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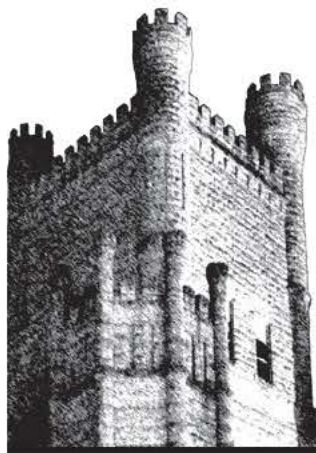
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Eastern tops enrollment growth

By JACLYN GORSKI
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern's student population for the spring semester of this year has seen an increase in student enrollment since last year around this time.

A 5.3 percent increase brought the enrollment from 10,839 in the spring of 2005 to 11,414 this spring.

It is the biggest increase compared to the changes in student enrollment at Western Illinois University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Illinois State University.

The University of Illinois' enrollment went up from 68,914 students in the fall 2004 semester to 71,123 students in the fall 2005 semester, a 3.2 percent change, said Carol Livingston, director of the Division of Management Information.

At the other end of the spectrum, Illinois State saw a decrease in enrollment.

According to Katy Killian, director of Enrollment Communication and Academic Services, Illinois State saw a 0.4 percent decrease from 19,196 students in the spring of 2005 to 19,120 students currently enrolled.

Western came out in the middle of the three schools and saw little change in enrollment.

"We've stayed pretty stable," said Martha Younger Meyer, secretary in the Office of Planning, Budget and Institutional Budget. Western saw a 0.13 percent decrease from the 12,505 students enrolled this semester to an enrollment of 12,488 students in the spring semester of



Students gather before a Public Relations and Society class in Coleman Hall Thursday afternoon. Enrollment increased 5.3 percent this spring to 11,414 students.

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Total enrollment at Illinois state schools

	Spring 2005	Spring 2006
♦ Eastern:	10,839	11,414
♦ Illinois State	19,196	19,120
♦ Western Illinois	12,488	12,505

2005.

Within Eastern's numbers, the enrollment of minority students has also gone up, said Mona Davenport, director of Minority Affairs. Last spring, 975 minority students made up about 9 percent of the total student population, while this spring, minority students make up 10.52 percent of the population, or 1,201 students.

Minority Student Affairs uses several methods to bring minority students to Eastern.

Davenport said Eastern brings minority students on bus trips from the Chicago and East St. Louis areas to Eastern to view the campus, since most students come

from those areas.

Minority Student Affairs also sends representatives to schools to help recruiting efforts, which is helped by programs such as the Latin American Student Organization and the Black Student Union, Davenport said.

On the other hand, the international student population has not increased like the minority student population has.

"The numbers have been fairly stable," said Sue Songer from the International Program Office.

Eastern's 139 international students has remained consistent since 2005, she said.

The international programs

office has recruiting efforts as well. Eastern sends representatives overseas to schools to recruit students as well as hold recruitment fairs, Songer said.

Having 139 international students, or 1.22 percent of the campus population, at Eastern is positive, Songer said.

"International students find it very difficult to study in the United States," she said.

Recruitment has been difficult since Sept. 11, 2001, but Songer attributes the current international student population to strong recruitment efforts, she said.

The recruitment efforts of the university, including the International Programs Office and Minority Affairs, helps bring students to Eastern because they feel like they can fit in.

"Our whole job was to make sure students go to college and we did that," Davenport said.

BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS Group has 80 volunteer disparity

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Charleston's Big Brothers Big Sisters program is 80 volunteers short for the 120 children enrolled in the program.

Of the 80 children that are unmatched, exactly half are from each gender.

"There is almost always a problem in all the agencies of finding matches for boys," said Marsha Ndoko, program supervisor at Big Brothers Big Sisters of DuPage County.

The largest problem with matching children is most of the volunteers are women, who don't like to be matched with boys.

"We have found that most men say they drink and smoke (and) therefore, (are) not good to be around kids," said Braden Shain, match support specialist at Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters. "But it doesn't matter what they do on their own as long as they are responsible, mature and simply care about the kids."

The programs in Decatur, which has 150 children enrolled, and Wheaton, which has 100 enrolled, have their little brothers and sisters matched. But they have also had problems of being short on volunteers, especially for the boys. Wheaton's location often has a waiting list for big sisters and little brothers.

"It's a combination that men don't look as it (the program) as an opportunity," Ndoko said. "Also most of them are starting careers and don't have enough time to commit until its evenings or the weekends."

The children enrolled in the program are regular children just looking for a 'big' friend, and a positive role model, Shain said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a nationwide organization with 470 agencies that match volunteers with children from the ages of 5 to 18 years old. Although children can stay in the program till they are 18, they must be matched before they are 14 years old.

"Every agency is different by a year older or a year younger, but those are the general ages," Ndoko said.

There are two different types of volunteering someone can be involved in. Community-based volunteering has volunteers pick up and spend time with their little brother or sister. They can do things like go to the park or play basketball, Shain said. Volunteers have to devote at least 10 to 12 hours a month.

The other option for volunteers is a



Renowned trumpeter heralds Jazz Fest

By ASHLEY WAGNER
STAFF REPORTER

Trumpeter Wayne Bergeron found time between polishing off the soundtrack for "Ice Age 2" and getting ready to record for Christina Aguilera's new album to perform at Eastern's 47th Annual Jazz Fest tonight.

Sam Fagaly, director of Eastern's Jazz Studios Program said Bergeron is the country's best trumpet player at the moment.

With a past Grammy nomination for his solo album titled "You Call this Playing?"

Bergeron wants to share his music with Eastern's campus.

Fagaly was excited when he heard Bergeron's talents performed live in 2004.

"I was very impressed and thought this would be a good person (to bring to campus)," Fagaly said. "Whether it is from his experiences in the recording studio or touring, Wayne Bergeron is sure to inspire these young musicians."

Bergeron's inspiration comes from his youth idol, Bill Chase, and his latest motivator,



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Gordon Goodwin, a Grammy winner for composing the music from the Disney movie "The Incredibles," he said.

Bergeron added that it is difficult to make it in the music business, but said it's important to have a love of playing.

Born in Connecticut and raised in California, Bergeron agrees to come to colleges across the United States because he enjoys educating the youth, and has had experience in par-taking in educational clinics.

As a child, Bergeron began his musical inter-ests playing the French horn in the seventh

grade. Having had no plans of pursuing a career in the music industry, Bergeron said he feels lucky to have made it this far.

"I started playing because it was fun, and because I loved it, and because I happened to be good at it," he said.

The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ticket prices are \$4 dollars for general admission, \$2 for students and seniors.

For more information, contact Eastern's Music Department at (217) 581-3010.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
38	33	30	34	40
23	17	17	20	28
Chance flurries	Chance flurries	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Movie marks Darwin's birthday

Eastern's biological sciences department will sponsor the showing of "Inherit the Wind" in honor of Charles Darwin's 197th birthday. The movie is a dramatization of the 1925 court case Tennessee vs. John Scopes famously dubbed the "Monkey Trial." Scopes was on trial for his teachings about the theory of evolution in a public school.

The movie is at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 2080 of the Life Sciences building and is free of charge.

College of education fair spotlights research results

The Ninth Annual Research Fair and Luncheon, conducted by the

College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS), will be held from 11:30-1 p.m. today in the Buzzard Atrium and Faculty Lounge of Buzzard Hall Room 2444.

The event is open to all Eastern faculty, staff, students and the general public.

The fair will showcase the results of research projects and creative activities created by the recipients of the 2005-2006 CEPS Mini-Grants.

Also, the CEPS faculty and graduate students will display their recent research findings, as well.

Sponsors for the events include Charles Rohn, Dean of the CEPS; the Graduate School; the CEPS

Research and Grant Committee and the CEPS Development Committee.

Trustees to discuss rising housing costs, degrees

Eastern's Board of Trustees will meet today to discuss housing costs for next year. At the meeting, the BOT will approve housing rates for students for the 2006-2007 school year.

Also, Eastern President Lou Hencken will address the board with a proposal to increase the number of honorary degrees the university gives out to match the increased number of alumni the university has.

The BOT will also get an update on campus construction and financial aid programs.

The BOT will meet at 11:30 a.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Gospel choir plans free performance for Sunday

Eastern's Gospel Choir will perform "Our Past, Our Present, Our Future."

The event involves song, dance and poetry featuring a mix of traditional spirituals and contemporary songs pertaining to the culture and contributions of African-Americans.

Students and residents of the community are invited to attend.

The event is at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Alex Barrie, a freshman art major, and Ryan O'Rourke, a junior recreation major, look at a display of student sketches hanging in Art Park West Thursday afternoon.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Pharmacists could get new choice

By LYDIA ROY
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB— Emergency birth control is available to anyone who needs it at any pharmacy in the state.

This availability may soon change.

Lawmakers are working toward passing a bill that would allow pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for the "morning-after" pill based on their moral convictions.

Some pharmacists have argued this violates their civil rights.

In response to recent reactions to his ruling and the suggested solutions to the issue, Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared in his State of the State Address on Jan. 18, "If any of those bills reach my desk, they are dead on arrival."

Because of an emergency ruling Blagojevich issued in April 2005, pharmacies are required to fill prescriptions for in-stock emergency contraceptives without delay.

Family's annual incomes slide in state, study says

By SARAH AUGUSTINAS
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB— As tax day approaches, Illinois families may notice a decrease in their annual income, according to a recent study.

The "State of Working Illinois" report revealed the median average of families' income has endured a \$6,383 decrease during the past six years.



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WTF?

Woman whistles through her toes

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NEW YORK — One Oklahoma woman might get cold feet if she comes to New York and tries to hail a cab. But Betty Bell will have to do just that if she's going to whistle.

Bell has the unique ability to

whistle with her toes in her mouth.

Bell said it all started when she was 14 and trying to learn how to whistle. "And I said I wonder if can whistle with them because I wasn't having any luck with my fingers and so I tried it and it worked!" she said.

Bell, who once won \$1,000 in a mall contest, is hoping that she will win a spot on the stupid human tricks segment on "The Late Show with David Letterman."

She will compete against five people for a chance to appear on the show.

CORRECTIONS

Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News reported Ben Marcy, chair of the Student Senate's External Relations Committee, made comments concerning Black History Month to the Charleston City Council at its meeting Tuesday night. Marcy was speaking only for himself and not on behalf of the committee or the Student Senate.



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Online tutoring to start fees due to increasing popularity

By MATTHEW MAPLES
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Students have two days left to use the free services offered by Studyloft.com, an online tutoring service, before it starts charging users.

While Eastern's tutoring services are scheduled and offered free to students, Studyloft is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"A lot of students are taking advantage of (the free service)," said Studyloft representative Michael Jonathan. "Most of them come back at least once."

After Sunday, students will be charged by the minute amounting to \$18 an hour. The site currently has approximately 3,000 members with 500 to 600 more students joining weekly, Jonathan said.

"Obviously, there are going to be some students who need someone to be physically there, but we have all the bells and whistles to make the virtual classroom as effective as possible," he said.

Jonathan said he thinks online tutoring is



Jin Ma, a biological sciences graduate student, tutors Angela Zartuche, a senior psychology major, in Old Main on Thursday night.

more convenient, because there is a level of discretion, and the tutors are guaranteed to have a high level of skills.

Jonica McBride, a math instructor at Eastern with a master's degree in peer mathematics,

tutors outside of class during her office hours, and with scheduled tutoring sessions. The scope of students McBride tutors is limited to her own students.

"Some students need things rephrased or tai-

lored more directly to them," McBride said. "As a one-on-one tutor you can tailor to their personality."

Most classes offer tutoring sessions outside the classroom. The Mathematics Department, for instance, offers tutoring from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday in Old Main.

Doug Cichon, a junior math and computer science major, and Holly Bertram, a sophomore math major with a teacher's certification, are both math tutors. Both tutor students seeking assistance in math and computer science courses on the third floor of Old Main.

Cichon said he did not have to take a test to become a tutor.

"All they asked is what classes I was taking and I got the job," he said.

She said she devotes 10 hours a week to assisting students through tutoring.

Cichon said that he spends seven hours a week tutoring students, and most people seeking help are not in upper-division math courses.

Students asked to write about their influences

By MEAGAN MORGAN
STAFF REPORTER

Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Muhatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. could all be considered great influences, which is the topic of a Black Student Union-sponsored essay competition this month.

"Greatest Influence of My Life" is an event created to get students involved in writing, said Sherri Smith, director of Service Affairs for BSU.

Smith said the last time they held this event was five or six years ago.

She said she hopes for at least 15 to 20 students to partici-

pate.

The top three contestants will receive a plaque and two tickets to the Miss Black EIU pageant, presented at BSU's Family Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 24.

Not all students choose historical figures as their greatest influence, however because family also has a great influence on student's lives.

"My greatest influence is my boxing trainer, who taught me a lot," said Van Grissom, a second-year biology graduate student. "He kept me out of a lot trouble."

"My parents are my greatest influence, because they've raised me and taught me everything," said Angel Allen, a junior music education major. "They gave me values and the tools I've need-

ed to go out into the world."

Rhonda Bowdry, a sophomore recreation administration major, said her mother is her greatest influence.

"She's been through a lot and still manages to smile," Bowdry said.

This competition is open to all students.

An English professor and an African American studies professor will judge the essays based on the participants' abilities to communicate their ideas to fit the title of the contest.

Essays must be at least 500 words long, typed, double-spaced and in 12-point Times New Roman font. Each participant should include a cover page that includes name, title of essay, date written, phone number and e-mail address.

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COMMENTARY



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I GOT A TICKET TO RIDE AND I DO CARE

I was driving home alone, making the agonizing 3-and-a-half hour hike up I-57 to the glorious Chicago suburbs, listening to my iPod, when my best friend called and we started getting into a very enthralling conversation.

I love speeding. I really do. And as I was sailing up the interstate at 85 miles per hour (which is a typically tame speed for me, someone who normally cruises the state at 95 mph), I continued my chatting and speeding.

When I noticed a state police car tailing me closely behind, I let my foot off the accelerator and hung up on my friend mid-sentence. I moved to the right-hand lane thinking I actually had a chance and I would just get a dirty look and, hopefully, the cop would cruise on by and I would be a little more attentive the rest of my journey.

That thought popped into my head right about the time the red and blue lights started flashing.

One can imagine the obscenities I screamed as I was pulled over for the first time in my driving career. My mind was racing trying to think

of what kind of excuse I could make up. "A loved one is in the hospital and I have to rush home?" "I'm having an asthma attack and I need medical assistance ASAP?" No, nothing was going to work on this one. I was wrong, I had

"I keep wondering why it was OK for me to speed before my ticket, and now that I can't, I severely judge everyone who does."

to face it and take it like a man.

I was then issued a \$75 speeding ticket as my eyes, hidden by gigantic sunglasses on a not-so-sunny day, started watering.

Ever since then, I have done quite a bit of highway driving, and as a former speeder, it is tragically difficult for me to stay at 65 mph, even when I put on cruise control. I also hate work zones because there are never any workers in the designated construction areas and the speed limit is 45 mph. And there I am, the only one going the speed limit, getting passed by minivans full of elderly people giving me dirty looks for being the "slow" one.

I feel like I can't speed anymore, so no one should be able to. Every car that tailgates me for going too slow or cruises by me at a comfortable 75 mph irritates me to the point where I find myself thinking "I can't believe they're going that fast!"

Everyone should be a little more sensitive to slow drivers, because you always think they are going slow out of choice, but I can safely say, it's not my choice. And now I am walking in someone else's shoes, relating to every driver I have ever tailgated or intimidated by my speed, flicked off or called a name for being slow. I keep wondering why it was okay for me to speed before my ticket, and now that I can't, I severely judge everyone who does.

Could it be that we are most annoyed by people who are most like ourselves?

It's like when you make fun of your sister behind her back, but if someone who isn't in your family does, you get really offended.

My point is that everyone should go the speed limit from now on, because I have to. In addition to that, I think it's extremely important to remember that because opposites attract, similarities repel.

Next time you find yourself getting irritated with someone, perhaps taking a moment to figure out if you possess any of those qualities that bother you so much wouldn't hurt.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY JESSICA CANTARELLI



EDITORIAL

Senate made a rocky decision

On Feb. 1, the Student Senate decided to spend \$100,000 of students' money on a rock-climbing wall to put into the Student Recreation Center.

The Rec Center fund will pay for \$50,000, and the Apportionment Board approved the rock wall and accepted to pay the other half.

Any item that costs \$100,000 and is approved by the Student Senate and the Apportionment Board must be worth the money. But how necessary is this rock wall?

The current rock wall in the rec center is old and often goes unused. While replacing it does seem logical, spending \$100,000 seems excessive.

Student Recreation Director Ken Baker made a presentation to the Student Senate on Jan. 25, which included the type of walls that were being looked at. Baker took a survey of more than 700 students and approximately 76 percent of the students surveyed said the rock wall would be a good investment.

The survey was taken in the rec and wasn't given anywhere else. A reason for making renovations or replacing recreation equipment should be to satisfy the usual rec user and bring in more students to use the rec.

An easy way to get student-body opinion is to use multiple survey tables and scattering them around campus, so every student has a chance to give input.

However, 76 percent is a good percentage, and those senate members who based their vote on the survey percentage made

At issue

The Student Senate decided to spend \$100,000 of student money on a new rock climbing wall.

Our stance

There are other areas of campus that could use \$100,000. The senate was right to listen to the student survey, but the rock wall is still not the best way to spend the money.

a good choice in doing what the students wanted.

But the main issue is the amount of money this rock wall is costing the students. In the Feb. 3 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, Tori Frazier, Student Senate diversity affairs chair, said some students have told her they like it, but won't use it often.

"I talked to people, and they said it would be cool and look neat, but they would use it sporadically," she said. "They feel the money could be used in better places."

Frazier seems to understand that \$100,000 is a lot of money to spend on an item that some students admit they won't use that often.

Cole Rogers, Student Senate chair of student relations, said the money is worth it regardless of

how many students use the wall.

"This is something diverse," he said. "It doesn't matter how many students won't use it, as long as there are students who will."

While the rock-climbing wall is a fun and different idea, there are other places the money could go.

If someone wrote a survey and asked students what they would improve about the school, the rock wall would probably not be the average student's response.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRRELEVANT INFORMATION SLANTS NEWS STORY

After reading Kayla Crow's article entitled: "Eastern receives half-million dollar donation" in the Feb. 3, 2006 issue of *The Daily Eastern News* I have a question to ask.

The article refers to President Hencken as "having a boot on his leg after breaking it while walking in the Student Recreation

Center" (quoted from the article). I would like to know what President Hencken's broken leg has to do with the fact that Eastern Illinois University received a half-million dollar donation? I find it very irrelevant to the article and feel it implies that the rest of Eastern Illinois University campus is in need of repair also.

The statement is very slanting and misleading to the facts of the article. Yes, it is

very unfortunate that President Hencken does in fact have a broken leg, but it has no relevance to the Cougills donating a half-million dollars to Eastern Illinois University.

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STUDENT SENATE

Student vice president brings passion to job

By LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Keila Lacy, student vice president for student affairs, had her interest in student government sparked after problematic experiences during her underclassman years.

These racial incidents on campus gave Lacy a reason to join the organization, which she said she could be a voice for the students.

"I wanted to be not a part of the problem, but part of the solution," Lacy said.

In her third year serving on the Student Government, Lacy is required to meet with certain administrators, the vice president for Student Affairs and the director of Student Life.

Her job is to assist, promote and advise all recognized student organizations on campus. She's also in charge of the annual RSO fair called Pantherpalooza.

Her biggest challenge for this semester, she said, is to improve Unity Week and look into RSO funding.

"With Unity Week, we are trying to make it more dynamic, to bring out the true meaning," Lacy said. "I'm also continuously looking into RSO funding by looking at different schools in Illinois on how to get it started."

Lacy is working on developing a RSO directory, which would serve as a way for freshmen and transfer students to find an organization they would like to become involved in.

Before working on student affairs, Lacy



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Keila Lacy, a grad student, is the student vice president of student affairs in her third year on the Student Senate. Lacy's job is to assist in promoting and advising all recognized student organizations on campus, and is in charge of Pantherpalooza and Unity Week.

served as the diversity affairs committee chair for three consecutive semesters.

During this time, she worked on several Student Senate proposals, one being an item that would have made removed senate members wait a semester before they could run again.

Mark Bates, tuition and fee review committee chair, said Lacy was very passionate about

this item.

"Keila felt that people were joining (the senate) just to look good on their resume," Bates said.

Student Body President Ryan Berger said Lacy is a determined person and always tries to get others to be open-minded.

"She brings a lot of determination to make projects happen (to Student Government),"

Berger said. "She does an excellent job of telling people how it is and how it should be."

Although February is Black History Month, Lacy said it's important to go to university events year-round.

"We need to remember and commemorate black legends," Lacy said. "(We should) keep in mind the struggle is not over. It's a struggle that's 12 months out of the year."

Lacy said that as chair she tried to convey to students that it is important to embrace the differences that always exist among Eastern students.

Throughout her years on Student Government, Lacy said she began with a group of students who were highly motivated.

But the passion of the members has been dwindling lately.

The motives of the Student Government members is a concern of Lacy's.

She says she is unsure if people are joining for their own benefit or to serve the students of Eastern.

Having parents who both graduated from Eastern, Lacy will continue the trend as she finishes up her master's degree in June.

She said her experiences on senate will benefit her when she starts her job.

As she leaves Eastern, she said she wishes the Student Government would make sure they are on the organization to serve the students.

"The students elect you, and you're there to represent them," Lacy said. "I'd like to see the sparkle back into the organization."



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Nancy K. Farber, assistant professor at the department of counseling and student development, sings and plays guitar for the audience at "Suicidology: Let's Talk About It."

Professor talks about suicide

By Kerry Krutsinger
Staff Reporter

A social stigma surrounds suicide, and talking about it makes some people feel uncomfortable. However, talking about these feelings is exactly what Nancy Farber, assistant professor for the counseling and student development department, was advocating at her lecture, "Suicidology: Let's Talk About It," Thursday night.

The University Board, as part of the EIU Uncovered lecture series, sponsored the presentation.

Farber spoke to a nearly full University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and gave away prizes intended to promote relaxation.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college-aged students.

She said there are several steps to dealing with the thought of suicide, which she explained is a frequent and normal one.

Some of the steps include going with the stressed individual to their "dark place" and letting them discuss what they think the world would be like if they actually died.

Trying to relate to their pain or sharing a personal story may also help.

"Remember we all have joy and pain," Farber said.

But Farber said the most important thing to remember is to listen and not offer a personal account too quickly.

Farber started and ended the lecture with songs about loneliness and isolation that she had written.

These songs detailed the experiences people have when dealing with these emotions.

Farber used a conversation technique to illustrate how to talk to someone who has attempted suicide or is thinking about it.

Mark Shutock, a junior social science major, said he attended because suicide was a research proposal idea he had last year.

Organizations to submit budget forms to Apportionment Board

By Nicole Weskerna
Staff Reporter

The Student Rec Center asked for \$50,000 to build a rock-climbing wall, and in order to get that money the proposed budget went through a thorough process.

The Apportionment Board serves as a check and balance system for organizations like the Student Recreation Center, University Board and the Student Government, by monitoring their budgets.

AB decides how much money the SRC receives for intramural sports and how much the University Board gets to bring guest speakers to campus.

Someone has to make sure different groups on campus are getting the appropriate amounts of money.

Although the UB gets the most money out of all the groups, the AB makes sure that no group monopolizes all of the funding, so everyone gets their share.

The UB asked for \$20,000 last year. This year, its budget is around \$140,000, which is used to pay for events such as movies, guest speakers and giveaways, said AB member Mark Bates.

AB tries to fund events or projects that are going to benefit the students. Student members are elected into office and serve two-year terms.

Without the AB, the SRC would not have the funds to build a new rock-climbing wall, and the Student Government could not continue traditions such as the First Night ceremony.

How to get a budget approved by AB

- ◆ Members of a campus organization make up their ideal budget
- ◆ The budget is then presented to the AB and is reviewed by its members
- ◆ The proposed budget usually sits for a week and goes through modifications
- ◆ The budget is given back to the campus organization, where it's either approved or denied
- ◆ Groups can request changes if needed
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Area stations mix crime reports in with playlists

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Crime has hit the local airwaves. Local radio stations will now air Crime Stoppers information in addition to their music and weather. Every Friday, the program Crime Stoppers will profile a crime of the week. Since there is no crime of the week for this week, Crime Stoppers will be announcing the 10 most wanted. The crimes profiled will sometimes be active, meaning just reported and not yet solved, or a warrant that hasn't

been served. This program serves two purposes, to catch criminals and help prevent crimes from happening. "It helps prevent crimes by making citizens aware of crimes in their area," said Coles County Deputy Chief Darrell Cox. "This way they can protect themselves." If a crime is severe enough, it will be aired on television, said Assistant Chief Dave Chambers. These would include crimes such as the stabbings that have happened in Charleston or crimes that may pose a threat to the community.



Crime Stoppers allows citizens who might have tips to a crime to call a number anonymously to help police solve a crime, in Coles County the number is 1-866-345-8488.

"It gives law enforcement another information resource and the public and avenue to anonymously give tips," Chambers said. After selecting a board and coming up with the funds last August, the program was officially started on Jan. 20. When tipsters call in, they will receive an identification number. If their tip helps in an arrest, callers can receive up to a \$1,000 reward. Although, it is rare for an award to be that high, Chambers said. Citizens can call in on crimes ranging from drug related incidents to

burglary. All crimes can be called into Crime Stoppers, Chambers said. "These calls help if there is no physical evidence to help point us (the police) in the right direction," Cox said. The program is a partnership between the media, law enforcement and community; if one of these fall through the program does not work, Cox said. The Crime Stoppers program is worldwide and has an average conviction rate of 95 percent on cases solved by Crime Stoppers' tips.

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Short on sibling volunteers

out and play. Those interested in volunteering can call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office, where there is an interviewing process and be

matched with a child. The program sometimes has a problem with student volunteers missing weeks, but does not discourage them from volunteering. "We understand students get busy or go home for breaks, just as long as they call the kid and let them know its fine," Shain said. While volunteers are away

they also can e-mail or call their little brother or sister. The program is always looking for organizations to hold group activities. This allows some of the children who aren't matched to still go out to social events. "Some of these kids have never been out to an event, and this is a way for them to get out," Shain said.

Pi Kappa Alpha is a fraternity that volunteers a month event for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Once a month, the children and volunteers go to the Pi Kappa Alpha house and watch a movie and eat pizza. "It's a local organization and allows us to directly work with the community," said Marc Montagano, president of Pi Kappa Alpha.

How to contact Big Brothers Big Sisters

- ◆ **Phone:** 348 8741.
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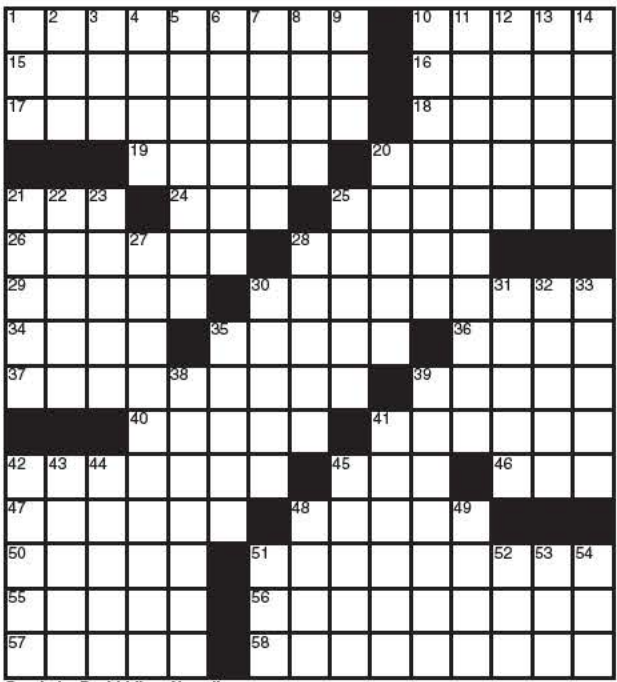
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Governor’s plan could put grants in teachers hands

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD— Crowded elementary schools in Illinois could hire new teachers under a \$10 million grant program Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed Thursday to help reduce class sizes.

Schools that average more than 20 students per class from kindergarten through third grade would be eligible for \$50,000 grants.

The average Illinois class size last year was 21 in kindergarten, 21.5 in first grade and 22 in third grade. Some of the state’s roughly 2,600 elementary schools have higher averages, such as West Harvey-Dixmoor in Chicago’s south suburbs where there are 26 children per kindergarten class.

Blagojevich is proposing only one year of funding, so schools might be put in the position of hiring people but having no way to pay them in the future.

Gun Hitler might have owned sells for \$140,025 in online auction

BLOOMINGTON – A rare German gun



that might have belonged to Adolf Hitler sold for \$140,025 in an online auction that ended Thursday night.

At least 60 bids had been put in for the weapon and its Web page was viewed more than 13,400 times.

Wes Lane, owner of Midwest Exchange, a Bloomington pawn shop that hosted the auction, said he is “ecstatic” about the final sale price.

“This is a good investment for whoever’s buying it,” he said.

Bidding began Jan. 30 on <http://www.gunbroker.com> and stalled for days at \$13,000 before rising as Thursday’s deadline loomed. Experts say late bidding flurries are common in online auctions.

The Web site allowed bidding to continue past its scheduled 7:30 p.m. CST close as long a new bid was placed within 15 minutes

of the previous one.
The auction officially ended at 9:07 p.m.

Student-run newspaper reprints some of Danish paper’s cartoons

CHAMPAIGN—The student-run newspaper that serves the University of Illinois community on Thursday ran reprints of some of the cartoons whose publication has sparked outrage and violence in many parts of the Islamic world.

The Daily Illini, which is independent of the UI, ran only six of the 12 cartoons first published in September in Denmark’s Jyllands-Posten, but led with the one that has caused the greatest furor: a depiction of the Prophet Muhammad wearing a bomb as part of his turban.

“I’ve been fielding calls all day, and there are a lot of e-mail messages, too,” said Daily Illini editor-in-chief Acton H. Gordon. “The reaction has been both good and bad. The Muslim community is upset, and understandably so.”

Gordon, 25, said he planned to meet with leaders of the local Muslim community late Thursday.

The latest from George Ryan’s racketeering and fraud trial

CHICAGO— George Ryan’s marathon racketeering and fraud trial is headed toward a finish with the final defense witnesses, possibly the former governor himself, likely to take the stand late next week, the head of his legal defense team said Thursday.

Defense attorney Dan K. Webb told U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer that there is a good chance Ryan will testify in his own defense, but then again, he may not.

“I want to make that decision at the time,” Webb said.

Former congressman’s son found dead in home after fire

CHICAGO— The son of a former congressman and Chicago alderman was found dead in the family’s Northwest side home Thursday by officials responding to a fire.

Christopher Pucinski, 48, was the son of Roman Pucinski, who died in 2002, and brother of Cook County Circuit Court Judge Aurelia Pucinski.

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WRESTLING

Panthers head to SIUE with nine straight losses

BY PATRICK VITT
 STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers hope to put an end to their nine-straight dual meet losses with a victory this weekend against winless Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Eastern (1-10) has not won a meet, as a team, since its Dec. 10 win over Gardner-Webb. That marked week two of eight straight weeks with a forfeit for the Panthers in the 125-pound bracket, a forfeit that is anticipated for the rest of the season. Being part of a 1-10 team can have a negative effect that can permeate the team like the plague. However, Eastern coach Ralph McCausland is not worried about dissension among Eastern wrestlers regarding their current streak. "We are taking this in stride, we talked with the guys about that

"We are taking this in stride, we talked with the guys about this week and feel okay about it."

RALPH MCCAUSLAND,
 EASTERN WRESTLING COACH

this week and feel okay about it," he said. "We have some true freshman going that we didn't expect to put in the fire this year, but are doing well against fourth and fifth year seniors." One such freshman is 149-pounder Jeff Tharp (13-16) who, by the end of the year, will have wrestled over 30 matches as a true freshman. Not only does Tharp have to deal with wrestling college-level tal-

ent, but also the extended college schedule. "It has taken some getting used to going from high school to starting in college, but overall I am satisfied with how I have wrestled my first season," he said. "Normally, we would be getting ready for state in two weeks, but this year I have already been training for six months." Aside from the nine-meet losing streak the Panthers are experiencing an individual winning streak. Junior 174-pounder Kenny Robertson has not lost since his Jan. 8 loss to No. 2 Jake Herbert from Northwestern and is taking a seven-match winning streak into this weekend. "This weekend I am not sure how good this kid will be, so I will be working to improve my conditioning and some tactical things," he said. "Being through a couple seasons now I think I have a good idea of when to push myself physically."

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Eastern too relaxed in loss to Austin Peay

know that." The usually good free-throw shooting Panthers made only 7-of-13 attempts, including 1-for-4 in the final nine minutes. While Sparks blamed a "relaxed" week of practice for the Panthers' struggles, Sallee saw it as more of what Austin Peay did and what the Panthers didn't do. "Everything was real sloppy," Sparks said of the week of practice. "I thought we practiced the same as we always do," Sallee said. "Austin Peay was just better tonight." The easy thing to say about the final eight minutes is that the Panthers' shots just weren't falling. But there was more to the final minutes than missed shots as Eastern continued to turn the ball over, leading to 24 on the night. "It was a combination of everything," Sparks said. "We weren't able to get out of it." Although Sallee maintained the Panthers' confidence was still high,

"Everything was real sloppy."
 MEGAN SPARKS,
 EASTERN SENIOR GUARD

Sparks and freshman center Rachel Galligan showed a look of frustration in their faces. Neither looked to have the answer as to what went wrong in the final minutes, nor did freshman guard Megan Edwards (eight turnovers) who looked frustrated from the constant pressure of junior guard Saura Hale. "It was a frustrating night," Sallee said. "But if we win the next five, nobody will remember this." That is unless the Panthers have to travel to Clarksville, Tenn., to face Austin Peay in the first round of the OVC Tournament. In what had to be considered one of the bigger games at Lantz Arena in recent years, the Panthers claim they're not listening to the hype. "I think every game we play is going to have hype around it," Sparks said. The Panthers may look back at the end of the season realizing the opportunity they lost — 8 minutes, 48 seconds of opportunity. "It hurts," Sparks said.

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 Turnovers slow Panthers early

AUSTIN PEAY 55, EASTERN 46

	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
EASTERN		m-a	m-a	o-t			
Sims	23	1-4	2-2	1-6	3	1	4
Galligan	23	6-9	0-1	2-7	0	3	12
Edwards	28	3-6	0-0	0-3	4	3	8
Sparks	38	3-11	1-3	0-3	3	1	8
Canale	33	3-6	0-0	2-4	4	1	6
Kramer	13	0-0	2-4	0-0	0	1	2
Eck	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Scaggs	13	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	4
Kluempers	17	0-3	0-1	0-2	1	0	0
Lippert	3	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	1	2
TOTALS	200	18-44	7-13	7-29	16	14	46

Percentages: FG .409 3-point goals: 3-10 (Edwards 2-3, Sparks 1-6) Blocked shots: 3 (Galligan, Sparks, Kramer) Steals: 11 (Galligan 3, Edwards 2, Canale 2) Turnovers: 24

AUSTIN PEAY

	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Link	26	2-5	0-0	1-2	0	2	4
Reeves	35	4-8	0-0	3-6	1	3	8
McGee	29	0-6	0-1	2-4	3	2	0
Hale	40	8-14	3-4	0-2	5	3	22
Haynes	40	8-11	4-6	2-14	1	1	20
Benford	14	0-2	1-2	0-1	0	1	1
Bacon	11	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
Pond	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
TOTALS	200	22-48	8-13	8-32	12	16	55

Percentages: FG .458 3-point goals: 3-9 (Hale 3-5) Blocked shots: 4 (Haynes 2, Reeves, Pond Steals: 12 (Hale 4, Haynes) Turnovers: 21

loss at Eastern Kentucky on Dec. 22. "We dug ourselves a big enough hole mentally that we weren't able to get out of it," freshman Rachel Galligan said. "Tonight we weren't tough enough to get out of it." Galligan was the only Panther in double digits with 12 points. Six different players turned the ball over in the first 8 minutes including three by freshman guard Megan Edwards, who was matched up against junior guard Saura Hale. "Austin Peay came in with a game plan of pressure defense and I don't think we mentally prepared for them to get up as much as they were," guard Megan Sparks said. "We fell apart and that is to Austin Peay's credit." Sallee insisted that the Lady Gobs should be given credit more than the Panthers should be blamed for their poor performance. "I keep going back to it, Austin Peay forced those turnovers," he said. "I give them a lot of credit for the way they played tonight." Saura Hale and Ashley Haynes both had four steals for the Lady Gobs. Edwards was frustrated

throughout the whole game by Hale. After being pulled out of the game after a turnover midway through the first half, Edwards held her face in her hands. She finished the game with eight turnovers. The frustration was a sentiment shared by the whole team, Sallee said. "I think everybody was frustrated," he said. "They had a junior going up against a freshman and that's a match-up that we've done a pretty good job with all year." Haynes tied an Austin Peay record by recording her 17th double-double of the season with 20 points and 14 rebounds. The game was as close as Sallee had anticipated in the first half. The game was tied nine times and the lead changed hands seven times in the first half. With 34 seconds left in the half, Hale hit a 24-footer to beat the shot clock. The 3-pointer gave Austin Peay a 26-25 half-time lead. The loss pushes the Panthers back to fifth place in the conference and they will now need help to host a tournament game, as they drop to a fifth place tie in the OVC.

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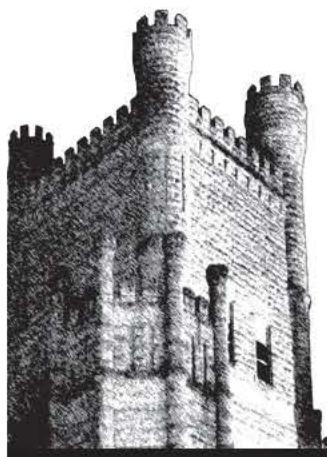
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	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT TENNESSEE-MARTIN	6 p.m.

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DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Panther pride is fading out

Before the Panther men's basketball team's game with Austin Peay Thursday night, Eastern distributed "Panther Pride" towels.

It was a nice gesture to the 10s-of-100s of fans in attendance.

Seriously, you'd have thought Lantz Arena was hosting an NHL game due to the lack of interest.

But, I can't say much. My enthusiasm about this Eastern team has been worn away over the past three months or so.

They're just so frustrating.

When they play well, it's not for long enough, and when they slump, it's for too long.

The Panthers just can't seem to get the little things done, and coaches say doing the little things means a lot.

But what are these little things they refer to?

The little things are, failing to get into your offense with over 25 seconds on the shot clock. It's the ball being passed around the perimeter without consistently looking inside.

It's not getting your best shooters open looks. It's moving screens.

It's passes thrown in a place where only the opponent can catch them. It's traveling when you're not being closely guarded.

It's putting the other team in the bonus with 10 minutes left in the half. It's letting one guy make three first-half three pointers without so much as a hand in his face.

After all of that, those little things all of a sudden don't seem so little.

Failure to do the little things becomes one big problem.

And the Panthers' just can't seem to fight off these issues for long enough.

They do get good offensive possessions. They do make defensive stops.

In the first half against the Governors, the Panthers forced nine turnovers and converted them into 19 points.

That's opportunistic basketball, and it's a sign of a good team.

But what isn't a sign of a good team is letting your opponents shoot nearly 60 percent from the field and 67 percent from three-point range.

If Eastern were bad all the time, the fans would be used to it and accept it.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Loss puts Eastern in tight spot



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior guard Josh Gomes jumps over Austin Peay's Todd Babington for a layup in Thursday's 70-61 loss at Lantz Arena. Gomes led the Panthers with 19 points.

BY MATT DANIELS

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Having watched Austin Peay score 10 straight points to open the second half and increase its lead to 54-34, Eastern head coach Mike Miller was forced to call his second timeout of the half.

"I don't remember exactly what it was," said Miller about what he told his team.

"He kind of got after us and told us that this wasn't going to happen," said senior guard Josh Gomes.

Whatever was discussed in the Panther huddle led to a 16-0 run by the Panthers that pulled them within four with 6 minutes, 26 seconds left. However, Austin Peay regained its composure and held on for a 70-61 win Thursday night at Lantz Arena.

The loss draws Eastern one step closer to eliminating itself from Ohio Valley Conference post-season play.

"It's definitely a heartbreaking loss," sophomore center George Tandy said. "We can't dwell on this one and let it get us down. We've still got

games left to play."

Tennessee-Martin defeated Tennessee State 71-68 Thursday, moving the Skyhawks three-and-a-half games in front of the Panthers for the eighth and final OVC tournament spot.

The loss also leaves Eastern (5-17, 4-12 OVC) alone in ninth place as Morehead State defeated Southeast Missouri 62-59.

After the timeout, Billy Parrish hit a baseline jumper that sparked the 16-0 run and a nine and a half minute scoring drought by Austin Peay.

"We got to playing too casual and committed some costly turnovers," said Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos.

Trailing 54-45, Robinson scored the next five points for the Panthers, converting a three-point play and a driving layup. After Robinson's layup, Austin Peay threw the ball away on the inbounds pass, giving the ball back to Eastern.

Coming out of a media timeout, Gomes missed a baseline jumper that would have cut the Panthers' deficit to two.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Austin Peay downs Eastern

Turnovers keep Eastern out of step

BY MARCO SANTANA

SPORTS EDITOR

With plenty of time to play and the game tied at 45, one of the Panthers biggest weapons to date escaped them: their free throw shooting.

The Panthers went 1-for-4 from the line in the final 7 minutes, and 11 seconds helping the Lady Gavs finish the game with a 9-1 run.

Austin Peay beat the Panthers 55-46 Thursday night at Lantz Arena to take over fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"When I saw us clanging free throws around, I knew it wasn't our night," head coach Brady Saltee said.

Two of the free throw misses were on the first shot of a bonus. Had they hit the free throws, they would have had a chance at making another and keeping up with the Lady Gavs.

Heading into the game, the Panthers (10-13, 9-6 Ohio Valley Conference) were tied with Samford for second place in the conference with a .775 free throw percentage just .001 behind Murray State.

The missed free throws were one of several problems the Panthers had.

From the beginning, Eastern had trouble holding onto the ball, which caught up with them in the end. They committed 24 turnovers. That is the most they have had since the 78-71



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior forward Lauren Sims goes up for a shot over Austin Peay players during the second half of Thursday's 55-46 loss in Lantz Arena. Sims had six rebounds, second on the team behind freshman forward Rachel Galligan (7).

Panthers fade in final minutes

BY MARC CORRENTI

STAFF WRITER

Freshman guard Ellen Canale hit a driving layup to tie the game 45-45.

Eight minutes, 48 seconds later the Eastern women's basketball team lost 55-46 to Austin Peay.

During that stretch, the Panthers went 0-for-9 from the field and watched senior forward Ashley Haynes hit jump shot after jump shot to put Eastern away.

Eastern senior guard Megan Sparks expressed shock and disappointment in the way the Panthers failed to close out the game.

"We didn't the score the last nine minutes?" Sparks said. "They just had a better offense, better mentality, better team. There's not much to say."

In a game that was there for the taking, the Panthers dropped another close game to a possible tournament opponent. Not only did the loss drop the Panthers to fifth place in the Ohio Valley Conference, but it also gave Austin Peay a home game between the two teams if they were to finish the season tied for fourth.

The Lady Gavs relied on their pressure defense to stifle the Panthers' offense.

"They outplayed us, plain and simple," Eastern coach Brady Saltee said. "Those last eight minutes weren't us. I

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David, our smitten Verge editor, vents about Valentine's Day shopping. Ladies, please read with digression.

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dealing with crushes

Who do you love?

BY HOLLY MOHR | ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

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The weight of the stare, the touch on the hand, the breath on the neck, the smiling and the leaning. Oh, the leaning.

That's when the butterflies start, the words get lost and the MASH games begin. Only a crush could bring out those intense nerves, raging utter-confusions and paralyzing self-doubt.

A crush could be one of the most exciting and absolutely amazing phases one will experience.

Jess Horwitz, a senior geology major, said it made her whole day right when she got that one phone call from her crush.

Crushes can make you feel dizzy, giddy and surreal, until the feelings aren't returned and the name defines itself.

"A crush hits you suddenly and pulls at you," said Tim Henke, a junior philosophy major.

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THELIST

Sure, you have head ‘em a million times before, but we here at The Verge would like to give you every weapon in our arsenal to use on the battlefield of love. So check out these pick up lines.
(Editor’s Note: If you actually use any of these lines, you can expect a swift slap to the face or knee to the groin—maybe you should just try politely introducing yourself.)

- ▼ “What’s your sign?”
- ▼ “You know what would look really good on you? Me.”
- ▼ “Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by again?”
- ▼ “If you’re going to regret this in the morning, we can sleep until the afternoon.”
- ▼ “You with all those curves and me with no brakes.”
- ▼ “Can I borrow your phone number? I seem to have lost mine.”
- ▼ “The only thing your eyes haven’t told me is your name.”
- ▼ “If you were a booger, I’d pick you first!”
- ▼ “Your daddy must have been a baker, because you’ve got nice buns.”
- ▼ “Are you from Tennessee? Because you’re the only 10 I see!”

Can’t buy you love



GUIDE TO
BETTER LIVING

DAVID THILL

VERGE EDITOR

FOR THE MEN:

All right, before we begin I would like to ask all the ladies reading this to jump ahead to the section marked “For the Women.” Trust me, there is nothing of any importance for you to see here. OK, gentlemen, are the ladies gone? Make sure they leave the room. Lock the door. This is a bombshell.

Valentine’s Day is just for women. Allow me to elaborate: this is not a holiday (and I use the word “holiday” loosely) for us. Men don’t get all super-excited, and we don’t look forward to Feb. 14 for any other reason than the sooner it comes, the sooner we can get to Feb. 15. It will be a whole year until V-Day rears its ugly head again.

And the reason men don’t care about this day is simple. Nothing for us.

This time of the year men (or at least men with a significant other) are pressured to order the flowers, make dinner reservations and get a box of chocolates or a card or whatever cliché Valentine’s Day gift you choose to buy. And men get none of it in return.

Since the first time I became involved with women, I have had to spend three V-Days this way and the fourth will be no different. And out of all of those Valentine’s Days, I have gotten nothing. No presents for me. Not even a single card.

But that’s fine. After all, I don’t really need nor want flowers and chocolates.

The point is that we men are not the focal point of this day. Our job is to suck it up and get our special ladyfriend just what she wants. Our reward? We get to keep them around for a bit longer. Plus, if you’re lucky, you might get a little “Hi, how are ya?” If you know what I mean.

FOR THE WOMEN:

Okay, the women can come back in the room now. This is the portion of my column in which I would like to rant at the women.

Ladies, you know your male counterparts love you, so why do we need a holiday celebrating our adoration for you?

Now, you women know that men try our best, but sometimes to no avail. Yes, we leave the toilet seat up. And it is true, most of the time when all of you assume we should know what’s wrong, we don’t. In fact, men usually don’t know anything is wrong until the steam begins to eschew from your ears.

But, we men still try. And what are the fruits of our labor? We get the honor of buying you more stuff. Yay...not.

So this year, why not reward your fellow for all of his efforts with some gifts. Why not give a little back to the man who gives you so much in return. And by “so much” I mean love, respect and a burning ... desire for you. Yeah, that’s what I meant, burning desire. Moving right along.

Now, men don’t want candy, flowers or cards. Men want stuff. You know, actual stuff we can use. Maybe buy him a video game or a book of stickers. Disregard that last one.

Or you could even go off the deep end and treat your guy to a visit to the local “specialty shop.” (Wink, wink. Nudge, nudge.) I am not saying you have to even buy anything, just treat him to a visit to the store. He can buy you something, and you can buy him something. But, again, you don’t HAVE to.

So just remember, the next time you think you hear a mouse in the attic and you need him to run up there with a trap immediately, he likes to be appreciated, too. So this Valentine’s Day, give him a kiss, hold him near and cue up the funky bass music.

Or not. Either way works.

(Editor’s Note: Verge Editor David Thill doesn’t really know what he is talking about and would like to request his girlfriend (whom he loves more than anything) not read this...ever.)

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How to find a Mr. or Ms. Right

PICKING HIM UP



LINDSEY DUNTON
VERGE REPORTER

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, there is a lot of love and sexual tension floating in the air.

Both guys and girls are searching for potential dates for the night, and a number of people will take an offer from someone who isn't exactly up to par, just so they can have someone to call their Valentine.

I currently am Valentine-less and am probably going to stay that way. I am looking more for a Mr. Right rather than a Mr. Right Now.

You know, the guy who basically fits the dictionary definition of high-maintenance and prances around like he owns the joint thinking all eyes are on him when they are focused on his friend.

Recently, however, I spotted some Miss Right Nows and this has made me question whether the roles of dating are changing.

Pick-up lines suck, so you make the first move

The common dating stereotype involves men as the pursuers and women as the pursued, but is this still true today?

Steve Scher, associate psychology professor, said he thinks that dating strategies have not changed that much over time.

"Women expect a man to initiate a date," Scher said. "From talking to women who do Internet dating at sites like Match.com that allow you to post personal information, most say they wait for men to contact them."

However, Scher thinks that women have always had an active role in pursuing a relationship, but men get the reputation of being the initiator because they are straightforward in their approach versus women's "beat around the bush" approach.

"Women use undercover techniques like flirting and asking a friend to talk to a man," Scher said. "Novels from authors like Jane Austin have demonstrated women's activeness in dating throughout the years."

A common male approach to picking up women is by using pickup lines. "I think pick up lines are lame," said Paige Atchison,

a sophomore communication disorder and sciences major. "Guys should make conversation with a girl and get to know things about her instead of saying overused, original lines."

Jayne Kleen, a junior family and consumer sciences major, doesn't mind being the recipient of a pick up line.

"I had a guy use the line, 'your eyes are beautiful; you wanna go out?' on me," Kleen said. "Even though the line totally lacks any creativity, it gets directly to the point."

In addition to pick up lines, Kleen is an advocate for women making the first move on a guy.

"I make the first move when I don't think the guy is going to," Kleen said. "The times I have done it ended up working out pretty well."

Guys also enjoy women making the first move.

Chuck Schafer, a junior communication studies major, agrees.

"It's defiantly attractive when a girl puts the moves on me," Schafer said. "You can tell she is confident and outgoing."

Women have always had a role in starting a

relationship, so times have not necessarily changed a great deal. The one thing that has changed however, it has become more mainstream.

"The message out there now is that woman can do the same things as men," Scher said. "Women are less reluctant to call a man or decide on activities for dates, but it is still usually the man's job."

Tracie Vitale, a junior middle level education major, thinks because of this, guys get away with a lot more stuff. She does, however, think lots of women call men.

"If a guys doesn't call a girl nowadays, she will most likely call him if she is interested," Vitale said. "Instead of in the past when the relationship would most likely have ended when the guy didn't call."

So women, if you feel that you are sick of waiting for a man to make the first move, then shock him by going up to him and starting a conversation. He will most likely be impressed with your assertiveness, which will ultimately lead to a happy ending, or night. If he isn't, well he just missed out on Miss Right On and who deserves much better.



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Being good at something always helps to attract someone, but for some reason you don't have to be good at pool to meet people at your local bar.

Tell them they are cute and ask them to smile, but mean it

PICKING HER UP



BRIAN GARTLAN
VERGE REPORTER

Valentines Day marks the half-way point of February and it seems like some men put on their ladies man disguises in search of love, if only for a night.

Since some guys are not cool or clean enough like Leon Phelps (i.e., The Ladies Man), the pressure to become a "love machine" mounts to find a date for the most romantic day of the year.

I am personally not a ladies man, although I have never been scared to speak to a woman and I have always found it fun to get phone numbers and flirt with all women.

It's not a game; I just love women.

"Lames" are guys that are stiffer than their freshly ironed button-up shirt. They make the walk to Old Main and back to the South Quad daily.

Some are made up more than my mother on a good night and some guys look like they have been in the bathroom longer than

my little sister on a bad night.

These are the "ladies men" on Eastern's campus.

I often ask myself how some guys get women and what state-of-mind she was in when he started talking to her and my questions often remain answerless.

Though, I do not object to looking like a million bucks and possibly catching the cutest-girl's eye at the bar, I think personality should go a lot farther than anything else.

However, I am not a girl and you are not going to get any ass from me, but I think some guys have a lot of learning to do.

I have my smile, my eyes, my laugh and my goofy, corny and sometimes creepy, but always unique, personality.

I grew up with my grandma, mom and sister, so it is safe to assume that I like to love women, tease women, treat women like my friend to gain their trust and always respect women.

I can sing lullabies in your ear all night after I buy you a drink or two, but I would rather see if you are interested enough to come back and talk to me. Then we can see what's happening. I do not go to the bar to waste our precious time.

On an average day, I ask at least one girl to smile or I will tell one that she is cute because I love seeing women smiling and happy.

Call it corny, but most ladies take it to heart, unless they really do not want to hear it.

With all this said, I probably will not have a date this Valentines Day, but I am not really interested in pursuing one either.

Female and male students alike at Eastern see the "good, bad and ugly" aspects of getting a date in college, and some couples just sit back and watch.

Justin Robinson, a junior social science studies major, said the most important trait to his relationship with his girlfriend is not talking.

"Don't argue," he said. "I will always lose."

Robinson said he is going to take his girlfriend to a nice, but inexpensive dinner on Valentines Day, along with buying her flowers and "a lot of protection" for after the date.

He said the holiday is not stressful to him because he already has his "love" and it is just another day with her.

Other men have similar plans for their

girlfriends on the special day.

"I am taking her out to dinner," said Angelo Lozano, a junior business major.

"That's all she deserves," he said jokingly.

He said he wants the venue to be a surprise, but he is still unsure of where he will take her and if he will do anything else for her.

Women, like Julie Anne Prisco, a senior early childhood education major, said that guys are frustrating sometimes because they do not always like to talk.

"Talking is the biggest part," she said. "Conversation is key."

She said it is all about the guy's character.

"I like when a guy looks at my face during a conversation," Prisco said. "Not at my chest."

"Ladies men are all talk," she said. "They are liars."

Being a ladies man does take skill, but it is not for me.

I have never been a good liar, so I will leave it up to the guys who think they know how to play the game; but in the mean time I will continue smiling at your girlfriend and being the topic of her conversations with her friends.

When cupid fails

Eastern singles unite in fight against Valentine's Day loneliness

STORY BY CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER
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We've all heard the terms before: it's a "Hallmark holiday," it's "National Singles' Awareness Day" and another reason to eat too much chocolate. For every five couples dining at the most ridiculously overpriced Italian restaurant in town, there will always be that one person at home wondering what the hell is the point.

"It's just a way for corporations to prey on Americans' emotions and make them believe that you must buy someone's love," said freshman economics major, Heather Williams.

While Williams has a Valentine this year, and last, both she and her Valentine agree that it's not all it's cracked up to be and hardly worth the stress.

Last year, Williams bought her boyfriend a Bob Dylan T-shirt from a head shop in central Illinois. He got her flowers and jewelry from the same store.

And they had never been happier.

This year, Williams is here, and her boyfriend is nearly two hours away. She said they see each other every weekend, making Valentine's Day irrelevant to them. And they're not the only ones.

"It's fake, a scam and forced," said freshman Lauren Davidson. "Why is it an obligation to buy your Valentine a gift? Is this really love?"

Yes, there will always be the Valentine's Day version of Ebenezer Scrooge. And of those willing to share their personal experiences, heart wrenching stories and just plain old rage, they will have their opportunity this year.

Pemberton Hall will be holding its 2nd annual Anti-Valentine's Day this year in the Pit T.V. Lounge, located in the basement of the hall. The event will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. and is open to anyone who feels they fit the bill.

Last year, those who attended individually expressed their hurt and outrage to one another by writing their ex's a letter and taping it to a dartboard, said Melissa Coleman, the event's creator.

What ensued could be imagined as one of the girls' most entertaining game of darts.

It was a means of bonding, Coleman said.

Coleman is - and has been for the last year and a half - the desk manager for Pemberton Hall.

The idea came to Coleman last year because it was the first year she had been without someone on Valentine's Day. The idea was brought up because she had no other plans and realized there were plenty of others in the same position.

Basically it was, and will be again this year, therapy without all the glitz and glamour.

The only difference will be that a "Friend's" clip, featuring the stars of the show burning the names of those who have done them wrong, will be shown this year.

Other than that, the crowd will be the only contrasting element of last year's fiesta.

"We're expecting a really big turnout and hoping it becomes a tradition year after year," said Amanda Sleber, president of the Pemberton Executive Board.

And why wouldn't there be a big turn out?

"Obviously, it appeals to any girl who has gone through a breakup recently as guys aren't their favorite people right now," Sleber said. "Or anyone who has a boyfriend that goes to another school or lives far away and they don't have anything else to do on Valentine's Day."

Or anyone who is single for that matter.

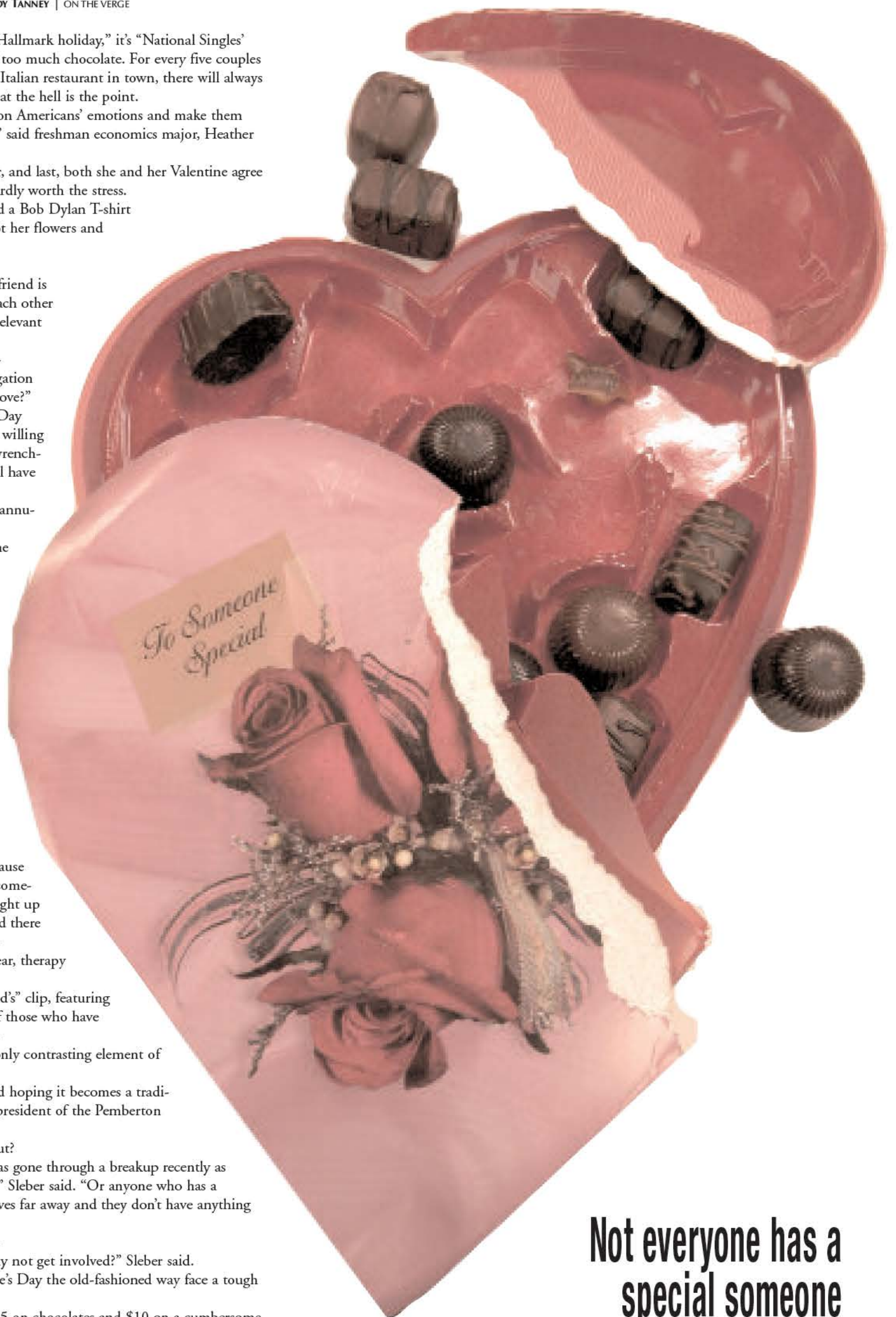
"I don't have a boyfriend this year so why not get involved?" Sleber said.

Those looking to participate in Valentine's Day the old-fashioned way face a tough decision.

Who wants to spend \$20 on flowers, \$15 on chocolates and \$10 on a cumbersome stuffed teddy bear?

"Why spend so much on something that will die, make you fatter and will eventually be thrown away?" said Williams.

No, angst sounds much more appealing.



Not everyone has a
special someone
to snuggle with



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rule number 1 for Valentine's Day: Don't forget your wallet when taking your sweetheart out to a "classy" dinner at the Union food court.

Go ahead, Cupid, make my Valentine's Day

BY MICHAEL PETERSON | VERGE REPORTER

Ah, Valentines Day... It can be a romantic, beauty-filled day with that special someone. It's also one of the few days of the year when Cupid is working a double shift.

Occasionally, Cupid slacks off and suddenly your well-laid plan goes worse than the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. But whatever your Valentine's Day experience is like, I can assure you it will be one of three things. It could be good, bad or ugly.

The Good

Tiffany Grice, a sophomore family and consumer science major, recalled one memorable Valentine's Day experience that she had during her freshman year at Eastern.

"So this guy and I were dating and he wasn't really into the whole 'idea' of Valentine's Day," Grice said, "I was pretty sure that I wasn't going to get anything. Earlier that month he had asked me what my favorite flower was and I told him that I didn't really know."

So when Valentine's Day rolled around Grice's boyfriend gave her a call on the phone and sang the entire song, "Unforgettable", by

Nat King Cole while he drove to her dorm. When her boyfriend arrived, Grice said, he showed up at her door with a vase full of every flower imaginable. The card attached to the vase read, "Now is your chance to pick your favorite."

The Bad

Michael Schulte, a sophomore economics major, recalled a time when he planned to have a romantic evening with his girlfriend, only to have it go horribly awry. It was his senior year in high school.

"I got her roses and all that good stuff that you are supposed to get for Valentine's Day. You know, the romantic stuff," Schulte said. "But I told her, 'You're choosing the place where we go eat.'"

Schulte said his girlfriend had all day to decide where she wanted to go eat after the movie. But once they were done, she wasn't able to decide where she wanted to go. He drove around town for 20 minutes waiting for her to think of a place to eat, but she was just too indecisive. Frustrated, he saw a White Castle on the side of the road.

"Then I said, 'If you don't decide now, we are going to go to White Castle.'"

His girlfriend still wouldn't make a decision so

he pulled his car into the White Castle and they proceeded to have their romantic dinner there.

"I think the people working (at White Castle) thought it was hilarious because they knew that we were on a Valentine's Day date," Shulte said.

The Ugly

Chris Santarelli, a sophomore communications major, was just a sophomore in high school when his Valentine's Day turned from mediocre to ugly.

He was hanging out at his friend Shawn's house on Valentine's Day when Santarelli decided to give his girlfriend a call and wish her a happy Valentine's Day.

But before Santarelli could give his girlfriend a call, his friend Shawn jokingly said, "You know what would be kind of funny? If your girlfriend decided to break up with you on Valentine's Day."

They both chuckled and then Santarelli gave his girlfriend a call and strangely enough, that's exactly what happened.

"After I wished her a happy Valentine's Day she suddenly said, 'We need to talk,'" Santarelli said. "After I got off the phone with her, Shawn and I actually had a good laugh about it. It was just hilarious because he completely called it. It was a one-in-a-million guess."

SHAKESPEARE TAKES THE CAKE:

STILL THE MASTER OF ROMANCE

By Chris Essig | Senior Verge Reporter

When it comes to love affairs, few can come close to magnitude that “Romeo and Juliet” has reached. The story of two star-crossed lovers living helplessly in love as their respective families battle each other is the perfect tale to provide the backdrop for any Valentine’s Day, even if their love is fleeting. I would continue to go further plot-wise but we’ve all heard the tale, or at least I hope we have.

Originally performed as a play centuries ago, the story has been reworked, reinterpreted, and re-mastered on nearly every medium imaginable. It’s been an opera, a ballet and a musical. On top of that, a ridiculous number of movies account the tragedy for any one viewing. Baz Luhrmann’s rendition has quite the competition.

What keeps the movie from failing is its dialogue. Every line that’s uttered is in the original form, the way Shakespeare intended. While one would perceive this as just merely one good attribute of an otherwise complex movie, I can’t stress how important this is. The dialogue keeps the movie in order and as a result, rarely goes off-course.

The only key difference between the original

and this version, is modernization. For example, instead of the characters using swords to battle each other, they use Sword-brand guns to duel. In one of the first scenes the Montagues and the Capulets fight one another outside a gas station, with Tybalt Capulet setting the gas station on fire as the scene closes. Obviously, this is off-course from the original, but the essence of Shakespeare’s classic is there. Even the characters, dying and causing the damage, are right on course.

The rest of the supposed differences are based on interpretation. The scene where Romeo takes an ecstasy pill right before going to the Capulet’s costume party may leave some asking, “What the hell?” The same goes for Mercutio’s homosexual tendencies towards Romeo that Luhrmann portrays.

What Luhrmann did right was mess with a classic only to a certain extent. This movie could have been a huge failure if not done carefully, but Luhrmann knew what he was doing.

“Romeo and Juliet” may not be an exact replica but every interpretation of Shakespeare is merely that: an interpretation. Luhrmann’s interpretation does justice to the original while modernizing it enough to please the most common of moviegoers.

“Romeo and Juliet”
(1996)
Directed by Baz Luhrmann
Starring Leonardo DiCaprio
20th Century Fox

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Clooney, Pfeiffer sitting on the shelves this year

By Chris Essig | Senior Verge Reporter

There’s nothing better than a good romantic comedy, right? Sure, but at the same time there’s nothing worse than a terrible romantic comedy.

Unfortunately, the room for error is slim enough that it’s either hit or miss. I’m sure you know exactly what I’m talking about because we’ve all seen a terrible romantic comedy. Anyone looking for another to add to the list needs not to look any farther than “One Fine Day.”

One of the many problems with this movie is how it tries so hard to push that the two lovers are complete opposites. George Clooney’s character, Jack Taylor, is a journalist who’s intelligent enough to casually scrape by, all while doing it in good fun. Michelle Pfeiffer’s character, Melanie Parker, on the flipside, leads the busiest life you’d ever want to see portrayed.

Yes, they may appear to be complete opposites, yet they are in the exact same situation the entire movie. When the movie starts, both are divorced and have to take care of their respective children for a day. They try to rush their children to school because they are both late. Both manage to get to the school at the same time but the students have already left for their field trip. They are forced to bring their children to work as neither could find someone to take care of them.

When they first meet, they act like anything but adults and have a verbal brawl right there in front of their kids. They hate each other from the get go and it’s not obvious why. At this point the viewer just gets confused but fortunately the movie is basic enough from there on out that no one will be left behind.

As the day progresses – the movie takes place in one day – Taylor and Parker, for one reason or another, have these huge conferences that they have to attend to that their children can’t. The two characters decide that one will take care of the children during the day and the other at night.

I’m not exactly sure when they fall in love but they do and live happily ever after. Maybe it’s just their charming good looks that finally bring them together. Either way, they turn from hating each other to loving each other in little less than 12 hours.

This movie is one big coincidence and, in turn, just not applicable to real life. My reason for the summary is to show you just how terrible this movie is. I don’t even need to critique it, Anybody who would want to watch this movie after reading this or the back of the DVD needs to be slapped.

The movie’s only saving grace – well, as close to a saving grace as this movie is going to get – is Clooney. Fortunately his character has a way with words, who makes a few good one-liners and an overall above-average dialogue. While the rest of the movie will make

you vomit, Clooney at least gives you a few smirks here and there. As for Pfeiffer, her character is so grotesquely unoriginal that I don’t want to spend more time than I have to describing her. We’ve all see them before; the busy woman too busy for love but just hoping that her Prince Charming will magically appear some day, out of the blue. And then he does. It’s sickening and laid out so blandly that you know the last 45 minutes of the movie without even watching it.

The bottom line is this movie is a train wreck from the opening to the ending credits. If one is looking for the absolute cheesiest romantic comedy this Valentine’s Day, look no further.

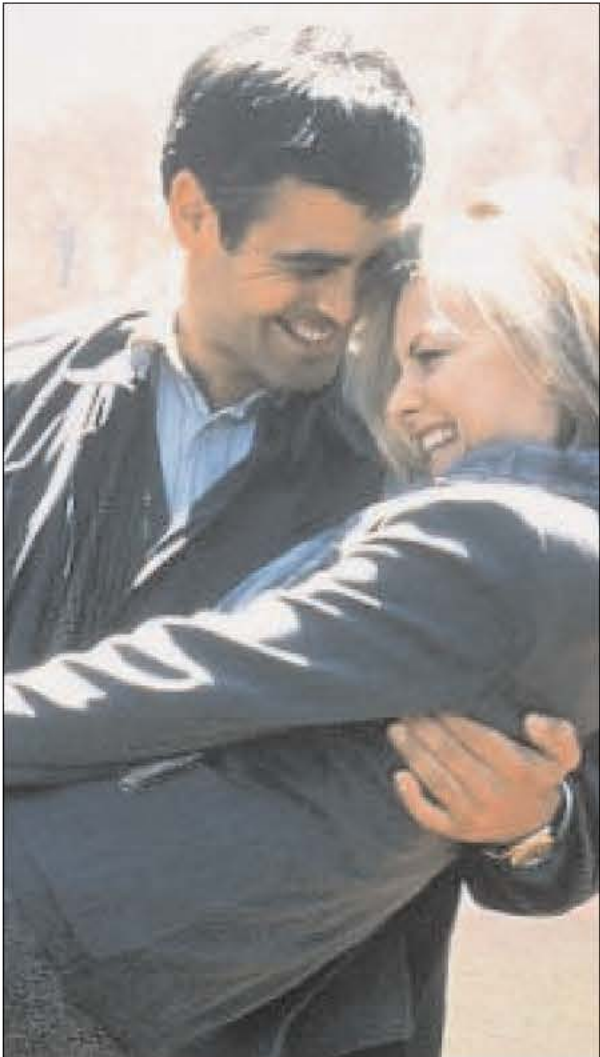


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“One Fine Day”
(1996)
Directed by Michael Hoffman
Starring George Clooney
20th Century Fox

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Name games: how defining a relationship may change it

By NYSSA PERKINS | VERGE REPORTER
HOLLY MOHR | ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Relationships with labels could be sending your partner a mixed message.

Today, many terms are being used when two people get together. The expressions college students use today include “talking,” “kicking it,” “seeing each other,” “dating” and “just friends.”

Someone unfamiliar with the term “talking,” may presume it to mean that two individuals are communicating.

“I’m really clueless on this term,” said Ryan Hagan, a junior marketing major. “No sexual thoughts come to mind.”

Sexual thoughts may not come to his mind, but they’re there in others.

Mickey Range, a sophomore biology major, said that talking to him means, “you’re not officially boyfriend and girlfriend and sex may be involved. So if you see that person with someone else, you can’t get mad.”

Students may have a deeper meaning for the term.

“Talking is used with someone you’re not dating yet, but would like to have a relationship with,” said John Baskerville, a senior history major.

While talking is an overused expression, “kicking it” is

making a new meaning for itself.

“Kicking it sounds casual, it doesn’t remind me of sex, but casually kissing or groping,” said Kari Keller, a sophomore psychology major.

Originally believed to be an action done with the lower half of one’s body, on campus, “kicking it” can be a term for a guy and a girl hanging out or possibly doing a little more.

“‘Kicking it’ means you’re friends that hang out,” said John Klyczek, a junior English major. “There is potential. You may have interests to bring it to the next level, but nothing has yet been initiated.”

“‘Seeing each other’ happens when there is an expressed interest, physically and verbally. There is an agreement between the two,” Klyczek said.

“Seeing each other” is a label that gets confusing unless both parties understand the agreement. It can be a term used for almost couples or friends with benefits.

Range said ‘seeing each other’ could mean going to the movies or some people might use it when they are having sex like “I’ll be seeing him tonight.”

“The term ‘dating’ might be the one expression that’s not so hard to interpret. It has been around the longest.

Hagan said the term ‘dating’ isn’t interchangeable because it stands for two people in a relationship where cheating is

not acceptable.

“She gets to put a chain on his neck and drag him around,” he said.

Baskerville agrees. He said people are officially in a relationship when they use the term “dating.”

“Dating” can be so easily defined, but the term “just friends” can be perceived as actual friends, friends with benefits or friends with potential.

“You can be friends with anybody. It does not imply much. A friend is just someone you talk to or hang out with,” Keller said.

Friends hanging out could potentially turn into a relationship or maybe just a good time. “Friends with benefits occur when two people are having sex, but one partner won’t commit and the other is trying to get any kind of affection the non-committing person is willing to give in hopes of changing their mind,” Range said.

The different terminologies can confuse anyone, but taking the time to define what is really going on between two people will save any misleading feelings.

“Girls throw these terms around like wild without defining any of them,” Hagan said. “That’s how they trick guys into marriage.”

CELEBRITY BRIEFS

Scarlett and Keira pose in the buff

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — With award season still under way, Scarlett Johansson and Keira Knightley are exchanging ballgowns for birthday suits.

Under the artful eye of photographer Annie Leibovitz, the starlets posed nude for the cover of Vanity Fair magazine’s yearly Hollywood issue, to be released Wednesday.

Fashion superstar Tom Ford also appears on the cover photo, though he stuck with a more traditional suit, one of black fabric.

Ford, the issue’s guest art director, said he hadn’t planned on becoming part of his own project, but he stepped in when “Wedding Crashers” star Rachel McAdams, 29, backed out.

“She did want to do it, and then when she was on the set I think she felt uncomfort-

able, and I didn’t want to make anybody feel uncomfortable” Ford said Tuesday on ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

Other Hollywood stars weren’t difficult to persuade, Ford said.

“A lot of women actually, a couple of men, too, wanted to take their clothes off,” he said. “These are such beautiful people, beautiful women, and who doesn’t want to see a bit of them?”

UMA THURMAN HONORED OVERSEAS

PARIS — France honored Uma Thurman on Tuesday, proclaiming the “classic and disconcerting beauty” a knight in the Order of Arts and Letters.

“We welcome Uma Thurman, a model-actress, admired throughout the world and especially in our country, France,” said

Cannes Film Festival Director Gilles Jacob. He presented the award to Thurman on behalf of the country’s Culture Ministry.

Thurman’s career “would make her the favorite actress of an entire generation,” he said.

Jacob evoked her “atypical and bohemian” childhood as the daughter of a renowned Tibet scholar, who named Uma after an Indian goddess.

“The public discovered your grace and sensuality,” Jacob said, outlining Thurman’s acting career that began on a New York stage when she was 16.

LES PAUL RECOVERING FROM LUNG COMPLICATIONS

RIDGEFIELD, N.J. — Guitar great Les Paul was in good condition Tuesday at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J., where he has been since Friday, said Maureen

Curran Kleinman, a hospital spokeswoman.

“The worst is over,” Paul said in a statement. “I am doing better. I am grateful to all of my friends for their thoughts and I will be back shortly making them laugh.”

The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that Paul was hospitalized Friday after X-rays revealed fluid in his lungs. The hospital declined to confirm that information.

Paul was to miss his all-star 90th birthday celebration concert in Los Angeles on Tuesday. He is expected to be released in the next few days, his son, Russ, told the Times.

Paul invented scores of recording techniques and helped spark the rock revolution by creating the enormously popular solid body electric guitars that bore his name.

This year, he is nominated for two Grammy Awards, including best pop instrumental performance.

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He said “an unexplained liking” or “a mislead chance” would be the next best titles.

PSYCHOLOGY OF A CRUSH

Cathy Schoonover, psychology instructor, said there are two main psychological theories about why and how people crush.

The first theory is that of the psychodynamic theorists.

Schoonover said these theorists believe that people are cut out to look for mates that remind them of their parents or any other influential person.

They believe people are “seeking attachment” to people that resemble others they have loved, she said.

The evolutionary theorists believe in a different theory of crushing.

“These theorists believe people are looking for someone to further our species,” Schoonover said.

She said they believe it’s through genes as to why we crush on someone.

PHILOSOPHY OF A CRUSH

Gary Aylesworth, philosophy professor, said having a crush isn’t necessarily a good thing.

“It all depends if who you’re in love with (or crushing on) is really going to lead to something beyond physical attraction,” he said.

Plato’s dialogues in Symposium, speak on the philosophy

of love.

Aylesworth said just a physical attraction, like many crushes are, isn’t going to get anyone very far philosophically, according to Plato.

When liking someone for characteristics other than physical appearance, a crush can lead to happiness.

“Philosophically speaking, according to Plato, physical attraction can lead to the understandings of things that go beyond the physical including virtue and knowledge which are more enduring and lasting than just beauty,” Aylesworth said.

He said Plato thought the intellectual principle, The Beautiful Itself-a beauty that can’t be perceived through senses, governs everything intelligible and will give someone a higher level of happiness.

Plato said all good things come from this principle and last forever.

CRUSHED

Schoonover said a study done by researcher Dorthy Tennov explained that a crush is the first initial stage of falling in love, and sometimes when there are obstacles (like someone not returning the feelings), it can increase the feelings of affection the person crushing can have.

“It’s difficult to put in words, but the feelings can increase because the person feels the need to pursue the relationship,” she said. “This increases the crush and desire for the feelings to reciprocate.”

Being crushed hurts. Otherwise, it would be called some-

thing warm and fuzzy, and with time, most can heal.

Henke said the longer he crushed, the harder it was to get over the person.

“It sucks! But you realize (in time) there are worse things and everything has a way of working out,” he said.

OBSSESSED

A crush can lead to an obsession if people can’t let go of the ones they’re crushing on.

Schoonover said obsessions begin when people still try to pursue and possibly stalk the ones they like after a reasonable amount of time has already passed.

“If affection is not received after a few months and they haven’t given up on the crush, then the crush has turned into something not mentally healthy,” she said.

OVER IT

Crushes hurt, no doubt about it, but a person can overcome one and crush again and again.

Horwitz said finding a “rebound” can help getting over a crush depending on how strong the feelings were.

Friends, family and fun are other ways to go about it.

Henke said after a bad crush, spending time with friends and meeting new people are the best way to get over it.

He said once you realize the crush is done and it’s for the best, moving on can be exciting.

Quitting a non-reciprocating crush is hard, but vital. So, when the next crush comes along, it may be a long-lasting one.



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Lingerie is just one way women can reward their significant others this Valentine's Day.

Lingerie: A one-way ticket to Pleasuretown, USA

Flowers, cards and chocolates may work for the ladies, but the sure-fire way to get to a man's heart is something with a little more lace

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With temperatures being in the chilly 30s, students can heat up their Valentine's Day with some sexy lingerie.

Valentine's Day is known for its mushy love cards, beautiful red roses and delicious chocolate, but around Valentine's Day, some student's prefer a lacy lingerie set from their beloved.

Freshman Brandi LeNoir, was pleased with a matching set from Victoria's Secret last year from her high school sweetheart of three years.

Jenna Blandi, a sophomore business major, said she would be happy with a nice pink and black

combo for Valentine's Day.

She said she has never received it as a gift, but will spend around \$50 to pick something out for herself around this holiday to feel nice.

Valentine's Day is a second Christmas for Victoria's Secret, said the current manager who is not allowed to give her name because of company policy.

Black and red lacy sets are one of their most popular sellers, she said.

When men come in, they usually purchase a perfume along with the lingerie, she said.

If students don't have time to make the 45-minute trip to the nearest Victoria's Secret in Champaign, the Cross County Mall in Mattoon offers various

Valentine's Day gifts for that special valentine you have your eye on.

The Hallmark store at Cross County Mall is overflowing with pink and red at this time of the year.

The store will be opening an hour early on Monday and Tuesday at 9 a.m. selling cards, their most popular item, said employee Mini Metzger.

If you prefer a thoughtful gift like Trisha Blake, a sophomore English major, Hallmark offer's anything from plush teddy bears that talk to cards with mushy messages inside, Metzger said.

Singing cards are a new item available at Hallmark this year, said Jacque Herring, Hallmark employee.

Six different cards are offered

that play songs by the original artist such as, "Wild Thing" by Chip Taylor or "I've Got a Crush on You," by Michael Buble.

After you pick up your musical card, stop by J.C. Penny's, which carries a romantic collection of lingerie.

Department Supervisor Valerie Long, showed off the lingerie section.

Baby doll lingerie tops priced at \$19.99 hang from three stands ranging in color from sheer rose to deep black with red roses.

While there is an increase in the fine jewelry section, Long still sees men purchase lingerie as well, she said.

So forget about the typical box of fattening chocolates, be creative and spice things up with a lingerie set that says, "I love you."

