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90th Anniversary

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Celebrating freedom

■ Charleston prepares for Fourth of July parade, ceremonies to honor veterans

By ADAM TESTA
CITY EDITOR

John Morrisey had a son fighting in the Middle East. When he and other families in Charleston found out that their children would be returning from war, they began to meet to plan a welcome home party.

This was in 1990, when American troops were fighting the Persian Gulf War. The welcome home party has evolved into an annual event in Charleston's Red, White and Blue Days.

The welcome home party consisted of a parade beginning downtown and ending at Morton Park, where the families of the returned soldiers celebrated their homecoming.

"There was a bell at Morton Park, and we let all the families ring the bell," said Morrisey.

Sixteen years later, the bell ringing ceremony is still a part of the Red, White and Blue Days festival. The participants of the ceremony are usually local veterans.

"They are selected as veterans of the Korean War and other people associated with the armed forces," said Morrisey.

However, this year's bell ringing ceremony will have participants of a different background. This year's ceremony will commemorate the 175th anniversary of Charleston's founding. Participants in this year's bell ringing ceremony include Mayor John Inyart, members of the Charleston City Council, the oldest resident of Charleston and the newest family in town, Morrisey said.

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A young girl rides on a float during the 4th of July parade in Charleston last year.

FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern water deemed clean

■ Campus drinking water meets 'all requirement standards'

By KRISTINA PETERS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Eastern's drinking water continues its record of being safe after it passed the consumer confidence report for 2005 without any contamination violations.

"EIU's water quality has consistently passed all water quality standards," said Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management.

These standards are set by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to guarantee that every Illinois public water system provides safe drinking water to its community.

Drinking water is tested for levels of copper, lead and chlorine compounds, and if levels exceed a certain amount it is considered a violation.

"[There were] no contamination violations," Reed said. "EIU drinking water met all quality requirement standards."

The EPA looks for contamination that can come from many sources. These sources include microbial, inorganic, radioactive and organic chemical contaminants.

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Air Force officials explain medical care for soldiers

By KEVIN KENEADY
STAFF REPORTER

The medical transportation system that has been saving several lives in the War in Iraq was revealed Tuesday by a couple of wartime experts.

LTC Susan L. Sackett of US Transportation Command and Bennie Thompson, assistant chief of linguistics at Germany's Landstuhl Air Force Base spoke before some of Eastern and Charleston's most notable names, including Charleston Mayor John Inyart, Jim Pierce of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System, and Eastern's Blair Lord, about some of the pluses and minuses of transporting injured troops to medical facilities.

As director of Joint Patient Movement Requirement Center (JPMRC), Sackett has said the center basically serves as an interface between a medical treatment facility that has the casualty and the United States Air Force that's going to get him out and launched into a regional medical center.

"My team left Iraq in April of last year, and then we headed back in October," Sackett said. "We moved approximately 5,000 soldiers, of which 20 percent or so were battle casualties."

She has said that there are several levels of care in the transport system: from level one care, which consists of first aid or buddy aid on the battlefield; to a battalion aid station and then to a tactical air lift to get the patient to a combat support hospital at level two; to a strategic air lift from the combat support hospital at level three; to an air force base like Landstuhl at level four; to finally either back

to combat or to a fixed medical facility.

Patients are separated into three categories: urgent, priority and routine. Urgent patients need to be transported to a facility within 12 hours, priority within 24 and although military standards require a week for routine (80 percent of the patients), Sackett's boss has set a three-day mark for routine patients.

"We are proud military medical service," she said. "We have the highest survivability rate than we've ever been able to have. If the patient gets to the medical facility they have a higher than 90 percent survival rate, which is probably better than a lot of civilian ERs have."

Sackett contributed this high success rate to the United States Transportation Command Control and Evacuation System, which is the Web-based computer application used to track patients throughout the world. Since the system was put into place in July 2001, she said they have been able to move about 30,000 patients.

"We haven't lost a patient yet in this conflict, which wasn't the case during Desert Storm because during Desert Storm every service had its own means of tracking patients," Sackett said. "The Army did their paper system and then they delivered their patients to the airfield and the Air Force may not know they're coming."

Yet, even political entanglements get into the work of this international medical field. Sackett has said that when patients are being moved into another country, they have to take into account the legal structure of those countries. So if they say a patient can't enter that country, they have to abide by that.



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Bennie Thompson, asst. chief of linguistics at Germany's Landstuhl Air Force Base, speaks to a room full of people in the Areola/Tuscola room in the MLK union on transporting wounded soldiers from the war in Iraq.

"When I was leaving, I know the Kuwaiti government was becoming much more restrictive on who they would let in," she said.

She also noted that a few political things come into play because of the large number of civilian contractors that are not American citizens in Iraq.

"You have people from Sri Lanka and Indonesia, India, and all of those few political things come into play, even when it has to do with medical care."

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The Arts & Entertainment

A photographer's vision fulfilled

Joe Ethridge shot photos to escape the stresses of being a trucker

BY MEAGAN MORGAN
STAFF WRITER

Some say it is never too late for a new beginning.

For Joe Ethridge, truck driver of 25 years, a passion became a new career when he recently opened a studio and gallery in Charleston.

To escape the stresses of the trucking industry, Ethridge said he used photography as a hobby and for relaxation on weekends and vacations.

The grand opening of his gallery,



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Charleston native, Joe Ethridge, poses with his camera at his photo studio and gallery at 714 Monroe Avenue. Ethridge decided to give up his career as a truck driver and make his hobby into a living.



Ethridge Photography, is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. It is located at 714 Monroe Ave. across the street from the Will Rogers Theater.

Although Ethridge does not display anyone else's work in his gallery, his wife, Karen, has a few pieces of her own to view.

He started with a studio in his house, because "EIU has had quite a demand, I ran out of room at home," Ethridge said. "So stu-

dio and gallery seemed to be the best idea."

Ethridge has polished his skills over the last 15 years by photographing his children as teens and trying to emulate photos from National Geographic.

This self-taught photographer subscribed to several publications and checked out many library books when he became determined to learn all the technical skills needed.

If he had it all to do again, Ethridge said he would have taken at least one photography class.

Within the last two years Ethridge has become 99 percent digital, but he still uses some negatives and slides. He has more options and the digital camera has opened new avenues and given him more control. He prefers Canon, but still uses one of his first cameras, "an old Nikon you could hammer nails with."

Over the years Ethridge has traveled to France, Holland, Italy, California, New Mexico and Colorado, with considerable travel throughout Central and Southern Illinois. He said that his favorite place to take

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JOE ETHRIDGE, OWNER, ETHRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHY

photos was in California, the Redwood National Forest and Yosemite National Park, then added Santa Fe, New Mexico and Rome.

Finally he exclaimed, "I like them all!"

His abilities shine most when he is alone in nature visiting "some of the more spiritual locations," such as national parks and Native American ruins.

He said that landscape, cityscape and travel are his favorite things to photograph or whatever catches his eye. He has been told that he should make portraits his career, but he does not feel as comfortable doing them.

"I've been told that that's one of my strong points, but it's more challenging," Ethridge said.

He said that portraits are rewarding, because he is able to bring out the joy in his subject or their family when they see the picture.

He is disappointed when he sees a "great shot" and does not have his camera with him.

When taking pictures, Ethridge feels peace, serenity, joy and happiness, a message that he hopes translates through to the viewer.

Ethridge looks up to well-known French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ansel Adams, and local photographers Joel Dexter and Larry Kanfer. However, his biggest inspiration is Mother Nature, with her beautiful lighting in the early morning, late evening and following a storm.

Ethridge hopes to have established a successful career and sees this weekend's opening as a stepping-stone for his career.

Ethridge and his wife have lived in the same house in Charleston for 30 years, but hope to move west, specifically to Santa Fe, N.M. There they can fulfill their dream of being self-employed, but semi-retired, and sharing a space where she can practice hypnosis and healing and he can continue taking photos.

"Photography for me is just a journey. There's not really a destination," said Ethridge. "Just keep chasing the light."

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CAMPUS

A quick take on news, scheduled events and announcements.

Independence day causes office closings

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

Teacher education meetings held in July

Education majors must attend a meeting to formally apply for university admission to teacher education and to initiate the selection process. The College of Education and Professional Studies schedules these meetings each semester. At the meetings the required application form will be distributed and collected. Also during the meeting admission and retention in teacher education will be explained. Students who have not previously applied must attend a meeting. The only meeting held this summer will be July 18 in the Buzzard Hall auditorium, at 12:50 p.m. Registration is not required. The next opportunity to initiate the "Selection Process" and apply for university admission to teacher education will be during Fall 2006.

Reception held for retiree

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

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

Band performs at Eastern

The Smith Walbridge marching band will hold a practice tonight at O'Brien stadium that is open to the public. The practice will start at 8:15 p.m.

TODAY'S EVENTS

MS Excel Beginner 1 Workshop

This workshop will cover the basics of using Excel to create a simple spreadsheet. For more information please contact the please contact the Library Administration office at 581-6061. 2 pm to 4pm | Booth Library e-classroom, Rm 4450

Student Pay Day

Friday - All Day

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

25 years ago - A monument dedicated to the men and women of Operation Desert Storm was announced as part of the plans for Charleston's Fourth of July celebration.

10 years ago - Rudolph Anfinson, former professor and dean of student personnel services at Eastern, passed away.

5 years ago - The Dallas Mavericks selected Kyle Hill, Eastern basketball player, as the 44th pick in the 2001 NBA draft.

Last year - Steven Byrnes was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the shooting of Eastern student Terrance Williams on July 11, 2004.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY EASTERN

Shauna Searcy works in the Writing Center during the spring 2006 semester. Searcy held a workshop to help African American students learn standard English

Student runs language workshop

BY KATEY MITCHELL
CAMPUS EDITOR

Eastern's English department has a gem that is not included in most English departments. That gem's name is Shauna Searcy.

Graduate assistant Shauna Searcy during the previous semester held a workshop once a week on Wednesday nights to help African American students learn standard English while knowing when it is okay to use their own African American dialect.

"The workshop is for African American speakers who speak the vernacular," said Searcy, "however, not all African Americans speak that dialect. What I do is educate those students who speak the vernacular about their own dialect and the standard as well. I mirror the two for them so they can understand the patterns going on."

Searcy, an English graduate student, understands the need for people to conform to a standard way of speaking. She studies linguistics and composition and works in the writing center.

The workshop was the basis of research for her thesis, which was on students who speak the African American dialect. However, she knows how important it is for African American students to learn the standard vernacular, while still being able to speak the dialect in their own neighborhoods.

"Jobs are looking for people who speak the standard. If they want a good job they will have to know the standard," said Searcy. "But at the same time if they go home to their community and family speaking the standard they will be kicked out, considered not apart of them anymore."

What Searcy sees as a problem when most African American students try to learn the standard in school is that teachers force the direct standard with no in-between or base for the students to go off of. She said it is like teaching Spanish without an English base. The students need their own grammatical structure as a foundation.

The African American vernacular is a grammatically correct dialect that can be explained and dissected. It uses patterns just the same as the standard and is a legitimate form of communication but it is not well accepted.

Through three in-class essays, in-class exercises, two interviews with one about

themselves and the other on the African American vernacular and comparative analysis of the two vernaculars, Searcy teaches students how to speak language effectively in a job and education setting as well as knowing when it is appropriate to use their native dialect as well.

"I give the key to power in society, which is language," said Searcy. "If they choose to use it they will better themselves and receive things that are needed in life. I am

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Shauna Searcy, GRAD STUDENT

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For her workshop, Searcy had a turnout of about 12 students, mostly freshmen with one 20-year-old and two 23-year-olds. The students that did show up were kept anonymous.

The students did show improvement in their grades as well as speaking and writing throughout the semester, said Searcy.

One of her students, a freshman male, said he heard of the workshop through the gateway program and through Searcy herself at the writing center.

He attended all semester and thought Searcy was "a great assistant and teacher. She taught me how to be able to use both standard and the African American dialect. Through the program my grades have improved because I now have a greater linguistic background."

He also continued: "[Searcy] adapted to us better than Caucasians. She knew where to help us and did it all semester. She was better than white teachers because she knew where we were coming from. She

made my freshman year more of a success."

Unfortunately, other state schools do not have a program like this to help African American students.

Western's English department said they have nothing specific on helping African American students in learning the standard vernacular.

"It is worked into two composition classes and part of what is taught is etiquette English, but there is no special class or workshop," said a representative of the department.

Professor William Maxwell, graduate director for the English Department at the University of Illinois, said that many universities offer African American literature and various composition classes but nothing that specific.

"The graduate program does not sponsor that kind of research at the graduate level," said Maxwell. "Our university has summer programs to help orient undergrad students with the help of the graduate college minority graduate students.

It is a university sponsored thing if we do, not by individual departments."

The Southern Carbondale campus also does not have anything specific.

A representative of the English department said they have pre-semester workshops for incoming students of any race.

They said that because of Southern's multicultural basis, the pre-semester program would help everyone, not just African Americans.

Basically, Searcy's work with African American students is a one-of-a-kind study that does benefit those students the way other universities cannot.

Searcy hopes to continue her program in the fall before she graduates in December. She also hopes that her workshop will inspire teachers everywhere so they can help their students earlier.

"[The program] is not so much now oriented toward students, although it helps them, but teachers and how to help teachers teach the students," Searcy said.

"It needs to be happening in grade school. By college, some things can be done but it is harder to learn when the students get older. I want to start a ripple effect. By affecting 20 teachers they can, in turn, help 20 students apiece. The teachers need to realize they need to help these students."

Searcy is truly a revolutionary in helping African American students and Eastern is lucky to have such a gem.

OPINION

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

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EDITORIAL

Proposed flag burning ban is disgraceful

A proposed constitutional amendment to ban flag burning was rejected Tuesday in the Senate by one vote.

The fact that this amendment was up for debate in the Senate is unacceptable.

It is even more unacceptable that this proposed amendment was only defeated by one vote.

America was built on the belief in freedom of speech. We have an amendment protecting free speech and yet lawmakers seem set on diminishing these rights.

Utah Republican Orrin Hatch sponsored the bill and said the flag is "a unique symbol of our nationhood that demands protection."

As Hatch said the flag is a symbol. It represents freedom and American ideals. One of those ideals is freedom of speech and the ideal should be protected, not the symbol of the ideal.

Senate Majority leader Bill Frist said, "Countless men and women have died defending that flag. It is but a small humble act for us to defend it."

The veterans of both World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict and both Iraq wars did not die defending the flag so that the federal government could weaken free speech rights for mid-term votes. Countless men and women have died defending what the flag stands for: freedom. This includes the freedom to burn the flag if a person so desires.

Those opposing the ban agreed that burning the flag was wrong, but recognized that protecting free speech was more important.

"While I take offence at disrespect to the flag, I nonetheless believe it is my continued duty as a veteran, as an American citizen and as a United States senator to defend the constitutional right of protesters to use the flag in non-violent speech," said Senator Daniel Inouye. Inouye is a veteran of World War II.

While those proposing the ban suggest that it is an important issue, there have only been four recorded acts of flag burning in the United States this year, and 13 in 2005, according to the Citizens Flag Alliance, which is an association of veterans' groups.

With the Iraq war, mounting government spending and high gas prices, congress should focus on these events instead of an act that has only happened four times in the past six months.

While the flag should be respected, the right to express ourselves freely as American citizens is more important. Just because flag burning is unpopular does not mean it should be a crime.

The senate should realize that banning flag burning actually undermines the American ideal of freedom of speech that the flag symbolizes, and senators that supported the ban should be ashamed that they were willing to undermine American freedoms in order to lure voters to the polls in November.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY NORA MABERRY



COMMENTARY

Media made death the star of the week

Who was the biggest paparazzi/media slut this week? This week was all about death; well the death penalty to be more exact. Coverage was everywhere. Nancy Grace dedicated an entire program to the execution of a murderer.

Nancy asked an anti-death penalty proponent if they would still be against the death penalty if it were their loved one who was brutally murdered with a pick ax. When the woman responded that her father had been brutally beaten to death with a bat, Ms. Grace, after dutifully giving her condolences of course, simply replied "We are not talking about your father here, we are talking about the R_____ family." This just shows that death penalty advocates really do not care about any pain other than their own and the pain of others that is similar to their own in the sense that those people would react to a situation in the same manner that they do.

Death, the media whore that he is, also stopped by the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court. Not surprisingly the Supreme Court upheld Kansas' death



MAURICE TRACY
GUEST COLUMNIST

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penalty statute and good ole Scalia wrote with such loving detail about how it is not the job of the courts to decide what is or is not cruel and unusual when the public has already deemed that the death penalty is an acceptable punishment.

Sure the death penalty is acceptable when you market it as is, revenge not justice. Yes, it is not unusual that a minority is more likely to be sentenced to death than a white person. It is certainly not unusual that a murderer of a white victim is more likely to be sentenced to death. And of course, if the public says it is acceptable then by all means it is acceptable.

The public is never wrong; I mean

look at the public's stance on so many policies: segregation, interracial marriage, women's rights, etc. Good thing the court "listened" to public opinion in those areas, or God forbid, black kids would go to school with white kids. Oops we do, so what happened?

I mean we have interracial couples and the public wasn't really fond of the idea, and let's be real and admit that the majority of the public is still not keen on the idea when it comes to their family, so what happened?

Oh yeah, the court did step in, and realized the public can be, quite frankly, cruel, idiotic and wrong.

But hey, apparently in the realm of the death penalty, the court must recognize that the wise, kind and infallible public knows best. To hell with facts and proof that the practice is out-dated, barbaric, racist, classist; and who really wants to stand up and fight for people whom one has no use for? Let's just watch the "Simple Life" or the "Real World."

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

Columnists Needed

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

Cartoonists wanted

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

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

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

WATER:

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Run-off is the cause of organic, inorganic, pesticides and herbicides contaminates.

Eastern is in an agricultural area and run-off is common, said James McGaughey, associate professor in the biological sciences department.

"Small amounts of contaminants can be found in any drinking water.

The purpose of the testing is to ensure that any contaminants are managed below a safe level for human consumption," Reed said.

"Some people might get a reaction," McGaughey said.

"A lot of those have been associated with cancers, which is not good."

However, Eastern's water does not have enough contamination to become a risk.

"No improvement (with the

water) is needed from a health perspective," Reed said.

The city of Charleston gets its water from Lake Charleston and with that, Eastern is provided with its drinking water.

As compared to other schools such as Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville and Western Illinois University, Eastern's water quality is no different.

Illinois State University receives their water from the city of Normal, and it met all the requirements set by the EPA and had no contaminations, said Colleen Lucht, safety officer for the university.

Like ISU, SIU-E is also content with its current water source and quality.

"We probably have better water than usual," said Bob Washburn, director of facilities at SIU-E.

Drinking water at SIU-E met the standards and had no contamination violations.

Western, which receives its water from the city of Macomb, also has had no contamination and met all the standards set by the EPA.

This university has never in the past not met all the standards, said Don Strochecker, assistant director of physical plant operations and maintenance for Western.

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Another popular part of Red, White and Blue Days is the entertainment.

This year's entertainment features Josh Gracin, who competed on the second season of "American Idol," and Trent Tomlinson, an up-and-coming country performer.

Gracin will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, and Tomlinson will perform at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Other entertainment offered during the festival includes fireworks to be held at Coles County Memorial Airport and all-you-can-eat ice cream on Tuesday.

Tickets for all-you can-eat ice cream will be sold for \$2 and last the entire day.

"We have [people] lined up most of the afternoon for that," Morrissey said.

Local not-for-profit organizations, such as 4H, Habitat for Humanity and the Charleston Jaycees, are also sponsoring events.

Habitat for Humanity will be sponsoring the "Four on the Fourth" foot race.

Last year, the event raised \$4,300

for the organization.

Hopes for this year are to raise \$6,000 from corporate sponsorships and participant donations, said Roy Lanham, chair for the "Four on the Fourth" committee for Habitat for Humanity. Registration for the race is \$20 and can be mailed in or paid at the event. Registration will be Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 a.m.

The race begins at 7:30 a.m.

Lanham is hoping for 150 to compete Tuesday.

"Americans have always stepped up and helped those in need," he noted.

The Charleston Jaycees will be hosting their annual children's games during the festival. During this event, children will participate in such games as relay race-sand potato sack races.

Playground bathrooms under renovation

By BRITTANY MORGAN
CITY REPORTER



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Quinten Carver, a 6 year-old, and his 5 year-old brother Camern go head first down a slide at Sister City Park Tuesday afternoon.

Heritage Woods Homeowners donated \$2,600 to go toward a new pavilion for the park, said Jones. Sister City Park received all new

modernized women's and men's bathrooms including new fixtures, automatic toilets and automatic lighting.

The bathroom doors are also now on a timing system to lock and reopen at certain times, said Jones. These bathrooms will now meet the Americans with Disabilities standards.

The Charleston Girls Softball Association will also be receiving two new softball fields located on the north end of Charleston. Devore said the softball girls have been promised a new field for several years now and have yet to receive one.

The Cole family donated the land that the fields will be built on to the Recreation Department. The project will include two new diamonds, four dugouts, one concession stand and a parking lot, said Jones and Devore.

The end of summer is predicted to bring the end of the renovations to Heritage Woods Park playground that began last spring.

There were some safety issues with the old playground equipment at Heritage Woods Park, said Curt Devore, city maintenance and parks superintendent.

All the playground equipment was replaced with new equipment including the spring toys and the swing set, said Brian Jones, director of recreation.

A tricycle freeway is something new that will be added for the children.

The broken iron fence was also pulled out and replaced, said Jones.

Other renovations included new pavilions, benches and landscaping, said Devore.

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to do with medical care."

Although he has worked the past 17 years at Landstuhl, Thompson did not have much to say at the panel discussion, but did mention that

Landstuhl Air Force Base is doing well and that very rarely do they lose anybody once they make it to the facility.

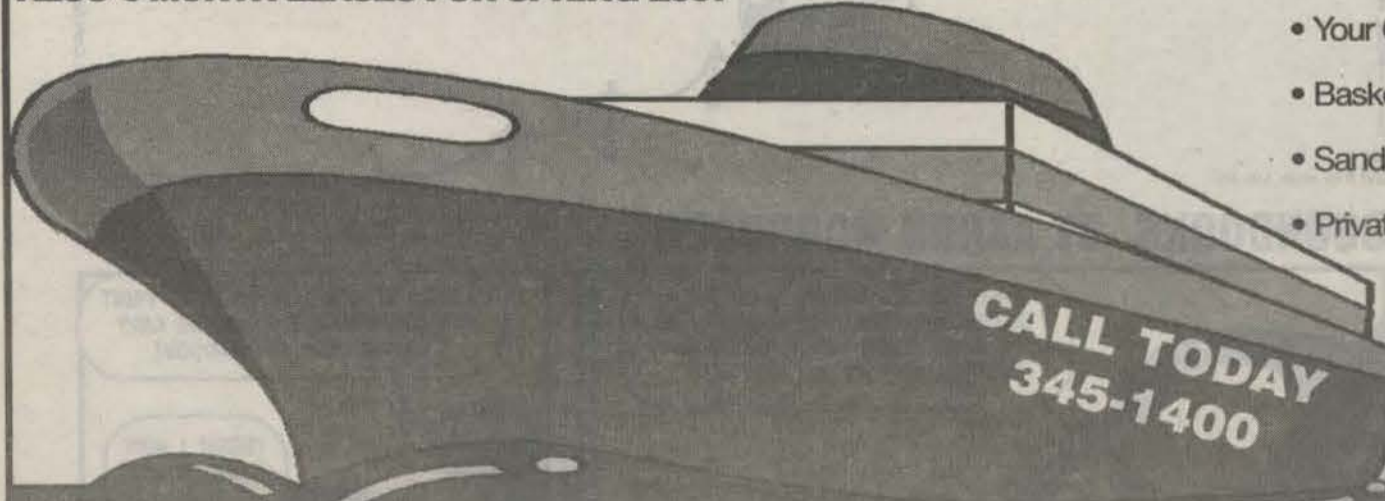
"The hospital is having its success based on knowledge that it has gained from I think from the Vietnam War, much more success at saving lives," he said. "90 to 95 percent of the patients

that come to the hospital are successful at being cured."

The mayor, after the presentation, said, "The war has affected everyone's life in our community as it has communities all across the country. Our hearts and prayers are with everyone and we appreciate everything that's being done."

Don't Miss the boat... University Village still has a few units available!

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Sajeel Qureshi, the assistant tennis coach, displays the proper grip for an overhead volley to a group of campers during Monday's morning session of the co-ed tennis camp at Darling Courts.

Advantage, Campers

■ Tennis camp hopes to teach players basic and advanced skills

By CHRIS SENTEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's first co-ed summer tennis camp of the year will conclude Thursday at 5 p.m. The camp began on June 25 at 1 p.m., and hosted 37 kids from grades five through 12.

Camp director and Eastern's men's and women's head coach of tennis, John Blackburn, believes that the biggest focus of the camp is trying to improve the technique of the kids attending.

"Tennis is a game that is a lot of fun; there is definitely a pattern that good players use in the way they play. Fine tuning the mechanics of the game and trying to make it fun are the two things that we are trying to emphasize," Blackburn said. "The game is always going to be fun, but if you learn to swing better and play with good mechanics, it's going to be even more fun and you will be even more successful."

Camp began in the mornings with breakfast at 8 a.m., and concluded with lights out at 10:30 p.m.

Some campers stayed on campus while others commuted from home. Campers spent time prac-

ticing on the tennis courts as well as time in the classroom studying films of themselves in order to critique and hone their skills.

The camp counselors included Blackburn and a few of his Eastern players.

"We are trying to help the kids out with their strokes. Their skill ability ranges from beginners to advanced players, but even the advanced players need some help with their strokes and some fine-tuning. The beginners started from scratch; we are teaching them some good strokes. We are just trying to help them all out," camp counselor Anthony Puleo said.

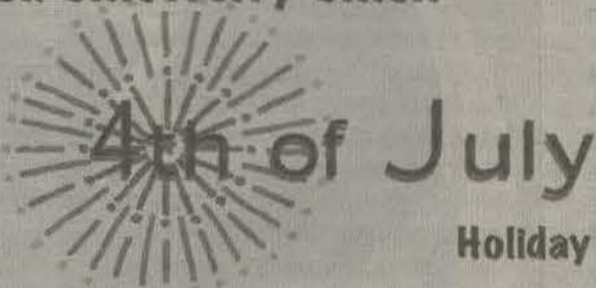
The kids came to camp to have fun, make new friends and improve their game. Blackburn hopes that all of these things will have been accomplished by the end of camp.

"I wanted to get better and do better at high school tennis. I'm working on my backhands; it's become a lot more solid," camper David Armerus said. "The coaches helped me to get a little bit lower and get more spin on the ball."

The campers come to Eastern's camp in order to receive coaching and instruction that they are unable to receive at the high school level.

"I wanted to improve and I wanted to learn some strategies. I learned how to improve my shots and I learned a lot of techniques," camper Allison Burnworth said.

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Junk food just as bad as tobacco

In 1971, way before my time, cigarette commercials were banned from television and radio. Just this week, the surgeon general issued another strong warning about the danger of smoking and particularly the effects of second-hand smoke. I hope by now, we all know that tobacco use is harmful and is the leading cause of preventable deaths in America.

Now, I have a question. If we believe the tobacco industry should be banned from advertising on T.V., why don't we ban the junk food industry? The last time I checked, obesity was the second leading cause of preventable deaths in America. Despite this statistic, cheesy pizza, bigger, better burgers and sugar-saturated sodas are featured on roughly half of the commercials on television today.

Taco Bell has had some interesting ideas in the past, but this one is troubling.

According to the commercial, "Fourth meal is the late night meal between dinner and breakfast." Basically, we should pack in another round of fat laden calories before starting all over again at breakfast.

But, it's not just Taco Bell - the majority of the junk food, fast food pushers use marketing tactics that promote choices that defy everything we know about good nutrition.

I strongly believe that in a free society, the tobacco industry should have the right to advertise their legal product with the same gusto as any other company.

I obviously do not make decisions on public policy.

But, if we have this standard for the tobacco industry, why do we not hold all companies equally responsible for what they are marketing to America?

Eastern players teach girls fundamentals

BY KEVIN KENEALY
STAFF REPORTER

Nine of women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee's players, plus women's assistant coaches Anne O'Neil and Megan Sparks, came to the Student Recreation Center to teach girls grades 4-12 some basic basketball fundamentals Sunday night.

The camp, which started off with kumbaya circles of the coaches getting to know the players, managed that intimate atmosphere throughout despite the 80 some girls in the gym.

Following some stretching exercises, the girls were split into age groups, and 10 stations were then set up with around eight girls to a station.

Fundamentals of passing would be addressed in the middle floor, while ball handling was taken care of at a station on the left hand corner of the gym and lay-up drills would be practiced on the opposite end.

"This camp is an individual camp that's based solely on teaching skills," said Sallee, who's also the director of the camp.

"We'll work them out according to their ages and their skill levels, but we really try and gear it towards maybe getting kids ready to go and try out for their high school team, or a high school kid to be a starter down the road."

Perhaps the best thing about the camp, though, was the fact that the girls got a chance to be coached by some university athletes on a university court.

"I think it's the best thing for them," Sparks said.

"Every one of these girls looks up to college athletes, and I think it's great that our players have the chance to give back to the community and teach little girls stuff that they've learned and stuff that they already know."

Future Nokomis high school players Kelsey Chausee and Jenna Clavin did both the individual skills camp and the team camp earlier in the day.

Chausee comes from a sports family, according to her mother Beth, her younger brothers play everything and her younger sister plays soccer and



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Freshman Lindsey Klumpers encourages a camper who was participating in a relay race during the Monday morning session of the girls individual skills camp at Lantz Arena.

softball.

Chausee plays both volleyball and basketball, and in addition to the team camp and the skills camp, has been involved or will be involved in five more camps this summer.

"I like them both, probably the team camps so you can play games, but I liked [this camp] because they were able to help us a lot," Kelsey Chausee said.

"Yea, I enjoy being able to play with your actu-

al teammates," said teammate Clavin.

Also at the girls' camp was Katie Hempen, who went up against the boys at their camp last week.

"[I like] probably the girls [better], because it's more fun, and I know a lot more people," said Hempen.

"It's always fun to get the girls out here and have our players interact with the younger kids," Sallee said. It's a good chance to show your stuff on the college campus, so it's not a bad deal."

Former guard returns as coach

BY BRANDON NETIUK
SPORTS EDITOR



FILE PHOTO/ THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Megan Sparks played Eastern basketball for four years. Recently Sparks agreed to work with women's basketball coach, Brady Sallee as an assistant coach. Sparks, the holder of Eastern's single-season record for free throws, planned the Women's Basketball golf Outing and a summer camp.

Megan Sparks just couldn't get away from Eastern basketball.

After four years of playing for the Panthers, the women's head basketball coach, Brady Sallee, approached Sparks about joining the team as an assistant coach.

"I can not begin to put into words how important keeping Megan Sparks involved in our program is," said Sallee.

Sparks, who broke the Eastern single-season players record for free throws made and attempted this past season, has already gotten involved with the program by coordinating the Women's Basketball Golf Outing June 1 and the Girl's Basketball Individual Skills Camp, which was run this week.

The second team All-OVC guard is excited about coaching the same Panthers that she played for.

"It's a great opportunity for me to step in and help," Sparks said.

Sparks feels the team has a lot of young talent with five incoming freshmen and six sophomores expected to be on the roster next season.

"I can help them not make the same mistakes that I did," Sparks said.

Sallee thinks Sparks has quite a future in the coaching business and feels she will coach the game with the same passion she demonstrated while playing.

"The decision to hire Megan to be a part of my staff was as easy a call as giving her the ball in crunch time," Sallee said.

Sparks will be coaching nine of her former teammates next season.

"It's definitely a change since one day you are their best friend and the next day you are an authority figure," Sparks said.

One of those former teammates, Rachel Galligan, thought that Sparks was joking when she originally told her that she was becoming a coach, but was very excited to hear that it was true.

"I think her experience, her knowledge of the game, and her leadership abilities will carry over to coaching," Galligan said.

"There will be a little adjustment from being good friends to her being a coach, but she's already doing a great job."

Guard Meggie Eck said that it is normally sad when the seniors leave the team, but was very excited to see Sparks brought back.

She knows the game well and also knows the team's strengths and weaknesses from playing with them," Eck said. "Everyone respects her and it will work out fine."