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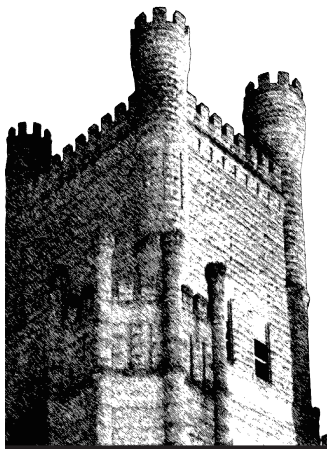
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CAMPUS PARKING

Faculty feeling pinched

Construction compounding first-week headaches

By KYLE MAYHUGH
NEWS EDITOR

Faculty members are having trouble arriving at classes on time as the construction on the Doudna Fine Arts Center has steadily encroached on the parking on the east side of campus.

“Some of the problem is due to the regular first-week parking crunch, but the construction is not helping,” said Kathlene Shank, chair of the department of special education.

“In the first week, it’s always a problem as people learn which lots they can park in and which they can’t,” Shank said. “I’d say we’ve lost about 80 spaces (to construction) since the middle of June.”

University police have been ticketing the staff lots for cars parked without a permit. But during the first week of classes, they have ticketed the student lots only for illegally parked.

Some lots on the east side of campus are designated for “faculty, staff or student parking” and are not ticketed during the first week.

Shank said faculty members in her department have been getting to campus earlier each day to find parking.

In a few weeks, however, they will be working in local public schools during the morning and will not be on campus until later in the day.

There have already been a few instances of faculty in the special education department being late for classes of parking problems, she said.

“I think it is hitting the staff harder (than it is hitting the students),” Shank said. “They have to go out during the day to run errands around campus, and when they get back they have nowhere to park.”

At the Faculty Senate meeting last week, Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was questioned about the issue. He said the situation would probably not improve as construction progresses.

Stephen Shrake, director of facilities planning and management, said Eastern has been adding spaces since 2000 to prepare for the lost parking. The net gain in spaces since 2000 is approximately 90, he said.

STATE LAWMAKERS



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Justin Nihiser, owner of Finishing Touch Tattoos in Mattoon, inks angel wings on the back of a client Thursday morning. Gov. Rod Blagojevich vetoed a bill earlier this month that would have lowered the minimum tattoo age from 21 to 18. “If you’re old enough to die for your country, you should be old enough to get a tattoo,” Nihiser said.

Inkwell still dry for teens

Blagojevich vetoes bill to lower tattoo age to 18

By BRIAN GARTLAN
CITY REPORTER

Illinois residents under 21 years old still have to wait to get a tattoo.

House Bill 29, which would have lowered the legal age of to get a tattoo in Illinois, went to Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s desk and never made it out of his office.

Earlier this month, Blagojevich amendatorily vetoed legislation that would have legally allowed 18-year-

olds to get tattoos.

He said he did not feel that teenagers have the judgement to get a tattoo because of its permanence.

Even though business might have increased with the age decrease, Dave Baldwin, owner of Living Color Tattoos in Mattoon, is mostly concerned with people going to unregulated basements for a tattoo.

“They deserve access to trained professionals in regulated shops,” Baldwin said.

Tammy Leonard, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said there are essentially no added health risks between 18- and 21-year-olds.

The exception is that 21-year-olds are generally more mature, she said.

“Kids are going to find a way to get a tattoo,” said Karly Ogle, senior physical education major. “Age doesn’t matter.”

Johnny Burwell, owner of

Burwell’s Body Art in Charleston, said his store’s business would increase if a younger crowd were legal but that he doubts most teenagers are mature enough to get a permanent tattoo.

“I agree with the governor,” Burwell said. “It’s what I would do.”

He said, contrary to belief, the laws are more laid back in Illinois than those in Indiana.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Temporary ice rink skating on thin ice

Cost of an ice rink

Ice Skating Rink	\$24,000
Productions and DJ	\$2,500
Personnel	\$2,300
Advertising	\$1,000
Lodging for Ice Technicians	\$600
Catering for Personnel	\$500
TOTAL	\$30,900

Berger prefers student funds used for permanent project

By SARAH WHITNEY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Government’s failed attempt to build a temporary ice rink last spring isn’t why Student Body President Ryan

Berger has hesitated before promising to retry this spring. It’s the money—specifically students’ money.

“If I had to take student money, I would rather use it for something that’s permanent than for an ice rink,”

he said.

The proposal for last year’s ice rink included \$24,000 for the ice skating rink and \$6,900 in additional costs for a total of \$30,900.

In addition to the costs, the previous Student Body President, Chris Getty, planned to charge admission:

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Tarble exhibits work of former Eastern faculty

The Lynn Trank Memorial Exhibition is ongoing at the Tarble Arts Center through Sept. 25. The exhibition celebrates the life and work of Lynn Trank includes both his work and art he collected. Trank served on Eastern's art faculty from 1952 to 1984.

Vandal pleads guilty

Joseph Michael Beurskens, 21, pleaded guilty to a charge of damage to government property. Beurskens spray painted gang symbols on Charleston's welcome signs, a park amphitheater and other buildings in February. He also pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of minor consumption of alcohol. He was caught drinking alcohol in March about two months before his 21st birthday.

Comedian to perform

Comedian Tim Young will perform today at 9 p.m. in 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Young has appeared on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn." The event is free to students.

Free movie

University Board will present "The Longest Yard," a free movie, 5 p.m. Saturday in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Applications available

Applications are being invited for grants from the Ruth and Vaughn Jaenike Access to the Arts fund. Activities in music, theater arts and the visual arts are eligible for fund grant support for up to half of the overall costs. The next application deadline is Oct. 1. Applications may be obtained from Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center.



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Three untitled structures made of wood and metal by Lynn Trank are part of a display in the Tarble Arts Center until Sept. 25.

WTF?

Community service to tomb desecration

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NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — A young man performing court-ordered community service in a cemetery was charged with breaking into a Civil War-era tomb and desecrating remains by pulling apart a skeleton and posing for pictures with the skull and other bones. "It's bizarre, absolutely bizarre," police Lt. Richard Siemasko said. "I can't even imagine what was in his head. This is just a whole new level of weird for me." Neil J. Goodwin Jr., 19, of Salisbury, was working at the city's

Old Hill Burying Ground on Aug. 17 as part of his court-ordered community service for a burglary conviction. Prosecutors said Goodwin, who was on probation for breaking into an apartment building last fall, kicked in the thin marble entrance to the tomb marked "1863 Pierce," and twisted off the decomposed corpse's spine, collarbone and skull. Police said they got an anonymous tip on Saturday, and later received three photos of Goodwin holding the bones. Police would not say who took the pictures or who identified Goodwin, but they do not expect to make more arrests.

Arizona professor studies undergrads as one of them

PHOENIX — As a professor at Northern Arizona University, Cathy Small was baffled by undergraduates. They seemed less engaged, less likely to do assigned reading and more likely to ask questions like "Do you want it double-spaced?" So she decided to study them as anthropologists research any foreign culture — she lived among them. After moving into a dorm, eating cafeteria food and struggling with a five-course schedule, the 50-something Small said she empathized with students.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Deadline to add fall classes

All day | Today is the final day to add classes for the Fall 2005 semester.

Mentoring Seminar

1-3 p.m. | The office of Faculty Development will be exploring ways to enhance the mentoring experience. University Union, Arcola-Tuscola Room

TurningPoint for PowerPoint

1-3 p.m. | The CATS office will be teaching the basic uses of TurningPoint technology in PowerPoint presentations. McAfee 1214

Comedian Tim Young

9 p.m. | Comedian Tim Young will give a free performance for students presented by University Board. 7th Street Underground

Observatory open

9 p.m. | The University Observatory will be open to the public.

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers what is the worst part about the first week of school?

- A) The moving in process
- B) Stepping foot in the classroom again
- C) Dealing with all the drunk people
- D) Nothing, the first week of school is the easiest

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POLICE BLOTTER

On Monday, the driver-side mirror of a car parked in E lot of campus was reported damaged.

BLUES IN THE CLASSROOM

Professor and string quartet play for 'old-time' music lesson

BY SARA RANNELLS
STAFF REPORTER

Students bobbed heads and tapped toes to the upbeat music of their professor's old-time bluegrass string quartet.

Airtight, the band of Charleston natives, played a concert for Eastern students in the Non-Western music class at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Buzzard Hall.

After a brief discussion with his 25 students about the structure and style of old-time music, J. B. Faires, a professor in the music department, and the rest of the band began playing.

Faires, the bass player for Airtight, invited his fellow band members to perform for his class because "it would be a good opportunity for students to hear some real traditional music," he said.

The musicians not only played the music,

but also moved with it. As the band played, their feet stomped and heads swayed to the beat, creating a country western atmosphere.

Before each song, Faires would describe each piece to the students.

Faires gave a brief history of old-time music in order to tie in the style of the music with the class.

The students politely clapped after each song and waited for the next explanation.

The banjo player, Steve Harrison, said he came to play for the class because Faires "wanted to expose his class to some music they haven't encountered before."

Airtight band members, who have been playing together for about a year, also include John Bishop on the fiddle and Jesse Danner playing guitar.

The band recently took third place in the old-time music festival in Bean Blossom, Ind.



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Steve Harrison plucks his clawhammer banjo during a short set for Music 3562, while the rest of his band, Airtight, plays along. "We wanted to give (students) a first-hand experience with non-traditional music," said J.B. Faires, bass player and instructor for the course.

Charleston Library begins construction manager search

BY ERIN MILLER
CITY EDITOR

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library broke ground during the summer, and today it plans to choose a construction manager to present in front of the city council for approval.

"Right now everything is going as planned," said Sheryl Snyder, director of the library.

"A construction manager will help coordinate things as new people are brought onto the project," Snyder said. "They will also help the city stay within their \$7 million budget."

“Everything is going beyond our expectations.”

SHERYL SNYDER,
CHARLESTON CARNEGIE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Burnidge Cassell Associates of Elgin is the architectural company the city chose to use.

"We are going to do our best to make the existing building harmonize with the addition," said Rick McCarthy, principal of Burnidge Cassell Associates.

The actual construction documents, or blueprints, are not produced yet.

“Making the blueprints are a tedious process,” Snyder said. “Once those are made, the building can start.”

The 15-month construction project will begin in late spring 2006.

"The library is about 8,000 square feet, and the addition will increase the library to about 25,000 square feet," McCarthy said.

Snyder said three or four more cost estimates will be done before completion to make sure everything is on track.

"Numerous assessments of the costs are needed as we go along so we know where we stand so we can cut something or add on

something," Snyder said.

"The city owns eight houses surrounding the library. One house is already demolished, and the others will be down by the end of fall," Snyder said.

During the winter months, the construction documents will be made and the bids will be sent out to construction companies.

"The library will need to be closed at some point during construction, but they hope to do things that will minimize the amount of closure," McCarthy said.

"Everything is going beyond our expectations," Snyder said.



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DAVID THILL
SENIOR REPORTER

LEARNING THE LESSONS ABOUT STRESS

My mother graduated high school in 1971. She never attended college, though. Not for lack of grades or ability, but merely lack of money and extenuating circumstances that forced her to immediately go to work to support herself and a family.

Despite the lack of a college education, my mom is, hands down, unequivocally, one of the smartest people I know.

Whenever I find myself in need of advice, I go to my mom.

I prefer to follow my gut on most issues, but when it gets all tied up in knots and I find myself unsure, I go to her.

Earlier this year I found myself constantly worrying about every little thing I had going on. This is nothing new, however. I have always been a worrier. It's a weakness.

So, I asked my mom what to do about the abundance of stress I was putting on myself. She sat down and got that same old thoughtful look on her face and after a few moments had the answer.

"You know, three-fourths of the time, everything you are worrying about will never happen, and, even if it does, 100 percent of the time all that worrying isn't going to have one bit of difference on what happens," she said.

I took the words to heart.

And her advice about worrying and stress never rang clearer than right now, one week after school has begun yet again.

"Even this week, just the first week of school, I hear how stressed out people are. Not to mention, I realize how stressed out I find myself."

Stress is a tricky thing. It is natural, and it is going to happen, but all too often, I talk to friends or random acquaintances and hear about how stressed out they are.

Even this week, just the first week of school, I hear how stressed out people are. Not to men-

tion, I realize how stressed out I find myself.

College is a very serious time. All the training and education you need to enter into the career field you have chosen is right here. It is these four years that will provide life experiences that will stay with you forever. These experiences just might act as the backdrop for the time that will decide who you are as a person.

But that doesn't mean it is so serious that people should be worrying themselves sick. There is no reason to act as though that "F" you got on your research paper is the end of the world. There are always going to be more papers to write.

The point is, a little stress is healthy. Stress can give you the motivation you need to get the job done, and it also is the sign that you are growing up. But nothing about college is so serious to warrant enough stress to threaten your health.

Being a naturally high-strung person, it has been hard to find something to take my mind off of all that causes it so much confusion. Reading helps, spending time with friends is always beneficial, and finding someone special who cares about you can give a wonderful distraction to the hectic world you find yourself in.

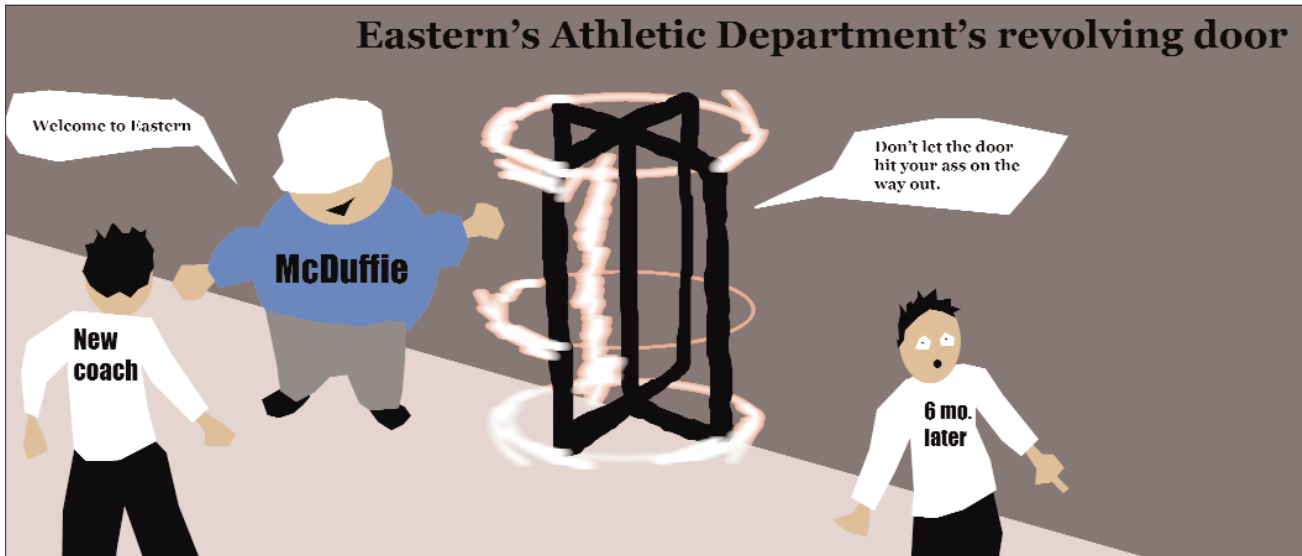
But, no matter the distraction, one must always realize while life is too short to spend worrying, there is always time to get what needs to be done accomplished.

If my mother's words of wisdom aren't enough to inspire you, listen to the Chinese philosopher Sun Tzu:

"Don't dream of the future, don't dream of the past, live only in the present."

Thill, a junior journalism major, can be reached at dtbill25@hotmail.com.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY STEVEN LARRICK



EDITORIAL

Nursing program a logical step

One of Eastern's top priorities is a nursing program that could put Eastern at the forefront of one of the major social issues this next century: a health services worker shortage.

The idea was first announced last fall when Eastern President Lou Hencken recognized a need for the program and decided it was something to explore.

Last semester, Eastern's administration did a lot of exploring.

It is thoroughly important to research this venture and have answers to questions anticipated.

Eastern's administration has approached the project while considering the need for adequate classrooms, faculty and curriculum so that graduates will be able to find employment as well as be prepared and trained to perform in the position.

Preliminary research has been performed to determine factors such as the need for the program, what the curriculum would look like and what internships students would take, Hencken said.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president of academic affairs, has been working with a consultant who helped Illinois State University with the development of its nursing program.

The consultant has already made several visits to Charleston and community colleges and has met with local hospitals.

This semester, administrators will seek approval on campus from groups such as the Council of Academic Affairs before taking program plans to Springfield to request funding.

At issue

Eastern is spending lobbying resources on a potential nursing program.

Our stance

A nursing program would accommodate a pressing local need without putting a strain on Eastern's logistical means.

Hencken said administrators are hopeful that Eastern will be able to secure grants because the concept is in high standing with legislators, who recognize its need with the current nursing shortage in Illinois.

The university gets taxpayer dollars and should serve the community if a shortage is seen in the area.

If funding is received, administrators will begin the selection process to hire a director of the program. This is a normal process to start any new program at an institution.

Eastern already has a program with a private nursing school, Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville, Ill., and would continue that relationship even with

the advancement of this proposed program. The new program would be started in conjunction with a number of community colleges, and Eastern would offer a bachelor's degree in a nursing completion program.

Accommodating the increasing student population with the addition of a program will not be a concern.

By the time the program is in place, the university will have space.

Although two buildings are currently offline, space will be available at the start of the program since Blair Hall will be open for use this spring and the Doudna Fine Arts Center is scheduled to open in 2007.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARTICIPANTS MAKE MOVE-IN DAY A SMOOTH TRANSITION

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Eastern community again displayed one of the reasons why it is so highly ranked among the institutions of higher learning in the country.

The orientation office, with Kim Moock's leadership, planned, organized and implemented an impressive and comprehensive range of activities to welcome and facilitate the arrival of freshmen, returning students and their families to campus.

Over 250 volunteers, including the university president (Lou Hencken), all vice presidents, directors, staff, faculty and students, each wore T-shirts displaying "I am EIU" and participated in the welcoming activities. Volunteers unloaded vehicles and transported students' belongings to residential buildings.

The information tents, staffed by volunteers, assisted them with information, cold water, snow cones and information flyers.

Offices stayed open long after hours and on the weekend to accommodate students and their families' needs. They were

treated to music and a cookout in the evenings.

This was an impressive display of the concept "we are EIU." Those of us who participated in the activities had an exciting and rewarding experience talking to students and their families as they contemplated the beginning of the most significant event in their lives, their introduction to an institution of higher learning. Many parents left behind their most precious belongings that day, sons and daughters, for the first time.

ALAN BAHARLOU,

GEOLOGY/GEOGRAPHY FACULTY EMERITUS

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RECRUITING UNDERWAY

First six weeks are crucial for student clubs

By KYLE MAYHUGH
NEWS EDITOR

It is not a coincidence that students the first few weeks of the semester see Eastern filled with booths, fliers and tables inviting students to join recognized student organizations.

Fliers plaster the campus bulletin boards announcing meeting times for clubs such as the EIU Republicans and College Democrats, the EIU Jazz Band and the Fair Trade Coalition.

Organizations around campus have a common theme in recruiting: get them early and keep them.

Student organizations attempt to recruit students as early as possible in the school year to get them interested and to stay involved.

The weekend before classes started featured welcoming and recruiting events such as “Eastern Goes Western,” “Cool off on the Quad,” “EIU Mixer” and “First Night.”

Eastern’s Residence Hall Association tells its members the beginning of the school year are vital to getting people involved in their organization.

“The goal is to get people in the first six weeks,” said former RHA president Lindsay



LINDSAY DiPIETRO
FORMER RESIDENCE
HALL ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT



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Joe Kopca, junior physical education major; Tom Blake, junior industrial technology major and Jeff Weinacht, senior sports management major, wait for potential hockey players to stop at their booth in the south quad.

DiPietro. “That’s when you have your best chance.”

Last year’s RHA formulated the plan for the “Six-Week Challenge” that this year’s members will follow.

“We try to have really strong programs and meetings for the first six weeks to get people’s

attention,” said RHA President Elizabeth Gergits.

Gergits said the individual hall councils and other groups focus more on the recruiting than RHA itself, and they, in turn, send members to RHA.

DiPietro said it was RHA’s faculty adviser who

introduced the idea that students begin to lose interest in joining new organizations.

This year’s early RHA events include a presentation by hypnotist Frederick Winters, an appearance at First Night and an event next week based on Hollywood Squares with Eastern celebrities.

Tarble opens ‘sinister’ exhibit

Art depicts today’s society

By JESS KINSELLA
STAFF REPORTER

Greed, power and ethics are among the themes of the new art display housed at the Tarble Arts Center.

The artists featured have attempted to depict the “sinister” world of today.

The artists use a combination of childhood memories, searches for truth and topics of continuing interests to display various aspects of society.

On Display

- ◆ **Who:** Various artists
- ◆ **What:** Acrylic, oil and watercolor paintings, multi-media collages and sculptures
- ◆ **When:** Now until Oct. 9
- ◆ **Where:** Tarble Arts Center

Chris Kahler, an Eastern art department faculty member, organized the exhibit, which includes various oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, two- and three-dimensional mixed media works, soft sculpture, computer-based art and video works.

Kahler said he was flattered when one of the artists, Laurie Hogin of Mahomet, was

impressed by the way her pieces had been displayed along with the rest.

Hogin has two massive oil paintings on display that show large scale animals tangled in a vicious battle scene.

Kahler said he thought the display is the best combination of artwork from each artist.

When he asked the artists to add their own work to the show, all he had to say was the title, “Sinister,” and each artist formed their own opinion of what it should look like, Kahler said.


Through humorous pieces and other, more serious, pieces, Kahler wanted the work to represent what is going on in today’s society.

The Tarble Arts Center often has faculty members as guest curators, and Kahler does a great job of expanding horizons and the different styles of contemporary art, said Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center.



“The show gives people an opportunity to visually see some of the things that may be too uncomfortable to talk about in a time of fear and doubt,” Kahler said.

Many of the artists come from Chicago, such as Chris Cosnowski, whose painting uses toys to depict Eve being tempted by the evil serpent. Other artists featured include Dana De Ano, Julie Farstad, Paul Nudd, John Parot, Sterling Ruby, Renee Gory, Alex Jovanovich and Maria Tomasula, who are also from Chicago; Sally French from Hawaii; and Soya Woolfalk from New York.

The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 9 and is free of charge. Two of the artists will also speak. Saya Woolfalk is scheduled to speak Sept. 13, and Chris Cosnowski is scheduled Oct. 6. Both presentations are at 7 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center.



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Lawsuit: Waste company had role in fraud scheme

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Attorneys for some minority-owned firms sued Waste Management Inc. on Thursday, claiming the company conspired with a politically connected white businessman to cheat the firms out of a piece of a city contract meant for minority- and women-owned companies.

The lawsuit alleges Waste Management officials knew that a \$74 million subcontract it awarded to a Chicago company certified by the city as minority-owned was actually run by James Duff, a politically connected white contractor.

Duff was sentenced in May to nearly 10 years in federal prison after he admitted lying to get city contracts reserved for minority- and women-owned companies. William Stratton, a black businessman who prosecutors say served as a front for Duff, was sentenced to nearly six years in prison.

Federal prosecutors did not accuse Waste Management of any wrongdoing. During Stratton's trial in February, a former Waste Management executive, James Barry, testified he awarded the contract to Duff's firm even though he knew the company falsely claimed to be minority-owned. He also said he was friends with Duff.

Federal prosecutors granted Barry immunity in exchange for his testimony against Stratton and three other Duff associates.

A spokesman for Waste Management, Bill Plunkett, said the company has not had

a chance to review the lawsuit and declined comment.

Attorneys who filed the lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court said Waste Management's deal with Duff's firm deprived all minority-owned trucking and labor companies of a shot at the subcontract.

The lawsuit, which is seeking class-action status, asks the court to order Waste Management to award the plaintiffs \$74 million.

"Unfortunately you have people who were supposed to be able to benefit and they have been deprived of that opportunity," said attorney Cannon Lambert, who represents the minority businesses. "You've got major companies like Waste Management playing games ... and basically robbing people."

Several minority business owners at a news conference Thursday said deals like the one between Waste Management and Duff's firm cheat them out of winning minority set-aside contracts from the city.

"I feel very ripped off," said Maria Hernandez, president of Aztec Trucking Inc. in Calumet City. "We've been in compliance and done everything the city has asked us to do, and it doesn't make a difference because people are going to hire their family, their friends, whoever they please."

The lawsuit also names Duff's company, Remedial Environmental Manpower Inc., as a defendant. A public listing for the firm could not be found.

Three hurt in Pekin gas company blaze

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTH PEKIN — A fire and explosion at a central Illinois gas company injured three men Thursday and caused the evacuation of nearby homes and businesses.

Fire crews from around Tazewell County reported to Hicksgas in North Pekin after reports of an explosion around 9:30 a.m., Pekin fire dispatcher Abby Hobbs said. The fire was out by early afternoon.

"It was loud, and the yellow fireballs — it just went boom, boom, boom," John House, whose business is located across the street from Hicksgas, told the (Pekin) Daily Times.

Officials ordered the evacuation of homes and businesses within half a mile from the company, which sells propane gas and grills, Hobbs said. The area was still evacuated Thursday evening, officials said.

MALPRACTICE REFORM LAW MAY GO TO COURT

ALTON — Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Thursday signed a new law that attempts to hold down steep medical malpractice costs for doctors by limiting the amount of money people can collect in lawsuits against hospitals and physicians.

But the measure, which passed



the legislature in May after two years of political gridlock, appears headed to court, with trial lawyers, victims' groups and other critics claiming the caps deny some victims their right to fair compensation in violation of the Illinois Constitution.

"The legislation will be challenged unequivocally, as it should be," said state Rep. John Fritchey, D-Chicago. "The victims at the end of the day are ... patients."

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL KEEPS SOME JOBS

ROCK ISLAND — The Rock Island Arsenal got good news and then bad news Thursday from the federal commission reviewing the Pentagon's plan to close and make over military bases nationwide.

The nine-member independent panel voted against moving an operations center at the arsenal, saving 251 civilian jobs but voted for closing another office, costing 235 jobs. That's on top of Wednesday's votes to cut nearly 1,100 civilian jobs.

Meanwhile, a decision on moving F-16 jets out of Springfield's Air National Guard base was tentatively expected for Friday by the Base Closure and

Realignment Commission.

DETECTIVE: HUSBAND CONFESSED MURDER

BELLEVILLE — A police detective testified during a coroner's inquest that a suspect charged in the May stabbing deaths of his estranged wife and her friend at a Belleville apartment has confessed to the slayings.

Detective Matt Eiskant told the six-person St. Clair County jury Wednesday that Leron Wilborn, 35, admitted to stabbing Nicole Jacobs, 27, and her neighbor Wayne Dunnivant, 28.

Wilborn was charged with two counts of first-degree murder in May after authorities arrested him in Tennessee.

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Iran calls for nuclear talks with countries outside Europe

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran on Thursday called for more countries to join three European states in talks about its nuclear program, apparently hoping to bring in more sympathetic negotiators. The surprise call was part of Tehran's drive to win approval for what it says will be peaceful use of nuclear power.

The talks involving France, Germany and Britain suffered a blow earlier this month when Iran rejected the Europeans' central proposal, an offer of economic incentives in return for permanently giving up uranium development. Tehran also resumed uranium conversion at its plant in the central city of Isfahan.

Iran's new top nuclear negotiator, hard-liner

Ali Larijani, said Thursday that more nations should join the talks.

"There is a serious question in Iran that asks why nuclear negotiations should be limited to just three European countries," he told state-run television.

Larijani didn't specify any nations but said his country would welcome negotiations with all 35 members of the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nation's nuclear watchdog agency, as well as members of the Non-Aligned Movement, a bloc of 116 mostly developing countries.

The United States, which accuses Iran of seeking to develop atomic weapons, dismissed the proposal as a "typical tactic of the Iranian government designed to change the subject." In

Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the current format, involving the three EU nations, was the correct one and that Iran ought "to take the deal that is on the table."

Europe also responded coolly to Larijani's call. Britain's Foreign Office said there was "no basis for negotiation with Iran until they respond" to an IAEA resolution adopted earlier this month that calls on Iran to suspend reprocessing activities at Isfahan. The EU countries called off a negotiating session scheduled for Aug. 31 because of the resumption of work there.

French Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean-Baptiste Mattei said France, Britain and Germany were not really alone in the talks with

Tehran since they were acting on behalf of the 25-nation EU.

The three countries "negotiate in the name of the (other) Europeans and we are fully transparent ... with our partners in the international community," he said. He added that the talks also are carried out "in close liaison" with the IAEA.

IAEA board member Russia did not address the Iranian call. But Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Thursday there was no evidence proving Iran has violated the nuclear non-proliferation regime.

"We have no grounds to believe the presence of such a threat has been proven," he said. "If a real threat to the non-proliferation regime emerges, we will look at it very seriously."

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- 1 Like a serape

16 Demographic datum

17 Classic 1978 rock song with the lyric "Nothing to do / Nowhere to go"

18 It's observed in L.A.

19 Something to look through

20 Deep-six

21 Riga resident, e.g.

22 It might need a fitting

25 Tony's portrayer on "N.Y.P.D. Blue"

28 ___ fide

29 Computer printer meas.
- 32 Billy Dee Williams's "Star Wars" role

37 Watchdog on the payroll

38 Shows what a person is made of

39 Hatch closer?

40 They frequently change in airports, in brief

41 More than an uptick

42 Hands

43 Mug with a mug

46 Island where a noted Greek statue was found

49 Calendar abbr.

50 Lean meat

53 Game settings

- 58 Rush-hour observation

59 TV ad line

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- 1 Sassy sort

2 Padded things

3 Rat follower

4 "A Spy in the House of Love" author

5 Michigan county or its seat

6 Complicated situation

7 It can be kicked

8 Local stock

9 Humanities degs.

10 Woman's name meaning "life"

11 Cardinal

12 Needing to cool down, maybe

13 Enemy of Carthage

14 Quite a while

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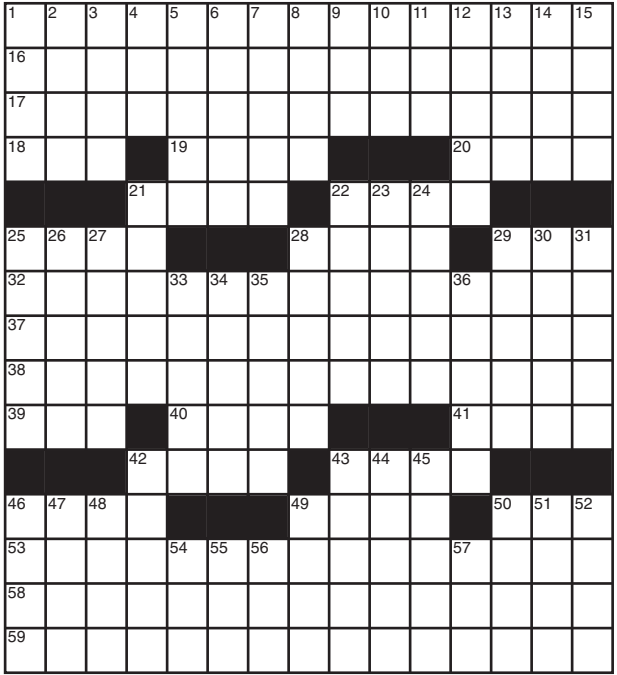
21 Bathroom fixture

22 Professional helpers, briefly

23 Pelvis part

24 Lead-in for deux, trois or quatre

25 Beautiful people



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

- 26 More together

27 Not sitting well?

28 Débutantes: Abbr.

29 "I'm right there with you"

30 Painter Veronese

31 Against a thing, legally

33 1987 world figure skating champion

34 "Benjamin"

35 Dad's rival

36 Wait
- 42 Results of some traumas

43 Country club?

44 Boots

45 Lady in "The Sun Also Rises"

46 Cardinal

47 Plow ___

48 Telemarketing aid

49 Enterprise counselor

50 By any chance

51 Paltry
- 52 Gadgeteers' concerns

53 Country club?

54 Kind of dye

55 Modern joke response

56 Part of a mus-tard plant

57 Density symbol

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Sheehan to embark on bus tour after leaving Texas vigil

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRAWFORD, Texas — A fallen soldier’s mother said Thursday that the anti-war vigil she started nearly three weeks ago near President Bush’s ranch won’t end when she and other protesters pack up their camp next week.

Cindy Sheehan said the day after she leaves Aug. 31 she will embark on a bus tour ending up in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 24. Then the group will start a 24-hour vigil in the nation’s capital.

“I am not alone,” she said at a news conference Thursday. “There’s the people standing behind me here, but there’s thousands of military families ... who want the same answers to the same questions.”

WOMAN IDENTIFIES FORMER BYU PLAYER AS ONE OF HER ATTACKERS

PROVO, Utah — An 18-year-old woman described for jurors Thursday how she woke up drunk in a Provo apartment to find at least two men raping her. One of them, she said, was one of two former college football players now on trial for the alleged attack.

“I blacked out, fell asleep and the very next thing I remember was the sound of voices and laughter,” the woman said, sobbing.

She said she had been drinking vodka and doesn’t know how long she was unconscious. When she came to, she said, one man was forcing her into oral sex and another was forcing her into intercourse.

“They kept saying, ‘Shhh, you’re fine, you’re fine. Just be quiet,’” she testified.

CIA 9/11 REVIEW RECOMMENDS DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

WASHINGTON — The CIA’s independent watchdog has recommended disciplinary reviews for current and former officials who were involved in failed intelligence efforts before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, The Associated Press has learned.

CIA Director Porter Goss now must decide whether the disciplinary proceedings go forward.

The proceedings, formally called an accountability board, were recommended by the CIA inspector general, John Helgerson. It remains unclear which people are identified for the accountability boards in the highly classified report spanning hundreds of pages. The report was delivered to Congress Tuesday night.

BLACKOUTS CUT POWER TO ABOUT 500,000 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES — Sweltering late-summer heat and the loss of a key transmission line Thursday forced power officials in Southern California to impose rolling blackouts, leaving as many as half a million people without power for an hour at a time, officials said.

The California Independent System Operator, which operates the state’s electric grid, declared a transmission emergency at 3:57 p.m., said Gil Alexander, a spokesman for SoCal Edison.

The ISO ordered the utility to reduce its demand, prompting blackouts in parts of Fontana, La Puente, Cathedral City, Huntington Beach, Long Beach and Ontario, Alexander said.

LESS PEOPLE ON UNEMPLOYMENT SIGN OF RECOVERING ECONOMY

WASHINGTON — The number of people receiving unemployment benefits reached a four-year low last week, fresh evidence of a strengthening economy.

The number of laid-off workers receiving jobless benefits averaged 2.58 million over the four weeks ending last week, the lowest four-week average since March 2001, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

For just last week, the number of newly laid off workers applying for benefits fell by a better-than-expected 4,000 from the previous week to 315,000, the lowest level for new claims since the first week in August.

Russian prime minister injured in bombing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Two bombs exploded Thursday on a roadside in Ingushetia, wounding the southern Russian republic’s prime minister in an apparent assassination attempt, officials said _ the latest sign of growing violence across the heavily Muslim North Caucasus region.

Ingushetia Prime Minister Ibragim Malsagov was hospitalized after the attack in the city of Nazran, but his life was not in danger, said Fyodor Shcherbakov, an aide to the Kremlin envoy to the region.

Malsagov’s driver was killed and two other people were wounded in addition to Malsagov, said Nikolai Ivashkevich, a spokesman for the southern regional branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry. Malsagov, the second highest-ranking official in the region, was hurt in the hand and the leg.

The top police official in Ingushetia, Interior Minister Beslan Khamkhoyev, said two explosives placed about 10-15 yards apart detonated within 10 seconds, the Interfax news agency reported. The attack occurred near one of the city’s outdoor markets as Malsagov’s motorcade passed.

Lying in a hospital bed with bandages wrapped around his head and hand, Malsagov

told state-run Channel One television that he had been traveling on a road near his home in the middle of a three-car motorcade when there was an explosion in front by the first vehicle.

"Naturally, I automatically jumped out to run over and see what happened, and then there was another explosion," Malsagov said. He blamed "forces that want to destabilize the situation."

Russian television networks showed footage of what appeared to be Malsagov’s black Mercedes, its rear window a maze of cracked glass, and of a deep crater by the roadside.

Nazran is the main city in the Ingushetia region, which has suffered frequent spillover violence from neighboring Chechnya to the east, as well as attacks by its own militants and criminal gangs.

The top prosecutor for southern Russia, Deputy Prosecutor General Nikolai Shepel, said in televised comments that the attack seemed to have "the same signature" as other terrorist attacks that have struck the North Caucasus, adding, "I mean the international organizations that unfortunately are present in the south of Russia."

Russian authorities are eager to link their fight against militants in the North Caucasus with the international struggle against terror, and often point to alleged international involve-

ment in attacks in the region. Government critics say flawed Kremlin ethnic policy and corruption among regional leaders are major causes of the violence.

Last week, Nazran police chief Dzhabrail Kostoyev was wounded when unknown assailants detonated a radio-controlled land mine as his car was passing.

The republic’s police and security forces were also targeted in a devastating overnight assault by militants in June 2004, in which some 90 people were killed.

Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev claimed responsibility for that attack and for the hostage crisis that killed more than 330 people last September at a school in Beslan in North Ossetia, which borders both Chechnya and Ingushetia.

The republic on Chechnya’s eastern border, Dagestan, has also been plagued by frequent bombings and other attacks targeting government and law enforcement officials.

Authorities in other republics of the North Caucasus have also battled militants they say are Islamic extremists. Analysts have expressed concern that major violence could break out in the region even as Russian and local government officials assert that life is returning to normal in Chechnya, devastated by two separatist wars in the past decade.

TATTOO:

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Burwell said the only regulation in Illinois for tattoos is that people are 21 years of age.

In Indiana, two forms of identification are needed. If a teenager is under the state legal age of 18, three forms of identification are required along with a parent, who has to have two forms of identification.

Adele Rodgers, a full-time employee at Body Art Ink in Terre Haute, Ind., said 10

percent to 20 percent of business comes from Illinois residents.

“I think it’s definitely good for business,” she said.

Blagojevich approves some of the aspects of House Bill 29, which includes increasing the penalties for tattooing or body piercing a minor.

Under current legislation, if a person tattoos or pierces a minor, he faces a Class C misdemeanor. If the changes of House Bill 29 are approved, the penalty will increase to a Class A misdemeanor.

If a person 18 years or younger is in a tattoo shop without a legal parent or guardian, they also face a Class A misdemeanor.

“It’s a legitimate form of art,” Baldwin said of tattooing.

He said people 18 years of age are mature enough to go into the military and vote, thus they have “freedom of expression.”

If the changes to House Bill 29 are approved before the General Assembly during the Fall Veto Session, the law will take affect Jan. 1, 2006.

ICE RINK:

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\$3 for students and children under 12 and \$5 for faculty, staff and community members.

“While he thinks that the ice rink is a fun idea, the reason why it didn’t happen last year was not because of the money, Berger said.

“The reason why it didn’t happen was because there was difficulty on placement and power and things like that,” Berger said. “So even if I said yes to that, that’s why it didn’t happen last year.”

“Regardless of the location of any tempo-

rary facility, certain site conditions and utility needs must be met,” said Gary Reed director of facilities planning and management. He said that transporting large electric loads is challenging and that is what an ice rink would need.

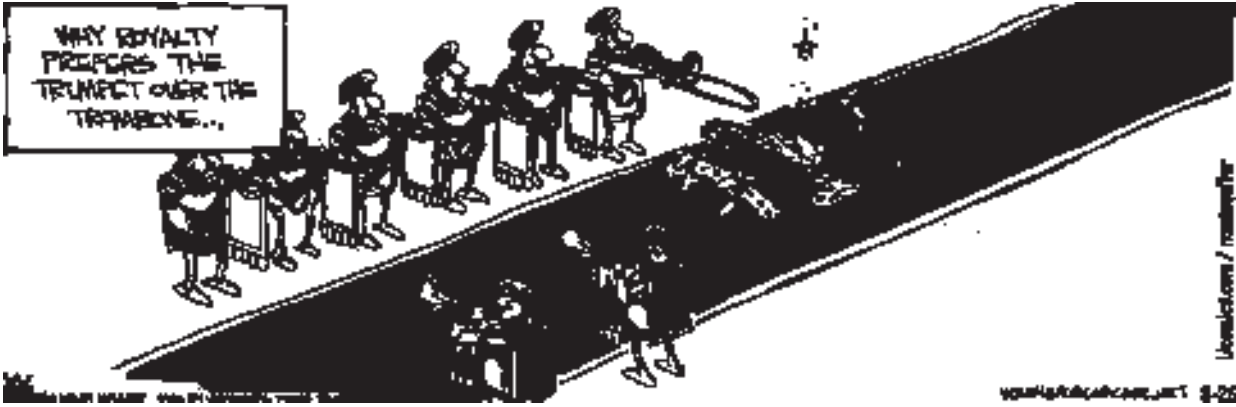
“In the case of the (temporary) ice rink, the refrigeration equipment required power that was not available at the selected location east of Lantz,” he said. “In addition, a water supply and the ability to drain the ice rink needed to be locally available. In the case of the Lantz location, this too was not readily available.”

Instead of working on getting an ice rink, Berger wants to first concentrate on renovating Seventh Street Underground—a project he feels will permanently benefit students.

“The only time the space is used by students is for performances by University Board,” he said. “I think the space could be a place for students to come to during the middle of the day to hang out and socialize.

“We already pay renovation fees and the union fee so hopefully that money can come from that area,” Berger said about the costs. “So that would leave options available for how to use that extra money.”

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PGA TOURNAMENT

Curtis leads in Buick

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CROMWELL, Conn. — Ben Curtis and J.L. Lewis shot 6-under 64s Thursday to share the first-round lead at the Buick Championship.

Curtis, the 2003 British Open winner, birdied his 17th hole, and Lewis birdied his 18th to emerge from a group of players bunched at 5 under.

Kevin Sutherland, Justin Rose, Franklin Langham, Vaughn Taylor, coming off a win last week at the Reno-Tahoe Open, and NCAA individual runner-up Michael Putnam, who is making his PGA Tour debut, are a stroke back.

Former U.S. Open winner Corey Pavin is among a group of four finishing at 4 under.

Curtis has only two top 10 finishes since he hoisted the claret jug. He made one cut in his first 10 events this year and his confidence suffered.

But he began a turnaround last month when he finished third at the Western Open and then contended early at the PGA Championship with a first-round 67 at Baltusrol for a share of the lead.

"I gradually just worked on the swing and started hitting the ball better. That led to making some putts and that's been the key," Curtis said. "It's just fun to go play again."

Curtis opened with consecutive birdies and played error-free throughout. He grabbed the lead by rolling in a 16-foot birdie putt on the par-3 17th.

It was Curtis' first appearance at the Buick Championship. He was scheduled to play in 2003 immediately following the British Open, but pulled out, citing fatigue.

"It was my rookie year and I pretty much signed up for every tourna-

ment," Curtis said. "After I won it, it was one of those things where you had to sit back and just think about it. I didn't want to come in here and just shoot 80. Obviously, I felt bad for not coming here."

Lewis made a 10-footer on his final hole, the 406-yard, par-4 ninth, to catch Curtis. Lewis, whose best finish on Tour has been a couple of second places, also had a bogey-free round. He lamented failing to make good on several birdie chances.

"They're out there. I had plenty of chances," he said. "And believe it or not I putted better than I did last week."

Putnam had a few rookie jitters early, then settled down. Fresh off the U.S. Walker Cup victory, Putnam got into this week's event on a sponsor's exemption.

"I was a little nervous," Putnam said. "The first couple holes I hit my driver everywhere, but fortunately I hit some good recovery shots and made some birdies off of them."

The Pepperdine graduate, who finished second in the NCAA championships this summer, was member of team that 11 days ago gave the United States its first Walker Cup win in eight years over Britain and Ireland.

He had a pair of birdies in his first three holes, then bogeyed No. 4 after a three-putting from 24 feet. That one stumble helped calm him down, he said.

"I finally did everything on the golf course. Made birdie, made par, made bogey," Putnam said. "After that, I was pretty calm and ready to go."

Another Pepperdine alum, Jason Gore, made his season debut as a PGA Tour member after his midseason promotion from the Nationwide Tour.

White Sox win in extras versus Twins

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MINNEAPOLIS — The Chicago White Sox have the best record in the AL because of games like this.

Timo Perez hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning, and the White

Sox defeated the Minnesota Twins 2-1 Thursday.

Geoff Blum doubled off Jesse Crain (9-3) leading off the 10th, and pinch-hitter Pablo Ozuna bunted to Crain. The pitcher's throw beat Blum to third base, but Luis Rodriguez missed the tag on

the sacrifice.

Perez followed with his single to left-center field.

"That's why they've got their record, because they take advantage of other teams' mistakes," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER



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Sophomore defensive back Bailey Brenner practices with the women's soccer athletic trainer, Kristen Fredrick, Monday on the practice fields behind O'Brien Stadium.

Eastern begins by mining for victories

Panthers start in El Paso for the Miner Classic

By MATT DANIELS
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern faces two solid opponents this weekend as it ventures to El Paso, Texas, for the first time in program history to compete in the eighth annual Miner Classic.

"I think it's a good way to start off our season," said senior midfielder Kim Garkie.

"Starting off against two unfamiliar opponents has Eastern in a new state of mind, said junior midfielder Trisha Walter "Since we've never played them before we can kind of go in with a different attitude."

On Friday, Eastern takes on the University of North Texas at 1 p.m., and then faces the host University of Texas El Paso at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"This should be a really competitive tournament," said

Kevin Cross, head coach at UTEP. "All three are tough teams just by looking at the win-loss column of all three teams from last year."

With no prior exhibition games and only the alumni game to show how they stack up in game situations, head coach Tim Nowak is interested to see how his team will respond against two tough teams from the Longhorn state.

"I think we want to see how competitive we can be right away," Nowak said.

North Texas, 16-6-1 last year, ended its 2004 season with a first-round loss in the NCAA College Cup to Texas.

"They have a lot of speed, they're a tough team," Nowak said. "I think they mirror us quite a bit."

Winners of the 2004 Sun Belt Conference regular season and tournament championship, the Mean Green were picked to repeat as conference champions Wednesday by Sun Belt coaches.

One player the Panthers will have to worry about from North Texas is the 2004 Sun Belt freshman of the year Heather Hutyra. Hutyra, a preseason All-Sun Belt forward pick, had six goals and 17 points last season.

Senior goalkeeper Briana Buchanan holds school records for most shutouts in a career (17) and shutouts in a season (10).

UTEP, a first-year member of Conference USA, is a worthy opponent for Eastern. UTEP finished tied for second in the WAC last year with a 13-5-1 overall record that saw its season end in the WAC tournament semifinals.

Two sophomores, Jami Tullius and Cara Nordin, lead the UTEP attack up front, although Cross said the team is pretty balanced.

Tullius and Nordin tied for the team lead in goals last year with 10 a piece. Nordin recorded four assists to Tullius' two.

Weekend matchups

- ◆ Eastern Illinois Panthers
2004 Record: 13-6-2, 6-1-1 in OVC.
2004 Postseason: Lost in first round of NCAA College Cup.
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- ◆ North Texas Mean Green
2004 Record: 16-6-1, 6-1-1 in Sun Belt Conference.
2004 Postseason: Lost in first round of NCAA College Cup.
2005 Returning Starters: 7
- ◆ UTEP Miners
2004 Record: 13-5-1, 5-2-1 in WAC.
2004 Postseason: none.
Returning Starters: 7

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and the pitching staff has been too good to be true.

But, thankfully, none of this matters.

Fans can bemoan their favorite teams, but the reality is that the players don't care what we think.

What does matter is that the White Sox think they can win the World Series.

Is it delusional? Maybe. But they believe.

And when it comes to a team I'm passionate about, I can't ask for more than that.

Dan Woike is a senior journalism major who's also passionate about "Laguna Beach." Tell him it's creepy to watch a show about such hot, tanned high school seniors at woikedad@hotmail.com.

PERFECTION:

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I've seen from our freshmen, we've got enough speed and then some. They're extremely talented and fit our system perfectly."

Along with Buenzow, the Panthers also return senior centers Stephanie Rasmussen and Brittany Brown. The trio combined for 273 of the team's 613 points, along with all 50 of Eastern's conversions. Amber Logsdon, who lost only two games in her Panther career, also returns to the mix for the

Panthers.

With the season opener set for Sept. 3 at home against Wisconsin and all the new additions and key returnees back in the fold for the Panthers, you would think that they would be overconfident. However, with the one loss from last year still leaving the Panthers a little bitter, the team knows there's work to be done.

"That loss kind of stuck with us over the off-season," Buenzow said. "We won't be satisfied with anything less than perfection."

NFL

Benson visits Bears

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST — Cedric Benson paid a surprise visit to the Chicago Bears' training facility on Thursday, the 33rd day of the first-round draft pick's holdout.

Benson, a running back out of Texas who was the No. 4 selection overall, showed up at Halas Hall and met with general manager Jerry Angelo, but

there were no negotiations. Benson's agent, Eugene Parker, was not present.

Benson is the only first-round draft pick still unsigned. Last week Angelo issued a statement saying the Bears had made their final offer and no more money was on the table. He said any further negotiations would be about how Benson's value has diminished in the wake of his holdout.

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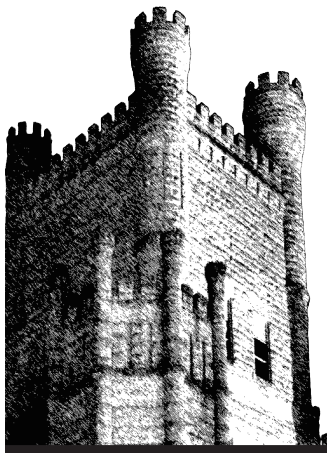
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Sox fever flusters fans

Passion is a strange thing. When there is a genuinely strong interest in something, it can lead to complete disregard of common sense and reason. For instance, a passion for gambling can lead a person to bet with money he doesn't have. Even worse, it can lead to his betting on English Premiere League soccer. Being passionate about partying can lead to a person walking aimlessly from house to house, looking for a fresh keg of High Life.

A passion for the show "Passions" won't allow someone to schedule afternoon classes that conflict with the "stories." Such is my passion for the White Sox. After beating the Twins 2-1 in 10 innings, the Sox are back to 30 games over .500 (77-47). 30 wins over .500 should give a fan a feeling of relaxation — it's a nice buffer.

However, as the Sox have scuffled as of late, (3-7 in their last 10 games), my passion for the team has caused some irrational responses. First, there was anger.

The Sox's pitchers weren't getting calls, and opposing pitchers had figured out White Sox bats. Ken Griffey Jr. wasn't available, Scott Podsednik had strained muscles, and Carl Everett was searching the Bible for evidence of a stegosaurus.

Then came sadness. Maybe the Sox weren't going to even win the division. Maybe I wasted \$30 on that hat I bought last time I went to the Cell. I want them to be a contender so badly and seeing them scuffle brings a mist to my eyes (not unfamiliar to my reaction to the last five minutes of 'Rudy' — the most emotionally manipulative movie of our time).

But after the anger and the sadness comes the sobering feeling of acceptance. It's the realization that maybe this isn't the Sox's year. The team does have its shortcomings, like a short stop who swings harder than anyone else alive (contact is strictly coincidental). No one is batting above .300,

VOLLEYBALL

Pepsi Challenge returns to Lantz

BY MARCO SANTANA
STAFF REPORTER

After a one-year hiatus, Eastern's Pepsi Challenge returns to Lantz Arena Saturday. Previously known as the Pepsi/Super 8 Challenge, the volleyball event will feature two teams following up conference championships and an experienced team that will return all six starters for the 2005 season. The Bradley Braves and Dayton Flyers open up the event in the morning. The match is set to begin at 10 a.m. Bradley is trying to rebound from a tough season that left it with a 9-20 overall record and 3-15 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"We had a great spring and we are returning all of our starters, which is a good thing. We are more experienced," said Bradley head coach Scott Luster. Luster is in his eighth year with the Braves and has 555 career coaching victories during stints with the Braves, Louisiana State and Louisville.

The Braves boast a strong roster of experienced players. Nine players are upperclassmen for Bradley after having no seniors in 2004. Senior middle hitter Lindsay Stalzer is the star of the team. A two-time, all-MVC selection, Stalzer led the MVC with 527 kills last season. "She is the player that the rest of the conference prepares for when they face us," said Luster. "She's pretty special." The Dayton Flyers are not strangers to success. Tim Horsmon will be



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Senior outside hitter Megan Kennedy spikes the ball across the net Thursday during practice at Lantz Arena. The Panther Volleyball team kicks off its season opener with the Pepsi Challenge in Lantz on Saturday.

entering his third year as head coach. Since his arrival, Dayton has won back-to-back Atlantic-10 tournament championships and last season split the regular season title with Xavier. The Flyers were picked by A-10 coaches to win the conference's West division. Junior middle hitter Faye Barhorst leads the team and ranked nationally in blocks per game and hitting per-

centage. She was an All-American Honorable Mention selection in 2004. At 2 p.m., head coach Lori Bennett and the Panthers will go up against the Flyers in their first action of the season. This will give Bennett an opportunity to see her team in game situations for the first time. "They've done everything we've asked them to and they have pretty high expectations," she said.

Because of the absence of a preseason tournament at Lantz Arena, the 2004 team had to wait until Oct. 8 for their first home game. They defeated Austin Peay 3-2 in front of 382 fans. For the 2005 tournament, the Panthers are trying to end a run of second place finishes. In 2003, they finished second to Drake. The year before they finished behind Toledo.

WOMEN'S RUGBY



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Samantha Manto, freshman women's rugby player, carries the ball across the goal line during Saturday's practice at Lakeside Rugby Field.

Panthers aim for perfection

BY MARCUS CORRENTI
STAFF WRITER

What steps do you take for improvement after you have outscored your opponents 613-25 last year, set 13 new school records and shut out seven of your 10 opponents while finishing 9-1? "Maintain focus," said Eastern women's rugby coach Frank Graziano. Focus. That was the word being passed around during the opening practices for the rugby team. The Panthers dominated teams with such ease last year (41-13 record in six seasons) that Graziano felt they got too complacent, which led to their lone defeat against Ohio State. "We won so many games by large margins last year that we tended to lose focus," Graziano

said. "In order to finish 10-0, you have to maintain focus at all times and I think we lost our focus at certain times last year, especially in the Ohio State game." The Panthers will begin the season with 10 seniors returning from the 2004 team. Graziano believes the seniors will have to play a big role for the team to finish undefeated, especially after 11 seniors graduated from last year's team, including single-season-record-holder Nikki Ponce in tries (29), points (145) and 20-plus yard runs (23). "We've got great captains in Jamie Buenzow and Allegra Hoopingartner," Graziano said. "The experience we have at the key positions is vital to our success. No one said it was going to be easy replacing Nikki, but we feel with the seniors we have and

the talented freshmen we brought in, we're more than fit to do the job." The talented freshman Graziano speaks of are Molly Clutter and Samantha Manto. Both have been voted athletes of the year at their respective high schools and have impressed Graziano with their athleticism in the preseason camps. Graziano and Buenzow beam when talking about the current freshmen class and sophomore transfer student Jaki Brophy. They believe this is the year for the Panthers to finish undefeated for the second time in four years. "That loss to Ohio State left a sour taste in our mouths," Buenzow said. "I knew with the loss of Nikki that we might be lacking in speed, but from what

HE SAID/SHE SAID

Homesickness:

Brian and Laura talk about homesickness even after years of living away from home. Sometimes guys and gals can think alike.

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Changing

appearances: David Thill comments about how a relationship helped him change his fashion sense for the better, and ultimately made him more confident about his appearance.

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Resetting alcohol

tolerance. Students who change their drinking habits over the summer may come back to school to realize that their tolerance has been reset, which could be for the better.

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“Red Eye”: A would-be thriller that delivers laughs (and not on purpose) fails to make Brian’s “must-see” list.

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Ten-year old bad sounds mature beyond it’s years.

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Where Eastern students come from:

A campus located in a small, safe community continues to draw mostly from the big city, which accounts for nearly half of Eastern’s total population.

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CARRIE HOLLIS/ON THE VERGE

Kelly McMahon, a freshman undecided major, looks at photographs on her computer. Her side of her seventh floor dorm room in Lawson Hall is decorated with vibrant colors and pictures all along the wall.

Never too far from home

BY DAVID THILL
SENIOR REPORTER

When Mallory Alcock moved into her dorm room this year, she found herself feeling alone and a bit scared.

Many freshmen feel this same solitude and fear every year when making the change from home life to college life. But Alcock is no longer a freshman and, in fact, had good reason to feel that fear.

Alcock is a sophomore social sciences major and a resident assistant in Pemberton Hall. Because of this, she had to return to school in early August.

“I had to move in by Aug. 6, and it felt kind of scary living by myself because I was the only one in the building,” Alcock said.

Students receive pointers on how to make Eastern their home away from home

Many freshmen feel homesick when they first get to college, said Jerry Boyd, Charleston-area psychologist.

Alcock also sees that homesickness.

“No one likes to show they’re homesick,” she said. “(Freshmen) will come into my room because they need someone to talk to, someone who is older and has been through it before.”

Making new friends and talking to new people is one way to overcome that homesickness, Boyd said.

“Using the phone and e-mail to stay in touch with home is good,” Boyd said. “Calling everyday is okay for a while, but you should try to wean away from excessive contact.”

Finding people with similar interests is an important part in the process of getting acclimated to living away from old family and friends for the first time, Boyd said.

New students should find some way to feel like they are part of a group, whether it is spending time with a roommate, joining a club or an on-campus group, he said.

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CARRIE HOLLIS/ON THE VERGE

Kristen Johnson, a freshman undecided major, works on homework at her computer in her seventh floor Lawson Hall dorm room. Her side of the room is less decorated, containing a few posters along her wall. Sometimes, even roommates who are nothing alike can get along and keep each other company.

THE LIST

A list of things to do in Charleston that don't have to include alcohol.

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3 Movies As the theatre schedules them

Can't afford that pricey Showplace 10? Have no fear, for the Will Rogers Theatre located on the historic Charleston Square offers current movie viewing for rock bottom prices. Just don't ask what that sticky substance on the floor is... just kidding, it's just soda.



4 The Rec Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m.-midnight, closed at 10 p.m. on weekends

Once you become an Eastern student, you are automatically made a member of the Student Recreation Center. With your panther card in hand you can get into the Rec and lift, squat, cycle, run or just watch if you're tired.

5 Outside Fun Anytime

Why not take advantage of the south quad or the many open fields throughout Eastern's campus? Pick up a Frisbee or a football or go to the campus pond and fish. Yes, I said fish. The pond is stocked with fresh fish every semester, so fish away.



HE SAID SHE SAID
Home sweet home



IT'S A NATURAL THING

BRIAN O'MALLEY
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

When leaving for the first semester as a college freshman, I was a bit cocky in thinking that I would have no problem moving away from home. I immediately began to realize that I was mistaken. The sting of being homesick was unbearable.

After a while I was fine, and I had a blast as a freshman. But at the beginning of the next year, the same thing happened. And it happened again my third year and my fourth year.

Now in my fifth year I thought I would be rid of that sting forever.

But sure enough, on my second day back in Charleston, the sting hit me. And this time more than ever. There was a hole in my stomach, and I felt sick. I'm not sure what ignited it, but I was definitely feeling depressed.

Of course I'll get over it and have a fun and exciting year.

Another trend I've noticed is at the end of every school year, I'm always ready to go back home.

The bottom line here is that being homesick is completely natural, and no one should be ashamed to feel it. For the most part, if you're not homesick there might be a problem there.

I guess Dorothy said it best while she clicked her heels together after missing the lift off of the hot-air balloon.

"There's no place like home."



FINDING A SECOND HOME

LAURA GRIFFITH
VERGE EDITOR

No matter where I've gone to over the years, the familiar feeling of homesickness has followed me.

I moved away from home slowly, commuting one semester then moving to Woodland hall at SIU-Edwardsville freshman year, then taking up residence at Cougar Village, the SIUE on-campus apartments sophomore year.

Thirty minutes from home wasn't far enough, so weeks after I moved into my apartment, I planned my escape to Eastern.

When I arrived at Taylor Hall I was excited, but scared. When my parents left, I experienced a new, empty feeling inside. I would no longer have the convenience of stopping by my house to have dinner before work, and I knew no one here. Sitting in my room alone the first night, I felt sick to my stomach, and I hoped no one would come by and see the tears welling in my eyes.

Last week, after a short summer, it was time to come back, this time to a house with friends. I wouldn't get homesick in a town that feels like my second home, I thought. But sure enough, when it was time for my parents to leave, I stalled to keep them here as long as I could. The empty feeling hit me again.

Homesickness might not completely cease to be an issue for me until the house I grew up in no longer feels like home. And at this point in my life, being away only makes me appreciate what I'm missing down south. You really "Don't Know What You've Got (Till It's Gone.)"

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‘Red-Eye’ more like shut-eye

By BRIAN O’MALLEY
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR



Wes Craven is a director who’s portfolio is filled with both hits and misses. “Red Eye” is a miss. Rising stars Rachel McAdams (The Notebook, Wedding Crashers) and Cillian Murphy (28 Days Later, Batman Begins) are the two main characters in this thriller set on an airplane traveling from Texas to Florida. McAdams plays Lisa Reisert, a hotel manager, on her way back home to Miami after going to her grandma’s funeral in Texas. Cillian Murphy plays Jackson “Jack” Rippner, a terrorist set out to assassinate a politician named Charles Keefe (Jack Scalia) who will be staying at the hotel where Reisert works. While in the air, Rippner uses verbal as well as physical force to get Resiert to call the hotel and change Keefe’s room. Reisert is told there is a man sitting outside her parents’ house waiting to kill her father (Brian Cox) if she doesn’t cooperate. First of all, it seems like a pro-



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fessional assassin would have a less elaborate plan to move Keefe from one room to the other. And it doesn’t seem completely necessary to have to kill him the way they decide. Sometimes thrillers are allowed to have a thin plot, as long as they keep us on the edge of our seats, but the plot of “Red Eye” is so thin it would make Mary-Kate Olson cringe. And as far as being on the edge of my seat goes, I was far from it. There were a few additions made to the plot to reference

events that will happen later in the film. For example, the movie introduces an 11-year-old girl who is flying by herself but it doesn’t really go much further than that. I will say that McAdams does a decent job of not taking it over the top. For the most part, it’s a controlled performance. I could say the same for Murphy, but his performance is highly exaggerated and we never know his character’s motive for wanting this politician dead. Keefe’s bodyguards act like the SWAT team, in the way that they use mute hand signals and thoroughly search Keefe’s room before they let him and his family inside. As an audience, we’re not given much reason to care for McAdams’ character, or her father for that matter. Some scenes come off as ridiculous attempts at presenting a tense situation. And making the Murphy’s character’s name Jack Rippner, is very tacky and unnecessary. The bottom line is that this thriller contains a lack of thrills and too many non-deliberate laughs to really do its job.

Gore and mystery attract viewers

By LAURA GRIFFITH
VERGE EDITOR

The commercial ends. Immediately, Americans across the country are glued to the television as Dr. Robbins opens a bucket labeled “bio-hazard.” Inside the bucket, resting in a puddle of human goo, lays the head of what appears to be a young boy. As soon as the show has captured the attention of the audience, The Who’s “Who are you?” blares from the speakers and “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” a half-hour of murder, mystery and gore, has begun. Since the original “CSI” first aired in 2000, the show has been extremely popular with television viewers. For the following two years the show was ranked No. 1 on television, and in 2003-2004 it was still ranked No. 1 among scripted shows, according to www.tvtome.com. It remains popular today, along with similar shows including “CSI: Miami,” “CSI: New York”, “Law and Order: Special Victims Unit”, “Law and Order: Criminal Intent” and many more. True-to-life crime shows share the popularity as well, such as “Cold Case Files,” City Confidential,” and “Forensic Files.” This fall’s new wave of crime shows continues the trend with “The Closer” and CBS’s “Close to Home.” A number of people are interested

in the shows due to their interest in the “whodunit” mystery. Another breed of viewers are interested in the gore of the deaths, and the strange actions of people most think only exist in stories and not in the real world. Tim Gillins, a senior music education major in jazz studies, tunes into shows like “CSI” and “24,” when he comes across them. “They’re addicting,” he said. “People like things that they can’t imagine (seeing).” Mike Nichols, Coles County Coroner, agrees. “It’s the curiosity of the unknown,” Nichols said in a spring interview. “A lot of stuff they do on there is factual, but those are just dramatizations.” Nichols determines medical causes of death, helps process crime scenes and sends toxicology samples to a crime lab in Springfield run by the Illinois State Police, similar to “CSI’s” Dr. Robbins. People’s obsession with morbidity doesn’t stop at crime shows, but is certainly visible in their ratings and popularity. People are interested in many topics that can be considered taboo: scary movies, Halloween, ghosts, cemeteries, catastrophic events like 9/11 and even serial killers. There isn’t always an explanation to this phenomenon. “Why do people look at car wrecks?” Gillins said.

Summer documentaries march to top of list

By BRIAN O’MALLEY
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

From penguins to ballroom dancing, to rugby for quadriplegics, this summer saw a rise in the popularity of documentaries, which doesn’t happen often. This year, five documentaries were placed in the top 100 of top grossing movies for 2005, and at least two more are on their way. The biggest success this summer has been Luc Jacquet’s “The March of the Penguins,” a look at the annual mating habits of the emperor penguin in Antarctica. According to boxofficemojo.com the movie opened to four theaters nationwide on June 24 and brought in more than \$137,000 that weekend. Two months and 2,098 more theaters later, including Mattoon’s Showplace 10, the penguins have made more than \$49 million and rank No. 36 in the top grossing movies so far this year. Morgan Freeman narrates the story of the penguins’ 70-mile walk to mating grounds. The penguins mate, then wait for the female to deliver the egg. She then passes the egg to the male, and all the female penguins travel 70 miles back to the sea to feast on fish. The penguins make several trips back and forth throughout the course of a year. At the end of the year, the cycle starts over, but this time with new mates.

Another successful film this summer was “Mad Hot Ballroom,” about New York City elementary school students learning ballroom dancing and competing in a city-wide competition. “Mad Hot Ballroom” opened May 13 and played in 202 theaters throughout the country. It brought in more than \$7 million and is still open in select theaters across the country. It currently ranks 77 on 2005’s top-grossing list.

On April 22, a documentary based on Bethany McLean and Peter Elkind’s book “The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron” opened. “Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room” focuses on the scandal that shook the corporation and erased it from the nation’s list of successful businesses. It is ranked 91 and has scooped up more than \$4 million since its opening. “The Aristocrats,” about a group of 100 superstar comedians telling the same dirty joke, opened July 29 and has since brought in more than \$2.5 million. The joke is one that has been shared private-



Courtesy of Warner Independent Pictures

ly by comics for decades. Performers include Whoopi Goldberg, Gilbert Gottfried, Robin Williams, George Carlin and many more. “The Aristocrats” will probably show up in more theaters and will be around for another month or more. This is sure to climb the rankings. Another film that has room to grow is “Murderball,” which opened July 8 and has taken in more than \$1.2 million so far. “Murderball” is about the U.S. Paralympics Wheel Chair Rugby team and its quest for the gold in 2004. The movie answers many questions the average person might have about quadriplegics, including the ability of their four limbs, the difficulty of the rehabilitation process and the way the sport is played. Two more documentaries to look for are “Grizzly Man,” which opened August 12, and “The Year of the Yao,” which opened in April in selected cities and will open nationwide in September. “Grizzly Man” is about grizzly bear activists Timothy Treadwell and Amie Huguenard who lived among bears in Alaska for years until they were killed in a bear attack. “The Year of the Yao” is about 7-foot-6-inch Yao Ming and his journey from being a basketball player in China to becoming the NBA’s Houston Rockets’ first overall draft choice in 2002.

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That explains the accent

Chicago and its suburbs contribute nearly half of Eastern's students

By LAURA GRIFFITH
VERGE EDITOR

Eastern students from southern Illinois or other states and countries might notice an abundance of students speak with Chicagoan accents and talk about missing life in the big city.

The chance that students are one of these people or inevitably will run into a few is probable. That's because approximately 42 percent of Eastern's campus is comprised of students hailing from Cook County and the seven other "collar counties" in the Chicago area, according to the Planning and Institutional Studies office.

The numbers for Eastern's 2004 total enrollment reported that of 11,651 total students in graduate or undergraduate programs, 10,163 people, or 87.2 percent, come from Illinois.

Cook County makes up 55 percent of the Chicago area's contribution to the university, 2,689 people, while McHenry, Lake, Kane, DuPage, Kendall, Will and Grundy counties account for a total of 2,179 people.

Although the only numbers available at this time are from last year, the trend remains that a majority of students come from this area, said Julia Abell, director of Planning and Institutional Studies.

Brenda Major, director of admissions, said most colleges outside Chicago show similar trends, for which there are several reasons.

"That's where the numbers are," Major said of the highest populated area in Illinois.

Another reason might be because students are looking to get away from home to gain experience in a different environment, she said.

Laura Schenke, a sophomore elementary and special education major from the Chicago area, had to fight her parents' desire for her to go to school near home and is glad she chose to attend Eastern.

"It was farther away from home," she said. "I like the atmosphere - not too small but it's not too big."

The small college setting Eastern provides

is another reason Chicagoans are drawn to universities like this one.

"You get to meet more people and remember people that are in your classes," Schenke said.

Major noted Eastern is a great place to prepare for a professional career after college by mingling with people from different backgrounds. Students can meet new people and get a chance to learn more about themselves in the process. They can feel like an individual rather than a number or a statistic like may have felt in high school or at a larger university, she said.

Not only do students get close interaction with each other on a campus this size, but

they also reap the benefits of a smaller faculty-to-student ratio.

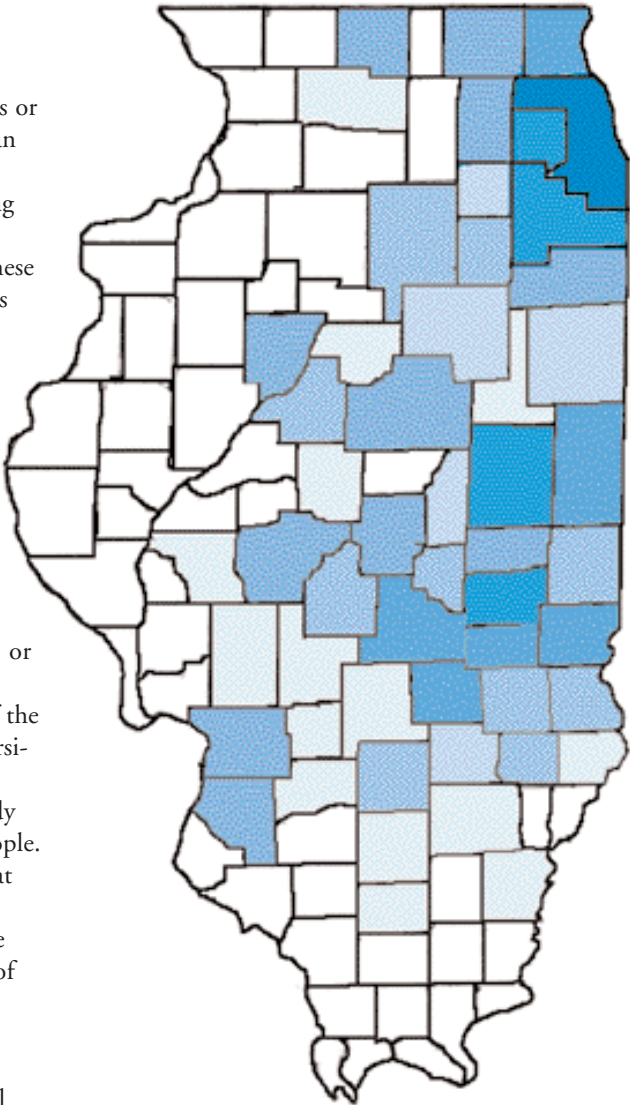
"Students coming here from a larger city get good exposure to the faculty," Major said.

One more reason is because parents and students feel safe in Charleston.

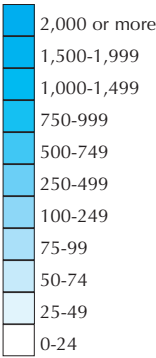
"Eastern has a personality. Parents feel comfortable knowing that we're going to take care of their students," Major said.

Some people are concerned though, about the diversity of Eastern's campus.

"I wish the town of Charleston was more diverse," said Krystle Williams, a senior marketing major from the Chicago area.



MAP KEY



TOP 10 HOME COUNTIES FOR EASTERN STUDENTS

1	Cook	2,689
2	DuPage	741
3	Coles	647
4	Will	597
5	Champaign	536
6	Lake	325
7	Vermilion	257
8	Effingham	230
9	McHenry	211
10	Macon	181
Unknown or out of state		1,344
Out of Country		144
Total		11,651

Source: Eastern Illinois University Planning & Institutional Studies

As far as diversity goes, Major said the number of minorities is rising. From a fact sheet at www.eiu.edu breaking down the student population in 2004, approximately 87 percent of the student population is Caucasian.

"We're becoming more diverse," she said, adding that the university takes extra measures to recruit more diverse students. Recruiters work in the Metro-East St. Louis area and Chicago to try and attract students using summer leadership camps and opportunities aimed at minorities.

Although Major stressed the importance of not choosing a college based on a price tag, those that feel the need can rest assured that Eastern is less expensive than most other Illinois state schools, she said.

Williams is one student who chose Eastern partly because it was cheaper than others she looked at, such as Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois. Since many Eastern students are first-generation college students, the university strives to help parents understand the value of a college education and help them afford it through aid and scholarships.

Being one of the only two schools in the state that rent textbooks (the other being SIU Edwardsville) is another way Eastern affords to give students an education for less, Major said.

"We are probably one of the best values in the state," Major said. "Students are getting much more than they pay for."

Other areas in Illinois from which Eastern draws at least 100 students include Central and Eastern counties like Peoria, McLean, Sangamon, Macon, Shelby, Cumberland and Douglas counties, and Southwestern counties like Madison and St. Clair.

Not surprisingly, many Eastern students hail from Coles County and surrounding areas as well: 11 percent from Champaign County, 13.3 percent from Coles County, 4.7 percent from Effingham County and 5.3 percent from Vermilion County.

More than 1,300 students did not list their counties or are from out-of-state, while 143 come from other countries around the world.



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A change is gonna come

I'm fairly certain it was during ninth grade when the idea formed in my head that I needed my own sense of "style."

Maybe it was the ever-present threat of ridicule from my peers, or maybe it was my newfound fascination with the opposite sex. Whatever it was, I knew I had to come up with something other than the same old Abercrombie and Fitch everyone else was sporting.

To make a long story short, I somehow got the idea in my head that not only could I disguise my 5'6", 120 lb. frame under a grossly oversized Chicago Bears jersey and a pair of Jnco's that could easily fit three of me, but I could also make it look good.

I wore my gigantic clothes for five years, thinking nothing was amiss. In fact, I thought my fashion sense was quite keen.

I even maintained the baggy look through my freshman year of college.

Then things changed a bit. My three-year relationship came to an end, and I found myself floating along in a single world.

A few months later, a new girl came



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DAVID THILL
SENIOR REPORTER

along who was entirely different in nearly every way from my last girlfriend, aside from their tastes in music, that is.

But this different girl ended up helping me change a lot about myself, most definitely for the better.

I had been struggling in vain to quit smoking cigarettes, and she said she didn't date guys who smoked, so that meant I was going to give it an honest effort.

"Don't quit smoking for me; you can do what you want," she said. To which I replied, "I would rather spend time with you than pay to kill myself." And, a few minor slip-ups aside, I actually did quit smoking.

After a few weeks of dating, she began to feel comfortable enough around me to start openly mocking my gigantic clothing. I was shocked, appalled and any other number of adjectives you can apply.

I inquired to what kind of style she thought would look good on me. A week later she appeared with a bag of shirts – very tight shirts.

At first, I hated it. I felt constricted, but I entertained the notion for her. Then people started commenting on the new style. Apparently my shirts the size of ship sails made me look even younger than I already did. So, the clothes that actually fit began to grow on me. Then I began to like them. Now, I find myself shopping for shirts in the right size.

Then, the transformation took on a life of its own.

Gone with the shaggy blonde hair, in with the dyed brown, short hair. Button-up shirts with collars? I never would have thought of that, but now I love them. And jeans that actually don't fall off my butt are now my favorite kind of pants to wear.

So maybe finding someone you are willing to give change a shot for doesn't necessarily mean you are changing FOR that person. I find myself happier with my appearance than I have been in, well, ever.

STYLE SNAPSHOT



All That Glitters...

From bags to shirts to belts to shoes, sparkle is all the rage this summer season and likely to last through fall on campus.



Whether purchased from high-end designers or low-end retail chains, Eastern females are sporting this style from head to toe, from a.m. to p.m.

Knit-sequined hobo bags currently are the item most commonly accessorized into both everyday attire and evening threads, but all four pieces have each been incorporated into both looks.



Next trend stocked on the shelves and predicted to walk into wardrobes soon? Cowboy boots. Darn, Jessica Simpson!

- The Couture Co-ed

N.C. State alumna finds fashion is her bag

By KELLY REID
TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE)

RALEIGH, N.C.—The fashions on campus are ever changing and varied. As each student finds the style she becomes most comfortable wearing it is natural to be attracted to specific designers. These designers are most often omniscient and receive little recognition beyond the tag in their creation.

In the heart of Raleigh, N.C., an alumna is making a name for herself that people can carry with them. Holly Aiken designs and produces eye-catching and durable purses, wallets, diaper bags, dog leashes and collars.

Aiken graduated from the School of Design in 1997 and quickly found a place in the business world. The popularity

and demand quickly grew for her unique bags, and Aiken found she no longer needed her day job.

"I started to realize, with the amount of sales I was bringing in, that I could support myself," Aiken says.

The bags originated from a basic webbing material with metal accents, but within a year, Aiken found herself gravitating toward a more versatile fabric

The use of conventional colors married with an edgy polar opposite is the norm for Aiken's purses.

Each bag is handmade and constructed using industrial sewing machines that can handle the intense materials.

Holly Aiken bags are sold in stores across the United States, Canada and Great Britain. They have also been featured in magazines such as Marie Claire, Vogue, Parenting, Cosmopolitan and Teen Vogue.



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Losing ‘Friends’

*Charleston bar closes its doors,
music fans search for more venues*

By MATT POLI
STAFF REPORTER

While the windows and door of the popular live venue Friends & Company remain boarded up, many music fans in Charleston are left bewildered as to where to get their live music fix.

Other venues in Charleston will work this semester to keep the live music, well and alive.

The Uptowner will pick up most of the acts left homeless by Friends.

Bands like J. Davis Trio and Baldwin Brothers will perform at The Uptowner this semester.

In addition, The Uptowner will have open-mic nights on Thursdays, which is an opportunity to come and jam with house band Reverend Robert, said Fred Hudson, general manager of The Uptowner.

“We don’t like to charge a lot [for the bands] so the cover won’t be more than \$5,” Hudson said.

Jackson Avenue Coffee will continue to

host live acts throughout the semester as they have in the past.

Every Thursday night Jackson Avenue will also host an open-mic night in addition, to various live acts every weekend.

“We provide a good option to people who are under 21 and non-smokers,” said night manager Chris Lemta.

Other bars around Charleston are also taking Friends’ usual acts under their wing.

Marty’s will host live bands every Thursday night in the near future, although nothing is scheduled for this week.

Members of the Chicago band Sin and Rendition said they will be one of the bands to make an appearance or two at Marty’s this semester.

The Madhatter’s Tea is looking to provide The Fuzz, a regular act at Friends, with a place to perform on Saturday nights.

“It’s sad to see Friends closed because that was the place we performed and watched other bands perform too,” said The Fuzz drummer Jimmy Wallwin.

Madhatter’s Manager Jedd Edgar said he



DANIEL WILLIAMS/ON THE VERGE

Friends & Company, a bar on Van Buren Street near Charleston’s Square was boarded up this summer. Plans to reopen have not been announced.

hopes to have The Fuzz play at the Madhatter’s Tea regularly.

All establishments are willing to listen to demos of any band interested in performing,

marking a possible expansion of the live music scene in Charleston.

Former Friends & Company owner Jason Kottwitz could not be reached for comment.

HOME:

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“Anything that gives you a chance to meet people like you,” Boyd said. “It’s a comfortable thing to build up a kind of family on campus, an important part of adjusting.”

The feeling can be a bit overwhelming, Alcock said.

“I tell them that things will get better, to live life and have fun,” she said. “Pay attention to school, and things will get better once you conquer your fears.”

Ashley Bukiri, a freshman undeclared major has, thus far, avoided that homesick feeling but actually is quite enjoying the college life.

“I like being able to stay out late, and classes are good,” Bukiri said. “The biggest adjustment is I don’t have my car down here so I have to find rides.”

Bukiri also said her floor gets together for functions, which helps in the friend-making process.

Ashley Coats is another freshman who is enjoying her time in college.

“The college experience is totally different from high school,” she said. “There is no one telling you when to go to class. It’s good to mature and learn.”

In fact, making friends has been much easier than Coats thought it would be.

While many new students feel homesick, it is a natural feeling, Boyd said. Most college students he sees usually have an underlying depression that is brought out by their homesickness.

Boyd has advice for students depressed by being away from home.

“Keep busy,” he said. “Don’t sit around and dwell on your problems.”

Some students drink to feel comfortable, but Boyd said alcohol is not the best decision.

“Alcohol is not your friend,” he said. “It may provide a temporary numbing, but it is a depressant and will eventually make you feel worse.”

Foo Fighters return with ‘honor’-able effort

By DAVID THILL
SENIOR REPORTER

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How should one follow up a Grammy-award winning album? With another Grammy-award winning album, of course.

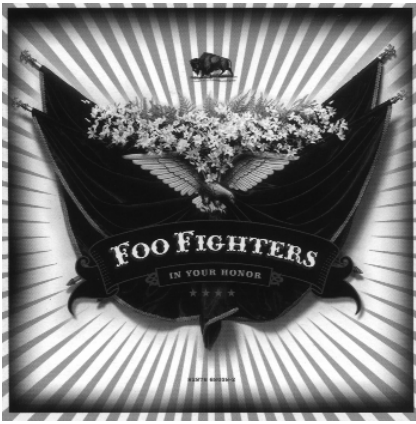
How does one follow up two consecutive Grammy-worthy efforts? The Foo Fighters seem to have a pretty good idea. The now decade-old band has returned with “In Your Honor,” and if history does indeed repeat itself, then the Foo’s newest album may very well pull off the proverbial Grammy hat trick.

For a band on the verge of its pre-teen years as a group, “In Your Honor” has a sound of a band that has been together for several decades, not just one.

Unlike many bands that fail to make the transition and growth necessary to stay relevant, the Foo Fighters have matured over the course of five albums with an ease that eludes many of today’s static rock groups.

From their grunge-laden, self-titled debut to the industrial, alternative rock of “The Colour and The Shape,” from the Foghat-sounding, ‘70s rock of “There Is Nothing Left To Lose” to the scathing, hard-rock sound of “One by One,” the group has shown an unprecedented change in sound.

As double-albums go, most end up sounding less like a sonic masterpiece and more like over-zealous musicians trying to squeeze far too many nickels and dimes out



“Long gone are the lyrics about cows that could be found on the band’s first album, traded in for painful, sometimes angry, lines meant to stir a reaction from anyone within earshot of the song.”

of their fans than their music is worth.

However, “In Your Honor” is one of those rare double albums that delivers on both discs one and two. The sticker on the

front of the package prepares the listener for what they are about to hear. It reads: “Two albums. One loud. One not so loud.”

The first disc is strictly rock. Loud, distorted, exactly the sound the band has used to define itself over the years.

Songs like “Best of You” and “DOA” are abrasive yet catchy. And in an era of screaming rock, Dave Grohl screeches out lyrics precisely in tune with an intensity and honesty that the listener can feel through the headphones.

Long gone are the lyrics about cows that could be found on the band’s first album, traded in for painful, sometimes angry, lines meant to stir a reaction from anyone within earshot of the song.

On the second disc, the Foos unplug for an acoustic set of brand new songs. Relaxing and tranquil, the second disc is the perfect yin to the rock side’s yang.

And the cameos of Norah Jones and Joe Beebe on “Virginia Moon” and rock legend John Paul Jones stepping in to play mandolin on “Another Round” gives the band a whole new level of credibility other bands today simply can’t find.

In a time of music when so many artists find hit and miss success and even more fail to follow up even their first album with anything remotely impressive, the Foo Fighters have returned with their highest debuting album, starting at No. 2 on the charts. Loud and soft, up and down, angry and soulful, “In Your Honor” runs the spectrum, leaving few holes behind. A truly great rock album, fans will be impressed and naysayers will be pleasantly surprised.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/ON THE VERGE
Jarrett Stanfield, a junior recreation administration major, takes a sip of beer in The Panther Paw Wednesday afternoon while playing pool. Students often times have lower tolerance after coming back to school because they drank less during the summer.

Sober breaks reset drinking tolerance

Back-to-school time lets students alter alcohol habits after summer routines

By LAURA GRIFFITH
VERGE EDITOR

As they line up at the bars to enjoy Charleston’s nightlife once again, students coming back from summer vacation might be worried that their alcohol tolerance is not what it used to be.

They’re right.

After a two-week break from alcohol consumption, depending on factors like the person’s weight, size or even genes, a person’s tolerance level can be completely reset, said Eric Davidson, director of the Health Education Resource Center.

This could actually be a good thing, according to Davidson.

“Tolerance really is a mask,” he said. “Regardless of tolerance,

BAC (blood alcohol level) remains consistent.”

This means a person with a high alcohol tolerance will feel sober and think it’s safe to drive home when in actuality his or her BAC level could be higher than a friend who hasn’t had as many but feels and looks wasted.

“I would never drive after I’ve been drinking,” said Jenny Ryczek, senior English major, who knows that waiting an hour or two doesn’t always make it safe to drive.

BAC levels above .05 impair people’s judgement and .08 is more than the legal limit. At .10, a person’s coordination is seriously affected, according to a pamphlet available at the Health Education Resource Center.

Also, BAC levels can rise after a

person has stopped drinking, when the alcohol in the stomach begins to circulate throughout that person’s bloodstream, Davidson said.

Alcohol is a problem on campuses nationwide, Davidson said. Students drink an average of 6.1 beers a week to relieve stress, to fit in with peers, to achieve that feeling of relaxation and euphoria and to become more outgoing in awkward social situations, he said.

“Students overperceive what their peers are doing,” Davidson said, which sometimes leads them to drink more than the average.

Davidson suggests having one to three drinks the first hour, depending upon a person’s size and weight, and maintaining the buzz by having one drink per hour after that.

People who consume more than five drinks in one setting are more likely to experience the negative effects that alcohol can have, such as a depressive state, physical

injury or even things that come later such as behavioral and academic problems.

In other words, a break from compulsive, heavy drinking can do a body good. Except in a few cases where a person is chemically dependent on alcohol.

When a person is chemically dependent on alcohol, he or she drinks compulsively, during inappropriate times, cannot stop drinking after making an effort, has a high tolerance and can go through withdrawal in most serious cases.

Withdrawal can cause heavy sweats, insomnia, vomiting, trembling hands, seizures, a pulse rate higher than 100 and anxiety, Davidson said.

A lot of people say they do things at college they wouldn’t dare do at home.

“They don’t have a sense of ownership (in Charleston),” Davidson explained. “Less odds in getting caught.”

DORM ROOM REMEDIES
How to avoid/get rid of a hangover

- ◆ Avoid cheap beer.
Anything in a beer beside water and alcohol is considered a congener. Cheap beers contain plenty congeners, which increase risk of a hangover.
- ◆ Drink plenty of water/sports drinks to keep hydrated.
Switch on and off between alcohol and water to keep your body hydrated as you go. If you wake up with a hangover, it is partly because you are dehydrated, and you should replenish your body with liquid refreshments like water and sports drinks. Avoid caffeine, which also dehydrates.
- ◆ Avoid using painkillers.
When you have a hangover, your body is trying to get rid of the alcohol in your system, working your liver overtime. If you take painkillers, that’s one more foreign substance your liver has to work to get rid of, and actually slows down the process.
- ◆ Give it time. Time is the only surefire way to get over a hangover.

Studies have shown that some people continue these behaviors when they go home for the summer or graduate, but most quit drinking completely or just lower their alcohol intake, he said.

Ryczek said she doesn’t drink as much at home as she does at school.

“I’m not surrounded by as many party people,” Ryczek said. “You can get away with anything when you’re at school. (Sometimes) people get carried away with it.”

The people who do drink over the summer are usually unsupervised with plenty of free time on their hands, he said.

Emily Bahn, a senior family and consumer sciences major, doesn’t go out much while at school, because she takes a full load of classes, along with various projects

Dry summer weather increases Charleston population ... of bugs

By BRIAN O’MALLEY
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

This summer’s drought has had an affect on Charleston residents as well as Eastern students who aren’t used to the town’s environment.

One of the main effects on people is the increase of certain insects.

Ann Fritz of the biological sciences department said the list of insects that live in Charleston is a long one.

“Insect diversity here in Charleston is very high,” she said.

Fritz also said insects are killed by fungal diseases, but since fungus needs moist conditions to stay around, the drought partially eliminated the fungal threat for certain insects.

And if the number of insects increases, the number of predators increases as well. The number one insect predator is the spider.

Fritz said Charleston is home to many spiders, two kinds of which are harmful to humans.

The Brown Recluse and the Black Widow both call Coles County home.

Fritz said both contain potent toxins delivered by bite and the victim should seek immediate medical attention if bitten by either.

She also said that many spiders are helpful to people in towns like Charleston.

“Most spiders are not harmful to humans and are actually highly beneficial by helping to control insects,” Fritz said.

Besides the two spiders to avoid, insects to

avoid are the obvious ones.

“We have many types of insects here in Charleston, and the usual ones to avoid are the stinging types; bees and wasps,” she said.

The bug that won’t be seen as often during droughts is the mosquito, since mosquitoes rely on water for part of their life-cycle.

They also need water to breed, so droughts tend to decrease the mosquito population, Fritz said.



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Knowing their tolerance for alcohol is a major difference between freshmen and upperclassmen. A common mistake freshmen make is failing to pace themselves when they choose to imbibe spirits.

FreshFish

*Their herd mentality make freshmen easy to spot on campus
but it often helps them make the transition to college life*

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Imagine for a moment, a student walking down Ninth Street late on a Friday night. He and his friends are making their way up to their favorite alcoholic dispensary of choice when they look up to see a crowd of 10, 20, even 30 people walking their way, spilling over the edges of the slim sidewalk into the street. In an instant they know what they are looking at: Freshmen.

The truth is, sometimes a freshman on a college campus can stick out like a sore thumb.

"They walk in herds," said Alex Auffenorde, a graduate assistant from the Center for Academic and Technical Support. "And they skip class way too much."

Often the transition from high school to college life can be tricky, to say the least. However, it is a process everyone must go through, Auffenorde said.

"I was the same way," said Mike Marino, a senior industrial technology major. "You can always spot (freshmen)."

"They always have new clothes and tend to follow the

trends. They're always on their phones to and from class, calling home like they have something better to do."

While freshmen may be easy to spot, some students can tell they are freshmen for other reasons.

"With this campus, it's small," Tyrone Garner, a senior jazz studies major, said. "By the end of the year you basically know all the faces. Besides, most don't look like college students, anyway. Most look like kids."

Even freshmen themselves can spot their own kind, it seems.

"The first few days, especially, they look confused like they didn't know where they were going," Bridget Pearson, a freshman undeclared major, said. "Kind of like high school, you don't know where any of your classes are."

Many freshmen face the problem of fitting in and finding friends. How can one overcome these problems?

"I haven't had any homesickness, not yet," Pearson said. "I have a triple in Carman (Hall) and got two random roommates. I got really lucky; they're really cool."

"Meeting people is extremely important," she said. "That's how you get homesick, if you don't have people around you. If I were by myself, I'd be homesick. You just need to realize they are in the same situation as you."

As long as freshmen go to class and try to make friends, they should "be fine," Auffenorde said.

"And don't park in my damn parking spot!" he said with a laugh.

But making friends and going to class isn't the only problem freshmen face.

"Common freshmen mistakes? Going out the first night and drinking all they can," Garner said. "You're in college and you have all this freedom but use it sparingly. You're going to have fun but save some for later. Pace yourself and don't get arrested in one night."

Eastern's campus is a safe one, so new students should have nothing to worry about, Marino said.

"A lot of freshmen act like their tough and think they're big shots," he said. "Just be quiet, respectful and soak it up. Don't be smart alecs!"