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## NURSING PROGRAM

# Local named nursing director

BY KRISTINA PETERS  
UNIVERSITY REPORTER

Dianne Nelson, of Charleston, will direct Eastern's first nursing program.

The program has been a vision of Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, for five years.

"I see that it will grow and be a relatively small but important program," said Lord, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

Out of three people interviewed



DIANNE NELSON

for the position, it was Nelson who stuck out and landed the job.

"Certainly her experiences as well as her academic credentials make her an excellent choice," said Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences. "She knows the accreditation and credentialing processes for the field of nursing."

Nelson worked at Lake Land for

eight years and left in 2002 to teach at Indiana State University.

She also worked at Arkansas Tech University for 10 years where she helped set up a nursing program.

Besides teaching, Nelson also has experience as a practicing nurse.

Nelson's excitement for the project factored in the school seeing her as a good choice.

"She is very enthusiastic and eager to establish EIU's first nursing program," Hanner said.

Nelson excitement began once she started hearing about the

and through newspaper articles.

"I think it's a new direction for Eastern," Nelson said. "I'm very excited about it."

Experience and personality will help Nelson direct the program but her familiarity with the area will help her make a program that will adhere to the community.

Nelson has lived in Charleston for 12 years and her husband Thomas A. Nelson teaches biological sciences and coordinates the environmental

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# Kids' find summer fun in Tarble's art program

BY MEAGAN MORGAN  
STAFF WRITER

As summer brings warm weather and a chance for fields to grow, the Tarble Arts Center provides an opportunity for the growth of area youths.

The Tarble Arts Center has an art program designed for children, allowing them to take classes at Eastern in June.

The children's art classes are divided into three groups.

The youngest group is Inspired by Nature for ages 4 and 5.

After that, there is Folk Art for ages 6 through 8

Finally, the oldest group is Painting Exploration of Style, which is for ages 9 through 14.

Each class has about 10 to 12 students per session, so each can receive enough individual attention making it is easier to learn, said Watts.

Sometimes it also depends on the age level.

The classes provide a wide spectrum of learning in the world of art for the children.

The themes include nature, Mexican, early American, and African influences, and Dali's surrealism,

Kit Morice is curator of education at Tarble.

She works with the various instructors to decide what themes each group will follow.

She also supervises the classes.

Classes are taught by qualified individuals with interests in art and education.

They do not have to be faculty members or Eastern students.

The instructors are currently Barb Gough and Natalie Brown.

Brown is teaching two sections of the Folk Art class.

"I try to incorporate art works from the exhibits into my classroom," said Brown.

The original art work that Brown bases her teachings on is an Amate painting that was purchased in Mexico around 1960, the artist is unknown but the work was donated by Edith Hedges.

The artwork was shown to the students so they could replicate it in their own works.

"The children made their paper look like tree bark by crumpling it up and then washing it with black paint and water," said Brown.

"Then they use pencil and permanent marker to draw scenes, then

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CHRISTINA GUADIANA/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Passengers board the Amtrak train in Mattoon on Tuesday night. The station would see more service to Chicago and New Orleans under a proposal to aid Eastern students in getting to campus.

# All aboard?

## Expanded train service, shuttle trips would provide another way to get to school

BY TEARRIA RUFFIN  
STAFF WRITER

A new proposal would provide more Amtrak services for Eastern students at the Mattoon station this fall.

"It will help transport students by train or bus without other provided transportation," said Alan Gilmore, Mattoon city administrator.

Gilmore and other Mattoon city administrators met with Charleston and Eastern officials this past May.

This proposal would expand the Amtrak services to northbound to Chicago and southbound to New Orleans.

Officials are hoping to decrease the travel delay for faculty, staff and students who reside in northern Illinois.

"Working with Mattoon and Amtrak to provide increased rail service is important to our students, faculty and staff who work or who have business north of Mattoon," said Jill Nilsen, Eastern vice president for external relations. "The addition of one train going north

and south each day is a benefit to all."

Another benefit to students will be the proposed Eastern plan to provide shuttle bus service to the depot on Friday, Sunday and Monday in order for students to be able to take advantage of the new extended Amtrak service.

Despite their optimism, there are Eastern students who will not reap Amtrak benefits.

More than 43 percent of Eastern's total enrollment from Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 were from Chicago and the surrounding area, according to statistics from Eastern's Department of Planning and Institutional Studies.

Gilmore, however, did acknowledge the entire student population by offering other options.

"Yes, there are services added to benefit the students who are not from the Chicago area. There are connecting routes and bus services," said Gilmore.

Aside from the complaints, Mattoon and Charleston officials are looking forward to the possible opportunities the Amtrak expansion will bring to each of their communities, possibly bringing life back to their cities.

"We're making an effort to revitalize this historic depot. We would like to track more businesses," said Gilmore.

# City council to consider simplifying raffle process

BY ADAM TESTA  
CITY EDITOR

The process of issuing raffle tickets permits in Charleston requires more work than in other areas of central Illinois.

"The state requires you put up a bond so that someone doesn't run off with the money," said Mayor John Inyart.

However municipalities have the ability to waive the fidelity bond requirement.

Though the state only requires that a waiver be signed by executive; members of the applicant organization and that members of the organization give consent in order to waive the bond requirement, Charleston's policy is much more tedious.

In Charleston, the city council must unanimously vote to approve the waiving of the bond requirement.

"[The council] can buy just about anything we want with a 3/5 majority vote and we can conduct business with a member missing," Inyart said, "but we need unanimous consent for this."

The municipality that governs the distribution of raffle permits depends on the area.

In some counties, such as Coles County, the process is handled on a city-level basis, whereas in other areas, such as Effingham County, the county handles the process of permit distribution.

Even within the boundaries of Coles County, there are various procedures for waiving the fidelity bond requirement.

In Mattoon, for example, the requirement can be waived if the organization can provide a letter signed by the officers of the organization stating that the members of their organization were all in consent, said Marsha True, administrative assistant in the Mattoon city clerk's office.

Champaign County uses a mixture of the city-regulated and county-regulated systems.

Champaign and Urbana handle raffle permit applications on a city basis, while the county clerk regulates the rest of the county.

The city of Champaign will waive the requirement with a signed waiver, said Linda Randall, license officer for the city.

Nora Stewart, account clerk for Champaign County, said fidelity bonds are not usually an issue in the county.

"It's not that we don't require them," said Stewart. "It's just that most not-for-profit organizations are already bonded."

Effingham County will also waive the bond requirement with a signed waiver form as long as the organization has been existence for five years, said Marsha Popp, administrative assistant for the Effingham County county clerk's office.

Sangamon and Clark counties also use the same system as Effingham County.

The Charleston City Council will be voting tonight to waive the fidelity bond requirements for five organizations seeking raffle permits.

Two of these were prepared to be voted on last week, but could not be because of the absence of one council member, said Inyart.

In other business, the council will consider taking the following actions:

Authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 of tourism funds related to the Embarras Valley Film Festival and the Festival of Frights.

Approve street closings for the Boy Scouts of America soap box derby and a Habitat for Humanity-sponsored foot race on July 4.

Award bids for equipment rental, water draining and retention systems at Carnegie Public Library and electrical work at the water treatment plant.

Honor two City of Charleston retirees, Dan Ensign of the Fire Department and Georgia Beltz of the Police Department.

The Council meets tonight at 7:30 in the City Council Chamber Room in City Hall.

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biology program at Eastern.

Nelson thinks that establishing an integral relationship between Eastern and the community is very important.

"I have a vision of providing a program that meets the needs of the area," Nelson said. "It is focused entirely on the population."

Hanner also sees the importance of an integral relationship.

"[The program] meets a workforce need for the east central Illinois region and it brings program diversity to the campus," she said.

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To integrate Eastern and the community, Nelson will make the program adaptable to all who want to get their degree, especially the working nurses in the area.

"She understands the unique needs of nursing professionals seeking a baccalaureate degree," Hanner said.

Nelson will adjust the program so that working nurses will not have to take time off. Also, material taught would not be repetitive of what they already know.

There is a lot of respect for the working nurse, Nelson said.

In order for the program to open in 2007, work on the project will begin July 1.

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"There is much to be done with accreditation, curriculum, hiring staff and recruiting students," Hanner said. "I know that Dr. Nelson is ready to get started with all these activities and tasks."

Nelson has already begun preparing herself for the workload she faces.

She has been researching what the nursing program was like at Indiana State University and the general education requirements at Eastern.

As well, Nelson is looking at the nursing program that she helped set up at Arkansas Tech.

"It's going to be a challenging new opportunity," she said. "I will learn a lot on the new job."

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# CAMPUS

A quick take on news, scheduled events and announcements.

## Booth Library Independent film series starts

The 2006 summer Booth Library independent film series starts today.

The film "Day Break" focuses on the story of Mansour, an Iranian man found guilty of murder.

In tradition of Islamic law, Mansour's life belongs to his victim's family.

When the family fails to show up on execution day, the execution is postponed again and again.

The film was shot inside of Tehran's century-old prison and is based on a compilation of true stories.

The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in room 3203 of Booth Library and is free to the public.

## 2006 Alumni Awards

Nominations are currently being taken for the 2006 alumni awards presented by the EIU Alumni Association.

Awards are presented annually in the categories of Distinguished Alumnus, Distinguished Educator, Alumni Service and Outstanding Young Alumnus. Nominations are due by June 21 and should be sent to EIU Alumni Association, Attn: Alumni Awards Committee, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, Ill. 61920.

For additional information on the criteria, visit: <http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/text/awards.html>.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

### Caregivers Series - The impact of Caring on the Caregiver's Mental Health

This workshop will present an overview of negative and positive effects of caregiving on the mental health and level of life satisfaction for care providers. It will include information about influencing factors - such as relationship, the level of care needed by the care recipient, the financial impact of caregiving, as well as coping strategies for caregivers. Contact Sandy Bowman at 581-6402 for more information. 12 to 1 p.m. | Oakland Room

### Booth Library Technology workshop

MS PowerPoint Intermediate Workshop  
The objective of this workshop is to introduce the user to built-in features of PowerPoint that can be utilized to create more interesting presentations. For more information contact Booth Library at 581-6061.

2 to 4 p.m. | Booth Library rm 4450

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**10 years ago** - The dress code implemented by the business and purchasing offices were still being discussed. The code sparked debate between management of the offices and Local 981 Clerical Technical Union.

**5 years ago** - The interim provost and VPAA, Lida Wall, announced her retirement. Wall served as interim provost for nine months. Previously, she served as the dean of the College of Sciences.

**Last year** - Undergraduate students new to Eastern in Fall 2005 will pay \$16.55 more per semester hour than undergraduate students enrolled since Fall 2004.

# Not recycling costs Eastern money

## Garbage removal costs increase as landfills close

BY KEVIN KENEALY  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern spends \$100,000 per year to dispose of its waste.

Between July 1, 2005, and May 20, 2006, Eastern sent 3,236,308 pounds of solid waste to the landfill, which was 401,708 pounds higher than

**"The question should be, 'What has the individual done to help reduce, reuse and recycle?'"**

ALLAN RATHE,  
RECYCLING COORDINATOR

all of the previous year.

On Earth Day alone, Eastern Recycling Coordinator Allan Rathe said his recycling team sent over 17,000 pounds of trash to the landfill, which was not even from all of Eastern's buildings.

The \$100,000 figure has fluctuated since Rathe has been here, and has never gone below \$100,000.

"Every piece of paper, every can, bottle or anything else that is recyclable that is thrown in the trash cost to send to the landfill," Rathe said.

"Last year, our waste audit indicated that 60 percent of that garbage was recyclable. I'm still seeing a lot of paper and cardboard in the garbage."

Although Rathe has said his grounds crew collects recycling every day in the form of paper,

magazines, newspaper and corrugated cardboard, he said it is up to the individual to help reduce, reuse and recycle.

According to a March 2006 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency News Release, two new landfills have been added to the state, six have expanded and one has upgraded its facilities.

Yet, landfill capacity is only sufficient in the state for around another 18 years, and overall, the number of landfills is decreasing in the state, as from 1987-2006, when Illinois' landfills went from 146 to 52.

"So now there are fewer, but larger landfills," said Jeff Lahr, recycling coordinator for Coles County.

"So say in a few years the landfill in Effingham closes, so our next closest would probably be Decatur. Say that closes, and then say the Danville landfill closes, what's the next closest after that? Taylorville?" said Lahr.

"So the price to transport keeps increasing as the amount of landfills shrink, but their size increases," he said.

Charleston and Coles County currently run a residential drop-off recycling program, where residents can drop off their recyclables in located dumpsters in the area.

For Charleston, it is Fire Station No. 2, on the corner of Johnson and Division, behind McDonalds.

Despite the program, Lahr said a solid waste advisory committee has been put together to discuss more effective ways to recycle, namely a curbside program.

Curbside, which Lahr has said would increase recycling participation rates from a lowest participation rate on the current system at 10-15 percent to a lowest participation



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Lewis Clark, an employee of CCAR, tosses magazines while sorting paper to be recycled on Tuesday afternoon.

rate on curbside to 60-65 percent, has been held back for several reasons.

"This has not happened as yet due to a number of factors: such as lack of public and political support, cost of program and some believe there is a potential to interfere with free enterprise when combining waste collection and recycling into waste collection agreements," Lahr said.

"It's worth the effort. With

all of the garbage we have in our world today, we should at least try to recycle," said Eastern student Gary Ziss.

Unfortunately, Rathe has said he really cannot do much to make faculty, staff and students recycle, aside from informing them about recycling.

"The question should be, 'What has the individual done to help reduce, reuse and recycle?'" Rathe said.

# Hits from foreign sites slows down Internet

## Connection shut down due to web messages

BY KRISTINA PETERS  
UNIVERSITY REPORTER

This summer, Eastern Web server users have experienced frequent slow downs while connecting to the Internet because of excessive hits from foreign sites.

"We had approximately 15,000 compromised systems, from outside the United States, hitting the main web server last weekend, generating a couple of million hits on the system," said Greg DeYoung, associate director for campus infrastructure technology.

These hits from foreign sites are common occurrences.

In Eastern's case, the hits were aimed at an online class discussion forum.

"[It] was the target of an overwhelming flood of web hits called a Denial of Service attack," said Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president of Information Technology Services.

The Denial of Service attack means that users of the service were denied access to the targeted system, DeYoung said.

The targeted system is forced to shut down due to the flood of incoming messages.

This denies service to legitimate users.

The problem of excessive Web hits can be fixed by two means: contacting the source of which the attacks are coming from or to block the source.

"In this case, the attacks were coming from foreign sites," said Chatterji.

"Therefore much more difficult to contact or get cooperation from," said Chatterji. "We therefore had to [in] effect,

block them."

Since the foreign sites were blocked, it caused slow downs with the server as well as outages.

"This took time and the Internet connection to the outside world had to be shut down for some of this time," Chatterji said.

There is currently a permanent filter solution in place to prevent this problem from happening again.

Although fixing the problem caused outages, doing something about it is important.

These hits are sometimes used to break into the site, said Fred Seaton, senior system manager for Western Illinois University.

Western, as well as Eastern, has experienced problems with hits from foreign sites.

This problem is not unusual, Seaton said.

However, Western has not

experienced any known outages or slow downs because of it.

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, on the other hand, is unaware of any recent hits from foreign sites

The university uses a firewall to prevent the attacks since it is a common problem, said Don Olson, director of information technology for SIU-C.

Mostly, the university experiences slow downs from excessive use from students.

Outages occur towards the end of the semester for about two weeks total, Olson said.

To reduce the amount of outages and slow downs, from any cause, ITS has been focusing on improving their web system.

"We have spent a year re-engineering our Internet server system in order to minimize the effects of a single point of failure," Chatterji said.

"We plan to implement it this summer."

# OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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### EDITORIAL

## Band bad choice for family weekend

■ Majority of students were not born when Foreigner had number one song

The University Board Concert Committee has announced Foreigner as the entertainment for Family Weekend 2006.

Both Ceci Brinker, director of student life, and Mallory Taylor, chair of the University Board Concert Committee, said that the Family Weekend concert is geared towards parents, not students.

While that is understood, it would be better if the board chose acts that appealed to both students and parents.

The University Board Concert Committee hands out a survey to students in March asking their thoughts on the previous years at Family Weekend.

While both Brinker and Taylor said they valued student input, it is not what determines the final choice for family weekend entertainment.

If this is the case, the committee should not waste student time and student money by conducting the survey.

In the past, Family Weekends have featured top acts such as Bill Cosby, James Brown, Aretha Franklin and Clarence Clearwater Revisited.

These acts have name recognition.

Most students know who James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Bill Cosby and the music of Clarence Clearwater Revisited.

Foreigner does not have this same name recognition. When Foreigner released its number one single, "I Want to Know What Love is," in 1984, the majority of current Eastern students were not even born.

"We have to look at who's affordable, who's available and who is appealing to a wide range of parents, students and the community," said Brinker.

If this is the case perhaps the concert committee should pay closer attention to the student surveys they pass out.

Every time the concert committee discusses a choice they made for entertainment, they are quick to point out that cost, availability and the size of Lantz Arena as factors that determine what acts can be brought to Eastern.

While the size of Lantz is detrimental to bringing in large acts, due to space, lighting and sound limitations, there have been several concerts at the arena, such as James Brown, that featured a big name entertainer.

Cost is another factor that the committee always discusses. It is expensive to bring in big name acts.

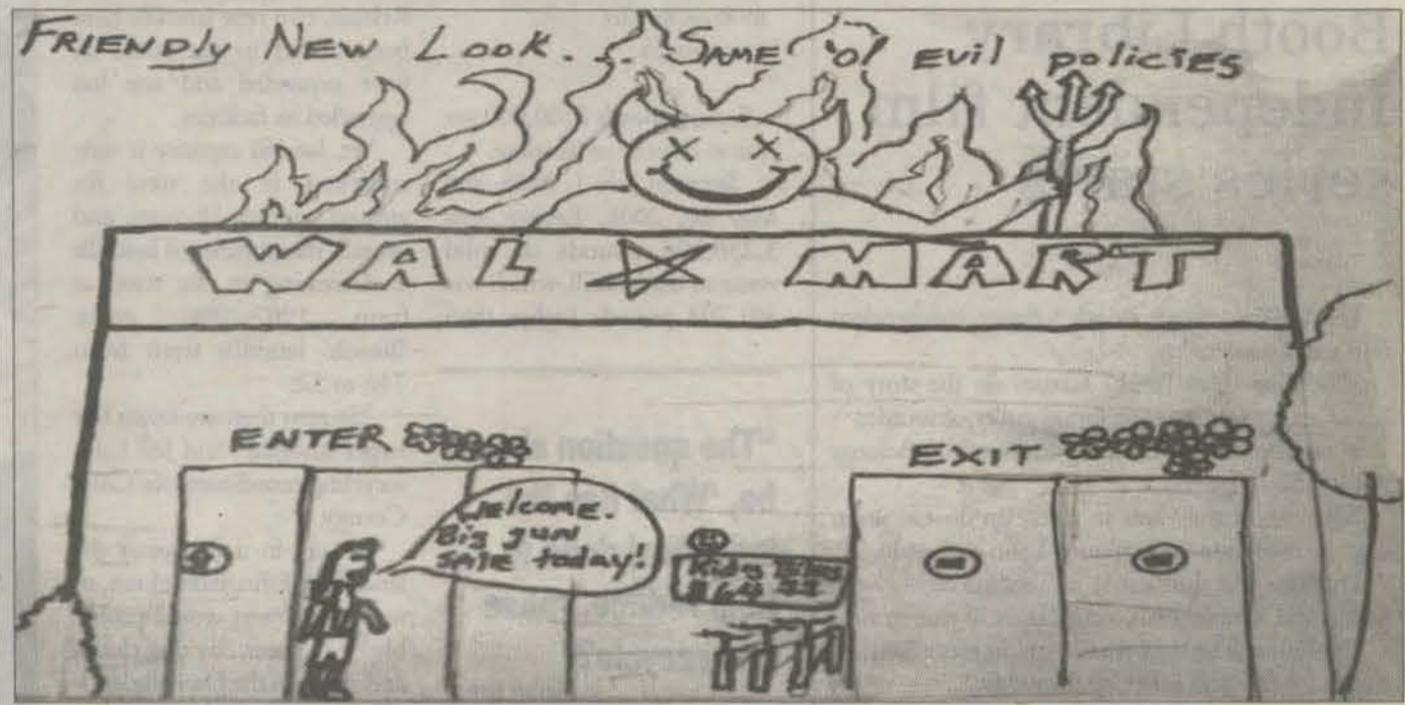
Ceci Brinker said that some bands require an extra \$30,000 dollars worth of equipment in addition to their payment for performing.

The cost of putting on three concerts per year, most of which consistently have low attendance, is a burden to the University Board.

They should have one big show per year during family weekend. The University Board should use the surveys they ask students to fill out to bring in an act that they know students and parents will enjoy. This will keep the University Board from wasting student funds on concerts students do not attend.

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

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY JAY GRABIEC



### COMMENTARY

## Vanity had surprise inside, like cereal box

And the Darwin Award goes to...

I have a weekly ritual of scanning MSNBC.com for strange news events. I figure, "Hey, I may as well write my own 'WTF' section," since that is the sort of news that appeals to me more than the conventional stuff. Anyway, I found a story called "Plumber finds a fix in the fixture", and immediately drew conclusions as to the nature of the article. Once again, MSNBC.com's "Peculiar Postings" didn't let me down.

Sure enough, some innocent guy in Massachusetts, who just happened to be a plumber, bought a vanity, and part of it was missing. Upon further inspection, the man found 40 pounds of marijuana and three grams of cocaine in the box.

The detective assigned to the case assumed the box's contents were the result of a drug-smuggling blunder. He further stated that another person in Massachusetts found drugs in a vanity.

Apparently, there was a failure to communicate somewhere along the line.

Moral of the story: no matter how innocent the merchandise appears, there is always a chance that there could be



**CARISSA HAYDEN**  
GUEST COLUMN

**"How secure is the transaction if the stuff is hidden away in some vanity box? This story proves that sometimes the wrong person ends up with the goods."**

dope stashed in it.

You never know what could be hidden in your child's dollhouse.

In retrospect, I learned many lessons from this article:

Number one: Always check your purchases for graffiti. Though this article never mentioned any sort of gang markings or graffiti being present on the vanity box, one can never be too careful. I think it is safe to assume that if one does purchase a box sporting said graffiti, then

he or she must be held responsible for anything included with the purchase.

Number two: Before beginning any sort of remodeling project, always check the boxes for mysterious contents.

Number three: Anything bizarre enough to be compared to a movie plotline will appear on MSNBC.com's "Peculiar Postings" site.

I wonder what became of the guy that ended up with all those vanity tops?

Speaking of movies, the drug-smuggling furniture gurus must have ripped off the idea from "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon" or maybe "The Man," because the idea couldn't have come from a serious action movie. How secure is the transaction if the stuff is hidden away in some vanity box?

Obviously there could be a mix-up. This story proves that sometimes the wrong person ends up with the goods. Drugs, vanities and unsuspecting customers: all these ingredients make for the perfect "oops" cocktail.

Got comments? Let us know at DENeic@gmail.com

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

### COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns.

*The DEN* reserves Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

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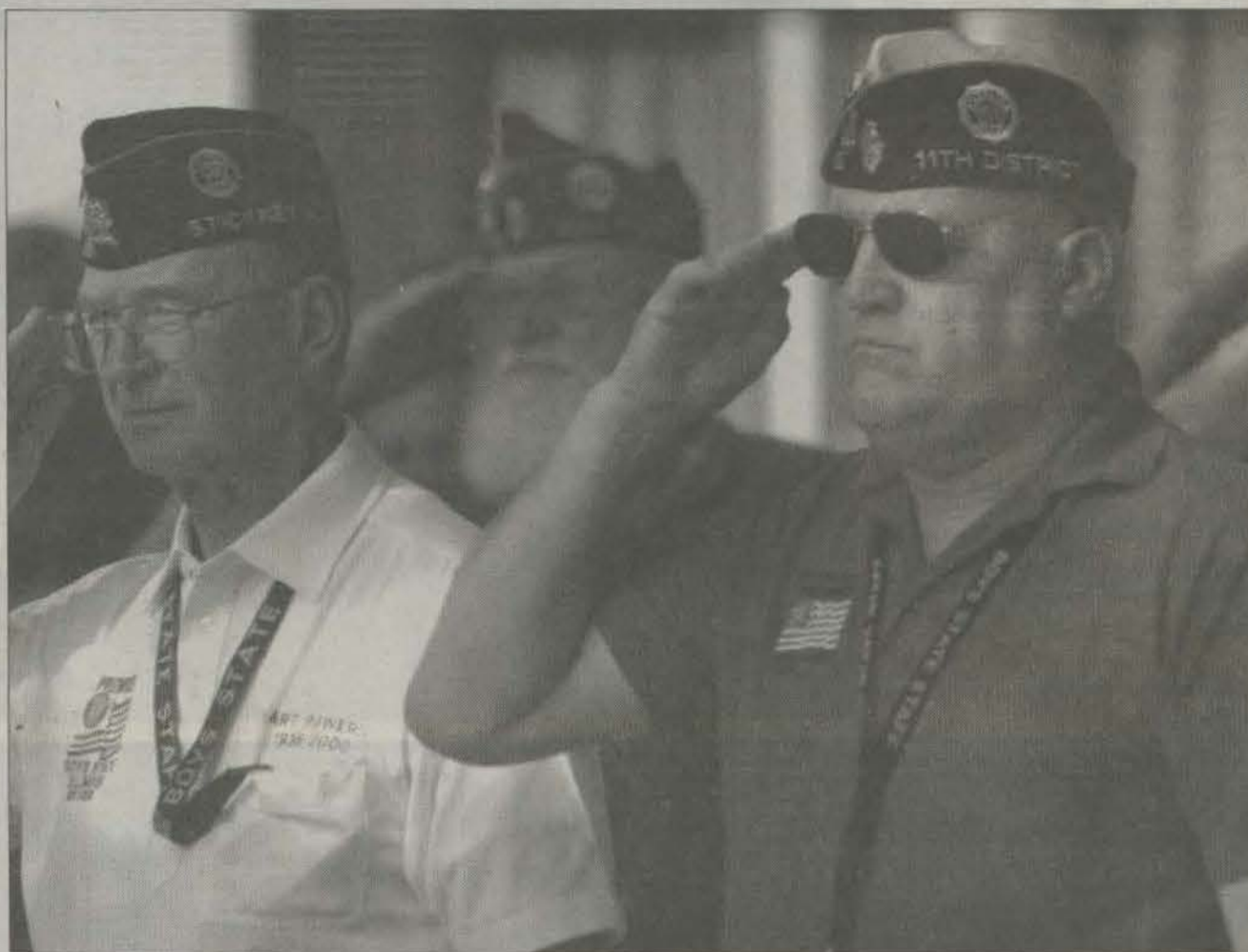
# LEGIONS OF LIFE LESSONS

Boys from around Illinois came to Eastern June 10-16 for the 71st Premier Boys State. Boys State is run by the American Legion and gives boys the chance to learn about politics, government and themselves.



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A group of boys march with their city flag to the bands music in the south quad during Premier Boys State at Eastern.



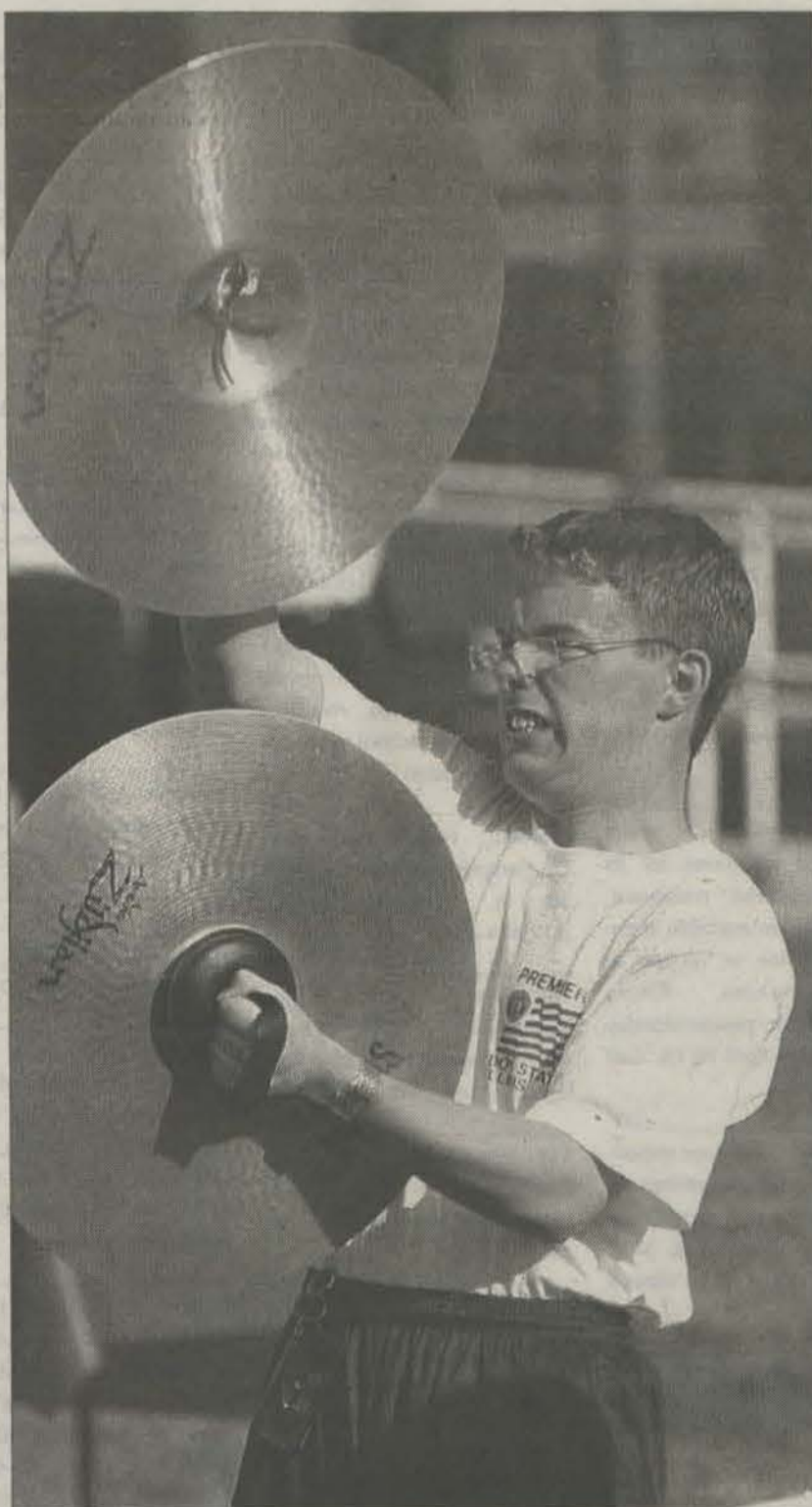
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Art Rowers, a World War II Navy veteran and executive officers for Boys State and John York, a Vietnam War Navy veteran and Boys State staffer, salute the flag during the retreat ceremony on Wednesday evening in the south quad.



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A Boys State trumpet player plays during the retreat on Wednesday evening at the south quad.



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Alexander Popp from Naperville, plays the symbols during the retreat ceremony for Boys State in the south quad.



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A citizen salutes a Boys State staffer during the 71st Premier Boys State at Eastern. Citizens learn about politics and government during the week long camp.

**KIDS:**

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paint them with acrylic paint to replicate the look of the original works," said Brown.

Brown's class consists of six, seven and eight-year-old students.

The class meets from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, June 12 through June 28.

Students in the youngest age group attend class from 11 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Fridays.

That program runs from June 12 through June 30.

The oldest group, 9 through 14, will work on their painting skills and knowledge of styles from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The program for that age group began on June 13 and will continue through June 29.

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Christiana Guadiana contributed to this report.



Students crowd around as instructor Natalie Brown shows them a real Amate painting from Mexico. The painting is part of the Tarble Art Center's collection.

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# Murder of Eastern alumnus goes unsolved

By KATEY MITCHELL  
CAMPUS EDITOR

No one knows exactly what happened to Eastern alumnus Mark "Atwood" Evans in the early morning hours on June 5.

He and some friends attended the Sheffield Garden Walk, a festival at Lincoln Park in Chicago, to see The English Beat, one of Evan's favorite bands, reunite. Later on, after the night's festivities were coming to a close, Evans said goodbye to his friends and hopped on a bike to ride home. It would be the last time they would ever see him.

He arrived home at about 12:30 a.m. After that details start to get unclear. Supposedly, between 1:30 and 2:30 a.m. some firecrackers were going off in the neighborhood and Evans went outside to ask the people lighting them to stop.

He grabbed his keys and ventured outside. Walking in the cool night air he was lead to a darker area, not too far from his house. He ran into someone there and something happened leading to Evans getting shot point blank in the heart and two times in the chest. He died instantly and was left to lay there until later that morning when a neighbor found him while walking her dog. Evans was just five days shy of his birthday; he was 42 years old.

Friends and family mourn the loss of Evans, a special, unique spirit who was so tragically taken from them. They have started up Web sites and an organization dedicated to Evans and tracking down any information about his murder.

Evans' group of friends, dubbed by his mother Patti Evans "The Chicago Angels," got together and



Mark Evans/ Submitted photo

with a combined effort set up the [www.whokilledmarkevans.org](http://www.whokilledmarkevans.org), a Website devoted to what exactly happened on that fateful morning, said friend David Hippler.

"We are worried people will forget and not find the killer," said Hippler. "Police work is handy but can only go so far."

Posters were set up around the neighborhood with his picture and the scene of the crime on them, asking for anyone in the neighborhood who knows anything about what happened to step forward. The Angels have also collected money for a \$15,000 reward for whoever finds Evans' killer.

"I have a feeling we are going to find that person," said Hippler. "I am convinced someone witnessed the crime or the killer told someone. It was too impulsive for someone not to know."

Hippler said the police are so tight lipped that it is hard to even get a police report.

However, "Atwood's group of friends is so large that some of them knew police officers in the area and even the detectives involved. To

them, Atwood's death is a priority," he said.

His parents, Patti and Dick Evans, are also considering starting a scholarship fund in Evans' name.

Evans' had a lifetime love affair with music, according to his parents and some friends. He was constantly listening to new up-and-coming bands.

Over the weekend, family and friends from around the world gathered to remember Evans and the memories they shared with him.

Evans was a freelance Web designer and was practically married to his work, said Patti. He lived paycheck to paycheck but preferred it that way. He did not have a boss, so he worked when he wanted to. To him that was all that mattered.

Evans also attended Eastern from 1981-1986. He was a journalism major with a graphic design background. He did daily comic strips for *The Daily Eastern News* for three years, said Eastern friend Brian Peterlinz. Such comics include "Kegar the Beerbarian," who according to Peterlinz, "was about a college student who was a lightweight version of him [Evans]."

"He wanted to be a comic book artist," said Dick. "I think that's about as close as he ever got." While in college, Evans met a group of friends that he would keep in touch with for the rest of his life.

Peterlinz remembers meeting Evans at some parties at Eastern.

"One night at a party, Mark got a hostess mad at him because she was hitting on me and I was spending the entire night talking with Mark," said Peterlinz. They were close ever since.

One of the fondest memories

Peterlinz has of Evans is Peterlinz's last night at Eastern.

"It was my last night at Eastern after I graduated grad school and they were showing 'The Big Chill' in the south quad, and we snuck a few beers down there and just hung out watching the movie," said Peterlinz. "The movie is about friends who have been together for over 20 years and I just kept thinking we were like them."

One of the things Hippler will miss is the way Evans answered the telephone.

"My nickname in college was 'Davo' and whenever he would pick up the phone he would say 'hey Davo,'" said Hippler. "Just the way he said it was something and I will never hear it again. At what point do you delete the voicemails and e-mails? Not yet for most of us, it's too soon."

Eastern friends Eric Thompson, Jim Reilly and Bill Beam wrote a song in memorial of Evans. According to Peterlinz, "If you listen to it, 'Leave the Front Door Open' refers to how, when someone was going to drop by Mark's house, he'd tell us he'd leave the front door open for us, because he would be in his attic studio, working or listening to music."

His parents are working hard on getting over their loss. Dick would wait every Sunday for his son's call at exactly 9 p.m. and they would talk politics and catch up. "No matter where we were, he [Dick] would always leave early so he could get home in time to talk to Mark," said Patti. "That is one of the things that is going to be hard to get over."

Peterlinz was always trying to keep up with Evans' reading collec-

tion.

"He is the only person who had more books than I do," said Peterlinz. "He stored them all in his basement."

Evans loved to read anything he could get his hands on. He subscribed to 10 or 20 magazines and read a book or two a week, said Hippler. "He was a pack rat."

So when it came time to clear out his house, it took his parents and many of his friends, including some from overseas that he met while backpacking there, to clean out the entire place.

Over the weekend, friends and family talked and reminisced about the man who held them all together. He was their glue, said many of his friends. He was the one who kept everyone in touch. He was a friend to all.

Wrapped in his childhood Winnie the Pooh blanket, he was cremated and scattered in a cemetery outside of Atwood, the town he received his nickname from. The rest of his ashes remain in a beautiful box made by his uncle.

"It rained that day, like the angels were crying," said Patti. "It rained when he was born and it rained when we buried him. Mark had a purpose in life and he fulfilled it, but it was a horrible way to go down."

"A bunch of us were joking as a huge bolt of lightning hit as we went into the cemetery that Atwood is not happy that he is being buried in Hammond, because his soul is in Chicago," said Hippler. "He loved Chicago so much."

"Mark was a marvelously unique guy," said Peterlinz, "someone you meet once in a lifetime, and we were lucky."

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# SPORTS

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## Vaulting over the competition

■ Teenagers use the opportunity to work on their track and field skills

BY CHRIS SENTEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern concluded its track and field camp for kids from grades seven through 12 on Saturday. The camp began Wednesday and focused on developing proper hurdle, pole vault and throwing techniques.

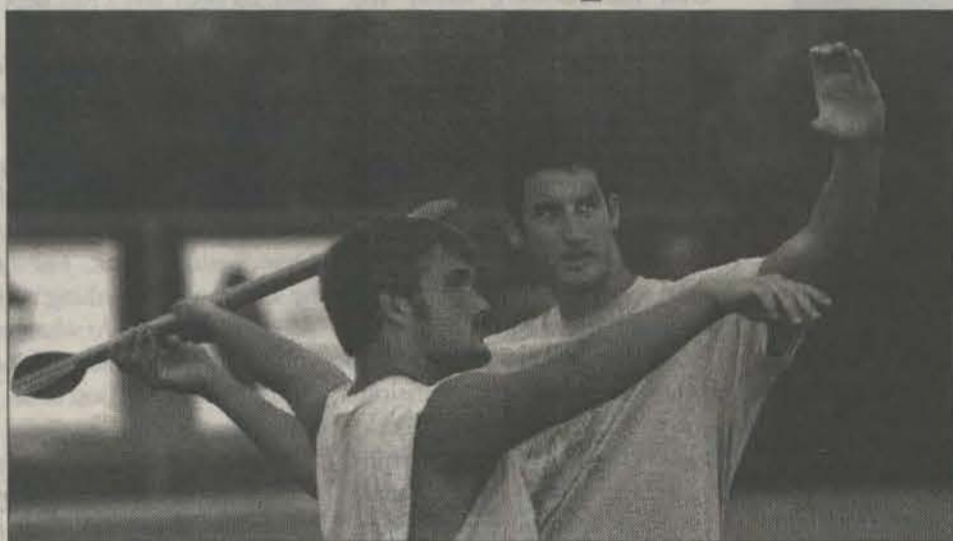
Men's track and field head coach, Tom Akers, was camp director and also in charge of the hurdling portion of the camp.

Women's track and field head coach, Mary Wallace, and assistant men's and women's track and field coach, Nate Davis, also were counselors for the camp.

"Camp is basically a lot of review of technique, which is always good because you can never remember everything about your event; there is always more to learn, it's a good refresher after every season," said Paige Steffen, a camper concentrating on hurdling.

There was a consensus among the campers that camp was not only fun and a great place to make new friends, but that it was also an amazing learning experience.

"The most important thing I've learned from camp is to just try hard and be your own coach and work hard to stay on top of stuff. They teach us different techniques here than they do at high school level," camper Bailey Wagner said. "Here it's more down to the wire while at high



ERIC HILTNER/DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior thrower Austin Hogue helps Andy Cohorst, a 16-year-old from Effingham, with his javelin form during Track and Field camp Friday at O'Brien Field

school they just tell you to throw."

Many of the campers have had to deal with a few minor inconveniences such as sore muscles and working all day in the summer heat.

"The hardest part about camp was the stretches because they had us doing weird stretches. We had to do these things called fire hydrants and they really make your butt hurt," pole-vaulter Kirby Massey said.

Campers had other complaints about the camp.

"The worst thing about camp is probably the food," said Wagner.

Close to 50 kids participated in the camp and coach Wallace hopes they all left with more knowledge than they entered with.

"I want to try to give the kids a basic understanding of what it takes to be a good thrower," said Wallace.

Campers wake up at 7 a.m. and make their way to the track by 9 a.m., and they

would usually have a practice after every meal. The camp would conclude by 9 p.m. and the campers would then take part in an evening activity such as bowling.

The participants stayed on campus at night and would have their meals provided for them by their entrance fees. Campers spent the day divided amongst their groups until meal times and activities.

Camp was a great opportunity for the kids to fine tune their skills as well as learn from people with experience, but it also gave the kids a chance to view Eastern's campus and get a small taste of college life. Camps like these are a great way to help interest students into coming to Eastern after high school.

"There are a lot of different resources out there to help you get better, it's not just how much talent you have it's what you can get from coaches or just watching videos or looking up stuff to help improve yourself," Steffen said.

## Junior high girl enters boys' territory

■ The boys Guard/Forward camp gets an unexpected participant

BY KEVIN KENEALY  
STAFF REPORTER

It is 8 a.m. at the Rec Center, and the place is mad with around 50 children, ranging from grades 5-12, shooting baskets.

Kids ranging from 3 feet 6 inches to 6 feet 3 inches share the court at the start of Monday's Eastern's Guard/Forward Camp, taking their precamp shots. One camper, however, decided to take a moment to rest.

Katie Hempen, stood out like a light bulb in an Amish town at the boy's camp, but at the same time, blended in with her tomboy, love of the game attitude.

"I like to play with the boys," said Hempen, who was the only girl at the camp. "I've done camps like this before; just like playing basketball."

The seventh-grade junior high school player from Highland ventured to the girls' camp last year, but decided to do both the girls' and the guys' camps this year.

"Highland's got a good girls program, got a good group of girls," said father Troy Hempen.

"She plays a lot of ball during the summer; she wants to play. They got a rec center there in town; she's always playing against the boys, and she just enjoys it."

When Hempen was asked if she would join the men's team at Eastern, she just smiled and said, "Maybe."

Eastern power forward Jake Byrn was at the camp helping campers work on moving without the ball on Monday. His brother, Matt, was also at the camp.

Matt Byrn has said that it's



NORA MABERRY/DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Men's basketball coach Mike Miller works with a camper in the boys guard and forward camp

hard trying to live up to his older brother, but at the same time, his brother can help him out on his game.

"I try to do my best always, but I try to do a little better

when he's around," said Byrn.

Older brother Jake has said working the camp has been fun since he's been going to camps like the Guard/Forward Camp since he was his brother's age.

Another camper that stood out Monday wore #117 on his jersey. It turns out, that camper came all the way from Wichita, Kan. to participate.

Kevin Kirkland had head coach Mike Miller and assistant coach Chad Altadonna in a camp in Kansas, and said that camp was "awesome."

"They really know their stuff. It was just an individual camp there; they broke it down a lot." In response to his wearing #117, all he could say was, "it's one of those showcase [jerseys]."

In addition to the Guard/Forward Camp, there will be a team camp on June 30 and a basketball day camp for kindergarten through eighth graders July 17-20.

## Leaving Early

■ David Kidwell retires from Eastern, but will stay and work part-time on special projects

BY BRANDON NETIUK  
SPORTS EDITOR

David Kidwell retired last week after 34 years of working at Eastern.

Kidwell, 58, was an Eastern graduate in 1970 and was hired as the sports information director in 1972. He held that position until 1997 when he was promoted to assistant athletic director for sports information and marketing.

During his tenure, Kidwell was in charge of numerous things regarding the media for all 22 Eastern sports. Included in those responsibilities are putting out press releases, media guides and updating the Eastern sports Web site.

"The challenge we face is trying to get our athletes the attention they deserve," Kidwell said.

Ben Turner, assistant sports information director, was hired by Kidwell three years ago and considers him a mentor.

"He brought me in here," Turner said. "I really owe him a lot."

Turner said that it has been a real joy to work with Kidwell and that the amount of knowledge Kidwell has about Eastern athletics is unparalleled.

Kidwell has made an impression on people off this campus as well. Kim Melcher, Ohio Valley Conference assistant commissioner for media relations, has worked with Kidwell for nine years on different daily reporting activities for Eastern and the OVC.

"We will miss working with him on a day-to-day basis," Melcher said. "He was an outstanding professional."

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie talked about how Kidwell has a great sense of humor and was never worried about the number of hours he was spending at work, but instead was only worried about getting the job done.

"He's just been a great asset to this university," McDuffie said.

Kidwell has helped publicize numerous athletic accomplishments during his time here.

Among the team accomplishments was a

division I national championship for football in

1978, women's basketball

hosting a first round game of the NCAA tournament in 1988 and the 2001 men's basketball team being featured in Sports Illustrated and also making the cover of USA Today.

Approximately 25 Eastern athletes have gone on to the NBA, NFL or Major League Baseball during Kidwell's time here, most recently Tony Romo. Kidwell helped publicize Romo's accomplishments in 2002 when the Panthers' quarterback won the Walter Payton Award before landing with the Dallas Cowboys.

Kidwell will still be at Eastern quite a bit as he will be working on special projects for athletics on a part-time basis. Some of those special projects include working with the Eastern Hall of Fame and IHSA Track.

The main focus for Kidwell will be on the EI Club for former Panther athletes. Kidwell hopes to get those athletes more involved with the university as he thinks Eastern has not done enough with former athletes in the past.

Kidwell has given a lot to Eastern and has no regrets from his time here. He still plans on coming in just about every day for the special projects, only this time "maybe leave a little earlier."

Regardless of whether he leaves at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m., Kidwell will enjoy coming to work here as he has for the past 34 years.

"It's been a great place to work with a lot of great people," Kidwell said.



DAVID KIDWELL