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

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NURSING PROGRAM

Plan needs funds, approval

Hencken looks to legislators for grants to start program

By SARAH WHITNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Need is what President Lou Hencken believes will prove the determining factor in whether or not Eastern receives the funding necessary

to start a nursing program.

"We're going to show the need," he said when asked how he is going to convince legislators to write a check for \$500,000 in grant money.

Hencken and other university administrators are proposing a nursing

program that would partnership with local community colleges and Lakeview College of Nursing to provide continuing education for registered nurses.

Upon completion of the program, Eastern would award students with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Currently, Eastern has an agreement with Lakeview College of Nursing that allows them to offer their nursing course on our campus.

"The Lakeview program is primarily a baccalaureate nursing program with students who are not registered nurses," said Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences. "If EIU is successful in initiating a nursing program, the most likely format is a baccalaureate completion program in which the students would be registered nurses."

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On deck: A nursing program for Eastern

♦ **What has happened:** Eastern worked with a consultant who has helped other schools install nursing programs.

♦ **What needs to happen:** The state legislature has to agree to pay the \$500,000 cost. The Illinois Board of Higher education has to approve the program.

♦ **When it may happen:** Classes could begin as early as the Fall 2007 semester.

MEAL PLANS

Senate meeting will focus on reform

Earliest revisions may be in Fall '06

By DAVID THILL
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate will hold its first meeting of the year Wednesday night, and one of the items up for discussion will be meal plan reform.

The resolution, which was introduced by senate member Jeffrey Collier last year as part of his campaign for student body president, is an effort to open discussion between administrators and Student Senate to meal plan reforms, Collier said.

Collier said he and Kenny Kozik, shuttle bus committee chair, created the resolution as a response to student complaints about lack of options when it comes to meal plans.

"If it's the last day of the week and a student may have more than one swipe left, they can't use more than one and will have to pay for the rest with dining dollars," Collier said.

As the current meal plan works, students are allowed a set number of "swipes" on their Panther card per week and if they have meals left at the end of the week, those meals are lost, Collier said.

The point of the resolution is to see where the administration stands on reform for the meal plan, he said.

"Students are obviously upset about this," he said.

However, since students have already paid for meal plans for this



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Freshmen elementary education majors Ashley Gornand and Samantha Rowcliffe joke with each other while eating dinner in the East Side Panther Dining Center in Garman Hall. A survey taken last fall regarding Eastern's meal plans showed a 5 percent decrease in negative feedback from students, while positive feedback increased by 16 percent, according to Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

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GAS PRICES

Hurricane causes frantic runs to the pump

Rumors of rising prices drive people to buy fuel

By ERIN MILLER
CITY EDITOR

Plastic shopping bags covered gas pumps at Casey's General Store when they ran out of unleaded plus gas earlier last night.

The gas station started to get busy after 5:30 p.m. when rumors of rising gas prices caused by Hurricane Katrina started circulating town.

They only had about 2,400 gallons of unleaded gas left, leaving them desperate for a shipment, said Julie Daugherty, a sales clerk at Casey's General Store.

Only 305 gallons of unleaded plus gas remained, which will not serve the customers, Daugherty said.

"When I came back to work we had a line around the block," she said. "My mouth just dropped."

Daugherty pulled a 13-hour workday to help with the excess customers.

"We normally only have two people on staff," Daugherty said. "And today we had four people on staff to control everything."

At about 9:30 p.m. all eight pumps at Lambo's Amco were being used by customers.

Alexander Hardt, a junior elementary education major, went to the gas station after he heard from a friend that gas prices were going to jump.

"I have a good friend that goes to U of I, and she told me that gas was \$3.67 a gallon," Hardt said.

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY

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Showers/wind

WEDNESDAY

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Mostly sunny

THURSDAY

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Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

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Sunny

SATURDAY

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Sunny

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

City waiting on bids to resurface streets

Plans to resurface Fourth and Buchanan streets are in process for later this fall.

Curt Buescher, director of public works, said they are waiting for companies to present their bid. After a bid is chosen, the Charleston City Council will vote to approve it.

The city council has both approved and appropriated funds for the road resurfacing project, said City Council Member Larry Rennels.

Once roadwork begins, Fourth Street will be reduced to one lane of traffic between Lincoln and Polk avenues.

Buchanan Avenue will be closed between Second and Sixth streets.

The roadwork should only take about two days to complete.

Today marks the last day to request class audits

Today is the last day to request an audit for classes. Audit requests can be made at the Registration Office for the Fall 2005 semester until 4 p.m. today.

Workshop to teach networking techniques

Career Services will put on a workshop from 6 to 7 p.m. today titled "How to Work a Career Fair."

Attendees can learn techniques intended to improve their chances at Career Network Day on Sept. 22.

The workshop will be held in 1301 Human Services Building.



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News representatives for Emajunashon Street and Giraffe Confectionary hand a promotional flyer to Wade Pacak, a sophomore English major, in the South Quad Monday. Both businesses are located on the square.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Illinois law to help students transfer credits

By LAURA TEEGARDEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

CARBONDALE - When Jeremy Hunter transferred to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale from Southwestern Illinois College only 21 of his 32 class hours transferred.

"You would think they would honor the courses you have taken," said Hunter, a junior from Fairview Heights studying exercise science.

Hunter and more than 46,000 other students in Illinois who transferred schools in fall 2004 will find it easier to transfer classes because of legislation signed in mid-August.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed House

Bill 2515 into law Aug. 11 to establish the Course Applicability System, a system similar to those in 10 other states. The online system is designed to help students avoid taking courses that will not transfer or count toward a degree at a four-year university.

SIU marijuana users face much harsher penalties

By MATTHEW MCCONKEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

CARBONDALE - Marijuana users in Carbondale and on the Southern Illinois University's campus may watch their money go up in

smoke if they are caught.

In March 2004, the Carbondale City Council approved an ordinance that allows the city to fine offenders possessing less than 10 grams of marijuana or paraphernalia rather than putting them through a lengthy court process.

Last week, two freshmen were issued Carbondale pay-by-mail citations when they were caught with marijuana and paraphernalia.

Todd Sigler, director of public safety, said while the fines may be less than before the ordinance passed, students should be wary of using marijuana.

In 2004, the university's department of public safety issued 84 citations.

WTF?

Geese honked off about not crossing road

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMHERST, N.H. - Linda Kaiser's geese aren't happy with town officials. A new town ordinance to control domestic animals forbids the geese from doing something they've done for years - cross the road from their home to a park.

Kaiser doesn't think that's fair, and she's collecting signatures for a petition warrant article to allow the geese to cross the road.

Since she put wire up in June to pen in the geese, people have been stopping at her home to tell her how upset they are about the ordinance. She said about 80 people have

stopped since the ordinance was passed, and about 350 have signed a petition to let the geese through.

"They are a town phenomenon," Kaiser said.

Town Manager Carl Weber said the ordinance was adopted because of complaints about the geese and chickens on another street.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Faculty Senate meeting
2 p.m. | The Faculty Senate will hold its second meeting of the semester.
Library Conference Room 4440

Free film at Booth
4 p.m. | A part of the Booth Library Film Series, "In the Name of Love," discusses conditions in Russia that are causing thousands of Russian women to sign up with agencies to meet and marry American men.
Booth Library Room 3202

Convocation
7 p.m. | The traditional beginning of the academic year for freshman.
Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers how many football games they think the Panthers will win this season.

- A) 0-3
- B) 4-7
- C) more than 7
- D) Eastern has a football team?

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POLICE BLOTTER

Cole B. McElwee, 21, of Charleston was arrested at 11:17 p.m. Aug. 26, at Ninth & Roosevelt on the charge of reckless driving.

William M. Gerard, 22, of Joliet was arrested at 3:43 a.m. Aug. 28, at Carman Hall on the charge of battery.



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Counterfeit money hits local businesses

Most people do not know they are breaking the law

By CHRIS ESSIG
STAFF REPORTER

It is possible to break the law and not even realize it.

Most people who use counterfeit money are completely unaware the bills are fake, said Detective Kevin Paddock of the Charleston Police Department.

"They'll pick it up somewhere and weeks later it will be detected," Paddock said.

People who are found with possession of counterfeit bills remain uncharged because they simply had no idea they were carrying around illegal money.

On average, only half a dozen counterfeit bills are discovered annually in Charleston, Paddock said.

Still, it's dangerous business and there is no guarantee that if you got away with it at first your off the hook.

"We try to find out who passed it

first," Paddock said. "If we can't find them, we hand it over to the Secret Service."

What makes counterfeit money so dangerous is that it is used on nearly every type of business, Paddock said.

Still, some places are more prone than others.

The First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust in Eastern's Student Union receives counterfeit bills on a monthly basis, said branch manager Elizabeth Salvato.

Sarah Hendrix, lobby supervisor for Citizens National Bank in Charleston, said she has not encountered any counterfeit money in the three years she has worked at the bank.

Retail companies are not nearly as lucky.

Because the money touches more hands than a bank, retail stores get hit much more often.

On top of that, as opposed to banks that have both machines and pens to detect counterfeit bills, many retail stores have neither.

Even if they do it does not mean every bill is checked. In fact, many retail stores only check larger bills, Paddock said.

This may not be a great idea. The most common denomination

"We try to find out who passed it first."

DETECTIVE KEVIN PADDOCK, CHARLESTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT

of counterfeit bills, according to Paddock, are \$5s, \$10s and \$20s.

As a result, most counterfeit bills are found months after originally used.

It can be easy to find a counterfeit bill though, Paddock said.

The simplest way of detecting a fake is by placing the bill under a light and looking for an outline of the president's face on the right side of the bill.

For example, if you have a five-dollar bill, look for Presidents Lincoln's face between the Department of the Treasury seal and the right border of the bill.

Most businesses are encouraged to pay attention to their customers and check money any way they can.

Surveillance cameras help trace back the counterfeit money, Paddock said.



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Senior criminal lab sciences major, Laura Gaddoll, hands her money to Sarah Gossett, supervisor for Java Cafe in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday. Only half a dozen counterfeit bills are discovered annually in Charleston, Paddock said.

Faculty laureate to usher in academic year

General education courses stressed at Convocation

By SARAH WHITNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

English professor Fern Kory will address students at Convocation Tuesday night as the third faculty laureate from the English Department.

"It shows that we have a tremendous faculty in the English department and that we have a curriculum that's really committed to the liberal arts tradition," English department chair Dana Ringuette said.

Convocation starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and will outline importance of general education courses.

"(Kory's) not a real flashy person, but the

people who nominated her thought that those are the people who run the university," said Davia Markelis, director of the Writing Center, talking about why Kory was nominated as laureate. "They thought she was somebody who was under appreciated."

Eastern created the faculty laureate position to educate students about the benefits of general education.

"We do sometimes forget to tell students why things are set up the way they are," Kory said of her responsibilities. "I am hoping that people will be more enthusiastic about what they're doing if they know why."

Whether students know Kory as a professor, assistant director of the Writing Center or faculty laureate, it's not the title that's important to her, but the mission, Ringuette said.

Kory lists two reasons why a student's general education is just as important as their major classes.

The first is that most students don't use their major in the way they intended—if at all.

"They thought she was somebody who was under appreciated."

DAVIA MARKELIS, WRITING CENTER DIRECTOR

"I'm an example of someone who ended up doing something slightly different than what I thought I'd do," she said.

Kory teaches children's literature at Eastern, but she's never taken a class in children's literature, she said. She took over the class when the English department needed someone to fill-in while the professor was on leave.

"I've made it into a specialization, now," she said.

Kory, who has published dozens of reviews

of books for children and young adults, is on sabbatical this semester to serve on three book-award committees.

"It's not there's three things students need to know and then they'll get a job," Kory said. "There's all kinds of things students need to know, and ... it may turn out that other classes they took may be more important than the ones in their major."

The second benefit to general education courses is that no matter what students do later in life, their general education courses are the part they get to keep, Kory said.

Her husband has a college degree, and he has never used it, she said. But it wasn't a waste because of his general education courses.

"It's very different than stopping at the high school level," Kory said. "It means something to be a college graduate, and it's not just for job training."

College is so much more than job training and Kory said students don't understand this until it's too late.

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COMMENTARY



AMY SIMPSON
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SIZE DOESN'T MATTER ALL THAT MUCH

As the offspring of a man and woman who are barely 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet tall respectively, you can probably guess how I made out in the way of stature.

With the exception of a short stint of towering over my third-grade class at a height of about 4 feet 6 inches, I've always looked up - literally - to, well, pretty much everyone. Shorty, halfpint, shortstack, little one, vertically challenged and (my personal favorite) ankle biter are just a few of the endearing monikers that have been repeatedly seared into my memory over the years. I've also been likened much more often to Maggie rather than Lisa Simpson, even now that I'm nearly 20 years old.

But growing older has taught me that nicknames and cheap shots are the very least of my worries. Now I have real problems, like not being able to drive my car a safe distance from the steering wheel without pedal extensions. Seeing over the hood is even a bit of a challenge at times.

Inconveniences have been a part of every job I had in high school. From juggling large stacks of ice cream cones while trying to fill the cone racks at Dairy Queen to begging for assistance in filling ice machines while working at a movie theater, I've had to count on someone pushing 6 feet tall to come to my rescue.

Work uniforms were another problem. I always had to have a rubber band on hand to tie up the slack so to not trip over the knee-length polo shirts we were required to wear. To this day, I cuff up the pant legs and shirt sleeves of everyday clothes not because it has been a trend at the height of fashion, but because I don't know the first thing about sewing and wouldn't think of piling my entire wardrobe in front of my dear sweet mother for her to hem. Although, with a slightly larger time commitment, the scraps might make lovely new attire for my 5-year-old cousin.

Like many college students, I, too, love music. At concerts, I can usually be seen jumping up and down sporadically to the beat of a good rock song. But, unlike many college students, I do this because otherwise the concert would be no more exciting than listening to the radio in a large group of sweating, wriggling, bellowing young enthusiasts.

I find my feet off the ground in quite the literal sense much of the time. In fact, I can hardly reach the floor while sitting at the desks in most classrooms. I need assistance in Wal-Mart to reach things much lower than just the top shelf. Efforts to make use of the higher kitchen cabinets in my apartment are futile without scaling the counter and trying to balance myself between appliances.

So, since I shop in the children's department for clothes, store all my belongings closer to the ground and clear the 54-inch height requirement for many roller coaster rides by a scant six inches, my intelligence, drive and ability to succeed must share the same diminutive build, right? Come on, short people aren't even considered "real people" in some circles ... are they?

President James Madison was 5-feet-4-inches; Marsha Clark, an attorney in the O.J. Simpson trial, is 5-feet-2-inches; comedienne, actress, radio host and activist Janeane Garofalo is 5 feet 1 inch; and writer, producer and actress Mae West was 5 feet tall. United States senator Barbara Mikulski, "Gone With the Wind" writer Margaret Mitchell, Olympic figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi, singer Pat Benetar and actors Judy Garland and Danny DeVito all stand (or stood) at 5 feet tall or shorter.

These are just a few familiar names I ran across to illustrate my point - you get the idea. It doesn't take any brain-straining thought to realize that being a little closer to the ground has no bearing on potential.

So give us a break ... and maybe a footstool.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



EDITORIAL

Tattoos not too taboo for teens

An 18-year-old can be drafted, vote and declare themselves as independent from his or her parents, but in Illinois, an 18-year-old cannot get a tattoo.

Last week, Gov. Rod Blagojevich vetoed a bill that would have lowered the legal age a person must be to receive a tattoo in Illinois from 21 to 18. His reasoning, according to a press release from the governor's office: "At that age most kids are still in high school and don't have the judgment or perspective to decide on something as permanent as tattooing your skin."

The governor doesn't think people that young have the judgment or perspective to decide what happens to their own bodies. Yet those same young people can make the decision to fight in a war for the rest of the country and make decisions that affect others by using their right to vote. Shouldn't someone who is obligated to other people be trusted to make decisions for themselves?

The governor obviously has some flaws in his thinking.

Illinois remains one of two states that require people to be 21 years old to get a tattoo. Not only is the age limit unreasonable, but this stricter law hurts Illinois tattoo businesses. In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Adele Rodgers, who owns a tattoo and piercing business in Terre Haute, Ind., said 10 to 20

At issue

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's vetoed a bill to lower the legal age a person must be to get a tattoo from 21 to 18 in the state.

Our stance

People of the age to vote and be drafted should be allowed to make the personal decision of getting a tattoo without the interference of state law. The governor's reasoning behind his stance on this legislation doesn't hold up to the reality of the situation.

percent of his business comes from Illinois residents. That money spent by those people would be spent in our state if it were legal.

If young people want tattoos, there are ways for them to work around the Illinois law. This isn't exactly the easiest law to enforce because there will always be underage people who wish to get a tattoo, and will at least make an attempt.

Friday's article also mentioned there are no additional health concerns for people between the ages of 18 and 21, which leaves no logical grounds for keeping the age so high.

The legislature was right in reviewing and trying to update Illinois' older law regarding tattoos.

The doubted maturity of young adults is the only reason the governor could provide in vetoing the bill. That and his response, "As a parent, I don't want my daughters to rush to get tattoos on their 18th birthdays."

These are not good enough reasons to take away rights people that age should have. Especially for a topic such as a tattoo which does not have nearly the same implications as voting or fighting in a war.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORT FOR SOLDIERS AND WAR TWO DIFFERENT THINGS

I must respond to the Aug. 25 Op-Ed piece in *The Daily Eastern News* asking for a "plea for support" for the soldiers. I absolutely 100 percent support the men and women in the armed forces. They have my prayers along with my utmost respect and gratitude. I have two extremely close friends serving in Iraq who have made sacrifices and had experiences I cannot even imagine.

However, I do not support this war. I feel the difference between not supporting the soldiers and not supporting the war

must be pointed out.

I don't believe that stating opposition to government policy is "badmouthing" the troops' cause - it is the right and duty of every American to object when they feel the government is making decisions harmful to this great country.

My objections to this war involves the very decision to go to war, the reckless way policy makers (not troops) carried it out and, most importantly, the sake of our troops and country.

I do not want my peers, friends and family to have to experience the hell of combat if it can be avoided. I don't want

to see one more person come home physically and mentally scarred. While, I believe we must finish what we've started, I don't think it should have been started, period.

To all the troops and their families, I thank you for your sacrifice. To the legislators who, through bureaucracy and hypocrisy, started this war, may you never again be so careless with your power. This country and its people are far too precious to be squandered.

DARYLL SMALL

SENIOR, PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

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Hencken urges EIU to apply for grants

University continues to lobby for money, too

BY SARAH WHITNEY
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

President Lou Hencken has encouraged the university to increase its efforts to obtain grant money through lobbying.

Eastern will focus this year on getting the grants in addition to the general purpose funding they usually lobby for from the state.

"I looked around and there were a number of schools that were successful in getting grants instead of general operating dollars," he said. "When it comes to getting money, you have to turn over every stone looking for money and this is simply another stone we're going to turn over."

Academic and student affairs are normally associated with receiving grant money, whether it's for Hencken's new nursing program or a student Pell grant, but business affairs is also looking into grant funding.

"I think this is an institutional wide effort all areas are looking to increase those external sources of funds and supplement the budget," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

He also said the business affairs department is also looking for grant money.

"We've been successful in finding a grant a couple years ago that helped us pay for resurfacing the outdoor track," he said.

This year, Cooley is looking to obtain grant money to do some feasibility studies on a new combined heat and power plant, steam plant or production plant.

"Basically what we're looking at are sources of fund to improve infrastructure with facilities like construction money," he said. "That's why the heat plant lends itself to that because the department of energy is always looking for innovative technology."

Hencken's approach to the issue is that if professors and departments don't apply, then they'll never know.

"They only thing they can do is say, 'no,' and if you never ask they'll never give you the money," he said. "But if you ask, you know, you might get something."

Cooley reiterated the president's approach.

"And that's really what the thrust that the president's talks about, is looking for sources beyond simple state appropriations for our operating budget to try to generate additional monies to help us with some things," Cooley said.

Alarms disrupt Carman

BY MEGAN JURINEK
CAMPUS EDITOR

Numerous times Sunday a sensor in Carman Hall's northeast kitchen area was the cause of evacuations of the building.

A kitchen appliance set off a heat sensor in the alarm but no serious problems were reported, said Bill Kolacek, of housing and dining.

Kolacek stresses that in no way there were flames or fire in Carman and students should not be worried about this incident.

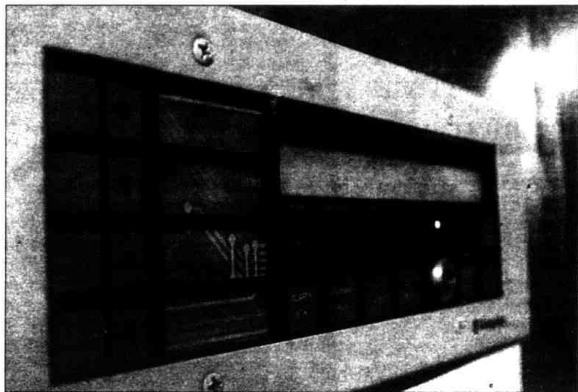
An electrician was sent to Carman on Sunday and Monday to repair the sensor and to the knowledge of Terrence Brooks, resident director of Carman Hall, the sensor was fixed.

The faulty alarm was set off various times since move-in day, Brooks said.

"I think students don't need to worry about it," said Gary Hanebrink, Eastern's campus safety officer. "This is not a common occurrence."

"This is a malfunctioning heat detector," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

As for the overall safety of resident halls on campus, Hanebrink said newly installed equipment should put students at ease.



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The main control system for the fire alarm in Carman Hall is shown. Malfunctioning heat sensors caused firefighters to respond to false alarms last week.

The security in residence halls and Greek Court has improved with newly installed sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems.

"We are working on getting all of the bugs out of the system," Hanebrink said. "We should have a pretty safe environment."

Carman Hall secretary Julie Bates said

the report filed by the Charleston Fire Department said the cause of the problem was the heat detector and has been resolved.

The report also said the evaluation of the alarm was satisfactory, Bates said.

Charleston firefighters who responded to the calls were not available for comment Monday.

Chapin Rose's anti-meth bill passes

BY BRIAN CARTLIN
CITY REPORTER

As crystal methamphetamine problems infamously grow in Illinois, state senators and representatives have teamed up to fight the plague.

The Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, Senate Bill 562, was adopted into law on Aug. 12.

The 400-page act is designed to stop the crystal methamphetamine problem in Illinois.

State Rep. Chapin Rose said this act is the most comprehensive act ever put together by Illinois legislation.

"Our state is not going to put up with (crystal meth)," he said.

Rose, who is a co-chairman of the House Republican Methamphetamine Crisis Task Force, is one of many Illinois congressmen to sponsor the bill.

Bill 562 addresses the methamphetamine problem from all angles.

The act will include harder penalties for possession of meth or illegal possession of ingredients, like anhydrous ammonia.

The penalty for possession of meth depends on the severity of the crime, but ranges between six to 20 years in prison.

"It'll be a great tool for law enforcement," Rose said.

Charleston Police Chief, Paul Welch, said anything the state can do to strengthen the penalty, he's "all for it."

The act is the first statute to deal directly with methamphetamine.

Rose, a former prosecutor, said he has dedicated himself to fighting the state's growing crystal methamphetamine problem.

He was appointed by Attorney General Lisa Madigan to be the chief Republican representative, while John Bradley is the chief Democrat representative.

Rose said about a half-dozen representatives have helped the bill.

"We achieved a number of tremendous victories in the battle against methamphetamine, all of which were the direct result of input and support from law enforcement and grass-root organizations in our local communities," he said.

The purpose of the act is to reduce the

damage that manufacturers and distributors of methamphetamine inflict on children, families and the environment in Illinois.

The Methamphetamine Task Force also signed House Bill 3507, House Bill 3526 and House Bill 3515 into law on Aug. 12.

"With as big a problem crystal meth is in this area, this is a huge step in the right direction," said Jonathan Falk, a senior family consumer science major.

House Bill 3507 will reimburse local law enforcement agencies for their expenses.

House Bill 3526 will encourage farmers to add additives to anhydrous ammonia. The "mark" will make it easier to detect tank break-ins.

House Bill 3515 will also educate judges on crystal methamphetamine.

Possible effects of crystal meth are a racing heartbeat, high blood pressure, chest pain, heart failure, violent and suicidal behavior, weight loss, depression and death.

Rose said there is actually one positive thing comes out of crystal meth.

"It has brought people together," he said, noting that communities have been building around the opposition of crystal meth.

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Few go to 'Getting Off On The Right Foot'

Students show up to workshop for class credit, not interest

By KRISTINA PETER
STAFF REPORTER

Only eight students attended "Getting Off On The Right Foot," an informative workshop about getting the year started well.

Those in attendance said they were there for course credit and not for personal interest.

Eastern counselor Mike Tozer presented slides of information for students on academic and social success during the first semester at college.

Throughout his presentation, students commented on what Tozer was covering.

Tozer said that the key to any kind of success in life is to "come up with a good plan."

One way to achieve academic success is to meet with your academic adviser early and often, he said.

"Get to know your advisor well, that way they can be helpful to



ROBERT MILLER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mike Tozer, Eastern Maine University counselor, speaks to students in the Sullivan Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during the "Getting Off On The Right Foot" seminar Monday night.

"you," Tozer said.

"I don't even know who my advisor is," said Anastasia Southward, freshman law enforce-

ment major.

Another suggestion given for achieving academic success is to form good study habits by mini-

mizing distractions, having proper lighting and by playing light classical music.

"It has been proven that 75-

watt bulbs are best when it comes to studying," Tozer said. "And that the temperature in the room you are studying should be cool rather than warm."

He also said to break tasks down to avoid procrastination or else, "you will try to write a 10 to 15 page paper in one night, which is tough."

For students, it is also important to be socially successful and not just academically, Tozer said.

In this case, Tozer explained how it is important to avoid certain temptations, like drinking.

He emphasized his point by showing a clip from "Old School" in which Will Ferrell was seen giving in to peer pressure and getting drunk.

"I liked the clip," Southward said. "It well showed what we shouldn't do."

If students are going to choose to drink, they at least need to know what they are doing ahead of time.

They should eat a decent meal before hand and stay clear of carbonation and shots, Tozer said.

"I now know that you should understand different types of alcohol and the affects they have," said Cleopatra Watson, a freshman communication and media major.

Diversity programs aim to educate all

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

This year, diversity-based organizations are featuring programs to increase minority awareness on campus.

"Cultural events provide education to the campus on diversity that should be celebrated as a part of our daily lives," said Bill Kolacek, Latino Heritage committee member. "My goal is for these cultures to be celebrated 365 days a year."

Students at Eastern who are from different races show up to learn about cultures, ages and genders - a combination of true multiculturalism, Kolacek said.

"Programs put on by diversity are huge," Kolacek said. "Last year we had over 200 people both young and old, male and female learn to tango and there are not 200 Latino students on campus."

All diversity events on campus serve to bring a deeper understanding of that culture for students.

Many events provide education through fun.

"Many students may not realize they just learned about a different culture until they get back to their residence hall rooms and tell about the event they participated in," Kolacek said.

The Black Student Union is also planning events to get students out of their rooms and involved.

"We hope to get minority students that are used to sitting in their room alone out by focusing on their culture," said Thomas Battle, BSU president. "Whether the students are new students or old students, we want them to meet others and give them a feeling that there is something here that interests them."

BSU and the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) both try to invite all students, not only African American students or minorities. Everyone is welcome to join BSU, not just students from African American backgrounds.

Last year, BSU president Jeffrey Collier planned events that students enjoyed doing at

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THOMAS BATTLE, BLACK STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT

home such as barbecues, basketball games and bowling nights.

"It is important for those who come to Charleston from predominately African-American communities or all-black schools to get a taste of home," Collier said.

Minority events are no different from non-minority events on campus based on the amount of students they are able to draw in. A good number of people come to all the events, he said.

The number of people that are drawn to an event is based on how well organizations take the initiative to let it be known what is going on.

BSU has set a goal this year to continue working with other organization to put on programs, such as the salsa night last year, that incorporate other organization members such as LASO, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and National Pan Hellenic Council.

"Our goal is to do more activities with other organizations and more service," Battle said. "We strive to be the best organization we can be."

Sept. 6 to 11 is the BSU Welcome Back Week themed "The Time is Now." The week features a bowling night, a party at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, a basketball tournament, a barbecue and a brother-brother sister-sister discussion.

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is Latino Heritage Month. This celebration will start with comedian Becky Donahue on Sept. 16. The events also feature a Meringue night, keynote speaker, a movie and a banquet. The residence halls have also been asked to make a mask representing the Latino community.




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There will be an overall meeting September 2 at 9:30pm in the Arcola/Tusculum room

STUDENT SENATE

Howell: All students should understand

By DAVID THILL
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate Speaker Adam Howell says all students should know what senate does, although many don't.

"We are 30 people that work for 11,000," Howell said. "We work to make students' lives and college career more enjoyable."

The Student Senate is an organization of individuals elected by Eastern's students that works with administrators to address any problem students may have, he said.

"Whether it be something Eastern doesn't have and should, something we do have and don't want to lose or something we have that needs repair, we are here for the sole purpose of working for the students," Howell said.

However, Howell said he would like to see students get more involved with student government.

"I love to see students get more involved because this is their college," he said. "We operate through what we think they want. (Student input) is important because it helps us do our job."

In fact, Howell said he thinks Eastern has one of the most active and responsible student governments in the state. There is always room for improvement, though.

"I would like to see a student government that sticks with their job," Howell said. "I want to see no resignations this year. I really want to produce results and engage the community more."

Howell has a plan to help senate meet these goals.

"It's my job to keep us on track and set the dynamic," he said. "It's my job to make sure senate members have no trouble doing their job." By going out socially and getting to know one another outside of an office setting, Howell said he thinks student government can be productive.

"I want to see (the student senate) be more of a family than in the past," he said.

And he also said the diverse nature of this year's senate would help in producing results.

"This government is one of the best mixes I've ever seen," Howell said. "It's a very good cross-section of campus life."

THE ARTS

Tarble showing Trank's work

Former professor had drawings displayed in Chicago museums

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The Tarble Arts Center is displaying the art of a former Eastern educator.

Lynn Trank served on the Eastern art faculty from 1952 to 1984. At Eastern, Trank taught drawing, painting and printmaking as well as serving two years as director of the Paul T. Sargent Gallery.

Trank was an avid gardener and brought plants into the office to not only use for his classes.

"Lynn wanted to share them with people," said Gill Hild, art department chair. "When I knew him he was mainly working with watercol-

ors, but if you see the display in Tarble it shows his talent in different forms of art."

Trank's work has been displayed in the Art Institute of Chicago as well as the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

"As well as the strong sense of composition found throughout his art, there is an underlying sense of ironic humor in much of Trank's work," said Michael Watts, Director of Tarble Arts Center.

In 1957, Trank composed a drawing titled "The Artist." The piece features a figure holding a pencil and balances an antenna with elements featured in many of Trank's works,

demonstrating his balancing act as an artist, Watts said.

Trank's work will be on display at Tarble until September 25. When Trank passed away in 2004, he left many of his works to the Tarble's permanent collection. These, along with those on loan from area collectors, make up a part of the exhibit. Other items in the exhibit include pieces from other artists that Trank collected.

The exhibit is made up of drawings, intaglios, watercolors, oil paintings, enameling, jewelry and sculptures created by Trank in his 60 years as an artist.

Trank was primarily a modernist

and is probably best known for his landscape and still lifes. The exhibit features works from Trank's entire life, including a self-portrait drawn in pencil that is dated 1938. Also featured is an abstract watercolor landscape completed shortly before the artist's death.

Trank was originally from Nebraska and received his bachelor's in fine arts from Nebraska University in 1942 and his second B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1948. During his gap years from education he was stationed in Europe as an air sergeant with in the 510th fighter Squadron. He painted images on the planes he and his squadron flew.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Man claims he was duped in student newspaper hoax

Claims to be tricked into portraying fictional soldier

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARBONDALE — Patrick Trovillion got a military-style haircut, was outfitted in fatigues and studied a script detailing the character he was to play in what he thought was a documentary about a father torn away from his young daughter by his deployment in Iraq.

But Trovillion says his acting paled in comparison to that of the woman he says tricked him into thinking he was starring in a film. Instead, it was part of an bizarre hoax that hoodwinked the Southern Illinois University student newspaper and its readers with heartrending stories of a motherless 8-year-old girl's anguish at seeing her dad go to war.

The Daily Egyptian for more than a year published letters from little "Kodee Kennings." The paper issued a complete retraction and

apology on Friday after investigations by the Egyptian and the Chicago Tribune determined that a Sgt. Dan Kennings with the Army's 101st Airborne didn't exist.

Trovillion said he was tricked into acting as the girl's father by Jaimie Reynolds, a 2004 SIU graduate who is now accused of concocting the ruse. He said Reynolds told him he was appearing in a legitimate movie.

Both Trovillion and Caitlin Hadley, a 10-year-old from Montpelier, Ind., who played Kodee, said Reynolds tricked them into believing they were being taped by hidden cameras.

"I'd sure like to know the motive behind all of this and know why this entire story was concocted," Trovillion told the (Carbondale) Southern Illinoian. "In the end, I was scammed. (Reynolds) is a con artist."

The Jackson County state's attorney's office did not return messages Saturday asking whether the hoax could result in criminal charges.

Reynolds admitted the hoax to the Tribune this week, saying she conspired with Daily Egyptian reporter Michael Brenner to help

his career—something he denies.

"If I was lying I would have had to lie to pretty much every single relative I have for two years. I just can't do that," Brenner said Saturday.

Reynolds could not be reached for comment Saturday; a public phone listing for her Marion home could not be found.

Trovillion, a registered nurse from Vienna, said Reynolds paid him \$100 to meet with Daily Egyptian staff members and \$400 to make an overnight trip to Detroit, where he spoke to members of a Baptist church.

"I mean, these people were hugging me and telling me they loved me and I just went along with it. I thought they were just playing the part," Trovillion said of the church visit.

The girl's mother, Tawnya Hadley, told the Southern Illinoian that she was close friends with Reynolds and thought her daughter was taking part in a legitimate TV project.

"I don't know if she befriended me to use my daughter or what to believe," Hadley said. "We are just in shock about this."

WORLD NEWS

Bush blamed for shortage of prophylactics in Uganda

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAIROBI, Kenya — The Bush administration's emphasis on abstinence in its international AIDS policies has worsened a condom shortage in Uganda and could lead to an increase in its HIV infection rate, a top U.N. envoy said Monday.

Stephen Lewis, the U.N. Secretary General's special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, said U.S. cuts in funding for condoms and a new emphasis on promoting abstinence had contributed to a condom shortage in Uganda, one of the few countries to succeed in reducing its HIV rate.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the condom crisis in Uganda is being driven by (U.S. programs)," Lewis said in a teleconference sponsored by health and human rights groups. "To impose a dogma-driven policy that is fundamentally flawed is doing damage to Africa."

Mark Dybul, deputy U.S. global AIDS coordinator, dismissed Lewis' claims as "nonsensical."

He said the AIDS program in Uganda has three main components: abstinence, faithfulness and condom use.



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Katrina floods New Orleans, furiously moves inland

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Katrina was not the apocalyptic storm that New Orleans has been dreading all these years. But it was still a nightmare for the city and a 200-mile stretch of the Gulf Coast.

Some neighborhoods in the Big Easy were submerged up to their roofs. Floodwater gushed into Mississippi's flashy beachfront casinos. Sailboats were flung across a highway like toys.

Dozens of people had to be rescued from rooftops and attics as the water rose through their homes.

"I was so happy that the worst-case scenario didn't unfold, but then when I started looking around, you see buildings collapsed or with holes punched in them and it's really kind of sad," New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Katrina disrupts energy output; analysts await damage details

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Katrina disrupted Gulf Coast petroleum output and rattled energy markets on Monday, sending oil and natural gas prices soaring and setting the stage for a spike in the retail cost of gasoline.

By the end of the day, more than 700 offshore platforms and rigs had been evacuated, two rigs had drifted away and authorities in Alabama were forced to close a bridge over the Mobile River. Oil futures briefly climbed above \$70 a barrel for the first time.

Support for Patriot Act shrinks the more people know about it

WASHINGTON — Fewer than half of Americans know the purpose of the Patriot Act, and the more they know about it the less they like it, according to a poll released Monday.

Fewer than half of those polled, 42 percent, are able to correctly identify the law's main purpose of enhancing surveillance procedures for federal law enforcement agencies, according to the poll conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut.

Almost two-thirds of all Americans, 64 percent, said they support the Patriot Act. But support dropped to 57 percent among those who could accurately identify the intent of the legislation.

Bush works to gain Medicare prescription drug benefit support

EL MIRAGE, Ariz. — President Bush tried Monday to drum up support for a slow-to-catch-fire Medicare prescription drug benefit that begins next year, encouraging audiences to learn about the new plan even if they don't want to sign up.

"If you're worried about change, you do not have to change when it comes to Medicare. But if you're someone, for example, who's having to struggle between food and medicine, those days are over with," the president said.

Focusing on a domestic issue amid rising criticism of his handling of the Iraq war, the president spent the day pitching the benefit program in Arizona and California. He also was traveling to San Diego, planning to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

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 - Disastrous
 - "Everything can't work out perfectly"
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 - Binary digit
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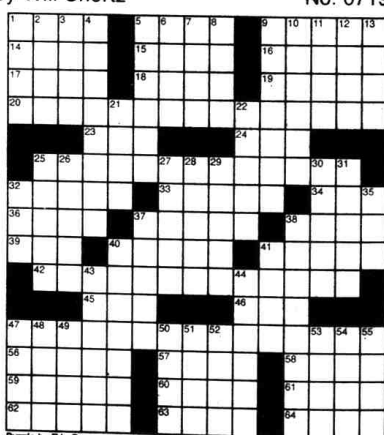
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- Folk singer Guthrie
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- Move like lava
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- Flies high
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STATE
BRIEFS

Madigan to check into possible price gauging after hurricane Katrina

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Monday asked Illinois' attorney general to investigate possible price gouging at gas stations as Hurricane Katrina battered the Gulf Coast, a crucial area for U.S. oil and natural gas operations.

Blagojevich said Springfield motorists saw a 40-cent spike in the cost of gas to \$2.96 a gallon at some stations after the hurricane hit. The Democratic governor also has asked the Illinois Department of Revenue to monitor gas prices.

"While losing a significant portion of our nation's domestic oil production will likely cause an increase in oil prices, it is critical that we ensure that no one be allowed to use this natural disaster as an excuse to exploit consumers," Blagojevich wrote to Attorney General Lisa Madigan, also a Democrat.

Monday's hurricane disrupted petroleum output along the Gulf Coast, sending crude-oil and natural-gas futures soaring and setting the stage for a spike in retail gasoline prices.

Recent rains helping corn maturity catch up, soybeans ahead of last year

SPRINGFIELD — Recent rains have helped the development of Illinois' corn crop, which was slowed by drought this summer, nearly catch up with where it was last year at this time, the Illinois Agriculture Statistics Service reported Monday.

About 10 percent of the corn crop is mature, compared with 13 percent at this time last year. Corn in the dent stage — when it begins to dry out — is at about 74 percent, compared with 75 percent last year, the service reported. Last week, only 4 percent of the corn crop had reached maturity, while 59 percent was dented.

Madigan accuses Illinois EPA of ignoring pollution violations

CHICAGO — The state attorney general is accusing Illinois environmental regulators of ignoring repeated pollution violations by coal-burning power plants.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office objected to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency this month over what it called its skirting of a "clear, absolute and non-discretionary requirement of federal law."

In a letter, it documented more than 7,600 pollution violations since 1999 at six plants owned by Midwest Generation — five located in the Chicago area and one outside Peoria.

Russia apologizes to U.S. senators after detention at Russian airport

KIEV, Ukraine — Russia on Monday apologized to two U.S. senators who were detained for three hours in an airport while officials refused to let their U.S. military flight take off.

Sens. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Barack Obama, D-Ill., arrived in the Ukrainian capital three hours later than expected after being delayed by border guards at an airport in Russia's Ural Mountains city of Perm on Sunday night.

The guards had demanded that they be allowed to inspect the U.S. plane, but were refused by the Americans, U.S. officials said.

After the military flight's diplomatic status was verified, the senators were allowed to leave.



BARACK OBAMA



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Patrons line the gas pumps at Lambo's Amoco gas station Monday night on Lincoln Avenue fearing rising gas prices that have resulted from Hurricane Katrina.

PRICES:

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His 2001 GMC Jimmy only had 1/4 of a tank left, but said he would have waited to get gas another day if he did not hear the rumor.

Brian Clarke, a graduate assistant, said it cost him \$200 to drive his 2001 Toyota Tacoma from his hometown just outside of Los Angeles to Charleston.

He imagines gas prices in California are already close to \$3.

"As long as I stay in town I will be fine," Clarke said.

He said if he plans a trip home, flying will be cheaper.

"Prices should be up by tomorrow morning," said Collin Wallace, a sales clerk at Lambo's Amco and a freshman business administration major. "It raised five cents this morning."

NURSING:

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Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the program would be in response to a growing need.

"There is a growing demand by the health care profession for nurses who have education beyond the RN level, which is usually attained by taking a two-year program at a community college," Lord said.

Over the summer, the university hired a consultant who assisted Illinois State with their nursing program to research if there is a need for such a program and if Eastern could meet that need.

"The answers came back 'yes,'" said Hencken. "Yes, there is a need, and yes this is something we can do."

The next step in the plan is to attain the approval to pursue starting a nursing program from curriculum committees such as the Council of Academic Affairs.

Should the committees approve the project, the next step would be acquiring approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to offer the program.

"These are the things we would like to do in the fall semester and early spring," Hencken said.

He hopes the board will approve the program no later than their February meeting.

If the board grants Eastern the okay, the next step is to start interviewing for a program director.

This person would work closely with the community college partners and the Lakeview College of Nursing, he said.

While Eastern's administrators work to get approval, they are simultaneously working on funding for the program, which Hencken believes that it's best chance to achieve funding is through grants, he said.

"I believe we will be able to win the support of the IBHE based on the need for the program," Lord said. "The availability of funding will be a real challenge however."

Eastern will work with both public officials and private organizations to secure the needed resources, he said.

"If we get everything approved this year, we are right on schedule," Hencken said. That schedule has nursing classes starting as early as fall 2007.

Lord agreed with that date but said it depends on the university's ability to secure resources.

MEALS:

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school year, the soonest reform could be made is for the fall semester of 2006.

One idea for reform would be to allow students to use their meal plans to pay for meals for guests the students may have visiting, Kozik said.

But a reform in the current plan may not save students money, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

"We know students will miss, on average, about one-third of their meals per week," Hudson said. "So we adjust the pricing of plans in anticipation of that."

There is always room for reform, and "anything can happen," he said.

"Understandably, students think if they miss a meal they're paying for it but really they're not," Hudson said.

In fact, by the numbers Eastern has looked at and through talking with other universities in the area, none of the plans would, ultimately, be cheaper to students, he said.

Collier said student feedback showed reform of meal plans would be a good idea. But from a survey taken last fall, negative feedback from students went from 7 percent down to 2 percent and positive feedback concerning Eastern's meal plan increased by 16 percent, Hudson said.

Also, a national poll of student feedback placed Eastern's plan in the top 9 percent nationally.

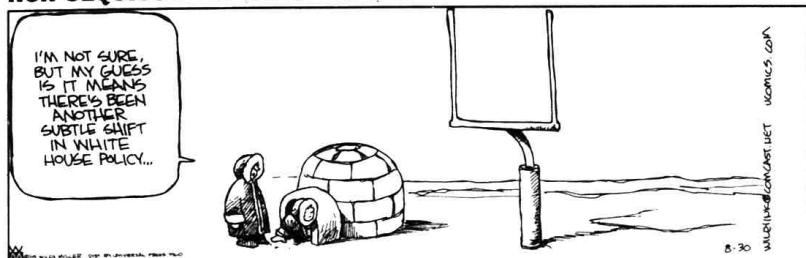
"There's always room for improvement, though," Hudson said.

Collier is determined to find middle ground.

"(The resolution) is not going to leave the table until some type of reform is done," he said. "Or, if nothing can be done, (administrators) should at least present information on where all the money for (the meal plan) is going."

"Once we see that, I'm confident we can make some reform. But we are open for compromise."

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NFL

Benson finally reports to camp; not expected to play this week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST — With a five-year contract in hand and an ear-to-ear grin crossing his face, running back Cedric Benson joined the Chicago Bears on Monday and put a drawn-gut negotiation behind him.

The fourth overall pick and the last first-rounder to sign, Benson called it "a great relief" and said it "feels good to be here" during a news conference at the team's practice facility.

Terms of the contract were not revealed, but the Bears reportedly had offered between \$17 million and \$17.5 million guaranteed on a deal that could pay \$35 million.

The sides agreed to terms Sunday, ending a 36-day impasse. That happened just three days after an impromptu meeting between Benson and general manager Jerry Angelo at

the practice facility and less than two weeks after Angelo released a statement saying the team had made its final offer and would start pulling money off the table.

Thursday's meeting was not a negotiating session, but it might have sped up the process.

"This did take a lot longer than what we had anticipated," Angelo said. "We never really found that common ground. Usually, you find that common ground at some point the first couple weeks. We didn't really find anything that we agreed upon for quite some time. That created the long holdout."

Benson took a conditioning test Monday but did not practice. Coach Lovie Smith said he will not play in Thursday's preseason game against Cleveland and is questionable for the season-opener Sept. 11 at

Washington.

A four-year starter at Texas, Benson ranks sixth on the NCAA's and second on the Longhorns' all-time rushing lists with 5,540 yards. He was the fifth back in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of his four seasons and his 64 touchdown runs rank third all-time.

Benson was expected to challenge starter Thomas Jones for minutes, but the Bears' plans changed as the impasse dragged on. For now, he's third on the depth chart behind Adrian Peterson, and in his own words, starting "from the bottom."

He described the negotiations as "two people each trying to get what they want and each side being pretty stubborn."

Asked if he got what he wanted, Benson paused.

"I wouldn't say it wasn't worth the wait," he said. "Ultimately, I won-

dered if I could have gone in there, done my own negotiation and had it come out the way I wanted. I had no idea how things work, but I am happy to be here."

One sticking point was that the Benson camp wanted a deal in line with the lucrative contracts signed by last year's No. 4 pick, San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers, and this year's third pick, Cleveland receiver Braylon Edwards.

Rivers signed for \$40 million, including a \$14.25 million signing bonus. Edwards got \$20 million guaranteed on a \$40 million contract.

"Not having a point of agreement can tend to be frustrating on both sides," said Eugene Parker, Benson's agent. "Communication helps to keep the emotions managed."

He said Thursday's meeting "added to that."

The impasse raised doubts among some Bears fans, who saw visions of Rashaan Salaam and Curtis Enis, running backs who reported late as rookies and had disappointing careers.

But Angelo said Benson's desire to play for the Bears was "never, ever in doubt. Eugene assured us throughout the process that Cedric wanted to be a Bear. And I wanted to make sure that when Cedric came in with his adviser, we made that clear as well."

Now, Benson will have to make up for lost time. He participated in June workouts, so he's familiar with the offense. Wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad said they've added a few blocking schemes and run plays, and have changed the names of a few plays. Otherwise, little has changed.

Benson participated in offseason workouts, so he's somewhat familiar with the offense.

MLB

Cubs lose, trade Hollandsworth

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs traded outfielder Todd Hollandsworth to the Atlanta Braves on Monday night for minor league pitchers Todd Blackford and Angelo Burrows.

Hollandsworth will give the Braves a left-handed bat and a reserve outfielder during the rest of the season. He is a career .299 pinch-hitter.

Hollandsworth started in left field in the Cubs' 9-6 loss to Los Angeles on Monday night and went 0-for-3 before he was removed. He has a .254 batting average but is in a 9-for-54 slump over his last 28 games.

He played in 107 games for the Cubs this season after joining them a year ago. He played in only 57 games in 2004, batting .318. His season was cut short in late June when he fouled a ball off his shin and did not return.

The NL Rookie of the Year in 1996 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Hollandsworth has also played for the Colorado, Texas and Florida, when the Marlins won the World Series in 2003.

Blackford, 20, is in his second professional season, a 13th-round selection by Atlanta in the 2004 amateur draft. He is 6-5 with a 4.60 ERA in 27 minor league games.

CARDINALS 6, MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Chris Carpenter pitched 7 2-3 innings to become the first 19-game winner in the major leagues, and David Eckstein went 4-for-5 with three RBIs to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Florida Marlins 6-1 Monday night.

Carpenter (19-4) beat the Marlins for the second time in August and improved to 11-0 in his past 14 starts. He allowed seven hits but only one run, stranding four runners in scoring position.

Jeff Conine drove in Florida's run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth, ending a streak of 24 consecutive scoreless innings pitched by the Cardinals.

Albert Pujols went 0-for-5 for St. Louis, but Eckstein hit an RBI single in the third and tripled home two runs in the fourth. Teammate Larry Walker hit his 12th homer over the center-field wall leading off the third.

RANGERS 7, WHITE SOX 5

ARLINGTON, Texas — Now that the Texas Rangers appear to be out of playoff contention, their pitching is showing signs of improvement.

Rookie Juan Dominguez allowed seven hits in eight innings, and Mark Teixeira had three hits and two RBIs to lead the Rangers over the Chicago White Sox 7-5 Monday night.

Dominguez (2-3) allowed two runs, struck out three and walked two in his 11th major league start.

"We're not expecting him to be Roger Clemens," said Texas' Michael Young. "The staff has always been there. It's just a matter of consistency and we're starting to see that now."

Texas starters have struggled much of the season, with only one remaining in the rotation from the start of the season, left-hander Kenny Rogers. Over the last seven games, Rangers' starters have compiled a 1.23 ERA.

Dominguez has a 2.33 ERA in his last three starts.

Wood shelved for season after shoulder surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs right-hander Kerry Wood will undergo season-ending arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder Wednesday and hopes to be ready to pitch by spring training.

With the Cubs nearly out of playoff competition - 7 1/2 games back in the wild card before Monday night's game with the Dodgers - the team wanted to give Wood as much time as possible for recovery and rehab.

Wood concurred with the decision, general manager Jim Hendry said. Wood was not immediately available for comment.

Wood, who made his first major league relief appearance Aug. 5 in a switch from the rotation to alleviate the soreness in his shoulder, was available to pitch Monday night before he is sidelined for the rest of the season.

The surgery will be performed by Dr. Timothy Kremchek at Beacon Orthopedics outside of Cincinnati.

"None of us, including Dr. Kremchek, are anticipating anything significant, but it is a shoulder," Hendry said, adding that the long-range plan is for Wood to return to the rotation once he recovers.

"I think that is what we all want him to do," Hendry said.

"If he can pitch pain-free and this

ongoing discomfort he's had after a certain amount of pitches, if that can be rectified, then you are going to have the same guy you are seeing for one inning for seven or eight. That's really everybody's priority."

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year, missed the entire 1999 season after elbow ligament replacement surgery. He was put on the DL with a triceps injury last season and has been on the disabled list twice this year with the sore shoulder.

Wood is 3-4 with a 4.29 ERA this season. He has started 10 games and made 10 relief appearances. His fastball in relief has been popping in the high 90s, and he's had no recurrence of the arm soreness, which generally would start after 50 or 60 pitches.

"I certainly don't think it could be a real significant injury. It's hard to believe someone could throw 98 mph and have a serious arm problem. He hasn't had any discomfort at all," Hendry said.

Trainer Mark O'Neal said it's not uncommon for a pitcher who throws as hard as Wood and who has thrown as many pitches in the majors to have fraying or irritation in the rotator cuff area.

O'Neal said if nothing is discovered during the procedure, Wood will be ready for spring training after an off-season of rehab.

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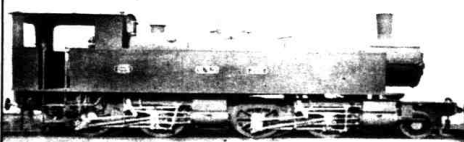
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OVC FOOTBALL

Despite Katrina, OVC games still a go

BY MATTHEW STEVENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Olio Valley Conference officials confirmed Saturday's non-conference football contests currently will not be changed due to the recent effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Murray State athletic officials stated they are continuing to prepare for its season-opening road game against I-A Mississippi State. Game time is set for 6 p.m. Saturday.

Mississippi State head coach Sylvester Croom began the Bulldogs practice at 6 a.m. Monday before the school president cancelled classes on the Starkville, Miss. campus from noon Monday until 12:30 Tuesday.

"We are expected to get hit pretty hard Monday night and so we can't make any announcements until after it hits," Mississippi State sports information director Mike Nemeth said. "After that, we will re-evaluate the damage

Hurricane not an issue for Panthers

STAFF REPORT

Hurricane Katrina is officially an afterthought for the 27 players from Florida on the Eastern football roster.

"None of our player's families have been severely affected by it," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "I have contacted all the players and it's not an issue."

Bellantoni and wide receiver coach Jorge Munoz are the two Panther as-

essment Tuesday morning."

Nemeth said school officials do not anticipate weather concerns during the Saturday contest but electrical failures or high property damage could force a postponement or cancellation.

The pair of Alabama schools in the OVC have scheduled Thursday night home contests.

Defending conference champion

tants that recruit the Sunshine State and have kept watch on the path of the Category 5 storm.

Katrina hit the southern tip of Florida as a much weaker storm Thursday than weather she brought to the Bayou area Monday.

"Most of the players we have live and have family in the southern part," Bellantoni said. "Since it missed them to the west, there are no concerns whatsoever."

Jacksonville State will host #2-ranked Furman in a rematch of the Paladins 49-7 blowout win over JSU in the first round of the 2004 I-AA Playoffs.

"(Hurricane Katrina) is causing some distractions for our players from south Alabama and south and central Mississippi," Jacksonville State head coach Jack Crowe said. "In the daylight, we might have thunder and lightning

and if we practice at night, we might not have any power."

Furman's athletic department has not received any notice from Jacksonville State on weather problems concerning the game.

"We are treating this as a wait-and-see thing for now like everyone else," Furman sports information director Hunter Reid said. "I think all the rain is supposed to be gone by (Thursday)."

Samford also begins its 2005 campaign Thursday by taking on NAIA Edward Waters College at Seibert Stadium on 7 p.m. Classes at Samford University, which is located in Birmingham, Ala., went on as scheduled as did athletic practices, but it was unknown what the plan of action would be for the rest of the week.

"Practice may be moved indoors for the next couple of days," Samford sports information director Joey Mullins said. "Other than that, we just don't know what will happen yet."

STEVENS:

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includes passing through the velvet ropes leading to Hollywood parties and occasionally attending football practice. Leinart has signed up for the two-credit ballroom dancing class with his girlfriend Brynn Cameron as his dance partner.

"Gee, John that ability to maneuver in the pocket must come from that dance class he is taking."

(Don't think you won't hear that one. Remember Keith Jackson still does West Coast games for ABC and between the "whoa nelly" and "he's a horse" comments, the multiple retiree has to fill time somehow.)

So although I relish the opportunity to watch kids play a game for fun of competing, it's sad that the same coverage can't be given to adults.

Matt Stevens is a senior journalism major. Find out more about his favorite hobby (shuffle board) and favorite food (anything deep fried) by e-mailing him at damville1999@yahoo.com.

MIDGETT:

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NFL, but it's just a matter of showing what you can do," Midgett said.

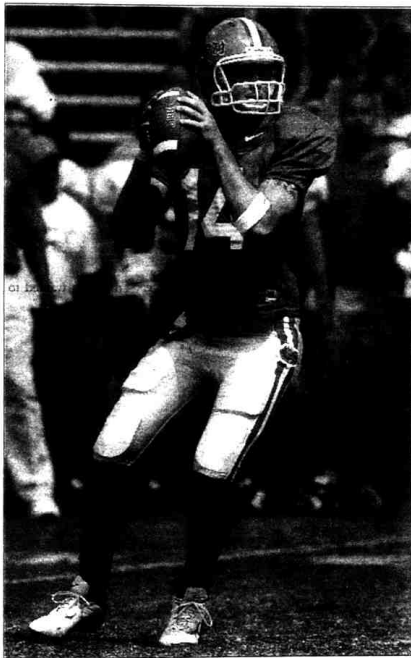
The best example in recent memory is Kurt Warner and his rise from a sacker at a grocery store to quarterback for the AFL's Iowa Barnstormers and eventually Super Bowl MVP when St. Louis won the Super Bowl. Adrian McPherson, who started for Florida State in 2001 and 2002 before being dismissed from the program, is another AFL success story.

McPherson joined the Indiana Firebirds last season and won the 2004 AFL Rookie of the Year award despite not being activated until the third game of the season. McPherson was drafted by New Orleans in April.

"(McPherson) is from down around here and I talked to him about it and I talked with Kurt Warner about it," Midgett said. "After the season I hope to go to some combines and I'm working on getting an agent."

Although his time with the Panthers was short lived, Midgett was impressed with the little he saw in the Panther program.

"I talk to Voss every once in a while still and it looks like (Eastern) will be pretty good this season," Midgett said. "I hope they do well and I wish them the best."



JAY METZ/FLORIDA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Florida quarterback Justin Midgett looks to pass during the 2004 Spring Game April 10 at the University of Florida. Midgett transferred to Eastern over winter break but left Eastern after one semester.

NFL

Rams offense clicks vs. Lions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT— The St. Louis Rams resembled the team that won the Super Bowl five years ago and the Detroit Lions looked like the NFL's worst team since 2001.

Marc Bulger accounted for two touchdowns, Isaac Bruce had 85 yards receiving and a score and Steven Jackson ran for 108 yards and a TD to lead St. Louis to a 37-13 exhibition victory over Detroit on Monday night.

"Coach (Mike Martz) kind of challenged us this week to come out against Detroit and play well and we did that on both sides of the ball," St. Louis' Torrey Holt said.

"I have been saying all along that as long as our offensive line protects the quarterback and the defensive line plays well, this will be a good football team. I think we displayed that."

The game was similar to the last one featuring the Lions on national television in prime time, a 35-0 setback against St. Louis on Oct. 8, 2001.

Detroit has lost an NFL-high 48 games the past four years, while the Rams have been a playoff-caliber team since winning a title.

With a crisp passing game along with Jackson's speed and power on the ground, the Rams (2-1) led 21-6 at halftime, a score Lions coach Steve Mariucci said would be

important entering the game.

The Rams were so dominant on an 11-play, 90-yard drive in the first quarter they didn't have a third down.

Bulger was 11-of-14 for 167 yards, threw a TD pass and ran for a 7-yard score untouched on a sneak. Jackson ran for 64 yards on his first of 14 carries, and scored on a 3-yard run. Bruce caught five passes for 85 yards, including a 31-yard TD catch.

A pass rush that came from all angles stifled Detroit's first-string offense, which hasn't scored a TD in three preseason losses. When Joey Harrington had time to throw, he either missed receivers or they dropped passes.

The Lions' starters finally got into the end zone, but two linemen were called for holding, negating the TD. Detroit ended up settling for Jason Hanson's second field goal late in the first half.

Harrington was 9-of-18 for 106 yards, and Kevin Jones had 38 yards rushing on nine carries.

"It was just one of those nights where things kind of piled on top of each other," Harrington said. "We missed blitz pickups, we missed throws and we missed routes. When you get into a funk like that, it's tough to break out."

Jeff Garcia was signed to push Harrington, but he had another lackluster effort, going 2-for-9 for 34 yards with a fumble.

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	CROSS COUNTRY AT IOWA INVITATIONAL	5:30 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Midgett switches to smaller field

Former transfer hopes arena league will lead to NFL

BY DAN REMICK
SPORTS EDITOR

Last January, quarterback Justin Midgett left the prestige of playing at Florida to come to Eastern in hopes of catching the attention of NFL

scouts. Now his quest for pro ball is taking him to the arena leagues.

Midgett was a backup behind Chris Leak, last season's SEC passing leader, while at Florida and decided after the Florida State game in 2004 that his place was not with the Gators.

Midgett had promised high school friend and Panther wide out Ryan Voss that if he ever left Florida he would play with him at Eastern. Voss told Midgett that if he wanted to be noticed by NFL scouts he could do it anywhere he was playing, but not if he was backing up Leak in Florida.

But Midgett had only a brief stay in Charleston. While at Eastern he had off-the-field issues and academic concerns, like at Florida when he was arrested and suspended from the team.

"I'm not a school person, I never have been. Some people are but I'm just not," Midgett said. "It was something that I always had to do to get by but not any more."

Over the summer Midgett had an informal workout for Gary Gussman, director of player operations for the Arena Football League's Las Vegas Gladiators, in their home-

town of Punta Gorda, Fla. Gussman liked what he saw from the quarterback and offered him a tryout for the Gladiators on Sept. 25.

Midgett has also worked out for some AFL2 teams, including the Florida Firecats.

Trying to reach the NFL may have seemed like a pipe dream ten years ago but the AFL has provided a venue for players who fell through the cracks in college.

"It's not the main road to the

SEE MIDGETT PAGE 11



THROWING HEAT

MATTHEW STEVENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

If only it worked for the adults

One of the most corny and arguably personal parts of watching ESPN's coverage of the Little League World Series is the introduction.

The producers and announcers seemingly understand the audience doesn't care who plays first base for a team in a town that I've never heard of.

However, thanks to the boob-yah, back-back-back network, I do know the favorite food of the Hawaiian power hitter Michael Memea who hit the walk-off bomb to win the title. Ladies and gentlemen, my life as I know it, is complete.

I do admit that tidbits like that when watching 12-year-olds in the competitive setting makes for entertaining and good television.

However, I think it's important to realize that these irrelevant facts would not work at the college and/or professional level. But wouldn't be funny if they did.

Announcing to a nationally televised audience what the weekend hobby of the 19-year-old true freshman starting quarterback would leave athletic directors ripping out what little hair they have left.

Although, it's the professional ranks where this type of pseudo-analysis can get even more touch and go.

"And playing first base for the Baltimore Orioles Rafael Palmeiro, his favorite drug of choice is a tie between Viagra for his erectile dysfunction or Stanozolol which he credits for his home run power."

Doesn't actually have the same ring to little Johnny playing short-stop for New Jersey whose favorite food is pizza and athlete is Derek Jeter.

"Bob, it says here that free agent power forward and Danville native Keon Clark's favorite hobby is a form of organic gardening that consists of large amounts of cannabis."

Not to say there's not a clean-cut athlete in the world of sports that fails to get into trouble.

Take the already nominated America's golden boy otherwise known as Matt Leinart.

The Southern California quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner was able to fit one class into his vast schedule that

Panthers end preseason on high note

Eastern defeats McKendree 2-1 in exhibition

BY PATRICK VIET
STAFF WRITER

Last season's men's soccer squad got out to a 2-4 start and managed just three wins the rest of the season to end with a record of 5-12-1.

The Panthers realize that beginning with a winning streak can have a positive effect the rest of the season and vice versa.

"We have had a rough last two seasons and this year we want to set the tone early," said senior midfielder Dustin Weiher. "A good start to this season will help us through out the whole year."

The Panthers will begin their season on a positive note after Eastern defeated McKendree 2-1 yesterday at Lakeside Field in its last exhibition game before the regular season starts.

The Panthers took the lead four minutes into, the second half when Weiher delivered a pin point accurate pass to sophomore midfielder Brad Earl in position to head the ball for the go ahead goal. Weiher finished the day assisting on both goals when in the first half freshman forward Brad Peters scored on a Weiher pass to tie the game 1-1 with 16:52 left to play.

Peters, who was recruited because of his ability to score, has already displayed the ability to score goals at the collegiate level and gain the approval of Eastern head coach Adam Howarth.

"From an offensive standpoint, Brad (Peters) has done well when he has come in," Howarth said. "He has put away his chances and



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshmen forward, Brad Peters, fights for the ball against McKendree on Monday afternoon at Lakeside Field

that is why we brought him here, he has scored two goals in the three preseason games."

The Panthers viewed this exhibition as a chance to rest players who needed it, and also to get playing experience for younger players who are still honing their skills.

Howarth knows the value in using the preseason to evaluate talent but not take it too seriously.

"With Jimmy (Klatner) and

(Casey) DeCaluwe, I think it was just a precautionary thing, we need to be careful with those guys," Howarth said. "Obviously this was just an exhibition and we need those guys ready for this weekend."

The Panthers will begin regular season play this weekend at the Wisconsin-Green Bay tournament as they are scheduled to play Bowling Green and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

GAME BREAKDOWN

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MCKENDREE:				
DIETRICH, Brad	90	2	3	
OUTSIDE A STADIUM				
EASTERN: YC-GALESKI, Mick (13:05); MCKENDREE: HITCHENS, Gred (12:07); YC-STIMSON: Ben (24:08); YC-STIMSON: Ben (24:35); YC-MCAR, Chely (54:39); YC-ORIN, Tim (62:33); YC-ORIN, Matt (67:27)				

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