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COVER STORY | LINCOLN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Volunteering for Danger

Time of the Lincolnwood Fire Protection District firefighters split among family, jobs and everyday life

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

They are four men with seemingly ordinary jobs.

Kurt Rankin, 34, a network engineer at Consolidated Communications.

Kevin Rankin, 39, a production manager at the JJ Collins phone company.

Kent Martin, 36, an Eastern police officer.

Mike Linder, 48, a group leader for the Arkwright Imaging Company.

But the sound of a beeper changes everything.

When the beeper goes off, these men are called to a job that is anything but ordinary, a job that affects people’s lives and families, a job they’re not even sure they’ll come back from. But that’s all in the job description. That’s the life of a volunteer firefighter.

Beginnings

The Lincoln Fire Protection District covers more than 120 square miles of land. Within its boundaries are Pleasant Grove Township, Lafayette Township, Charleston Township, Lerna, Loxa and portions of Janesville and Mattoon.

If a fire occurred in one of those areas, the nearby Hutton Fire Protection District would do their best to handle it. But in the early ‘70s, a fire at the home of Charleston residents Henry and Nancy Taitt changed everything. The Hutton district chose not to fight the fire at the Taitt residence, outraging local residents. The Lincoln Fire Protection District was born.

The district has stations in Charleston, Lerna and Mattoon, each of which can host no more than 25 volunteers. At press time, the Charleston station has 22, though that number is expected to rise soon. Though there is no set-in-stone training for volunteer firefighters, all trainees are required to complete 240 hours. This includes practical, classroom and hands-on training.

Both Kevin and Kurt Rankin are certified by the State Fire Marshall’s Office. Martin was taught at the Illinois Fire Service Institute through the University of Illinois. Linder, former chief of the Charleston station, and a man with 25 years of experience, had no training when he originally joined the Lincoln District. He was trained in-house, and has



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Fire Chief Kent Martin stands beside a Lincoln Fire Protection District truck. “I think he’ll do a great job for the department, and the district as a whole,” said former Fire Chief Mike Linder. Martin replaced Linder as chief.

also had training at the Fire Service Institute in Champaign-Urbana.

“There was a lot to learn,” Linder recalled. “It was a lot more than I’d anticipated. A lot of things I didn’t even think about.”

As society and technology continue to evolve, so must firefighters and their techniques. Today, firefighters continue to attend training sessions, seminars and classes well into their careers. Volunteers at the Lincoln District are required to have at least 24 hours of training a year.

“The neat thing about it is it never stops,” said Martin. “They’re always coming out with new ways and better ways, new equipment. It’s a never ending process.”

Second string?

The majority of the calls that the Lincoln Department responds to are grass and field fires. Both Linder and Martin believe improperly discarded smoking materials to be the most common cause of fires for the district.

“I can think of two cases just very recently where we had structure fires that were due to improperly discarded cigarettes, matches,

that sort of thing,” Martin said.

The department can get between 60-90 calls per year, with spring and fall as peak periods. Because of the department’s volunteer nature, there are never a concrete number of volunteers that will respond to a page.

“There’s 25 guys at this station. You may come into the station and every truck may be gone. You may show up and there may be two of us,” Kevin Rankin said.

But such an occurrence is rare.

“For the most part we usually have a good response,” Linder said. “We usually have a good six to eight people as a minimum that show up, to where we can get everything rolling.”

If turnout were ever too low, a 911 center would be called to send out a second page. If all else failed, a mutual aid call would be sent out to another department. The Lincoln District maintains a friendly relationship with the Charleston Fire Department. The two organizations train together frequently, and on occasion offer mutual aid to one another during intense fires. All four men note that Charleston’s full-time department has never

looked down on them for being a volunteer group, but that such tensions can exist.

“There was a time several years ago when there was some animosity between the professional firefighters and the volunteers. That does not reflect on Lincoln or Charleston; this didn’t occur with either of those organizations,” he said. “But there was, at least from my perspective, sort of a ‘Well, we’re the professionals. So you just let us take care of this.’”

Linder said that the relationship between the Lincoln and Charleston departments has often revolved around offering help when it’s needed.

“There’ve been times where I’ve called them for assistance, and there’ve been times where they’ve called us,” Linder said. “So in my eyes, I don’t think they use us as a secondary. If they need our assistance, they know that we’re there to help.”

Desire

Growing up, Kevin and Kurt Rankin’s father was the fire chief in their hometown of Cooks Mills.

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Local bars busted for serving minors

Liquor license suspension began Monday, runs through today

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

Since Monday, liquor taps have run dry at four local restaurants.

Jerry’s Pizza, Roc’s Black Front, the Icy

Mug and Friends & Co. all received a \$500 fine and a suspension of their liquor license for catering to minors at a hearing Dec. 21.

The venues will be unable to serve liquor until Wednesday.

The violations were discovered during a compliance check done by the Charleston Police Department when an underage female, along with an undercover police officer, attempted to gain entry, as well as purchase a drink, at all liquor-serving establishments in Charleston.

The underage female used her own ID to enter the bars.

She was able to either gain access, or both access and a drink, at the above four locations.

Representatives from Jerry’s Pizza and Roc’s Black Front offered no comment when asked about the situation. The Icy Mug and Friends & Co. were unable to be reached for comment at press time. Mayor John Inyart said that sentences must be carried out 21 business days after the original hearing.

Although the suspensions fell on days that aren’t necessarily considered busy, he expects the businesses will still feel a financial impact, Inyart said.

The Station on Monroe Avenue was also penalized for catering to minors.

The city will held a hearing for the bar Tuesday.

Inyart said that overall, he was pleased with the results of the compliance check, as the majority of the liquor-serving outlets in Charleston had no problems.

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Having seen their father do it, that desire grew early.

"I have people ask me. 'Why do you do that and not get paid for it?' And it's just part of that desire, and that want to help people. That need, I guess," Kevin Rankin said.

Linder also remembers being inspired as a child.

"When I was extremely young, I remember that there was a house fire just down the block. This was when I was in first grade," Linder said. "And it just fascinated me watching the firefighters take care of the house and extinguish it. And then there was a devastating accident on Broadway in Mattoon, where a fireman was killed when two fire trucks collided going to a fire. I never forgot that. I always had an interest in it. And it was something that I always wanted to do."

Martin on the other hand, didn't take as naturally to the idea of dealing with fire. In the early '90s, as the Police Chief in Kansas (Ill.), he was approached by the town's volunteer fire chief.

"He said, 'What do you think about being on the fire department?' I said 'Well, I think that's probably not real smart,'" he recalled.

Martin agreed to try it, on the condition that he wouldn't enter any burning structures. But after time and training, Martin had a change of heart. As early as his first fire, he began working inside buildings.

"For whatever reason I thought, 'Okay, if you're going to do it, do it all the way,'" Martin said.

Ironically, during his first fire Martin worked beside the same man who approached him about the job.

"We went in, went up the stairs, and it was strange because half the roof was gone. We're walking up the stairs and there was no smoke, you could look right up and see blue sky. It wasn't hot," Martin remembers. "And he must have remembered our conversation, because as we were getting ready to go up the stairs, he turned around and grabbed me and said 'Don't leave me!'"

Adrenaline and risk

When the beeper goes off, inevitably, your blood starts to pump.

"When I first joined, just like every other volunteer ... there was an adrenaline rush because you didn't know what you were going to encounter," Linder said. "You just knew that somebody out there needed your help, and you needed to get there just as quickly as possible."

Younger firefighters are prone to such adrenaline rushes. That rush can overcome you.

"With that adrenaline rush, you've just got to step back and take a breath," Kevin Rankin said. "I think we've still all got the same drive, but we try to instill that if you get hurt on the way, wreck a piece of apparatus, you're not doing anybody any good."

The key, Linder said, is staying calm.

"My philosophy is if I come in here calm and cool, and I stay calm and cool, and I talk on the radio calm and cool to the volunteers that are responding, that will keep them calm," he said.

But inevitably, there is always a risk when dealing with fire. Linder remembers one such incident.

"I was a captain at the time, and I was inside with a crew, with an air pack on, and part of the ceiling collapsed on us. And a piece went down my neck, and burnt just

a little bit," he recalls. "It wasn't terribly severe. I didn't have to go to the hospital or anything. But things like that can happen."

The protective garments that firemen wear can also be a double edged sword.

"Now they've done such a good job of encapsulating us in this bunch of gear, that we can go in farther than we've ever gone before, and we can stay longer than we've ever been able to before," Martin said. "And as a result, we don't realize how hot it is in there, and how hot we're getting. And that gets guys in trouble."

Kevin Rankin recalls one such incident in which a friend of his was working on one of the lower stories of a building in particularly intense heat.

Unaware of how hot the building had actually become, he sustained severe damage to his skin, and later actually wished he'd made the jump out the window and suffered the broken bones.

Family

In spite of the hazardous nature of their jobs, these four men note that their families have come to accept and support what they do.

"I'm not sure how much my mom likes to hear stories," Martin said. "But she's never said anything."

Kevin Rankin, who has a wife and three children, notes that late night calls can sometimes be a bit unsettling.

"In my case, if we go on call, it's not unusual for them at two o'clock in the morning to get up and turn the scanner on to see where we're going, listen to us," he said. "They pick us out of who's talking."

In the case of Kevin and Kurt Rankin, family is often on the job with them. The brothers have in fact fought fires together.

"Down here you've got to trust everybody almost like brothers or family, because you're going into a burning building with somebody," Kevin Rankin said. "And it's just that much closer with the two of us."

The spontaneous nature of the job often forces volunteers to back out of family engagements. Rankin walked out of his daughter's baptism during a fire. Linder left his family on Christmas Eve to fight a fire.

"I know that we've had volunteers in the past that have had to leave their graduations of their kids because of fires. It's a tough decision," Linder said.

But the firefighters have grown into a "second family" of their own.

"There are times when everybody will be in agreement with something, and there'll be other times where they'll totally disagree. And that's good. We have open communication here. We have a good working relationship," said Linder. "All in all we have an exceptional group. And if someone is down, they really worry about those people, and try and take care of them."

Few people know this better than Linder himself. On his birthday in July of 1996, Linder was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma cancer, a disease affecting the body's lymphoid tissue.

"I was out for a while. I had surgery, and did chemo, and had to go to St. Louis for awhile," Linder said. "And these people here really took care of me. I had a lot of them come to visit me just to see if there was anything they could do. And I'll never forget that. That meant a lot to me and my family."

Today Linder is cancer-free, and has been in remission for ten years.

Blair Hall

All four men remember the fire that destroyed Blair Hall on April

28, 2004 quite vividly.

"When Blair Hall came in, I had to drive by it. And usually when you hear a fire alarm on Eastern, it's either very minor or it's a false alarm," Linder said. "And I was quite surprised when I drove down Lincoln and I actually saw black smoke rolling across Lincoln."

The fire destroyed the building's third floor, caused more than \$11 million in damage, and desecrated one of the campus's oldest buildings.

The Charleston Fire Department received the call at 3:14 p.m. Within 5 minutes, Lincoln got a call for mutual aid.

"I've seen a ton of fire alarms [on campus], which most of the time are nothing. There've been a couple of small fires out here since I've been here," Martin said. "And to get a page to appear in Charleston at this building for mutual aid, you know from the outset it's not good."

Martin remembers hearing that the firemen inside kept trying to peel away portions of the roof to vent the flames.

That day, the chiefs for Lincoln's Mattoon and Lerna firehouses were both out of town.

So Linder found himself the incident commander for his department.

In spite of what happened, he remains proud of his department.

"I was very proud of the firefighters at Lincoln fire. They worked hand in hand with Charleston; there were some additional fire districts that came in. And everyone did just an exceptional job," he said.

25 years

25 years is the universally accepted term of service for a volunteer firefighter.

"We haven't seen a lot of people do it past 25 years," said Kurt Rankin. "There's only been a handful that even make it to 25 years."

Mike Linder is one such fireman. But at the start of 2007, Linder's 25 years were up, and he stepped down as chief of Lincoln Fire.

"I put in my time, and my schedule's changed a little bit from what it used to be, different shift, different hours. And my daughter that's still at home is getting into sports, and I'd like to spend more time watching her do that. And that's the main reason that I'm stepping down," Linder said.

"I've really had a great time here," he continued. "I've enjoyed everything I've done. There have been good times, there have been bad times. But I can leave here and hold my head up with pride, because I'm very proud of this organization. Not just this station but the other stations as well."

Individuals are nominated for the position of Fire Chief via popular vote from the volunteers.

Shortly before Linder's departure, they named his successor: Kent Martin.

"I think he'll do a great job for the department, and the district as a whole," Linder said.

Martin said that thus far, things have been quiet for Lincoln Fire, which can be both a blessing and a curse, in that the first fire after a long break is usually a bad one.

"Things have been unusually good," Martin said. "But eventually, we'll have to pay for it."

Though he is retiring from his volunteer firefighter duties, Linder seems to have no intentions of slowing down.

"I do some mowing during the summer. I enjoy outdoor activities. We have a swimming pool in our back yard. With those things going on, and (my daughter's) activities, I think that'll keep me quite busy."

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UNIVERSITY ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION MEETING

Students must attends a meeting to formally apply for University to Teacher Education and to initiate the selection process. Students who have not previously applied must attend a meeting. The following meetings are available Spring 2007 semester to initiate the selection process:

Monday, January 22, 2007	4:30-5:30 p.m.	1501 Buzzard Hall
Tuesday, February 13, 2007	6:00-6:50 p.m.	1501 Buzzard Hall
Thursday, March 22, 2007	12:00-12:50 p.m.	1501 Buzzard Hall
Monday, April 2, 2007	5:00-5:50 p.m.	1501 Buzzard Hall
Tuesday, April 17, 2007	1:00-1:50 p.m.	1501 Buzzard Hall

Registration is not required

The next opportunity to initiate the selection process and apply for University Admission to Teacher Education will be during the Summer Semester, 2007.

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Obama takes first step towards presidential run

Plans to announce final decision Feb. 10 in Illinois

By Sarah Whitney
Senior Reporter

U.S. Senator Barack Obama announced his decision to form a Presidential Exploratory Committee Tuesday, an action that takes him one step closer to the presidency.

Obama's announcement came via an online video streaming on his Web site, www.barackobama.com.

In it, he said the first thing to change is the way America does politics.

"Today, our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, common-sense way," he said. "Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions, and that's what we have to change first."

He went on to say that this won't happen by itself, that only people who believe there's a better way and are willing to work for it will cause this to happen.

"A change in our politics can only come from you," he said noting that meaningful change always comes from the grassroots level.

Citizens approached Obama while he was traveling through the States with their concerns: the changing economy resulting in job loss, skyrocketing health care costs, pensions being lost, parents worrying about paying for their children's college education, America's dependence on oil and the war.

"I've been struck by how hungry we are for a different kind of politics," Obama said of what he thinks Americans want from their leaders.

This is the reason Obama announced his decision via the Internet as opposed to through the media or press conference. He wanted the people to know first, he said.

Obama will announce his final decision on whether or not he's running on Feb. 10 from Illinois.

The Federal Election Commission confirmed to CNN.com that it received Obama's paperwork to form the committee on Tuesday.

Forming an exploratory committee is an initial – but not required – step in running for president or any federal office. Such committees allow potential candidates to begin quietly raising funds and "testing the waters" on whether they should run for office.

Eastern political science professors Andrew McNitt and Kevin Anderson agreed that Obama's decision to form a committee was smart.

"Forming the exploratory committee and talking to more people is a signal to the public and donors and political activists that he is most likely going to run," McNitt said. "So if they were thinking about committing to another candidate they should hold off."

It also gives pause to other Democrats running for president.

Hillary Clinton has already moved up her schedule in reaction to Obama's announcement, McNitt said.

Anderson said the advantage with the committee is that it's



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U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL), right, and Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) speak at a news conference on the Darfur Peace Act on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2006.

EASTERN POLITICAL EXPERTS



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not a full-on commitment to the presidential run, but a good first step to pursuing that goal. Obama, who a year ago did not expect to run for president, can always decide not to run.

What it means

Obama's announcement means that the democratic nomination for president now involves a contest between several fairly prominent Democrats, McNitt said.

"The question is that if Obama and Hillary are running, the question the other candidates have to ask is if they have the resources and the public attention to run

– or they might drop out," McNitt said. "It (Obama's announcement) leaves relatively little room for other democrats unless they have a lot of money and are really well known."

The challenges of campaigning

Fundraising is Obama's first challenge. McNitt has no doubt that he'll be able to accomplish that, but he noted that Clinton probably came out of her Senate campaign with a surplus – meaning that if Obama wants to compete, he'll need to find funds fast.

Obama's ability to generate media attention will help with this. "He has a talent for being able

to get the press and the public pay attention to what he's doing," McNitt said.

Obama is exciting, unlike most politicians, so he's able to attract the media and the public's attention, McNitt explained.

Some questions have been raised concerning Obama's experience, which includes six years as a State Legislator and if he wins the nomination, four years as a U.S. Senator.

McNitt pointed out that if he became president, his experience is comparable to past presidents.

"Other people who've become president, their careers have gone off like a rocket," he said. "The question is if being in the Senate really does prepare you for being president."

But Obama's challenge will be to assure the American public that he does have the experience, McNitt said.

McNitt listed President John F. Kennedy and President Grover Cleveland who went from being a mayor to governor of New York to president. President George W. Bush, him self, only had two terms as governor of Texas before he became president.

"When you start adding up actual experience, the other principle candidate does not have all that much experience herself," McNitt pointed out.

Another challenge is the race question.

"It's a huge part of the story with Senator Obama," Anderson said. "I don't think that's fair for that to come up for a black person or woman but it is a reality in American politics."

He's hopeful America is ready to embrace the idea of its first black president.

"He'd have to communicate that message that race is not the defining factor of whether (he) would be a good president," Anderson said.

Until a black person or woman becomes president, there will always be doubts as to whether a black person or woman would make a good president. Because of America's complex racial history, its a question you have to deal with as a presidential candidate, Anderson said.

After the party nomination

Even if Obama doesn't win his party's nomination, he comes out ahead for several reasons, Anderson said.

Because this is his first national campaign and because he's still young, he'd still be in a position to run again. Also, the national attention raises the impact he can have as a Senator.

"He's a national name so the things he would champion would generate a lot of attention," Anderson said.

One advantage he does have is that he's relatively new in the national scene.

"He's not really connected to the things that we associate with bad politics," Anderson said, citing the 2000 election and the way it ended. "So there was a lot of polarized feeling, and he comes in and he's not connected to that at all."

"He has the ability to transcend that divide a little bit and that has worked for him."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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campusbriefs

Goo Goo Dolls tickets on sale

Tickets are sold out for floor seating for the Goo Goo Dolls concert March 4. Tuesday was opening day, and 1,279 tickets were sold, said Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life.

Tickets are still on sale for Eastern students for \$12. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public Monday for \$17.

SIU Law professor gives tips

The Dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Law will address the dos and don'ts of applying for law school today at 6 p.m. in Coleman Hall, room 2140. Peter Alexander will present "Selecting a law school and what not to do when applying to law school." The event is sponsored by the Pre-Law Society and Phi Alpha Delta. Pizza and beverages will be served.

Spring play auditions today

Today are the auditions for "Only an Orphan Girl," the spring play of Eastern's Department of Theatre Arts. They're looking to fill three male parts, five female parts and three any-gender parts. Actors should present two memorized, 1-minute monologues of contrasting nature. Any vaudeville-style talents will also be auditioned, like juggling, magic, stand-up comedy, Buster Keaton or Charlie Chaplin-style physical comedy, unicycle riding, song and dance numbers, gymnastics, contortionist tricks and circus-style acts. Auditions are at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom. For more information, call the theatre office at 581-3121.

Vote for chairs to take place

Pending a two-thirds vote by Student Senate the committee chairs have been named for the semester.

That vote will take place at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

After each member of the executive board gives its weekly report, the committee chairs will be approved.

Committees focus on a specific area that they deal with. Committees meet on a regular basis and the chairs submit a weekly report to the Student Senate.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

ourmistakes

» In Tuesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, Dan Nadler, the vice president of student affairs, was misidentified on Page 2.

» On the same page, the most common process for a case to be resolved is through a less-formal meeting with a staff member, not a hearing process.

» On Page 5, Mayor John Inyart said that he felt sorry for someone who has been living on a lake property prior to 1992, and did not feel sorry for someone who has purchased property after 1992, knowing about the expiring lease.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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Recount needed

The Student Government elections results from the elections held in December are being contested for fraud.

These allegations need to be thoroughly investigated in order to assure students that the election process is honest and the correct people are representing them and their interests.

In the December elections, Student Senate member Tori Frazier lost her seat by seven votes. Frazier claimed that the elections results were fraudulent because the polls were closed during times students were supposed to be able to vote. In a Dec. 10 *Daily Eastern News* article Frazier said, "First my plan is to contest the election, seeing as how the polls were closed for a fact whenever people were going to vote for me."

If this allegation is true, it is appalling.

This is not the first time Student Government elections have been held. They are held twice a year. They are planned months in advance. No polling place should be unmanned for any length of time.

In response to Frazier's allegations, Ashlei Birch, student executive director of the elections, said that the only time she knew of polls being closed is if an election worker had to leave for class. Election workers cannot be told to stay if they have class and the other worker has not arrived.

The simple solution to having unmanned polls is scheduling. If a student has class at 1 p.m., they should not be scheduled to work until 1 p.m.

Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life said that they will begin looking into the allegations that polling stations were left abandoned and that current Student Senate members and other candidates were working the polls unsupervised.

The Student Senate needs to take these matters seriously, investigate them fully and let the student body know if any errors were made. In order for the students to trust the senate during the spring elections, all errors need to be made public, as do the procedures that are put in place to assure that these errors do not happen during the spring elections.

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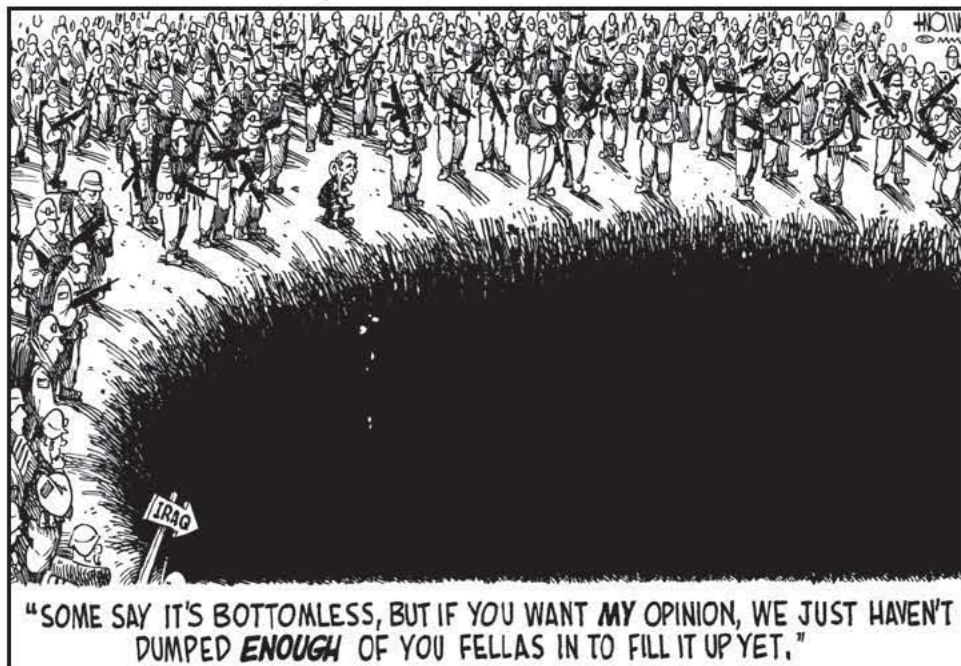
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COLUMNIST | ADAM TESTA

Allegiance to one flag

The Confederate flag flies high over the skies of South Carolina.

On Monday, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a rally at the front of the South Carolina Statehouse.

Among the people present at the rally were U.S. Senators Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

These men, and the other protestors, called for the South Carolina government to take down the Confederate flag from a statue memorial located near the state building.

For many people in South Carolina and other states, the Confederate flag stands as a symbol of their history, of their rich past rooted in years of agricultural success and of their undying Southern pride.

For others, the flag represents a different side of history. Many people view the Confederate flag as a sign of racism, of bigotry and of rebellion.

These are all causes that many people throughout history have fought against, and their struggle continues today in the hands of these individuals who take up the fight against symbols like the Confederate flag.

One symbol has caused a lifetime of problems for many individuals who raised their voices against the symbol of oppression they view the flag to be.

At the rally on Monday, Biden said that "as people become more and more aware of what it means to African Americans here, this is only a matter of time."

With any hope, Biden is right. Hopefully sometime soon the fight will be over, and the Confederate flag will be removed from all federal and state buildings.

While the flag may be a symbol of Southern heritage and pride, it does not belong on government property, where Americans unite under one flag, Old Glory.

Residents of the South who wish to display their loyalty and heritage should have every right to fly these flags in front of their homes or display them on their vehicles. Business owners should also have the right to display this icon. And by all means, Confederate flags have their place in museums and other places that history is preserved.

Government property, however, is not the appropriate home for the flag.

Over 600,000 Americans gave their lives in the four years from 1861 to 1865, and many of these men did so to reunite the nation under one flag. By continuing to let the other flag, the one Union soldiers fought to destroy, fly on our state and federal property, the government is essentially letting these men die in vain.

In addition to flying on the property of state and federal buildings, the Confederate flag has also found its home in a few state flags.

In 2003, Georgia adopted a new state flag, which was based off the original flag of the Confederate States of America, known commonly as the Stars and Bars. The state flag for Mississippi also contains the Confederate flag as part of its design.

By adding this element to these state flags, the state governments are basically endorsing the right to display the symbol on government property.

These governments should desperately reconsider these flag designs and take into account the feelings the symbols instill in some people.

State and federal governments alike need to reevaluate the way that symbols are used in items like flags.

For people that find the symbol of the Confederate flag to be offensive, seeing it on a state flag or even just on a flagpole daily is a constant reminder of the horrid parts of our country's past.

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COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

Too little, too late

What do you do when somebody admits, however weakly, that they were wrong, but then they continue to follow the same wrong path as before?

That is the predicament we Americans are in; President Bush finally took responsibility for the mistakes that have been made in Iraq. But it was as if he did that only to lull the American public into a forgiving attitude, because he turned around and suggested doing what most people do not want to do – send more troops (20,000) to Iraq.

Let's just sidestep the overall racist, anti-Islamic and heavily "Americanist" subtext to much of Bush's speech and jump right to the fact that the speech failed.

It failed to inspire.

It failed to garner widespread support for the war. It left me sitting on the couch, looking at the text of his speech on my computer screen and wondering "WTF?"

I wondered, "Are we ever going to see a positive outcome to this situation? How do we get out of this predicament when we have a president who only seems to know how to get us in deeper? How do we help clean up the mess that we helped to make? What do we do now?"

Do not tell me: "Stand behind the president;" that is what has gotten us to this point. In some ways we, or I should say some people, cannot complain because we/some people, as I wrote before, got ourselves/all of us into this by re-electing Mr. Bush because of whatever discriminatory/misplaced sense of trust we felt at the time of the election.

But enough is enough. It is time people and politicians on both sides do what many of us called for years ago, we need to speak and speak loudly and allow our disdain and disagreement with the president's ideals to be heard, known and taken seriously.

We need to say, "Mr. President, your plan is not good enough!" We need to say it and not worry about being labeled anti-American, anti-military, anti-whatever, because what we are is pro-American, pro-life, pro-free choice and pro-logic/common sense.

While President Bush did admit, however dubious his intentions, to his mistakes, it ultimately does not matter because that ownership of responsibility was the only change in his speech. We are still going down the wrong path, and quite frankly how are we expected to trust this man who has made so many egregious mistakes that have cost lives on all sides.

The fact that a bunch of people made the wrong decision when they went to the polls and elected George W. Bush for a second term after experiencing his fist does not mean that I, or anyone, has to trust him. I don't. I can't trust his words.

I don't think he is being malicious or intentionally harmful, but that does not change the fact that thousands have died in Iraq; that despite Saddam being removed and executed, Iraq and the region are still unstable; that we seem to be in a no-win situation; that we are still "othering" Islamic people and nations; and it does not change the fact that President Bush is wrong.

Sorry, Mr. President, but your plan is not good enough.

Maurice Tracy



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No business off Route 16

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

The City Council denied an ordinance to open a stretch of land off Route 16 to commercial businesses Tuesday after hearing protests from nearby residents.

Had the ordinance passed, the 4.1 acre stretch of land, located behind ABC Construction, would have gone from an Agricultural District to a Corridor Development District.

A Corridor Development District is an area of land that is open to almost any sort of commercial use.

An insulation warehouse/storage facility would likely have been placed on the land.

The council heard four testimonies from individuals who reside in the nearby neighborhood and were entirely against the land's proposed shift in use.

Residents were concerned about the amount of noise, trash and area traffic that commercial use might bring the neighborhood.

A building on the land would also block

their view of the surrounding agriculture, they said.

They also said that there are other places nearby for businesses to go.

"There is ample land available off Route 16 that is still available," said resident Linda Eckmeyer.

After hearing the testimonies, council member Lorelei Sims voiced her opinion in favor of the residents.

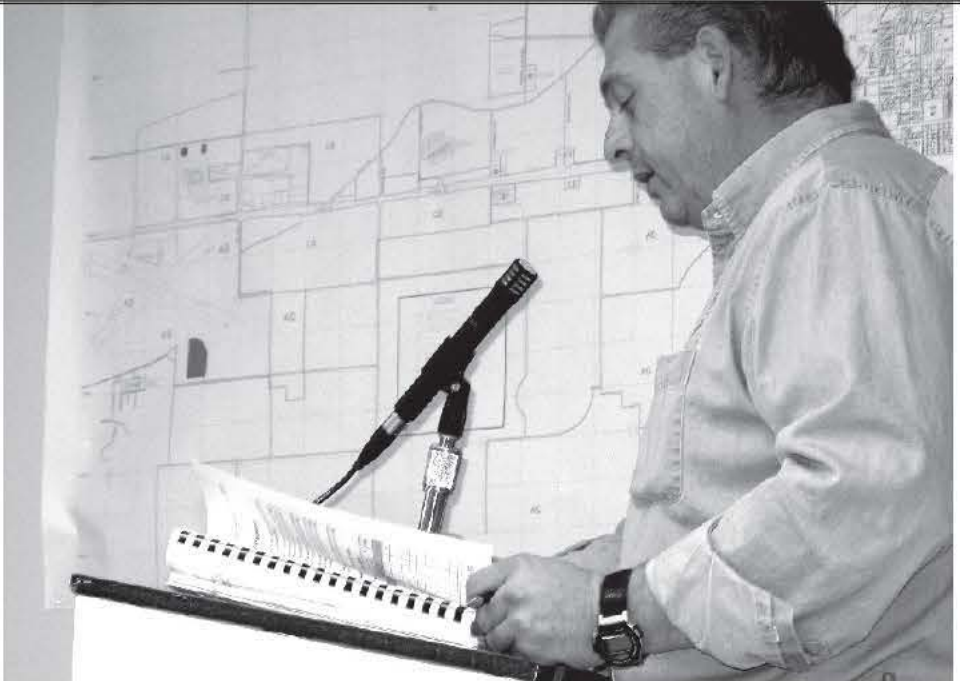
"The best use (for the land) could be non-use," she said.

The council voted 3-2 against the ordinance. A four-fifths majority was needed for its approval.

In addition, an ordinance to repeal resident-only parking at 1508 First St. was tabled, pending further research into the situation. An ordinance to repeal resident-only parking on Cedar Drive, Eighth Street Circle and Village Road was approved.

The council also proclaimed Feb. 2 as "Wear Red Day," in recognition of heart disease as the No. 1 killer of women in America.

The council's next meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6.



ROB SIEBERT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Jeff Finley speaks before the city council Tuesday night about approving a piece of land for commercial use on 16th street in Charleston.

Preparing for the dream job

Students should dress for success, ask questions and be themselves in an interview

By Tearria Ruffin
Campus reporter

No school. No cash. No fun.

It was the summer of 2006 and Steve Murchek, a junior recreation administration major, needed a job.

His father, who was an employee at Bank ABN AMRO in downtown Chicago, informed him about an internship opportunity within his company. During his internship interview Murchek and the real world came face to face.

After college, preparation is key to surviving the interview process and getting the dream job.

Maggie Burkhead, the director of Trio Student Support Services, said that the most common mistakes students make is not being prepared for their interview.

"They (students) need to do their

homework," she said. "Not only are companies trying to see if they want you, but you need to see if you want them."

Murchek also stressed the importance of being certain that one's potential job is something one would want to do day in and day out.

Linda Moore, director of Career Services, gave a list of dos and don'ts students can follow when preparing for an interview.

Tardiness does make a difference. Any slight delay can result in an early dismissal from those who care the most about one's first impression.

A receptionist is the first eyewitness of an interviewee's behavior and how he or she carries his or herself. It is important not to be rude, Moore said.

"Humans are very receptive to negative visual stimuli," she said.

Trendy attire, piercings or tattoos can take the attention away from the interviewee's skills. Moore said that employers usually respond better to someone that looks just like them than to someone who looks the complete opposite.

"Try to make your appearance neutral so they can focus on who you are," she said.

Even though Murchek was dressed in the usual black pants, collared shirt and tie, he said he still felt underdressed.

All interviewees need to dress for the level of position or a level higher, Moore said.

Besides clothing, interviewees must know themselves and be comfortable with who they are.

"Be yourself. Don't be afraid," said Maggie Belpedio, a freshman elementary education major.

Moore said employers want to know the person their investing in. If an interviewee can't sell him or herself, then the employer won't believe that he or she can sell their company.

In order to be believable, an interviewee needs to know the company they are working for as well.

"Companies have different cultures just like people have different personalities," she said.

When the interview is over, Moore said the most critical "do" of an interview is asking questions and sending a thank you note because it demonstrates one's interest in a job.

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Gambler sentenced to 3 years

» CHICAGO - A gambling addict who swindled a Chicago bank out of millions of dollars to feed his obsession and ended up driving it out of business was sentenced Tuesday to more than three years in federal prison.

Adam B. Resnick, 34, of suburban Buffalo Grove also was ordered by federal Judge Wayne R. Andersen to pay \$10.4 million in restitution for losses stemming from the failure of the Universal Federal Savings Bank. "Whatever you do to help recover the money, I hope that you do it in a completely honest way that does not involve manipulation of people or any kind of deceit or preying on their weaknesses," Andersen told Resnick.

Residents left with no power

» Most Illinois homes and businesses left without power during the weekend's icy storm had their electricity back on by Monday night, a utility spokesman said.

Just more than 500 AmerenUE customers remained without power by 10 p.m. Monday, but they were expected to be restored by Tuesday, Ameren spokesman Leigh Morris said.

Those still in the dark were located largely in areas northwest of Peoria, Morris said. Icy trees and power lines there hampered repairs from wrapping up Monday.

"Sun is what we need - and some warmer temperatures," Morris said.

STATE NEWS | BAGHDAD PRISONER



NANCY YOUSSEF | MCT

U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Col. Jody Creekmore, left, addresses U.S. and Iraqi soldiers before a joint convoy. Creekmore is responsible for helping train Iraqi soldiers in Muqadiyah, Iraq.

Ex-Baghdad prisoner home

Ex-Iraqi minister back in Chicago after escaping Baghdad prison

The Associated Press

CHICAGO— A former Iraqi Cabinet minister was home Tuesday in suburban Chicago, a month after escaping from the Baghdad prison where he was serving time on corruption charges.

Ayham al-Samaraie, the former minister of electricity, arrived Monday night at O'Hare International Airport aboard a flight from Jordan. He has both U.S. and Iraqi citizenship.

Al-Samaraie was serving a two-year sentence on charges concerning about \$2 billion in missing funds for contracts to rebuild Iraq's electrical infrastructure when he escaped Dec. 17 from an Iraqi-run jail inside the heavily fortified Green Zone.

"All the time I thought I would probably never make it," he told WTTW-TV, the PBS affiliate in Chicago. "But it was faith. ... I made it home."

Al-Samaraie is a partner in the KCI Engineering Consultants firm in Downers Grove. He did not immediately return phone messages left Tuesday by The

Associated Press at his home in Oak Brook.

Al-Samaraie has said his escape was aided by Americans, but he gave few details during a news conference last week in the United Arab Emirates.

"I line up plans for me, which one I would execute at the right time," he told WTTW. "So one of them, I said I have one hour. This is where I need to go. So I called them and they come. And I just went to the place and done."

He has argued his departure from jail was legal because an Iraqi court had ordered his release Dec. 17.

But earlier this month, a spokesman for the U.S. Consulate in Baghdad said there are additional charges pending against al-Samaraie.

Although arrest warrants on corruption charges have been issued for about 90 former Iraqi officials including 15 ministers al-Samaraie is the only official to have been convicted and imprisoned.

Late last month, he said charges against him in Iraq other than those related to the jailbreak were motivated by politics. Al-Samaraie said he was confident the international police agency Interpol would not issue a warrant against him for fleeing the jail.

The Iraq embassy in Washington did not return an after-hours message seeking comment on Tuesday. online fugitive database did not list him.

STATE NEWS

CHICAGO THEATER

Downtown theater rakes in \$635 mil

Study shows economic impact of theater

The Associated Press

CHICAGO— A production of "Wicked" has played to full houses in downtown Chicago for more than 18 months. Extended runs of "The Color Purple" and "Jersey Boys" the 2006 winner of the Tony Award for best musical are on this year's calendar.

With the city's downtown theater scene experiencing new vibrancy, a Chicago-based presenter of live theater on Tuesday released the results of a study it commissioned finding such shows are responsible for an annual economic impact of \$635 million.

The group, Broadway in Chicago, released the results at a news conference attended by Mayor Richard Daley in the lobby of the theater that hosts "Wicked," a sort of prequel to the "Wizard of Oz."

Daley has been a big booster of theater in downtown, where several old, ornate theaters have been refurbished for Broadway-quality musicals he says have become economic engines for the district.

"All you need to do is to come downtown at any time during the evening or a weekend afternoon and watch all the crowds coming to our theaters," Daley said.

The report was conducted by economic consulting firm Fishkind & Associates.

It found that 1.5 million people attend Broadway in Chicago shows every year.

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Train hauling chemicals derails
» BROOKS, Ky. - Several train cars carrying volatile chemicals derailed and exploded Tuesday south of Louisville, shutting down a highway and forcing evacuations of homes, businesses and a school, authorities said. No serious injuries were reported, but at least 11 people near the crash checked themselves into a hospital and were soon released, authorities said. Officials asked residents within a mile to evacuate. The blaze produced a large column of black smoke in the mostly rural area. Television footage showed several blazing cars stacked across the rail lines and flaming liquid flowing down ditches from the mangled tanker cars. The fire continued into Tuesday evening, and officials said they will likely have to let the chemicals burn themselves out.

Fox to attend Union address
» WARWICK, R.I. - Michael J. Fox, whose advocacy ads created a stir in last fall's elections, will attend President Bush's State of the Union address next week as a guest of Rhode Island Rep. Jim Langevin. Both are staunch supporters of embryonic stem-cell research. Fox, 45, suffers from Parkinson's disease. As the 2006 elections neared, he appeared in television campaign ads for political candidates who support the research. Langevin, who has been confined to a wheelchair since an accidental shooting that occurred when he was a teenager, addressed his colleagues in the House of Representatives last week in support of a bill that would bolster embryonic stem cell research. The Democratic-controlled House passed the legislation, but the White House has promised to veto it.

Man charged with 9 murders
» PHOENIX - A man suspected of being the area's serial "Baseline Killer" has been indicted on charges including nine counts of first-degree murder, a prosecutor said Tuesday. The 74 charges against Mark Goudeau, which also include 15 counts of sexual assault and 11 counts of kidnapping, stem from crimes committed between August 2005 and June 2006 throughout the Phoenix area. "The reign of terror has ended. The quest for justice has just begun," prosecutor Andrew Thomas said. Goudeau has yet to enter a plea. The indictment was issued Friday. About half of the Baseline Killer attacks occurred within three miles of the Phoenix home Goudeau shared with his wife. One woman was killed just around the corner. Goudeau had previously served 13 1/2 years in prison for three aggravated assaults, armed robbery and kidnapping before being paroled in 2004.

KENTUCKY | TRAIN DERAILMENT



DAVID STEPHENSON | MCT

Railroad cars continue to burn following a train derailment in Brooks, KY. Tuesday, Jan. 16 Four CSX locomotives and 80 cars, some carrying flammable liquids, derailed and exploded.

Temps drop, prices soar

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. - Shoppers will feel the sting from a string of subfreezing nights in California's citrus groves and other farming areas, with prices for oranges, lemons, avocados and other produce poised to double or triple in coming weeks, according to industry officials.

"We may adjust the prices as we discover the full extent of the damage next week, but for now, if you bought an orange at the supermarket for 50 cents, expect to pay a dollar to \$1.49 for it," said Todd Steel, owner of Royal Vista Marketing, which sells California citrus to markets throughout the country. With the NFL playoffs in full swing, some fans may choose to go without two traditional favorites.

"Avocados are expensive enough as it is," said Joseph Vasquez, a 32-year-old school teacher from Pasadena. "We may have to do without guacamole for a while. And we may be drinking our Coronas without limes."

Nearly every winter crop is affected by the freeze, from avocados to strawberries to fresh-cut flowers, but it's the state's citrus crop that stands to take the biggest economic hit. California is the nation's No. 1 producer of fresh citrus, growing about 86 percent of lemons and 21 percent of oranges sold in the U.S., according to the California Farm Bureau. Florida produces more oranges, but those are mostly processed for orange juice. More than 70 percent of this season's oranges, lemons and tangerines — nearly \$1 billion worth of fruit — were still on the trees as nighttime temperatures in California's Central Valley dipped into the low 20s and teens on four straight nights beginning Friday.

The freeze ruined as much as three-quarters of the California citrus crop, growers say; the fruit is threatened whenever the mercury falls below 28 degrees.

"Limited amounts were harvested before the freeze, so it's not like the markets are going to dry up suddenly," said Claire Smith, a spokeswoman for Sunkist Growers Inc., a Los Angeles-based cooperative owned by some 6,000 growers in California and Arizona.

Still, the diminished supply is bound to drive up prices, Smith said.

Sunkist may import oranges and other fruit from

CLAIRE SMITH | SPOKESWOMAN

"Limited amounts were harvested before the freeze, so it's not like the markets are going to dry up suddenly."

South Africa and other countries.

On Tuesday, a Visalia-based citrus broker was selling 40-pound boxes of oranges for \$22 to \$32, depending on the variety. That's up from \$6 to \$14 a week earlier, and with the National Weather Service calling for at least one more night of frigid temperatures in many areas, prices could continue to escalate. Some shoppers took advantage of still-reasonable prices Tuesday, as many of the fruit on market shelves was picked before the freeze. Shopper Lindsay Beamish, 29, was surprised to see a 10-pound bag of oranges selling for \$10 at a Vons supermarket in Pasadena.

"I might just have to get 10 pounds worth because that's not going to last," she said of the price.

Damages from the current freeze will likely surpass those from a three-day cold snap in December 1998 that destroyed 85 percent of California's citrus crop, a loss valued at \$700 million, state Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura said.

The state also suffered a deep freeze in 1990 — one that completely wiped out the \$1 billion crop. It took growers two years to recover.

Labor leaders are also watching the weather closely. They estimate as many as 12,000 field workers and packing house employees could lose their jobs for the remainder of the season. Damaged fruit from the current freeze may still be salvaged as juice, usually a byproduct for California farmers, Smith said.

"It's not likely to have a big impact on the juice industry because California is not a big player in that market," she said.

Suspect in killings pleads not guilty

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. - A man whose DNA linked him to the deaths of three joggers and a series of rapes over the past 20 years blamed on the "Bike Path Rapist" pleaded not guilty Tuesday to one count of murder.

Altemio Sanchez, a married father of two, entered his plea to one count of second-degree murder in the rape and strangulation of Majane Mazur, 32, in Buffalo in November 1992.

Additional charges against Sanchez are expected, authorities said.

Sanchez made no comments during his county court arraignment.

His wife and son left without speaking with reporters.

After a series of attacks, the rapist seemed to have disappeared a dozen years ago.

Authorities refocused on the case following the strangulation death of Joan Diver, 45, whose body was found along a bike path this fall.

Investigators got a break when they revisited an unsolved 1981 rape of a Buffalo State College student in Buffalo's Delaware Park.

Authorities at the time questioned Sanchez's uncle, Wilfredo Sanchez Caraballo, after the rape victim told police she saw her attacker in a mall shortly after the rape and wrote down the license plate number of the car he left in. Caraballo told them no one had used his car.

When questioned again about a week ago, he said Sanchez had driven it the day the victim reported seeing her attacker all those years ago.

"Now we had somebody that we could focus our attention to and that was the jumping off point," prosecutor Frank Clark said.

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1/17
All students planning to student teach in Fall 2007 are required to attend a pre-placement appointment. Appointments will be held Thursday, February 1 and Friday, February 2, 2007. Registration is required. Students must register for appointments by signing up in the Student Teaching Office (Room 2418, Buzzard Hall) January 16 through January 19, 2007. There is no early registration.

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Crede signs for one year

The Associated Press

CHICAGO – Third baseman Joe Crede and the Chicago White Sox agreed Tuesday to a \$4.94 million, one-year contract and avoided arbitration.

The 28-year-old batted .283 last season with 30 home runs and 94 RBI's.

The deadline for exchanging salary-arbitration figures was Tuesday, and there has been speculation that Crede's time with the White Sox might be nearing an end. He is

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2009 All-Star game heading to St. Louis

ST. LOUIS – Busch Stadium in St. Louis will host baseball's All-Star game in 2009.

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UTM graduate becomes new Giants GM

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Obama predicts Bears win against Saints

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"I am happy for New Orleans," he said. "I think it's a wonderful story for their city, but this fairy tale ends when they come to Chicago."

Obama said he was pleased with Rex Grossman's play Sunday against Seattle.

"The defense bent but it did not break," he said. "And Grossman looked all right."

Sudoku By Michael Mephram

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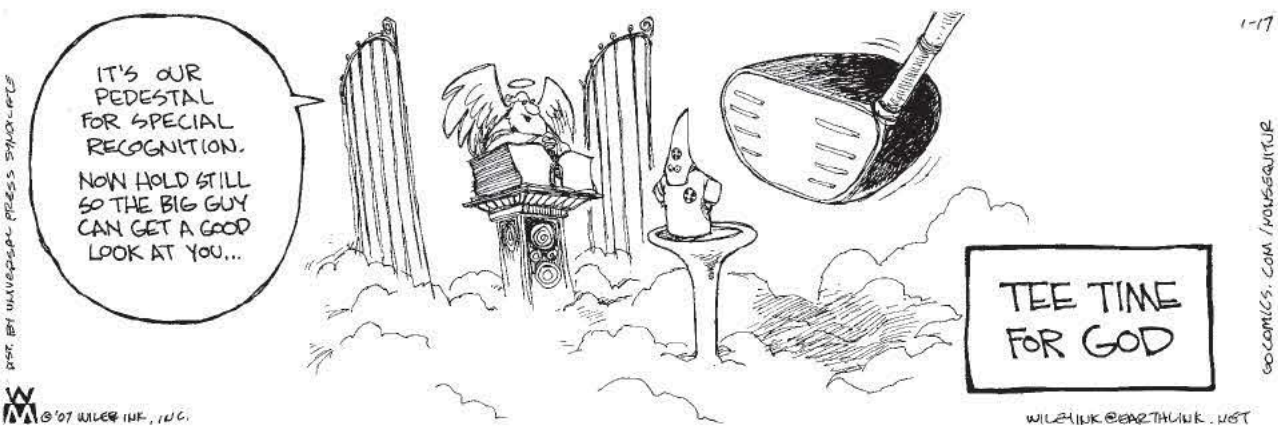
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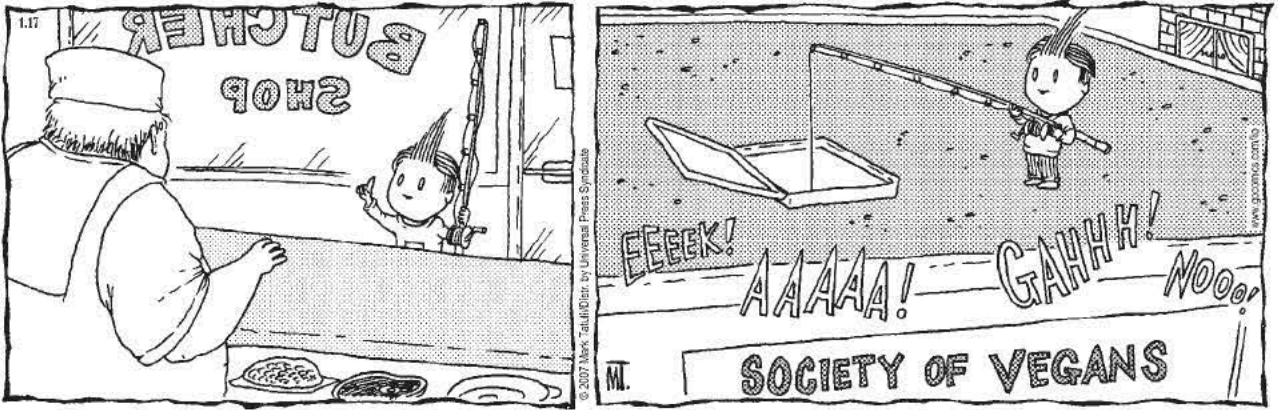
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- ACROSS**

1 One way to pay

7 "Mazel ____!"

10 "____ next?"

14 Illinois River city

15 "____ tu," aria sung by Renata

16 Disabled

17 Chessboard extremities

19 Suffix with corrupt

20 Tapped out

21 Grunt: Abbr.

22 Coal, essentially

24 Adventurous hero of old

27 Goodbyes

30 Temper, informally

31 Hip-hop subgenre

34 Einstein's birthplace

37 "Them!" bugs

38 Trial lawyer's advice

39 Simple rhyme scheme

40 Arctic explorer John

41 Intruder in Mr. McGregor's garden

45 \$10 to \$12 an hour, e.g.

47 Sans intermission, maybe

48 Some public transportation

52 The heebie-jeebies

53 Subsidy

54 Question calling for an explanation

57 Tease

58 Continental connection ... and a hint to 17-, 24-, 31-, 41- and 48-Across

62 6 7/8, e.g.
- DOWN**

1 Popular MP3 player

2 Prefix with -itis

3 Perfume name

4 "You ____ here" (map notation)

5 Title for Isaac Newton

6 One pulling strings?

7 Extra inning

8 TV planet

9 Innards

10 Fan sounds

11 Words to a good-looker

12 DuPont fiber

13 Blockage reliever

18 G.P.A. part: Abbr.

23 "What ____!" ("That's robbery!")

24 They're tapped

25 Sweater letters

26 Pull: Fr.

27 Food thickener

28 Delany of "China Beach"

29 Between-acts musical fare

32 Perfume name

63 Baton Rouge sch.

64 Calif. barrio locale

65 Son of Aphrodite

66 Unexplained phenomenon

67 Take from the top

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Puzzle by Levi Denham

- 33 Feel regret for

35 Of the flock

36 Drudge on the Internet

39 Genesis victim

41 One of 12 popes

42 English-born centenarian actress Winwood

43 Track foundation

44 Singer DiFranco

46 Blows away

48 A mummy may have one

49 Studio sign

50 Accumulated

51 Purge
- 54 Part of a home entertainment system

55 Leer at

56 Sport

59 Long-eared beast

60 1990's Indian P.M.

61 Prefix with bar

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ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior wide receiver Micah Rucker had a solid first year in a Panther uniform. Rucker, who transferred from Minnesota, had 49 catches for 966 yards and 13 touchdown receptions in his first season. Eastern has six transfers, four from I-A teams, set to play next year.

» Transfers

FROM PAGE 12

James Jones, a cornerback from Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa, made 63 tackles last season.

He returned his lone interception 100 yards for a touchdown.

Another junior college transfer, wide receiver Garrett Clark, had a team-high 27 catches for 336 yards and two touchdowns last season.

Clark transferred from Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kan.

Williamson, Mahoney and Jones will be able to compete for positions on the offensive line and secondary that graduated six out of nine starters.

While Rucker and Stinson were able to contribute right away, not all transfers make an immediate mark.

Junior running back Lawrence Cannon, a transfer from Western Michigan, did not see the field this season.

Neither did Bodie Reeder, a sophomore quarterback from Mahomet that transferred from Wyoming. Reeder was the No. 3 quarterback this past season.

Matt Dougherty, the I-AA football editor for The Sports Network, said transfers "aren't always slam dunks" and usually the players that had some success in I-A have the best careers after transferring.

While the influx of big-school talent can be tempting, Dougherty

said, coaches tend to shy away from relying on transfers to build their program.

"Usually coaches look for two or three guys who can come in, play right away and fill a couple holes," Dougherty said. "But they want to build their programs around 4-year guys."

The ability to play right away is the biggest draw to transfer to a I-AA school like Eastern.

According to NCAA transfer rules, a player that has taken at least 12 credits per semester and is in good academic standing at his previous school, can transfer from a I-A program to a I-AA school without sitting out a year.

Switching from a I-A school to another I-A team requires "a year of residence" at the transfers' new school as a full-time student before he can play or practice with his new team, according to the NCAA's Transfer 101 guidebook.

Many different factors contribute into why a player would decide to transfer, Stinson and Dougherty said.

Dougherty said the desire for more playing time is the most common reason players switch schools.

But Stinson added that the ever-changing coaching staffs in college football are also behind many transfers.

"Sometimes new coaches bring in their own players or change the system," Stinson said. "Players didn't adapt to new coaches and coaches didn't adapt to players. Sometimes things just don't work out."

» Borozan

FROM PAGE 12

Anci said she is pleased with all of the new facilities here but she also appreciates all that people have done for her back home.

"Because my coaches appreciate me but they are not able to give me all the things that Eastern can," Anci said. "And because Eastern can, I accept that with both my hands held out."

Another thing Anci was surprised with here is that students get to decide what they do and when they do it.

"The best thing here is that you can be yourself," Anci said. "You can plan your schedule and learn what you want. Go to classes you want and it is your life. The best thing is individuality."

In Croatia a student does all their general studies in high school and is expected to choose their trade upon graduating.

After graduation they go to a specific school for their trade and there is little choice as to what classes you take and when, Anci said.

Like many other high school students, Anci would have seven hours of classes everyday and then an additional two to three hours of homework and studying.

"I am a lot like an American person," Anci said. "Because of my lifestyle. I was working all day."

Anci was a gymnast and would be at the club where she practiced for around eight hours everyday.

Gymnastics took up a lot of Anci's time and she decided to quit to focus more on her education.

In the meantime she started track and field because it would only require her to practice for a few hours a day.

After seeing Yelena Isinbayeva, the Russian pole-vaulter set world records on television, Anci became interested in it.

"She had to train by herself," Deni said. "She learned a lot by reading and studying through the Internet."



Anci Borozan

Borozan is from Croatia. She is a freshman pole vaulter on Eastern's women's track and field team.

ANCI BOROZAN | FRESHMAN POLE VAULTER

"The best thing here is that you can be yourself. You can plan your schedule and learn what you want."

The club in Borazon's hometown did not have sufficient equipment for her to practice pole vaulting.

At first she didn't even have any poles. Her mother had to have the poles imported from Italy for Borozan to use.

Deni said the poles were expensive because pole vaulting isn't popular in Croatia, costing around 500 dollars per pole.

At the club in her hometown they have an outdoor track and a box for the pole vault outside. But she did not have one indoors and could not train as much as she needed to.

Sometimes Anci would take 10 to 15 day trips to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, which had an indoor facility.

Zagreb was about five hours from Split, and even though it was an indoor facility, Anci said it doesn't even compare to Eastern's facility.

Anci kept practicing pole vault and decided to start sending applications to schools in America because she knew it would be a great opportunity.

Anci sent e-mails to a few schools in Illinois because she has some relatives that live in Orland Park and wanted to be relatively close to them.

She started talking with Davis about getting a scholarship to come to Eastern.

"He was very communicative with me from the very first e-mail,"

QUICK FACTS ON BOROZAN'S HOME COUNTRY OF CROATIA

- » **Official name:** Republic of Croatia
- » **Population:** 4.5 million
- » **Currency:** Quna (5.69 Quna equals \$1)
- » **Capital City:** Zagreb
- » **Neighboring Countries:** Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slovenia
- » **Dominant Religion:** Roman Catholic
- » **President:** Stjepan Mesic

Anci said. "I knew in myself that I would come here. All the positivity and the kind way of coach made me come here. I am very thankful for him."

Deni said she was also amazed with Davis and how he kept in contact with them.

"He always encouraged her to keep going," Deni said. "I just couldn't believe that someone who doesn't even know her could believe in her so much."

Anci said she is more nervous than excited going into her first meet here at Eastern on Saturday.

"This is a big start, a new start for me," she said. "New coach, new everything. New people, new language, and the way of training is new. Maybe I will be good. I think I have ability and I am diligent but I am not self-confident yet, in this time, in this moment."

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WRESTLING | NOTEBOOK

Robertson in elite company with win

By Adam Larch
Staff Reporter

RALPH MCCAUSLAND | EASTERN HEAD COACH

Senior Kenny Robertson accomplished another feat Sunday against Indiana besides being the lone Panther to win a match.

The 12-0 major decision win against Indiana's Trevor Perry marked Robertson's 100th win in his college career. He has had eight victories this year. Only five other wrestlers at Eastern have had more than 100 wins.

"It's not really a huge deal to me," Robertson said. "It's neat, but there are more important things than your 100th win."

Robertson, who had been sidelined earlier in the season recovering from knee surgery, has lost four matches this year.

"It's just a milestone for his success that he's had here," head coach Ralph McCausland said. "He now ranks sixth on the all-time win list and, realistically, with the number of matches he has left, he could end up third on the all-time win list."

McCausland, in his 22nd year as Eastern's head coach, also said he has coached three other wrestlers that have more than 100 wins.

Clinton receives recognition

Last Sunday will now be remembered by former players and a coach for recognition by the Panthers. Ron Clinton Day, as it was called, was to honor the former coach and his accomplishments

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throughout the years.

"He was just a technician of technicians," McCausland said. "He was able to look and analyze and break things down, especially at a takedown level. I wasn't very good at that when I first came. It's kind of unusual because I'm still not super good at offensive takedowns, more so defensive takedowns. It was just a special time when we were wrestling here that I don't think can be duplicated."

Clinton, who coached the Panthers from 1975-83, finished with an overall record of 64-28-1. He also coached McCausland.

At the ceremony, held at intermission during the meet, Clinton was given an Eastern sweatshirt and a plaque.

McCausland said the plaque was just honoring him as a previous coach. It also had on it that he coached six national champions and 45 All-Americans.

Dual meet selection

One thing wrestlers are never certain on is who will start a match off.

After the weigh-in, a random drawing is held to figure out which

weight class will wrestle first. The other weight classes follow in order.

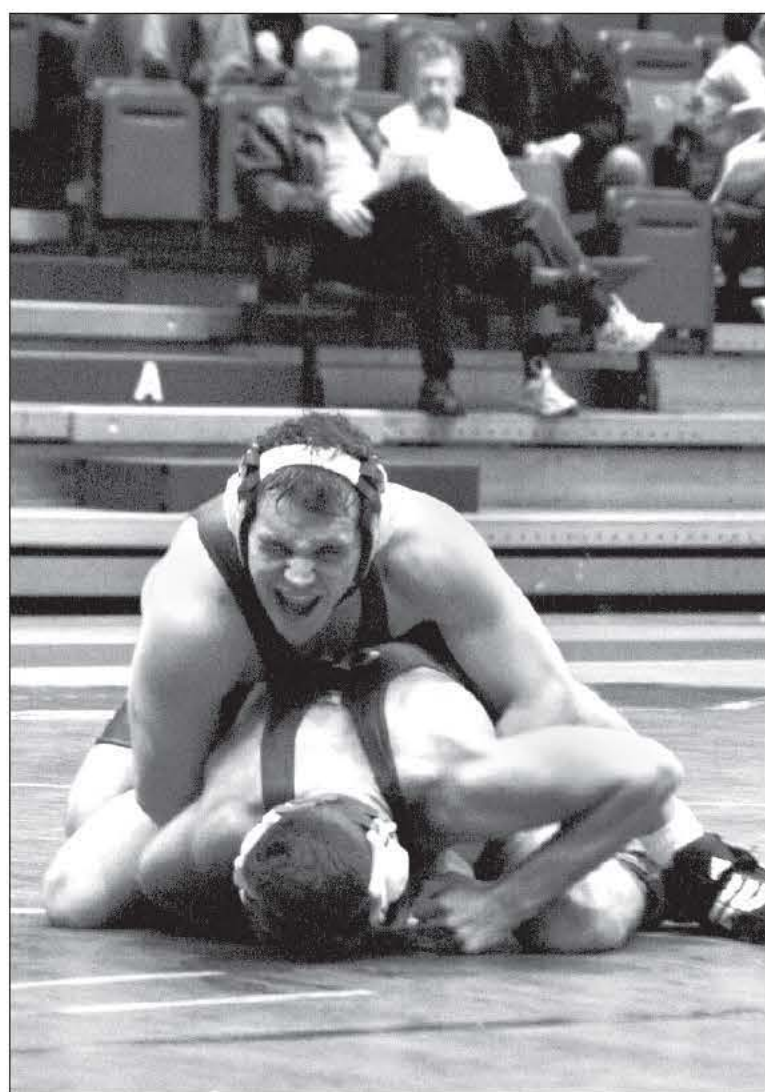
"That's part of the NCAA rules safeguard committee when they initiated certification of each individual's weight for the season with a one-hour prior match weigh-in," McCausland said. "Then having it randomly drawn you never knew who would be first and who would be last."

An interesting note about this rule, though, is that it only is in effect during dual meets.

"It's kind of ironic because we only do this in dual meets, but when we go to tournaments we start at 125 (pounds)," McCausland said.

While this does not appear to be a big deal, wrestlers who are used to wrestling later in the meet might start first or second, while lighter wrestlers may be put off until the end. Junior 197-pound wrestler Jason Sherko said he has not had to start any meets yet this year and doesn't mind the rule.

"I kind of like it because it makes it more interesting because it makes it different starts," Sherko said. "The heavyweight doesn't always have to start last so it makes it more interesting."



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Freshman wrestler Kyle O'Toole fights to flip his opponent, Brandon Becker of Indiana during last Sunday's wrestling match in Lantz Arena. O'Toole lost his match, 7-5 and Eastern lost 41-4 in the dual meet.

Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

Another good aspect about sports is that they are a way to escape from reality.

Face it, reality sucks.

We live in a world of where there's chaos and destruction. There's the Iraq War and Americans in trouble in the Middle East. There's uncertainty in the world today.

And that's why there's sports. It is innocent; for a majority of the time. Yes, there are coaching allegations, NCAA violations, steroids and drug abuse.

But sports, in its purest form, is a lot of fun.

And watching sports is not all about leaving reality. It's like taking a nap during the day except one gets to enjoy watching sports with friends.

For two to three hours, watching the Chicago Bears defeat the Seattle Seahawks was amazing. And they won! It doesn't matter if people are black or white or what religion they practice. It's for the love of sports and the love of the game. Sports unite people and put everyone in a frenzy.

That's why people go crazy about March Madness. Rather than people worry about their families, their jobs or their lives, they focus their attention to college basketball.

So what if it's escaping from reality.

For two or three hours one doesn't have to listen to in-laws or figure out what to do next week.

Then the game ends and reality sets in. People continue on with life and go back to school, jobs and their lives.

But for now, I'm going to sit on the recliner, take the clicker and watch some sports.

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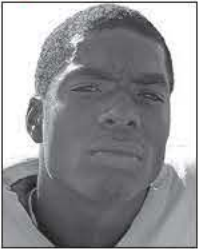
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Eastern has six new football transfers ready to compete for playing time next fall.

The Panthers starting quarterback, Cole Stinson, arrived in Charleston from Ball State and his favorite target to throw to, Micah Rucker (above) transferred from Minnesota.

Here are three other prominent players who transferred to I-AA Illinois schools from I-A programs.

- 1. Brandon Jacobs, Southern Illinois** — Jacobs was buried on the depth chart at Auburn behind the likes of Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown. Those two running backs are now in the NFL, as is Jacobs. The running back rushed for 922 yards and 19 touchdowns in one season for the Salukis.
- 2. Cameron Siskowic, Illinois State** — The senior linebacker transferred to Normal after he red shirted his freshman year at Washington State. The 2006 Gateway Conference defensive player of the year's numbers at ISU were anything but normal, finishing his career sixth-all time at ISU with 377.5 tackles.
- 3. Pierre Rembert, Illinois State** — The Michigan transfer will be on Eastern players' minds for a long time after the running back scored the game-winning touchdown against Eastern in the Nov. 25 playoff game. Rembert set ISU's single-season rushing record this season with 1,813 yards.

—Matt Daniels

KEVIN MURPHY | RUNNING WITH THE PACK

Sports is the best reality

Eastern sophomore guard Mike Robinson hitting a game-winning buzzer to beat Arkansas State. Robinson hit the shot from the Panther eye at mid-court of Lantz Arena and sent the crowd to its feet and rushing.

Boise State's hook and ladder and statue of liberty play. If anyone saw these plays in the Fiesta Bowl they would say that game was amazing.

These sports moments, not even a month old, can last all year long. Because with sports they have a potential to happen again.

That's the beauty of sports. For 365 days a year, there will always be sports.

It doesn't matter what sport it is either. From the NBA to college wrestling, there are a slew of sports, which will have amazing feats of strength.

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Reaping the benefits of I-A players

Transfers prove to be valuable to program

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

On Oct. 7 Cole Stinson and Micah Rucker hooked up for three touchdowns.

The pair, who played together at Dunbar High School in Estero, Fla., had something else in common besides their alma mater.

Both came to Eastern before the season from I-A programs and, before a Family Weekend crowd, showed how valuable transfers can be.

Stinson, a Ball State transfer, started the last eight games of the season for the Panthers and threw for 1,270 yards and 12 touchdowns and led Eastern back to the I-AA playoffs.



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Former Eastern assistant coach Mark Hutson talks with quarterback Cole Stinson. The junior transferred to Eastern from Ball State.

When Stinson transferred he didn't expect I-AA football would be as competitive as it was.

"The transition was different than I thought," Stinson said. "The

playing level was still high and the intensity and desire were still very high."

Rucker, a 6-foot-6 wide receiver from the University of Minnesota, was named first team all-Ohio Valley Conference in his first season at Eastern after catching 49 passes for 966 yards, which included 13 touchdowns.

This season, there were 11 transfers on Eastern's roster and six more just arrived.

Tim Gritzman, a former walk-on tight end at Notre Dame, joined three Bowling Green transfers — offensive linemen Guy Williamson and Kevin Mahoney and defensive lineman Trevor Frericks — in Charleston this semester.

Two community college transfers also arrived at Eastern last week.

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NEW I-A TRANSFERS			
Guy Williamson	Trevor Frericks	Kevin Mahoney	Tim Gritzman

» **Guy Williamson:** 6-foot-4, 330 pounds, offensive line, (Bowling Green)

» **Trevor Frericks:** 6-foot-1, 266 pounds, defensive line, (Bowling Green)

» **Kevin Mahoney:** 6-foot-6, 315 pounds, offensive line (Bowling Green)

» **Tim Gritzman:** 6-foot-4, 250 pounds, tight end, (Notre Dame)

WOMEN'S TRACK | ANCI BOROZAN



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman pole vaulter Anci Borozan discusses video analysis with assistant track coach Nate Davis in preparation for the EIU Mega Meet at 9 a.m. Saturday in Lantz Fieldhouse. Borozan has only been in Charleston for two weeks and used to be a gymnast.

From Croatia to Charleston

Vaulter worked without poles, indoor and outdoor facilities

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Freshman pole vaulter Anci Borozan did not anticipate being in Charleston this semester.

Anci, a Croatian native, arrived at Eastern on Jan. 3 after receiving word the track and field scholarship she was hoping for finally came through.

Anci started to go to a school in her hometown of Split, Croatia, since she did not get a scholarship to come to Eastern last

FAST FACTS ABOUT BOROZAN
» Name: Anci Borozan
» Year: Freshman
» Hometown: Split, Croatia
» Former sport: Gymnastics

semester.

Then in late October Anci said her mother, Deni, called her and said, "Oh, crazy, silly daughter you got the scholarship. What are we going to do? This is your opportunity to go see the world and new things."

Anci has had to make a lot of changes since arriving in Charleston on Jan. 3.

"My body is making adjustments and my body is feeling the adjustments," she said. On everything: on food, on sleeping, on classes, on people."

Assistant track and field coach Nate Davis said that it is evident just how limited her resources are back home because of how thankful she is.

"She says thank you a lot and talks about how lucky she is to be here," said Davis, who Anci first contacted about coming to Eastern. "We Americans sometimes just expect things to be given to us but her attitude shows that she doesn't take this for granted."

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