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Cooley talks retirement

Vice president looks ahead to retirement, but back on his accomplishments

By Rick Kambic
Editor-In-Chief

Jeff Cooley's decision to retire effective Dec. 31 was not an easy one. After a 25-year career at Eastern, he announced his intention to retire on June 10.

Before the vice president for Business Affairs could make the announcement public, he had to tell one very important person—Eastern's President Bill Perry.

"I felt bad because he just got here," Cooley said. "When I approached President Perry with my decision to retire, I told him his vision for Eastern, the leadership he provides and his friendship made my decision more difficult than I would have preferred."

"I went on to say my one regret in stepping aside was that I would not participate in the achievement of the goals and objectives he has established for the university. It's the respect I have for President Perry that made it difficult for me to stand by my decision."

Cooley was appointed vice president for Business Affairs in June 2001 by then president Carol Surles, following a national search.

Cooley's career at Eastern began as a student. He graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Immediately thereafter, he spent four years working as an accountant at a private firm in the Taylorville area.

"Him and I go way back," Director of Campus Recreation Ken Baker said. "He's a Charleston boy and we're both graduates of Charleston High School."

He began his 25-year employment at Eastern in 1983 as the director of internal auditing until his promotion to assistant vice president in 1997.

"I knew him when we were riding down Lincoln Avenue when it was



RICK KAMBIC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs, announced his decision to retire on June 10. A national search committee will be formed in the fall to find his successor. Cooley's 25-year career will come to a close in Dec.

two lanes," Baker said. "He would have never imagined that he would be a vice president."

"Don't hold that against me, someone has to hang out with Ken," Cooley joked. "Ken and I joke, but we've been friends for several years. In the end, I have to be honest and say we're fortunate to have him here at the institution."

While Baker and Cooley were good friends, they became even closer associates when Baker had to become interim athletic director for the 2007-2008 academic year. Their offices had to work closely with expense reports and requests.

Aside from both being Eastern graduates, Baker and Cooley have

something very personal in common. They both met their wives at Eastern. Joyce Cooley worked in the procurement office for nearly 30 years and retired in 2005. Come December, Jeff Cooley will be joining her in the 'fulltime grandparents club.' The Cooleys have a son, Nate, and a daughter, Kelly. There are six grandchildren between the two. Nate still lives in Charleston, close enough to ask for babysitting duties.

"It's an opportunity for me and my wife to do some things that we've been wanting to do while we're still young enough to go out and do them," Jeff Cooley said. "Also, our parents are getting along in years and we can take a little better care

of them than we might have if we're committed to other things."

Cooley is looking forward to being more active in the community and devoting more time to his hobbies.

"I'm pretty involved in woodworking and I'll be invested in a few projects," Cooley said. "My wife and I are building a house and we're looking forward to getting that completed."

He said he has plenty of requests for unique and fun to make furniture for his family's houses. Golf is also a retirement activity that Cooley plans to do, but in moderation.

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Governor's budget cuts would hit all over state

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD --- College students, Amtrak passengers and Medicaid patients would be among the Illinoisans to feel the impact of \$1.5 billion in budget cuts that Gov. Rod Blagojevich says might be necessary.

The cuts would hit all facets of state government and touch the lives of many Illinois residents unless the governor and legislators find another solution.

From gutting Amtrak train subsidies to delaying health care provider payments, Blagojevich's planned cuts would go deep in some areas to repair a budget for the year starting July 1 he says is \$2 billion out of whack.

The administration already is working with some advocates and interest groups who want to avoid the chopping block.

"Our goal isn't to make anyone the bad guy," said Howard Peters, lobbyist for the Illinois Hospital Association. "Our goal is to do what we can to encourage the Legislature and governor to work toward a solution."

Blagojevich laid out the doomsday of cuts Tuesday to pressure the House to send him revenue-generating ideas already approved by the Senate that would fill much of the budget hole.

The governor is giving them until July 9 to do so. House leaders say they aren't inclined to come back right away and try to pass budget ideas that have significant problems. Health care providers would see some of the biggest cuts under the governor's plan.

He wants to slash \$600 million from health care programs, including \$530 million geared toward ensuring providers get paid for serving Medicaid clients within an average of 70 days.

That will climb to 90 days or more with the cut, and Peters predicts it could cause a financial crunch and put health care access at risk in some areas. That possibility is why the association is working with Blagojevich officials to urge legislators to step in.

"It's not a theoretical problem, but it's a problem that's real and going to play out on the home-front," Peters said.

Other prominent cuts include eliminating subsidies for Amtrak, affecting train routes to and from Chicago at points throughout the state.

Rape prevention and domestic violence services would be cut. State agencies would have fewer personnel. Seniors and veterans programs would be trimmed. Social service providers serving the developmentally disabled and mentally ill would have less money.

Colleges and universities were in line for a nearly 3 percent increase under the budget lawmakers passed but would see more than \$100 million taken back under Blagojevich's plan.

Eastern to close food services

University Court, resident halls shut down during July 4 week

By Ashlei Maltman
City Reporter

Many students attending Eastern in the summer decide to start their July 4 activities early. With the holiday falling on a Friday this year, the university expects that most students will be leaving campus for fireworks and festivities.

Dining services in the residence halls and most of the University Food Court venues will be closed for the week of July 4, according to Mark Hudson. However, Subway and Market Place will remain open



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students walk by an entrance of the food court in Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for students staying on campus.

Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining, said by look-

ing at the number of students in past years who still were on campus during the week of July 4, it is more economical to close dining options. The Food Court will also undergo annual maintenance at the closure.

Dining halls are self funded, Hudson said, and leaving them open without consistent income is too costly to the university.

Keeping the entire Food Court open during this week would cause "expenses to be higher than the income," Hudson said.

Dining services in the residence halls is primarily used for the numerous camps that attend Eastern throughout the summer, Hudson said. However, there are no camps held during the week of July 4.

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<p>THURSDAY 89° 71° Partly Cloudy</p>	<p>FRIDAY 89° 72°</p>	<p>WEATHER THIS WEEK Get ready to break out the umbrellas. Storms will move into the area for the rest of this week and then clear out by Sunday. There will be a break from the storms until mid-week.</p>
<p>SATURDAY 81° 64°</p>	<p>81° 72°</p>	

» **Cooley**

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He's already skeptical about one such adversary- former Eastern president and friend Lou Hencken.

"Lou is feeling pretty good about his game right now," Cooley said. "One thing I know is to never play golf with a retired guy because that's what they do and Lou's been out practicing for about a year now. I'm going to have to sneak up on him."

As retirement looks enticing to Cooley, he said the strongest regrets are leaving his friends and co-workers.

"His knowledge of state budgeting procedures and the financial underpinnings of Eastern was vast and will be greatly missed," said Blair Lord said, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "Not only was he a wonderful colleague in helping advance Eastern, but he was a good friend."

Cooley said much of his success is due to his support staff and fellow administrators.

"In my experiences in higher education, I have to say that Dr. Lord is a rare commodity," Cooley said. "Dr. Lord also has an institutional perspective and what's best for the institution may not always be the best thing for his division."

He said having selfless colleagues helped make tough decisions less stressful and more productive for the university. Collaboration was a large part of his achievements.

"One of the things I'm very proud of, and the things we've been able to accomplish, is the energy conservation efforts that we've undertaken," Cooley said. "In 2003, Eastern was recognized by the department of commerce and economic opportunity as having the lowest utility costs of the universities in Illinois."

Perry's next tough task is to replace Cooley and the timeline begins in the fall. A national search committee will be formed when faculty

and students return to campus.

"I hope it's done by December because I don't want to have to put him in a situation where he may have to decide to stick around for any longer than needed," said Roger Kratochvil, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Paul McCann, director of Business Services, said he would consider applying for the position once the fiscal budgeting process is completed in July. Cooley said McCann might be the leading candidate to be interim vice president for Business Affairs if the search committee needs more time.

"The time frame to complete a search varies from search to search," Perry said. "I believe December is feasible, but should the search take longer, I would appoint an interim vice president after consultation with selected university constituents and the Board of Trustees."

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PHOTO OF THE DAY

Practice makes perfect



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps, of Canton, Ohio, march around O'Brien Stadium practicing formations for their program Wednesday evening. The Bluecoats will be performing in Normal, Ill. at Illinois State University Friday evening.

» **Services**

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Because there are so many reasonable options on the perimeter of campus for the remaining students to choose from, there is no concern about the closure negatively affecting students, Hudson said.

With the traffic through the Food Court lower during this week because of so many vacation opportunities for students, the decision was made to solely keep Subway and Market Place open.

The annual maintenance that is

done to the Food Court will still be done on the other venues that will not be open, Hudson said.

"Now we can serve the students and get our service done too," Hudson said.

Sandy Black, the manager of the Food Court, said that working around the maintenance schedule seemed like a better idea than closing down the entire facility.

"We just want to please the customers," Black said.

A concern that arose was for the athletes staying on campus since there are still classes during that week.

However, there can be no struc-

ture practice over the summer because of NCAA regulations, said Rich Moser, director of sports information.

Jason Hall, assistance athletic director for academic compliance, said that a small number of athletes live on campus during the summer.

With many student athletes living off campus, it is assumed they eat off campus, Hall said. He therefore does not expect the closure to affect them in any way.

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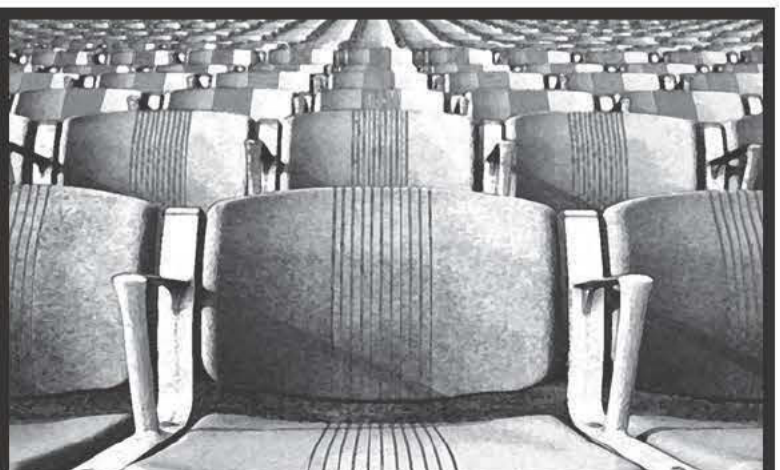
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Scooting around town

Scoters, motorcycles more popular as gas prices continue to soar

By Kristina Peters
Campus Reporter

Joan Stack has an alternative form of getting around. She drives to and from work on a scooter.

Stack, who works in the office of the Registrar, lives 7 miles outside Charleston.

She uses her scooter not only just to and from work, but also to Wal-Mart, the pet store and other places in town.

"As long as what we carry can fit, we use it," Stack said.

Stack's husband and son also have scooters. The family purchased the vehicles because of the higher gas prices and because the machines are more environmentally friendly.

Stack's scooter gets 110 miles to the gallon and goes up to 40 mph.

Because of those two reasons, Stack said they try to use to scooters everyday and that it's perfect for in-town use.

"We usually look at the weather," she said. "If there's more than a 50 percent chance of rain then we say, 'Ok, car.'"

Stack said her son, who attends the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, uses it around campus and has also found back roads to Champaign that allow him to use the scooter.

The Stack family purchased their scooters from Owen Motor Sports, which has seen an increase in scooter sales.

"Look at the prices, some of the scooters are getting 100 miles per gallon," said Jarrod Moran, general manager at Owen Motor Sports located on W. Route 16.

Moran said customers claim to



Erin Matheny/The Daily Eastern News

To save money on gasoline, Sam Chan, a post-baccalaureate student working on a secondary education degree, uses a scooter to get around. "I bought it two years ago, before I came to Eastern," said Chan. "I had no idea how high gasoline [prices] would get."

be purchasing scooters because of the gas prices.

He has also heard that about motorcycles too, which have increased in sales as well.

"Scooters can range anywhere from \$2,000 to \$8,000 depending on size and brand," Moran said. "Motorcycles can range from \$3,000 to \$12,000. Majority of the sales are \$2,000 scooters and \$3-6,000 motorcycles."

James Jordan-Wagner, chair of the school of business, drives a motorcycle that he purchased in 2000.

Gas prices were considerably low-

er in 2000, so saving money on gas was not Wagner's reasoning for purchasing a motorcycle.

"It was in the back of my mind, but frankly, no," Wagner said.

However, Wagner said driving a motorcycle as opposed to a car does save some gas and he tries to drive it more because of the high prices.

Wagner's motorcycle gets about 50 miles to the gallon.

"It's not exactly a small motorcycle," he said.

The Mattoon Kawasaki Yamaha KTM store, 2101 Broadway Ave. in Mattoon, has also seen an increase in

scooter and motorcycle sales.

"We have definitely seen an increase in sales," said employee Jethro Flach who has also seen more people riding them around town.

Flach said the scooters can range from \$1,700 to \$6,000 and get about 120 miles per gallon.

Motorcycles can range from \$4,000 to \$18,000 and get about 40 to 50 miles per gallon.

"It's a good way to have fun and save money," Flach said.

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City plans for Fourth

Safety, emergency measures arranged

By Ashlei Maltman
City Reporter

July 4 can be a fun and entertaining time, but this day can also be dangerous.

According to the state of Illinois, there were 125 injuries related to fireworks in 2007.

Among these injuries, 50 were second or third degree burns and five people suffered dismemberment.

Charleston Police Chief Mark Jenkins said fireworks are safe if used properly. He advises citizens to use common sense when handling them.

Jenkins said some examples of safety precautions are to always have an adult present, never point fireworks at other people and don't make homemade pyrotechnics.

Assistant Fire Chief Pat Goodwin said many Illinoisan residents drive to Indiana in order to purchase illegal fireworks. Firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles are illegal because they are greater safety hazards since they explode.

Jenkins said if a citizen is caught with illegal fireworks, the explosives will be confiscated and the person will be ticketed. The police chief added smaller fireworks like sparklers and snakes are permitted.

While individual fireworks can

be dangerous, protecting hundreds of citizens could cause a citywide problem.

Last year, there were storms before the city fireworks. City officials were concerned where to evacuate the large crowds if a storm hit during the show this year.

According to The Weather Channel, scattered thunderstorms are forecasted for July 4.

In response to last year's concern, the Incident Action Plan was prepared.

This plan would outline the responses, have contact numbers, notify where units are located and what emergency radio frequencies to use.

The city made the safety packet to issue the fire and police departments and the Park Board. If there is an emergency, the public address system would announce the procedure.

If evacuation is needed, Goodwin said the Eastern athletic facilities would provide shelter.

Many are also concerned with drinking during the local festivities.

According to Goodwin, there hasn't been a major problem with drunk driving on July 4.

However, he is slightly concerned this year since the holiday falls on a Friday.

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3-year-old dead after shooting

JOLIET-Police say a 3-year-old Joliet boy is dead after being shot in the head with a handgun.

Police Chief Fred Hayes says the boy appears to have been playing with the loaded gun Wednesday when it discharged.

The boy was home with his mother, who drove the boy to Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, where he was pronounced dead.

The Will County coroner's office says the initial cause of death is a single gunshot wound to the head. An autopsy is scheduled for Thursday.

Former Bradley basketball player pleads guilty to battery

PEORIA- A former standout basketball player for Bradley University has pleaded guilty to hitting his ex-girlfriend.

Daniel Ruffin pleaded guilty Tuesday to misdemeanor battery and was sentenced to nine months of court supervision. He also has to pay \$883 in fines and court costs.

Chief Public Defender Thomas Penn Junior told the (Peoria) Journal Star Wednesday if Ruffin doesn't get into any trouble during that time, the 23-year-old won't have a conviction on his record.

Ruffin was arrested at his apartment in February after a 20-year-old woman accused him of cutting her lip as he tried to get her

to leave.

The former point guard graduated from Bradley this year after setting school and conference records.

Disaster declaration for 14 counties

SPRINGFIELD-State officials say President Bush has extended federal help to 14 counties to cope with severe storms and flooding.

Governor Rod Blagojevich sent a letter to Bush on June 20 asking for the help. Bush on Tuesday approved "direct federal assistance" for 13 counties to cover things like water, sandbags, pumps and generators.

The counties included in Wednesday's declaration are: Adams, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Hancock, Henderson, Jasper, Lake, Lawrence, Mercer and Winnebago.

Rockford man dies after being Tasered

ROCKFORD-Winnebago County authorities have identified a Rockford man who died while in police custody as 29-year-old Ernest Graves.

Police say Graves was hit with a stun gun three times during his arrest after a domestic disturbance early Wednesday.

An autopsy revealed that Graves had cocaine, alcohol and marijuana in his system.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

New psychology chair named

Dr. John H. Mace of the University of New Haven, Conn., will become the Psychology department chair on July 1.

Mace was an associate professor and chair of the Psychology department at the University of New Haven. He has been department chair since 2004 and has taught there since 2001.

According to the American Journal of Psychology, Mace published a study in the summer 2005 edition. The article was about involuntary memory.

He also edited a book on the same subject.

"I am very pleased that Dr. John Mace will be joining our psychology department and the College of Sciences," said Mary Anne Hanner, college dean. "Dr. Mace is an experienced department chair who has an excellent academic record in teaching and research. His research in the area of involuntary memory resulted in two of the first books on the topic. We are looking forward to working with him at Eastern."

Mace is replacing former psychology chair Dr. William Addison.

Science department conducts interviews

The College of Sciences is interviewing candidates for the Assistant to the Dean position.

The Assistant to the Dean works on processing graduation requirements, responsible for the science curriculum committee and helps determining how new classes will affect Eastern students.

Family and Consumer Sciences Adviser Rose Bradley and Academic Adviser Sherri Arnholt were interviewed Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to Biology Chair Andrew Methven, the interviews went well and were conducted without cancellations.

Interviews will continue today with Pam Narragon, Assistant Director for Business Operations, and Amy Lynch on Tuesday.

Briefs compiled by Sports Reporter Bob Bajek

BLOTTER

On Thursday, 6/12/08, it was reported that a cell phone was stolen - This incident is under investigation.

On Monday, 6/16/08, it was reported that an altercation occurred between Eastern students outside the south exit of Lantz, following an altercation in the Rec. Center.

On Tuesday, 6/17/08, a 2007 Hyundai was struck by another vehicle while it was parked at University Court.

CORRECTION

In the June 24 issue of the Daily Eastern News, former athletic director Rich McDuffie was misidentified in the page four editorial.

The DEN regrets the error.

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UNFAIR SCARE TACTICS

At a high school in Oceanside, Calif., highway patrol officers and faculty members announced that an unbelievable 26 students out of the 3,100 who attend the school, had died in drunken driving-related accidents over the weekend.

The truly shocking part about this horrific story: it wasn't even true. The school decided to scare the students to keep them from drinking and driving.

As the story spread across the school, students were crying hysterically in the halls: they were truly and understandably traumatized by the "accidents."

Yes, trying to prevent drunken driving is extremely important. We understand the seriousness of drinking and driving and the sad results it can, and usually does, yield.

However, shocking teenagers about fake tragedies is not the way to go about it. This was a horrible attempt to scare these kids into safety.

There are enough real-life tragedies from drinking and driving accidents. No one needs to make them up.

In reality, students can be told over and over to make the right choices, but it's up to the individual when they get behind the wheel. Most everyone knows what can happen when one drinks and drives, but some chose to anyway.

Instead of taking advantage of these malleable youths' emotions with lies and fake stories of death, why not teach them to do the right thing so they value their lives and the lives of others?

-The Daily Gamecock

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Trouble in paradise

Times they are a changing. Ask anyone, really, they'll all tell you the same thing. Policy is becoming increasingly vague, and everyone knows why, or at least they think they know.

This year, the tuition coming in from Eastern students surpassed the funds allocated by the Illinois state government. It's true, just look at the Illinois Board of Higher Education's website, click on 'data and statistics,' then go to the data book and look at chapter 10. The information is available to the public. Take a look.

Students, or parents, or whoever foots the tuition bill, paid \$304,800 more than the state government allocated to Eastern.

So should we still be called a state-funded institution, or rather a state-assisted institution?

In 2002, the state government apportioned \$54.6 million, which was \$28.3 million more than the university itself too in. Incidentally, Eastern received the most state appropriations in 2002 out of any of the past ten years.

From 2002 until 2006, we received less money each year, and the last two years have seen marginal increases in state funding.

This would not be such a big deal if it weren't for the fact that this is a public university, and for any democracy to work, its citizens must be well informed.

It's no secret that tuition costs rise every year; that's missing the point. If this trend continues, tuition will not just rise steadily as it has been, it will explode.

Add this to the fact that most students can't afford to fill up their gas tanks.

The establishment is making it harder and harder to get decent health-care. Well, unless you've got a job or are covered by a parent's insurance. The best option for a lot of students is to stall graduation, or enroll in graduate school to

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Tuition paid by students exceeded the money given to Eastern by Illinois.

• **Our Stance:** We need to show more of an interest and voice an opinion about increasing tuition rates.

stall the inevitable phase of being a penniless, uninsured jobseeker.

Something has gone rotten in the government, and apparently citizens aren't priority number one anymore. If we stay apathetic, or partisan on any of these issues, nothing will happen. It isn't politics; it's simple humanity.

Democrats took control of congress a few years ago with the promise that things would get better. They haven't, and the future isn't looking so hot. America's face is tarnished and we've bought the illusion that we have no control.

Eastern students don't be naïve and think that you can't do anything about the situation. We can vote. We can make our voices heard. We have to stick together. We can write letters.

We can change things.

But the first thing that we need to do is become informed on what is happening. Unless we start now, we'll have no ground to change later.

It is only logical that at the rate state appropriations are crawling in comparison with the rise of university income, we will have to start going without. Without what has yet to be decided, but it's not looking pretty for anyone, especially young people.

We still live in a society founded on the principle that if citizens don't like something, we do have a say. If we keep letting ourselves be overlooked and not heard, things will go downhill fast.

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Photo Poll: What are your plans for the 4th of July?



Katie Kaye
Lamont, IL

"I'm going to downtown Chicago to watch fireworks at the Navy Pier."



Devaughn Davis
Kankakee, IL

"I'm going to chill with my family."



Cheslynn Litke
Mattoon, IL

"I'll be at a softball tournament out of state."



Jesse Cuddy
Charleston, IL

"I'll be out in Colorado to see my brother."

How does donating to Hillary help Obama?

-Scott Nathan Green
Daily Illini, U. Illinois

If you really wanted to make Barack Obama the next President of the United States, you would go online right now and make a large contribution to Hillary Clinton's campaign.

I'm not certain why this helps Obama, but in a new video posted on HillaryClinton.com, the New York senator asks America to join her in supporting him. "I look forward to campaigning with him," she says, her face appearing next to a red button labeled "\$ CONTRIBUTE" that lets you help pay her campaign's \$22 million debt. I swear this is true.

This is a great idea, because people seem to really like Obama. It's the kind of outside-the-box thinking Clinton's campaign wasn't known for. Had she thought of this "Give-To-Me-For-Obama's-Benefit" strategy months ago, she might have raised enough money to win the nomination.

But there's always the risk that Obama supporters might do something silly, like give their money directly to Obama. If so, Clinton would still have her campaign's debt. The obvious way to handle it would be faking her own death, though this is not ideal if she wants to run in 2012.

Mike Huckabee, another loser of the primaries, recently signed with Fox News, a moneymaking scheme Clinton might want to consider. Aside from offering commentary on the election cycle, Huckabee is developing his own show for the network. Early speculation is that he'll play a kooky housewife always trying to con her husband, Ricky, into letting her perform at his nightclub.

But Huckabee is a former governor with no current elected office. Clinton is a sitting United States senator, and there's a real risk she could give a spontaneous, honest opinion from the heart that hadn't been extensively focus-tested. So if she decides TV is the answer, I say she go the American route and appear on a reality show.

They'd probably have to make a new program for her, since she doesn't fit the casting requirements of current network reality fare like CBS's "Amazing Race," ABC's "The Bachelor," or Fox's "Bikini Supermodel Wilderness Songwriting Life-or-Death Dance-Off." Lucky for Clinton, I have a TV show that would be perfect for her, and I don't ask much in return. Just a producer credit. And \$750,000 an episode.

The show is called "Beg For It." What happens is, a camera crew follows Hillary around the country as she pleads with regular citizens for cash contributions. A family in the Cleveland suburbs might have her mow its lawn for \$50; a cynical Chicago high schooler might donate \$15 for her to bark like a dog; her husband might offer \$40,000 to overlook recent infidelities.

Me, I'm easy to please. I'd just want Senator Clinton to make me laugh. All she'd have to do is explain how donating to her helps elect Barack Obama.

Kanye West rails against Bonnaroo criticism

The Associated Press

NEW YORK-- Kanye West defended himself from criticism over his delayed performance at Bonnaroo, saying on his blog that the flak he's taken has left him "the most offended I've ever been."

West's performance at the Tennessee festival was scheduled for 2:45 a.m. in the early morning of June 15. West didn't take the stage until 4:25 a.m., angering much of the crowd who had stayed up late to see the rapper perform.

The delay was caused by problems setting up West's elaborate stage set, which included an interplanetary landscape of a wavy black platform and a video screen above. Pearl Jam, who had performed on the main stage earlier that evening, also went an hour over its scheduled time. While waiting for West's concert to begin, many in the crowd pelted the stage with glow sticks and beer.

At the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, which traditionally has favored jam bands, West's delayed show became a kind of rallying point, leading to "Kanye sucks" chants and criticism from pedal steel guitarist Robert Randolph, who

played later the same day.

Writing Tuesday on his blog at www.kanyeuniversity.com in almost all caps, West said he was offended that anyone would think he doesn't care about his fans and blamed the delay on festival organizers.

"This Bonnaroo thing is the worst insult I've ever had in my life," West wrote. "This is the most offended I've ever been ... this is the maddest I ever will be."

West was critical of the festival for not releasing a statement in his defense. The morning after the show, The Associated Press asked festival spokesman Ken Weinstein about the delay. Weinstein said it was simply a matter of unloading the Pearl Jam stage after its set (which went until about 1:15 a.m.) and loading the West stage.

Following his performance, West's publicist didn't reply to a request from The AP for West's take on the criticism.

In his blog posting, West said he and the festival organizers (Bonnaroo is put on by Superfly Productions and AC Entertainment) went back and forth for a month on how his stage could fit at the festival. He

said it was clear he was "dealing with ... idiots who didn't really have the capacity to really put on this show properly."

Weinstein on Wednesday relayed a statement on behalf of the festival that did not specifically address West's complaints but read: "Our world-class event production team strives to accommodate the needs of every performer."

West also blamed thrown bottles for malfunctions with his "Jane screen." (In the concept concert, Jane is the HAL-like disembodied female robotic voice of his spaceship.) But the stage crew appeared to be having difficulty with the screen well before anything was thrown from the crowd.

West's set was originally scheduled for 8:15 p.m. the night of June 14, but the rapper requested it be moved later in the evening so it was sufficiently dark for his "glow-in-the-dark" performance. But because of the late start, midway through his performance the morning light began to show — revealing a substantially thinned-out audience.

"It broke my heart that I couldn't give these fans 'Stronger' in its great-

est form," said West, referring to his hit song. "I'm sorry to everyone that I didn't have the ability 2 give the performance I wanted to. I'm sorry."

West concluded by saying his elaborate stage cuts his payday in half and leaves him icing his knees.

"Call me what you want," he said, "but never say I didn't give my all!"

Jolie-Pitt Foundation donates \$1 mil to Iraqi kids

LOS ANGELES--- Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's love for children is by no means limited to their own: The couple has donated \$1 million to help kids affected by the war in Iraq, the Education Partnership for Children of Conflict announced Wednesday.

The organization will distribute the donation, made through the couple's Jolie-Pitt Foundation, to four organizations working on behalf of children who have lost parents, homes and schools in Iraq. Children in the U.S. who have lost parents in the conflict will also benefit.

"These educational support programs for children of conflict are the best way to help them heal," said

Jolie in a written statement from Education Partnership for Children of Conflict, which she co-chairs.


"We hope to encourage others to give to these great organizations," Pitt added in the statement.

The money will be divided between the Armed Services YMCA Operation Hero Program, which provides military children with counseling and educational support; Women for Women International, which will provide books, school supplies and other basic necessities to Iraqi women and children; the International Rescue Committee, which will repair three schools and offer classes for more than 2,500 students; and NineMillion.org, which will give school uniforms and learning materials to more than 2,000 displaced Iraqi kids.

Last year, the Jolie-Pitt Foundation gave more than \$300,000 to support the International Rescue Committee's relief program for Darfur refugees.

Jolie and Pitt have four children: Maddox, 6; Pax, 4; Zahara, 3; and Shiloh, 2.

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>> Soccer

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freshman Ryan Dalton will also compete for the job.

Despite these departures, the Buckeyes coach said he will coach the same way, and make adjustments to their style.

Howarth said he is confident the Panthers will continue to improve. His goal is to catch up to Bradley and Creighton, the top teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Recruitment has been Howarth's main form of improving the team. Howarth signed bigger players in 2007 (6 foot, 161 lbs. average) and faster players this year to provide a good mix.

This balance for the Panthers allows them to better execute their style of play, Howarth said, and that Eastern is a high pressuring defensive team.

"We go at people from the get go," he said.

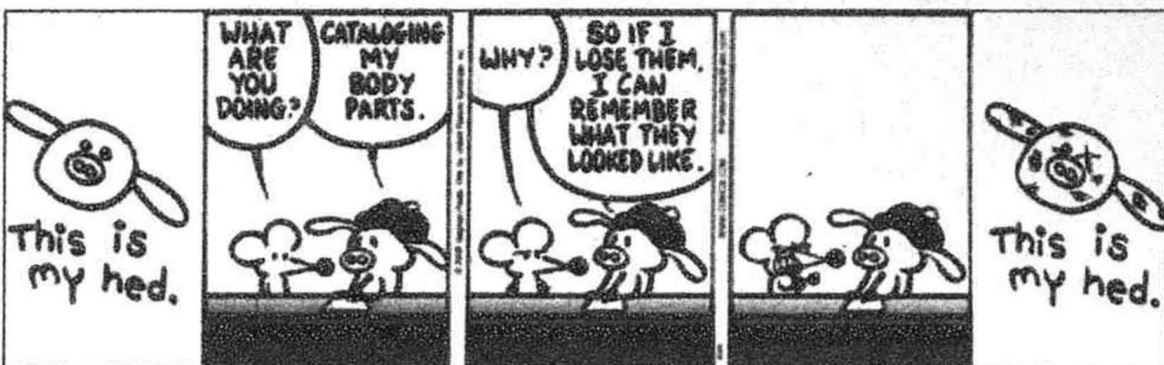
Out of the seven returning seniors, Howarth said midfielder Mike Lewis is the most improved player from 2007, going from the bench to starting lineup. He hopes Lewis will continue to be a defensive force.

Lewis started only once in 2006, but was in the starting lineup 12 out of the 19 games he played in 2007. Howarth said Lewis was hampered by an injury late in the season that prevented him from starting.

Many Panthers are competing in summer leagues throughout the country to hone their skills.

Bob Bajek can be reached at 581-7944 or at rbajek@eiu.edu.

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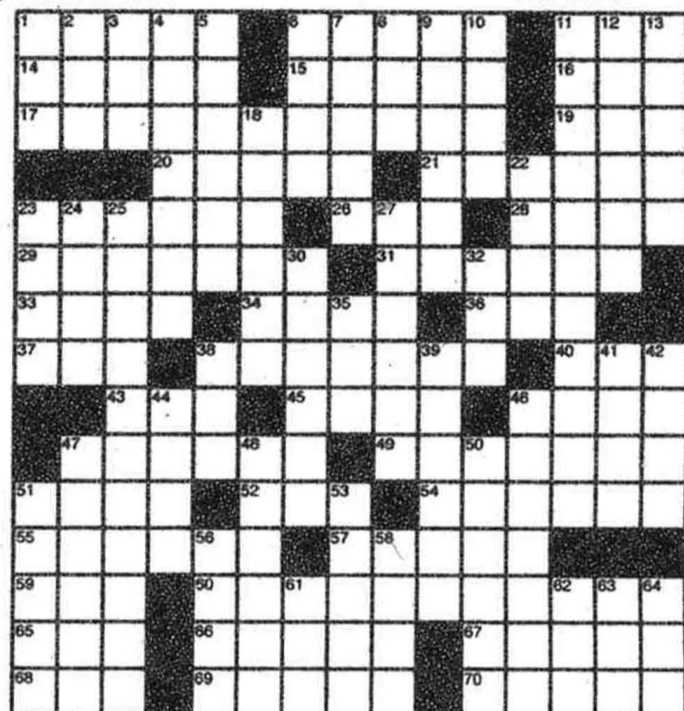


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0423

- ACROSS**
- 1 Low pitch symbol
 - 6 Prepare for a physical exam
 - 11 Upper limit
 - 14 Where the action is
 - 15 Not the whole thing
 - 16 "Say what?"
 - 17 Mercury
 - 19 In the past
 - 20 Wasn't quite vertical
 - 21 Where to spend time with moguls?
 - 23 What French fries are fried in
 - 26 Poli ____
 - 28 Other, in Zaragoza
 - 29 All riled up
 - 31 Working the desk, say
 - 33 Listing in Hoyle's
 - 34 Tower-top attraction
 - 36 Bear, in Bilbao
 - 37 Chicago-to-Pittsburgh dir.
 - 38 Ate, but not much
 - 40 "Bill Moyers, ... Journal" airer
 - 43 Hawks' and Raptors' grp.
 - 45 Archer who aims for the heart
 - 46 Sheriff Andy Taylor's kid
 - 47 Part of the Kazakhstan landscape
 - 49 Neil Simon's "Lost in ____"
 - 51 Fine spray
 - 52 Type measures SATs
 - 54 SATs
 - 55 And so on and so forth
 - 57 Courtier
 - 59 Barracks boss, for short
 - 60 Easily set off, as a temper
 - 65 Bygone French coin
 - 66 "I'm so bored" feeling
 - 67 Smoked or pickled
 - 68 Tsp. or qt.
 - 69 Paralegals, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 70 Oglers



PUZZLE BY STEPHEN EDWARD ANDERSON

- DOWN**
- 1 Help page rubric
 - 2 Premier, ... (wine designation)
 - 3 Grass skirt accessory
 - 4 Hem in
 - 5 Try to get by through bluffing
 - 6 English
 - 7 Pinball game stoppers
 - 8 Gun in the garage?
 - 9 Strands after a blizzard
 - 10 Free use of a company car, say
 - 11 #1 on the Hot 100
 - 12 Prognostication
 - 13 LP player
 - 18 Spit
 - 22 Notes in a pot
 - 23 Engage
 - 24 Big burden
 - 25 Discoverer of stars?
 - 27 See 30-Down
 - 30 With 27-Down, western cry
 - 32 Pixel
 - 35 Wave catcher?
 - 38 Chance
 - 39 Weather map line
 - 41 Word with early or whirly
 - 42 Legis. meeting
 - 44 "La Belle et la ____"
 - 46 Nice enough fellow
 - 47 Soap alternative
 - 48 State trees of Texas
 - 50 "I ain't buyin' it!"
 - 51 It has a test of brightness
 - 53 Walk proudly
 - 56 Sister and wife of Hyperion
 - 58 Former newspaper publisher ____ Chandler
 - 61 Elected group
 - 62 M.A. hopeful's test
 - 63 Suffix with election
 - 64 Pikes, e.g.: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Panther Briefs

Rough start for FC Dallas

FC Dallas head coach and Eastern alum Schellas Hyndman had a tough debut as the Hoops lost 1-0 against the New York Red Bulls last Saturday night.

This was Hyndman's first game with FC Dallas since being announced the new head coach on Tuesday, June 17.

According to the FC Dallas Web Site, Hyndman found several positives from the loss.

"I thought that our defense stayed in their shape..." Hyndman said. "When we got scored on, the heads didn't go down, they just continued."

The Hoops will face off against Houston Dynamo 8 p.m. tonight.

Baseball earns honors

Eastern baseball's Ryan Lindquist and Matt Miller were named the Player and Pitcher of the week, respectively, for the Western Division of the New York Collegiate Baseball League.

Both players are part of the Allegany County Nitros.

In only nine games, Lindquist earned a league high of 10 RBI's along with batting .424 and going 14-for-33 with 11 runs scored.

Lindquist also racked up four dou

bles, one triple, seven walks and three stolen bases.

He is also on a co-league-high seven-game hitting streak, and leads the Western Division in total bases, 26, and is tied for the lead in hits.

Miller earned three of five victories for the Nitros over the first week and a half of the season.

He went 3-0 with a 1.20 ERA in only three appearances, and allowed two runs on five hits over 15 innings while striking out nine batters.

On June 9, he threw a one-hit shutout over seven frames against Brockport.

He also leads the league with three victories.

Mackie and Team USA

Karyn Mackie was selected to the St. Louis All-Stars Team that took on Team USA Thursday, June 12.

Mackie pitched the bottom of the sixth inning while facing American standouts Jennie Finch, Caitlin Lowe and Natasha Watley.

Mackie gave up a double to the first batter while an error extended the inning.

She retired Watley and Jessica Mendoza on ground balls.

Team USA won the game 6-0.

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MEN'S SOCCER | SCHEDULE

Panthers to face Buckeyes

Men's soccer faces national runner-up in October

By Bob Bajek
Sports Reporter

Men's soccer coach Adam Howarth believes his team only improves by playing better teams.

Howarth will put this principle in action Oct. 5 when his Panthers face national runner-up Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio.

The Buckeyes won the Big Ten Conference and advanced to the National College Athletic Association College Cup against Wake Forest. Ohio State fell 2-1 in the Dec. 16 championship game.

According to the Rating Percentage Index- a combination of a team's winning percentage, opponent's average winning percentage and their opponents winning percentage- Ohio State was second out of 202 teams last season. Eastern's rank was 83.

Howarth said that Eastern has a list server that sends out letters asking teams to play them. The coach said he is ready for the challenge of facing Ohio State.

"We always want to test ourselves," Howard said. "We decided to take the plunge."

Ohio State head coach John Bluem said his team doesn't need to prepare for any special aspect when facing Eastern.

"We will probably be more concerned with our team and the things we need to improve on than the problems that Eastern Illinois will present," Bluem said.

Last season, the Buckeyes faced Cal State Ful-



Senior Brad Peters holds off a Bradley defender at Lakeside Field.

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lerton (81), Syracuse (91), William & Mary (94), Cal State Bakersfield (149) and Bowling Green (152). Ohio State went 4-0-1 in those games while outscoring their opponents 13-1.

Eastern's 2007 RPI rating was the third lowest among teams on Ohio State's 2008 schedule. Only Bowling Green and Florida Gulf Coast had lower rankings.

Bluem said a loss to Eastern would hurt their standings based on last season's RPI. However, he noted the challenge each team possesses.

"All college matches are difficult as there is little difference between most teams," Bluem said. "When we face Eastern this year, they may be ranked higher than us."

Preparations

Ohio State lost seven players to graduation, and one to Major League Soccer after the championship defeat. Two of those players were All-Americans.

The Buckeyes lost goalkeeper Casey Latchem. Latchem was Defensive MVP of the Big Ten Championship, and holds the Ohio State record for shutouts (14).

Bluem said junior Byron Neal is the first choice candidate for goalkeeper after the spring season, but junior transfer Drew Czekanski and redshirt

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Bulls should draft Rose

Today's the day that can make or break the future of the Chicago Bulls as tonight is the National Basketball Association's Draft.

Since winning the first pick of the draft on May 21, Bulls General Manager John Paxson has two choices: point guard Derrick Rose of Memphis or power forward Michael Beasley of Kansas State.

After much thought, I believe Paxson needs to pick Rose.

Here's why.

I know that Beasley averaged 26.2 points per game and 12.4 rebounds a game while Rose averaged 14.9 ppg and 4.5 rpg. Rose, though, possesses intangibles that Beasley doesn't have.

One area that Rose has an edge is leadership. The Bulls lacked this quality by not playing hard during a 33-49 season that resulted in two head coaches being dismissed.

Beasley bragged to the media that he would lead Kansas State to a championship, but his team lost to Wisconsin in the second round.

Rose led Memphis to the national title game by averaging 20.8 ppg and six assists. If it weren't for Kansas' Mario Chalmers miracle shot, Rose would have a ring.

Maturity is another reason. Beasley attended seven schools in five years. According to Sports Illustrated, he was expelled from Oak Hill Academy for putting his name in marker on school property, including the chancellor's car.

"I'm 19," Beasley told the media. "I'm going to live my life. I'm going to mess up."

Rose doesn't have that problem. Memphis teammate Shawn Taggart was impressed with the point guard keeping up his studies and practicing hard everyday.

Rose's potential offensive impact on the Bulls is being compared to fellow point guards Chris Paul and Deron Williams.

Paul helped the New Orleans Hornets improve from 18 wins in 2005 to 56 wins this year. Williams led the Utah Jazz to the 2007 Western Conference Finals.

Both players averaged over 21 points and 10 assists a game. Their dynamic passing gets their teammates involved and improves the entire team's play.

Paxson, a former guard, knows Rose's value.

"It's difficult to find terrific point guards who can lead your team and make others better," he said.

That assessment isn't too far off. Both Paul and Williams aren't leaving their respective teams. Other top point guards like Steve Nash and Jason Kidd are close to retirement.

Even though Beasley is a great scorer, Rose is a leader who can take the Bulls back to greatness.

Hopefully, Paxson feels the same way that I do.

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FOOTBALL | SCHEDULE

Eastern posts tough fall schedule

Eastern will start season with CMU and Illini

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Eastern's football team will kick off the year in August against Central Michigan.

The last time the Panthers faced the Chippewas was in 1999, and the Panthers prevailed 33-17.

In 2007, Central Michigan won the Mid-American Conference Championship for the second straight year when they defeated Miami, 35-10.

Eastern will then take on Ron Zook's Fighting Illini which will be the second time in three years that the teams face each other.

"We are allowed twelve games," Assistant head coach Roc Bellantoni said. "We make the decision to either play a Division II, AA or A team to bring in more money."

The last time the Panthers faced the Fighting Illini in 2006, the Panthers lost 42-17.

Recently, the Fighting Illini made



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Junior runningback Travorus Bess tries to break a tackle at O'Brien Stadium.

played in the 2008 Rose Bowl, but lost to Southern California University 49-17.

One game that has been added to the Panthers' schedule is a game against Austin Peay. The Panthers haven't played the Governors since 1997.

"Austin Peay went to having a non-scholarship football team," Bellantoni said.

The Governors abandoned scholarship football after their 1996 season, according to the Austin Peay Athletic Department, but it announced in April 2005 that it was returning to

scholarship football for the 2006-2007 season. It returned to the Ohio Valley Conference in 2007.

One game Bellantoni is looking forward to the game against Illinois State.

"They are a big rival to us," Bellantoni said. "We always seem to go head-to-head in recruiting."

Although the Panthers have lost to the Redbirds five years in a row, three out of five times the Panthers have only lost by one touchdown or less.

The last time Eastern has beat ISU was in 2002.

Another game to be watching out for is the game against Eastern Kentucky University.

"EKU will probably be the favorite to win the (Ohio Valley Conference)," Bellantoni said.

Eastern and ECU have battled back and forth throughout the years.

Since 2004, Eastern has won two games while ECU also won two games.

The past two matches ended within a touchdown and an extra point of each other.

Both teams will square off later in the season.

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