 35 Mat victory
- 36 River of Russia
- 37 Man — (famous race horse)
- 38 Jive talkin'
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- 41 Marquand's Mr. —
- 42 Rotter
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- 46 Mineral springs
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- 53 Repudiate
- 56 Horrid
- 58 It's put off at the bakery
- 59 Shooter's target
- 61 Change for a C-note
- 62 Roof overhang
- 63 Homes for hatchlings
- 64 Philosopher
- 65 Exceeded the limit
- 66 Gaggles members
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- 2 Bowie's last stand
- 3 Swimmer in the Congo
- 4 "Now it's clear!"
- 5 Additions to an ice cream sundae
- 6 North Pole-like
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- 8 Burrows of the theater
- 9 Chewing out
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- 18 Party game pin-on



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- 25 " — go brag"
- 28 Math subject
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- 30 Pub quaffs
- 31 Toothed item
- 32 Roll call misser
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- 34 Lou Gehrig nickname, with "the"
- 35 Seat cover
- 38 Arts' partner
- 39 Touch down
- 43 Bringing in
- 45 — Jones
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- 50 Corpulent plus
- 51 Draws, as a line on a graph
- 52 Good judgment
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# Irabu holding up after loss

MILWAUKEE (AP) — New York Yankees catcher Joe Girardi doesn't believe Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu is wilting under the world-wide magnifying glass.

"I think the pressure that he feels is the pressure that he puts on himself. And that's most of the pressure that we all feel," Girardi said. "We're supposed to be trained to block out the crowd. And I think most of us are able to do that. And I'm sure he's able to do that." Maybe the crowd of 29,333 at County Stadium didn't have anything to do with it, but Irabu was rattled and flared his temper Sunday night when the Milwaukee Brewers handed him his first major league loss, 6-2.

Irabu said the hostile crowd didn't bother him. The Brewers' bats sure did.

Lacking command, Irabu's trouble began with Jeff Cirillo's two-run single in the fourth. The All-Star third baseman fouled off two split-finger fastballs before singling up the middle. Dave

Nilsson followed with a line-drive homer to make it 4-2.

Cirillo said Irabu appeared rattled by his single.

"He might have gotten frustrated," he said. "He showed a little emotion. Then he hung the pitch to Nilly." Girardi agreed that Irabu let his emotions get the best of him.

"I think this was the first time he got a little bit frustrated with himself, which is all right," Girardi said. "There's a lot of pressure on him. But he puts a lot of pressure on himself. Our team's been playing very well and he wants to win just as bad as anybody in the room. I think the frustration got in the way a little."

Girardi said he's sure Irabu will be more settled for his next road start.

"I'm sure being on the road has been a positive experience," Girardi said. "I got to believe that everything that happens to Hideki the next three months is going to be positive."

# Player, coaches expelled from Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba permanently expelled a player and three coaches from baseball on Tuesday, charging they made several attempts to leave the island to join a professional team in the United States, official news media reported.

Another three players were separated from the sport for an indefinite period, but could return to Cuban baseball "depending upon their future conduct," the National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation said in a statement published by the Communist Party daily Granma.

The statement said the sanctions adopted by the National Commission of Baseball took into account "the gravity of the acts committed" by the players who belong to the team from the central province of Villa Clara.

The surprise announcement came a week after a 10-day trip to the United States by Cuban baseball players was canceled for "security reasons." In canceling the trip, Cuba said that on earlier visits to the United States the players had received threats as well as offers of money to defect from the communist island and join a professional team.

There are no professional sports in Cuba, where athletes receive government salaries similar to those of average workers.

Earlier this month, catcher Francisco Santiesteban defected while on a week-long road trip for a series of exhibition games in Colombia.

In recent years, there have been more than a dozen Cuban baseball players defect, including Livan Hernandez, a pitcher who signed a \$4.5 million contract with the Florida Marlins last year, and Rolando Arrojo, a pitcher who signed a \$7 million deal with the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays in April.

President Fidel Castro has harshly criticized baseball players wooed by promises of big salaries to defect and join professional teams in the United States.

The player expelled Tuesday, Jorge Luis Toca, played first base for Villa Clara. The sports institute accused him of attempting "to leave the country with the idea of becoming a professional player" and accused coach Orlando China of helping him.

The institute accused coaches Pedro Jova, the team's manager, and Luis E. Gonzalez of allowing Toca to establish contact with what it said were "traitors to Cuban baseball" — an apparent reference to Cuban players who earlier defected to the United States.

# No comment on Kemp trade

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle SuperSonics officials had no comment Tuesday on a report that the Denver Nuggets are considering a swap of Antonio McDyess for Shawn Kemp.

Allen Bristow, Denver's vice president for basketball operations, acknowledged talking with the Sonics.

"They know we're interested," he said.

Sonics officials would not comment on the report.

"I don't think we'll have any comment on that because it's coming out of Denver," said one Sonics official. "We've

said in the past that we don't have any comment on rumors."

In June, Bristow said the Nuggets were committed to keeping McDyess, who was drafted in 1995. He said the 6-foot, 9-inch power forward was essential to rebuilding the team.

But Bristow also wants flexibility under the salary cap so Denver can be an aggressive player in next summer's free-agent market.

Kemp has demanded to be traded, saying he'd never play for the Sonics again. He has six years remaining on a contract

that would pay him \$3.3 million next season, well below average for a player of his caliber.

Sonics owner Barry Ackerley has said he'd be happy to talk with Kemp if the five-time All-Star forward asks for a meeting. Kemp's agent said last week that Ackerley had not returned calls requesting a meeting. Ackerley, in turn, issued a statement saying Sonics president Wally Walker and other club representatives had been spurned in their requests for a meeting with Kemp.

# Vaughn tells his mom that he wasn't involved in fight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mo Vaughn says he saw the fight from across the parking lot and never laid a finger on anyone.

A 24-year-old man says the hand that loosened his teeth and cut his lip belonged to the Boston first baseman.

A night in Cleveland's nightclub district has resulted in more controversy for the Red Sox.

Vaughn, accused of punching a man in the face at a nude dance club early Saturday, said the allegation was motivated by money.

"If I hit him, I'd tell you straight up," Vaughn said after the Red Sox lost to Cleveland 7-2 on Sunday. "Money does a lot of things. If it takes me 100 grand to get this thing taken care of, I'll do it. He's not

getting any money."

Scott Bird of North Olmsted, Ohio, filed a police complaint saying the 1995 AL MVP punched him in the mouth during an argument in the doorway of Tiffany's Cabaret at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, said Cleveland police Sgt. Mark Hastings. Bird said he consulted a lawyer and planned to seek charges against Vaughn today.

"Yeah, we're going to see the prosecutor," Bird said Sunday.

Vaughn, who got punched in the eye during an altercation in a Boston bar in July, 1995, said he wasn't involved in this one.

"I wasn't even in there," Vaughn said before Sunday's game.

"We were at Shooters, and we came out in the parking lot. Everybody was leav-

ing." Shooters and Tiffany's share a parking lot in the city's party district, known as the Flats. Vaughn said he and several friends were in the parking lot and saw a disturbance in the doorway of Tiffany's.

"I didn't put my hands up all night," said Vaughn, who is 6-foot-1, 240 pounds. "If I saw this guy's face right now, I wouldn't even know it. I looked back, and I saw somebody falling over."

When interviewed Saturday, Bird seemed unsure whether it was really Vaughn who hit him. He said, "I was in a daze, it was chaos" and "as far as I'm concerned, it was Mo Vaughn" who punched him.

"He said he saw a bunch of black faces and then a hand," Vaughn said, shaking his

head. "He didn't even know who hit him." But Bird told The Associated Press on Sunday that he had witnesses who could place Vaughn in the strip club and identify him as the one who threw the punch.

"My friend saw him and said, 'Hey, that's Mo Vaughn,'" Bird said. "He went over to him because he has him in a Rotisserie league and said, 'Mo, what's up?' And then (Vaughn's) bodyguards threw him away."

Of the altercation, Bird said, "It was Mo. Yeah, he was standing right in front of me and the fist flew right in front of me." Bird was treated at the Cleveland Clinic and told police he had loose teeth and a cut lip. He said he was unsure whether he would seek a criminal or civil case.




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# Sports

## Cards fall to Astros, 4-2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mike Hampton broke a tie with a two-run single and allowed two runs in seven innings, leading the Houston Astros to a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

The third-place Cardinals fell 3 1/2 games behind first-place Houston in the NL Central.

Hampton (7-7) won his third straight decision as the Astros won their fifth straight road game. Hampton allowed only two hits and a walk after giving up both St. Louis runs in the first inning.

Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save.

Houston is 9-3 since the All-Star game, while the Cardinals, who fell to 3-4 on the homestand, are 7-6 since the break. The Astros are 6-2 against the Cardinals this year after going 2-11 against the 1996 division winners.

Cardinals starter Andy Benes (6-5) pitched four perfect innings before the Astros scored all four of their runs in the fifth with the help of some poor St. Louis defense.

Luis Gonzales started the inning by reaching base on an error by first baseman Dmitri Young.

Derek Bell, 6-for-16 off Benes going into the game, followed with a two-run homer to left field to tie the score.

Ricky Gutierrez then walked, stole second and went to third on Benes' wild pitch. Tim Bogar also walked and stole second, and both runners scored on Hampton's single to right.

Hampton was hitting .091 at the start of the game. Benes allowed four runs with eight strikeouts, one walk and five hits in seven innings. Benes has won only one of his last seven starts.

Royce Clayton led off the Cardinals first with a walk and went to third on a single by Delino DeShields. Ron Gant and Ray Lankford each singled in a run, but the inning was snuffed out when Gant was doubled off second on a line drive by Gary Gaetti.

Hampton allowed two walks with five hits and four strikeouts in his seven innings.

## Cubs lose first game, win second at Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) — Greg Maddux needed just 78 pitches to beat his former team — the fewest in a complete game in nearly seven years — as the Atlanta Braves beat the Chicago Cubs 4-1 in the opener of a doubleheader Tuesday.

Maddux looked like the best pitcher of the 90s in winning the first game. In the second game, however, the Braves didn't resemble the NL's best team this decade.

Chicago won 5-4, scoring the go-ahead run in the eighth on consecutive errors by shortstop Jeff Blauser and third baseman Chipper Jones.

"The way we lost the second game put a damper on the day," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said.

Maddux (14-3) pitched a five-hitter, needing just 2 hours, 7 minutes to become the NL's first 14-game winner.

"He's a brilliant, brilliant pitcher. If my life depended on one game, I'd want him to throw it," Chicago's Mark Grace said of his good friend and former teammate.

"I think the wind is blowing in every time I pitch here," Maddux said. "That helps. It's one of those things." Maddux threw 63 strikes. His pitch total, according to Stats Inc., was the lowest in a major-league complete game since Aug. 29, 1990, when Bob Tewksbury threw 76 for St. Louis against Cincinnati.

"I hadn't heard that one," said Maddux, who threw just 86 pitches in beating the New York Yankees earlier this season. "I thought they (the Cubs) were aggressive and rightfully so. If you are going to get me, get me early in the count. Why not? That's not bad to do. When you are aggressive early in the count and the wind is blowing in like it is and the grass is the way it is here, you have a chance to do something like that."

## RadarBall is newest novelty

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The next time the neighborhood blowhard pops off about the 90 mph fastball he threw in high school, tell him to prove it.

By February, Rawlings Sporting Goods Co. expects to have on the market the Radar Ball, a baseball that features a small digital display between the seams showing how fast it was thrown.

The company displayed the ball this month at the National Sporting Goods Association's annual convention in Chicago.

Analysts say the baseball could make millions of dollars for Rawlings. It may also break millions of hearts of would-be and coulda-been major leaguers.

"There's going to be a lot of fathers who have blown egos when they throw in front of their sons," Randy Black, vice president of marketing for St. Louis-based Rawlings, said Tuesday.

The Radar Ball was invented by 25-year-old Dave Zakutin, who experimented with the idea of a speed-sensing baseball as his senior project at the University of Waterloo in Canada.

Zakutin contacted Rawlings, maker of major league baseballs for 20 years, then brought down a couple of friends to play catch with the ball in front of Rawlings executives.

The ball has the size and feel of a regulation baseball. To use it, the catcher stands (or squats) 60 feet, 6 inches from the pitcher, the standard distance from pitching rubber to home plate.

A sensor is built into the baseball that measures time from the moment the ball is released until it is caught, Black said. A microprocessor inside the ball then divides the distance by the time and displays a reading in mph.

"You grip it like any of your pitches, you throw it, and you get immediate feedback," Black said.

Rawlings also plans a Little League version that calculates the speed from 45 feet. And the company plans to market a similar softball, due in stores by April.



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A boy plays keepaway with a ball Tuesday with his Charleston Community Day Care friends near Campus Pond.

## Tigers top White Sox thanks to early lead

DETROIT (AP) — Tony Clark hit his 24th homer and Bobby Higginson added his 16th as the Detroit Tigers took a five-run lead and held on to beat the Chicago White Sox 6-3 Tuesday night.

Rookie Brian Moehler (7-8) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, walking a season-high five. Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his 17th save, matching his career high.

Danny Darwin (4-8) gave up five runs and seven hits in 2 2-3 innings. Chuck McElroy followed and struck out a career-high six in 3 1-3 shutout innings, allowing two hits.

Detroit scored two runs in the second and three in the third. The White Sox quickly got back into it with three in the fourth.

Clark started the second with a shot deep into the second deck in right. Bob Hamelin, who had walked, scored on Jody Reed's RBI single.

Higginson started the third with a solo homer, Travis Fryman singled, Clark doubled, Hamelin hit a sacrifice fly and Melvin Nieves an RBI single.

Albert Belle's infield single started Chicago in the fourth. Belle moved up when Harold Baines walked and scored on a double by Jorge Fabregas. Mike Cameron followed with a two-run single.

Nieves hit an RBI double in the eighth.

## Whiten free on bond

MILWAUKEE (AP) — New York Yankees outfielder Mark Whiten is out of jail on a \$10,000 bond after being arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a 31-year-old woman.

Whiten admitted having "consensual sexual relations with the woman," an unidentified police source told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in a story for today's editions.

The police source also told the newspaper the woman has credibility problems, and there are questions about her mental stability.

Whiten, 30, was arrested Monday afternoon, the final day of the Yankees' four-day trip to Milwaukee. He was released on \$10,000 bond, according to his attorney, Steve Glynn.

The district attorney's office planned to review the case today and decide whether to file a criminal charge after meeting with Whiten, said Sgt. Earnell Lucas, a department spokesman. Police asked for a charge of second-degree sexual assault.

Officers were called about 4 a.m. Saturday to an area around the Pfister Hotel, where the Yankees stay. The officers conducted an investigation, but "at that time there was no allegation of sexual assault," Lucas said.

"We developed information that some incident did occur. It wasn't until this morning when we re-interviewed the alleged victim that we developed enough information to pursue a possible charge of sexual assault," he said Monday.

Whiten was contacted and he voluntarily came to police headquarters Monday and "shortly thereafter, he was placed under arrest," Lucas said.

## Ventura coming back

CHICAGO (AP) — The potential Murderers Row the Chicago White Sox envisioned since Albert Belle signed as a free agent in November — Frank Thomas, Albert Belle and Robin Ventura — will soon be a reality.

Ventura, sidelined since March 21 with a fractured ankle, returns from his minor-league rehabilitation assignments on Thursday before the opening of a series with the Texas Rangers at Comiskey Park.

"(He) has reached a point where he is ready to help us and contribute at the major league level," general manager Ron Schueler said in a statement Tuesday. "His quick recovery has been very impressive."

Ventura, 30, has batted .407 with 3 homers and 7 RBIs in eight games with Chicago's farmclubs at Nashville (AAA) and Birmingham (AA). He also committed two errors at third base.

The four-time Gold Glove winner suffered a compound fracture and dislocation of his right ankle in a slide at home plate during an exhibition game in Sarasota, Fla.

A lifetime .276 batter, Ventura has 144 home runs and 624 RBIs in a little more than seven seasons. Last season, he set career highs in runs (96), total bases (305), home runs (34) RBIs (105) and extra base hits (67).