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## Inside White stuff again?

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# Music to his ears

## Eastern student selected to play at Carnegie Hall

By Laura Irvine  
Staff editor

Eleven years ago, Andrew Lenaghan began playing the clarinet because his brother did and his parents did not have to pay a rental fee for another instrument.

In May, he will be playing the clarinet at Carnegie Hall in New York with 95 other students from across the country.

Lenaghan, 19, a sophomore English and music performance major, was recently chosen to perform at the Mid-America Productions Carnegie Hall Intercollegiate Band Concert.

"It just happened. I was very surprised," he said.

Lenaghan, who is from Joliet, said he started playing the clarinet 11 years ago when he was in third or fourth grade, and has been playing ever since.

"A group of my friends and I just decided to play. I had no serious intentions at first," he said.

Lenaghan also said he had no musical background when he started playing.

"I chose to play the clarinet because my brother played it," he said. "That way, my parents wouldn't have to pay a rental fee for another instrument. But I do enjoy the clarinet."

With a double major, free time does not come often for Lenaghan.

"It's terribly difficult to balance time and it's a lot of work, but I enjoy doing it because the subjects I'm studying are ones I like," he said.

When he does have free time, Lenaghan said he likes to listen to music, write poems and short stories and listen to all types of music, including old rock and roll, old country, classical and jazz music.

Lenaghan said he does not play the clarinet much outside of his rehearsals.

"I used to at home, but I don't as much down here," he said. "I have no time to do it."

Lenaghan said he had private teachers in grade school and high school in addition to playing in the school bands.

When he was a student at Joliet Central High School, he was in six state and two national competitions, where he won first place in all but one competition. However, he said his successful audition for Carnegie Hall is his biggest accomplishment as a musician so far.

Lenaghan said his performance at Carnegie Hall just came up and he decided to audition for it.

"Dr. Manfredo (Eastern's director of bands) announced (the auditions) and I decided to give it a shot," he said. "I'm very appreciative of him for calling this to my attention and supporting me."



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Andrew Lenaghan, a sophomore English and musical performance major, practices the clarinet Tuesday afternoon.

## Monday profile

Lenaghan said he currently practices between one and a half and two hours per day and rehearses standard repertoire for the clarinet.

To audition for the Carnegie Hall performance, Lenaghan had to send in a 10-minute audio tape of three pieces he chose.

He said Manfredo and Richard Barta, professor of music and clarinet professor, helped him narrow the choices to a few different pieces, but he made the final decision on which ones to send in himself.

The three pieces he chose included a selection from 32 Etudes, a selection from Ernesto Cavallini and the first movement to Paul Hindemith's clarinet sonata.

Lenaghan will be in New York from May 26 to May 30, but he

will not have much free time to enjoy the city, which he has never been to before.

"I'll be rehearsing between eight and 10 hours per day," he said. "I've been nervous about it, and I'll probably be more nervous when I get there. Still, I'm very excited."

No one will accompany Lenaghan to New York but he said he is still happy to go.

"I'm just excited I'm going," he said.

He said the music he will play in the concert has not arrived yet, but when it does, his instructors will help him rehearse it.

Lenaghan said music will always be a part of his life and that he wants to play jazz or contemporary music in the future.

"I'd like to play music professionally in the future. It will always be a part of my life," he said.

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# Officials deny refund

## Request deemed 'inappropriate' since nonwestern music class completed

By Tammie Sloup  
Assoc. news editor

An Eastern student's request for a tuition refund for a nonwestern music class was denied by the university because it is "inappropriate" to grant a refund for a successfully completed course.

April Hixson, of Mahomet, said she received a letter Feb. 10 from Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, stating the \$364.38 tuition request for MUS3562C was denied.

"Because I do not want to contribute to further delays in resolving this important matter, let me indicate to you that I have very thoroughly reviewed your assertions about your enrollment in MUS3562C during the 1998 fall semester," Abebe said in the letter to Hixson.

Abebe said in the letter he conducted "appropriate consultations" related to Hixson's assertions and her request for a refund.

Hixson's complaint stated the material taught by Doug

DiBianco, professor of fine arts, had little or nothing to do with nonwestern music and had much to do with "desensitizing students to 'alternative' behavior, including sexual, violent and illegal acts."

Abebe offered to meet with Hixson during two specified times to discuss the issue but because of Hixson's class schedule, it was impossible to set a date without getting an excused absence from class, Hixson said. Abebe also suggested meeting after hours and/or in Urbana.

Hixson said she received a phone call and an e-mail message Feb. 5 from Abebe requesting to meet during one of the two suggested times. Dean Hixson, April Hixson's husband, responded by e-mail stating April Hixson would need official arrangements to be excused from student teaching, in which perfect attendance is required, she said.

"In order to facilitate an appro-

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# Interviews complete for assistant director of payroll, benefits

elanie Schneider  
Staff writer

The last of three interviewees for the position of assistant director of payroll and benefits spoke Thursday at an open interview session with the campus community and said she would enjoy the opportunity to work for a university.

"I'm looking for a challenge, something that is new and different," said Cynthia Highland.

When asked what attracted her to this opportunity to work at Eastern, Highland said she has always been interested in working for a university.

"It's an area that I am comfortable and familiar with," Highland said.

She said she is a very organized and works well with other people.

"My strengths are my organizational and interpersonal skills. One of my weaknesses is that I am a very detail oriented person,"

"I'm looking for a challenge, something that is new and different."

Cynthia Highland,  
candidate for assistant director  
of payroll and benefits

Highland said.

When asked about her management style she said that she relied on friendly interactions.

At her present job, Highland is responsible for weekly payrolls for as many as 700 people. She also is in charge of deducting benefits from checks and reconciling with insurance companies.

"I believe in friendly criticism to encourage workers. I like to work with people as a team," she said.

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# The final chapter

## Weary nation ready to see what Clinton has planned for rest of his term

By The Associated Press

Americans sounded a collective "whew" Friday at the end of President Clinton's impeachment trial, a saga that many said cost too much, hurt too many and trivialized the government and the nation.

The same phrases emerged in dozens of interviews across the land: "Waste of money." "Disgusting." "The media made too much of it." "Ready for it to be over."

In White Plains, N.Y., people were so sick of it that they wouldn't talk about being sick of it.

"Hallelujah. We have to get on with our lives," exulted Margit Noro of Harrisburg, Pa.

To some, Clinton's acquittal on perjury and obstruction of justice charges was the correct and welcome outcome.

Others lamented a nation and a process that, they said, could officially excuse a leader's lying and immoral conduct.

But this was no moon landing or O.J. Simpson verdict.

Few seemed glued to their televisions. In fact, few seemed to care much at all. They knew it was going to be over and they knew how it was going to turn out.

"I watched it faithfully at the beginning. I got tired," said Joyce Bishop, 67, of Jacksonville, Ark.

"If our concerns can be diverted like this for a whole year, then you know something is not right," said Rose Fitzgibbon, 55, Portland, Ore., who was relieved at acquittal.

Many Americans said the acquittal represented business as usual for Washington.

"I think it's given people in government another reason they can go on doing basically what they're doing - that is, lie, cheat and steal," said Ron Juhas, reading a paper during his lunch hour Friday in Cleveland.

"Truth is no longer a priority in this country," said Beth Nichols of Olympia, Wash., as she waited at a Southwest Airlines gate in the Oklahoma City airport.

"It's a sad, sad day. Our senators don't have the courage to uphold truth as a standard."

Few defended Clinton or doubted he did something wrong. The question, they said, was whether guilt was proved.

"This is as bad as the O.J. Simpson trial," said Bill Ott, 56, who works in electronics. "We all know O.J. was guilty. We all know Clinton is guilty."

## Refund

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appropriate meeting on campus, arrangements for an excused student teaching absence were to be coordinated by the College of Education and Professional Studies," Abebe said in the letter.

However, the arrangements could not be made until a specified time and date were agreed upon, he said in the letter.

Hixson said four attempts were made to contact Abebe after his phone call and e-mail but she did not receive a response.

"One incomplete attempt that ignored my request for an excused absence was all we ever heard from the office of the provost," she said.

Abebe said in the letter he received two e-mail responses from Dean Hixson limiting times and conditions in which April Hixson was available along with "admonishing" him to "Please be patient!"

On Feb. 8, Abebe said he received an e-mail from April Hixson requesting an alternate plan.

Hixson said Abebe indicated she might have been "stalling" and questioned her interest in meeting with him.

Hixson's attempts to make arrangements around her student teaching schedule "have lead me to wonder if (Hixson is) interested in meeting with me or if (Hixson's) interest is in negotiating increasingly restrictive specifications for a meeting resulting in delays and further correspondence about a

meeting," Abebe said in the letter.

Hixson said Abebe "greatly exaggerated" his account of his efforts to arrange a meeting time.

"His accusations of my stalling are not only outrageous, but they show clearly his real intentions with regard to giving my appeal any serious thought," she said.

Abebe said the offer to meet with Hixson is still open and suggested she contact his office to schedule a meeting.

"I believe that there continues to be good reason for us to discuss (the) situation and (Hixson's) future enrollment in courses at Eastern Illinois University," he said in the letter.

Abebe could not be reached for comment.

A second complaint regarding a music encounters class taught by DiBianco was recently resolved.

Nancy Craig, of Sullivan, filed a complaint Feb. 1 to the university requesting either a tuition refund or to be allowed to transfer to a class appropriate for her elementary education and music concentration degree because the university "grossly misrepresented" the content of the course in the catalog.

Craig said James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, arranged for her to meet with an instructor Feb. 5 regarding a transfer and is now currently enrolled in MUS 2557C.

"It looks like everything turned out fine," she said. "I'm just glad that letter (Hixson's initial complaint letter) came out when it did. It was a turning point."

Craig said she has about four weeks of work to catch up on for the class but it is worth it.

## Interviews

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Highland said she is looking for a challenge with more responsibility and something that is new and different.

"I know some things that don't work about Eastern's present payroll system," she said. "Cooperation is needed for the transition to update Eastern's system of payroll."

She said she tries to use efficiency to make jobs easier for people.

"I want to make each job the best it can be," Highland said. "I look for efficiency and try to make the job simpler."

Highland received a bachelor of arts degree with an accounting concentration from Eastern in 1994. From 1988 to 1996 Highland worked as an office manager at Barney Ozier trucking Co. in Sullivan. She is presently the payroll manager at Agri-Fab, Inc. also in Sullivan.

The first candidate for the position, Todd Bacon, interviewed on campus last Feb. 8 and the second candidate, Robert Moore, interviewed Tuesday.

## Music

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Manfredo, who is one of Lenaghan's professors, said he is happy for him and wishes him well.

"It's not very often that there is an opportunity to perform at

Carnegie Hall. Andy is a very talented young musician and very committed to becoming a fine performer," he said. "The concert will feature top collegiate musicians throughout the country."

Manfredo also said everyone in the music department is excited for Lenaghan's opportunity.

"We're very proud of him," he said.

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# Charleston rides the weather roller coaster



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Elise Lesko, a senior zoology major, and Cori Rettberg, a junior finance major, walk home from the Student Recreation Center Sunday afternoon. People in Charleston experienced snow this weekend, which was a big change from the high temperatures seen on Thursday.

## Charleston sees the first snow since January, more rain is expected to keep temperatures in the high to middle 50s for today

Christy Kilgore  
City editor

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Charleston saw snow again, although briefly, this weekend in a break from unusually spring-like weather.

Friday's high temperature was only 41 degrees after temperatures dropped from a record-breaking 69 degrees on Thursday.

Blowing snow and flurries hit Charleston Friday afternoon along with bitter cold and harsh winds.

The brief storm left about a half an inch of snow on the ground, most of which was gone by Sunday afternoon, said Dalias Price, local weather observer.

Friday's snow was the first of the white stuff Charleston has seen since Jan. 17.

Price said February has generally been temperate.

"We've had quite a lot of rain, but in winter time rain means mild weather," he said.

Saturday morning's temperature was 16 degrees, which is the current low for February, and Sunday's high was about 44 degrees, Price said.

We've had a lot of rain, but in the winter time rain means mild weather.

Dalias Price,  
local weather observer

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Monday will be increasingly cloudy and warmer with temperatures in the high to middle 50s, according to the National Weather Service's Central Illinois Weather Information web site at [www.crh.noaa.gov/ilx/forecast.htm](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ilx/forecast.htm).

Tuesday there is a chance of rain with lows around 40 and highs around 50, according to the site.

Wednesday and Thursday's weather will bring a chance of rain with highs in the 40s, the site reported.

# Survivor of suicide teaches students a lesson in loss

By Dan Ochwat  
Activities editor

Despite nearly the entire campus gone for the three day weekend, about 30 students and community members attended "Understanding Suicide," a presentation on the aftermath of suicide by psychology professor Bill Kirk.

"I'm surprised you're here the night before a three day holiday, and it's crummy outside ... but you're all here for a reason," Kirk said.

The reason was "Understanding Suicide," which began at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Kirk isn't just professionally qualified to speak, but he is also a "survivor of suicide," he said his father took his own life when Kirk was about 30 years old and his father about 71 years old. Previously, his father was very ill and hospitalized for depression. However, he said his father's suicide wasn't the reason he became a psychologist.

"I chose psychology because everything else (in college) looked like the pits to me," he said.

On a more serious level, Kirk said he entered psychology to help the young adults involved in suicide. He also said suicide is the third leading cause of death among young adults between the ages of 15 to 24.

Kirk said he thinks a major reason suicide is up among young adults is because "it's in the repertoire, where it wasn't before."

"It's seductive," he said. "Kids look at escaping the pain; the intolerable pain. They're looking for a way out."

"They want to change their life, alleviate the pain and find a way out," he continued. "It takes incredible energy to pull a trigger, and the audacity to do it to us," Kirk said.

The mourning process is very complicated, Kirk said. "It is sudden and catastrophic... and the 'big G' is waiting for you. You don't have to be denominational to know guilt."

"It is also hard because we have to redefine our entire existence

knowing that person is not with us," Kirk said.

He said the first year is "raw" because there isn't much growth, "just tolerance and some denial."

The best way to help heal the wounds of post-suicide is through social support. Kirk said social support is critical and is the "buffer zone that gets us through depression."

"So, call mom," he said. "Support comes from the people we know and love."

During support, people need to acknowledge the loss and pain. People are clumsy while reaching other people dealing with the experience of a loss; they never acknowledge the loss and just talk around it, Kirk said.

Support groups help because they are people with similar experiences and understand the pain, Kirk said. People can rehearse releasing the pain and face the suicide, he continued.

"You can't pull people into counseling. It has to come from legitimate care," Kirk said.

Therapy can be intrusive and people need to find the right counselor and the right time to be comfortable, he said.

Kirk stressed the need for people to visit the counseling center for help and can call the center at 581-3413.

"I really believe in therapy, and this is a time where you can get it free, whether to help family, friends or yourself," Kirk said.

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# Opinion page

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## 581-FOOD goes online

University Housing & Panther Dining Services Monday unveiled a whole new way to help students decide what they want for dinner or where they want to eat it. Students can now sneak a peak at the weekly menus of dining services all across campus at the dining services web site: [www.eiu.edu/~housing/wklmen](http://www.eiu.edu/~housing/wklmen).

This is an excellent addition to the current telephone service 581-FOOD and should receive positive results, as long as it remains accurate all week, unlike the prerecorded telephone messages.

If students would like the menu for Tuesday, they can look to the web page instead of calling 581-FOOD and getting the menu from Dec. 12.

### Menu website

Students should take advantage of the new online menu which informs residents of meal choices for the entire week.

This new implementation is also quite convenient, not only for instant menus but to help students plan their weekly dining schedule around what buildings they have classes in and when they will be there. The convenience factor is important because many students have Internet access from their apartments or residence halls rooms and use it regularly.

The Housing and Dining Services web site also added several other helpful links such as a web page for each residence hall, residence hall policies that govern residence halls, information on residence hall life, pictures of all the residence halls and web sites of fraternity and sororities, if they have one.

This information is helpful not only to current Eastern students but could also be very helpful and encouraging to prospective students. The revamped site also includes information for students regarding where and how to apply for a part-time job at dining services.

It is great to see the people at University Housing & Panther Dining Services understand the hectic lives of students and are making an attempt to help make students' lives that much easier.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Today's quote

Sweet food of sweetly uttered knowledge.

Sir Philip Sidney, English poet, politician and soldier, 1554-1586

# Valentine's Day: how it got its start

Valentine's Day – the lovers' holiday – a 24-hour span when people around the world express their love to the significant people around them. This is a heart-warming holiday now, but it wasn't always. Let's hop on the love boat and go for a cruise through tunnel of love.

No one knows for sure exactly who Saint Valentine was, but the experts all agree Valentine indeed was once alive and eventually murdered for being a Christian.

One story claims Valentine was a Roman priest and another the bishop of Terni, but both believe that Valentine was martyred, which is someone who is tortured and persecuted for his or her beliefs.

A different story states Valentine helped Christians evade persecution, although at the time he himself was not a Christian. For these actions Valentine was caught and put in jail. There he became a believer in Christianity and was then clubbed to death on Feb. 14, 269 A.D. But, before his death he spoke the words "Remember your Valentine" and "I love you."

Another story depicts Valentine as secretly marrying couples at a time when marriages were temporarily banned, which he was executed for participating in.

The last interpretation believes Valentine refused to worship pagan gods, which are nonmonotheistic, and was therefore imprisoned. While Valentine stayed in jail, he supposedly cured the jailer's daughter through prayer and then slipped her a note before his execution that said "Your Valentine." And this is supposedly how the holiday came about.

Do Valentines' last words remind anyone of little heart candies and cheesy Valentine's Day cards? Anyway, on to the rest of the Valentine's story.

Back in the day, Feb. 15 was a Roman pagan love festival, which was not about "romantic love," that was cel-



Heather Cygan  
Managing editor

"Valentine's day is 24-hours when people actually go out of their way to display their desires and emotions."

ebrated for the feast of Lupercalia, which honored Lupercus, the Roman fertility god. (Pagans are anyone who is not a Christian, Moslem or Jewish, or in other words of a nonmonotheistic religion.) After 496 A.D., the Roman Church attempted to end the pagan celebration.

So, Pope Gelasius changed the pagan festival to Feb. 14, which was also the day Saint

Valentine was honored. The Roman Church believed the pagan elements insulted God, but decided there was nothing wrong with celebrating love. And, so, that is the story of how Valentine's and Lupercalia created this special day.

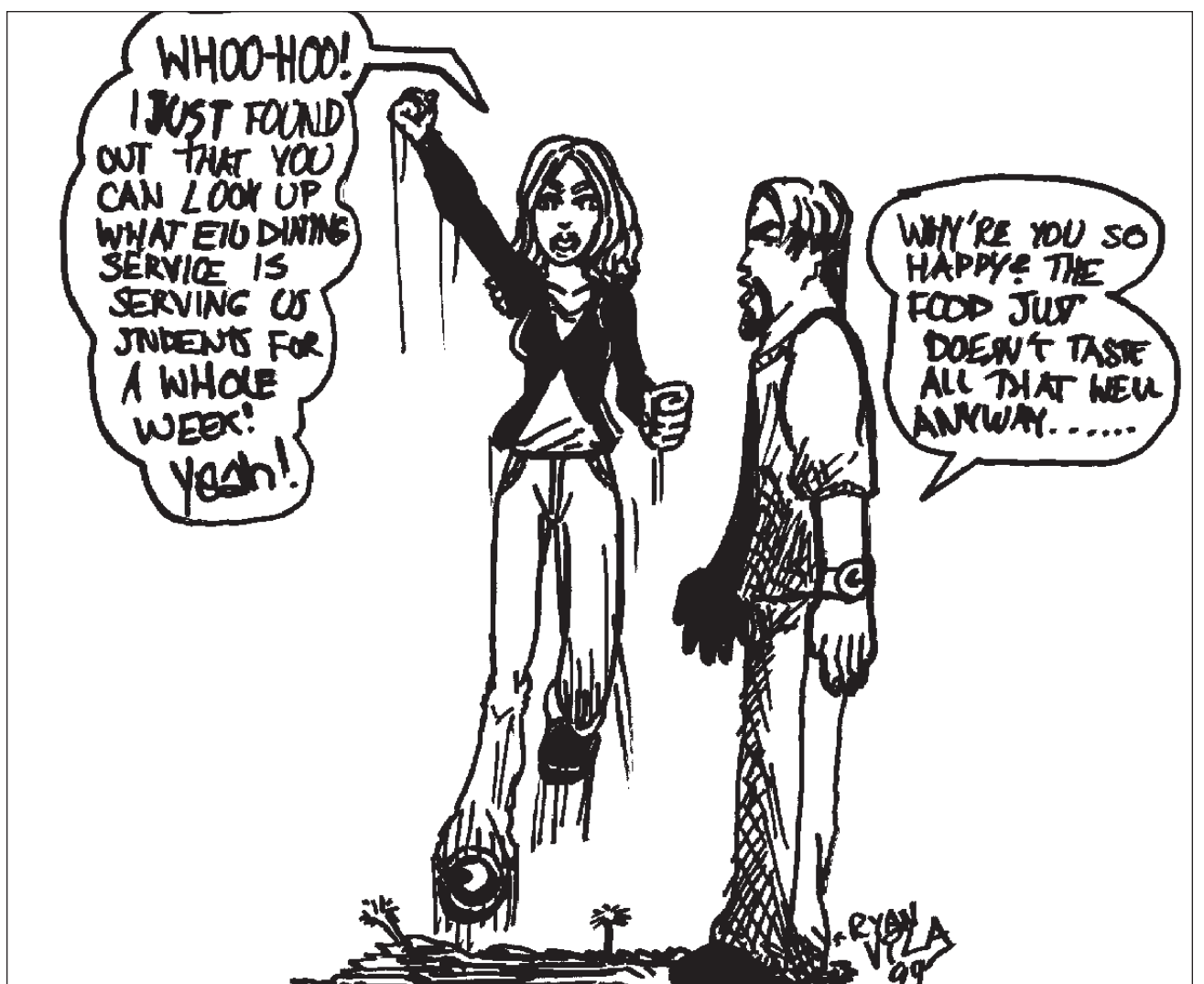
Eventually, Lupercalia was merged with Valentine's Day and that is how some of our present day traditions came about. On this day, Romans put women's names in a box and then the men drew out the names pairing them off with that female for a year.

Then, in the 1400s, it became tradition to make a "sweetheart by lot," or by drawing straws, since the day corresponded with the spring mating of birds. Then these two sweethearts sent messages to each other, which evolved into the Valentine's Day card. Through all of these tales, Valentine has become known as the patron of lovers.

No matter the truth behind the tales, Valentine's Day is 24 hours when people actually go out of their way to display their desires and emotions. Love is something the world lacks and this day reminds people to tell that special someone or someones they are special and important. Sunday, love ruled the world.

All information courtesy of: [www.lycos.com/news/flash/valentinesday.html](http://www.lycos.com/news/flash/valentinesday.html).

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Eric Hill  
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# CAA to conduct forum

## March 11 set as date of integrated core discussion

By Selena Higgins  
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday discussed the integrated core forum and the need for the university community to be involved.

"The council needs to consider the problems students, instructors and advisers have with the current core before the actual discussion of changing it occurs," said CAA member Mary Ann Hanner.

CAA member Ron Wohlstein said it is also important for the Faculty Senate to be notified of the forum.

"It is also necessary for the Faculty Senate to be aware of the forum because we need their participation," Wohlstein said.

CAA Chair Bill Addison told the council he would e-mail department chairs to notify them of the integrated core discussion forum, which will take place March 11.

In other business, the CAA heard the remaining core review subcommittee reports.

The human behavior and social well being review subcommittee members said they were looking at the possible elimination of the clusters in order to ensure the flexibility to offer and take courses.

"The structure of clusters is need-

"The council needs to consider the problems students, instructors and advisers have with the current core before the actual discussion of changing it occurs.

Mary Ann Hanner, CAA member

ed but the greater choice with adding more courses is also necessary," CAA member Godson Obia said.

Addison said people seemed to be in favor of eliminating the clusters.

"Discussion and feedback yielded that there is a want for less clusters or none at all," Addison said.

The subcommittee also considered the addition of introductory courses and the creation of more upper division core classes.

"If we make it so that only juniors and seniors can enroll in upper-level core courses, it would give transfer students coming into Eastern the advantage they don't have now," CAA member Frank McCormick said.

Gary Aylesworth, chair of the philosophy department, said the integrated core could cause a poten-

tial transfer problem for junior-level transfer students.

"Junior-level transfers who do not have the sufficient number of general education core classes are forced to take lower level courses," Aylesworth said. "By their senior year, they have generated concerns since their core is not fulfilled because of the current set-up of the core."

The cultural experience review subcommittee also gave its report on the foreign language component of the grouping.

CAA Vice Chair Doug Bock said the committee considered "a delay in offering sign language as a course in the group until resources are greater but we would continue to accept sign language taken elsewhere to fulfill the language requirement."

"If we get rid of the foreign language requirement we will be sending out a signal that learning a different culture and language is not important," McCormick said

Bock said the foreign language component is important because it helps prepare students for the diversity of culture in the world.

"Foreign language prepares students for the diversity in our world," Bock said. "Encouraging a student to learn more about (the world) is important no matter how difficult."

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# Students ace exam

## Eastern's Industrial Technology Department has 100 percent pass rate on the November Certified Manufacturing Technologist exam

By Amy Thon  
Staff editor

Eastern's Industrial Technology Department had a 100 percent pass rate for eight students who took the Certified Manufacturing Technologist exam in November.

The test covers the basics of engineering including such topics as electronics, machine design, plant layout, manufacturing, chemistry, physics, machines and computer aided designs, said Mori Toosi, professor in the School of Technology and certified manufacturing engineer.

"This is the first time we've had a 100 percent (pass rate). In the past, we were close, 75 to 80 percent," Toosi said.

He said students begin preparing for this test as soon as they enter the department because the

test is very general and could cover any topic.

This year, their preparation was expanded to include plant tours and more technical speaker presentations, Toosi said.

"The test is very general. They have absolutely no idea what is going to be there," Toosi said.

The students can use reference materials for the test and Toosi said it is important for the students to pick good materials. There also is a study guide for students to practice the test.

The students can take the test at any time, but they can only take it twice. Toosi said he thought the success rate this year could also be attributed to the fact that most of the students were seniors.

Once students pass the first test, they have the opportunity to take a more specific three-hour test in

one area to become a certified manufacturing engineer, Toosi said.

He said it is beneficial to be certified when the students go to find a job.

He said employers know what kinds of questions are on the test, so they know the skill-level of the students.

Last year, about 50 community colleges, technical schools, colleges and universities offered the certification exam to students.

Eastern's School of Technology has a student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers which Toosi advises.

He provides certification preparation and examination process to students.

He allows the students to pick the time of the test so they can perform at their best, Toosi said.

# UB presents budget to AB

Matt Neistein  
Staff writer

Apportionment Board members heard a budget presentation from the University Board Thursday night.

Jerry Wilson, co-chair of the UB, proposed the UB's 1999-2000 fiscal year budget to the AB. Wilson asked for financial boosts to most departments, including lectures, productions, summer programming and special events. He stressed the amount of money the UB has received has been cut drastically over the last few years.

The University Board has a responsibility as a "bar alternative," Wilson said, referring to the lack of social events in the Charleston area for Eastern students. Wilson said Eastern has a reputation as a "suitcase school."

"The school gets knocked for a lack of school spirit," he said.

Regarding lectures, Wilson said the UB no longer wishes to

charge students for attending.

"We don't think it's fair that students have to pay for something that they've already paid for through the student activity fee," he said. He also said the UB would continue charging general admission for non-students.

Wilson also requested a significant increase to the productions budget.

"Our system is in disrepair," Wilson said.

As for the UB's plans over the next fiscal year, Wilson said there were plans to bring in more comedians. Comedy shows are one of the most popular events the UB sponsors, he said. He also said the UB will look into bringing in a soap opera star as a speaker.

Also, the UB is looking into creating a "UB Guide," a program to be distributed monthly to better inform students of events the UB is sponsoring.

The next AB budget presentation will be Thursday from the Student Senate.

# RHA helps Alternative Spring Break fund

By Chris Sievers  
Student government editor

Residence Hall Association members Thursday passed an allocation to give the Alternative Spring Break Committee \$50.

RHA President Colette Guerdet said the allocation to the Alternative Spring Break would help sponsor the work of students who volunteer

their time during Spring Break.

"(The allocation) helps offset costs (the committees) incur from the program," she said.

Alternative Spring Break gives Eastern students the opportunity to build homes for Habitat for Humanity, tutor children, work with AIDS patients and various other service projects.

In other business, Guerdet told

RHA members to keep working on getting soap dispensers in the residence hall's bathrooms.

Recently, RHA members asked residence hall members to take questionnaires back to their hall councils.

The questionnaire asked students if they were interested in placing soap dispensers in the residence hall bathrooms.

Guerdet said RHA members

will discuss the results of the questionnaire at next week's meeting.

"We can't promise we can get soap in the bathrooms, but we'll do our best," Guerdet said.

RHA members also discussed a contest for students who live in residence halls.

To enter the contest, Eastern students who live in residence halls can submit a story telling about a

humorous or sincere incident that happened to them while living in a residence hall.

The best story will be picked at next week's RHA meeting and an RHA t-shirt will be awarded to the winner.

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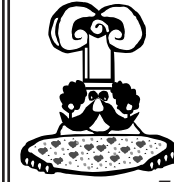
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# Panthers stay sharp at Illini Classic

By Jarrett Wells and Bill Ruthhart  
Staff writers

For the men's track and field team, Saturday's meet in Champaign provided an excellent opportunity for the team to sharpen up and prepare for this weekend's Ohio Valley Conference indoor championships.

According to assistant coach John McInerney, the team did fairly well at the meet.

"We stumbled at some places, but I think we had some good performances," McInerney said.

Head coach Tom Akers agreed with McInerney by saying the team did get some positives out of the meet.

"We had no stellar performances, but we didn't get any negatives out of the meet," Akers said.

Among the athletes who caught Akers' eye were Tom Marchese with a vault of 16-feet 4.75 in the pole vault, Dave Astruaskas with a throw of 53-feet 10 in the 35 lb. weight throw, and the entire distance crew.

Cameron Mabry was another athlete who impressed Akers.

"Cam is starting to come around with his sprinting so we'll be looking to him next week," Akers said.

For the past few weeks, Akers and McInerney have had several question marks in narrowing the team down to the 25-man roster for the conference meet.

Saturday's meet helped answer a few questions, but the coaches still have to get together and make some difficult decisions.

"We have a few headaches we still need to sort out," McInerney said.

Akers doesn't seem to be too worried about narrowing the team down.

"It's almost a pleasant problem to have," Akers said.

"Some schools have problems putting together a 25-man squad that can compete at the conference meet, while we have to decide who our top 25 guys are."

For those who do have conference spots locked up, Saturday was just a day to get ready for the conference meet.

"We tried to run cautiously and conserve as much energy as possible," McInerney said. "We didn't do any doubling or tripling this meet; most of the guys just did one event."

The coaching staff is hoping the competition level they have faced in the past two weeks will help the team going into next weekend.

While the team was in Champaign Saturday, sprinters Jarrod Macklin and Chad White traveled to Northern Iowa Friday to compete in the 400-meter dash at the UNI-Dome Open.

White was trying to secure an automatic qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships.



Macklin was trying to get a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA meet, as well as break the freshman record in the 400-meter.

Although they finished one-two in the race, neither White nor Macklin reached their desired goal.

White finished with a time of 47.62, while Macklin finished with a time of 48.88.

Even though the two didn't achieve what they set out to do, Akers said it was good experience for them.

"I think they were a little disappointed in themselves, but they gave it a shot," Akers said.

The next meet for the Panthers will be this Friday and Saturday as they host the Ohio Valley Conference indoor championships.

## Women's Track and Field at Illini Classic (No scores kept)

The field in Champaign included competitive programs from Butler, Michigan St., Valparaiso, Iowa and the host Illinois.

"It was a well-contested meet," head coach John Craft said. "I was pleased with our performances."

With the OVC Championships only a week away, Craft came into this meet with the strategy of entering each of his athletes in only one event in order to have them rested and prepared for the biggest meet of the year.



"It (the Illini Classic) took the pressure off with most of our kids competing in only one event," Craft said.

The meet was focused on individual performances as no teams scores were calculated.

It was that setting which allowed Candy Phillips to set a new school record in the 60-meter hurdles.

Phillips, who finished with a time of 8.78 seconds, set the record en route to a fourth place finish in the highly competitive meet.

Cynthia McGee left Champaign with a third place finish in the high jump after just barely missing a jump of 5-feet-7.

"She competed well," Craft said of McGee. "That's a very good performance for her."

Marissa Bushue turned in the highest finish of the day placing second in the Triple Jump, while Keisha Dunlap finished fifth in the 20-pound weight throw.

"There was some tough competition in the weight throw," Craft said. "But I felt she competed well."

The combination of a highly competitive meet with most of the women competing in areas other than their usual events resulted in a low number of high finishes by Craft's athletes.

The goal for the weekend, however, was not high finishes but to relax

and have fun. "We went out to have fun and maintain ourselves," Craft said.

"We had some people that were sick, and competed anyway," Craft said. "But they did the job they were supposed to do."

Craft now looks ahead to the team's most challenging task of the season, to come away with an OVC Championship.

"Our task now is to continue our momentum into the OVC meet," Craft said.

Craft is delighted with his team's performance up to date, but wants to continue that success into this weekend.

"We've had a real good season," Craft said. "I'm pleased going into the OVC meet."

Craft feels the OVC Championships are anyone's meet and he hopes the home field advantage of having the competition in Lantz Fieldhouse will give his team the edge.

"The OVC Championship is really up for grabs," Craft said.

"It's in our backyard and the kids are excited about that."

However, Craft knows that the home field advantage will not mean anything unless a strong group of fans can come out to support the team.

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# Weekend sweep keeps Panthers in last place

## Eastern needs one win and two Austin Peay losses to capture final tournament spot

By Kristin Rojek  
Staff writer

With a disappointing two-point loss to Murray State in the middle of January, the women's basketball team hoped to turn things around Saturday night, but instead was handed a 71-64 loss from the Racers. The Panthers' record now stands at 5-20, 3-14 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Although junior center Leah Aldrich was able to score 25 points for the Panthers, she was still outscored by Racer forward Bobbi Coltharp, who scored a career-high 28 points with five three point shots.

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“(Coltharp) went on a rampage,” sophomore guard Renee Schaul said. “I had to guard her and I just couldn't stop her.”

Aside from Aldrich, sophomore guard Lorie Moore continued to pull through with both scoring and rebounding. With 14 points, six rebounds and five steals, Moore contributed a well-rounded game for Eastern.

“When the leader doesn't score, someone has to pick up the slack,” Schaul said.

With two more losses added to the Panthers' record, Eastern was dropped back into last place in the OVC, making a berth in the conference tournament a bit of a long shot.

Eastern is left with one regular season game remaining against Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

“We have to win one more game that's ahead,” Schaul said. “We're hoping to win Saturday and if we do, we get the tie breaker against Austin Peay.”

That means if Austin Peay loses its last two games and Eastern beats SEMO, the Panthers are in the postseason.

Although the Panthers were only down

by one at the half against Murray State, their ability to turn the game around didn't pull through as the team shot 38 percent from the floor.

Murray only sent Eastern to the line eight times in the second half while the Racers were 12-of-16.

“It wasn't that (Coltharp) was unstoppable, but she gave the team total momentum,” Moore said.

Although both Schaul and junior guard Emily Allen were major scorers Thursday night against Tennessee-Martin, scoring 10 and 13, respectively, their scoring was cut short Saturday night as Schaul came out of the game with eight points and Allen was held scoreless.

Thursday night was also a challenge for the Panthers as they lost 91-70 to Martin.

“Thursday night we had no consistency,” Moore said. “A lot of people might look at it as being because of Klein's decision (to resign), but I don't believe it. It's just been a tough season.”

With Skyhawk forward Zabrina Harris scoring 20 points, Aldrich was cut short by the Tennessee-Martin defense, scoring only nine points for the Panthers.

Moore, Allen, and Schaul, however, were able to step up and score in double figures.

Not only did the loss make tournament sights for the Panthers a greater challenge, but it secured a top four seed in the first-round of the OVC Tournament for Tennessee-Martin, currently in first with a 12-4 conference record.

Eastern was down 46-30 at halftime, giving the Skyhawks the advantage. The Skyhawks also were able to get as large as a 25 point lead over the Panthers with just 13:02 left in the half at 64-39.

“It's been frustrating the whole way,” Moore said. “If Austin Peay wins, that's it.”



David Pump / Staff photographer

Panther junior Leah Aldrich drives to the basket on an opponent earlier in the season. Eastern needs a win in its final game of the season and two Austin Peay losses for the Panthers to make the OVC tournament.

## Double

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still strong.

“Our attitude is good,” Samuels said. “It was a tough battle at Murray, and we have plenty of time to rally and get ready for Saturday.”

On Saturday, Eastern had a chance to end Murray State's 41-game home winning streak, the nation's longest, but could not finish off the Racers.

As the first overtime wound down, sophomore Kyle Hill missed a jumper with four seconds left and the game tied at 83.

“It was a battle for 50 minutes and our guys never quit,” Samuels

said.

Eastern was outscored in the double-overtime session 11-6, and the crowd of 6,056 fans saw Murray (15-1, 23-4) keep its home winning streak alive.

Even with the loss, the Panthers are still guaranteed a spot in the OVC eight-team tournament as a result of Tennessee-Martin's 60-49 loss to Southeast Missouri Saturday night.

Eastern was led by sophomore forward Merve Joseph, who had his first career double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Joseph shot 8-of-13 from the field and 6-of-8 from the foul line. He had a team-high five offensive rebounds.

“Merve was a warrior,” Samuels

said. “He went up against guys that were three or four inches taller than him and he played relentlessly.”

Leading the way for Eastern in the loss was Hill, who was 8-of-19 from the field and scored 28 points. Hill also connected on five three pointers in the game.

Senior guard Jack Owens, who returned to the school where he played his freshman year, was 0-for-5 from the field, but still contributed with a game-high nine assists.

While Eastern saw some good minutes off the bench from Hill, the Racers' Isaac Spencer came off the bench to score 22 points for Murray. Spencer was one rebound away from a double-double, as he grabbed nine rebounds, seven of

those defensive.

After being outrebounded 49-29 in the first meeting with the Racers, Eastern was only outrebounded 51-46 Saturday night.

Eastern had another great rebounding effort on Thursday night, as it outrebounded Tennessee-Martin 36-25. But that was not enough, as for the second time this season, the Panther's encountered a hot shooting Skyhawk club.

Martin shot 65 percent in the first half and 64 percent for the game en route to the victory.

This was a totally different story from Martin's 60-49 loss to Southeast Missouri Saturday night.

“They shot well against us,” Samuels said. “From what I under-

stand, they did not shoot nearly as well against SEMO as they did against us.”

In the loss, Hill tied the school record for steals in the game with seven. Hill joins Steve Rowe and Johnny Hernandez as the three people who have accomplished this feat.

Also having a good performance was junior forward Marc Polite, who had a career-high 27 points in the loss. Also scoring in double figures for Eastern was Hill with 16 and Owens dropped in 13 points.

Tennessee-Martin was led by senior center Ryan DeMichael, who had a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. DeMichael was 6-of-9 from the field and 7-of-8 from the foul line.

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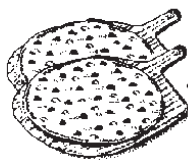


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Table with Southeast Division results. Columns: Team, Pts, GF, GA. Includes Carolina, Florida, Washington, Tampa Bay.

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Men's basketball

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Table with Murray State 94, Eastern 89. Columns: Team, Pts, GF, GA. Includes EIU, Joseph, Polite, Shaver, Owens, Forrest.

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national sports inbrief

Mike Utley's ready for a few giant steps

PHOENIX (AP) - Seven years and three months after his football career, and his life, were shattered by a paralyzing spine injury, Mike Utley plans to take a few steps in public Monday.

They will be halting, small steps to be sure, but they will also be giant strides for this irrepressible man who has come to epitomize determination and courage in the face of grim odds.

On that November afternoon in 1991, after one of the violent collisions so common in the NFL, Utley lay motionless on the turf before a silent crowd at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich.

Gordon takes checkered flag at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Jeff Gordon has learned well from the master, Dale Earnhardt.

The lessons helped him win his second Daytona 500 on Sunday as he barely held off Earnhardt in a thrilling, late-race shootout in NASCAR's premier event.

"He's taught me so much out there," Gordon said. "He's probably going to tell you I learned too much from him."

The 27-year-old Gordon, who also won the race in 1997, took the lead with a breathtaking move 11 laps from the finish, much like Earnhardt has done so many times in his 25-year career.

The Kid ducked under leader Rusty Wallace heading toward the first turn and squeezed past the slow-moving lapped car of Ricky Rudd at close to 190 mph, drawing a gasp from the standing crowd of 185,000.

Mike Skinner, Earnhardt's teammate, moved alongside Wallace on the outside and the three cars drove side-by-side into the third turn as the crowd roared its approval.

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# Eastern splits weekend double-dual meet

By Kyle Bauer  
Associate sports editor

The Panther wrestlers came away from Edwardsville Friday with a split in a double-dual meet with SIU-E and Central Oklahoma.

A few close matches were the difference in Eastern's 25-15 loss to Central Oklahoma (9-3).

"This (weekend) was experience basically," head coach Ralph McCausland said. "It was not a setback. The focus all season has been on nationals."

Senior Tom Combes earned an 11-1 decision over his opponent while the other

Panther wins came courtesy of Don Pool, Jason Lawrence and Mike Russow.

The rest of the Panther wrestlers managed to keep their matches close, but were eventually outwrestled.

"Central Oklahoma is a perennial Division II powerhouse," McCausland said. "We matched up pretty well with them, but we were pinned in two weights. If you take away the pins at those two weights, that's six points and then its 19-15."

Wrestling (Double dual)

EIU 41

SIU-E 9

EIU 15

C. Okla. 25

The victims of those two pins were freshmen James Eichmiller and Kyle Bracey.

"They both are freshmen and they will learn from their experiences."

Against SIU-E, the Panthers' story was the exact opposite. Eastern lost only two matches on its way to a 41-9 victory.

"Edwardsville had a couple of injuries where they didn't have any backups and we took a couple of forfeits," McCausland said.

SIU-E's Titus Taylor was the lone bright spot for SIU-E. He earned a decision by technical fall over Panther junior Nick Macellaio.

"Taylor could probably win it in Division II," McCausland said. "He's only got two losses on the season."

Even though the Panthers did drop the meet to Central Oklahoma, McCausland still considers the weekend a success.

"Combes and (Don) Pool wrestled extremely well," McCausland said.

"It was pretty high caliber of competition which will make a difference down the stretch."

Next up for the 4-6 Panthers this week will be a pair of Big Ten opponents. Eastern will travel to Northwestern on Thursday before returning home to face Indiana Sunday.

# Double the Panthers' troubles

## Overtime loss to Murray State forces Eastern into must-win situation

By Matt Wilson  
Staff writer

With two losses over the three-day weekend, the Panther basketball team dropped down to fifth place in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

The losses put Eastern in a must-win situation against Southeast Missouri Saturday if it wants to host a first-round OVC post season game.

A 94-89 double overtime loss to conference-leader Murray State dropped Eastern's OVC record to 8-9.

Eastern is one game ahead of Tennessee Tech, Morehead State and Austin Peay. The top four teams get to host an opening round game.

"It's all bunched up right now," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said. "We need to win at least one and then there will be a lot of ties and we have the tie breakers. So we have a very good chance of hosting if we win."

Eastern started off the two-game losing streak with an 87-81 loss at Tennessee-Martin Thursday night.

Even with the two losses, Samuels said his team's attitude is



Chad Merda / Staff photographer

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Panther sophomore Kyle Hill wrestles the ball away from an opponent in the Panther's victory over Middle Tennessee on Feb. 6. Eastern needs to win its final conference game in order to host a home playoff game.

# Rethinking retirement may require renegotiations

Here's a little glimpse inside the sometimes retired, mostly indecisive mind of Reggie White: Monday - I'm giving up meat forever. Tuesday - Being a cattle farmer appears to be my calling.

Monday - I'm going to be smart and invest all my money in stocks and bonds. Tuesday - I'll bet everything on one game of rock, paper, scissors.

Monday - I have decided to retire from football. Tuesday - Well, I'm intrigued by a possible return to the sport I love.

Yes, the six-part Reggie White soap opera continues.

Through the entire football season, it was dubbed as White's last. The Minister of Defense would be retiring for the second time in a year. And this time it was for good.

Then Green Bay hired Ray Rhodes, a long time friend of White's.

For the past two weeks, there's been much talk about White returning to the Packers.

Apparently, the word "retire" has a much different meaning for him. As defined in The New International Webster's Student Dictionary of the English Language, to retire means to "go away or withdraw; to remove from active service."

The last time White retired, he was removed from active service for a mere 48



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hours before making his huge comeback announcement. The nice people at AARP didn't even have enough time to process his application.

Perhaps it's the first part of the word, "re," that confuses him. He's obviously confused it with the prefix re-, which means to do over and over again.

This year's comeback has a minor glitch - the Packers don't know if they want him to rejoin the team.

It's been reported that Green Bay is trying to free up room under the salary cap. Should he re-return, the semi-retired defensive end would be making \$4.4 million. As a result, the Packers may opt to release him.

Too bad for Reggie, the reinvigorated retiree.

He may have to renegotiate and rework

his contract for less money if he is going to reattach himself to Green Bay. Or else, maybe even relocate in an effort to once again rekindle his career.

Maybe the Packers will retain him, only to release him in training camp, then re-sign him for less money - as was the case with former Panther Ray McElroy and the Indianapolis Colts this year.

In any case, we can all be reassured that Reggie is going to do whatever it takes to re-emerge and recharge the Packer defense.

However, is it really the best thing for Green Bay to reopen the Reggie White era when it should be reasserting its NFC dominance with the new coach?

The Packers need to re-evaluate what they are trying to - it may not be rebuilding, but it also shouldn't be repeatedly resurrecting White's refurbished career(s).