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Trustees approve lot improvements

BY KRISTINA PETERS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved two purchasing recommendations that include parking lot maintenance and improvements, as well as the annual supply of coal on Monday.

Cost of the parking lot project is \$328,860.40, which also includes a \$29,896 contingency.

"This came in a little above estimation," said President Lou Hencken.

The bid from Ne-Co Asphalt Company, Inc. in Charleston was about \$25,000 more than estimated, and was the only bid.

Eastern tends to have only one bid and that usually comes from Ne-Co, Hencken said.

In the past the university has been pleased with the work Ne-Co has done.

Ne-Co is very cooperative and they notify the university in advance about when lots will be closed, Hencken said.

Work on the lots will begin this summer.

Of the lots on campus, 20 of them will face repairs, said Hencken.

All lots will receive joint and crack repairs, caulking and cleaning. Six of the 20 lots will also receive a seal coat and stripe painting. Another four will receive reflective crack control, patching with complete overlay and stripe painting.

The parking lots go through all weather conditions throughout the year that make repairs necessary, Hencken said. Lots face rain and both hot and freezing temperatures.



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Jeffrey Cooley, the vice president for business affairs, makes a presentation during the Board of Trustees meeting in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday afternoon.

As for the supply of coal, an approval was needed for the price increase.

The price per ton for delivery is \$80 compared to the previous \$50, said Jeff Cooley,

vice president for business affairs.

Total cost should not exceed \$972,000.

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Dan Pufunt, an incoming freshman from Brother Rice High School, nervously laughs Thursday afternoon while receiving a vaccine in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Meningitis vaccine supplies dwindling

BY KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Even though meningitis shots are available at Eastern, there may not always be enough of the vaccine, called Menactra, to go around.

The shots are primarily given out at freshman orientation, a day that according to Nita Shrader,

Administrative RN in Health Services, has said yields around 80-100 students.

"There is a limited supply [on the vaccine]," Shrader said. "We give out about 20 doses a month from the facility ordering it. We keep telling them we need more around our orientation period. We usually give out about 300-400 shots in a 6-

week period."

The company Eastern orders the vaccines from is VaccineShopper.com, and more specifically, Sanofi Pasteur.

A representative from the company has said that the supply is where it was anticipated at six million doses, but the reason for the shortage in supply is because there's such

a high demand for the vaccine since the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a strong recommendation for college students to receive it.

Yet, whatever the reasoning for the shortage may be, there is still a shortage, at least at Eastern.

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Library expansion driven by patrons

BY ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

Officials believe a renovation and expansion project at Carnegie Public Library will help meet the needs and wants of local patrons.

"When we first started looking into renovating we asked people what they wanted," said Ruth Straith, director of public services for the library.

The most popular response from library patrons was more parking availability, Straith said. The expansion plans include much additional space for parking.

Another popular response was the addition of a large meeting room that could be used by the public.

"One of the biggest areas of improvement will be a large meeting room for the public that can hold up to 200 people," said Sheryl Snyder, executive director of the library.

An additional suggestion from the public that is part of the renovation is the addition of a drive-thru return lane. This will allow patrons to drop off their rented items without having to get out of the vehicle.

"It's not easy when you've got two kids in the back in car seats," said Snyder, "and you have to get them out just to run in and return a book."

According to Straith, the other

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comments from patrons were mainly that they wanted more books to be available. However, with the limited space in the library, it is difficult to bring in a lot of books at a time.

Snyder said that the best part of the expansion project will be the addition of space because it will allow for many opportunities.

"Having more space will allow us to have multiple copies of items and to host more programming," she said.

The addition of more public space also allows the creation of a gathering area as well as a children's craft area, said Snyder.

Additionally, with the added shelving areas, there will not be a need to use the top shelf, Straith said. This will increase the ease of use in the library for patrons.

Another part of the renovation is the inclusion of a public computer lab. Currently, the library has a few computers for public use, but the lab will expand this to holding between six and 10 computers.

"It seems you can have one computer and it's not enough," said Straith, "or you can have three computers, and that's still not enough."

In addition to the computer lab, there will also be computers available in the teen and children's areas, said Straith.

Though the library currently offers wireless Internet service, it plans to make laptop use more convenient.

"One of the things will be that technology-wise, we will have the ability for someone to come in with a laptop and plug it in," Straith said.

Currently, the library has very few, if any, open electrical outlets for laptop users to connect to.

The expansion of the library, as well as the renovations to the current part, will make the building completely compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Straith said.

The building will have complete elevator access, the new restrooms will be equipped with handicap-accessible stalls and all water fountains will have two sizes, allowing for access from a wheelchair.

The library project will primarily be paid

for by a \$7 million referendum from the city, but other funding projects are underway. The library is currently accepting donations for sponsorship of different sections of the library to area businesses and groups.

Some of the current sponsors include Mooney's Ford, Sav-A-Lot, Hutti's Chiropractic Center and Hi-Cone, amongst others. According to Snyder, approximately \$180,000 in donations has been collected at this point.

"Once everything is in place, there will be plaques up recognizing the substantial donations," Straith said.

The library also sponsors fundraisers to help raise money for the project. The library recently sponsored a garden walk, which raised \$1,300 to be used for landscaping purposes.

"It was very successful," Snyder said. "We will probably do that again next year."

This far, approximately \$30,000 has been raised through fundraising. This money will be used to pay for the decor of the library rather than the construction, Snyder said.

"[The fundraising projects] keep people interested and involved," she said. "It helps make it their library."

Carnegie Public Library was built in 1902, and at that time, it contained only what is the main room of the library today. Since its construction, only two expansions have been done to the building until now.

In 1963, the North Room, which contains the non-fiction section, was added. Three years later, the construction on the Young People's Area was completed. Now, 40 years after the last addition, the new expansion project will more than triple the size of the library.

The library is currently 9,000 square feet, and expansion plans call for a total area of 28,000 square feet, Snyder said. The expansion project also calls for the building to have two levels.

Once the expansion of the library is built, the staff will move the library into that section while the current part of the building will be renovated. The estimated completion date is January 2008, Snyder said.

"We're very excited and looking forward to it," said Snyder. "The hardest part is being patient."

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Coal is purchased from Coalsales, LLC in Evansville, Ind. The coal has less sulfur and meets the standards of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"It puts less pollutants in the air," Hencken said.

The board also gave updates relating to the university campus master plan. The campus master plan was approved on April 19, 1999, Cooley said. Its focus is to enhance the quality of campus life including areas of academics, recreation, residential living and support services.

With the master plan, one of the objectives the university hoped to achieve was to make the campus more pedestrian safe.

The campus lost a total of 328 parking spaces since May of 2000 due to the expansion of the Tarble Arts Center and removal of the Blair Hall lot, Cooley said.

However, the university has also added a total of 576 lots since the same time, gaining a total of 248 spaces.

Also on the board agenda was the first reading for the revised mission statement.

Hencken opened the floor for the board to give any suggestions or comments that they had.

Board member Robert D. Webb was the only one to voice his opinion.

"Some people might say it's more nit picky," Webb said.

He suggested that there should be something in the statement addressing that Eastern has a diverse staff and students.

As well, he suggested changing a few words around.

Hencken will share Webb's suggestions with the campus and will bring the mission statement back up at the Board's November meeting.

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"One day, last Thursday, we explained we couldn't give the vaccine that day because we didn't have it," said Shrader.

Meningitis, a disease that's caused by the meningococcal bacteria that's transmitted through saliva or close contact attacks the nervous system, and can if left untreated, lead to loss of hearing, loss of limbs or death.

Since it's contagious, it is more prevalent in colleges, where there's tight housing and an increased number of bars where smoking can irritate the nasal passages.

Shrader said in the past there have been college students who have come down with meningitis and died.

"You're more prone to develop meningitis in college," Shrader said.

"When you have a proximity of 10,000-20,000 students living together and being in smoky bars, it raises the chances of getting meningitis. It's present in about 10 percent of the population, and things like smoke only are more irritable to the nasal passages."

Although orientation is the primary focus on giving the shot, Shrader has said that anyone at Eastern is eligible for the vaccine. She also said that it is highly recommended,

as it is good for 10 years so students get through their college years with it.

In a 2005, Sanofi Pasteur study on Menactra, 7,642 participants were part of six clinical studies, and were monitored for 28 days for any adverse effects of the drug.

The most common side effects for the 18-55 age group included pain (52.9 percent), headache (41.4 percent) and fatigue (34.7 percent).

Despite the results of the Sanofi Pasteur study, Shrader said Menactra is easily tolerated and really has not shown any side effects. "Nobody aches, nausea, vomiting, nothing," she said.

Kim Moock, director of orientation, said the drug has appeared to have a positive effect on students at orientation, as she has not seen any drawbacks in distributing the vaccine.

The vaccine cost \$85, which is the cost charged by the company on Eastern's Health Services. Shrader said that it cost more, though, to go to personal doctors.

"Parents are saying they can get it from their personal doctors for \$110-125," she said.

"I know there's a bunch of college kids all around each other all the time, but it doesn't scare me," said Eastern student Mike Cosentino.

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A quick take on news, scheduled events and announcements.

Independence day causes office closings

The offices of The Graduate School, International Programs, Study Abroad and Research and Sponsored Programs will be closed Monday, July 3, in addition to the Fourth of July holiday. Normal summer office hours will resume July 5.

Teacher education meetings held in July

Students must attend a meeting to formally apply for university admission to teacher education and to initiate the selection process. The College of Education and Professional Studies schedules meetings each semester. The required formal application form is distributed and collected at the meetings, and the rules and regulations concerning selection, admission to and retention in teacher education are explained. Students who have not previously applied must attend a meeting. The following meeting, held in Buzzard Hall Auditorium, Room 1501, is available Summer 2006 to initiate the selection process: noon to 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, July 18.

Registration is not required. The next opportunity to initiate the "Selection Process" and apply for university admission to teacher education will be during Fall 2006.

Receptions held for retirees

A retirement reception for Kathy Bennett, certification officer, LCBAS, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, in Klehm Hall, Room 1418.

Kathy is retiring after 33 years of service to the university. Please stop by to wish her well as she begins this new phase of her life.

The Journalism Department will hold a reception honoring Mary Pierce from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in the Journalism Conference Room, Buzzard Hall, Room 2522.

Pierce is retiring June 30 as the department's secretary. All members of the university community are invited to attend.

TODAY'S EVENTS

MS PowerPoint Advanced Workshop

This workshop will cover grouping graphics, creating master slides, special effects with graphics, creating triggers (buttons) and adding interactive components. For more information call the Library Administration office at 581-6061.

Tues. 2 to 4p.m | Booth Library, Rm 4450

Creative Problem Solving lecture

Discover strategies for unlocking your creative genius and unleashing the power of your common sense and imagination to creatively resolve challenges either at work or at home.

Wed. 8 a.m. to noon | Village Theatre

MS Word Intermediate I Workshop

This workshop discusses all the ways to customize Word to fit you. For more information call the Library Administration office at 581-6061.

Wed. 2 to 4p.m | Booth Library, Rm 4450

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

25 years ago – A survey conducted among six state universities showed that Eastern pays the lowest hourly wage of the six for civil service employees.

10 years ago – Twin brothers and Eastern athletic department alumni, Dan and Darrin Steele, returned home from Atlanta after not qualifying for the U.S. Olympic decathlon team.

Last year – Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka spoke to 64th Annual Illinois Girls State.



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cadet Jack Miller, a 16 year-old from Orlando Florida, is moved onto the runway at Coles County Airpoint by other Civil Patrol cadets Friday Morning. Miller was preparing for his first solo flight in a Schweizer SGS2-33 glider.

Glider Academy flies into Charleston

BY CHRIS CALVERT
STAFF WRITER

The Coles County Airport has seen its share of young aviators throughout the month of June; first with the Civil Air Patrol's Johnson Flight Encampment, and most recently the National Glider Academy.

The glider encampment, which ran June 16-24, allows young people from "the tip of Maine to Los Angeles" to attend the camp, unlike the Johnson camp which is only for people around the Midwest, said Tom O'Shea, academy director.

As the name says, the National Glider Academy teaches 14 to 20 year olds how to fly gliders.

But it is not as easy as just signing up for the camp and showing up, one must first be a member of the Civil Air Patrol's, and then go through an interview process, said O'Shea.

When the cadets arrive at the

camp, they are divided into two groups, Alpha and Bravo.

From 8 a.m. to noon, one group will spend time learning how to actually fly the Schweizer 2-33 gliders, while the other group will spend that time in the classroom learning about basic airplane behavior, and then more specifically, the characteristics of the glider.

After lunch, the two groups switch and go until 5 p.m. or sometimes until dark, said Walter Pleasant, a ground instructor.

"They [the cadets] cover at least 22 hours of ground school and need at least 30 flights before they can fly solo, but many have never been in a glider before so it will take more than one summer," said Pleasant.

Mitch McKinnon, a 15-year-old cadet from Alabama, said this is his first time attending the camp.

"I've been flying gliders for a while but this is my first year at camp. I like to fly and I want to go to the Air Force Academy."

By using a scaled-down model of the glider in the classroom, the students are shown a basic idea of how to maneuver the glider and how to come out of stalls.

On the actual runway, the gliders become airborne through an aero tow.

The tow ships, consisting of Cessna 172s and 182s, tow the gliders and young pilots inside by a cable to about 2,000 to 3,000 feet at first.

"We take them up to 2,000 to 3,000 feet so they have time to play with the controls, see how it turns and handles, have an idea how to recover from stalls and also to see the general layout of the area," said tow pilot Stephen Gerrish.

The speed at which it takes to reach that altitude is around 65 mph and it takes about eight minutes or so.

Once the chosen altitude is reached, the tow cable is released and the cadet takes over the controls, of course with an instructor sitting with them.

When the instructor thinks the cadet is ready, they will fly up to about 1,000 feet and practice landing.

"In order to land you have to have control," said Gerrish.

"One of the most important parts for the students is learning how to land," said O'Shea.

For some, at the end of the week the best part of the camp is not just learning to fly, but also about working with new people and making friends.

"I really like working with the kids. I'm in the cadet program; I do orientation flights as well as instruction. I really like teaching," said Gerrish.

O'Shea said he enjoys working with the 18 different members in his staff.

Austin Murch, Oklahoma, and one of the 21 cadets, said that his favorite part of the camp was, "All the friends I have made."

"I joined because I wanted to go to the Air Force Academy, but the best part was all the new people I met."

Shortage of minority teachers inspires camp

BY TEARRIA RUFFIN
STAFF WRITER

From June 18-24, 2006, Eastern's Minority Teachers Identification Enrichment Program (MTIEP) hosted a camp for aspiring teachers made up of minority junior high and high school students from various parts of Illinois.

"There is an identified shortage of minority teachers and teachers in specific shortage content areas across our state and country," said Charles Rohn, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

The Illinois State Board of Education reported minority teachers formed 15 percent of the teaching force compared to minority student population of about 41 percent in a study performed in 2002.

"It is important to increase the number of minority teachers because we live in a very diverse society," said Shawn Peoples, the coordinator of MTIEP and scholars program. "We have a lot of students who want to see that."

Freddie A. Banks, Jr., retired



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Female staff members from the Minority Teacher Identification Enrichment Program Camp pose for a photo. The staff worked at the camp held for aspiring minority teachers.

faculty member of the Department of Education and Educational studies, began the program 12 years ago with the idea of increasing the number of minorities interested in teaching in the state of Illinois, said Peoples.

The summer camp, which is a part of the program, is a one-week event that allows Illinois junior high, senior high and even community college students to participate in academic classes, activities and workshops. Students also have the

opportunity to live in dorms and tour the campus.

"The hosting of this camp and the sponsoring of the MTIEP program indicates that Eastern is very serious about helping to meet the need for a talented, qualified, diverse pool of talented teachers for tomorrow's schools," said Rohn.

MTIEP detected the need that students have with being able to connect with other people and their surroundings in order to feel understood. Peoples believe that students

will feel more comfortable in the classroom if they interact with an instructor who is familiar or empathetic to their daily experiences.

"I think minority faculty makes a huge impact because their committed to teaching and educating their students," said Peoples.

"Just by being in that position and seeing someone who's a minority faculty gives the student more confidence to say that he or she can do this."

OPINION

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

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EDITORIAL

Students should take advantage of library's services

The Carnegie Public Library in Charleston is home to a wealth of knowledge, information and services that could be beneficial to students.

However, it seems that most students fail to look beyond the borders of Eastern's campus when they need to conduct research or are looking for entertainment.

Eastern students should take advantage of all the services the Charleston Library has to offer.

The library has an extensive collection of DVD movies that can be checked out for free.

In addition to DVDs, the library also has a large collection of magazines.

Current issues of magazines can be read while sitting in the library, and old issues can be checked out for a week at a time. The magazine service, as well as the DVD collection, could help students conserve money while on a tight budget.

The library has a Handicam video recorder that can be checked out by students and patrons over 18 years of age. Having access to this video recorder could serve useful for students working on projects for class or looking to capture a student organization event on film.

The library staff spends the year collecting travel guides for various parts of the country, and they allow these materials to be checked out during the summer.

Students looking to plan a summer road trip or vacation could find these materials to be very useful.

In terms of schoolwork and research, the library also has much to offer. First, the computers in the library are equipped with online tutorials to help students learn any of the Microsoft Office programs.

One-on-one help is also available for training in any area of computer usage from beginning Internet skills to troubleshooting with word processing.

The library also offers online databases. One of the databases is Grolier Encyclopedia, allowing access to any record in any volume of the encyclopedia. Learning Express is the second database, and it allows for people to take practice tests for tests such as the GED and civil service tests. The third database, Recorded Books, is for entertainment purposes, allowing users to download audio books to their iPod or MP3 player.

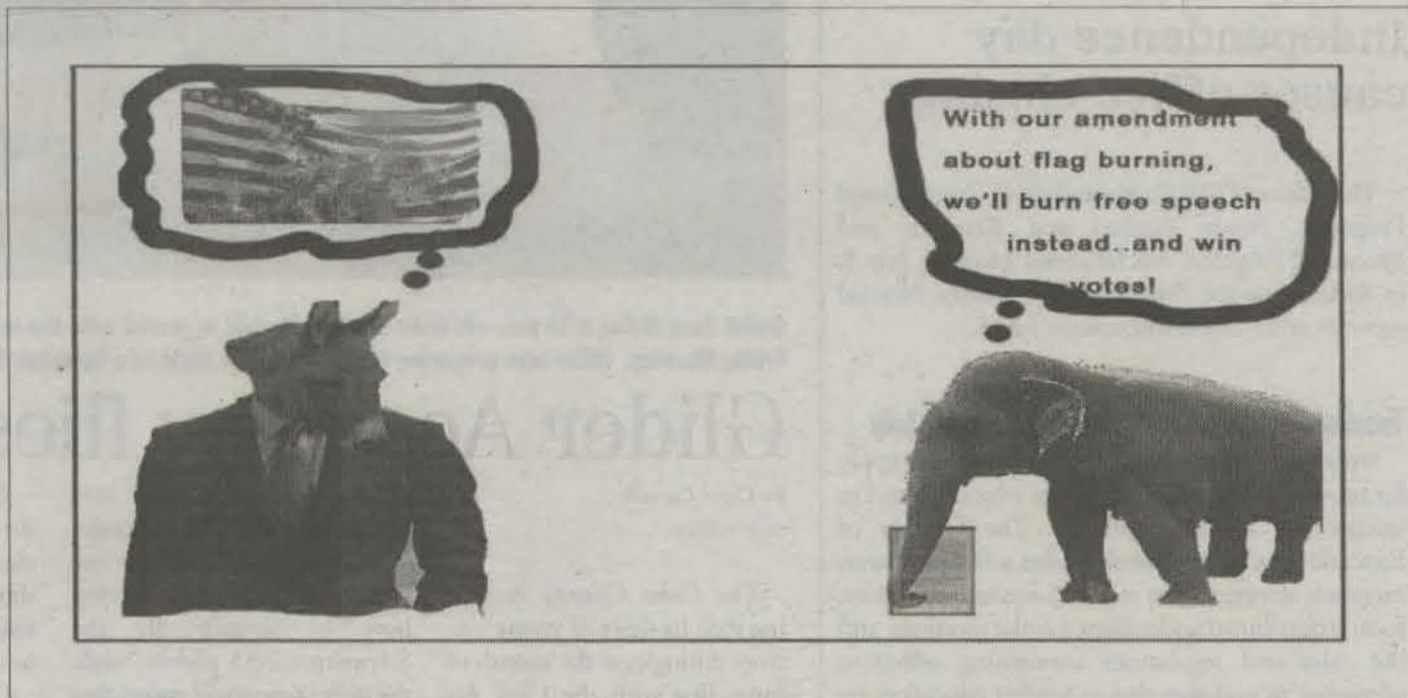
The library also contains its own genealogy department with a resident genealogist on staff. If students are working on any historical projects or are curious about their family history, they can find assistance in this department. The genealogist is available to the public use for five hours every week day.

By limiting their library use to Booth Library, students are missing out on great opportunities offered through the Carnegie Public Library.

Now, and especially once the expansion project is completed, Carnegie Library is a wonderful resource in Charleston that students should begin utilizing.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KEVIN KENEALY



COMMENTARY

McCartney not living up to '64'

I decided to take a break from the weird news in the world this week and branch out, just a little, into entertainment news.

As a former die-hard Beatles fan, I'm ashamed to admit that it was my mother who informed me that June 18 was Paul McCartney's 64th birthday.

For any of you who do not understand the significance of the number 64, it is from a song on the Beatles album, Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

The song is called "When I'm Sixty-Four", and basically is about a young man asking his beloved if she will stay with him even as he grows old.

The irony with the whole situation is that McCartney was not happily married the day he turned 64.

Until McCartney married Heather Mills, he was the only Beatle to be married only once.

For a while, it looked as though McCartney would be with his first wife, Linda for quite a long time.

When Linda died of breast cancer a few years back, it was obvious that the



CARISSA HAYDEN
GUEST COLUMNIST

"I am not sure if McCartney wrote the song as a valid question, but if so, then I guess the answer was no."

song's message would not come true for McCartney.

I am not sure if McCartney wrote the song as a valid question, but if so, then I guess the answer was no.

McCartney was 24 when he recorded the song from the album in early 1967.

I always figured that he was prepared to wait 40 years to see what his life would be like at 64.

Ringo Starr was the only other Beatle to live to see age 64.

He turned 64 in July of 2004.

And although he neither wrote nor sang the song, his life most closely follows it.

Starr does not see the publicity that McCartney does, so he is living more of the "normal" retirement-age lifestyle the song describes.

McCartney, on the other hand, has been in the news quite a bit during the past 10 years.

Between Linda passing away, remarrying and then splitting with second wife, McCartney has seen much publicity in recent years.

He, apparently, is not living the quiet life mending fuses, gardening and visiting a cottage on the Isle of Wight every summer.

Not to mention that McCartney has not even started losing his hair yet.

I guess I learned from Paul that you cannot predict at 24 where you will be in 40 years. Ringo probably never imagined that his life would reflect the song more accurately than Paul's.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Editorial cartoons run every day, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday.

Anyone is welcome to write or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

Columnists Needed

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

Cartoonists wanted

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues.

A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

Gitmo prison violates US ideals

PEORIA JOURNAL STAR

So long as the United States operates a prison at Guantanamo Bay, winning the war on terror will be that much tougher.

The damage from Gitmo was highlighted last weekend when three long-term detainees, all Saudis, made the ultimate political and personal statement and committed suicide.

The incidents drew international outrage, even from allies.

Their deaths were not the first suicide attempts at the prison camp on the island of Cuba.

Twenty-three tried to kill themselves over eight days in August 2003, and 18 others have made

failed attempts. Dozens have had to be forcibly fed because of repeated hunger strikes. Much of this was predictable. Many prisoners have been held for as long as 4 1/2 years, with the government refusing to provide the evidence against them.

Only 10 of nearly 500 have been charged. There have been allegations of abuse, humiliation, and in some cases torture.

Forget the United Nations' criticism of Guantanamo for a moment. Two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that its prisoners were entitled to their day in court.

One case has finally landed on a court docket. But the Bush administration has refused to do so voluntarily, repeatedly arguing that this is a national security matter. That defi-

ance makes this a balance-of-power issue, as well.

At the very least, the U.S. has a moral obligation to declare Guantanamo a prisoner-of-war camp and treat those housed there under terms of the Geneva Convention. It doesn't take a liberal to recognize that Guantanamo violates American ideals and undermines our ability to speak convincingly to others about the supremacy of our laws and government.

If nothing else, U.S. citizens should demand something be done for the sake of our own soldiers.

If America is under no obligation to treat the captured justly, humanely and transparently, how can we expect other nations to deal with our military men and women?

Trips costly, many violate congressional ethic rules

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What if it came to light that five years ago, before 9/11 and before gas was even \$2 a gallon, the chairmen of congressional committees that write (or kill) legislation on auto pollution and gasoline mileage had spent a week in Hawaii with their spouses, all expenses paid by manufacturers of SUVs, Humvees and pickups?

And what if the ostensible reason for this trip was so the lawmakers could attend some two- or three-day conference on the value to the economy and highway safety of huge vehicles?

The environmentalists and alternative-energy crowd were not invited.

Now, suppose those committee chairmen today are faced with legislation to toughen auto mileage standards.

Scads of lobbyists want private time with them and it's impossible to meet all the requests.

But, they do make time for the lobbyist from the SUV, pickup and Humvee industry.

That scenario, which isn't all that hypothetical, is part of the dark side of non-governmental interests paying for trips by members of Congress and their staffs.

Now, thanks to a study by the Center for Public Integrity a light is shining on this shadowy practice. The CPI found that over 5 1/2 years ending in 2005, members of Congress and their aides took at least 23,000 trips (often with spouses).

These trips were valued at almost \$50 million.

Corporations, trade associations and nonprofit groups picked up the bills.

The trips are legal, although some violated congressional ethics rules.

Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and his staff led all 435 House members

by far, with nearly a half-million dollars in trips.

It would be folly to argue all of these trips are of little value to good lawmaking.

Every bit of real-world experience and information lawmakers collect in their lives helps inform their decisions.

But it also would be incorrect to suggest there aren't plenty of these trips that could be largely worthless and unethical, starting with DeLay's.

Congress should bring the reporting of these trips into the 21st century.

In the meantime, nothing is stopping all members of Congress from issuing press releases and Web page announcements of every one of their excursions paid by a non-government group or individual.

Op-ed

A sampling of opinions
from around the nation

Increasing Ethanol use may mean trading one addiction for another

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Last year, Congress ordered the nation to nearly double ethanol use in gasoline by 2012.

With gas prices hovering in the range of \$3 a gallon, hardly a day goes by without yet another politician waxing rhapsodic about ethanol's role in ending the U.S. addiction to oil.

Here's a question: Are we trading one addiction (oil) for another (government subsidies)?

Ethanol in the U.S. is subsidized through a 51-cent-a-gallon tax credit. Corn-based ethanol, largely produced from Midwest crops, dominates the U.S. market.

It might face competition from sugar-based ethanol, which is more energy-efficient and largely produced overseas.

But a 54-cent-a-gallon tariff on sugar-based ethanol essentially freezes it out of the U.S. market.

So the government props up one kind of ethanol and freezes out another kind of ethanol and with all that gimmickry, how are we supposed to find out which oil alterna-

tive has the most promise in the market?

If this nation is serious about a future in which ethanol plays an ever-greater role in powering cars and trucks, let's do it in a way that makes some economic sense. Reduce or eliminate the subsidies and tariffs, and let's find out if ethanol can really become a credible, competitive alternative to gasoline without the federal largess that has propped up the industry for decades.

Let the most economic ethanol win. It is a good idea to encourage ethanol use, because it's a renewable resource that burns cleanly without the greenhouse gas problems of fossil fuel. Its expanded use could make us less dependent on oil from the ever-roiling Middle East.

But if ethanol is going to be a significant, long-term fuel for this country, it's going to have to find its own place in the market.

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Shakespeare in the park comes to Charleston

Comedic actors modernize the work of the Bard

BY ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

After the Charleston Community Theater performances this weekend, cast members have different opinions on what William Shakespeare would think.

"He'd probably kick us in the nuts and say 'What are you doing?'" said Matt Fear, director and performer of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)."

Aaron Clark, who performed alongside Fear, provided a more serious opinion, thinking that Shakespeare would have appreciated the support.

"I think Shakespeare would kind of look at it and say, 'Hey, thanks for bringing it to the masses,'" he said.

Mike Harvey, the acting trio's third member, had a very different view from his two co-stars.

Harvey said that Shakespeare would probably not say much because "I don't think he'd have any teeth left. He'd probably smell bad."

Harvey also thought that when Shakespeare realized he was over 400 years old he might have another question on his mind. "[He would probably wonder], 'Why am I not dead?'" Harvey said.

Despite some complications due to weather, this weekend's performances were very successful, Fear said.

"I thought this weekend's performances were amazing," said Fear.

"The evening performances I thought were a lot better."

The Saturday afternoon performance was difficult for the actors because of a low turnout crowd and hot weather, said Fear.

However, the Sunday performance was better despite poor weather conditions.

"We had to bring the audience up on the stage because it started raining and they were all like up in our faces," said Fear.

"We had a really good time with it."

With all three actors commuting to Charleston for the performances, it caused the actors to be in high gear all the time.

"We're all from Champaign-Urbana and it was kind of a marathon driving back and forth," said Clark, "but it was worth every minute of it."

The show, which was described as a mixture between Shakespeare and "Saturday Night Live," served up laughter for audience members of all different ages and backgrounds.

"Everyone can come to this show," said Clark, "even if you love Shakespeare, never seen Shakespeare, hate Shakespeare; I think you would enjoy seeing the show."

The goal of the play was to fit all of Shakespeare's major plays and all of his sonnets into a performance of less than two hours.

Another key element of the per-



Mike Harvey, Aaron Clark and Matt Fear perform "Julius Ceasar," from "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)." Clark portrayed Julius Ceasar. The trio performed four shows in Charleston at Kiwanis Park.

NORA MABERRY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Juliet is really funny in the way scholars have looked on [her], She's looked on as a ditz... like she's young and stupid. So she got portrayed by someone young and stupid."

MIKE HARVEY, WHO PORTRAYED JULIET

formances was that Fear, Clark and Harvey were the only three actors. The trio opened the performance with their rendition of "Romeo and Juliet."

"It would be impossible for us to portray all the major characters of 'Romeo and Juliet' using only three actors," said Fear, who was serving as narrator, "so we're doing it using only two."

Many of the jokes from the play came from references to popular culture and history as well as local Charleston attractions.

During the introduction, Fear was introduced as one of the pre-eminent scholars on Shakespeare.

"He received a bachelor's degree from right over here at Eastern Illinois University where he read two whole books on Shakespeare," Clark announced.

The performance of "Romeo and Juliet" was filled with these references to popular culture.

In the opening scene, when a fight erupts between Abraham and Sampson, Harvey and Clark turned the fight into a dance off to "Beat It" by Michael Jackson.

In the climactic scene where Juliet poisons herself, Harvey, portraying Juliet, begins choking on the poison.

"It kind of feels like President Bush with a pretzel," said Harvey.

Following "Romeo and Juliet," the actors continued to keep moving through the rest of Shakespeare's plays.

The cast first announced that due to the lack of an African American actor, the cast would be skipping "Othello." However,

Harvey said he had an idea. Harvey began to beatbox and then began to sing.

"Here's the story of a brother named Othello," rapped Harvey. "He liked white women, and he liked green Jell-O."

In addition to the hip-hop version of "Othello," the cast also performed a version of "Julius Caesar" in which Caesar was portrayed as homosexual and a version of "Titus Andronicus" presented as a cooking show.

The cast informed the audience that with Shakespeare's comedies, there are only a few themes that he decided to use throughout all the plays.

Therefore, they wanted to ask him, "Why did you write 13 plays when you could have written just one?"

In answer to the question, the cast demonstrated their version of this one play that Shakespeare could have written.

The play had two titles that reflected the titles of Shakespeare's 13 comedies, but they also offered one that was simpler to remember: "The Love Boat Goes to Verona."

In another montage scene, the cast presented all nine of Shakespeare's histories in the form of a football game.

This made it possible to symbolize the progression of the crown through the history of England.

At one point in the game, Fear portrayed a referee giving King Lear a penalty for "fictional character on the field."

Clark said that the histories are his favorite part of the play.

"I'm a huge, huge football fan, so I love the histories," he said, "messing around and acting like we're playing football. Since I was a small guy in high school and I didn't get to play football, at least I get to do it on stage."

In the second act of the play, the cast performed "Hamlet" four times.

The first run through was a full performance, the second and third times they performed it faster, and the final time they did the play backwards.

For both participants and the audience, "Hamlet" proved to be the most enjoyed part of the play.

"[My favorite part] would be when Mike comes out in the Hamlet's father ghost thing and they cut the eye holes out and all I can see is Mike's face and his crazy eyes," said Fear.

"We enjoyed [the play] a lot," said Brian Murphy of Mattoon, "My favorite part had to be Hamlet."

Despite being one of the most enjoyable parts of the play, "Hamlet" is also one of the most difficult plays for the actors. Fear said that Hamlet is the most difficult character to portray, and Clark shared the sentiment about playing Polonius.

"He's such an old guy," said Clark. "I'm kind of bent over and doing physical things. Mike knocks me down a couple times. We're definitely sore from that this weekend."

Throughout all the plays the cast performed, Harvey played all the female roles.

Harvey said that it's easy to play female characters.

"They're very easy to figure out and one dimensional," he said. "All I had to do was scream and go up an octave in my voice and look pretty."

Harvey said he especially enjoys playing Juliet.

"Juliet is really funny in the way scholars have looked on [her]," he said. "She's looked on as a ditz and

deceiving Romeo and getting him to do all this stuff like she's young and stupid. So she got portrayed by someone young and stupid."

Fear, Clark and Harvey have been practiced for over a month to prepare for the four performances in Charleston this weekend.

"The time that went into before the last week was a couple hours a day, maybe two or three times a week for about a month," said Fear. "The week before it was 40 hours a week, every day, and freaking out."

The actors were very impressed with Charleston and said they would definitely perform in Charleston again.

"As college students, I think [Eastern students] are a very viable audience," said Fear, "and I think they should support as much community theater as they can because it is a good opportunity for them to get involved in theater and to have something else to do besides binge drink and frat parties."

Clark said that the people he has met who are involved with the Charleston Community Theater have been amazing.

"They've been more than enough supportive of us," he said. "All we had to do was do the show, and everyone was so supportive and so nice and so great; it was fantastic."

For the actors, one of the best parts of the experience was the opportunity to perform together.

"It was really an honor to do such a great show with two amazing actors and that they're friends of mine," said Harvey.

"Honestly, I'm glad I got to do this. And the experience has been fantastic."

"Just being on stage with Matt and Mike was the best part of the show for me," said Clark.

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" was originally written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield of The Reduced Shakespeare Company.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATER



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Matt Fear performs during "Hamlet" Saturday at Kiwanis Park in Charleston. Fear directed the "The Complete works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" and graduated from Eastern in 2000. Fear performed with Mike Harvey and Aaron Clark in four performances sponsored by the Charleston Community Theater.



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Mike Harvey sits in the audience during the presentation of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)." Harvey, Aaron Clark, and Matt Fear included the audience in the show by bringing people on stage and letting them perform roles in the play.



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Mike Harvey performs as the ghost of Hamlet's father while Matt Fear watches as the group performs "Hamlet" Saturday at Kiwanis Park in Charleston.

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MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER

■ Citizens learn about government and politics while making life long friendships

By KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

High School girls from all across the state come together June 18 through the June 24 to participate in the American Legion Auxiliary's Illinois Girls State program.

The Auxiliary's Illinois Girl's State is very similar to its counterpart, boys state, in that the camp helps girls who completed their junior year in high school to accomplish a foundation of citizenship and leadership with its participants through the way of politics.

"Girls state is a way to teach girls government, flag etiquette, leadership skills and help prepare our young women to lead our country in the future," said Pam Ray, camp director.

The girls are divided up into cities, which are then under fictional counties, and compete for leadership positions by running in elections.

The girls then vote on who they think would best fit the position.

Positions are open for city, county and, eventually, state level.

However, running and participating in political positions is not the only thing the girls do while at the camp.

Ray also said they participate in assemblies during the day to help learn about important issues in government.

Motivational speakers also visit them at the beginning and the end of the week.

At night, the girls participate in various activities, to help strengthen the connection the girls have made with each other.

"There is a talent show preview Thursday night and the actual event Friday evening

"The girls are all amazing. All the girls in my city are best friends. I'm sad to leave."

Nisha Sutari, Girls State Citizen

where they perform for the visiting members of the auxiliary," said Ray.

"Wednesday they have a picnic where competitors for state dance and make their platforms for their campaign.

Tuesday they had city spread where the girls order in take out and just bond with other girls in their city.

It's things like that that generally makes it a good time."

Although, the activities and assemblies are not what makes girls state live in the hearts of those attend.

It is the bonds they make with the girls in the cities.

"The memories the girls will take with them are the cities," said Ray.

"They are making new friends they wouldn't have met before," said Ray.

"It is always rewarding when the girls are leaving they want to stay," said Ray.

Tiffany Chan, Peoria, Ill., is an election judge for Jones city.

She said that the real fun is not necessarily the elections but the friendships with other



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Dorothy Baker salutes as 1765 American Flags are burned in the South Quad Tuesday evening as part of the flag disposal service that Girls State did during their week which included learning how to properly respect the American flag.

girls.

"We all have known each other for a couple of days but it feels like forever," said Chan.

"I am definitely going keep in touch; we are passing around a piece of paper."

Liz Monroe, Morton, Ill., said that it was the girls here who made this camp worthwhile.

"The girls I met I will remember forever," said Monroe.

"I didn't expect to connect with so many" said Monroe.

"It's cool to take how different they are and how we really have become friends. The week's not over yet, but I want to meet more girls; I want to get to meet more inspirational people."

Nisha Sutari, Vernon Hills, while playing the saxophone for her campaign for lieutenant governor, she goes into her positive experience of girls state and how it was all for the girls.

"It's [girls state] friggin' amazing, I love it here," said Sutari.

"The girls are all amazing. All the girls in my city are best friends. I originally thought it would be like a 'Mean Girls' camp where girls would throw pudding at me or something, but they are the nicest girls ever," said Sutari. "I'm sad to leave," said Sutari.

"Some live really far away and chances of seeing them again are slim but I have the memories to treasure forever."

Not all girls came for the connection to the other girls, although that does happen. Ashton Douglas, O'Fallon, Ill., came to girls state because her dad went to boys state and "it was something he always wanted me to do."

Douglas plans to one day become a senator, after going to the Air Force and becoming a lawyer.

She hopes that girls state will help her with her goal.

"I always wanted to die fighting for something I believe in," said Douglas.

"The girls here do so much for community they will definitely succeed in life."

Memories are all around for the girls at girls state.

Before assemblies they sing songs like "Tomorrow," "This land is your land" and



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Some citizens from Girls State play "Ships and Sails" during a party that they had on Thursday evening in the Grand Ballroom.



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Girls state counselors dance together during a party that they had in the MLK union Wednesday evening.

"The official Illinois Girls State song."

They ban together and help each other make posters for campaigns.

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For these high school girls, the memories they make at girl's state will last a lifetime.

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West Nile Virus starts assault

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WASHINGTON — Pull out the bug spray: West Nile virus is beginning its summertime assault.

Infected mosquitoes are known to be buzzing in 16 states so far, and five people nationwide are already battling the illness' most severe form. Scientists fear the rubble-strewn Gulf Coast in particular is ripe for a bad outbreak.

How bad this year will be depends on the weather. Anywhere that's especially hot and dry should watch out.

It also depends on birds, robins and house sparrows, to be exact. Forget the dying crows that became notorious in West Nile's early days.

How mosquitoes feed on these smaller backyard birds seems more important in determining how much virus circulates in communities, especially in July and August, the disease's worst months.

West Nile has infected a surprising 1.2 million to 1.3 million people

in the United States in just the seven years since it first struck the nation, estimates Dr. Lyle Petersen of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the country's leading West Nile specialist.

Most people didn't know it: About one in five people develop symptoms, and fewer get the life-threatening disease.

Iraq bombing kills 35 as violence continues

BAGHDAD — Powerful bombs tore through markets in two cities Monday evening, killing at least 35 people and wounding 86, police reported.

As the violence continued, a key Shiite legislator told The Associated Press said seven minor Sunni Arab insurgent groups had contacted the government to declare their readiness to join efforts at national reconciliation.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, said a Marine died of wounds suffered in combat in Anbar province,

the most dangerous region of Iraq, and an American commander said U.S. forces likely would remain there until sometime next year — even as the Bush administration considered a plan that could cut the American military presence by about half within 18 months.

At least 20 people were killed and 30 wounded in a bicycle bombing in the Sunni Muslim insurgent stronghold of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, according to police in the city who speak only on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution.

Bush blasts disclosure of secret financial spying

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday sharply condemned the disclosure of a program to secretly monitor the financial transactions of suspected terrorists. "The disclosure of this program is disgraceful," he said.

"For people to leak that program and for a newspaper to publish it

does great harm to the United States of America," Bush said, jabbing his finger for emphasis.

He said the disclosure of the program "makes it harder to win this war on terror."

The program has been going on since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

It was disclosed last week by the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times.

Using broad government subpoenas, the program allows U.S. counterterrorism analysts to obtain financial information from a vast database maintained by a company based in Belgium.

It routes about 11 million financial transactions daily among 7,800 banks and other financial institutions in 200 countries.

"Congress was briefed and what we did was fully authorized under the law," Bush said, talking with reporters in the Roosevelt Room after meeting with groups that support U.S. troops in Iraq.

Somalian cleric calls for Muslim regime in state

NAIROBI — The radical cleric named to lead the Muslim militia controlling most of Somalia's south said Monday that he envisions an Islamic state, a stand likely to reinforce U.S. concerns the nation could become a haven for extremists.

Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys, who already was on the U.S. terrorist watch list as a suspected collaborator with al-Qaida, made the comment while discussing efforts to form a functioning central government in Somalia for the first time in 15 years.

"Somalia is a Muslim nation and its people are also Muslim, 100 percent.

Therefore any government we agree on would be based on the holy Quran and the teachings of our Prophet Muhammad," Aweys told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.



Israel teeters on edge of new Gaza invasion

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JERUSALEM — With troops poised to invade Gaza, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday ruled out bargaining with the captors of an Israeli soldier and promised a "broad and ongoing" military offensive.

But large-scale army action appeared unlikely. Officials said they were pursuing a diplomatic solution and conceded that a broad attack would threaten the life of the 19-

year-old hostage captured Sunday.

After more than 24 hours of silence, the militants claiming to hold Cpl. Gilad Shalit issued their first demands Monday. The groups, linked to the Hamas-led Palestinian government, said Israel should release all imprisoned Palestinian women and children under 18 in return for information about Shalit.

Olmert rejected the demand. Addressing Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, he charged that the Palestinian attack on an army post at

a Gaza crossing and the abduction of the soldier were part of a "murderous, hateful, fanatical Islamic extremist desire to destroy the state of Israel."

"This is not a matter of negotiations, this is not a matter of bargaining," he declared. "Release of prisoners is absolutely not on the agenda of the Israeli government."

Shalit was seized at a military post near the Gaza border by militants who infiltrated Israel through a tunnel. The attack was the first success-

ful infiltration by militants since Israel withdrew from Gaza in September and immediately threatened to plunge the region into a major flare-up of violence.

Speaking earlier to a tourism conference in Jerusalem, Olmert said he held the entire Palestinian leadership responsible for Shalit's safety and warned that his patience was wearing thin.

"I gave the orders to our military commanders to prepare the army for a broad and ongoing military operation to strike the terrorist leaders and all those involved," he said. "There will be immunity for no one."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, a moderate who has repeatedly clashed with Hamas, was working with Egyptian mediators and

Arab and Western leaders to locate the soldier.

Hamas government spokesman Ghazi Hamad said he had information Shalit was alive and urged the captors to keep him safe.

"I think we are interested in avoiding any confrontation or bloodshed," he told The Associated Press.

In Tel Aviv, the French Embassy confirmed that the soldier holds French citizenship and said Paris was working to win his release.

Shalit's family pleaded with the captors Monday to treat him humanely and to remember he has a loving family who misses him dearly.

Noam Shalit, in an interview with AP Television News, described his son as a quiet, helpful boy who fol-

Beckham scores winning goal

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — David Beckham sent the ball twisting and turning, curving and curling. Ever so carefully, it hooked over a defensive wall of four Ecuadorians in bright yellow shirts. Then, like a frisbee, it took a turn, heading down and to the corner.

Ecuador goalkeeper Cristian Mora dived to his right, but there was little he could do. He caught a piece of the ball with his fingertips, but couldn't stop it from grazing the post and squirting into the net.

With a trademark 25-yard free kick in the 60th minute Sunday, Beckham gave England a 1-0 victory over Ecuador and a World Cup quarterfinal berth against Portugal.

"I have stopped saying anything to the critics about David Beckham," England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said. "He's maybe the best player on set pieces in the world, and he's still criticized."

Beckham had been feeling nauseous, and England's offense was just as sickly, with nothing to show for an hour of aimless passing against Ecuador in the 90-degree heat.

A few minutes after scoring his first goal for England in nearly 15 months, he vomited on the field because of dehydration. He left the match in the 87th minute.

"The last two days I've been struggling, even in training," Beckham said.

Then he recounted what teammate Wayne Rooney had told him to give him a lift: "Wazza said to me before the game, 'You've been terrible the last two days, so you're going to get one tonight.'"

Seeking its first World Cup title since 1966, England will face an undermanned Portugal team that beat the Netherlands 1-0 Sunday. Deco and Costinha are suspended for the match and Cristiano Ronaldo left the march because of an injury. There were a World Cup-record four reds handed out in that match.

"This is where the competition



Sweden's Henrik Larsson (11) battles with England's John Terry (6) during Group B action in the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Gologne, Germany, Tuesday, June 20, 2006. England tied Sweden 2-2.

gets really tough," Rooney said. "I think we haven't really played to our best yet and we're in the quarterfi-

nals. We will have to raise the game a bit in order to get the result."

While Beckham is soccer's best-

known player, he is far from the best, a 31-year-old midfielder criticized for his lack of defense and

inability to score from the run of play.

But his status as a cultural icon has grown in his decade with England, especially since his marriage to pop star Victoria Adams, formerly known as Posh Spice. He has opened a soccer academy in California, and has considered ending his career in Major League Soccer.

His goal ended a 13-match scoreless streak dating to a World Cup qualifier against Azerbaijan on March 30, 2005, and he became the first Englishman to score in three World Cups. His goal was just his 17th in 93 international appearances, but was just his third in the World Cup. He converted a penalty kick against Argentina in Japan four years ago and scored on a curling free kick against Colombia in France in 1998.

"Obviously, Becks is crucial," teammate Owen Hargreaves said.

Ecuador coach Luis Fernando Suarez, whose team advanced beyond the opening round for the first time, said he was proud of its accomplishment and called Beckham's goal a "genius move."

"I thought we were going to win. We did the impossible to stay alive in the World Cup," Ecuador midfielder Luis Valencia said.

The crowd of 52,000 in Gottlieb-Daimler-Stadium was about 90 percent English supporters in white and red, many waving the Cross of St. George flag. The familiar tune of "Rule, Britannia!" was repeatedly sung.

Ecuador's Carlos Tenorio had the first good scoring chance in the 12th minute when defender John Terry's attempt at a clearing header popped up in the air behind him. Tenorio, one-on-one against goalkeeper Paul Robinson, settled the ball, and his right-footed shot deflected off a sliding Ashley Cole and off the crossbar.

"I thought the ball was going in," Tenorio said. "If the play ends up being a goal, the course of the match would have been very different."

Press box built for soccer

LIZ RICHARDS
STAFF REPORTER

A new press box was finished recently for the men and women's soccer team at Lakeside Field.

The builder of the press box is the head coach of the women's rugby team, Frank Graziano.

Graziano was asked to build the soccer press box because of his previous work in building the women's rugby team a press box on their field.

"Everyone liked it and it adds a lot to the rugby field, so I was asked to do another," Graziano said.

He said he drew one or two sketches of the press box and then waited for the University Planning Department to approve them.

After the approval, he started building the press box with his own two hands, by himself.

Women's soccer head coach, Adam Nowak, and men's soccer head coach Adam Howarth are both happy to have the press box completed.

"It helps to utilize space to better see shots and fouls as well as record statistics for the media and our sports information staff," Nowak said.

Nowak also thinks that the press box adds

to the look of the soccer field and has made it into more than just a soccer field, it's made it into a soccer facility.

All of the coaches, Howarth, Nowak and Graziano, seemed to agree that the press box is going to add to the feel of the soccer field.

"It's part of the look of an intercollegiate contest," Graziano said.

Nowak said the reason why the press box went up is because the director of athletics, Dr. Richard A. McDuffie, understood the need for one at the soccer field.

"We are very appreciative of both Dr. McDuffie and Coach Graziano for seeing the need for the box and taking the time to put it up," Nowak said.

With the new press box scorekeepers, announcers and the media will be able to stay out of the weather.

In the past Nowak said the press boxes were not covered properly, and now that is no longer a problem.

"We used to be lucky to have good weather for filming, but we don't have to worry about that anymore with the press box," Howarth said.

Even though the press box is completed Graziano is not done building for Eastern. Next year he has been asked to build storage sheds for the football and track teams as well.

Illiniwek goes on

(AP)— Chief Illiniwek likely has not danced his last dance at University of Illinois home football games and could perform at basketball games this winter because the school's board of trustees has not settled on a solution to the long-simmering debate, athletic director Ron Guenther said in a newspaper interview.

The school's teams might go through the academic year unable to host postseason NCAA events because the trustees are taking the necessary time to reach a good decision on the Chief's future, Guenther told the (Decatur) Herald & Review in an interview published Monday. The solution likely won't come before May 2007, he said.

"Just to be clear on it, I have no knowledge to say that will happen. I just know as we've talked through this, I don't see a decision being made before then," Guenther told the Herald & Review. "I'm not in the process at the moment, but I've made sure that they know that I want the right thing to happen. And to take their time making that decision."

Illinois is barred from hosting postseason NCAA events because the organization has deemed Illiniwek and the dance a "hostile and abusive" use of American Indian imagery. The

NCAA placed Illinois on its list of noncompliant schools last August and has upheld its decision through two university appeals.

The Board of Trustees, in June 2004, adopted a resolution setting forth a process to seek what it terms a "consensus conclusion" regarding Chief Illiniwek's future. It set no timetable for reaching that conclusion and throughout the debate over the NCAA policy, which was enacted last August, has maintained that the process is continuing.

"The only thing I can say about the status is no decisions have been made and the status quo remains as far as the Chief Illiniwek tradition," university spokesman Tom Hardy said Monday. "The process continues, and there is no timetable."

Guenther was away from the office and unreachable for comment Monday, athletic department spokesman Kent Brown said. In the interview, Guenther said he supports the board's go-slow approach.

Defiance of the NCAA's policy on American Indian imagery, for now, affects sports such as volleyball, tennis, soccer and wrestling. It doesn't have as much effect on the big sports of football and basketball because postseason games in those sports are, for the most part, played at neutral sites.



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No events scheduled this week

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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Girls battle for team camp supremacy

Eastern's girls basketball camp draws teams from all over Illinois

By KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Angie Bickett and her teammates from Bureau Valley Manlius, Illinois, defeated the Pawnee Lady Indians Sunday 52-36 at Eastern's girls' basketball team camp.

When Bickett, point guard, was asked before the game if her team would win, all she could say is, "Um, hopefully."

The camp gave high school varsity and junior varsity teams all over the state a chance to play up to a minimum of three games per day June 24 and 25, which came complete with scrimmage against other teams, referees and 20 minute halves.

"It's nice because it's kind of just a chance for them to come see the campus and meet some of our players," women's basketball assistant coach Anne O' Niel said. "High school teams don't get to play all summer long, so they get to come here and compete, so that's nice."

Even though it was just a camp, the games were nonetheless exciting to watch. Pawnee jumped out to an early lead, and led by as many as 8 against Bureau Valley, but with 12.5 left in the first half, Bureau took a 13-11 lead, and wouldn't give the lead up again.

For a while what seemed to be a tight game, turned one sided, as steals, free throws and a number of Bureau defensive stops led to a widening gap in the score. At one point in the first half, a Bureau player took a shot while falling down with multiple hands in her face. By the end of the first half, a 30-20 score separated the two clubs.

The second half started off with four quick points by both teams making it a 32-22 score, but it soon became one basket after another



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Jay Stewart, from Taylorville High School, attempts a lay-up during Saturday afternoon's Girls Basketball Team Shootout Camp in Lantz Arena

for Bureau, as with just fewer than 14 minutes remaining, Bureau widened the deficit 41-26.

A spark of life crept back into Pawnee after a three-pointer cut the deficit to 47-30, but Bureau just didn't stop their offensive bulldozing, as with just under four minutes remaining the score would be 52-33.

With Shelbyville and the Lady Tornadoes

playing at the same time on the opposite end of the court, Bureau reached 50 points first that Sunday.

"Not bad I mean, we did some things we needed to do and got the ball where it needed to go," Bureau Valley Manlius coach Jeff Olson said. "We got to work on our half-court defense. They haven't played much together.

So they got to get used to playing together. It seems like they're having fun, and that's the important thing."

Despite the competition, Bickett said she came because you "meet a lot of different people, stay in a hotel, get to know your team better and bond with your team, and learn to play with your team better."

Track and field camp turns attention to jumpers

The second track and field camp of the summer hosted by Eastern puts their focus on long jump and triple jump

By CHRIS SENTEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern hosted its second track and field camp for the summer this past week.

The latest camp focused on long jump and triple jump.

About 11 kids, grades seven through 12, participated in the camp from June 21 through June 24.

"One thing we want to do in all our camps is to give the kids a good, solid basis of knowledge and teach them proper techniques," said Tom Akers, men's track and field head coach and camp director. "A lot of kids are really lacking some basic fundamentals in track and field, so we are doing a lot of fundamental work here with this group and then gradually as their talents permit take

them up into some of the finer tunings of technique work."

Campers would have breakfast at 7:30 a.m., then report to the track by 9 a.m. Some days the campers would stay out practicing until as late as 10:30 p.m.

Akers said he tries to give the campers a full day without much of a break between work times. The campers were given a physical activity session generally followed by a classroom session and a break time for showering and eating.

After the break they would return to the classroom for a session and then they would go back out to do another physical activity.

They would then return to the classroom once more before dinner and after dinner they would have a video session where the campers would study and analyze their own

techniques and try to critique themselves.

After the work day was over, the campers would have some type of social event to help them relax and get acquainted with each other.

"I came here to learn how to jump better; I knew how to jump but didn't have very good form. The coaches really know what they are talking about and they help us a lot, I didn't have a good coach back at home," camper Nicole Lewis said.

All but two of the campers stayed on campus in Stevenson Hall, the other two commuted from home.

The campers came to camp to help improve themselves in one way or another. Eastern's camp offered a great way for the campers to receive instruction and training that they would not have been able to get had they not attended.

"I've learned that you have to just relax and just keep everything loose and believe in yourself. It's been hard learning all these new things like striking the ground when you have to jump, it's hard to change



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Brian Barth, from Palatine, takes an attempt at the long jump during track and field camp Thursday at O'Brien Stadium

because we are so used to doing everything else," said Matt Cutinello, a camper from the

Crystal Lake area.

When the camp ended, Akers had two goals for the campers that he hoped had been accomplished. He hopes the campers leave the camp thinking about what they need to do to continue making themselves a better athlete. The other thing he hopes for is that the campers had fun, had a good experience and broadened their horizons.

Akers believes that Eastern's camp had a lot to offer the kids and hopes they apply everything that they learned while at the camp.

"We are very specific with our camps, there are a lot of generic track and field camps out there that say they have long jump sessions and triple jump sessions, but basically it's more fitness stuff and they get a little bit of technique work while they are there," Akers said.

"Here we have a premise behind all of our camps, we want to be very specific and give them a lot of information while they are here that is specific to the event they came here to learn."