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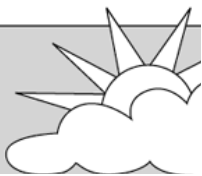
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New ROTC director settles down in the heartland after traveling the world in the Army.

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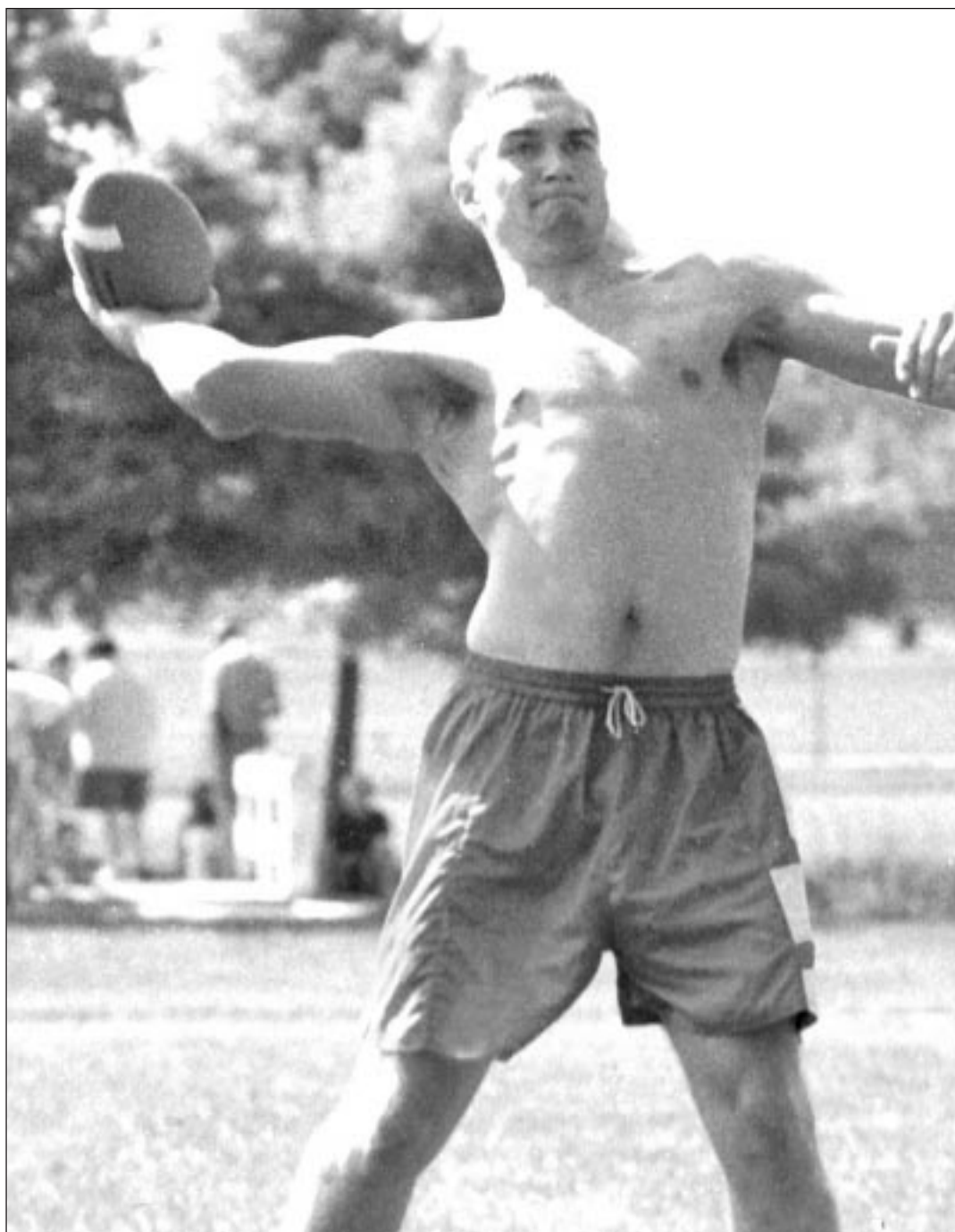
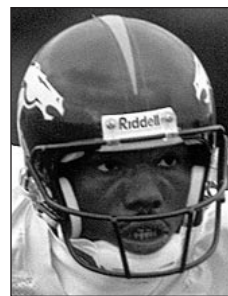
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A league of his own

Former Eastern football star, Chirs Watson, has found a home with the Denver Broncos.
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Hail Mary

Jared Hughes, a sophomore environmental biology major, throws around the pigskin Sunday afternoon near the Campus Pond. Hughes and his football companions thought it would be nice to play a game of tackle football in the heat.

24-hour lab completion is delayed

By Geneva White
Campus editor

A wait on computers and renovations still to be completed may delay plans to open a 24-hour computer lab in Gregg Triad.

Officials from Information Technology Services said the lab would be open by mid-September. However, there still is some renovation work to be done in the former dining center and 50 computers ordered in July have not arrived, said Bill Witsman, director of information technology services.

"We didn't expect this much of a delay," Witsman said. "But the main thing is we get the wiring done and get the computers in."

Witsman said orders for computer lab furniture were sent out in mid-July, which was later than planned.

"We'll put up temporary tables and that type of thing," Witsman said. "It won't be the way we envisioned it, but we'll get that furniture here eventually."

The delays partly stem from a large amount of red tape and authorizations that had to be taken care of when the equipment and furniture was ordered, Witsman said.

"We prepare the equipment, but

it's actually ordered out of a different department," he said. "The state of Illinois is fairly regulated on its purchasing requirements."

Some workers said trying to get the lab ready by the mid-September date is pushing things a little.

"It could be pushing it to get it done by then, I think," said Sam Howie, a renovation and alteration electrician. "There's just a lot of stuff to do."

John Henderson, director of user services agrees it may be difficult to have the computer lab open by mid-September.

"I was there today and it looks like they might be pushing it," Henderson said.

Currently, renovation and alteration electricians are installing lighting and wiring in the Triad for the computer lab. Howie said once the lighting is installed, they will begin putting in computer cables.

The west side of the Triad will house Booth Library's media department. Although part of the media department already has been set up in the Triad, Booth Library's computers cannot be hooked up until the wiring is complete.

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Education majors get lessons in school violence

Classes prepare students for the real-world

By Geneva White
Campus editor

With incidents like the Columbine High School tragedy becoming part of the landscape in American schools, education majors may find school violence an important topic in their curriculum.

At Eastern, while school violence has always been covered, it has been discussed more than ever in the wake of the Columbine shooting and other massacres in schools across the country.

"There is more attention being paid to this topic due to the recent incidents," said Mahmood Butt, chair of the secondary education department. "Yet, by talking about the problem alone we cannot solve it because the roots of violence go

deeper and far wider than the classroom itself."

Having to prepare education majors for violence they may face in the classroom can be a difficult task.

"It is disturbing," said Carol Helwig, chair of the early childhood and middle education department. "We are teachers because we want to enhance society by having better educated people. If we have to fear for our safety, I think that would be distressful."

Aspiring teachers have always been trained to watch for signs of their students being abused at home, said Christy Hooser, assistant professor in the department of special education. Today; however, education majors are being trained to watch for other signs as well.

"Now I think we're coming to the realization that we also now need to deal with student to student violence," Hooser said. "That's something we're all working on."

Addressing the problem of rage and violence in youth is something educators have been trying to do for years.

"Discipline or lack of it has been a recurring concern in America," Butt said. "Classroom violence and student against student and student against faculty and staff (violence) have been a long standing problem."

Discussing school violence in education classes is necessary, Butt said.

"It's absolutely vital that future

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Students concerned about school shootings, violence

By Geneva White
Campus editor

The recent instances of school shootings over the past year have some education majors re-evaluating their career choices.

"I think it's really scary," said Becky Brown, a junior elementary education major who questioned her major after watching the Columbine High School massacre unfold from her residence hall room. "You're not even safe as a teacher anymore. There's a lot of extra things to worry about that you never had to worry about before."

Not all aspiring teachers are ready to change their majors, though.

Kelly Johnson, a senior elementary education major, said she worries she will not recognize the warning signs that a child is potentially violent. However, she said she would never second guess her choice to become a teacher.

"I think we all want to be teachers because we all want to help kids," Johnson said. "Those are the kids that need help the most."

Sasha Thompson, a junior elementary education major, said she is concerned she could get blamed if one of her students becomes violent and hurts others.

"I think it's kind of scary, because what are you to do if it

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Alcohol related deaths jolt universities

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — After too many drinks, a Cornell University student falls down a gorge and dies.

At Michigan State University, a birthday celebration turns tragic after a student downs two dozen shots of booze.

A Penn State student is found clinging to life on her 21st birthday, her blood-alcohol level nearly seven times Pennsylvania's intoxication limit.

Jolted by such recent alcohol-related tragedies, colleges and universities around the country are planning aggressive campaigns this fall to curb heavy drinking among students.

That means alcohol-free dorms and parties, agreements with local bars, advertising blitzes, notification of parents when their underage children are caught drinking — anything to get across the message that drinking can be dangerous.

"Our goal is not to do away with alcohol consumption — that's not a realistic goal — but to bring a level of social responsibility to alcohol," Penn State President Graham Spanier told the National Press Club last week.

A measure of Spanier's commitment will be seen Sept. 10, when an ad campaign coordinated by Penn State debuts in 20 national newspapers and on 113 campuses to call attention to the problem of heavy drinking.

Throughout the school year, other materials will focus on drinking's possible consequences, including drunken driving, missed classes and increased risk of sexual assault and other crimes.

Although statistics indicate that college drinking is down from a decade ago, several recent studies show that binge drinking — five or more drinks in one sitting for men, four for women — remains a serious problem.

A 1998 Harvard University study found that 42.7 percent of students had been binge drinking in the two weeks before they were surveyed, down only slightly from 44.1 percent in a 1993 Harvard study.

The recent study's author, Henry Wechsler of the Harvard School of Public Health, says binge drinking rates vary wildly depending on the campus, from 1 percent to nearly 80 percent of students.

But one constant, he says, is that students usually believe drinking rates are higher than they actually are.

That's the message that many schools are trying to convey to students: Excessive drinking isn't the norm among their classmates and abstinence is cool.

"We hope this can help reassure students that they don't have to drink in order to fit in at Carolina," says Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill.

A UNC study released in August found that on the most popular nights to party — Thursday, Friday and Saturday — about two-thirds of the 1,790 students tested had no alcohol in their blood. Only one in 10 tested had a blood-alcohol content that was at or above .10 percent.

Those findings are touted in stickers and posters placed in students' dorms; freshmen who display the posters in their room can get \$50.

Students returning to Dartmouth College will see ads describing a campus survey that showed 58 percent of students don't think alcohol is important at a party. The University of Arizona is also spreading the word that most students have "four or fewer drinks when they party."

Joel Epstein, associate director of the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, says such campaigns work but shouldn't be the only method that schools use.

Epstein says schools should also look at controlling the sources of alcohol in and around campuses and examine how well their alcohol policies are being enforced.

He praises schools that involve parents in discussions about alcohol abuse and tell parents when their children violate rules.

"The smartest schools have embraced the idea that this is not just a problem of the students alone, it's a problem of the whole community," he says.

Delayed

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Until the computer lab opens in the Triad, the lab in Student Services will function as a 24-hour lab starting Sept. 7, Henderson said.

Henderson said delays like this are not unusual with big projects.

"I've been in the business 26 years and it's moving very well," he said. "Things never get completed in time."

While he is unsure when,

Witsman said the computer lab will definitely be open sometime this semester.

"Unless a disaster happens, yes (the computer lab will be open)," Witsman said. "There aren't that many things that have to be done between now and then that I'm aware of."

Mandy Marshall / Photo Editor
Vince Samford, a senior management major, sets one of Booth Library's computers in its new home in the Gregg Triad branch of the temporary library Sunday afternoon. Eastern is still waiting for the arrival of 50 more Gateway computers.



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and contributing factors of school violence and are knowledgeable of creating a safe learning environment for all their students," he said.

The topic of youth violence is discussed most in the methods courses and foundations of education courses for secondary education majors, Butt said.

"Students and teachers interactively discuss the problem of school violence," he said. "The measures that can be taken to create a safe and secure learning environment are also dis-

cussed and future teachers are encouraged to create an educational environment which not only fosters intellectual development, but moral development of the students also."

In the early childhood and middle education department, the topic is addressed through child growth and development courses, advanced methods courses and social studies methods courses, Helwig said.

"Our teachers teaching here have had experience dealing with tolerance in classrooms and dealing with difficult children," she said. "The instructors we have here are capable and competent to talk about (school violence) and how to better prepare for it."

It is especially difficult to teach special education majors how to watch for signs of

violence in children, Hooser said. In special education, it has to be determined whether or not violent behavior is disability related.

"In terms of school violence, ours is kind of a difficult perspective," Hooser said. "Within the content of the curriculum we teach, we usually deal with issues like crisis intervention. What we teach our students is the key, is to listen to students, the things they say and the pictures they draw."

Whether education majors ever deal with violence, Helwig said it takes a special person to become a teacher.

"Teaching is so diverse the person going into education has to look at themselves and see if they can handle the thousands of decisions they make every day," she said.

Students

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happens in your classroom," Thompson said. "Are people going to blame you because you didn't catch it soon enough?"

Melissa Ewing, a junior elemen-

tary education major, said she is frightened at the idea of violence in schools, but is prepared to handle a situation if it should arise.

"We'll just have to deal with it as it comes and try to do our best," she said. "I think when kids act out in violence they see that it's wrong, but they don't have the moral values of why they should not do that."

Kathy Thomas, a senior special education major, said the potential for school violence is less in special education than in elementary and secondary education. Still, she knows a danger exists.

"I just know I'm putting myself at a higher risk," Thomas said. "I know that going into it."

Although education majors are

getting better prepared to handle violence and recognize the warning signs, Johnson said it's hard to know what to do until a situation actually happens.

"Even if they taught (about school violence) in class every day of the week, when it actually happens, doing what you're taught can be quite difficult," she said

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Major makes 'major' changes

After traveling the world, ROTC director settles in heartland

By Amy Thon
Assoc. news editor

After 17 years in the military, Major Lawrence Sefren has jumped out of airplanes, flown helicopters and traveled to Africa, Egypt, Europe and Korea.

But now, the new chair of the military science department and Reserve Officers' Training Corps said he and his family are ready to "come home" for awhile.

"We'd been gone for so long, we had that longing for home," Sefren said.

A member of the military since his own college ROTC experience in Arkansas, Sefren said he believes in what the military can do for people.

Sefren was born and raised in Illinois, but moved to Arkansas, where he attended Arkansas State University. He said his involvement in the ROTC program gave him focus, raised his grade point average and taught him leadership skills.

"My first three years in college I was pretty wild," Sefren said. "I got to know the people (in ROTC), got to be friends with them and stayed in."

After college, Sefren went to flight school and was sent to Germany soon after, where he was stationed for 7 1/2 years. He said living in Germany at that time was a unique experience because he saw the major differences between East and West Germany and the changes East Germany went through.

"You could see these places starting to come back to life," Sefren said.

He also was stationed in Northern Iraq for Operation Provide Comfort for four months, where he helped provide humanitarian aid to Kurds.

"We provided all the logistics ... to the peace-keeping humanitarian forces," Sefren said.

In addition to Germany and Northern Iraq, Sefren and his family also spent time in Korea.

"Korea is one of the last rumi-



Major Lawrence Sefren

Monday profile

"I want a dynamic program that appeals to the students, that does fun things with adventure."

Major Lawrence Sefren, chair of Eastern's military science department

"nants of the Cold War," he said. "They're still in a state of war. We take for granted a lot of things here in the States."

Sefren said when living in Korea, his family was able to visit China, Thailand, Japan, Hawaii and Egypt. His daughters, 10- and 12-years-old, have learned a lot by living overseas, he said.

"My kids have been all around the world," he said. "They've been to Africa; they've been to Egypt."

Sefren said one of the most important lessons he has learned in the military is taking responsibility. At 24-years-old, he was in charge of 30 people and \$1.5 million in materials and equipment. He also was someone for his soldiers to look up to.

"When you're overseas you've

got to become a family and look out for each other," Sefren said.

After spending several years overseas, Sefren said he is looking forward to living in Charleston and was proud to be picked for one of 68 positions in military science departments across the nation.

"We picked Charleston because it's a school with a good academic reputation, right size university, right size town in the heartland of America," he said.

Sefren said he and his family are really impressed with Charleston and Eastern. He does, however, plan to make some changes to the ROTC program, including increasing enrollment from 75 to 150 students.

"I want a dynamic program that appeals to the students that does fun things with adventure," Sefren said. "I'm a real believer in the military and what it can provide."

He said one of his first goals is to inform students on the ROTC program and also to reach minority students by providing scholarship opportunities. Sefren said students need something to believe in and a place to belong, which the ROTC can provide.

"We teach students how to become leaders," he said. "I think we hold ourselves to a high standard."

This year, Sefren will teach the senior-level ROTC class. In the past, he taught as a graduate assistant at Arkansas State University and also taught aviation.

Sefren also hopes to increase the visibility of the ROTC program on campus.

"We're not as well known on the university as we should be," he said.

Sefren said he wants the ROTC program to be more integrated with the administration, faculty and students. He said he wants to give back to the university, not take anything away.

"We're here at the invitation of the university and want to support the university," Sefren said.

Summer Celebration gets off to a slow but fun start this weekend

By Matt Neistein
City editor

The newest addition to Charleston's summer events started off slowly, but its organizers said they hold high hopes for increased success in the future.

The Charleston Eagle Club's first annual Summer Celebration began at 8 a.m. Friday at the club's facilities on North 14th Street. Friday was a busier day than Saturday, which saw no more than 15 visitors in the afternoon.

"There were definitely more people here," said Audrey Moore, manager of the club and one of the event's organizers.

Moore said the club's planning was a bit hurried.

"Most of these vendors are booked six months to a year in advance, and we only started planning this four months ago," she said.

Shane Cox, a trustee of the club, said lack of promotion may have hurt attendance figures.

"We didn't get to tell anyone about the beer garden," he said. "We didn't know if we could do it until the last minute because of legalities. I think the 16-ouncers of beer for \$2 would have brought out a few more people."

Cox said many surrounding cities had events happening during the weekend, which also could have contributed to the low attendance.

Besides the beer garden, the festival featured vendors selling items such as toys, glassware and fishing gear, live bands at night and a cook off Friday.

Karen and Bill Patton of Champaign staffed a booth selling pro wrestling merchandise.

"Our son is a referee (in the World Wrestling Federation)," Bill Patton said. "That's how we got into this."

The Pattons said they make the rounds of summer fairs and flea markets all across the country; from Colorado in the summer to Florida in the winter. Despite the low

turnout, the Pattons said they will be back next year.

Friday, The Reminders, a local band that plays '70s rock, played to a full house, Moore said.

"It was packed in there," she said.

The band was expected to play again Saturday outdoors, along with Urb and Steel Toe Joe. The lead guitar player of The Reminders, Randy Deason, also happened to be the brother of the winner of Friday's cook off.

"The prize money never covers the cost of competing, but we don't do it for the money anyway," said Ron Deason, leader of Team A of the Carbondale - Mt. Zion area.

For the last couple of years, Deason said he has traveled throughout the Midwest competing in cook-offs as far away as Tennessee and Kansas. Deason's team swept the kickoff Friday, winning the ribs, chicken and chili competitions.

"The other team just left," said Cox.

Deason downplayed the win. "You win some and you lose some," he said.

Deason worked as a cook for 18 years, but only recently got into cooking competitions. He said his inspirations for recipes comes from products at the grocery store.

"I look at the ingredients on the back of a bottle of barbecue sauce and say 'hell, I can do that,'" Deason said. "So you fool around with it, add in some things you like and see how other people like it. If they don't like the first batch, you (throw it out) and try again."

Some of Deason's favorite recipes are for beef brisket and pork cuts. He hands out free samples of his food for the cook off, and he said this can get expensive.

"Not counting the gasoline (for the grill), for just the food and bare bones ingredients, I'll spend \$200 easily," he said.

However, Deason said he is in for the fun, not the money.

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Living options get bigger

The decrease in this year's freshman class has resulted in more space in residence halls, along with more options for students living on campus.

Two years ago, students were sleeping in residence hall lounges because there weren't enough rooms available, eliminating a place on every floor to hold meetings and use appliances. This year, most of the residence halls offer different options for first-year students and better opportunities for returning students.

Stevenson Hall's K-suites now house one person instead of two and Carman's quads now house two people instead of four. Ford, McKinney and Weller

Living options

By offering larger rooms to students living in residence halls, the university may be able to keep more people living on campus.

halls are now offering triple rooms as deluxe doubles to students.

Yes, the rooms will cost extra - \$550 for K-suites, deluxe doubles

and singles and \$275 for deluxe doubles in Carman - but it may be cheaper in the long run for students who have the option of living on or off campus.

Students who choose to live in an apartment or house off campus usually have to pay rent, pay for utilities and also food. Now, students have more of an opportunity to live in a more spacious, private setting without having to look off campus, as well as being closer to buildings and other on-campus facilities.

The larger rooms may help the university maintain one of the highest rates of students living on campus in Illinois, and Eastern should be looking at ways to make these options available in coming years.

Last year's large graduating class and this year's small freshman class contributed to the extra space in residence halls, but it is uncertain how many students will graduate this year and how many freshmen will be enrolled at Eastern next year.

Since many students shun on-campus living because of the lack of privacy, the new options leave fewer reasons for students to search for off-campus housing.

The room options are a great way to market on-campus living and the university should continue to make strides to provide the larger rooms to students in the future.

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

Today's quote

To me every hour of light and dark is a miracle, every cubic inch of space is a miracle.

Walt Whitman,
American poet, 1819-1892

Teacher cert not the easy way out

Last year more than 30 percent of Eastern's 10,000 undergraduates were in the teacher certification program.

Not surprising since from 1921 to 1947, Eastern's name was Illinois State Teachers College and that 30 percent includes students in elementary education, secondary education and special education.

It makes sense that people pursuing teacher certification would flock to the Eastern, a school known for teacher's education. But for some, it is not the strong desire to teach that brings them here, but a strong desire to be lazy.

Some people begin their careers at Eastern majoring in one area and end up changing to education when their original major becomes too difficult or they fail to make minimum GPA requirements.

Changing their major to the education field may seem like a good idea, an easy way out.

It probably looks that way.

The minimum GPA to apply for the teacher certification program is 2.5, which is a C+ average.

My roommate, a special education major, brings all sorts of arts and crafts projects home. Last year she painted beads and buttons for children to use as part of their math lessons.

I'm an English major with teacher's certification - placing me in the secondary education program. I've been to the ITC Lab and been graded on my ability to make an overhead transparency.

But there are some people the 30 percent leaves out, and some grades that beads and overhead transparencies don't help much.

There are 3,050 students who have been accepted into the teacher certification program - that doesn't include the people who want to be accepted into the teacher certification program.

The College of Education and Professional Studies staff have not finished totaling the number of students still waiting to



Nicole Meinheit
Managing editor

"Changing their major to the education field may seem like a good idea, an easy way out. It probably looks that way."

be accepted into the program, but there are students whose applications are still in the selection pool and will be there until they get accepted.

Acceptance into the program is based on a quality score, an average of TAP test results and GPA. Currently students must have a quality score of 180 to be accepted into the program automatically. Anyone with a quality score below that may still get into the

program if they are approved by a campuswide advisory committee that was established to review the selection process.

The quality score means that just because the minimum GPA is 2.5, a 2.5 GPA won't necessarily get you into the program.

Students not accepted on their first try remain in the selection pool until they ask to be taken out or when the quality score is high enough to get them accepted into the program.

Sounds great. You don't get in on the first try, you have another chance. Indefinite chances until you ask to be taken out of the selection pool, right? Wrong.

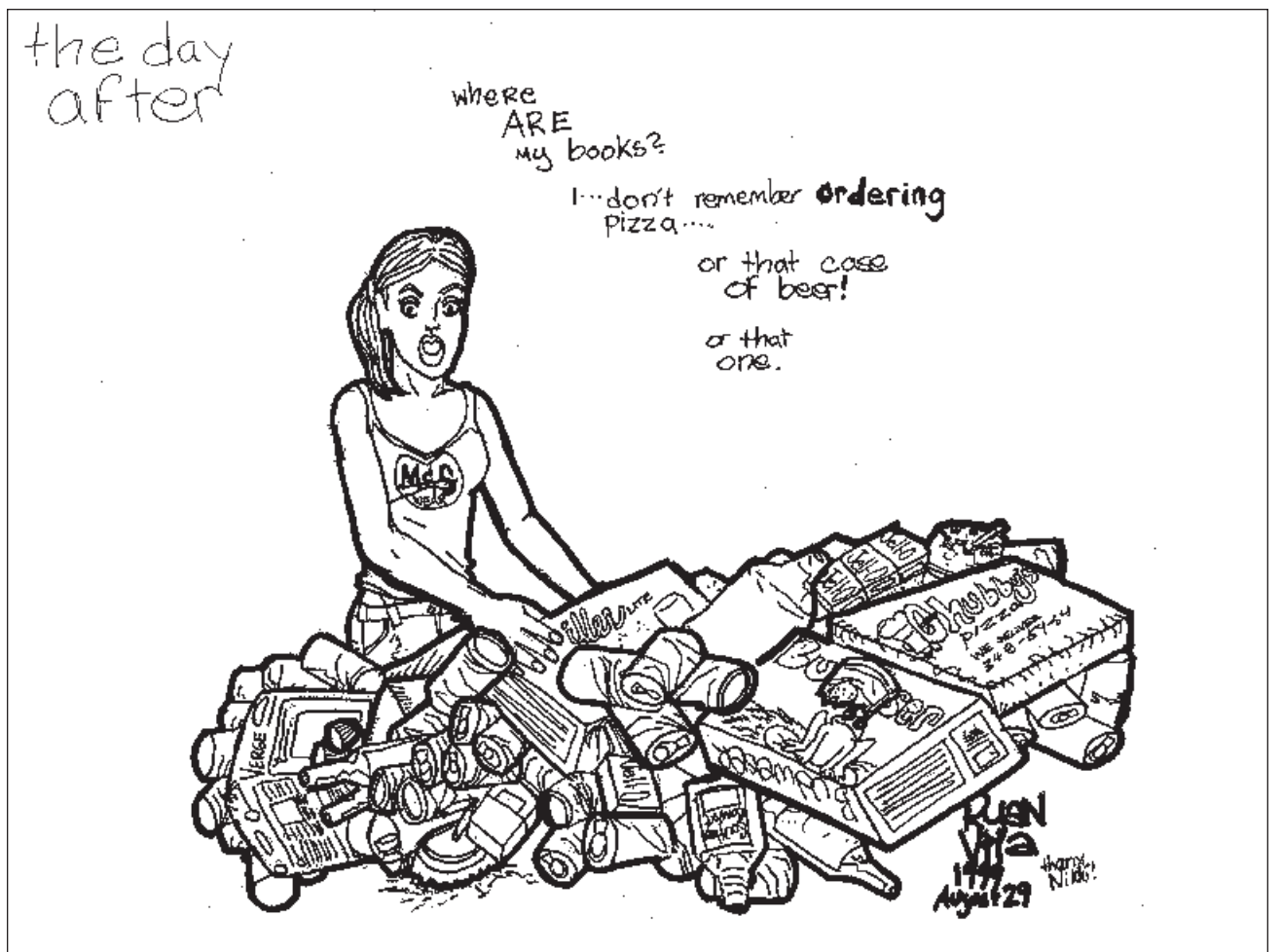
Most students only intend to be in school for four years. While most students in the education department will tell you they are staying an extra year or semester, the goal is to leave in about four years.

That means if you are not accepted into the program by your junior year, you can't take many of your required education classes. If people know they will be an education major coming into their freshman year, they can run out of required classes they can take without being accepted into the teacher certification program by the end of their sophomore year.

There are options. Students not qualifying for the teaching program can add a minor, take some extra general education courses, but if they are not accepted by their junior year they may need to change their major ... start over on their degrees.

No time to play with beads or overhead transparencies now.

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This professor is no role model for students

When I first read Dr. Baharlou's call for faculty to embrace the position of role model, I found myself wanting to agree, so great was his eloquence. But nonetheless I had a vague, nagging sense of discomfort, and so I read it again. After careful consideration I must not say that I don't want to be a role model; I want to teach psychology.

Contrary to Dr. Baharlou's thesis, I would advance the conceit that in this great post-industrial, post-modern, post-ironic capitalist republic, teachers of psychology are not the people to emulate. Why? Amongst our society's most cherished goals are sustaining economic growth and

Your turn

Letters to the editor

increasing productivity (goals, by the way, explicitly shared by our universities - see the Illinois Board of Higher Education's strategic plan). I've spent a good part of my life trying to better understand the human condition. Yet, it has been my experience that greater knowledge of the human condition is just as likely to encourage us to shun such goals as to embrace them. Imitate me? Rather than pursue a revenue-enhancing, growth-inducing career in business management, information technology or engineering as did many of my friends, I not once, but twice went to

graduate school, worked as an intern for little more than minimum wage and now work at Eastern, one of the lowest paying universities in the state of Illinois. Imitate me? If while a young man someone had told me I would stutter, stumble and blunder through life as I most certainly have, I would have never believed them (if I could now somehow magically speak to myself back then I would say "Listen, believe! You'll make errors, invite disaster and create calamities beyond your wildest imaginations!"). Imitate me? If you want to learn about psychology, I welcome you to come explore with me, but if you want a role model, I implore you to look elsewhere!

Keith Wilson
associate professor of psychology



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Gone fishin'

Gary Widler of Charleston helps his 6-year-old grandson Ted Steiskal reel in his 25th fish of the day at the Campus Pond Sunday afternoon. The grandfather-grandson team collectively caught 50 little fish from the pond Sunday.

Surles starts off year with faculty lunch

By **Melanie Schneider**
Administration editor

After six months of listening to the ideas of faculty, staff, students and other constituents, Eastern President Carol Surles Friday presented her goals for Eastern at a faculty luncheon Friday.

"I believe I have instilled some of the shared values and expectations from the university community and the larger community," Surles said.

Her goals include enhancing the quality of academic programs, heightening the university's state and national image, increasing public and private funding, addressing long-deferred maintenance and developing the Campus Master Plan.

Surles also wants to increase access and diversity within the student body, faculty, administration and staff and to improve overall institutional effectiveness.

"I am confident that these goals are broadly enough conceived that each component within the university will be able to develop realistic and creative objectives and strategies that relate specifically to the components' role and function within the university," Surles said.

Surles also said she plans to meet with the 32 individual departments to discuss future plans for the university.

"These visits will be very bene-

ficial to me. They promise rare opportunities for me to hear your concerns directly," Surles said. "I have enjoyed the visits tremendously."

Communication and community involvement are other important issues Surles addressed in her speech.

"We will increase communications externally as well as internally, increase the geographical range of my visits with alumni and increase our community involvement," Surles said.

While the university is in transition, Surles will examine new approaches to improve different aspects of the university.

"I can think of no more exhilarating endeavors for educators than to examine new pedagogical approaches, to investigate new modes of scholarship and research methodologies, to work diligently for inclusion and the richness of diversity and to find fascinating alternatives for reaching out to our constituents," Surles said. "In addition, we must identify and preserve those values and ideas fundamental to higher education. We must, in short, reaffirm Eastern Illinois University, celebrating its traditions and crafting new beginnings."

Surles also will be hosting a staff coffee to present her goals to staff members Sept. 17. Invitations will be mailed.

Adopt-A-Student program to kick off 13th year at Eastern

By **Elizabeth O'Riley**
Activities Editor

For the 13th year, the Adopt-A-Student program will pair up with Eastern students in an effort to tutor elementary school students on a one-on-one basis.

Students will work on homework and play educational games with a child. Program Coordinator Cindy Rich said students can go to the program one day a week for the four weeks, working with the same child every time. If an Eastern student wanted to volunteer more than one day, they would be paired up with a different child on the other day.

The program will be held from 2:30 to

3:20 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Sept. 13 through Oct. 7 at Carl Sandburg Elementary School. The program will run from 2:45-3:35 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 11 through Nov. 10 at Jefferson Elementary School.

David Carey, principal of Carl Sandburg, said the program has been very positive and is mutually beneficial to the children as well as the Eastern students. Carey said the children look forward to students coming, and they usually bond well with the Adopt-A-Student tutors.

The program had about 125 Eastern students paired up with about 150 local elementary students last year. The program costs

nothing and any supplies needed are provided by the schools.

The teachers will provide a note on what the children need help with and there is no lesson plan provided. Eastern students will have to create their own. Rich said all they need is, "not so much a lesson plan (but) just a plan."

Carey said the program runs pretty smoothly and has always been strong. He said he cannot remember any negative comments on the program in the past 13 years.

"The program gives EIU kids a chance to give something back to the community," Rich said.

The program is completely voluntary, and students do not have to be education majors

to take part in it. There is no limit to the number of students who participate.

"The more the merrier," Rich said.

Rich, whose sons have participated in the program in the past, said it is a really "cool" program. The little kids think the college students are the "coolest" things, Rich said.

Students will have to provide their own transportation to the schools, and must participate in the entire four-week session. The same program will be held again in the spring.

An informational meeting where students can sign up will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Buzzard Auditorium.

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Senate to get update on honors program

Herbert Lasky, director of the honors program, will speak at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday to update the senate on the status of the honors program.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the faculty development center, Room 2504, in Buzzard Hall.

Lasky will give his yearly status report, including the current enrollment in the honors program.

There also will be additional committee appointments said Bonnie Irwin, faculty senate chair.

"Louis Hencken, (vice president for student affairs), will be appointed to the library advisory board and Keith Kohanzo, (judicial hearing officer), will be appointed to the student conduct code review committee," Irwin said.

Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, will give an update on the Eastern Illinois University/Lake Land College Accord project. The goal of this program is to bring Eastern and Lake Land closer together.

"Eastern will work in a close

relationship with Lake Land dealing with transfer students, financial aid, special events programming and workshops," Irwin said.

—Melanie Schneider,
Administration editor

Sigma Kappa to help start Saint Louis U. chapter

Eastern's chapter of Gamma Mu's Sigma Kappa will travel to Saint Louis University to participate in the colonization of a Sigma Kappa chapter at the university.

The sorority members will be in St. Louis Tuesday, Wednesday and Sept. 4 to help with the organization of the new chapter.

Jennifer Banning, president of Sigma Kappa's Gamma Mu chapter, said Saint Louis University has only three sororities and is interested in adding another sorority to the campus. Saint Louis University chose Sigma Kappa over all the other nationwide sororities.

Sigma Kappa's National President Angela Guillory chose Gamma Mu to help in the colonization process at Saint Louis University. Eastern was chosen because of their award-winning greek system, Gamma Mu's past success with the technical aspect of rush activities and their strong frame for achieving rush success.

Banning said the opportunity is "truly an honor."

—Julie Bartlow, Staff writer

Dennis lumbers north, may hit Carolinas soon

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Dennis wallowed along the coast toward the Carolinas on Sunday, prompting evacuation orders for the fragile Outer Banks barrier islands and giving conflicting signals on whether it would hit land.

The hurricane was less than 200 miles south of the North Carolina coast by late afternoon, with its top wind revved up slightly to 105 mph, and it had edged slightly toward the east. A hurricane warning was posted for much of the coast of North Carolina.

Dennis was expected to continue turning toward the northeast, with a chance the worst of it would miss land. But its track was far from certain, the National Hurricane Center said.

"It weaves and bobs as it goes along," Jerry Jarrell, the center's director. "It's been holding its own, but I've noticed the eye is very large, it's huge, and if that eye goes through one of those cycles where it contracts, it certainly could intensify, and that would bring it closer to the coast and even over the coast."

He also cautioned that because of the hurricane's size, with tropical storm-force wind extending up to 175 miles from the center on Sunday, "it doesn't have to come across the coastline to cause pretty strong winds."

Forecasters said wind approaching hurricane force could reach the Cape Fear area near North Carolina's southernmost tip by early Monday afternoon.

Well in advance of the storm, Gov. Jim Hunt on Sunday afternoon declared both a state of emergency and a state of disaster, which aides said allowed him to activate any resources necessary to cope with the storm.

Wrightsville Beach declared an 8 p.m. curfew Sunday, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base sent aircraft to bases in Ohio to escape the storm. New Hanover County at Wilmington said schools, courts and offices would

be closed Monday.

The storm was already kicking up high waves Sunday for surfers on the Outer Banks.

"Today was really, really big," Brian Schwartz said after surfing before going to work at Bert's Surf Shop on Nags Head. "You had to be a little cautious, but we had a lot of fun rides."

At 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, Dennis was centered 195 miles south of Wilmington, N.C. It had turned slightly east of due north and had quickened its pace to 13 mph, with maximum sustained wind near 105 mph, up from 100 mph during the night.

A hurricane warning was in effect for the North Carolina coast from the South Carolina state line to Oregon Inlet, near Nags Head. A tropical storm warning extended from Oregon Inlet northward to Chincoteague, Va., and southward as far as Savannah, Ga.

Along North Carolina's sandy, low-lying Outer Banks chain of barrier islands, evacuations started at 1 p.m. Sunday south of Oregon Inlet and at noon on Ocracoke Island. Ocracoke is accessible only by boat, and ferry service will continue as long as the weather permits, said Peter Stone at the Ocracoke ferry office.

There weren't many people on the island, said Terry Gray at the Hatteras Island ferry office. "We haven't been haulin' a whole lot," he said.

Red flags were posted along Wrightsville Beach, warning swimmers of possible rip currents.

Out of the water, the approaching storm hadn't slowed business yet for Kitty Hawk Kites, which operates hang-gliding classes on the huge Jockey's Ridge sand dune on the Outer Banks, about 50 miles north of Cape Hatteras.

Melissa Lim said several people went hang gliding Sunday morning and classes were held during the day.

"The winds right here are not really that strong," she said early in the afternoon.

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Teen, uncle shot dead blocks apart

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — Police have called in a special investigative unit after two shooting deaths occurred just blocks apart.

Officers say 18-year-old Jeremiah Scott of St. Louis was found shot to death early Saturday.

About nine hours later, the body of Scott's 35-year-old uncle, Charles Evans Jr., also of St. Louis was found. Police believe the killings are connected.

Scott's body was found before dawn on the street near the former

Lincoln High School. St. Clair County Coroner Rick Stone said Scott died of gunshot wounds to the head and arms.

Shortly before noon Saturday, police were called to a site about eight blocks from where Scott's body was found. There, they discovered a 1990 Acura four-door sedan, with Evans' body lying in the back seat. Evans was pronounced dead from a single shot to the right side of the chest, Stone said.

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Dalai Lama speaks at Field Museum, about 3,200 attend

CHICAGO (AP) — About 3,200 people crammed into the Field Museum Saturday to hear a nonsectarian message of peace, compassion and human rights from Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama.

"We are the same physically, spiritually and emotionally," said the exiled spiritual leader of the world's Tibetan Buddhists. "There may be some differences physically — the hair, skin color. But we have the same potential. The same potential for inner peace. The same potential to help other people."

The fund-raising event — more secular and more expensive than his previous appearances during a 17-day trip through the United States — had the feel of a society gala. Among those in the crowd were talk show host Oprah Winfrey and actress Goldie

Hawn, who introduced the performance of a local Tibetan children's dance troupe.

But also there was Carl Wamzung, a practicing Buddhist, who smiled broadly as he expressed excitement about the Dalai Lama's visit.

"I hope to receive some of his blessings, and I hope I will be able to pass it to others I come in contact with," Wamzung said.

Ticket prices for the event ranged from \$10 to \$125. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Field Museum's collection of Tibetan artifacts. The rest will go to the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago, an organization dedicated to publicizing the plight of Tibet, which has been occupied by the Chinese since 1950.

Speaking in English, but occasionally turning to a translator to help him with more

difficult phrases, the Dalai Lama spoke of the importance of meditation to prepare oneself for life's problems.

"Everything is relative, not absolute," he said. "When faced with a problem, we tend to look at it from one aspect. Analyze it from all aspects."

He pointed out that looking at problems from all aspects will reveal the good that could result.

The Dalai Lama also expounded on religion, noting that much blood has been shed in its name.

"The concept of one religion and one truth is bad," he said, adding that love and compassion for mankind is necessary to be a happy person and that there was no need for complicated philosophy, doctrine or dogma.

He also touched on the plight of Tibet. After an abortive uprising in 1959, the Dalai Lama led more than 100,000 Tibetans into exile. He said with ethnic Chinese now the majority in Tibet, his culture is enduring a form of genocide.

It was the first time that computer programmer Julie Zhang of Canton, China, has seen the Dalai Lama.

"It is surprising to see Western people so interested in him," she said, adding that she attended the event out of curiosity and to learn more about the conflict between Tibet and China. "I don't practice Buddhism, but I agree with some of his views, particularly the parts about religion and the need for love and compassion."

Tension among administrators, faculty at Southern

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — When Southern Illinois University trustees fired the Carbondale campus' popular chancellor over the summer, angry faculty members promised to use the episode as a catalyst for reform.

Now that students are back on campus, this could be prime time for a battle between the school's budget-minded president and professors whose vision of a university runs more to the communal than the corporate.

But it's not clear that most of SIU's 680 professors or the school's most visible constituency are will-

ing to continue the fight that began with the June 5 dismissal of Jo Ann Argersinger.

It's been the most contentious issue at SIU since administrators tried to pull off a mass firing of teachers in 1973, but more than 67 percent of professors didn't even answer an SIU Faculty Association survey asking if they had confidence in President Ted Sanders.

"I think it's a widespread feeling that this issue is being carried by a very contentious, combative group that picks out whatever there is to be contentious about whether it makes sense or not,"

said law professor Pat Kelley.

SIU's trustees fired Argersinger after Sanders revealed complaints about her management style and concerns about her loyalty. Sanders said Argersinger failed to keep him informed of major decisions, sided too closely with labor and encouraged divisions between employees and administration, and between SIU's main campuses in Carbondale and Edwardsville.

It could have been a simple personnel dispute involving high-level administrators. But to professors unhappy with Sanders and frustrated by tight budgets and declining

enrollment, Argersinger's energy, enthusiasm and willingness to reach out to faculty raised hope that change was near.

When she was fired, those tensions burst into the open. Hundreds of faculty members rallied on campus during the university's slowest season, blasting Sanders as a "second-rate bureaucrat" and calling for major changes at SIU, including a greater voice for faculty in management decisions.

Sanders' most active opponents formed a group, SIU HOPE, to challenge the administration. The group fueled the dispute with accu-

sations about the school's purchasing practices and criticism of a trustee who lives out of state.


The SIUC Faculty Association voted to file a grievance over Argersinger's dismissal. Argersinger's lawyer filed lawsuits challenging the dismissal.

Then, almost as quickly as it emerged, the controversy subsided.


Max Yen, who as president of SIU's Faculty Senate has criticized administrators, attributed the calmer atmosphere to evidence that university leaders are trying to respond to faculty's chief complaint: that no one is listening to their concerns.

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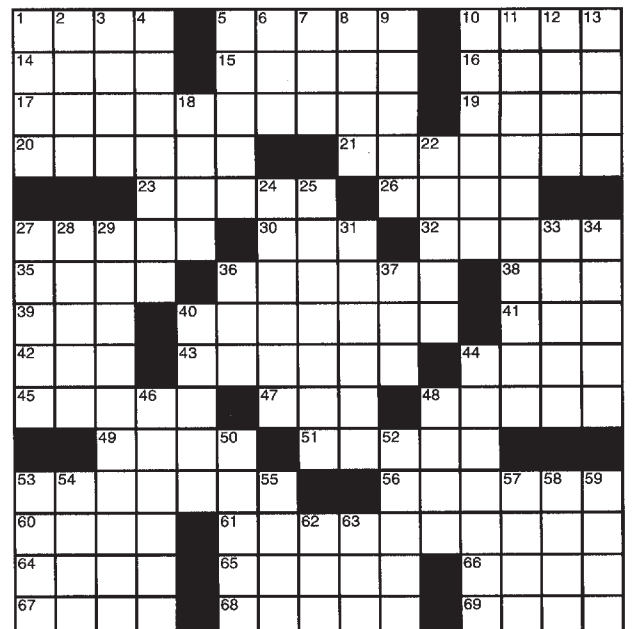
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 - 15 Fountain drinks
 - 16 Item in a garage
 - 17 Kind of joke
 - 19 Ski lift
 - 20 Peaceful
 - 21 Easily defended
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 - 26 Lady of La Mancha
 - 27 Father
 - 30 Race unit
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 - 36 Headmistress
 - 38 Half of dos
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 - 40 Triangular sails
 - 41 Air conditioner measure, for short
 - 42 Like roses
 - 43 Reluctant
 - 44 Help a hoodlum
 - 45 Clothesline alternative
 - 47 "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man"
 - 48 It's catching
 - 49 The "G" in EKG
 - 51 Game with a jackpot
 - 53 Nighttime view
 - 56 Somewhat
 - 60 Skin cream ingredient
 - 61 Words of consolation
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- 1 Places where Torah scrolls are kept
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 - 3 Fragrance
 - 4 Falls back
 - 5 Cockeyed
 - 6 Oui's opposite
 - 7 Wedding vow
 - 8 Delicate use of words
 - 9 Proposed
 - 10 "___ Cheerleaders" (1977 film)
 - 11 Old-fashioned whoop
 - 12 And others: Abbr.
 - 13 Painful
 - 18 Shoelace woe
 - 22 Verb preceders
 - 24 In seventh heaven
 - 25 Sidelong pass
 - 27 Benjamin Harrison was the last President to have one
 - 28 Terminator
 - 29 "I can't wait!"
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Intramural season set to begin

By **Dusty Cookson**
Staff writer

It's time for all those hard nosed competitors and just plain athletes at heart to gear up for another year of intramural competition.

Intramural Director Kevin Linker has added a couple of new features to this year's events, leaving him optimistic and upbeat about the year ahead.

"We hope everyone has the chance to compete," Linker said.

In an attempt to improve the current program, Linker has implemented a new computer system, the IPS (Intramural Participation System), which is designed to sort and maintain the various rosters more easily and effectively.

Linker, who's been involved in coordinating intramural athletics for 12 years, will be entering his sixth year at the helm for Eastern.

Since his arrival at Eastern, he has seen more involvement and improvement in the program, especially in the basketball and volleyball competitions.

In addition to the IPS, Linker has added another sport to the lineup. Beginning in late October, entries

will be accepted for men's and women's bowling. According to Linker, there will be a ten team maximum and a one-team per Greek House rule in affect. Among the fall competitions are soccer, wallyball, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball and bowling. Entries will be accepted this week for softball, flag football, and whiffleball.

"We just want to provide something for everyone," Linker said.

With 44 total competitions (twenty-three this fall), Linker has given everyone a chance to participate. Along with team competitions, singles/doubles competitions are also being offered. Beginning in early September, entries will be

accepted for tennis singles, table tennis singles, pickle ball doubles, racquetball doubles and badminton doubles.

Another feature to the program are the one-day, special events. These competitions will run from September through December. Entries for these sports will begin Wednesday. These include a soccer shootout, a golf pitching contest, mini golf, punt, pass & kick, competition a cross-country run, a pool tournament, a 3-point shootout, a power lifting contest, and a 1-on-1 basketball tournament.

For more information on these or any other sport, contact the Student Recreation Center at 581-2821.

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And what if you could find a friend who had a big screen? Would you watch the game then? What if he decides to make a party out of it and invites a couple of hundred people and hires a band?

Doesn't sound too bad, does it? Why didn't anybody here think of that? Oh that's right, someone here already did think of that but nobody wanted to do it.

The athletic department was looking into getting the satellite feed from the game and projecting it on to a giant screen hanging off of O'Brien Stadium. They were also looking into hiring a band and letting students tailgate in the parking lot before the game.

In other words, a midnight tailgate on a Saturday night. Pretty sweet deal, huh? Not too many students here would be willing to give up a Saturday night to watch an Eastern football game at home, but if you give them live music and a couple of hundred other people to watch the game with, it's not giving up a Saturday night at all.

So, why isn't this midnight tailgate going to happen? There was not enough support for it. The athletic department took its idea around campus and could not find enough backers.

The project would run between \$8,000-\$10,000 to do it right. The cost was obviously too high to do it alone. The athletic department could not find enough support from recognized student organizations to make it happen, so now the only way to see the game is to book a flight to Hawaii or watch it on WEIU.

Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with broadcasting the game on the school station. It's something that should probably be done all the time anyway, but that's a whole other column. What's wrong here is there wasn't enough interest in giving the students a place to watch the game.

Maybe nobody wanted to do it because they were afraid nobody would show up. Judging by the attendance at O'Brien last season, that is a very real concern. If that's the case, then it's our own fault.

In two weeks, when all the upperclassmen are heading out to the bars and the freshmen are traveling in herds going door-to-door looking for a party, most of them will be totally oblivious to the fact there is a football game being played.

Just don't be surprised if you open the paper Monday morning and see you missed a great game.

And whatever you do, when Monday morning comes and you didn't watch the game, don't say you wish you would have.

You had your chance.

Watson

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come out of two-a-day workouts in the NFL in better shape than when he went through similar drills at Eastern.

"(The workouts) are very, very intense, and that's the hardest part about it," he said. "It's more mental than college – you have to think about a lot of stuff and then just react.

"On the good side, (workouts) run much smoother than in college. I came out of camp fresh with no pain, as opposed to Eastern, where after the third day, I was worn out."

Along with the increased intensity, Watson also had to make another adjustment – the thin air of Denver.

"Oh man, it took me like a good two weeks of constantly running and working out," Watson said of getting

acclimated to the atmosphere. "Now, it's all right and I can probably come back to Eastern and run all day."

For now, he's forgotten about his injury-riddled past and is just focusing on improving for the upcoming season.

"I don't think about (getting hurt) at all; I don't have time to think about it," Watson said.

In the short time Watson's been with the team, he said he couldn't ask to play for a better head coach than Shanahan, an Eastern alum and former assistant coach in 1978.

"Mike, now that's a good man," Watson said. "He's easy going, but what he says goes. He keeps the team going and that's what he has to do."

Watson's also doing what he has to do, learning from veteran cornerbacks Ray Crockett and Dale Carter.

"I just listen to everything they say," Watson said. "I just try to do it

exactly like they do it. They are veterans and I feel it's a good thing to have veterans to look up to. They are teaching me a whole lot."

While Watson was at Eastern, he was the star – the fastest track guy in the Ohio Valley Conference in 1997, as well as being the quickest member of the football team. But once he got to the NFL, none of that mattered.

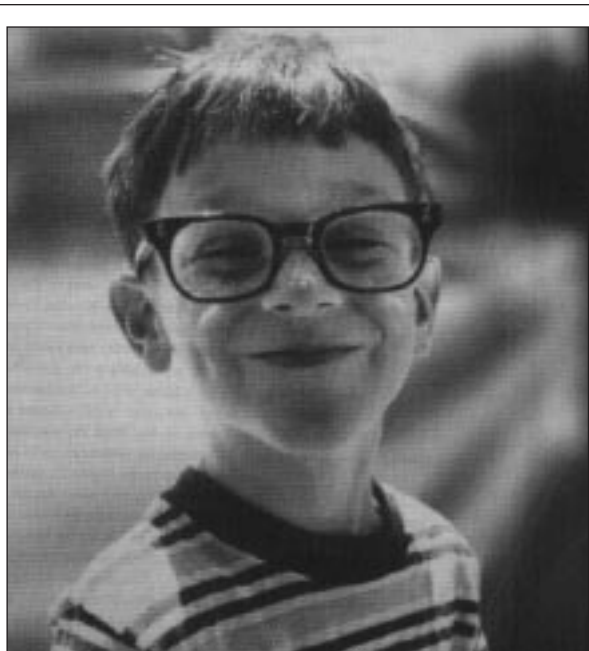
"I didn't come in with a cocky attitude," he said. "There's a whole bunch of competition and everybody's fighting for a job. I just have to go out there and perform. I have to work for it like everyone else."

Even though he's seen action both on defense and special teams, returning the ball is where his heart is.

"It's a big rush," Watson said of kick returning. "You might as well call me a daredevil. It's a rush to know you have 10 guys helping you out and sacrificing themselves."

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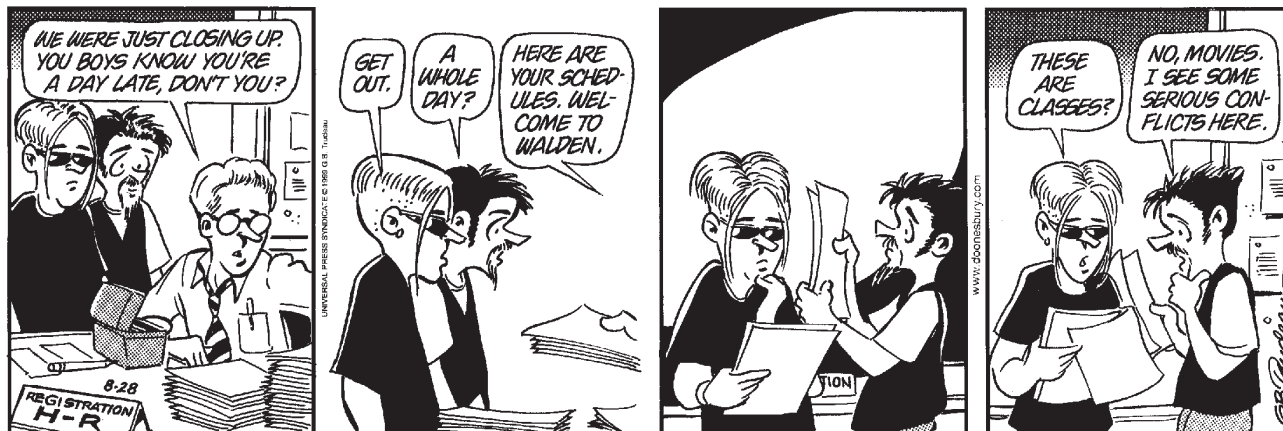
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Eastern needs more athletic supporters

On Sept. 11 the Panther football team plays the University of Hawaii for its second game against a Division I-A opponent in as many weeks.

Like most every other game of the season, the fan support will be nonexistent. But at least this time there is a good excuse.

What college student has the time or the money to follow a football team to Hawaii for four days? Most people who live on campus can't find the time or just don't want to waste the energy to walk a few blocks to O'Brien Stadium to watch the game, let alone fly to Hawaii.

To be brutally honest, when Eastern takes on the Rainbows, it might not be pretty. The long road trip may wear on the Panthers too much or Hawaii may prove to be just too good for Eastern.

But on the other hand, Hawaii does own the nation's longest losing streak, at 18 games. They also lost their leading rusher from last season.

But none of that really matters. Win or lose, not many people on campus are going to see the game.

It could turn out to be one of the greatest games in Eastern history. The Panthers, who I'm assuming will be underdogs, could come in and pull off a major upset.

I can envision the game going down to the wire when coach Bob Spoo reaches deep into his bag of tricks and wins the game on a trick play in the closing seconds.

The only problem is nobody will see it – nobody will even know about it until Monday morning.

WEIU recently announced it is going to televise the game for those who really want to watch it, but let's be realistic.

Kickoff will be around 11 p.m. central time. How many people on this campus are going to stay at home on a Saturday night with the sole intention of watching the game?

Be careful how you answer that. Remember I said "on this campus." At some other school that stands behind its football team, you might be able to find a large number of people who will actually look forward to watching the game.

And why not. If you get a bunch of guys together, watch some college football and possibly enjoy some frosty beverages and we're in heaven.

Half the guys on this campus do it all day on the weekend anyway, so why not do it all night too?

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In a league of his own

Former Eastern star makes a presence in NFL

By **Chad Merda**
 Sports editor

With the 67th pick overall in the 1999 NFL draft, the Denver Broncos saw something in former Eastern football player Chris Watson that few other teams did – now Watson is using the preseason to show the league what they missed out on.

Ever since Watson first stepped on the field Aug. 7 against the San Diego Chargers, his 4.34-second speed in the 40-yard dash and kick return abilities have impressed the Broncos' coaching staff enough to earn him a start against Arizona in only the second game of the preseason.

He's dominated the Broncos' kick return game, averaging 24.7 yards on kickoff returns and 20.4 yards on punt returns. His long returns are 39 and 41 yards, respectively.

For now, Watson's just happy to be in the position he's in – being the Broncos' main kick return man, along with seeing action at cornerback in nickel and dime packages.

"I'm getting a nice amount of playing time on the field," Watson said Friday in a phone interview from Denver.

Watson has a three-year contract, but would not disclose the terms.

While the former Eastern football and track star is enjoying success, it started off a little rocky against the Chargers, when he took a kickoff down the sideline, fumbled it twice, but managed to hang on.

"The only thing that was on my mind was if I dropped the ball, (head coach) Mike (Shanahan) was going to kill me," Watson said.

"That game was like a dream come true. It didn't dawn on me until half way through the game that I was actually playing in an

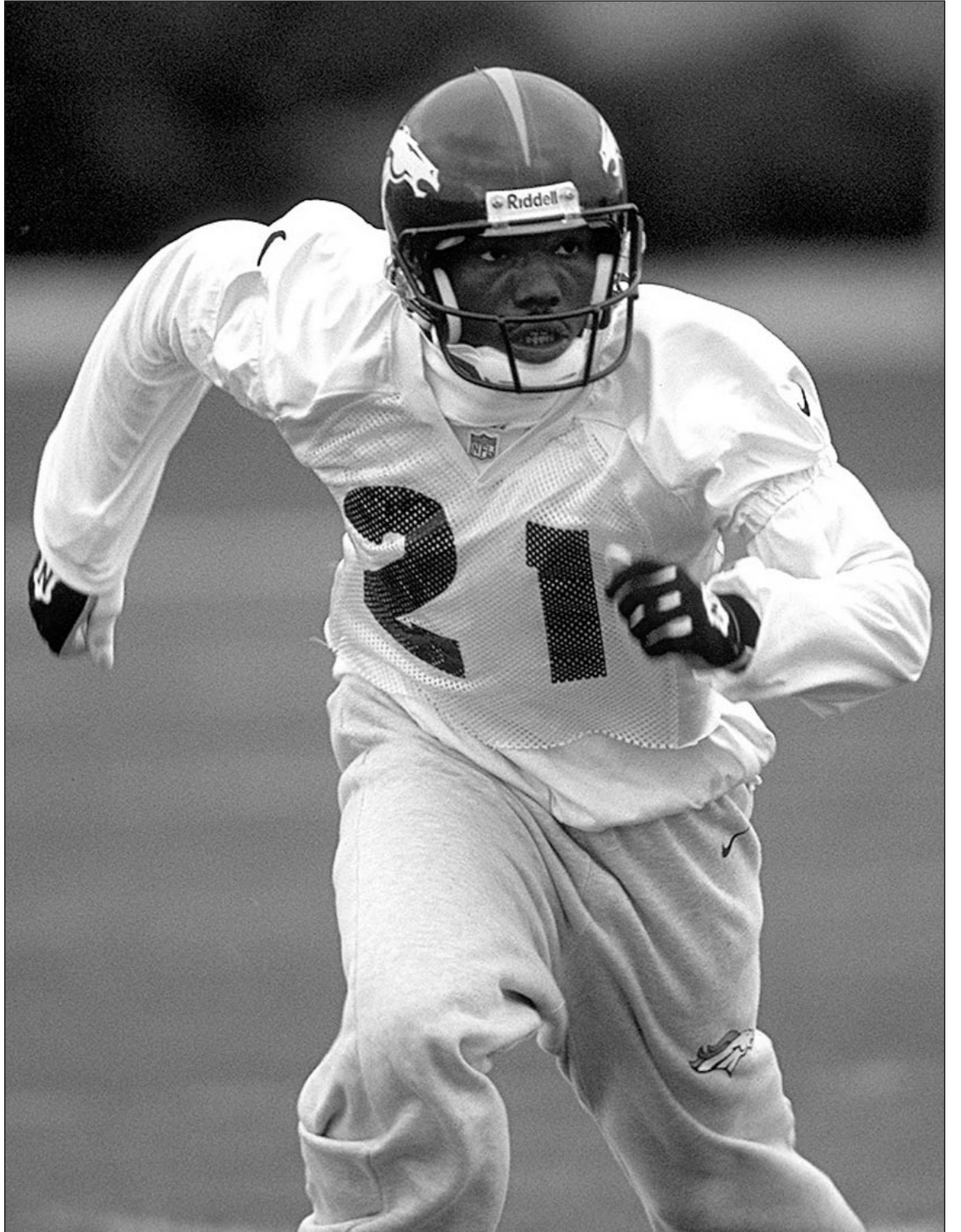


Photo courtesy of the Denver Broncos

Former Eastern football and track star Chris Watson has impressed the Denver Broncos coaches so far and earned playing time at cornerback in nickel and dime situations, as well as being the Broncos' main kick return man.

NFL game."

Plagued by injuries throughout most of his career at Eastern, Watson played in only six games last season, and chose to sit out the outdoor track season, in order to

prepare himself for the NFL. Obviously, that decision has paid off.

"It helped me a great deal and gave me a chance to rest my knee and get my body healthy," Watson

said.

"Track would have worn me out more than I was."

Surprisingly, Watson said he's

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Illinois dominates women's soccer team

By **David Pump**
 Staff writer

CHAMPAIGN – It's hard to win a game when the other team has a 35-7 shot-on-goal advantage.

The University of Illinois used a smothering defense and a potent offense to defeat Eastern 3-0 Sunday afternoon.

"(Illinois) will be an NCAA tournament team," Eastern head coach Steve Ballard said. "What we need to do now is learn from this game and maintain our composure."

The Fighting Illini (2-0) received two goals from sophomore Lisa Baldwin and one from Emily Brown to avenge last season's loss to the Panthers.

"I am very pleased; we were able

to pressure them and get the ball into the attack," Illinois head coach Tricia Taliaferro said. "This is something that we can build upon."

Brown opened the scoring at 33:30 after beating Eastern (1-1) starter Jessica Graczyk with a shot off to the right with Laura Freeman getting an assist on the goal.

Eastern tried to answer when Jean Gehrke sailed a shot just over the crossbar a few minutes later.

"We had a bunch of great chances in the first 25 minutes," Ballard said.

Baldwin found the back of the net eight minutes into the second half, and again with 15 minutes left in the contest, with Sarah Rowland getting the assist on the first goal and Heidi Holtzman on the second.

The Panthers won their first game of the season Friday at Tennessee Tech 2-1.



Chad Merda / Staff photographer

Three Eastern soccer players do their best to keep the ball in front of them and prevent Illinois from scoring. The Illini outshot Eastern 35-7 in Sunday's 3-0 loss.