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Volleyball hungry to open home tourney

Winkeler's girls open four team Pepsi/Super 8 tourney at Lance Arena this weekend.

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Financial aid applications increase

By Kevin Sampier STAFF WRITER

For the fall 2004 semester, 11,803 students applied for financial aid, compared to last year's 10,527 student applicants.

This year's figures are on top of a 9.5 percent tuition increase.

Jone Zieren, director of financial aid, has seen the increase for aid first hand.

Last year, 78 percent of all stu-dents received some type of financial aid either through grants, loans, scholarships or from state and federal aid, Zieren said.

Justin Harris, a sophomore law

and speech, disagrees with the tuition increase and feels it should have been left alone.

"I don't really see the purpose in raising the tuition," Harris said. "A lot of people can't afford to go to school. We have the lowest (tuition) in the state. If you raise it, people won't want to come here."

Efforts have been made to help counter tuition increases both this year and last.

Zieren said interim President Lou Hencken created the Tuition Grant Program last year, which set aside \$100,000 from tuition revenue and dispersed it back to students in the form of financial

"He initiated this last year with the other tuition increase and has done it again this year, and (the \$100,000) has been exhausted," Zieren said.

She believes the tuition increase might cause students to find additional ways to pay for college.

"Students may have to borrow more and seek employment to have extra money," Zieren said.

The tuition increase brought last fall's per credit hour cost of \$108.45 to \$118.75 for in-state tuition, said Eastern budget analyst Chris Sims.



Lou Hencken

said tuition was Sims increased to make up for state budget cuts made earlier in the year.

"The school was forced to give the 9.5 percent increase but wanted to leave it at 5 percent," Sims said.

During Fiscal Year 2004, Sims said Eastern will receive over \$34 million from tuition, but overall funding received from the state will be cut by over \$4 million.

Despite the tuition increase and the budget cuts, Sims said, "We're on the low end of tuition increases for schools Illinois.'

Brendan Aydt, a junior math and chemistry major, receives financial aid in the form of scholarships, and sees the increase as a necessary move.

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City crime numbers up in school months

By Carly Mullady CITY FDITOR

Charleston's crime rate shows increases during the university school year, but the rate is blamed more on population size than deviant college students.

Everything from local ordinance violations to broken state laws, criminal offenses are more prevalent during three/fourth of the year when Eastern is in full session.

Police Chief Ted Ghibellini related the drastic population increase to rising crime numbers for a series of crimes, but did not blame the student body.

"When school is in session, there's more people, more parties, more alcohol and more violations," he said.

For the most part, those violations are minor. Alcohol-related crimes and other problems are caused by such an extensive population rise.

"During the school year, there is such a big influx of people in town, the activity levels increase," Ghibellini said. "Because the activity level picks up, minor violations increase.

According to the August 2002-August 2003 12-month offense trend, crimes with the greatest occurrence here year-round include motor vehicle offenses, traffic violations, city ordinance alcohol violations and criminal trespasses and damages.

You see more violations just as you see more traffic accidents with more cars on the road," he said.

When comparing June, July and August 2003 to three-month intervals for the rest chase and acceptance of alcohol by a minor, misrepresentation of age by a minor and unlawful sale or gift of liquor to minors

Specifically, from August to October 2002, 356 traffic violations were reported, whereas 273 were reported over June, July and August 2003. Between November and January there were 345 and 412 were reported from February to May.

Likewise, illegal consumption violations numbered 11, 14 and 16 during the school term intervals with only six recorded over the summer months.

Nine minor purchase and acceptance of alcohol violations were listed for summer months while school year interval records displayed 117, 37 and 31.

With more activities, we see more city ordinance violations and malicious criminal property damages," Ghibellini said.

Crimes with minimal difference between school-year month and summer month statistics range from criminal sexual assault, domestic abuse, burglary and trespassing to driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Alcohol DUIs were reported at 20 for the summer months and 15, 21 and 28 during the Fall through Spring intervals.

Two criminal sexual assaults were on record for each interval, August through September 2002, November 2002 through January 2003 and June through August 2003. Three assaults were reported from February to May.

Many crimes considered more serious offenses show no change while school is in

Eric Thornburg, a MBA graduate student, springs off of the diving board at Lantz Pool Wednesday night during the pool's open hours.

of the year, traffic violations, aggravated battery, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and obscene conduct all display noticeable increases.

Illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, illegal possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis charges are also more prevalent.

Increased city ordinance violations include minor possession of alcohol, pursession and city ordinance violations are the primarily increased crimes related to the population influx.

The city adjusts its force to accommodate for school-year crime increases.

Ghibellini said the department responds to denser crime times with "power shifts," which are 7 p.m. to approximately 3 a.m. shifts with expanded patrol forces.

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Parking spaces switched up after summer construction

By Jennifer Chiariello CAMPUS EDITOR

 More parking part of university Master Plan

Eastern lost some and gained some parking spaces over the summer because of construction projects.

Thomas Hall lost its entire parking lot to the new Human Services building. The lot east of

the Tarble Arts Center has been taken over by renovations to the building.

University Police Department Lt. John Hatfill said roughly 15 student spaces were lost from Thomas, while 35 staff spaces have been lost across campus.

Faculty, staff and construction workers are using 21 spaces at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Ninth Street to compensate for

the loss at Tarble, which was a staff and student lot.

Hatfill said student complaints are pretty standard for the first week. The lots are extremely congested and there is confusion, especially with new students.

'It's nothing out of the ordinary," Hatfill said.

Two hundred to 300 vehicles in the lots are without stickers and will be brought home this weekend, he said. The cars were brought here for move-in.

After the weekend, parking will improve, Hatfill said.

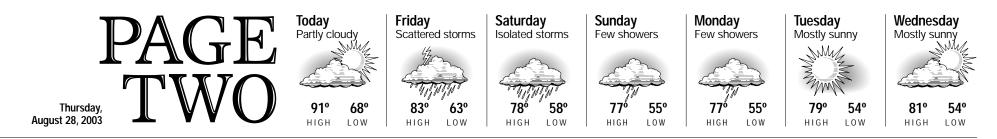
"That's why we don't ticket student lots the first week," he said. "When I say we don't ticket student lots, I mean we don't check student lots for permits."

Hatfill said two or three accidents have happened this week because people are parking on the ends of the lot without leaving enough room to negotiate turns.

The J lot. north of O'Brien Stadium, has fenced off 40 to 50 student spaces, which will be open next week, Hatfill said. The spaces are closed just this week because of the new turf installation

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DAILY FASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS



City brims with fun Labor Day spots

By Carly Mullady CITY EDITOR

A three-day weekend at Eastern leaves students with the opportunity for imaginative entertainment.

The city is not planning Labor Day celebration activities. Charleston does, however, provide a series of venues for weekend entertainment.

Local parks provide facilities for final summer cookouts. Those interested can barbecue, play on playground equipment and take advantage of the outdoors at Lincoln Avenue and Division Street's Morton Park or the 100 Maple Ave. Baker's Field.

Lake Charleston and Fox Ridge State Park provide

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Association will provide its

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resources for outdoor weekend entertainment. A lakeside atmosphere and outside recreational activities are available at both locations.

Lake Charleston can be found by traveling south on 18th Street, Fox Ridge is also located southeast of campus by traveling further south on 18th Street once it becomes Illinois Route 130.

This weekend marks the final few days Charleston's Rotary Pool and water slide facility, 920 17th St., will be open this summer. Open Swim is scheduled from 4-7 p.m. Friday, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, its final day.

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their halls a chance to excel in

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m.

Thursday in the basement of

-Compiled by staff writer Lea

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Andrews Hall.

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Worshipers fill Library Quad

 Praisefest joins denominations in song and celebration

By Angela Harris FEATURES REPORTER

The Library Quad was filled with the sound of guitars, drums and song Wednesday at the annual gathering of religious groups, Praisefest.

Taisha Mikell, an Eastern graduate student summed up the event by saying she came out to "praise the Lord the way he needs to be worshiped."

Rebekah Parker, drummer for the praise band from Praise Assembly of God, located between Charleston and Mattoon, said "We came out to praise God and glorify his name here on campus."

Mark Burrell, a member of the band, has been performing at Praisefest since it was created three years ago.

"It's cool to praise God, nothing to be ashamed of, the way we do it here is the way we do it Sunday mornings," he said.

Brian Hedges, another band member, said some of the performers lived lifestyles of drugs and addiction but had their lives "changed by Jesus" and want to sing about it.

Representatives present included members of Charleston Community Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, Unity Gospel Choir, Praise Assembly of God, Faithbuilders, Central Christian Church, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Christian Campus House and Full Access College Age Ministry.

Claude MaGee, who organized the event, said he was very pleased with the turnout.

"Last year at about this time there was only about half the people," he said.

Pastor Bill Hall of Charleston Community Church was present and hoped that this event would get the students started off in the right direction.

He said it is a good opportunity for all the churches in the area to meet the students and hand out information.

"It's intended to be a fun night," Hall said.

Dottie Harrison, from the Christ Scientist Church, offered brochures and magazines that would inform students about that faith.

Several Registered Student Ass Organizations were present and took the opportunity to sign up students. was Minority Teacher Education K Association representative Ralph Gardner said he was recruiting because "thereis a teacher short-



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Brian Hedges, youth pastor at Praise Assembly of God church in Charleston, sings during the Praise Fest Wednesday evening in the Library Quad.

age in Illinois and a dire demand all across the state."

Other organizations included the Black Student Union which promotes unity and cultural awareness and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, whose goal is to be "predicated on the precepts of scholarship, service, sisterhood and finer womanhood," as quoted in their brochures.

The Asian American Association, an organization that wants ito assemble students of different Asian backgrounds,i "It's cool to praise God, nothing to be ashamed of, the way we do it here is the way we do it Sunday mornings"

—Mark Burrell

Jesse Wu represented "Team

members with information about an upcoming residence hall conference during its first semester meeting Thursday. Nachel Glynn, RHA president, said applications will be handed

RHA to meet Thursday

Hall

said applications will be handed out for the Great Lake Affiliation of Colleges and Universities Residence Halls conference which will be held in Wisconsin.

"This conference will provide anyone looking to be leaders in

POLICE BLOTTER

Driving under the influence

Susan M. Cusick, 19, Brittany Ridge Apt., was arrested Aug. 16 at 600 Lincoln Ave. on the charge of driving under the influence, police reports said.

Sara Tallman, 19, 950 Edgar Drive, was arrested Aug. 20 at 4th & Grant in Charleston on the charge of driving under the influence, police reports said.

Rachel Huwer, 19, of Millstadt, Ill., was arrested Aug. 22 at the 1400 block of 7th St. in Charleston on the charge of driving under the influence, police reports said.

Andrew Shaefer, 19, of Schaumburg, Ill., was arrested Aug. 24 at the 1600 block of 9th St. in Charleston on the charge of disorderly conduct, police reports said.

A golf cart leased by Eastern was reported stolen Aug. 23 and recovered along with suspects. An investigation is ongoing, police reports said.



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Keanna Mahone was there to recruit for Sigma Gamma Rho, a service oriented sorority that was founded in 1922. Outlaw" radio of Eastern. He said he sought out ia more diverse audiencei and thought the Praisefest would be a perfect place because minority RSOs would be present.

Graduation exception policy, Honors Council face change

By Dan Renick

STAFF WRITER

Thursday, in their first meeting since the spring, the Council on Academic Affairs will begin making changes to their graduation exception policy and the Honor's Advisory Council.

"The problems were addressed in the spring, but no quorum of members could gather to discuss the issues over the summer," said council Chair Andrew Methven.

Ninety-seven undergraduates graduated by exception in last year's College of Education and Professional Studies commencement. Of those, 43 had yet to student teach, which is one-eighth of the required work for the program. The high number of students graduating because of the exemption resulted in a hurried commencement ceremony.

"The 243 students who were really graduating got a ceremony that felt, and seemed, rushed," Shank said. "Graduates who are truly 'graduating' deserve their time in the sun."

The CAA will also respond to a recommendation on the Honor's Advisory Council by the Faculty Senate. The Senate wishes to replace the CAA as the main support group of the Honor's Advisory Council.

The CAA has been the support group of the Honor's Advisory Council since 1981.

The council will propose to revise several courses in the economics, math and biology departments. The CAA will also discuss adding an interdisciplinary Medieval Studies minor, along with policies for undergraduate course and lab credit hours awarded to students.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday on the fourth floor conference room of Booth Library.

New dorm furniture: all it's stacked up to be?

By Jennifer Chiariello CAMPUS EDITOR

The entire south tower and most deluxe triple rooms of the north tower of Carman Hall and the north tower of Thomas Hall received new furnishings over the summer, but student reactions are mixed.

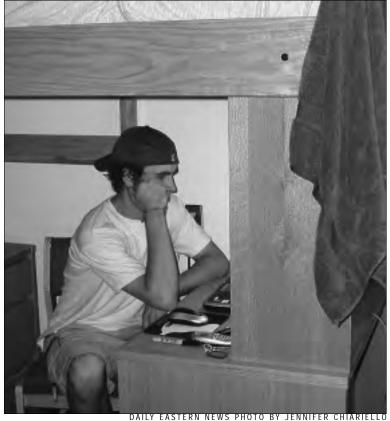
The renovations included new mattresses, carpet and stackable furniture, and students at Carman Hall are pleased by how movable the furniture is.

"The way that it is stackable is really nice. You can arrange it any way you want," said Adam Foster, a freshman social science major.

"There's definitely enough space," said Anthony Nakvosas III, a freshman pre-engineering major. "The only thing is the desks aren't that deep with a computer ... where do you put the homework? But beside that, it's real nice, better than the girls dorms and I like how the chairs lean back."

Thomas and Carman halls were only the first two of the residence halls that will get the furnishings built through the Illinois Department of Corrections.

"The only limit is your imagination," said Mike Abernathy, a junior graphic design major and Resident Assistant for Carman Hall. "Everything is stackable and



Kris Mettelmann, a freshman accounting major, looks at his computer in Carman Hall Wednesday afternoon.

customizable."

In comparison to Carman Hall furniture last year, Abernathy said, "It's nicer, it's lighter and it lets you be more creative." Some residents of Thomas and Carman still using the old furniture do not mind. "We're dealing with the old furniture since we haven't experienced the new furniture, it seems to be holding up so far," said Valerie Reil, a freshman undecided major and Carman Hall resident. Reil lives in a deluxe tripple without the new furniture.

"It's not a bad thing," said Ryan Parsons, a freshman chemistry major and resident of Thomas Hall. "We don't have to worry about damaging the new furniture. I don't really have a problem with it."

A portion of Carman residents believe the furniture should have been put in the other tower.

"I just think the guys would ruin the furniture quicker and the girls would appreciate it more," said Liz McNamara, a freshman elementary education major and Carman Hall resident. "We're buying little area rugs, to cover the floors, and the guys carpets are probably ruined already and it's only been a week."

"(The boys now) have more drawer space and girls have more clothes, we all know this. They have two huge dressers with three drawers and locks. It looks nicer too," said Meggie Gilmartin, a freshman speech communication major and Carman Hall resident. Some Thomas residents want

the new furniture.

"At first I really didn't care

about the furniture, but then I found out I had a squeaky bed and was kind of upset," said Tony Tousignant, a sophomore accounting major and resident of Thomas Hall.

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"The stackable furniture is real convenient, saves space and time and I like the color of the wood," said Zach Depyssler, a freshman marketing major.

Kris Mettelmann, a freshman accounting major, said, "It seems like more than just a bedroom with it organized like this."

"Some of the reasons I picked here (to live) is for the carpeting and furniture," said Mike Bailey, a freshman business major.

Thomas Hall residents said the new furniture gives alternatives for organization.

"The thing I like most of all is the new furniture gives more options to how you want to live," said Matt Rosenbaum, a junior elementary education major and Thomas Hall resident. "I miss the bolsters to an extent, but the new shelves give a little more depth and are more accessible."

"It's fun because it's like legos for grown ups," said Kevin Leverence, a junior psychology major and Thomas Hall Resident Assistant.

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Ward wants RSO funding

By Niki Jensen STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Getting university funding for Eastern's Recognized Student Organizations is a top priority for Larry Ward, newly-elected student vice president for business affairs.

"I really want to make sure RSO funding gets off the ground," Ward said. "I want students to be able to get a portion of their (student activity fee) money delivered to them through a proper funding process."

Currently, student organizations do not receive fixed amounts of money each year for their projects and programming events.

"Over the summer, I mostly researched RSO funding at other Illinois universities," Ward said. "I think if I get the RSO funding done, I'll have done a good job this year."

Money for RSO funding cannot be requested until this year's student fees are moved to the Apportionment Board account. Once this transaction is made, Ward said he plans to transfer the money from the Apportionment Board account to a separate account for the proposed Student Leadership Council, a group that will unite and aid student organizations through publicity, recruitment, funding and programing.

The issue of RSO funding is an aspect of the Student Leadership Council that has yet to be developed. Ward cannot begin negotiations for university funding for RSOs until the Student Leadership Council proposal is drafted and approved.

In addition to working extensively with RSO funding, Ward also plans to create a Web site that will list and break down the various fees students



Larry Ward

pay. "The Web site will inform students of what they pay per semester hour with tuition and fees. It will also give an explanation of the history of the fees and what they accomplish," Ward said.

Though last semester Ward said his goal was to have the first phase of the Web site up and running by the end of

September, he acknowledged it is going to take a little more time.

"I'm thinking mid-October for the Web site to be finished," he said.

Instead of linking the tuition and fees Web site to the Student Government site as he previously intended, Ward said he now wants it to be a part of the Panther Access Web Services.

"I'd like to get it on PAWS so it's more accessible to students," he said.

Last semester, Ward said he would hold one or two interactive forums this semester where students can ask questions regarding tuition and fees. Now, however, he is not too optimistic about organizing and holding forums because of what he sees as a lack of student interest.

"It's tough to get students together who really care about the issues," Ward said.

However, he said if Student Government receives a high amount of input in October from pamphlets they plan to pass out, then a forum could be scheduled.

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Counselors battle budget

By Dan Valenziano

With a diminished staff, Eastern's Counseling Center is as determined as ever to help students, said David Onestak, the center's director.

"One of our major challenges is that we had a counselor leave for a position at another university. Because of the budget cuts, we weren't able to fill it."

Eastern's state appropriated funds were lessened by \$4.27 million from fiscal year 2002 at \$51.88 million to FY 03's \$47.61 million.

Onestak said that leaves five counselors for 10,000 students.

"We had nearly 600 students come in for counseling (last year) compared to 440 in '97 and '98. Every year since I've been here, the number has increased. It's going to be a challenge to keep up this year."

If there is one staff that can handle this kind of workload, it is this one, Onestak said.

"I have got a great staff," he said. "There's not a person here who I wouldn't trust a loved one to. It's the best staff I've ever worked with."

To compensate for the short-handed staff, Onestak said the center would have to decrease the amount of outreach programs it offers.

"We might just have to say, 'We can't do that,'" Onestak said."The clinical hours are going to dominate this year." Once October rolls around, he said the counselor's schedules are going to be filled. Appointments will often have to be made a week or more in advance.

"We've got a plan in place to see students in an emergency, but for students who are expressing normal strains, it may take longer than we would like," Onestak said.

But often with the bad comes some good.

One positive aspect has been the working environment with the staff's move to the new Student Services building, Onestak said.

"Everybody has commented and are all very impressed with the new building, especially compared to the old one," he said. "The move is completed, and all the artwork is on the walls."

Onestak was also pleased with the Lifeskills Workshops last year, and he hopes that their success will continue.

The center has seven workshops planned for the semester. The first is titled "Eating Disorders: Health and College Life," and is scheduled for Sept. 9.

The topics of other workshops range from stress to getting good sleep.

"We average about 7,000 students a year in our outreach programs," Onestak said.

"We try to make them more interesting. I think they're going to be even better."

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Friday Aug. 29, 2003 Day Building Hours: 7am-2am Bookstore: 8am-4:30pm Panther Pantry: 8am-5pm Copy Express: 8am-5pm Bowling: 4pm-12am Food Court: 7:30am-11:30pm Bank: 10am-4pm Java: 7:30am-2pm

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Saturday Aug. 28, 2003 Building Hours: 10am-12am Bookstore: 10am-4pm Panther Pantry: closed Copy Express: closed Bowling: 4pm-12am Food Court: 11am-11pm Bank: closed Java: closed

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EDITORIAL

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Worms should serve as warning

As all on campus witnessed last Tuesday, Eastern's network is highly susceptible to viruses as well as other technical difficulties due in part to outdated routers and inadequate wiring used to subway bandwidth throughout campus.

While the "So Big" worm and another as-yet

unnamed virus affected computer networks for the U.S. Navy as well as the University of Wisconsin at Madison alongside Eastern, such vulnurability should serve as a major warning to all those involved in maintaining and repairing Eastern's archaic network. To the university's credit, a specialist from IBM was brought in to fix the problem immedi-

At issue The worms that disrupted network and Internet access last week proved the unreliability of Eastern's computer systems Our stance The semesterly technology fee should be used with

enough foresight to

future.

ensure stability in the

ately, but such solutions shouldn't be a necessity. And although the worms debilitated the net-

work, Eastern's Internet has become notorious for poor speed and intervals of unreliability.

Network access was improved across campus in 2001 as ethernet access was installed, but the lengthy process did little to fix the underlying network connecting individual buildings and controlling bandwidth throughout campus.

Despite improvements, Eastern still operated a slow, unreliable connections.

OPINION A guided tour through the newsroom

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Remember when you were 4 years old and you ran to the phone every time it rang? You had no phone etiquette whatsoever and were easily the least likely person in the household to receive a call, but something about the phone ringing excited you. A ringing telephone held mystery and your youthful curiosity drove you to solve said mystery.

office, a ringing phone still holds mystery. Now, though, it's more the variety that fills one with dread. Will someone be calling about a misspelled name? A botched ad? A plea for free advertising? Or will this be one of the minority -- a com-

but that office comes with a phone, and that phone comes with a hearty country helping of fear.

you call and chew me out than get drunk on the notion that everything is peachy.

What many people don't know is that this isn't my newspaper, or the nalism department's. This paper

This staff has a lot of plans in the works to make the News more reader-oriented, informative and fun

To that end, I'd like to give you a little tour of how this operation runs. That way, if you have complaining, complimenting or suggesting to do, you know how to do

The News has five staff editors activities, administration, campus, city and student government - who

"What many people" don't know is that this isn't my newspaper, or the publisher's, the staff's or the journalism department's. This paper belongs to the readers."

are responsible for daily news on that beat. They write some of their own stories, some have designated reporters that make a few bucks a day. The rest of the news is written by staff writers who work for free.

So if you're a source for a story, that means your interviewer may be conducting the first interview of his life or the 400th. I have to believe that each person representing the News is doing his or her damnedest to get quotes right, ask questions professionally and

I will always come to the defense of my staff before I bend to a source or advertiser, but I still want to know if you think you've been misrepresented in a story. To call in a correction, you can use my direct line. If a factual error has been made, we will happily run a

If you'd like to suggest a story or publicize an event, you can do this several ways. Press releases can be faxed to 581-2923, dropped off in the newsroom in 1811 Buzzard Hall, mailed to that address, campus mailed to the Daily Eastern News, or e-mailed to me. My email address appears under my head shot and in the masthead in the upper left corner

of this page.

You can call in news tips to me or speak to news editor John Chambers or associate news editor Matt Meinheit. We may or may not do the story you suggest. That will depend on the relevance to the students, availability of manhours and resources and editorial policy.

If you would like to work for us, you have several options there, too. Hiring has been done for nearly all editorial positions, but we're still looking for a few people to be regular beat reporters. The best way to get a job like that is to start writing for us and prove yourself capable.

To write for us, drop by the newsroom to talk to a staff editor or sign the staff writer list. You are welcome to come in whenever you see people in the room, but Sunday afternoons are the best time to get story assignments.

Campus Clips, classified and display ads are separate from this department, so calling the newsroom probably won't get you an answer about those things. Campus Clips, written on the form that runs on our classifieds page, can be dropped off in the Student Publications office in Buzzard Hall, and they can answer your questions at 581-2812. For questions about classified and display advertising, call 581-2816.

I, of course, am a student. Many of you will see me in class, at parties, walking down the street, etc., and any time is a good time to stop me and say hello or tell me what you'd like to see in the paper. I won't guarantee I'll do it, but if you're serious I'll promise to listen.

Enjoy your newspaper.



Well, now that I have my own

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My job gives me my own office,

publisher's, the staff's or the jourbelongs to the readers. Yeah, you. So welcome to your newspaper.

That line is your direct link to the top, and the number is 581-7936. Yeah, I get nervous when that phone rings, but I'd rather have

write truthfully.

correction.

The network problems of the past week merely served as a larger sign of the outdated system. But with the \$48 per semester technology fee passed last spring, the network is scheduled for an overhaul in fall of 2004.

Unfortunately, the university's track record for expediency or reliability in technological matters is abysmal. If improvements are to be made, they must be performed from the ground up rather than with the minor upgrades.

What good is a cable connection on a network incapable of handling the traffic demanded by this university?

Chat Chatterji and others involved in any future technological upgrades need the foresight to plan for a system that remains viable for at least a decade, as it is unforeseeable for Eastern to continually upgrade its network.

The technology department escaped cleanly from the worms, but may not be as lucky as virus programmers become more malicious and Eastern's routers and connections age.

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

As synthetic cannibo-parasitism soaks through capitalist culture and macroeconomics, a pertinent question arises regarding forced population transfers of non-whites from within Western nations? How shall a Western bourgeoisie obtain the natural resources from these former Aboriginal colonies? Answer: by simply taking them through military force of arms. In the long-term, however, all natural resources will become private reserves where no human life exists to hinder Western exploitation or minimalization.

At this point, one must remember Neanderthal peoples; whom were considered by Western whites to be a subspecies and were summarily exterminated, setting a precedent for what is happening to third and fourth world populations now! The only difference at present is procedure.

Militarism will introduce a cheaper method of extermination upon people of color by herding them into sterile Bantustans that will illicit cannibalism as subsistence . thus leading to a decline in procreation and food production ensuring the ultimate desired result. By this method, it will take some time for 4.9 billion people to consume each other into extinction, and time is not of the essence.

However, these open-air prisons will be guarded by that multi-racial, armed force I referred to earlier, and would kill any would-be escapee. By comparison, the Neanderthals were lucky.

Now that the British-American bourgeoisie have articulated into "preemptive war" interpretively means continual war, both economic and racial with anti-terrorism as an excuse. Hence, as the

bloody process is finished out, only one hegemonic parasite will remain, whose military power shall have reached Wars" proportion "Star (among many others) to finish Earth's de-population.

After de-population is accomplished, all natural resources will be lightly used since no starving-polluting mass exist to threaten bourgeois security in a still finite world; whom will have acceded to its first power of three in a post bourgeois social paradigm, namely hedonistic fascism.

Finally, this new theistic fascist culture. can and will. with unilateral and ultimate parasitism, use all science,

industry and agricultureplus the educative sciences to reduce three of the remaining 400 million (mainly white) survivors to servant status, after having had a modification of their intellect, rendering them unable to think dialectically.

The remaining 100 million super fascist overlords will continue to winnow both groups throughout its antithetic stage; when fascist synthesis does occur. the achievement of mono-culture will have savaged Marxist ideas of multi-culturism and proliferation of the arts.

Michael Strange Charleston resident.

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Tuesday, September 2

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Wednesday, September 3

7:00 pm 8:00 pm Convocation, Grand Ballroom, University Union



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Thursday, September 4 7:00 pm "Head of State" Movie Night, Buzzard Auditorium Sponsored by NPHC and BSU Friday, September 5 10:00 pm Union Party, University Ballroom Spensored by NRHC and RSU Salurday, September 6 2:00 pm 4:00 pm Pool Party & Bar B Que, Charleston Rolary Pool Sponsored by NPHC and BSU

Parking:

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Driver education classes this year will be held on Friday afternoons and the stadium lot needs to be empty. Anyone parked in that lot will be ticketed or towed, Hatfill said. Friday afternoons students can park in any student lot if they have their permit displayed.

There are now 64 spaces in the new S lot that are currently student and staff to ease parking, but they are going to become strictly staff to facilitate the number of staff moved to the new Human Services building, Hatfill said. No more parking lots have been built or planned that Hatfill knows of for the upcoming school year.

"The current state budget situation will delay the progress of projects that rely on state funding, and that will affect the master plan," said Carol Strode, director of facilities planning and management.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said there are no plans for the academic year to add parking spaces. Nothing will change before next summer in terms of construction plans.

Some underclassmen say not enough parking is set aside for them. "I have to park elsewhere even though I paid for a permit," said Katie Steinbaugh, a freshman accounting major.

In crowded lots, some drivers stalk others for parking spots.

"As soon as I pull out, people are right there to take it away," said Gavin Wilk, a freshman engineering major. "I had to drive around for 15 minutes before finding a spot."

Some upperclassmen say finding parking has not been a difficult task.

Jil Gates, a senior elementary education major, said she can always find a spot.

"I've never been able to not find a spot. For a university we have pretty good parking. At (the University of Illinois), it's impossible to find a spot."

Other students feel there was not enough student involvement in the decisions made regarding parking.

"It seems like all of the major decisions and changes are made during the summer when student input is not available," said Kevin Leverence, a junior psychology major.

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Senate goes back to basics

By Niki Jensen

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate members started with the basics Wednesday, meeting for the first time this semester to discuss their roles and duties as well as their legislative structure.

"This is going to be a very loosely run meeting," said senate Speaker Mike Walsh. "You know I haven't done this before. I know I haven't done this before—I'll make some mistakes."

Telling senate members the meeting would have a classroom environment, Walsh ran through the mock agenda with the aid of a power point presentation.

Walsh told senate members he has pretty high expectations of them.

"Have respect for everyone," he said. "And be familiar with the (student government) constitution and the bylaws."

But more importantly, Walsh said he wants senate members to enjoy being a part of the senate. "My No. 1 senate expectation is

for everyone to have fun," he said. Student Body President Caleb

Judy and the four student vice

presidents talked about their expectations and upcoming projects.

Like Walsh, Judy stressed the importance of unity.

"We'd appreciate it if you'd help us out," Judy told the senate members. "We're all in this together."

Executive Vice President Bill Davidson told senate members he needs their help with getting Eastern students registered to vote.

"There's no way I can get 5,000 people registered to vote on my own," Davidson said.

Amanda Sartore, student vice president for academic affairs, said she wants to start a new program to help new or international students.

"I want to create a new student and/or international student program," Sartore said. The program will help new or foreign students become accustomed to Eastern through a buddy program that pairs up students unfamiliar with Eastern with someone to help ease any transitions.

Larry Ward, student vice president for business affairs, said he is looking for senate members to help out with the Apportionment Board.

Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs, told senate members she needs immediate help with some projects.

"I already have things I need you guys to help me with," Flam said. "I need people that are going to be committed to the Student Leadership Council and who will put forth a lot of effort."

The Student Leadership Council, a group planned to unite RSOs through activities such as publicity and programing, is in the planning stages.

An RSO Fair will be held from 12 to 3 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Library Quad, Flam said.

Senate members went through a fake resolution, bill and bylaw change in new business.

During the committee chair reports Walsh gave senate members a description of each of the 10 subcommittees.

New senate subcommittees should be installed by next week's meeting, he said.

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Big labor endorses California governor recall strategy

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With another powerful labor organization backing the Democrats' gubernatorial recall strategy, Gov. Gray Davis and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante are inching closer together — despite their icy relationship.

The California State Labor Federation AFL-CIO, an association of more than 1,300 local unions representing some 2.1 million workers, voted Tuesday to endorse Bustamante for governor in case Davis is ousted Oct 7.

The recall ballot will have two parts. Voters first will be asked to vote on whether to recall Davis, and then will choose from a list of 135 candidates to replace him if he is recalled.

The endorsement of the lieutenant governor's "No on recall, yes on Bustamante" campaign was a significant strategic shift for the labor union, which had earlier led opposition to the recall and urged other Democrats to stay off the ballot.

"It's a very tactical decision coming out here pretty united with the message 'no on recall, no on recall, no on recall and yes on Bustamante," Miguel Contreras, executive secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, said after the unanimous vote by about 600 delegates.

Bustamante welcomed the endorsement, which follows similar support from the state's teacher union, California's Democratic congressional delegation and state Senate Democrats.

"I'm pleased that the Democratic family is coming together to embrace the idea that voting no is not enough," the lieutenant governor told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Davis has also begun to move closer to the strategy, though so far without wholeheartedly endorsing his lieutenant, with whom he has an estranged relationship. But he has said Bustamante's entry into the race could bring out more voters who would also vote against the recall.

The two had a friendly working relationship until April 1999, when Bustamante told a news conference he disagreed with Davis' decision to ask a federal appeals court to use mediation to resolve a dispute over an anti-illegal immigrant ballot initiative.

The lieutenant governor said Davis' legal strategy concerning Proposition 187, which denies services to illegal immigrants, was backtracking on a promise to heal racial divides.

Bustamante later asked the

court to reject the governor's request, and after that, several of his aides lost their Capitol parking spaces. Davis' office blamed construction, but Bustamante staffers considered it payback.

The relationship between the two since then has been courteous in public but icy in private.

Davis on Tuesday repeated words of praise for Bustamante that he's begun to employ in recent days. "He's a good and decent person and the most qualified person on question two, but this election is not going to get to question two," Davis said.

Teen accused in shooting spree plot pleads guilty as adult

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) - A 14year-old boy pleaded guilty as an adult to a weapons possession charge Wednesday and prosecutors dropped a conspiracy charge alleging he joined two other teenagers in plotting a shooting rampage.

Prosecutors also dropped a carjacking charge against Christopher Olson, who was arrested July 6 with two others after a carjacking attempt. Authorities said the teens had several guns, swords and 2,000 rounds of ammunition and were planning a shooting rampage.

Camden County prosecutor Vincent P. Sarubbi said Olson was "less culpable" than the other defendants.

A police detective testified Tuesday that Olson hung back while the other teens tried to take the car. He also became part of the plot months after it was begun, authorities said, and computer evidence on the plot was seized from the other defendants' homes but

Financial: Administrators

still can't predict future increases

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"Obviously, no student would like to have tuition increased, but given the state's financial situation, it could have been a lot worse," Aydt said.

Along with two scholarships, Aydt helps to pay his tuition by

not Olson's.

The plea came during court proceedings to determine if Olson and Cody Jackson, 15, should be tried in adult or juvenile court. There was no indication when the judge would rule in Jackson's case.

Authorities allege the ringleader was Matthew Lovett, 18, whose father owned the guns. Each teen was charged with carjacking, conspiracy to murder and weapons offenses, and Lovett was also charged with aggravated assault.

Prosecutors recommended that Olson be sentenced to seven years in a facility for juveniles with no possibility of parole in the first three years. Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 17.

If convicted of all charges as an adult, he could have faced more than 40 years in prison. Pleading guilty as an adult means he will always have a criminal record.

Olson and Jackson are being held in a juvenile facility. Lovett is being held in the county jail on \$1 million bail.

working 10 hours a week as a student worker in the library, stocking shelves and working the information desk.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said even with the tuition increase this year and last, he isn't sure if there will be any more in the near future.

"It depends on the state's economic situation and the operation cost for the future year," he said. "I can't say no and I can't say yes; it depends on economic factors."

Floodwaters sweep car off road in Mojave Desert, killing three

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. (AP) — A flash flood spawned by tremendous downpours swept a car off a Mojave Desert road, killing two sisters and a family friend who saved the daughter of one victim.

Family members looked on desperately Tuesday as rescuers tried to reach the vehicle.

"The car flipped over on my daughters, and they haven't been seen since," Angela Ridgeway told KCAL-TV.

The car became stuck Tuesday afternoon on a street that dipped into a flood channel. It was washed about three blocks before flipping over, San Bernardino County sheriff's Sgt. Rich Bozwell said.

The driver, Laura Lee Ridgeway, 38, was trapped and appeared to have drowned, said Adrienne Baldwin of the sheriff's department.

Her sister, Leslie Jean Juarez, 36, died after she and her 14-yearold daughter were thrown from the car into the raging water.

A 29-year-old family friend rescued the teen but was swept away and died, Baldwin said. He and Juarez were found several miles away.

The names of the family friend and girl were not immediately released. The teenager was staying with relatives, authorities said.

In the nearby community of Joshua Tree, two cars crashed on a wet road, killing one driver. The victim's name was not released.

Twentynine Palms, in the desert near the north side of Joshua Tree National Park, is 120 miles east of Los Angeles.

It was the second major round of flash floods in the Mojave Desert in a week. Torrents of muddy water flowed over roads and through high desert communities north and east of greater Los Angeles on Aug. 20.

Stampede kills 29 at Hindu fest

NASIK, India (AP) — The collapse of a barricade set off a stampede of thousands of people at a Hindu religious festival Wednesday in western India, killing at least 39 people and injuring 125 more, an official said.

The stampede took place as more than a million Hindu devotees assembled for a religious bathing festival in the Godavari River outside the town of Nasik, about 110 miles northeast of Bombay.

Nasik Mayor Dashrath Patil said 39 people had been killed and at least 125 had been injured. Two of the injured were police officers, he said.

The injured were brought to Nasik hospitals in ambulances, cars and police vehicles.

"There were some 50,000 people behind one barricade and they were pushing. The barricade suddenly broke and they just fell down," said Chhagan Bhujbal, deputy chief minister of Maharashtra state.

"People at the back just began walking on them and that's how the stampede happened," said Bhujbal. "It was a tragic accident."

After the stampede, tens of thousands of pilgrims continued worshipping at the festival area, which is spread across dozens of acres.

The Kumbh Mela festival is held every 12 years, timed in connection with alignments of the Sun and Jupiter. While the main festival is held near the city of Allahabad, the Nasik festival is one of the "mini-Kumbhs" that are held more often.

Stampedes are not uncommon at major Hindu religious festivals, which can attract millions of worshippers.

In 1999, 51 pilgrims died after a stampede caused a landslide at a Hindu shrine in southern India. The stampede began when a rope

meant to channel the flow of people snapped.

In 1986, 50 people died in a stampede in the town of Haridwar and in 1954 about 800 pilgrims died during the Kumbh Mela in Allahabad.

The Godavari is considered sacred by Hindus, who believe they can rid themselves of sin by bathing there during special days and festivals.

Some 60 million people are estimated to take part at various times during the festival, which started July 30 and ends Sept. 1.

Police in Nasik said 1.5 million to 1.6 million people were attending the festival Wednesday.

It has been a difficult week for the people of Maharashtra state. On Monday, a pair of car bombs exploded in Bombay, the state capital, killing 51 people. Authorities have blamed Muslim militants.





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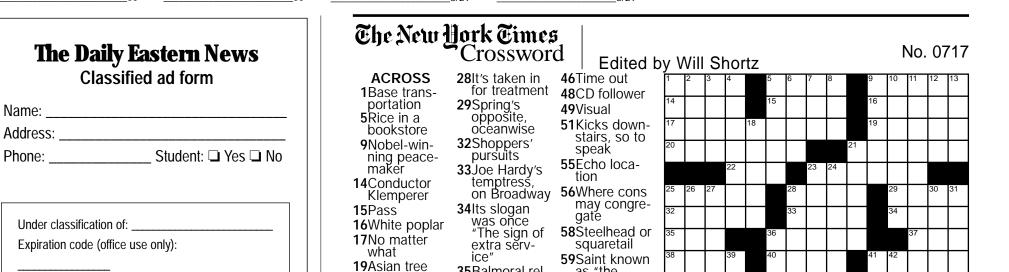
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Music pirate arrest ploys disclosed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recording industry provided its most detailed glimpse to date Wednesday into some of the detective-style techniques it has employed as part of its secretive campaign to cripple music piracy over the Internet.

The disclosures were included in court papers filed against a Brooklyn woman fighting efforts to identify her for allegedly sharing nearly 1,000 songs over the Internet. The recording industry disputed her defense that songs on her family's computer were from compact discs she had legally purchased.

Using a surprisingly astute technical procedure, the Recording Industry Association of America examined song files on the woman's computer and traced their digital fingerprints back to the former Napster file-sharing service, which shut down in 2001 after a court ruled it violated copyright laws.

The RIAA, the trade group for the largest record labels, said it also found other hidden evidence inside the woman's music files suggesting the songs were recorded by other people and distributed across the Internet.

Comparing the Brooklyn woman to a shoplifter, the RIAA told U.S. Magistrate John M. Facciola that she was "not an innocent or accidental infringer" and described her lawyer's claims otherwise as "shockingly misleading." The RIAA papers were filed in Washington overnight Tuesday and made available by the court Wednesday.

The woman's lawyer, Daniel N. Ballard, of Sacramento, Calif., said the music industry's latest argument was "merely a smokescreen to divert attention" from the related issue of whether her Internet provider, Verizon Internet Services Inc., must turn over her identity under a copyright subpoena.

"You cannot bypass people's constitutional rights to privacy, due process and anonymous association to identify an alleged infringer," Ballard said.

Ballard has asked the court to delay any ruling for two weeks while he prepares detailed arguments, and he noted that his client — identified only as "nycfashiongirl" — has already removed the file-sharing software from her family's computer.

The RIAA accused "nycfashiongirl" of offering more than 900 songs by the Rolling Stones, U2, Michael Jackson and others for illegal download, along with 200 other computer files that included at least one full-length movie, "Pretty Woman."

The RIAA's latest court papers describe in unprecedented detail some sophisticated forensic techniques used by its investigators. These disclosures were even more detailed than answers the RIAA provided weeks ago at the request of Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., who has promised hearings into the industry's use of copyright subpoenas to track downloaders.

For example, the industry disclosed its use of a library of digital fingerprints, called "hashes," that it said can uniquely identify MP3 music files that had been traded on the Napster service as far back as May 2000. Examining hashes is commonly used by the FBI and other computer investigators in hacker cases.

By comparing the fingerprints of music files on a person's computer against its library, the RIAA believes it can determine in some cases whether someone recorded a song from a legally purchased CD or downloaded it from someone else over the Internet.

Copyright lawyers said it remains unresolved whether consumers can legally download copies of songs on a CD they purchased rather than making digital copies themselves. But finding MP3 music files that precisely match copies that have been traded online could be evidence a person participated in file-sharing services.

"The source for nycfashiongirl's sound recordings was not her own personal CDs," the RIAA's lawyers wrote. The recording industry also disclosed that it is examining so-called "metadata" tags, hidden snippets of information embedded within many MP3 music files. In this case, lawyers wrote, they found evidence that others — including one user who called himself "Atomic Playboy" — had recorded the music files and that some songs had been downloaded from known pirate Web sites.

One killed in Effingham fire

EFFINGHAM, Ill. (AP) — One man was killed and three people were critically injured in a fire at the Lincoln Lodge Motel early Wednesday, authorities said. The fire, which was reported about 3

am, destroyed most of the two-story motel, said Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Niccum. "When the firemen arrived it was fully

involved," Niccum said. "There's not much left."

The name of the dead man was not immediately released. An autopsy was planned for Wednesday afternoon, said Effingham County Coroner Leigh Hammer.

The three injured people, identified by

police as Kimberly Carruthers, William Thierry and Samuel James, were taken first to an Effingham hospital and then were transferred to other hospitals. Their conditions were described as critical

Police did not have permanent addresses for the three, who were guests of the motel.

The fire was reported by a police officer who noticed the fire while on patrol, according to the Effingham Police Department.

Eleven rooms in the motel were rented, police said. The Red Cross was helping those who were displaced to find new

lodging.

"Several people had (the motel) as their residence because they just moved to town," said Ruth Bales, a Red Cross volunteer.

Since most of the fire victims were sleeping when police and fire officials started knocking on their doors, they were only able to leave with the clothes on their back, she said.

"Some people lost everything they have," Bales said.

Niccum said an investigator from the state fire marshal's office and Effingham police were looking for the cause of the fire.

Seven dead in shooting at Chicago auto parts warehouse

CHICAGO (AP) — Police said a disgruntled former worker at an auto parts supply warehouse went through the maze-like business shooting employees with a semiautomatic pistol, killing six before police fatally shot him Wednesday.

Police identified the man as Salvador Tapia, 36. Acting Superintendent Phil Cline said Tapia had been fired about six months ago for causing trouble at work and frequently showing up late or not at all.

Cline said when police arrived shortly after 8:30 a.m., they tried to get in the building but were driven back by gunfire. He said when an assault team entered the building they found a maze of 55-gallon drums, engines and steel containers and little room to maneuver.

He said Tapia, who had an extensive arrest record, was hiding behind a container and exchanged gunfire with police before being shot.

Cline said four people were pronounced dead at the scene. Tapia and two others were taken to hospitals and pronounced dead there.

Only one of the employees in the building escaped, Cline said, a man who ran out with his hands tied behind his back and was unharmed.

Cline said on his way out, the man ran into another employee who was late for work because of a traffic jam and the two ran together to a nearby restaurant.

Al Martinez said he was at the business he owns a half-block away when he heard the gunfire.

"We saw a guy shooting at police officers outside the building and saw people running around like crazy," said Martinez, who owns Midway Pallets. "We came and saw all the cops running, hiding behind cars."

Pamela George was cooking at the Dox Grill across the street when a warehouse worker ran in, looking for a phone. "He said someone was in there shooting. He was really scared, like a chicken with its head cut off," she said.

She said police arrived and evacuated the restaurant within five minutes. All buildings within a block of the auto parts and supply store were evacuated.

It was the nation's deadliest workplace shooting since July 8, when Doug Williams, 48, gunned down 14 co-workers, killing six, at a Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant in Meridian, Miss., before taking his own life.

In the Chicago area, William D. Baker, 66, killed four people and himself at a Navistar International engine plant in suburban Melrose Park in February 2001.

Earthlink files lawsuit against accusations of spam e-mailings

ATLANTA (AP) — EarthLink filed a lawsuit Wednesday against 100 individuals, accusing them of sending millions of unwanted junk emails, known as "spam," to the Internet service provider's customers.

The spam included advertisements for herbal impotence treatments, mortgage loans and fake company Web sites that took user addresses and financial information, said Karen Cashion, lead counsel for EarthLink's federal court lawsuit.

EarthLink claims the individuals — mostly based in Alabama and Canada — used stolen credit cards, identity theft and banking fraud to fund Internet accounts and send out more than 250 million unsolicited commercial e-mails. The company estimated damages caused by the Alabama ring at roughly \$5 million for relaying the spam, investigating the ring and losing customers, Cashion said.

EarthLink has been successful in suing other spammers. In May, it collected \$16.4 million from a spammer in Buffalo, N.Y., and last year the company was awarded \$25 million in damages in a lawsuit against Kahn C. Smith of Tennessee.

Wednesday's lawsuit seeks an injunction, which Cashion says will enable further investigation and could lead to subpoenas of items such as phone company records in an effort to identify the spammers.

The lawsuit also accuses individuals in Vancouver, British Columbia, of posing as Internet service providers to attract personal and financial information from unsuspecting subscribers.

The spammers went undetected for about six months by creating an elaborate chain of bogus names, false addresses and nonexistent companies to disguise their identities, according to the lawsuit.

"Our investigation has been ongoing for a number of months and this is a very tech-savvy spam ring which has made this a particularly challenging investigation," Cashion said.

The lawsuit doesn't identify the individual spammers but EarthLink will contact law enforcement once it has identified them, said Carla Shaw, company spokeswoman.

Cashion said the investigation into the Vancouver ring is in its early stages.

An RIAA vice president, Jonathan Whitehead, said evidence proved the Brooklyn woman was "hardly an unwitting or passive participant in the events that involve her computer."

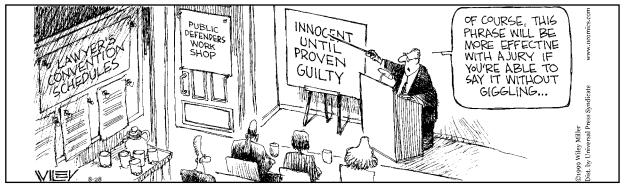
The recording industry has won approval for more than 1,300 subpoenas compelling Internet providers to identify computer users suspected of illegally sharing music files on the Internet.

The RIAA has said it expects to file at least several hundred lawsuits seeking financial damages as early as next month. U.S. copyright laws allow for damages of \$750 to \$150,000 for each song offered illegally on a person's computer, but the RIAA has said it would be open to settlement proposals from defendants.

The campaign comes just weeks after U.S. appeals court rulings requiring Internet providers to readily identify subscribers suspected of illegally sharing music and movie files.

The 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act permits music companies to force Internet providers to turn over the names of suspected music pirates upon subpoena from any U.S. District Court clerk's office, without a judge's signature required.

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Depth, youth gives Eastern hope

Editors Note: This story was not shown in its enitirety in Wednesday's edition. Here's the full version. The Daily Eastern News regrets the error and sincerely apologizes to everyone invloved.

By Matt Williams

SPORTS EDITOR

By Matthew Stevens

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern enters the season ranked

The Panthers which received a

19th in the preseason ESPN/USA Today Top 25 Coaches pool.

third place ranking in the Ohio

Valley Conference coaches pool is

being shown as the strongest team

in the conference according to the country's national coaches.

but I think it has more to do with

the past," Spoo said. "If I'm a coach

and I see that a team has won back-

to-back conference titles, I'm going

The Panthers will begin the 2003

to give them respect for that.'

"It's nice to be ranked that high

Eastern women's soccer coach Steve Ballard admitted maybe he has gotten a little too soft during this off-season.

He finds it harder each year to find flaws in the players he brings in, giving him more time to work on planning for games and spending less time on the basics.

This leaves Ballard, who enters his ninth year as the Panthers' coach, with little to complain about.

"It's a good position to be in," Ballard said. "They know the expectations. It's sort of a program that is running itself...I think we have improved in all areas, whether it's speed, size or strength"

Ballard was especially pleased with how prepared his players were entering the first week of practice. He said his veteran players have shown they are ready to lead a team that is going for its third straight trip to the NCAA tournament.

"They have the work ethic and desire to compete," Ballard said. "I think our returners have come back as fit and as dedicated as anyone else. They have a large commitment to what we want to achieve."

Adding depth on an already deep roster is every coach's dream. Both Ballard and his players believe this year's team could be the strongest yet. "I really believe our depth is very strong and believe the level of play is going to stay high," junior midfielder Rachel Dorfman said. "Everyone looks great and looks like they have practiced and got in shape over the summer."

Dorfman is just one of several key returning players for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament champions.

Along with senior forward Beth Liesen, the Panthers return all-OVC players Audra Frericks and LeeAnn Langsfeld.

Ballard is also happy to see the progress of his seven incoming freshmen, and expects a few to get a shot in the starting lineup.

"I think we are a balanced team and really the strength of this team is we are really young," Ballard said. "Amy Dix has been doing extremely well and has been fighting for a a starting spot. Trish Walter has also been playing well for us."

The one question left to be answered is whether or not Eastern can replace the fire graduated player Cara LeMaster provided for the past four years.

"We will definitely miss the passion," Ballard said. "I don't think we can replace her but I think the whole team can play with a passion that she brought."

Ballard said the players are just ready to get the season started and play some regular season games. Eastern's first test comes Friday at Lakeside Field against in-state rival Western Illinois.

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Pacers Thomas Fired

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Isiah Thomas was fired Wednesday as coach of the Indiana Pacers, a surprise move by new boss Larry Bird that came only two months before the start of the season.

Thomas, an NBA Hall of Famer, led a young Pacers team into the playoffs in all three of his seasons, but they were knocked out in the first round each year.

"After looking at film, seeing how things were and evaluating the basketball operations, I detected the team's chemistry wasn't what it should be," Bird said. "Donnie and I decided that a change was necessary and a fresh start was important."

Donnie Walsh, the team's CEO, and Bird, the president of basketball operations, did not immediately pick a successor or set a timetable for choosing a new coach.

"We have decided to go in a different direction," Walsh said in a statement. "When I hired Isiah, I thought he was the right man for the job and at the time and he was."

The team said it would honor the final year of Thomas' contract. An official announcement was expected at a news conference later in the day.

Thomas was with the U.S. men's basketball team at the Olympic qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico earlier this week. He checked out of his hotel Tuesday and could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Pacers were 131-115 in the regular season under Thomas.

Bird and Thomas were contentious rivals from their days of leading the Boston Celtics and Detroit Pistons to NBA titles in the 1980s.

When he was hired July 11, Bird walked off the podium at a news conference and shook hands with Thomas — but neither smiled.

2003 1-AA ESPN/USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL

Team (1st place votes)	2002 record	points
1. McNeese State (23)	13-2	1,389
2. Georgia Southern (8)	11-3	1,311
3. Montana (7)	11-3	1,288
4. Western Illinois (6)	12-3	1,258
5. Western Kentucky (12)	12-3	1,165
6. Northeastern (1)	10-3	942
7. Grambling (2)	11-2	864
8. Appalachian State	8-4	861
9. Furman	8-4	847
10. Idaho State	8-3	689
11. Villanova	11-4	688
12. Bethune Cookman	11-2	622
13. Fordham	10-3	603
14. Maine	11-3	573
15. Montana State	7-6	572
16. Wofford	9-3	566
17. Massachussetts	8-4	505
18. Delawere	6-6	474
19. Eastern Illinois	8-4	422
20. Pennsylvania	9-1	396
21. Southeast Missouri	8-4	345
22. Nicholls State	7-4	301
23. Northwestern State	9-4	285
24. Eastern Kentucky	8-4	233
25. Gardner -Webb	9-1	205

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season at O'Brien Stadium against Murray Division II California (PA). spots a

Other OVC school ranked in the poll are the Southeast Missouri State Indians 21st and the Eastern KentuckyColonels at 24th.

Eastern reaches Top 20 in poll

"We're just like everybody else," SEMO head coach Tim Billings said Tuesday. "Every team except for Grambling is 0-0 right now."

The defending national champion Western Kentucky Hilltoppers were placed fifth but received the second-most first place votes. The 2002 runner-up McNeese State Cowboys enters the season as the top ranked team with Georgia Southern closely behind.

Defending OVC champion

Murray State starts the season two spots away from cracking the poll with 176 votes.

"I don't really know what we have here right now," Racers head coach Joe Pannunzio said. "Until we really start the OVC, our opponent is ourselves."

The only other conference foe that received votes was Jacksonville State with 6.

The Grambling Tigers, who lost its season opener to 1-A opponent San Jose State 29-0 Saturday, begins the year in seventh position.

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VOLLEYBALL **Roberson brings a new excitement to Panthers**

By Michael Gilbert SPORTS REPORTER

When the Eastern volleyball team takes the court this weekend at the Pepsi/Super 8 Invitational, the Panthers will do so with a new assistant coach.

Aaron Roberson begins his first season on head coach Brenda Winkeler's staff after he replaced student assistant coach Carrie Stevens in July. Roberson previously held the varsity head coaching position at Manual High School in Kentucky for the past three years.

While at Manual, Roberson led his alma mater to a Kentucky 'Top 10' ranking during the 2002 season. During his tenure with the team, they also won the Jefferson County Invitational in 2000 and placed third in the same event in 2002. His coaching record at Manual was an impressive 79-37.

Winkeler said Roberson has not missed a beat jumping from the high school game to the college level.

"He is doing a great job," Winkeler said. "He works mostly on the left and right side and he has done fine."

Not only has Roberson's transition to college coaching been successful, but Winkeler said the team is learning from him and has responded well to the new coach.

'Our team has really adjusted well to him," Winkeler said. "Having a new coach will take time to adjust too, but our left and right sides' have really benefited from him."

It shouldn't come as a surprise that Roberson is fitting in. He was hand picked by Winkeler, who has coached the Panthers to a 48-43 record and a trip to the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

Besides coaching at Manual, Roberson has also worked with the perennial national power Kentucky-Indiana Volleyball Association, as an assistant coach of the 18-Red and head coach of the 18-White.

Roberson graduated from the University of Louisville in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in sports administration.

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New assistant coach Aaron Roberson (right).watches practice Monday afternoon. Roberson served as head coach at Louisville (Ken.) Manual High School for three years.

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In essence, 12 weeks would end Pennington's season because either the Jets will be in the playoff hunt with another quarterback or out of the race completely.

If the team is in the playoff race, why change quarterbacks and risk the all important team chemistry? If they are out of the playoff picture completely, why risk the team's young quarterback for a lackluster team?

So now that Pennington and Vick have already been caught by the curse, what will be next for Warner now that he is on the cover?

Bear in mind that Warner had a disastrous 2002-2003 campaign, where he had numerous injuries throughout the year. The Rams quarterback is just about as important to his team as Vick was to the Falcons or Pennington was to the Jets.

With two MVP's and a Super Bowl ring in Warner's trophy room, his importance to the Rams is significant. But for a man who is as injury prone as Warner is, the Sports Illustrated cover this year probably does not

look too good in his eyes. Barring some sympathy from the football

gods and the Sports Illustrated curse, it could be another long year for Rams fans.

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Western Illinois will return three starters from last year's 3-26 team. Despite the Westerwinds poor record, current sophomore Jessica Manning was named the Mid-Continent Conference's Freshman of the Year. In earning the award, Manning averaged 3.02 kills and 3.88 digs per game.

Western will start the season with many new faces, as head coach Kym McKay brought in five junior college transfers and six freshman for the 2003 season.

The Panthers can look at the Pepsi/Super 8 Invitational as a potential

spring board for their season. Coming off a 9-21 season, the Panthers were picked ninth in the 11 team Ohio Valley Conference preseason ranking. Winkeler said the ranking could be the type of bulletin board material needed to motivate the Panthers.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

"The rankings usually reflect on where you finished last year," Winkeler said. "We'll use the ranking as an incentive this season.'

The Panthers will open their season against Western at 7 p.m. on Friday. Eastern will be back in action Saturday at 1 p.m. against Evansville and play their second game of the day against Drake at 7 p.m.







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SI cursing Warner's **Rams early**

Kurt Warner and the St.Louis Rams should be worried right about now.

Seemingly the only possible occurrence that can derail the Rams high powered offense would be injuries, which was proven by last year's playoff missing season. Without a healthy Warner and running back Marshall Faulk, the Rams seemed mortal during the regular season for the first time since they had won the Super Bowl.

Warner and the Rams should be worried because the quarterback has been put on the cover of Sports Illustrated for the football preview. Perhaps meaning that Warner will be the next victim of the merciless SI cover jinx.

This year has a high possibility for Warner and the Rams to be caught by the jinx, because it has already made its mark on two impact players in the NFL.

The first, and probably most important, was the incomparable Michael Vick. Vick. who became the Falcon's full-time starting quarterback last season, was the NFL's new sensation using his arms and his legs.

This off season he became the man who just about every sports writer in America had dubbed the best thing since sliced bread.

Vick was Sports Illustrated's first choice for this year's cover of the football preview.

But Vick fell prey to the jinx even before the cover came out. Even if Vick didn't know he was going to be on the cover, the football gods must have because in the Falcons' second preseason game Vick scrambled and managed to break his leg as he slipped on the turf and was tackled.

Vick's injury was publicized just about as much as it could be, and most members of the media then discounted the Falcons as a contender without Vick for the beginning of the season.

However, this event didn't phase Sports Illustrated, as the magazine was determined to finish one more player off

VOLLEYBALL **Thirsty for wins in Pepsi/Super 8**

 Winkeler has high expectations going into host tournament.

By Michael Gilbert

SPORTS REPORTER

It is only the first weekend of the volleyball season but Eastern head coach Brenda Winkeler already has lofty goals for the Panthers as they host the Pepsi/Super 8 Invitational this weekend at Lantz Arena.

"We want to win the tournament," Winkeler said. "It's our first test, so we want

to find out our More inside strengths and weaknesses. Assistant coach helping The real games out in first year are a lot different than the Page 11 practice

games.' If the previous two years are any indication, Eastern will fair quite well in their lone home tournament.

In 2001, the Panthers finished second behind champion Wright State in a group that also included Central Michigan and Montana. Last year Eastern once again garnered the runner-up spot by overcoming an opening loss to eventual champion Toledo, only to come back strong on day two of the tournament to defeat Chattanooga and Depaul.

This year's invitational will see Drake, Evansville and Western Illinois making the trip to Charleston. According to Winkeler, the tournament is up for grabs with all four teams trying to rebound from sub-par 2002 seasons

"All of the teams struggled last

DAILY FASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS Sophomore outside hitter Jessica Ackerman returns a ball during volleyball practice Wednesday afternoon in

year," Winkeler said. "We feel good going into the tournament, but it's a funny world, you never know what will happen.'

Lantz Arena

Of the other three teams involved in the tournament the Panthers should receive the strongest challenge from the Drake Bulldogs.

Drake suffered through a 7-25 record last season, but return talented sophomore Stacy Boerema who led the team with an average of 3.53 kills per game and a total of 374 on the season. With one year behind her, Boerema is on pace to break Brandy Ossian's school record of 1,166 kills. Aiding Boeremia on the Drake squad are senior outside hitter Kristin Lickiss (2.09 kills and 1.7 digs per contest), and senior hitter Jessica Wilson who blocked nearly one shot per game.

Evansville will bring a familiar face to town as former Morehead State head coach Mike Swan comes back to Lantz Arena, this time as the new front man of the Purple Aces.

Swan will attempt to turn around the Purple Aces after a 5-27 season. Evansville returns four starters from last year's team including Second-Team All-Missouri Valley Conference player Jill Fennemna.

Also back this year are Jenny Zenthoefer and her 1.14 blocks per game, and Erica Haukap who averaged 6.98 assists per tilt.

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FOOTBALL Kuehn ready to kick off new season Sophomore kicker Steve Kuehn ready to rebound

from dissappointing 2002 season and feels more comfortable about upcoming progress.

By Matthew Stevens ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Steve Kuehn was able to return to Eastern as the starting placekicker this summer a more comfortable and relaxed player.

Kuehn started the 2002 season in the Aloha state by splitting the uprights on a 39-yard attempt against 1-A Hawaii. Panther fans had no way of knowing that would

times a week and (sophomore punter) Tom (Schofield) and I were kicking like 100 times a day.'

Kuehn's summer of 2003 has been non-stop hard work in what he thought would be a battle for the kicker position in fall drills 'I know he works incredibly hard

at it every day," Spoo said. Panther coaches went so far to invite recruited freshman walk-on Matt Johann from Canton to com-



before the preseason started.

For plan B on the football preview list, the magazine had selected New York Jets starting quarterback Chad Pennington.

Again the magazine deliberately picked a talented young quarterback, who had been christened a savior after he found success last year. After turning his team around when previous starter Vinny Testaverde struggled, Pennington was supposed to have another successful season under head coach Herman Edwards.

Pennington couldn't avoid the curse either and was dropped in the Jets last preseason game for a sack. As Pennington fell forward onto the turf with a defensive lineman on his back, he managed to break just about every bone in his wrist and lower arm.

This event put Pennington on the sideline for what the team has diagnosed to be 12 weeks.

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be his longest conversion of the season and his young career.

"Last year I was scared and this vear I'm not at all," Kuehn said. "My teammates are still really supportive of me after last year. Last year has been erased from my mind completely."

sophomore Arlington The Heights native who set the Hersey High School record by kicking three field goals in a game only managed to match that figure in nine attempts last season.

"I haven't seen that consistency in his accuracy yet," Spoo said. "He has to show considerable improvement this season."

Kuehn's freshman season from hell included being 0-for-3 from beyond 40 yards and his struggles included missing 12 extra-points.

To immediately recover from last season's troubles, Kuehn turned to a friend near his hometown who happens to be the the starting kicker for Northwestern.

"I began working with him and realized that I was simply over-kicking last season," Kuehn said. "He said they would kick around 100 pete with Kuehn and inject some spirited competition to the position.

"It really helps me to have Matt here because last year I had nobody to critique me and we help each other technique wise," Kuehn said.

To possibly further complicate the upcoming task for Kuehn, the sophomore will be working all year long with a new long snapper (redshirt freshman Eric Johnson) and a new holder (starting quarterback Andy Vincent).

However, Panther fans can be optimistic that a new set of personnel during extra points and field goals might make the difference.

"(Eric) is my roommate so that is a really cool thing we share,' Kuehn said. "And Andy and I worked last season so it shouldn't be a problem."

No matter what, Kuehn realizes he may need to spilt the uprights for the Panthers to win a third consecutive Ohio Valley Conference title . He may be ready for the challenge.

"It's something I dream about everyday and I would love to have the opportunity to win the game with a late kick," Kuehn said.

Sophomore placekicker Steve Kuehn kicks off during practice Wednesday.

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Eastern's only sketch comedy troupe, Lunchbox Voodoo, cuts loose in a bathroom in Buzzard Hall. The group promises toilet humor has an important place in their performance, but their comedy doesn't rely on it.

Sketch comedy clan lampoons vaginas, grape juice

By Amee Bohrer

It's a time to celebrate zaniness and talk in inappropriate accents. It's time for cross-dressing and when members took a paper vote during last spring semester.

He says the club was started because Eastern had two improv comedy groups, Fowl Language and Hello Dali, but no sketch comwas "less than enthralled" during one residence hall performance.

However, both Marcy and Dall agree most of the time, the material is well-received, such as during one flamboyant performance featuring an ensemble "interpretative dance." star, and a rather unusual excerpt from "The Vagina Monologues."

Sophomore English major Jeff Beal read the monologue "Masterpiece Theater" style in a "big, guttural English accent." "We realize that there is a liking for crude humor . . . but we equate that to cheap stuff . We strive for a higher level of humor."

irreverent humor-it's Lunchbox Voodoo time.

Four to five times a week, a core group of 10 students assemble to do just this. Officially, there are about 17 members in the group.

They are members of Eastern's sole sketch comedy group, Lunchbox Voodoo. The group was started last year by 2003 graduate Drew Reaves.

Since Reaves graduated, the club is under new management, with Benjamin Marcy, a sophomore undeclared major, as president.

Marcy was elected to office

edy. Reaves felt there was a need for just that.

Lunchbox Voodoo is modeled after television sketch comedy shows such as "Saturday Night Live," and "Kids in the Hall."

The great thing about sketch comedy is that "if you mess up, it's okay-just make it funny," Marcy said.

And yes, the members admit to messing up.

Sometimes, the material "just doesn't hit it," according to Marcy.

Voodoo member Taylor Dall, a senior sociology major, remembers one time where the audience The song was "Bohemian Rhapsody" and there were feather boas involved, along with bare (male) chests and a lot of silliness. Marcy suggested the skit because he had performed it in high school, although the boas were a new addition.

"It was amateur choreography," said Marcy, who elaborated that the song was chosen because "it has an operatic feel, you can exaggerate."

Other memorable sketches include a parody of a Welch's grape juice commercial with Elmo as the Beal said it was funny because it was the opposite of what people would expect.

To add to the dramatic effect, Marcy dressed in a pink shirt and a pink bandana and ran around acting angry.

"I was a vagina," he said. "It was a bit of shock comedy."

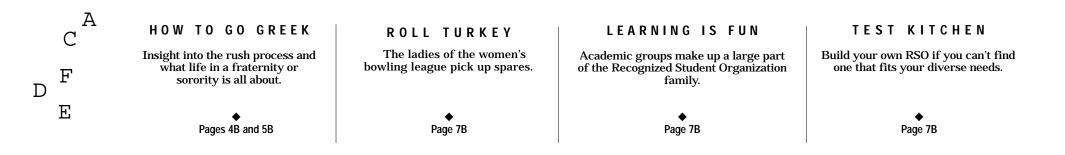
Besides the shock value, Marcy cites an additional value to playing "the character," as he refers to it: "I'm more sensitive now. I feel. I feel."

However, not every sketch relies on bathroom humor and sex jokes, Marcy said.

"We realize that there is a liking for crude humor and that it is —Jeff Beal

always an option, but we equate that to cheap stuff. We strive for a higher level of humor," Marcy said. Beal agrees.

"We all have pretty dirty minds. We're gonna have to poke fun at something. There are probably going to be people offended, but it's their own moral problem," he said.



Religous RSO offer several choices for members

 Wesley Foundation sponsors trips, throws parties open to anybody at Eastern

By Angela Harris FEATURES WRITER

The Power Light, a praise fellowship, meets Wednesday nights at 9:30 p.m. and features FOAM (Fishers of All Men and Women) house band where students can worship without worries of denominationl.

"It's open to all students," says Campus Minister Tom Goodell, who has previously served students at Illinois State University.

"The goal is to grow and move the Power Light meetings onto campus," Goodell said.

Students who seek a homecooked meal can get that on Sunday nights at 6 p.m., when area churches and organizations bring in supper free of charge

Beginning September 8 at 8 p.m., there will be a Bible study focusing on the book of James, which teaches about "the walk" and a relationship of "works" in faith. The goal is "to feed your body and your soul" as the foundation offers an open table to all, according the Wesley Foundation to brochure.

The Wesley Foundation was created in 1959 and is believed to be the first Protestant campus ministry at Eastern, Goodell said.

Events sponsored by The United Methodist Student Movement include Habitat for Humanity work trips and a fall retreat to Living Springs Camp in Lewistown.

The trips will be offered to students from Eastern, Western Illinois University, University of Illinois and several other colleges.

There is a Peer Ministry at the Wesley Foundation where students who have been active for a year in the foundation. They are trained as student leaders.

"This year we're really focusing on leadership, helping students to identify the skills they have and helping them learn ways to use them," Goodell said.

'Eastern helps students think intellectually about who they are.

"Goodell also asks students the question, "how can you combine a spiritual understanding of who you are?"

He said the foundation wants students to seek what their special "God-given" gifts are and how they can use those



"In the Methodist tradition, helping your community is a big part of what we believe. It's not enough to have a relationship with God. You have to let your light shine."

-Campus minister Tom Goodell

gifts in their community.

"In the Methodist tradition, helping your community is a big part of what we believe," Goodell said.

"It's not enough to have a relationship with God, you have to let your light shine.

Wesley Foundation encourages students to be involved in charitable organizations, on campus and in the community.

It is located at 2202 S. Fourth St. across the corner from Lawson Hall.

For more information, call 217-348-8191 or log on to their website at www.wesleyfoundationeiu.org.



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Above: Eastern students participate in Habitat for Humanity in the Appalacian Mountain range last school year. Right: Eastern students are welcome to celebrate their faith at the Lighthouse, located at Wesley Foundation at

Fourth Street and Roosevelt Street every Wednesday night.

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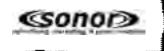
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RSO remains ambitious as it celebrates 10th anniversary

Adam Little STAFF WRITER

The Minority Teachers Education Association still has the same goal as when they were created 10 years ago.

Founded by Judith Lyles, a counseling and student development professor, and former professor Freddy Banks, the goal of Minority Teachers Education Association has always been "turning students into teachers."

This year MTEA can boast a membership of 1,000 people, which spans throughout Illinois. The Eastern chapter of Minority Teachers Education Association has graduated over 300 minority teachers currently working in school systems across the state.

Tanaya Webb, an alumna of Eastern and the Minority Teachers Education Association said, "When I was there, I was involved in everything, but MTEA helped me the most. They gave me updates on any changes in the field, helped me locate scholarships and pick the graduate school that suited my needs."

The Minority Teachers Education Association has alliances with over 40 community colleges and works with middle schools and high school throughout the state. Mekishia Harris, secretary for

the Minority Teachers Education

Association, said she has been involved with the MTEA for nine years, and attended the group's summer camp in high school. She is now a camp counselor.

"MTEA has kept me updated on the education field and what I need to graduate. We also do service projects and sponsor a huge conference for interested teachers," Harris said.

"Our goal is to continue to attract all potential minority teachers, educate them and prepare them for the challenges that the 'real world' will bring them," said Ralph Gardner, an advisor for the Minority Teachers Education Association and admissions counselor for Eastern.

"I encourage all students that are interested to attend our meetings Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Martinsville room at Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Bring a friend!" said Gardener.

Political science group entices with workshops

By Angela Harris FEATURES WRITER

The Political Science Association has several activities to engage its member this year, from ushering at football games to an informative trip to Chicago in the spring.

Undergrads as well as graduate students are invited to join. Carly Schmitt is the second-year President, and a Coles County native. Growing up in familiar territory allows her to offer knowledge of the area in bringing new volunteer activities to the club.

There will also be panels where different speakers are present to bring a variety of experiences to forums on different issues.

"We also have social events like bowling, pizza parties and we go to the Midwest Political Science Association conference at Chicago in April," Schmitt said. "We are doing fund raising right now to go; we are going to be ushering football games."

Last year's Chicago conference held many panels members could choose from and the Political Science Association chose a topic they had been previously studying while hearing from the publisher of one such issue.

"The Political Science Association will be organizing different research workshops and the future forums will include issues such as gay marriage, whereby students can put forth their ideas with a mediator involved," Schmitt said. "These also help the students to become familiar with faculty in the department and you will be involved directly with those faculty, networking your ideas and issues.

"To have that open communication and to have a good time," Schmitt said. "It will prepare you and many of us who want to get our Ph.D.s so this is something we'll be needing to do.

"We do research ourselves and we can sit on these panels of about 10 people and see how they present their research, what they do, (and) how they did their research so that they can pick up on those things.

"We have the educational aspects from the conference and the panels. They actually got to see that person who published the articles read in the political club," Scott said.

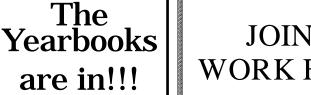
Richard Wombley is the chairman of political science department and the advisor of the association. The Political Science Association will meet Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. Signs will be posted in the political science department as to where the meeting will be held.



Extending a welcoming hand

Colleen Carmody, a senior history major, Stephanie Howard, a junior health studies major, Sandy Maropoulos, a sophomore speech major, and Nicole Samford, a junior marketing major, all members of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, tell people about themselves during the Rush BBQ outside of Carman Hall Tuesday afternoon.





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Terry Luby, a senior economics major, and Bryan Sumila, a sophomore business management major and members of the Sigma Nu fraternity talk to students about rush and about 'frat life' during the Rush BBQ outside of Carman Hall Tuesday afternoon.



Sororities, fraternities hope to reel in recruits

Nina Samii STAFF WRITER

A plethora of students are bombarding Eastern's campus with a barrage of apparel bearing foreign letters from an ancient alphabet. What does all of it mean? It's 2003 fall recruitment, of course!

Bob Dudolski, director of greek life, estimates that 400 women will go through sorority recruitment this year and that 20 percent of Eastern's student population is greek.

The sororities and fraternities on campus are thriving and ready to begin the annual process of member selection, which begins Sept. 4 for sororities.

Though it may seem complicated, recruitment is a relatively straightforward process.

The first round of recruitment begins next Thursday, during which women will visit half of the sorority houses, and then visit the other half on Friday night.

The women will then narrow down the sororities to top five choices during the second round on Saturday, and then narrow the selection further to the top three choices during third round on Sunday during the third round, which is also called "Preference Night," said Dudolski.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, participants will receive a bid from the sorority they have been matched with via their designated Gamma Chi's.

Participants have the choice of accepting the bid and going through the pledging process with intent to "go active," and become a permanent member, or prospective members may reject the bid entirely.

If a participant does not receive a bid from the sorority they were hoping for, they can always participate in recruitment next fall, or attend individual informal recruitment parties during the remainder of the school year.

"A quota is set by the national organization," Dudolski said. The number of students a sorority can accept depends on the number of women going through recruitment.

Women interested in recruitment can register in Coleman Hall and the Food Court during the day, as well as the dining halls at dinner, Dudolski said.

There is a \$25 fee and some paperwork involved for formal sorority recruitment.

Students can also register any time in the Student Life office.

Recruitment for fraternities is a very different process, Dudolski said, because fraternities are eligible to recruit prospective members year around, in a more informal process.

Joe Mark, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said fraternities have what is called "365 Day Recruitment."

This means fraternities are eligible to give out bids – or invitations to join a fraternity – every day of the year. Prospective fraternity members can go to as many chapters as they choose, but are not required to visit each chapter.

Mark said the process is a lot less formal than sorority recruitment.

Fraternity recruitment will begin with Open House Week, from Sept. 15 to 19, said Mark.



Shannon Lawrence and Kelly Hupp, both senior elementary education majors in charge of recruitment for Sigma Kappa sorority, talk with their sorority sisters about the upcoming Rush in their chapter house.







Fraternity's and sorority's partake in Airband last year as part of Greek Week.

Greek community aims to cater to all tastes

By Nina Samii STAFF WRITER

Norma Taylor, the secretary for Greek Life for the past 17 years, says the greek community has several major events throughout the school year.

These include fall recruitment, special activities during homecoming and Greek Week in the spring.

Greek Week events include competitions such as Tugs, a rope-pulling competition, and canoeing at the campus pond; greek sing, collegiate bowl, and air band, which involves lipsynching to rehearsed choreography.

Sentiments toward the greek system vary widely throughout campus.

When questioned as to whether

or not she would rush, sophomore family and consumer sciences major Amber Estes said, "I want to get a job. My studies and my job are more important.

Alfred Osborne, a junior physical education major and a player on Eastern's football team, said he didn't feel the need to join a fraternity because of his teammates.

"I've got all my brothers right here," Osborne said.

He added it would be "too much stress" to join a fraternity.

When questioned as to why she wanted to join a sorority, senor history major Dana Blumthal said she wanted to meet new girls and new people.

Blumthal is a member of the

Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. "I wanted to feel like I to belonged something,"

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Blumthal said.

She said she is very pleased with her sorority.

"I love my house," she said. There will be an ice cream social next Wednesday in the cafeteria of Carman Hall to aid recruitment. Women are encouraged to attend whether they have registered already or not.

At the social, prospective sorority women will be able to meet their Gamma Chi, who is an upper class sorority member who has been through both sides of the recruitment process once, and will serve as their recruitment counselor.

"It doesn't hurt to go through recruitment process,' the Dudolksi said.

"There is no commitment. Students should check it out and see what it's all about."

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Cassie Isaacs, a sophomore undeclared major, and member of the Sigma Kappa Tugs team, participates in the Tugs event during Greek Week last year.

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Starting new RSO can be easy, fun

◆ Finding 10 people, filling out paperwork only hindrances to becoming a new RSO on campus

By Meagan Brusnighan and Amee Bohrer STAFF WRITER AND FEATURE EDITOR

Several requirements must be fulfilled in order to become an official Registered Student Organization (RSO) at Eastern.

According to Lisa Flam, student vice president for student affairs, there are four types of RSOs – social, academic, service and religious.

"A new group must have at least 10 students," Student Life Director Cecilia Brinker said. Brinker said a new group may have only five members when beginning registration, but must have a minimum of 10 by the time registration is completed.

"It usually is about a two-week process to submit the paperwork required for starting a new group," Brinker said.

Registration runs between Aug. 30 and Sept. 30.

Potential RSOs also need a constitution containing bylaws for members and eligibility requirements as well as rules regarding elections.

Flam said the paperwork centers on information such as drafting a mission

statement, procedural guidelines for meetings, and how often and where the potential RSO would meet.

Flam said students should not be scared to start an RSO just because the business aspect of drafting a constitu-

tion and bylaws intimidate them. Large RSOs, such as sororities and fraternities, require a much more detailed system of bylaws than smaller RSOs. Flam said that the bylaws can be as extravagant or simple as they apply to the group's needs.

Mission statements are necessary, said Flam, because they prove the group applying is "More than just 15 people getting together and saying, 'oh, we're best friends, but we're going to call ourselves an organization!'"

New groups are required to enlist a faculty or staff member as an advisor. Older RSOs do not have to go through all of the paperwork that newer groups do, according to Brinker.

"If the group has been around, they just need to resubmit their paperwork, so we are up-to-date on their information," Brinker said. "We need to know who their adviser is, their officers, and if there has been any change to their constitution."

After the constitution and paperwork have been completed and handed in, it must be approved by the Student Senate.

Flam said, in her experience, she is not aware of any application for an RSO being turned down.

There are several benefits to creating an RSO besides just hanging out with friends, Flam said, such as the ability to rent out rooms in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for meetings and to borrow computers and projectors from the university for free.

Flam said to rent out a room, students need to go to the scheduling room in the union, located on the walkway.

Then they can find out what venues are open on dates the group is interested in.

Availability depends on the intended use of the venue, the number attending and whether food will be involved, said Flam.

"Any special interest you have can be an RSO," said Flam.

How to start your own Recognized Student Organization in seven easy steps

• Gather up a group of at least five people with a common interest.

• Create a mission statement for your group and create bylaws to govern your actions.

◆ Go to the Student Life Office and ask to register your little group, then fill out the fun paper work they give you.

◆ If you only had five to nine people to start your group with, get recruiting. You will need at least 10 members before registration ends Sept. 30.

◆ After you have gathered 10 members, and the Student Life Office processes your papers to verify that you are not just a bunch of random hooligans, you become an RSO.

◆ After you become an RSO, you can start taking advantage of the various benefits of being an RSO, such as asking the Apportionment Board for money, borrowing equipment from the university and renting out space on campus for activities.

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Eastern women get

winter thanks to Eastern Women's Club Bowling

By Angela Harris FEATURES WRITER

Strike up some fun this semester with the Women's Bowling Club.

To be eligible, bowlers must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for undergrads or six credit hours graduate students.

The top six bowlers out of six games are also eligible to qualify for tournaments. Tournaments are held in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Nebraska and include schools such as University of Illinois, Florida State, Notre Dame and Penn State.

Stefanie Steele, captain of the bowling club, is looking forward to tournaments like the one scheduled for Oct. 4 and 5.

Nebraska women's team is a collegiate sport team, not just a club, whereby they even hand out scholarships, said Steele.

"They (tournaments) are fun trips... we stay in hotels a majority of the time. most of them start at 8 a.m. in the morning," said Steele. There are substitute bowlers to avoid player exhaustion during the six consecutive tournament games.

Rules include no drinking alcoholic beverages before or during a tournament and players must be respectful of other teammates.

Steele says she has been bowling for a "very long time," and that she knows the lane conditions

"We did some fund raisers this summer, we did a candy sale and a candle sale."

-Stefanie Steele

at the tournament locations. She uses this experience and knowledge to determine who will bowl. Players who average from 165 to 205 are eligible for tournaments. At least five of these players are returning to the club this year.

"We also have games called Baker games, where you have a team game as the first bowler bowls the first and sixth frame, second bowler bowls the second and seventh frame and so on," says Steele. "It's a good way to keep the team together."

Women's Bowling Club members cheer for one another and stick together with encouragement. Steele encourages female students to get involved in the bowling leagues offered at Eastern, located in the basement of Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, where they can get plenty of practice. League games do not count toward the games needed for tournament qualification, but help towards that goal.

The Women's Bowling Club will have their first meeting at the bowling lanes Tuesday September 9th at 8 p.m.

"We did some fund raisers this summer, we did a candy sale and a candle sale," mentioned Steele. The club is fully self-supported.

RSOs help members learn

◆ Academic Recognized Student Organizations advance students education

By Meagan Brusnighan and Amee Bohrer STAFF WRITERS

Not all Registered Student Organizations are social.

Students looking hungering for an extension of their favorite classes can turn to academicgeared RSOs, such as Math Energy and English Club.

Encompassing between 150 and 190 members, Math Energy is one of the largest RSOs on Eastern's campus.

Math Energy was founded by Joan Henn, Nancy Tate and Cheryl Hawker in 1991. Henn, a math professor, continues to be an advisor to the group. She is now joined by assistant math professor Joyce Bishop and math instructor Billie Dudley.

The group brings a variety of speakers, but mostly elementary teachers because the members of Math Energy are elementary education majors, Dudley said.

"We have hands-on activities for the students to do while the guests speak," said Henn. "That way it's more fun; it's not just lecture.

"We hope that we are helping the students develop an interest in math so they can pass that positive attitude on to their future students," said Henn.

Math Energy members can also participate in a math tutoring program with Charleston elementary students.

"Not everyone (in the group) chooses to tutor," said Dudley. "Those who do are paired with one elementary student and then they set up their own tutoring schedule."

There is a demand for student tutoring in the community. Dudley said she received two

"We hope that we are helping the students to develop an interest in math so that they can pass that positive attitude on to their future students."

—Joan Henn, founder of Math Energy

calls on Wednesday from parents wishing to sign their children up for the program.

Math Energy meets monthly on a Monday afternoon. The first meeting is Sept. 29.

For students not gifted in math, the English Club might be just the thing.

The English Club has existed since 1973," said English departprofessor, Francine ment McGregor, who also serves as one of the advisors with Angela Vietto, an English department faculty member.

One new initiative the English Club is striving to accomplish this year is working with the theater department and its students

McGregor said this idea came up last year when theater majors were looking for scripts, and club members were looking for something creative to do with their writing skills. Negotiations were still tentative at press time, but the plan is that club members will write scripts to be used as per-formance material by theater students.

Mc Gregor said the English Club hopes to incorporate attending more theater performances into their agenda, even taking field trips off campus to see proespecially ductions, Champaign.

Poetry readings and open mic sessions are offered every semester. According to Vietto, a good mix of students and faculty usually turns up for these events.

The club is looking to expand, by hosting poetry slams. Poetry slams feature performers who have up to three minutes to recite a poem. Then are rated by audience members on their performances, and a winner is a selected.

At least one academic program is also featured each year, said Vietto. Past programs include careers for English majors besides teaching, and information on graduate school English programs.

Vietto said some of the most popular club events in the past were telling scary stories by candle light at the campus pond near Halloween, and making valentines around Valentine's Day. One student-made valentines included the following message: "Cupid is stupid, let's go to the bar.'

"They're definitely not Hallmark cards," laughs Vietto.

"Working with student clubs is one of the most rewarding things you can do. You can get to now students as people," Vietto said.

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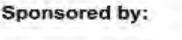


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Campus Pond Pavilion Rain Location: Grand Bailroom

"Kickin' Karaoke" Cookout Free food, entertainment & giveaways

1pm-3pm



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