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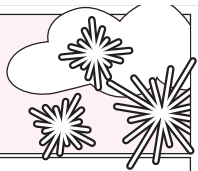
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**United by
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**Students rally
for campus
unity, change**

By **MATT ADRIAN**
Campus editor

Students need to re-evaluate their own attitudes about prejudices before campus wide attitudes can be changed, several speakers said at Tuesday's Unity Rally.

"We must change our own minds before we can change anyone else's," said rally organizer Eric Foote.

Christina Hardin, educational director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Allies Union, told the audience to carefully examine their attitudes.

"Take a good look at heterosexism, sexism or any other ism - that stems from fear and ignorance," she said.

Kiley Allen, another speaker at the rally, challenged the estimated 750 to 800 member audience to question their own biases.

"Jew, Nigger, Honkie, Spic, Gook," Allen said. "The terms are here today. How have they helped to make a difference now? Are you looking around seeing white girl, black boy - or man, women, friend."

Allen said she used the derogatory language to get the attention of the audience and to make them feel what is like to have racial slurs used against them.

She asked the audience if they would continue to use this type of language.

"I can't answer for you, but you can," she said. "What is next? I can't answer, but you can."

Rally speaker Arnold Pulliam said college students should know better than to expect everyone to be alike and realistically unity may never be achieved.

"I don't believe in unity," Pulliam said. "I do believe in unity for all that want to be united."

University Board Chair Keith Lipke, said the UB has provided many



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(above) Doug DiBianco, LGBAU male faculty adviser, show his support during the Unity Rally Tuesday afternoon.

(right) More than 700 people came to see the Unity Quilt in the Library Quad before the Unity Rally Tuesday afternoon. The Quilt was made by sixty recognized student organizations.



Rally draws 750 students

By **DENISE RENFRO**
Staff writer

Despite 32 degree temperatures, more than 750 students and faculty came together Tuesday to embrace unity on campus.

They gathered on the Library Quad to listen to speakers at the unity rally and to look at the unity quilt that hung on the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The rally, meant to support diversity at Eastern, was sponsored by Students for Unity.

The quilt will act as symbol that students came together to take a stance against discrimination and intolerance, said rally organizers.

As people huddled together for warmth, they listened to speeches from representatives from various campus

organizations including: the Lesbian, Gays, Bisexuals and Allies Union, University Board and Interfraternity Council, Student Government and Students for Unity.

"I'm surprised there are so many people," said senior political science major Hamid Bangura. "There are greeks, blacks, Hispanics - a good group."

Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill was in attendance at the rally, along with Eastern President David Jorns. Both men said they were pleased to see so many people attend the rally.

"I really think the messages given today were outstanding," Coughill said. "We needed it."

"I think this is a sign that EIU is a caring place and the rights of all people are respected here," Jorns said. "I think

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opportunities for the student body to experience different cultures and beliefs, but ultimately the students must take advantage of the opportunities. "(UB) gives everyone the opportunity to educate themselves."

The speakers also talked about the importance of unity to the university atmosphere.

Hardin told a story from "Women Who Run With Wolves" by Clarrisa Pinkola Estes to illustrate the importance of unity. The story is about a man near death who gathers his family to teach them one last lesson. He gives each of the family members a stick and asks them to break it. He tells them that individually they are like the stick because they are easy to break. He then

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Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity placed on indefinite probation

By **NATALIE GOTT**
Assoc. news editor

The university placed Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity on indefinite probation after the Office of Student Life and the fraternity's national chapter found members guilty of gross misconduct during the Oct. 19 Homecoming parade.

The fraternity must remove its letters and crest from the outside of its house, 1000 Greek Court, according to a press release.

The probation took effect Nov. 8.

The letters and crest can be reaffixed if the chapter is restored to good standing, Eastern President David Jorns said in the press release.

"The terms of the probation are appropriately sever and are directed to remedy problems in the chapter which this incident clearly shows the present," Hencken said in the press release. "For Pi Kappa Alpha to continue at this institution, it is vital for the membership to take seriously the fact that the chapter's status is very much in jeopardy."

Fraternity members will be allowed to continue to live in their house. The university will consider whether the fraternity has adhered to sanctions and proved that they have changed their living environment when their housing contract expires in May.

The fraternity also lost its rights to host or participate in social

functions, intramural athletics and Greek Week and Homecoming activities, and will be required to record members' attendance at a greek education series. The fraternity also must get approval from the assistant director of student life for greek affairs before using university facilities.

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Faculty Senate interprets University College vote

By JESSICA BAKER
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday voted 9-3-3 to interpret the definition of a "yes" vote, a "no" vote and a blank ballot on the University College referendum.

"If a faculty member votes yes on the referendum, they are endorsing the original task force recommendation on the University College, and they disapprove the Faculty Senate's recommendations on the University College," said Faculty Senate Chair Gail Richard.

"We think if someone votes no on the referendum, that person disapproves the University College altogether," she said. "If a faculty member goes to cast a blank ballot, they don't vote either way and they are endorsing the senate's recommendations on the University College."

Faculty will have a chance to vote on the University College proposal Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Last week, senate members decided to take a stance on a petition requesting the Faculty Senate to prepare a referendum for the proposed University College.

"It is difficult to make any sense of what the vote will be," Richard said. "It helps to

"I think since we are telling faculty members our interpretation of the vote, they can voice their own opinion."

—Gail Richard,
Faculty Senate chair

interpret the wording of the referendum to help faculty members see the Faculty Senate's interpretation of the referendum."

Senate member Patrick Lenihan told the senate that he thinks interpreting the referendum results with just a "yes" or "no" vote would be difficult because the senate won't know what the faculty really thinks about the University College.

Senate member Gary Foster said he voted against taking the stance because it was taken too close to the time of the faculty vote.

"I think the lead time wasn't sufficient, since the referendum is next week," Foster said. "I'm not opposed to the senate's interpretation to the referendum, but it is just a matter of timing."

Foster also said senate members should not make interpretations on the referendum before they know the results.

Senate member Lankford Walker said by

taking a stance, the senate is trying to influence the faculty's vote on the referendum.

"I don't think the senate has any business trying to influence the outcome of the referendum," Walker said. "The senate is sending a dual message to the faculty that it ... represents."

"The senate doesn't care what the faculty thinks and it doesn't represent the faculty, and that bothers me," Walker said.

Senate members also voted 12-2-1 to endorse the concept and purpose of the proposed University College with the eight recommendations that they submitted to Charles Evans, the assistant vice president for academic affairs and the head of the University College task force.

Many senate members said they wanted to pass the recommendation so faculty members would know the senate's stance on the University College before the referendum.

Foster said he was concerned that taking a position on referendum would be telling the faculty how to vote.

Senate member Norbert Furumo said the amount of time the senate has invested in the proposal should show faculty the group's stance on the University College.

"I think since we are telling faculty members our interpretation of the vote, they can voice their own opinion," Richard said.

Richard said approving the recommendation brings closure to the senate's discussion of the University College.

The senate's definition of the referendum will be in their minutes, which can be found on the Faculty Senate's website page.

Foster also told senate members there was a miscalculation with the number of faculty members who signed the petition.

"There were 160 faculty members, which is 31 percent, who signed the petition, but I forgot to calculate one sheet that had 12 signatures on it," Foster said. "Of the 160 signatures, six of them were not part of the Unit A faculty members, so those signatures didn't count."

Last week, Foster told senate members that 29 percent or 145 faculty members signed the petition.

Zaire students devise plan to overthrow the government

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — In the underground corridors of a University of Kinshasa dormitory, hundreds of young men sleep head-to-foot on mats lining damp cement floors.

There is no running water and only sporadic electricity. The stench of overflowing toilets is tolerable only when overwhelmed by the sweet-and-sour smell of manioc leaves and pilipili peppers boiling on open fires.

Here, bright students with dreams of becoming engineers, doctors and lawyers

have become leaders of a movement to overthrow the government.

The movement was provoked by ethnic Tutsi rebel attacks on eastern Zaire and anger over a government too weak to counter those attacks. But it was born in the humility of living in constant filth and hunger.

"I'm ashamed for you to see this, our villa in the hills," said Dave Tanda, a 30-year-old law student and protest leader.

"It's each man for himself here." The students want parliament to oust Prime Minister Leon Kengo wa Dondo. They say Kengo,

whose mother is a Rwandan Tutsi, has been soft on Rwanda, Zaire's tiny neighbor to the east with a Tutsi-led government accused of supporting the Tutsi rebels who have taken over parts of eastern Zaire.

Thousands of students in the past two weeks have taken to the streets, often commandeering public buses and private cars. Their violent clashes with drivers and soldiers have killed three students and one soldier.

The students had planned to march Tuesday, but the capital was calm — perhaps

because university officials threatened to cancel final exams, already delayed by several months, if students didn't stay put.

Student leaders say they deplore the attacks on ethnic Tutsis — most of whom have fled the capital — and issued a declaration calling on their peers to forget their "xenophobic sentiments" and join their cause to peacefully oust the government.

"We don't want Kengo out because he's a Tutsi. We want Kengo out because of his indifference to our poverty and suffering," said Fox Kabundi, 31, a movement leader

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binds the sticks, and the family then cannot break them.

"When we are with other souls we are strong. When we are with others we cannot be broken," Hardin said.

The speakers also urged the audience to take the message from the rally and carry it into the community.

Student Body President Jason Anselment said Eastern has many good aspects such as low crime and retaining enrollment when other universities have seen a decline, but there are still actions that need to be taken toward improving the campus.

Liz Dozier, who emceed the event, gave the final message for the rally.

"Take it back to your dorm rooms, back to your apartment, back to your fraternity or sorority, to friends and take it back to your campus."

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it's wonderful."

Jorns said he spent the morning at an Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting in Chicago, but was able to get back to Charleston for the rally.

"I went to the meeting, and I drove faster than I should've to get back on time," Jorns said.

"I really wanted to be here."

People in attendance said the rally was a positive step for the campus.

Anne Niznik, sophomore middle school education major, said the rally was encouraging.

"It was a step in the right direction for diversity on this campus."

Frank McCormick, an English professor, said he enjoyed hearing what the different students had to say.

"I am pleased with the quality and the spirit of the speakers."

Liz Schafer, student judicial adviser, said the

rally was long overdue on campus.

"Usually people complain, but this is productive — people need to stand up everyday now," she said.

"I think it's great that Jorns and other faculty and groups are out."

Sophomore zoology major Haley Pope thought the rally was inspirational.

"It was so good to see a lot of people," she said.

The rally organizers also thought the event sent a positive message to students.

"It's beautiful," said rally organizer Patty Rodriguez.

"It warms my heart to see this many people who care."

Rodriguez said the Students for Unity will continue to meet after Tuesday to keep communication between organizations open, and the group is already planning a unity fest for later in the year.

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The fraternity must cease all pledging activities until it adopts an improved pledge education program. The fraternity will be required to participate in a charter review of its programming by its national headquarters.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Allies Union, the Latino American Student Organization, the University Democrats and a Charleston police officer filed complaints against the fraternity.

Fraternity members threw plastic cups and bottles, beverages and candy at parade participants; grabbed parade participants; and used abusive and obscene language during the Homecoming parade.

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Humanities council proposal reviewed

By JESSICA BAKER
Administration editor

Faculty Senate members Tuesday said a list of concerns and recommendations compiled by the Administrative Council of the College of Arts and Humanities about the proposed University College is similar to the proposals the senate has drafted.

The council submitted the list of five concerns to Charles Evans, assistant vice president of academic affairs Oct. 18. Faculty Senate members had the opportunity to review the list at the senate meetings.

"The are basically consistent with ours," said senate member John Simpson.

The council recommended that the proposed University College be called the "Division of Student Services" and it should not be headed by a dean.

The council also said the new administrative unit should influence the integrated core's budget, and it should not discourage freshmen and sophomores from declaring majors.

Once a student has declared a major, the proposal said, the student should be assigned to the appropriate department.

The proposal also said the administrative unit should not

draw its financial resources from existing academic colleges and that any money the proposed University College makes should be reallocated to the academic colleges.

Jim Johnson and Jeffrey Lynch, dean and associate dean, respectively, of the College of Arts and Humanities were not available for comment.

"The language (the council) used is just showing how strongly they felt about the University College," said senate member Bill Kirk.

"Everyone I talked to is in favor of (the University College)," Kirk said.

Senate member Anne Zahlan said she agrees with the recommendations that the council made and hopes the administration will take the recommendations seriously.

Evans said the University College Task Force will review all of the written comments about the proposed University College he has received.

He said organizations such as the Council of Chairs, the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate have submitted their input.

Associate News Editor Natalie Gott contributed to this report.

Students show off talent at contest

By JEFF HAYES
Staff writer

The Grand Ballroom echoed with the enthusiasm of approximately 300 people Tuesday night as 49 students took their best shot at winning the Master Card Acts Talent Show.

Eighteen five-minute acts participated in Eastern's first annual talent search, giving Eastern the largest talent pool of all the 100 campuses taking part in the contest. The winner from Eastern's contest has the chance to take part in the semi-finals at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Feb. 27, 1997.

Final competition results were not available at press time Tuesday.

"Hello Dali," a six-person improvisational comedy troupe, took the stage with the confidence of professionals.

"We're going to do the impossible tonight," members said. "Six scenes in 5 minutes."

Benjamin Miller was a one-man acoustical band.



SARAH WONG/Associate photo editor

Matt Nowlan, a graduate psychology major, plays "Talking About A Revolution" by Tracy Chapman, Tuesday night during the Master Card Acts Talent Show in the Grand Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Comedian Chris Hilkemann proved true to his form by stating the reason he performed in the talent search was because, "I'm funny."

Following a musical performance by Kitaka Turner, a freshman from Chicago, and Matt Nowlan, a self-taught guitarist, the stage welcomed comedian Sourou Jones.

"If I said anything you didn't get, laugh now and figure it out

when you get home," Jones said.

David Perez, comedian, introduced himself by clarifying, "my legal name is David Perez, but my real name is Miller Lite."

Other performances included: Backbone, Scott Wright, Melinda Oftedahl and Jason King's "Dueling Pianos," "Chronic Itch," Jim Harrigan, "William Tell," "Bob and John," Latricia Olds, "Machine Gun Tommy" and "K-Love & Blue."



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Vote today

Left: Mallory Scrivner, a junior speech pathology major, hands ballots to Lou Montana, a senior finance major, and Steve Biedron, a senior recreation administration major, during the senate election Tuesday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Corrections

The Daily Eastern News incorrectly reported that the "Not In Our Town" forum will be held Tuesday night. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. The News regrets the error.

Student voter turnout drops by 7 percent

By BRITT CARSON
City editor

The percentage of Eastern students that voted in this year's presidential election declined 7 percent since the last presidential election in 1992. At Precinct 17, at Carman Hall, 394 students, or 41.7 percent of the registered 943 students, cast their ballots.

The number dropped from 48.8 percent in precinct 17 in the 1992 election. In that election, 409 out of 838 registered voters cast ballots.

In Precinct 16, in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union, the number of registered voters dropped 1.3 percent from 43.9 percent in 1992 to 42.6 percent in 1996. Out of the 1,230 registered voters, 524 students voted in this election. In the 1992 election, 545 of the 1,241 registered voters cast ballots.

"You can do everything for them except vote," said Brian Anderson, student vice president for public affairs. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink."

Anderson said he thinks the percentages went down because there were so many students registered.

"Any time you register a large

group of people in a concentrated area, the percentage of those who vote go down," Anderson said.

Anderson said in spite of the numbers, he is still proud of Student Government's efforts to register 1,000 students.

Eastern students were below the national voting average which was 48.8 percent. Student turnouts were 23.4 and 24.3 percent lower than the overall voter turnout for the presidential election in Coles County, which was 66 percent.

The national average voter turnout this year was the lowest since 1924 when the country predicted a landslide similar to what happened this year when Calvin Coolidge was elected president. The national average voter turnout for this year went down to 48.8 percent from a 55 percent turnout in 1992. Experts attributed the low turnout to President Clinton's near-certain victory.

However, the voter turnout in Coles County also seems to be on the decline. Even though the percentage was above the national voter average turnout, the percentage was considered low for Coles County. In the 1992 presidential election, the voter turnout was 75.7 percent and in the 1988 election, voter turnout was 69 percent.

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Unity rally launches campus into positive direction for future

The Students for Unity rally Tuesday was a sincere effort on the part of the student organizers and the hundreds of attendees who put their time and energy into showing their commitment for campus unity.

According to University Police officer Mike Elam, about 750 to 800 people attended the rally.

“Our mission today is to recognize that diversity does, has and will always exist here at Eastern,” said Christina

Editorial

Hardin, educational director for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union, at the Students for Unity rally Tuesday.

The mission of the rally was to spread the notion that students are not only united by the university, but also united by diversity. The mission of the rally was to take time to celebrate and embrace diversity that Eastern has to offer. The mission of the rally was to make new beginnings and take bigger strides in campus unity.

The demonstration drew a fairly large crowd and hit home with many attendees. Six speakers were able to spread the message that Eastern has potential for being a more unified campus. Students held signs promoting diversity within the campus and cheered as their peers delivered words of enthusiasm and hope.

Overall the unity rally made an impact to those who attended, but it is a disappointment that more students, faculty and staff members didn't come out to show their support.

This rally was a step in the right direction; the campus is finally recognizing the need for unity. The rally was a way to boost spirit and pride for diversity. It was a welcoming and an acceptance of all people, regardless of race, color, religious and political beliefs and sexual orientation.

The organizers and contributors to both the rally and the Unity Quilt should be commended for their concern for the well-being of this campus. And hopefully more events will be planned that focus on how Eastern students can be united through the university, united through diversity.

The message was excellent, the attendance was fair and the effort was a positive step into the next century.

“today's quote

There is enough in the world for everyone to have plenty, to live on happily and to be at peace with his neighbors.

—Harry S. Truman

Exactly how fast and safe you drive home for the weekend may be closely regulated in the future.

Some college students follow the philosophy that “speed reduces time, and time is money.” Maybe some of us are simply born with a heavy right foot, maybe the deafening music that vibrates our rear-view mirror “interferes” with our speedometers, or maybe we're just always in a rush. Well, the time may soon come when we'll be forced to hold our horses.

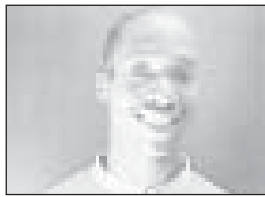
Yes, kimosabee ... your “High-Ho Silver” days are numbered.

Already, Texas Instrument, Inc. and Goodyear, Inc. have developed a “Tires Transponder” that can be implanted into your car's tires. This microchip is being designed to record your tire's inflation, mileage, retread history, etc. According to *The Year 2000 and beyond*, Goodyear has been testing these transponders for customers such as Greyhound Bus Lines.

This technology will prove to be very valuable to companies such as Greyhound; but what's in it for us little people? OK, maybe if these transponders are eventually implanted into all new automobiles, the chances of “blowouts” will be decreased – but let's dig a little deeper.

According to my readings, there's a system being designed in Orange County, Calif. that will enable drivers to “fly” past toll booths. Drivers will no longer have to stop to pay highway tolls or hunt for spare change because “a bar-code will be placed on the rear of your car's license plate where an I.D. number will be issued.”

Transponders will be placed on the windshield of all new cars and a series of communications antennae (strategically scattered) will trigger the transponder to identify itself. The information received will be traced to a central computer, and a host computer will issue bills or advise law enforcement. Automobiles not carrying this device



OMAR HEADEN
Regular columnist

“How far will technology go, and who will actually receive advantages from it?”

will be directed into a separate traffic lane in order to pay the toll.

If we take this microchip that can be implanted into our car tires and cross it with Orange County's ability to simply send a “toll” bill to drivers that cross the freeway, it's not difficult to visualize the possibility of the law sending you speeding tickets in the mail.

This Thanksgiving break, I'm sure “several” of you may (slightly) disregard the speed limit. Mom needs you to hurry home, and besides, the law can't stop everyone on Route 57 that's speeding! But eventually, everyone speeding will get caught at the same time – almost all of the time.

If all new cars have transponders in their tires, and radars are positioned every few miles throughout the United States, you could think that you saved “time” but actually receive a speeding ticket in the mail days later. The ticket/bill will describe the location, the speed, the date, the time, etc.

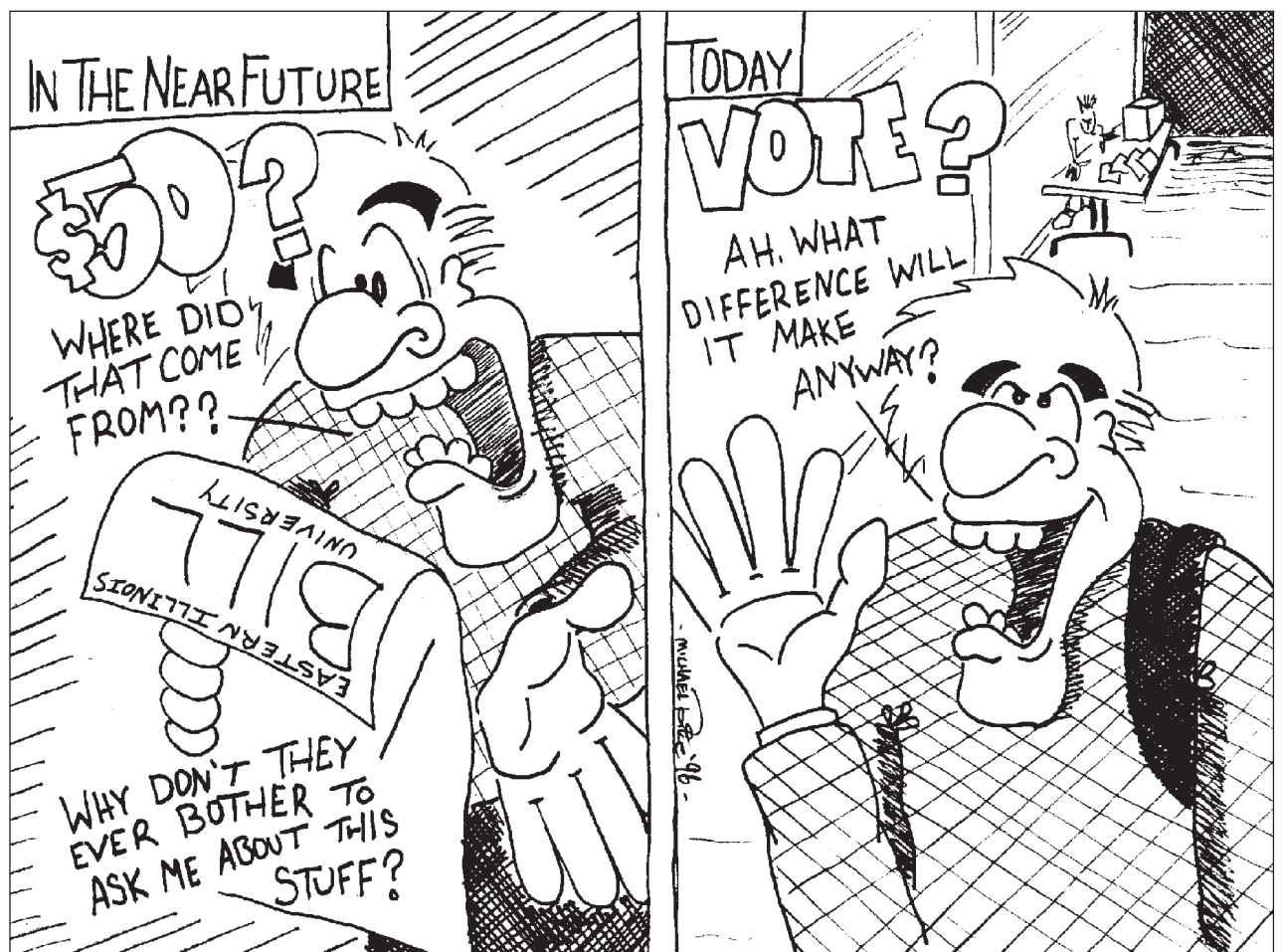
Is this a plan to make our daily living more convenient or a scheme towards domination over another aspect of our lives? How far will technology go, and who will actually receive advantages from it?

If this plan becomes a reality, will thousands of state troopers be out of jobs – in the name of technology? How many traffic violations will a driver be able to receive in a single day?

I'm all for highway safety, but I think this idea is a little too extreme. Society is getting too complex and many things designed for convenience and efficiency have repercussions that are easily overlooked.

Buckle-down!

—Omar Headen is editor in chief for *Minority Today* and a regular columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.



English major advises The News cartoonists to draw funnier pieces

Dear editor:

The other day I was reading your “newspaper” and out of nowhere this vision came to me. It was one of those powerful revelations of enlightenment that comes to a person only a handful of times in his or her life. Like a thunderbolt it hit me: How about making the editorial in this paper (get this, newspaper people!) ... Humorous!

Now hold on, I know it sounds insane, but just hear me out.

Rather than trying to be *New Yorker*, profound or awkwardly political about issues you only half understand, why don't you just keep it simple and at least moderately amusing? For instance, your cartoons on Oct. 23 and 24 about the boil order were simple sketches, yet they had far more meaningful content than your usual offerings.

your turn

I guess my point is this: content matters more than artistry. Oh, and by the way, if you want to establish any credibility with your readers, you should stop recycling your editorial cartoons (that goes for certain paragraphs in your paper's articles as well). For example, your Oct. 22 cartoon already made its grand debut in your paper over the summer.

Cassi Clark
senior English major

PE major gives advice, tells Eastern students to ‘stop your whining’

Dear editor:

Has anyone, aside from myself, noticed the excessive amount of whining at this college? Every time I

pick up the school paper, somebody is crying about something. The most annoying issues are “those guys are smoking and drinking at the football game” and “they called me gay.” Seriously people, this constant nagging about these issues is sickening. To be honest, smoke in the face and obnoxious drunks get on my nerves, and I don't believe one should be pelted with candy because of sexual preference. But it is no reason to get all worked up like Jo-Jo the Indian Circus Boy. A real complaint is when you're robbed by the same guy six times or when a woman tries to kill you. Let's face it; the whining in the school paper can be solved by merely moving to the other end of the bleachers. If you don't like what you see, make a stand. But the constant babbling is tiring. So please, people, for my sake and liberal sake, stop your whining!!!

Tom Combes
junior physical education major

Indigo begins first play of year

'Day of Absence' to be performed two nights

By SAM LAHNIERS
Staff writer

An African-American theater group will continue performing their first play of the semester this week.

Indigo will continue their performances of "Day of Absence" at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday on the Mainstage Theater in the Doudna Fine Arts Building.

The play is a satire based on the white dependence of Afro-American labor in the 18th and 19th centuries.

It portrays what happens to the white members of the town when all of the African American laborers disappear for a day.

Chappel Berry, a member of INDIGO, said the

group has been practicing every night for the past month in preparing for the play.

She added that she is very excited about the performance and all of the members are ready to perform.

Indigo, which was founded on Eastern's campus in August 1995 by Juanta Bennett, the president of INDIGO, consists of 61 members of all majors and interests.

Membership in the organization is open to anyone wishing to learn more about African-American history and theater.

"Anyone interested in Afro-American history is welcome to join," Bennett said.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3.50 and the performance is open to anyone wishing to attend.

Cast of the Real World to speak about the experience at reunion

By DAN KARNES
Staff writer

Three members of MTV's Real World in New York will be speaking to students about their experiences with the television program and what happened when the cameras were not rolling.

A Real World Reunion will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Real World is a soap opera/sitcom on MTV that throws adolescents into an apartment with wall-to-wall cameras so viewers can see what happens when people "stop being polite and start being real," a press release said.

This year's reunion will include Julie, Heather and Norman from the first show's New York cast. They came to Eastern for a reunion last year with two members from the London cast.

"This group of people are educational speakers who simply bring it home to the students," said

Jam Bagwanedee, University Board lectures coordinator.

She said the Real World group will tell interesting and funny stories and talk about their experiences on the show.



Heather



Norman



Julie

"They are going to tell what it is like to live with people you don't know and what goes on," Bagwanedee said. "They are a very diverse group of people."

She added about 80 percent of what is filmed for the Real World is edited out.

Bagwanedee said she expects a high student interest.

"Last year the students really seemed to like it, so things went really well," she said. "So I expect the same results this year."

The previous cast members are working and are doing well.

Julie is back in Alabama teaching dance. Heather has signed to EMI Records and is in the film "Dead Presidents." Norman lives in Los Angeles and still works as an artist.

Senate to vote on budget bylaw change with Apportionment Board

By MINDY BUYCK
Student government editor

Student Senate tonight will vote on a bylaw change clarifying the budgeting process between the Apportionment Board and themselves.

The bylaw states that the AB will submit its budget recommendations no later than April 1 for the senate to either approve as it is or reject it and send it back to the AB with recommendations. If the budget is sent back to the AB, members have up to two weeks to make changes and send the budget back to the senate.

If the budget stalemates between the two bodies, it will then be submitted to a committee of both Student Government and AB members.

This committee would review the budget and make recommendations. The committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the senate and must be passed by a three-fourths vote.

The senate has tabled the bylaw twice for further review. Senate Speaker Jeff Zilch said the bylaw had been revised.

In other senate business:
■ Director of the Elections Commission John Petrenko said the results of the student body

elections will be announced at the senate meeting.

There are 14 Student Senate seats up for election, including five on-campus, six at-large and three off-campus. A referendum raising student fees \$50 for a campus improvement plan also appears on the ballot.

Elections will continue through today. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Zilch said the new senate members will be announced at the meeting but will not be seated until the Nov. 20 meeting. He said the new speaker will be voted on after the new members are seated.

CAA to discuss dropout proposal

By ERIN BARBER
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday will discuss a proposal that would force students who withdraw from Eastern in mid-semester to sit out the following semester before they can be re-admitted.

CAA members will meet at 2 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Currently, students who drop-out of school in mid-semester can re-enter the next semester.

CAA Chair Doug Bock said if the proposal

passes, students will not be allowed to re-enter the university during summer semesters even after completing one or more inactive semesters.

The changes, proposed by the Academic Reinstatement Committee, also will make it impossible for students to re-enter the university more than twice, said Bock.

The council will also be discussing the addition of two new courses, INT 4123 Advanced Photographic Imaging and PED 1310 Aqua-exercises.

Programing changes to the marketing curriculum and environmental biology majors will be voted on by the CAA.

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Christian music featured at event

/ BRETT KOPPEN
staff writer

People wishing to participate in an evening of Christian music and singing can attend the All Campus Praise, an event that students will perform at to celebrate Jesus Christ.

The event will be at 7 p.m. today in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The evening will include music from various Christian bands and choirs, said Jason Helopoulos, a member of Christian Campus House. There will also be a chance for audience participation and singing, and a performance by the Unity Fellowship Gospel Choir.

Helopoulos said 17 different active Christian fellowships may be attending and, so far, four groups will be performing various

skits. He said the only goal of the evening is to have fun.

"We hope to have a good time with everyone in the name of Jesus Christ," Helopoulos said.

All Campus Praise, which occurs every semester, is sponsored by various Christian organizations on campus and is free and open to everyone. The event is expected to last about an hour and a half.

351 possible dead in crash in India

CHARKHI DADRI, India (AP) — A Saudi jumbo jet climbing from New Delhi's airport collided with a Kazakh plane coming in for landing Tuesday, creating twin fireballs that turned the sky red as ash and scattered the bodies of up to 351 people over farmland below.

If the death toll is confirmed, the crash would be the third-deadliest aviation history.

Wreckage dropping from the sky gouged big craters and left mangled parts, baggage and clothes strewn across six miles of wheat and mustard fields near the town of Charkhi Dadri, about 60 miles west of New Delhi. The first people to arrive at the scene said the sky air was filled with an unbearable stench of burning flesh.

"I saw 60 or 70 bodies, but only about 15 were identifiable," said



Manjit Singh, a 19-year-old college student who sped to the site on his motorcycle after seeing the collision from his home.

The faces of the rest of the victims were horribly disfigured and charred, he said.

Rescue vehicles tried to navigate the area's poor roads, arriving at the crash site after the first curious villagers.

Within a few hours, thousands of people gathered in the dark and solemnly watched the search.

"We have collected 200 bodies so far from all over the field," said Mohammed Akhil, the police offi-

cer in charge of the operations.

The Saudi Arabia-bound Saudia jetliner with 312 passengers and crew members had been in the air for only seven minutes when it collided with a Kazakhstan Airlines Ilyushin-76 cargo plane, which was on a landing approach, aviation officials said.

Seventeen foreigners were on board the Saudi jetliner, including two Americans and a Briton, Press Trust of India news agency reported.

The plane arriving from Shymkent in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan was carrying 39 people, 28 Kazakh passengers and an 11-member Russian crew.

All aboard the two planes were believed killed. There were no reports that anyone on the ground died.

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Court I

CHICAGO (AP) — The Supreme Court ordered a lower court to take another look at its ruling on Illinois' Hispanic congressional district.

The lower court this year that the 4th Congressional District, a 743-sided configuration in a "C"-shaped Chicago area, meets all muster.

But the Supreme Court is to reconsider, based on Supreme Court decisions in North Carolina and Texas.

Officer

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP) — In the sex scandal in less than a month, three instructors at the nation's biggest basic training posts faced charges of sexual misconduct with women recruits.

The charges were announced five days after a scandal broke at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

The three male instructors at Fort Leonard Wood

Illinois

CHICAGO (AP) — The state of Illinois, following 15 other states, sued the tobacco industry Tuesday for \$2.5 billion because of damage to smokers.

Tobacco companies have traditionally minimized the health damage of tobacco, destroyed evidence about the addictive nature of nicotine and can hook minors on smoking, said Attorney General Jim Ryan at a news conference.

"Since 1980, Illinois has spent \$2.5 billion on Medicaid for people with smoking-

Regrettably, all sections are full this semester for

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Court looks at all-Hispanic district

CHICAGO (AP) The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered a lower court to take a closer look at its ruling upholding Illinois' Hispanic majority congressional district.

The lower court ruled earlier this year that the 4th District, a oddly shaped configuration that wiggles in a "C"-shape across the Chicago area, meets constitutional muster.

The Supreme Court asked it to reconsider, based on recent Supreme Court decisions in North Carolina and Texas cases which

make it harder to create districts that give racial minorities greater political clout.

"We consider it a victory," said James Ten Broeck, who represented James King, a constituent challenging the shape of the district. "It confirms what we argued all along that bizarre race-based districting is unconstitutional." But a spokesman for Luis Gutierrez, who represents the district, said Tuesday's action was nothing more than a legal hiccup.

"We don't think it's a huge deal," said Gutierrez press secretary

Billy Weinberg. "It's an opportunity to remind the judges and any other interested parties that the current map is indeed constitutional." In March, the judicial panel, which consisted of two district court judges and one appellate judge, said the shape of the district was justified even though race was a predominate consideration in its formation.

"Where the drawing even of irregular lines is required to remedy established violations ... the court need not flinch," the judges wrote.

Officers charged with misconduct

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP) - In the second Army scandal in less than a week, drill instructors at one of the army's biggest basic-training centers faced charges Tuesday of sexual misconduct with young recruits.

The charges were announced Tuesday after a sex scandal broke at the military's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

The three male soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood face

charges ranging from consensual intercourse to indecent assault, or touching. Army regulations ban sexual relationships between commanders and subordinates. The recruits were 21 years old on average and were undergoing basic training.

The Army did not say when the charges were filed. One court-martial was to begin Tuesday; the others will be conducted within the month, it said.

A Pentagon spokesman said there was no connection

between the Fort Leonard and Aberdeen cases. The Fort Leonard cases came to light before the Army set up a hot line for reports of sexual misconduct, said Lt. Col. William Harkey.

The Army did not identify the Missouri soldiers except to say that all are non-commissioned officers and that one or two are drill sergeants. Other allegations of misconduct at Fort Wood were also under investigation.

Illinois joins others in tobacco lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) - The state of Illinois, following the lead of other states, sued the tobacco industry Tuesday for more than \$2 billion because of health risks to smokers.

Tobacco companies intentionally minimized the health risks of the product, destroyed incriminating evidence about the addictiveness of nicotine and campaigned to keep minors on smoking, Attorney General Jim Ryan said at a conference.

Since 1980, Illinois has spent \$2 billion on Medicaid for people with smoking-related ill-

nesses, Ryan said. "The tobacco industry shifted the cost of the health care to the citizens of Illinois." A spokeswoman for the industry said the lawsuit has no merit and will be fought vigorously.

In the lawsuit filed in Cook County Circuit Court, Illinois is seeking restitution of the \$2.5 billion, plus unspecified amounts in penalties and damages.

Lawyers for the state acknowledged that individuals whose health has been damaged by smoking have had little or no success in suing tobacco compa-

nies, but said the states have a better case.

Ryan hired five law firms to help in Illinois' litigation. They will pay the expenses of the court battle and will receive 10 percent of any judgment won by the state.

"The tobacco industry has been successful in portraying the individual smoker as the one who chose to smoke and assumed the risks," said lawyer Steve Berman of Seattle.

"But the states are all different. The state of Illinois didn't assume the risks," yet has had to pay.

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Men's soccer team sees improvement in '96

By **ANDREW GRANGER**
Staff writer

One word describes the 1996 men's soccer season. That word is improvement.

The Panthers improved the conference they played in, switching from the Mid Continent Conference to the Missouri Valley Conference. They also improved their record over the 1995 season's result.

Last season the Panthers went 5-12 overall. They lost matches against University of Missouri-Kansas City, Western Illinois, and Marquette.

This season the team started its climb back to the top, going 8-11 overall. The eight wins included wins against each of the mentioned teams.

While playing in the Mid-Con last season, Eastern posted a conference record of 3-5. This season they moved into the more competitive MVC.

The teams' record of 1-4 does not indicate the level of difficulty that the Panthers faced. Four of the teams in the conference were, at the least, regionally ranked at the end of the season. That group includes Creighton who, at one point,

secured the No. 2 spot in the nation.

"Obviously, we improved," head coach Tim McClements said. "We played a tough schedule and we were competitive in that schedule."

Senior Mark Valintis also said the level of competition improved.

"Our conference had two top 25 teams," he said. "I think when coach came in, he scheduled games against some tough teams. He got us into the tournament in Wisconsin and we played a couple of good teams there. He's been getting us some tough games."

The season was topsy-turvy for the Panthers. They put together two three-game winning streaks. But those streaks were separated by a five-game slide. The team came away with victories against some strong teams, but suffered losses to teams that the players and coaches feel they should have beat.

"We had our ups and downs," sophomore Jeff Nix said. "We played well sometimes, and other times we just didn't come to play."

The Panthers had some stand-out individual performers. After an injury interfered with his 1995 season, junior forward Henry Ospina came out kicking. Ospina led the team with nine goals on the year.

Junior midfielder Brian Holcombe, who was second on the team overall with 10 points, led the team with four assists.

Defensively, the men were led by senior keeper Brian Ritschel. Ritschel missed the first three regular-season games with an injury, but returned to start each of the next 16 games. Ritschel posted three shutouts this season. He ended the year with a 1.70 GAA, and was once named MVC defensive player of the week.

Ritschel, Valintis, defender Greg McDonald, and midfielder Brian Kelly each played their last season as Panthers.

"I thought they did an excellent job," McClements said. "It's been really tough for them, going through three coaches in three years, but I think they held together well. They were definitely the core of the team."

Eastern's biggest disappointment came in the last weekend of the season. The team needed one win in its last two games to hold on to its spot in the MVC tournament.

However, the team's very last game of the year was against the eventual MVC regular-season champ Creighton, and they were



IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer
Eastern's Dave LaFrance (21) makes a slide for the ball in a game this season. The Panthers improved to 8-11 this year.

unable to defeat 6-10 Drake.

"We really feel as if we had a legitimate shot to make the MVC tournament," McClements said.

McClements looks to continue to build on the teams good showing.

"We are definitely moving in the right direction," he said. "The key is to keep improving."

McClements thinks that although the team fell short of its overall

goal, a bid in the NCAA tournament, the teams has met the other goals of improving teamwork and consistency.

"It's a process," he said. "The whole idea is to get to the NCAA tournament. I think the ground work's there. We have some guys that are returning who not only want it, but know they can get it with hard work."

PLAYOFFS

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weekend will decide weather the Purple Panthers take the title alone or share it.

Western Illinois (9-1, 3-1) is the no. 8 team in this week's poll, and the Leathernecks travel to the UNI Dome for both teams' final regular season game.

If Western wins, the Leathernecks get a share of the Gateway and the automatic bid to the playoffs. If Northern Iowa wins, they take the title and the automatic bid outright.

Purple Panther head coach Terry Allen said his team has no nervousness for this weekend.

"It's kind of another game for us," he said. "Both teams are in a position where we're playing for a championship."

Allen also said his team has readily accepted their high national ranking.

"Our players have been there before; it's nothing new," he said. "Not to sound cocky, but it's what we expected."

Big Sky Conference:

Montana (9-0, 5-0) is the defending 1-AA champion and is ranked no. 2 in the poll. The Grizzlies have been ranked behind Marshall (10-0, 7-0 in the Southern Conference) all season, even though they beat the Thundering Herd 22-20 in the championship game last year.

Montana hosts conference rival Weber State (6-3, 3-2) Saturday, but even if State is able to pull out an upset, the Grizzlies will take home the Big Sky title and the automatic bid.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference:

This season will be the first for an automatic bid for this conference, and the annual Heritage Bowl will mix things up for the bid.

Florida A&M (7-2, 5-0) has the advantage coming into the final weeks, but could accept a bid to the Heritage Bowl

instead of the playoffs.

The same goes for second-place Howard. At 7-2, the Bison are also a possibility for the Heritage Bowl.

The bid could go to the second or third place team in this conference.

Southern Conference:

Marshall. The Thundering Herd has been at the top of the poll since the first week of the season. They have sent plenty of ranked teams plummeting through the poll.

Second place East Tennessee State's (8-2, 6-1) only conference loss came at the hands of Marshall, and at No. 11 in the poll, an at-large bid could come its way.

Southland Conference:

Troy State (8-1, 4-1) has been near the top of the poll all season. Currently at No. 5, the Trojans look to have the conference title within their grasps.

Second-place Stephen F. Austin (7-2, 3-1) also looks to make a return trip to the post season.

The Lumberjacks knocked Eastern out of the playoffs last season with a 34-29 first-round win.

Stephen F. Austin fell out of the top of the poll with an early season loss to Northern Iowa, but the Lumberjacks have won five of their last six to climb back to No. 7.

Yankee Conference:

William & Mary (8-2, 6-1) has the best conference record and is the highest ranked team in the poll at No. 10.

However, Delaware (7-3, 5-2), New Hampshire (7-2, 5-2), James Madison (7-3, 5-2) and Villanova (7-3, 5-2) all also appear in the poll.

- compiled by Josh Harbeck

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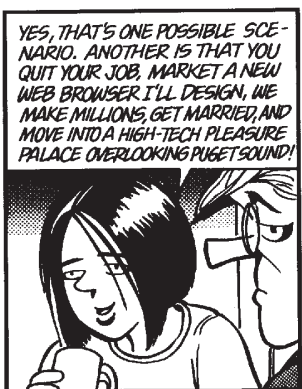
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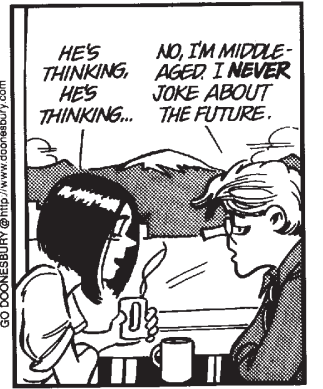
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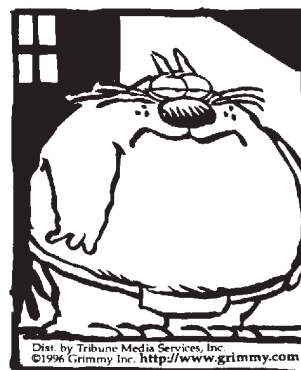
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Tennessee State looks for fourth title in five years

Editor's note: This is the second in a nine-part series previewing the teams in the Ohio Valley Conference in order of their predicted finish.

By BRIAN LESTER
Sports editor

Tennessee State's men's basketball team has experienced the thrill of winning an Ohio Valley Conference title before, and Tiger head coach Frank Allen is hoping his team can get to that spot again.

"We've either won the regular season title or the OVC title three out of the last four years," Allen, who is in his seventh season with the Tigers, said. "Murray State has had a good run, though and Austin Peay just cracked in there last year. Everybody wants to win the conference, so the conference is very competitive."

Last season, the Tigers finished second in the OVC in the regular season before being ousted in the OVC tournament by eventual tourney champion Austin Peay.

So far this decade, the Tigers have been to the NCAA tournament twice, making back-to-back trips in 1993 and 1994.

The Tigers come into the 1996-97 season picked to finish second in the OVC and three players are back from last season's team that finished 15-13 overall and 11-5 in conference play.

With the Tigers losing nine players from last season's team, including three starters, senior guard Monty Wilson is the top player back for the Tigers. Wilson averaged 19.6



Head coach
Frankie Allen
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points per game and pulled down seven rebounds per outing during his junior season.

Wilson was also an All-OVC first team selection and he holds the school record for most three-pointers made with

additions to this year's team, as the Tigers have 12 new players. Five of the new players are freshmen, five are transfers and the other two additions to the team are walk-ons.

Allen is quick to mention that the newcomers are starting to come along as the regular season inches closer.

"They're not doing to bad," he said. "The players are young and inexperienced right now, but we expect them to be good players as the season moves along."

But just because the Tigers have a significant number of newcomers on the team, it does not mean the Tigers will shy away from playing a challenging non-conference schedule.

In addition to facing Florida State and the University of Louisville, the Tigers will also be playing in the Illini Classic at the University of Illinois in two weeks.

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The only other starter back for Tennessee State is sophomore center Jason Johnson. Johnson averaged 10.9 ppg last season and grabbed 6.5 rebounds per game for the Tigers.

"Wilson is one of the top performers in the league but right now he has a stress fracture," Allen said. "I expect him back by the first weekend in December for the Illini Classic."

Tennessee State will have plenty of new

Tennessee Tech trying to get back to winning ways

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By MATT WILSON
Staff writer

After finishing fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference last year with a 7-9 conference record, the Lady Eagles of Tennessee Tech are picked to finish second in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

"We are a very young team so we have to garner our expectations and see how we come along," Tech head coach Bill Worrell said. "We don't want to make too high of an expectation, but we don't want to make to low of a goal."

Last year was the first time in 12

years the Lady Eagles did not make it to the conference championship game. They were ousted in the first round of the tournament by Eastern Kentucky 68-56.

Under Worrell, a three time selection as OVC Coach of the Year, Tech has made six NCAA tournament appearances, won six OVC regular season titles and six OVC tournament crowns. His overall record at Tech is 203-95 and 111-29 in the OVC.

Tech will be led on the court by last year's OVC second teamers senior guard Leslie VanWinkle and sophomore forward Amber Clark. Clark, along with sophomore forward Andrea Baldwin, were also named to the OVC All-Freshman team last year.

VanWinkle was third on the team

in scoring, averaging 11.4 points per game. She was also the teams top three-point shooter, knocking down 54 for a 34 percent shooting average.

Last year, Clark was named the team's most valuable player. She was the first freshman since 1983-84 to lead the team in scoring with 14.4 points per game. She was also the teams leading rebounder last year with 124.

She made the most free throws on the team with 109 and averaged a team-leading 35 minutes per game.

Baldwin was named to the OVC All-Freshman team, even though she missed the final seven games



Head coach
Bill Worrell
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with a knee injury. She was second on the team in three pointers with 34 and scored in double figures in eight of her 20 games last year. She was fourth on the team with 60 rebounds.

Tech has also added five freshman to the squad this year. Center Collin Carmichael, forward Kandy Gilley, guard Ann Parks, guard Lisa Parks and center Diane Seng will see their first glimpse at college basketball.

"We have some good players back with Clark in the post and VanWinkle and Claubough (Becky)," Worrell said. "The fresh-

man have also stepped up to contribute to the team greatly."

The Lady Eagles have a tough non conference schedule. They play at Wake Forest University and host University of California in the California Tournament. The Tigers also might have to play Michigan State University in this tournament depending on how they do against California.

Worrell said OVC teams play very well in out of conference games.

"In the past three years, this has been a well balanced conference and schools have upped their emphasis," he said. "The teams in this conference play very well in out of conference games, and I feel this will be a very, very competitive conference."



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Women booters experience 'outstanding' year at 16-5

By VAN MARTZ
Staff writer

The Eastern Illinois women's soccer team finished its season last weekend with a second round loss in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. The Panthers ended the year with a 16-5 record.

The Panthers' season was filled with memorable moments. The Panthers started off the year with a nine-game winning streak before losing a road match to Dayton.

Eastern came off the loss to win its first ever MVC game, with a 1-0 victory over Southwest Missouri.

The only losing streak came in the middle of October. A rash of injuries and tough competition handed the Panthers a three-game slide.

The team bounced back with better health and won three matches in a row going into the conference tournament. During the Panthers' latest win streak, they posted their most impressive victory of the season, a 3-2 overtime win against the Saint Louis Billikens.

Eastern head coach Steve Ballard views the season as a success.

"We had an outstanding season; we accomplished a lot of our

goals," he said. "We know as a team where we are and where we need to go."

On offense, the Panthers had an impressive season.

Sophomore Tracie Strother led the team with 20 goals, and her 52 points led the MVC in scoring this year. Strother was hampered by a sprained ankle and a broken nose, but still finished 15th in the country in scoring.

"It was a nice season, but everyone on the team contributed to our success," Strother said.

Sophomore Beth Aussin picked up the offensive workload when Strother was injured. Aussin led the team in assists with 14. She finished second in the conference in scoring with 50 points.

Freshman Kelly Gilbert kept improving as the year went on and finished with seven goals and seven assists.

Gilbert totaled with 21 points.

As a team, the Panthers scored 67 goals in the 21 matches they played.

The Panthers were also blessed



Tracie Strother

with three goalies. Sophomore Jenny Vargas started off the season in the net. In the 15 games she played, Vargas gave up 20 goals.

After her strong play in relief of Vargas, Kate Binder started six games and posted two shutouts. She gave up 10 goals in the 14 games she appeared in.

Freshman Angel Giangiorgi also saw time in her first season of college soccer. Giangiorgi gave up three goals all year.

The defense was supported by a strong backfield. Junior Kendra Williamson was the vocal leader of the Panthers.

Besides playing great defense, Williamson scored three goals and had three assists.

Strother thinks the future looks bright for the Panthers.

"We have only three juniors and the rest are underclassmen," she said. "If everyone comes back we should be even better next year."

Ballard said the 1997 season will be full of success if the team continues to work hard.

"The key to '97 is what we do this spring in the weight room and the indoor soccer leagues," he said. "We have the next month and a half to relax, then it's back to work."

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game at Memorial Stadium. That means lost revenue and could very well influence athletic spending in future years.

That played a role in the decision no matter what Guenther says.

"In the end, it's a business...you have to pay the bills," UofI President James Stukel told the News-Gazette last week.

Not only has Guenther gone back on his word about keeping Tepper for the 1997 season, but now it appears

as if he hasn't told the truth about the firing not being partly a financial decision.

The firing of Tepper is not immediate. He will stay on to coach the final two games against Minnesota and Wisconsin. What's the point?

Why is there any incentive to win, except to regain any pride and dignity he has lost because of the way he was treated by Illinois. Either they should have fully released him of his duties immediately or else waited until the end of the season to announce his firing.

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State in a match hosted by Eastern last Thursday.

Vock said to gain more support from the students, the team advertised the match against ISU by distributing flyers all around campus.

"I've been here for four years and Thursday night's audience was, by far, the biggest crowd we've ever had," Vock said.

Lee, a senior outside hitter, led the team in kills in game one, and midway through the match EIU went on a five-point scoring run courtesy of senior middle blocker Dennis McNamera's serving.

Eastern ended up pulling out a 15-13 victory.

"In the second game we substituted in several younger, less-experienced players, such as Colin Horn who helped the team with three kills and two blocks," Vock said.

"Middle blockers Judd Steman and Horn played strong, as Steman pulled out two aces, one block and one assist," Vock said. "McNamera carried the team with five kills."

Game two ended with Eastern sweeping Illinois State 15-4.

Despite four kills each by Lee and Vock, ISU overtook EIU in game three with a score of 15-10.

"Even though we lost game three, the benefit of getting the younger players some experience and playing time is far more important than just winning," Vock said.

In perhaps the most exciting game of the match, EIU was relentless in their 15-4 game four win.

"Defensive specialist Vince Duval played excellent defense with numerous diving digs and perfect passing," Vock said.

"The long, intense rallies had me on the edge of my seat," crowd member Scott Marsh said. "I was very impressed with the level of play of both EIU and ISU."

After the game, setter Matt Tillman said, "Our team's passing has greatly improved compared to the Michigan State tournament, which helped us run our offense more efficiently."

"We played a lot better than when we played at ISU two weeks ago," Lee said. "Garret Pauley and Justin Burris came in and helped a lot with passing and defense."

Future events for the men's volleyball team include a tournament at Illinois State University on Nov. 16 for the A team and a Northern Illinois University tournament in which both the A and B teams will participate.

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Chad Merda
Staff writer

Tepper firing shows lack of truthfulness, coaching instability

We have all heard the age old saying that nothing in life is guaranteed. Even if someone makes a promise to you.

In August, Illinois Athletic Director Ron Guenther said in regard to football head coach Lou Tepper's job, "No matter what. No matter what. No matter what...He's back next year."

It's nice to see that Guenther is a man of his word. Tepper was fired Monday.

Next year would have been the final year in Tepper's contract.

The statement that Guenther made illustrates that there is no such thing as job security when making a career in coaching. There is no comfort zone.

Following the Illini's 48-0 loss to No. 2 Ohio state, Tepper was asked to resign, and rightfully so, he refused. Then they fired him.

Looking at Tepper's record of 2-7 this year and 25-29-2 at Illinois, one could say he has not been successful. If anything else, he has been the typical Illini coach in terms of wins.

In the past 29 years the Illini are 145-178-10, which is a .435 winning percentage. Tepper's winning percentage is .463.

Even if he has not taken the Illini to the promised land of the Rose Bowl, he has still been good for the University of Illinois.

He has produced the last two Butkus Award winners, along with having 74 percent of his athletes graduate with degrees in the last four years. The Division 1-AA average is only 55 percent.

Last year he graduated 100 percent of his seniors, which is not a small feat, and has largely gone with little, if any recognition at all.

"Our philosophy has been to educate by promoting academic achievement, positive social behavior, racial harmony and hard-nosed winning football," Tepper said in a statement released through the Illinois athletic department.

Tepper was able to do the first three, but not the last.

He has been widely regarded as a good, honest person.

"He's a guy of the highest integrity with a great work ethic," Guenther said. "He represents the university in every facet in an exceptional way."

It just goes to show that winning is everything. The fans could care less if everyone on the football team graduates and finds success after college football and are positive role models in society. They just want to see victories posted.

Guenther said the firing of Tepper was not a financial decision. Consider this: The Illini had nearly 20,000 empty seats every

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IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Sophomore outside hitter Missy Hollenkamp passes the ball in practice while sophomore outside hitter Sara Davenport practices her serve. The Panthers trounced Evansville Tuesday in four games.

By **MATT WILSON**
Staff writer

Eastern extended its winning streak to four games with a 5-15, 15-6, 11-15, 15-13 and 16-14 victory over Evansville Tuesday night in Evansville.

"The weekend off really showed in the first game," head coach Betty Ralston said. "We made some mistakes and hit for a negative hitting percentage."

In the fifth game Eastern took a 12-8 lead, but Evansville game back to tie the game at 12-12.

Eastern then went up 14-13 lead but once again, the Aces tied the game at 14. Eastern finally won the game on a side-out and then a kill by Sommer ended the match.

The Panthers (11-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference, 17-14 overall) were led in kills by junior middle hitter Lori Sommer, who had 16. She also had a team-leading five block assists.

Senior outside hitter Vanessa Wells was second on the team with 13 kills and second on the team with five aces.

Junior setter Kara Harper added 36 assists to lead the team. She also tied her career high with six service aces and had seven kills.

Senior outside hitter Jen Damon came in and played an important role in the Panther victory getting

six kills.

"Lindsey (Celba) was struggling a little bit and Jen came in and played some good defense and kept the ball in play on the court, which is what we needed," Ralston said.

The Panthers played this game short handed. Freshman outside hitter Meleah Cutler had been sick all week and did not make the trip and sophomore outside hitter Missy Hollenkamp was sidelined with a shoulder injury.

Ralston was very pleased with this victory.

"It was a good win for us being on the road and we're looking forward to coming home this weekend," she said.

Eastern ends its conference regular season with two home matches this weekend. At 7 p.m. on Friday they play Eastern Kentucky University and at 2 p.m. on Saturday they host Morehead State University.

If Eastern wins both of these home games, they will have the second seed going into the OVC tournament Nov. 22, 23 and 24 at Murray State University.

If they win the OVC tournament, they still have to host a play-in Nov. 30 against the Mid-Continent Conference winner. The winner of this match will get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Football playoff picture coming into focus

With two weeks left in the regular season, some teams are already looking forward to the 1-AA playoffs.

Seven conferences receive automatic bids for their champions, including the Big Sky, the Gateway, the Mid-Eastern Athletic, the Ohio Valley, the Southern, the Southland and the Yankee.

The other nine positions in the 16-team field are chosen at large.

Last season, Eastern received an at-large bid, as Northern Iowa took the Gateway's automatic bid.

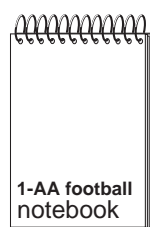
This year, Eastern (7-2 overall, 5-1 in the

OVC) moved to the OVC, and one team, Murray State (8-1, 7-0), sits ahead of the Panthers in the conference standings.

Several conferences have all but been won, however, some titles will be decided in the next two weeks.

The Ohio Valley Conference:

With the Racers' undefeated record in conference, and with their 35-28 over the Panthers and 17-14 win over third place



Eastern Kentucky (5-4, 4-1), Murray State has earned the conference championship and the automatic bid to the playoffs.

The Panthers still have an at large bid to fight for, and winning out will likely be necessary to gain a bid.

Eastern plays a Middle Tennessee (4-5, 2-4) Saturday and hosts Eastern Kentucky Nov. 23. EKU plays Austin Peay (0-9, 0-6) Saturday.

The Gateway Conference:

Northern Iowa (9-1, 4-0, ranked no. 3 in the Sports Network 1-AA poll) has already earned a share of the Gateway title, but a game this

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Men's volleyball club looks for respect

By **JILL JEDLOWSKI**
Staff editor

Having been forced into the shadow of Eastern Illinois sports, the men's volleyball team has done everything but sit on the sidelines this season.

The team is completely funded by the members' own money and all transportation necessary for competition is provided by the individual members too.

The 22-member team consists of an A team and a B team.



The A team players are the most experienced and play in all the tournaments. The B team is comprised of the talented, but less experienced, but less experienced players who hold competitive practices. The B team also competes in some tournaments.

On the weekend of Nov. 2-3 the volleyball player's traveled seven hours in three cars to Michigan State to face off in a tournament with 30 teams. Participants included Lewis University, Kentucky University and Big Ten schools, such as the University of Illinois and Purdue.

In the pool play of this tournament, Eastern was victorious over Lake Superior State University, Rose Hulman (Ind.) and Western Michigan University, going through the first round of the tournament with a record of 3-0.

In the playoffs of this tourney, EIU went on to play Ohio State, but lost 15-10, 7-15, 10-15. Eastern then went on to play University of Illinois, but was eliminated from the playoffs with a loss of 15-5 and 15-9.

"In pool play we did really well, but we let ourselves down when we got to the playoffs," team captain Arron Lee said.

"The losses to University of Illinois and Ohio State were disheartening because we had the ability to win," team member Jim Vock said.

Even though the players had to contribute \$60 of their own money, Vock said it was worth the cost.

"We live to play, and the experiences we had on and off the court at Michigan are priceless. We definitely held our own and gained a lot of respect for EIU men's volleyball," he said.

In their most recent attempt for recognition, the team competed against Illinois



SARAH WONG/Associate photo editor
Sophomore Jason Jones dives for the ball at practice.

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