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# the **DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

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## State could pay its share



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

ROTC member Nhilven deChavez, a senior biology major, does a fifteen-minute run during the ROTC's morning work-out in Wednesday at Lantz Arena.

### The state will fully fund military grants

By Ashley Rueff

Senior University Reporter

The state of Illinois has left Eastern to absorb \$506,007 in unappropriated funds between 2003 and 2006 for three military grant programs, according to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

The state waives tuition and approved fee costs at public universities for students who qualify for the Illinois Veterans Grant Program, the Illinois National Guard and Naval Militia Grant Program, and the MIA-POW Scholarship Program.

The funds are annually appropriated but have been falling short of the total awards claimed at Eastern since 2003.

In an effort to relieve the growing financial burden of public universities, the Illinois House of Representatives approved the Appropriation for Military Scholarships Act on March 28. The act would ensure state appropriations are made to fund the programs before the university

has to absorb the costs.

“This is yet another thing on top of the funding cuts and picking up more of the insurance costs directly that universities have been asked to do in the last few years,” said Senator Dale Righter, R - Mattoon. He is the chief Senate sponsor of the House Bill 0479. “This bill would basically require that the state fund these. In other words, it would take it out of the discretion of the governor and the general assembly.”

Nancy Dole is Eastern's veterans certifying official in the financial aid office has seen the state funding of these grants decrease over the past few years.

Eastern is absorbing about \$301,591 in tuition and fee waivers for the spring 2007 semester that has been unappropriated by the state, Dole said.

“That's a lot of money for an institution to have to absorb,” Dole said. “Each year it's going up.”

She said other scholarship programs that are funded by the state usually have reduced awards when the state doesn't provide enough funding.

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### GREEK LIFE | AWARENESS

## AIDS buries students

### Sorority event includes a mock funeral

By Tearria Ruffin

Campus Reporter

A mirror and a bouquet of flowers lay in the empty casket.

As student marchers passed by the casket, they saw themselves in the mirror, as if it was them lying in that dark place.

Delta Sigma Theta's HIV/AIDS march and mock funeral Wednesday night might have been staged, but the message became a startling reality for Eastern students.

“To find out it was a mirror, it kind of hit deep,” said Robin Auguste, a sophomore business management major. “It lets you know that can happen to you or anybody.”

Approximately 25 students marched from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to the South Quad.

During the march, sorority members carried a home made coffin and sang hymns such as “Amazing Grace” in remembrance of a student that could have the face of any person that was in attendance.

Cachet Morris, a sophomore English major, told the story of her uncle who died from complications due to AIDS.

She said that she did not find

the truth about her uncle until she was 13 years old because her family did not openly discuss the cause of his death.

“Nobody wants to face the fact that eventually one day you could die from it. It's just something you just don't want to acknowledge,” Morris said.

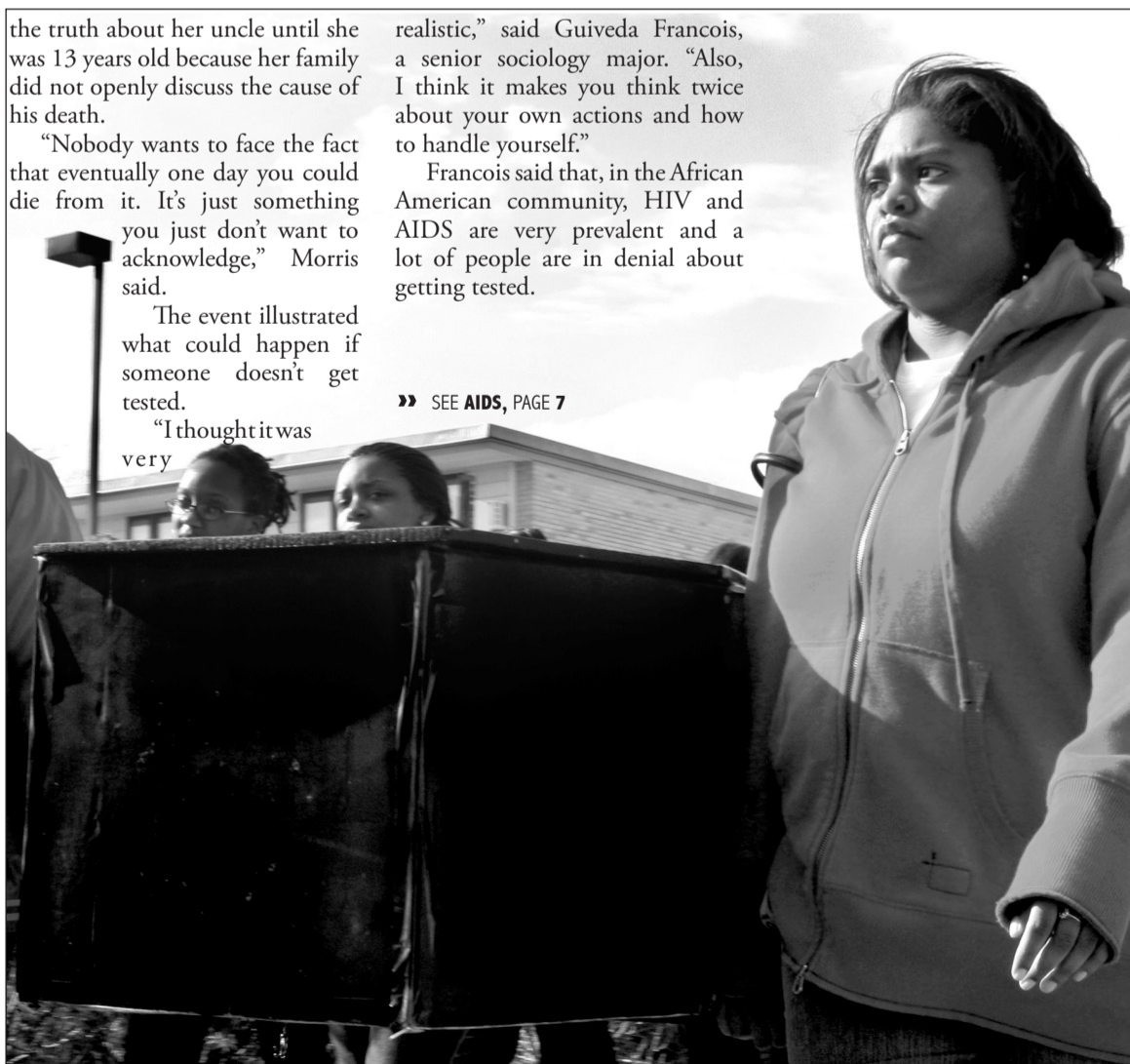
The event illustrated what could happen if someone doesn't get tested.

“I thought it was very

realistic,” said Guiveda Francois, a senior sociology major. “Also, I think it makes you think twice about your own actions and how to handle yourself.”

Francois said that, in the African American community, HIV and AIDS are very prevalent and a lot of people are in denial about getting tested.

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JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brittney Sivels, a junior political sciences major, carries a mock coffin during a Delta Sigma Theta-sponsored AIDS awareness march from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to the South Quad on Wednesday.

### GOVERNMENT | FEES

## Still no raise

### Student senate takes no action on possible rate increases

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

The Student Senate tabled an athletic fee increase that would increase the fee to \$103.65 by fiscal year 2009 at Wednesday night's student government meeting.

The athletic department is in the third year of a five-year plan that was approved by the Board of Trustees starting in fiscal year 2005.

With the five-year plan, the fee will increase by \$3.25 for fiscal year 2008 and \$3.35 for FY 2009.

The new proposal would add \$8 to each year's fee.

Jeff Melanson, chairman of the Student Senate Tuition and Fee Review committee, said that there was confusion with the numbers.

The proposal said the total fee increase for both years would be \$8 including the numbers in the five-year plan.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie presented the increase to the senate.

» SEE RAISE, PAGE 7

# Greeks get ready to sing

**Performance is one of the largest amateur competitions in Illinois**

**By Stacy Smith**  
Greek Life Reporter

One-hour practices. Four to five times a week. For more than two months. All for five minutes of performance time.

This is Greek Sing. Matt Gidcumb directed Sigma Phi Epsilon to a Greek Sing title last year.

He said the event gives Greeks a chance to show people how much dedication they put into their events.

"It's cool to sing something everyone participates in," said Matt Gidcumb, a senior marketing major and director of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "Some people have the wrong image of the Greek community and once people see the performance, they realize how much work gets put into it."

Greek Sing is one of the largest amateur choral competitions in Illinois.

With every sorority chapter participating and nine out of the 11 fraternities involved, it is the only event during Greek Week that requires 40 percent member involvement, said Jarryd Stalling, a junior marketing major and co-chair of Greek Sing.

Each chapter is required to perform on stage for five minutes and has the option to use three



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kappa Delta performs during Eastern's "Greek Week" last year. Singing songs from the musical "Wicked," Kappa Delta took place in last year's "Greek Sing."

## GREEK SING

- » **Time:** 1 p.m.
- » **When:** Sunday, April 15
- » **Where:** Lantz Arena
- » **Seating Cost:** \$5 for balcony and \$8 for floor

hand-held instruments.

Participants are allowed to sing as many songs as desired during that time.

The Tri-Sigma women have chosen the theme 'guilty pleasure' and will be performing "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler, "Come Sail Away" by Styx and "Hold On" by Wilson Phillips.

To ensure no songs are repeated, each chapter gets their name pulled

out of a hat and has to choose their theme and songs, said Catie Pankow, a senior English major and co-chair for Greek Sing.

Four judges have agreed to score the competitors based on a scale from one to 10 on areas like diction and overall presentation.

Even with all of the practice that Greek members put towards Greek Sing, some participants still experience stage fright.

"The most difficult part of performance is the physical act of getting on stage," Stalling said. "You practice hard and think you're prepared, but once those bright lights are shining on your face and you see that huge crowd, no matter how prepared, you are it can be nerve-racking."

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**BOCK PERSUASIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST | FINALISTS**

# 300 bucks for banning butts

**Junior wins speech contest with anti-smoking talk**

By Hiral Patel  
Staff Reporter

Andy Wilder won \$300 Wednesday night for being the first-place winner of the 16th Annual Bock Persuasive Public Speaking Contest.

Of five finalists, Wilder's "Banning Smoking, Saving Lives" speech grabbed the attention of the judges and scored the most points on the speech evaluation form.

Wilder, a junior communication studies major, originally came up with a different topic which was very vague.

In the end he decided against it, and came up with something that he was both interested in and passionate about. He also felt that this was a good topic to discuss because it has recently been very publicized and debated.

The judges for the finals round were Mark Borzi, Norman Greer and Mehdi Semati; all are faculty in the communication studies department.

Douglas Bock started the contest in 1992 for a number of reasons. Mainly, he said, he sponsors this program "to give students a chance to showcase their talents."

The prizes for second and third place were \$200 and \$100, respectively.

"This is a contest, and contests should have tangible, good rewards," Bock said.

In order to judge the finalists fairly and systematically, the judges were given a rubric to follow.

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, who organized and publicized the event, created the rubric and that



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Douglas McIntosh, a Bock Persuasive Public Speaking finalist, talked about the upkeep the body needs during his presentation of "Better Life Through A Healthy Lifestyle" speech Wednesday evening in the Coleman Hall Auditorium. McIntosh placed second behind junior communication studies major Andy Wilder.

emphasized six traits: organization, language, material, analysis, nonverbal delivery and verbal delivery.

Douglas McIntosh finished in second place with his "Better Life Through A Healthy Lifestyle" speech, and Dan Cotter placed third for his speech titled "Save the

Chief? Abolishing Chief Illiniwek."

Cotter said he had originally used his speech as an example for his Argumentation and Critical Thinking class. Cotter is a teacher's assistant in the class. But he knew at the time he would be entering the speech into the contest.

While the judges were

**SUZANNE ENCK-WANZER | ORGANIZER**

**"It's an excellent opportunity to hone your public speaking skills... And, quite frankly, the potential to win money is quite an incentive, too."**

deliberating, a mix of emotions was in the room.

While he stated he was not nervous because the hardest part of actually giving the speech was finally over, Cotter said, "It's going to be a good race. This year's finalists did an excellent job."

Meanwhile, Wilder said, "I'm pretty nervous. These were all definitely good speeches."

Before delivering the decisions of the judges, Bock said, "These are all winners because they exceeded the standards in the preliminary round."

Wilder had advice for anybody who wanted to participate next year.

"Be sure to prepare," he said. "Especially if you're not the most comfortable speaker."

Enck-Wanzer encouraged more students to participate in the contest next year.

"It's an excellent opportunity to hone your public speaking skills and to demonstrate your involvement in the department," she said. "And, quite frankly, the potential to win money is quite an incentive, too."

**campusbriefs**

**Spring Fling moves indoors because of weather**

» Spring Fling has been moved to the Student Recreation Center, said Andrew Hubbard, special events coordinator for University Board.

The event was originally scheduled to be in the South Quad but because of rain in the forecast, the event had to be moved.

It will still begin at 2 p.m. on Friday

**Interracial relationship panel today in the union**

» A panel discussion on interracial relationships will be held at 2 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Tim Engles, Eunseong Kim, Letitia Moffitt and Jinhee Lee will participate on the panel. The event is a part of Asian Heritage Month.

**Asian Cinema Organization will show "Osama" tonight**

» The Department of History and the Asian Cinema Organization will show the film "Osama" at 5 tonight in the Lumpkin Auditorium.

The film follows a 12-year-old girl and her mother as they lose their jobs in Afghanistan after the Taliban closes the hospital where they work. The mother then disguises her daughter as a boy because of the deaths of the men in their family.

Mitsumi Takei and Josh Birk will present the film.

Birk is a professor in the history department and Takei is a transfer student from Japan.

— Marco Santana, campus editor

**ourmistakes**

» Cynthia Nichols was misquoted on Page 5 of Wednesday's edition of the Daily Eastern News. The quote should have read: "(We are) very pleased for him to be coming to Eastern. He's expressed a desire to have strong relationships."

» Ryan Ann Fitzgibbons' age was misidentified on Page 1. She was 19 at the time of the attack.

» The founding date of the multicultural sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma was incorrect on Page 2.

Sigma Lambda Gamma was founded April 9, 1990 at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

**The DEN regrets the errors.**

# Student Government to speak at RHA

**Student United Party candidates to explain their election platform**

By Katey Mitchell  
RHA Reporter

Members of the Student United Party will speak to the Residence Hall Association general assembly at tonight's RHA meeting.

The representatives from student government are going to speak about their platforms for the upcoming election.

Cole Rogers, the only student body president candidate, has been in contact with Carrie Mueller, RHA president, and says he wishes to discuss "different ideas and goals about what we want to accomplish while in office" with RHA members.

"RHA, other than student government, is a big governing body," Rogers said. "They represent all on-campus students. It would be a good idea to talk to them and let

them know what our ideas are."

He said it would be to continue building the bridge between student government and RHA.

"It's a good way to boost RHA and student government relations," Mueller said. "It also helps to hear ideas about the next school year."

Current members of the Student United Party have been making an effort to work with RHA. They hope to continue the relationship they have already built, Rogers said.

The members speaking from the Student United Party are Rogers, Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president candidate; Rich Higginbotham, student vice president for student affairs candidate; Allison Kostelich, student vice president for academic affairs candidate; and Leah Pietraszewski, student vice president for business affairs candidate.

Members of the other party have not chosen to speak to RHA as of yet.

The RHA meeting will also consist of voting on the final two

**RHA MEETING**

» **Where:** McKinney Hall

» **When:** 5 p.m.

» **Why:** Student government speakers, finish voting on constitutional revisions, information on Kids' Weekend and game of life program after the meeting.

pages of the revised constitution that was tabled at last week's meeting.

The mishap was the result of a printer malfunction that left out Page 7 of the constitution. They are voting on Article V and Article VI of the bylaws.

Sarah Connor and Jessica Eyer, chairs for programming committee, will be speaking about Kids' Weekend, April 13-14, as well.

Kids' Weekend is an RHA event that invites students' younger siblings and children from the community to come to Eastern and

participate in scheduled games and activities at the various halls.

Food, however, is not supplied by RHA and students are encouraged to use their guest swipes on their meal plan for their guests.

After the meeting, the membership development committee will host the game of life program for RHA members.

The committee is a social committee started this year and its goals are to provide functions for RHA members to come and get to know one another.

Brian McGuigan, chair for the membership development committee, said that the game is not the typical game of life that is played in most residence halls, and focuses more on greed than racial differences. "(I am) hoping people realize stuff with teamwork."

They are hoping to have 12 to 16 members participate. The program is open to all RHA members.

The program will take place at approximately 6 p.m. in McKinney Hall after the RHA meeting.

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# VIEWS

THURSDAY

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KENT OHMS | LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A declaration of candidacy for the vice presidency

Three years ago, our university was awakened to the realization that it had not received *any* increase in state funding. It was also beginning to enact the new policies in tuition prices that the state had mandated, dictating how and when tuition could be raised.

A small group of dedicated students from Eastern went to Springfield to talk to legislators about the impact that the lack of funding has and to seek an increase for Eastern's appropriation for the next fiscal year.

This group, which I joined as a freshman and continue to work with, is the Student Action Team, led by the executive vice president of the student body. It was this first experience of talking to legislators about issues fellow students and myself face while also making an impact in their decisions that made me passionate about student issues in higher policy areas.

Fellow students, my name is Kent Ohms. I am currently one of 30 senators who represent your interests to a number of different players in the policy making process. I have served on Student Senate for four semesters now, one as the speaker of the senate and the other three as a senator. I have also served as the committee chair of external relations. I would like to formally announce that I am a candidate for the position of student body executive vice president.

I believe I am the best candidate for this position because of my experience and dedication to serving the student body when it comes to issues of this nature. I've worked closely with the past three executive vice presidents and feel that I am ready to be the next person to carry on the great tradition of the student voice in our system of shared governance. For more information, please go to and join "Students for Kent Ohms as Executive Vice President" on Facebook.

### OTHER VIEWS | NORTHERN ILLINOIS

We live in an age when, in most cases, a candidate must pander to giant corporations and lobbyists to successfully attain public office.

For years, this has been a necessary evil in the political world. Perhaps this is why it was so encouraging when Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama announced his campaign finance reports last week.

Obama's camp announced that the freshman senator from Illinois has received \$25 million in donations from 100,000 individuals – and here's the surprise – he's done it without any gifts from lobbyists.

Hillary Clinton still leads the cash race with \$26 million, but her figure includes \$10 million left over from her successful New York senate re-election last year.

Also, the former first lady's total comes from just 50,000 donors, proving Obama's claim that his "grass-roots" campaign is more than just a buzz word.

A candidate receives money from lobbyists under the pretense that the money will be used to further the cause of the lobbyists, which is often contrary to the best interests of the nation and the world.

The fact that Obama has received money from twice as many donors as his best competitor in the Democratic Party shows that there are many regular people who feel that supporting his run with their own resources is money well spent.

## ourview

# Council members careless

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Members for The Council for Planning and Budget are unable to attend meetings.

This is unacceptable and members who do not attend meetings should be kicked off the council.

On March 30, the CUPB held a meeting, during which no business was able to be discussed due to low attendance. A quorum – 19 of the committee's 37 members – was needed to vote, but only 17 members attended the meeting.

The CUPB is a university-wide council that advises the president on academic and facility planning and budgeting priorities and procedures. Members consist of the Faculty Senate chair, 10 faculty members, four student members, three deans, four academic chairs, three staff senate representatives, two housing/bond representatives, nine presidential/vice presidential area representatives and one minority representative who is appointed by the president.

In short, the members of this council are influential members of the campus community and should take their responsibility as council members seriously.

This means attending meetings.

CUPB plays an important role on Eastern's campus.

Council members review the planning and budget processes leading to external operating and capital budget requests, appropriations, and internal budgets, reviews new program priority requests and consider administrative proposals for handling externally imposed budget reductions and render appropriate advice.

Members also provide advice on any matter related to planning and budget the president requests.

Council members advise the most powerful man on campus, but are unable to attend meetings.

Meetings where quorums are not met are a complete lack of time for all involved. Nothing is accomplished, no business can be discussed and nothing can be acted upon.

The CUPB has discussed cutting the committee down to 24 members from

its current 37.

The number of representatives from every constituency would be cut except the library, the vice president for academic affairs, the president's representative and the minority representative.

If the council's membership is cut, a quorum could be reached with 13 members.

Many council members felt the council was too big, and that made it difficult to schedule meeting times.

While 37 is a large number of members to coordinate meeting times with and all of the members are active parts of the campus community, being a member of the council is a job.

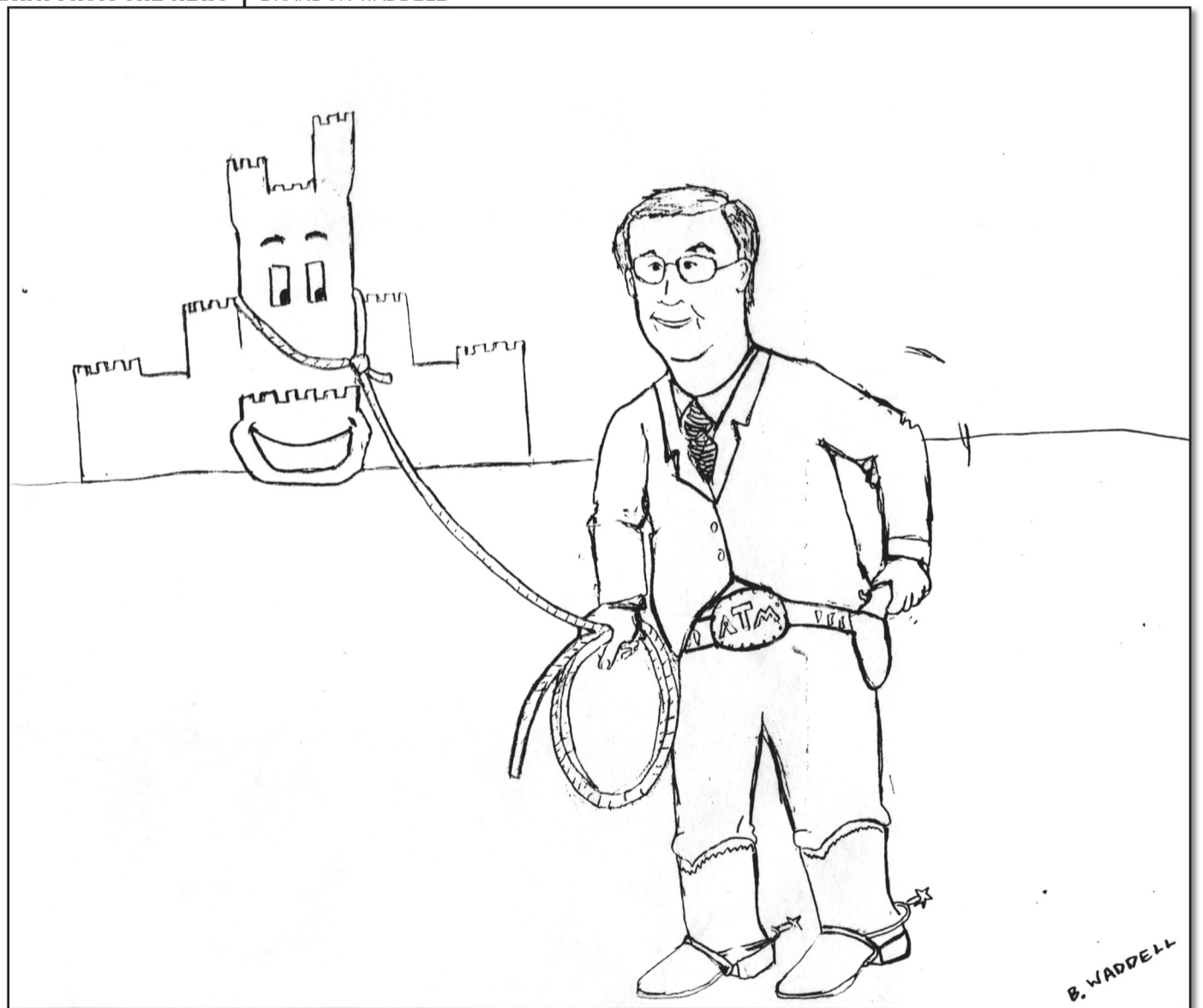
The university should expect members of the council to take their jobs as council members seriously and attend meetings.

When a council cannot conduct business due to a lack of a quorum, it is embarrassing for the council and the university.

All CUPB members should work harder to attend meetings or resign from the council.

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### DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | BRANDON WADDELL



### FEATURED BLOGGER

**"This May, there will be four classic movies coming out with another installment to their story, three of which are part threes. Now, normally, whenever there is some sort of sequel involved in a movie, the film usually blows, or at least is a disappointment. However, 'Spider-Man,' 'Shrek' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean' all have had sequels that were either on par or surpassed the original. Now, these three movies are back with another sequel, but will they live up to their predecessors?"**

KATEY MITCHELL



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statebriefs

City reaches \$8 million wrongful conviction settlement

CHICAGO — Two men wrongfully convicted in the 1986 rape and murder of a Rush University medical student will split an \$8 million settlement in their lawsuit against the city.

Larry Ollins and Omar Saunders to each receive \$4 million in the settlement, approved Wednesday by the City Council. It follows settlements with two other men also wrongfully convicted in the case.

In 2003, the city settled with Calvin Ollins, Larry Ollins' cousin, for \$1.5 million. And in December, the city approved a \$900,000 settlement with Marcellus Bradford.

All four men were arrested in the slaying of Lori Roscetti, 23, who was abducted on Chicago's West Side, raped and beaten to death in October 1986.

In 1988, Saunders, Calvin and Larry Ollins were sentenced to life in prison; Bradford received a reduced sentence for agreeing to testify against Larry Ollins.

# Pregnant mother's death ruled homicide

## Baby sitter charged with murder in grisly September slayings

The Associated Press

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — A baby sitter charged with murder clubbed a pregnant woman in the head repeatedly with a table leg, then cut her fetus from the womb in a bathtub where she later drowned the victim's three young children, an investigator testified Wednesday.

The grisly details in the September slayings of Jimella

Tunstall and her family were revealed at a hearing where a coroner's jury, after a few minutes of deliberations, concluded the deaths were homicides.

Tiffany Hall, 24, has been charged with first-degree murder and faces a possible death sentence in the death of Tunstall and with intentional homicide of an unborn child Tunstall's 7-month-old fetus.

She has pleaded not guilty and remains jailed on \$5 million bond. She has not been charged in the drownings of the children, ages 7, 2 and 1, although authorities have said she confessed and led them to the bodies.

Prosecutor Robert Haida has said those deaths eventually will be presented to a grand jury for possible charges.

Illinois State Police investigator David Bivens told the coroner's jury that Hall "had been thinking about taking the baby for some time" from Tunstall before going through with it.

Bivens said Hall confessed on videotape that she hit Tunstall twice over the head with a table leg in Hall's mother's East St. Louis house Sept. 15, then bound the woman's hands and feet with duct tape.

When Tunstall tried to wriggle free, Bivens said, Hall hit her again

and taped the woman's mouth shut before apparently dragging the unconscious woman to the bathtub. Hall used a scissor-like implement to cut open the woman's womb and remove the fetus, Bivens said.

The coroner's jury ruled that Tunstall bled to death.

The body of Tunstall was first hidden by Hall in a plastic container in the basement, then dragged outside into high weeds behind the house where it was found, Bivens said.

Tunstall's body had not been found by Sept. 18, when her children were last seen alive with Hall.

# Two wounded in Chicago school shooting

## Public defender says student did not mean to shoot anyone

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A 15-year-old was charged as an adult Wednesday after authorities say he brought to school a 9 mm handgun and pulled the trigger in a classroom, wounding himself and another student.

Demond Gore appeared before Cook County Circuit Court Judge Raymond Myles, who set his bond at \$25,000.

Assistant public defender Sandra Bennowitz told reporters that Gore's family was unable to post the required 10 percent of his bond, so he remained at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center on Wednesday.

Bennowitz said she believed the evidence will show Gore did not mean to shoot anyone.

"If indeed he brought the gun into the school, he had no intent of doing something on the order of — for lack of a (better) term — Columbine," she said.

Gore was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a firearm

within 1,000 feet of a school and faces a sentence ranging from probation to three years in prison, said Andy Conklin, a spokesman for the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

Police and school officials were attempting to determine how the student got the gun past metal detectors and into a science classroom Tuesday at Chicago Vocational Career Academy on the city's South Side, which has about 2,000 students in grades 9-12.

"School officials and police officers spent all day today looking at tapes from all surveillance cameras

from the school," said Chicago Public Schools spokesman Mike Vaughn Wednesday. "Additionally, they are conducting a comprehensive review of how Chicago Vocational handles security matters."

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Heather Weber said Gore was sitting in his last period class Tuesday when he took out the handgun and pulled the trigger.

A bullet struck Gore in the inner left thigh, traveled through his leg and struck Jodale Woodfork, 14, also in the leg.

Woodfork was in fair condition Wednesday afternoon.



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# Hopefuls debate for votes

Candidates running for Student Government will debate tonight in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Contested positions in the election are student executive vice president, student vice president for business affairs and student vice president

The positions of student body president and student vice president for academic affairs are running unopposed.

Each office candidate will make an opening statement, field three questions from moderators and three from the audience. They will also be given time for a closing statement.

The debate will start at 7 p.m. Elections will be Monday and Tuesday. The results will be announced at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

— Matt Hopf, student government reporter

## City council, school board forum tonight

A forum will be held for the Charleston City Council and the Charleston School Board candidates tonight at 7 p.m. at the Coles County Center of Human Services on 18th Street in preparation for elections on April 17.

Council members Jeff Lahr and Larry Rennels are running for re-election while Tim Newell and T. K. Slaughter are vying for seats on the council.

The candidates will make opening statements, participate in a question-and-answer session and will be able to read their closing statements at the forum.

The election for the board has five candidates competing for three seats.

Members Jeff Coon and Kelly Miller are seeking re-election along with Jerry Esker, Ron Gholson and, former board member, Jack Moore.

City council candidates plan to participate in the forum from 7-8 p.m., and the School Board candidates from 8:15-9:30 p.m.

— Stephen Di Benedetto, senior city reporter

## Tonight's AB meeting canceled

Tonight's Apportionment Board meeting has been canceled for the second week in a row. AB Chair Levi Bulgar said he canceled the meeting because the student government debates are happening at the same time.

AB was supposed to hear the student government's presentation on the Conference on Student Government Associations next week.

The COSGA presentation will be the last time AB meets.

— Zach Nugent, AB reporter

# 'Shak attack' to the rescue

**Eastern's workers keep busy with 15,000 work orders annually**

By Nicole Milstead  
Senior Campus Reporter

With more than 4,000 students living in 12 buildings on campus, a few things are bound to break.

Overall, the hall secretaries report about 15,000 orders for repairs each year to work control station, said Beth Mitchell, director of physical plant facilities planning and management.

About 75 percent of all problems reported come from Housing and Dining, she said.

The process begins with the resident reporting the problem.

Problems can be reported to the hall front desks or secretaries in person, or using an online work order process.

Once an item is reported, a printed list is given to the Resident Assistant assigned to that area.

"This is where the satisfaction part comes in," Hudson said. "The RAs go door-to-door to check and make sure each repair was completed."

The list is named "Shak Attack" after Mark Shaklee, the man who oversees it all.

"I didn't name it," Shaklee said. "The resident life staff did because I was working everyday to serve the students."

Shaklee is the associate director of housing for facilities. He serves as the primary liaison with facilities, Hudson said.

As of last year, residents can log onto their hall's Web site and fill out a work order, which is sent directly to the hall secretary.

"The majority of the orders still come in manually, but online are much faster and are nice because they can be done quickly," said Felicia Magee, Carman Hall secretary.



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Rob Chenoweth, a university electrician, finishes up the electrical work on a smoke detector in the basement of Carman Hall's Copa Room. The room is being renovated into a new up-to-date classroom for the fall semester.

"We report them that day," said Sharon Curry, Taylor Hall secretary. "Some of them can be fixed right away, while others take some time."

The facilities plant fixes all work orders as quickly as they can, but problems do occur.

"If a roof leak occurs, someone will go look at it a.s.a.p., but it can't be fixed until it dries," Mitchell said.

Work control currently has four plumbers, six electricians, seven carpenters and 11 environmental control workers, Mitchell said.

One of the staff members will fix each issue as soon as they can, but special parts are often needed, which delays the process, Hudson said. In addition to fixing reported problems, the work staff also performs preventative maintenance such as filter changes.

Shaklee works with each trade foreman and the central staff at

facilities.

If an RA reports back that a repair has not been done, the hall secretary reports it to Shaklee and he personally works with facilities to fix the problem. Shaklee said he has been personally following up with facilities for the last four or five years.

"Mark is great to work with, he is easy going and always very helpful," Mitchell said.

Michele Jones, Andrews Hall secretary, said that Andrews gets eight to 10 work orders per week. Facilities does most of the repairs in a very efficient manner, she said.

Students overall seem satisfied that the work is being completed in a timely manner. Every two years, housing asks this question on their satisfaction survey.

In 2002, 64 percent of students were happy with the amount of time it took to get something repaired.

In 2004, the number went up to 75 percent and in 2006 the number went up to 90 percent.

Shaklee also manages all the capitol projects, such as the new sprinklers being installed in Andrews this summer.

Projects like this must be done in the summer when students are not occupying the residence hall, and the capitol projects work around conferences that are on campus.

In addition to building and repairs, Shaklee supervises all of the housing cleaning staff and the technology staff, including the labs and servers.

"The most amazing thing about him is that he has had the same job since 1978," Hudson said.

Shaklee doesn't mind it. "I like the variety and seeing things get accomplished," he said. "I am big on tangible goals."

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“For whatever reason, they are afraid to get tested because they are afraid the results may come back positive,” Francois said. “If they do come up positive, it is better to know now than for it to develop later, have AIDS, and you can do nothing about it.”

Earlier the sorority hosted free HIV/AIDS testing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the union.

More than 60 people signed up for testing and consolation.

Patrice McKee, a senior health studies major and Delta Sigma Theta president, said the event was a success.

“We decided to put on the march because we value the importance of HIV testing and knowing your status,” she said.

A mirror and a bouquet of flowers lay in the empty casket.

As student marchers passed by the casket, they saw themselves in the mirror, as if it was them lying in that dark place.

Delta Sigma Theta’s HIV/AIDS march and mock funeral Wednesday night might have been staged, but the message became a startling reality for Eastern students.

“To find out it was a mirror, it kind of hit deep,” said Robin Auguste, a sophomore business management major. “It lets you know that can happen to you or anybody.”

Approximately 25 students marched from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to the South Quad.

During the march, sorority members carried a home made coffin and sang hymns such as “Amazing Grace” in remembrance of a student that could have the face of any person that was in attendance.

Cachet Morris, a sophomore English major, told the story of her uncle who died from complications due to AIDS.

She said that she did not find the truth about her uncle until she



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Delta Sigma Theta sororities financial secretary Cleopatra Watson, a sophomore electronic media production major, Delta Sigma Theta president, Patrica McKee, a senior health studies major, and Desiree Johnson, a senior nursing major, look into a mock coffin at their sorority’s AIDS event.

CACHET MORRIS | STUDENT

**“Nobody wants to face that fact that eventually, one day, you could die from it. It’s just something you don’t want to acknowledge.”**

was 13 years old because her family did not openly discuss the cause of his death.

“Nobody wants to face the fact that eventually one day you could die from it. It’s just something you just don’t want to acknowledge,” Morris said.

The event illustrated what could happen if someone doesn’t get tested.

“I thought it was very realistic,” said Guiveda Francois, a senior sociology major. “Also, I think it makes you think twice about your own actions and how to handle yourself.”

Francois said that, in the African American community, HIV and AIDS are very prevalent and a lot of people are in denial about getting tested.

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He pointed to increases in game-officiating costs, fuel costs and medical insurance costs.

Ohio Valley Conference officials are some of the lowest paid officials and a new plan has been instituted to adjust compensation rates, McDuffie said.

Officiating fees will increase \$15,000 for each of the next three seasons, he said.

The insurance fees are also going up for athletes who need to be covered by the department, McDuffie said.

Insurance is required for all student athletes by Eastern and the NCAA, he said.

The Student Health Insurance Plan does not cover athletic injuries.

The insurance costs were projected to rise 15 percent over the next three years.

Fuel costs were projected to increase by 10 percent.

Senate Speaker Jeff Lange was in favor of the increases.

“The fee increase is absolutely justified,” he said. “Athletics is a big part of the university.”

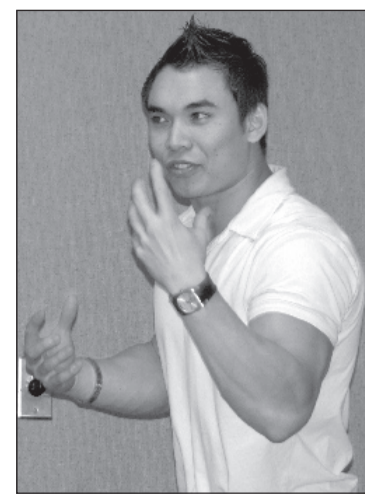
The senate can make their recommendation on the proposal next week. The BOT makes the final decision when it comes to fee increases.

In other business, a bylaw change that would have raised the minimum balance in the Apportionment Board emergency reserve account from \$75,000 to \$100,000 was defeated by a vote of 9-6 with six abstentions.

Levi Bulgar, student vice president for business affairs, wanted the proposal to be tabled for another week so more information could be presented.

Student Body President Sean Anderson was vocal against the proposal.

“It is a big pool of money that comes from our pockets,” he said. “To move it from \$75,000 to



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Dave Keyes, a senior exercise major, explains wacky bowling to the Student Senate on Wednesday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

\$100,000 is not helping anyone. It takes away money from student leaders.”

Anderson also said that if it was increased to \$100,000, it could be increased even more in the future.

Bulgar maintained that more than \$100,000 in additional allocations was requested, which has been more in recent years.

The increase would allow the AB to give out additional allocations if there was a sharp drop in enrollment, he said.

The money would not have been impossible to use; the AB chair could use the funds, but the board would use higher scrutiny when reviewing the allocation, Bulgar said.

Two members of the senate submitted their resignation at the meeting. Senate members Katherine Wlodarski and Dan O’Farrell resigned.

Wlodarski resigned because of school projects and O’Farrell for personal reasons, Lange said.

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This program, however, can’t go unfunded.

Jone Zieren, director of financial aid, said the veterans’ grants are entitlement programs, meaning the money has to come from somewhere.

“Of course we’re in favor of the bill because it just puts more burden on institutions that are receiving less state funding as it is,” Zieren said.

President Lou Hencken said the funds Eastern uses to pay what the state does not comes from non-committed expenses usually reserved for maintenance and repair.

“We’re not going to be able to do a project or two that we wanted to do,” Hencken said.

He hopes the bill passes because everyone in the state would then be sharing the expense of funding the grants instead of only the students at public universities who continue to see increased tuition every year.

“When the state doesn’t pay, guess who’s paying those grants – (students) are,” Hencken said.

If the bill is approved in the Senate, it should take effect July 1. It was approved in the House with a 114-to-1 vote.

“I hope that the democrat majority and Emil Jones, the senate president, are willing to do the right thing and move this out,” Righter said. “I would like to think that there’s a very good chance that it will move.”

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Smith wins the 100 on Saturday.

### » Top Cat

FROM PAGE 12

Regardless of watching her run, Wallace said her times in the 100 and 200 meters stuck out enough to warrant a scholarship.

Smith quickly signed on to run at Eastern. When Smith started at Eastern, the class ahead of her was quite small – there are only four juniors on the women's team now. Wallace said she worried about that last year, not having a large junior class to mentor Smith and the new freshmen. But it turned out to be beneficial for Smith, who credits the juniors on the men's team for pushing her harder in practice and helping her improve.

"They really took us in as little sisters and led by example," Smith said. "And it's good that the guys and the girls practice together. If you run

with them, you have to work a little bit harder and you tend to meet your times a little faster. It's a big benefit. That's probably the reason why I'm fast now."

While some members of the men's team helped her on the track, it was her fellow freshmen girls that helped her off it.

Living in Lincoln Hall, Smith met Nicole Walcott, Violet Nwordu, Chandra Golden and Tarra Grant.

The group quickly became close friends and while Grant still lives in Lincoln, the other four found a pair of off-campus apartments right across the hall from one another to call home.

"If you don't see the four of us, you're going to see two of us and if you see one she is going to find the other three," Smith said. "That's how it goes. We all come together as one."

But in the beginning, Smith only saw three women with backgrounds and hometowns much

different than her own.

Walcott is from Ontario, Canada, while Nwordu is from Houston, Texas, and Golden is from Normal. But those differences ended up bringing the four girls together, much to Smith's surprise.

"We really did come from four different parts of the world," Smith said. "I'm the city girl of the group and even though Chicago and Bloomington are close, they are two separate, totally different things. I don't know how we get along so well."

Smith has twice traveled to Canada to visit Walcott during the summer and Walcott is a frequent visitor at Smith's home.

The two live together now and Walcott said she could not have a better friend, teammate or roommate.

"We met last year as teammates and now we are like sisters," Walcott said.

### » Waltasti

FROM PAGE 12

That statement personifies "coach speak," the type of clichéd statements coaches say to the media all the time.

But in this case, it holds true as the women have clearly improved on last year's fifth-place finish in the indoor and look to win the OVC outdoor championship after finishing second last year.

"We are underclassmen, but we are still dominating, even with just one year of experience," Walcott said.

But the sophomores are not the only underclassmen sporting gold medals this year.

The freshmen class is also getting in on the winning, with thrower Kandace Arnold winning twice and middle distance runner Erin O'Grady picking up one win. Strong seniors are necessary for any team to

win championships, but the future of the program lies in the underclassmen.

The sophomores and freshmen are only going to get better with Wallace and men's head coach Tom Akers working with them on a daily basis.

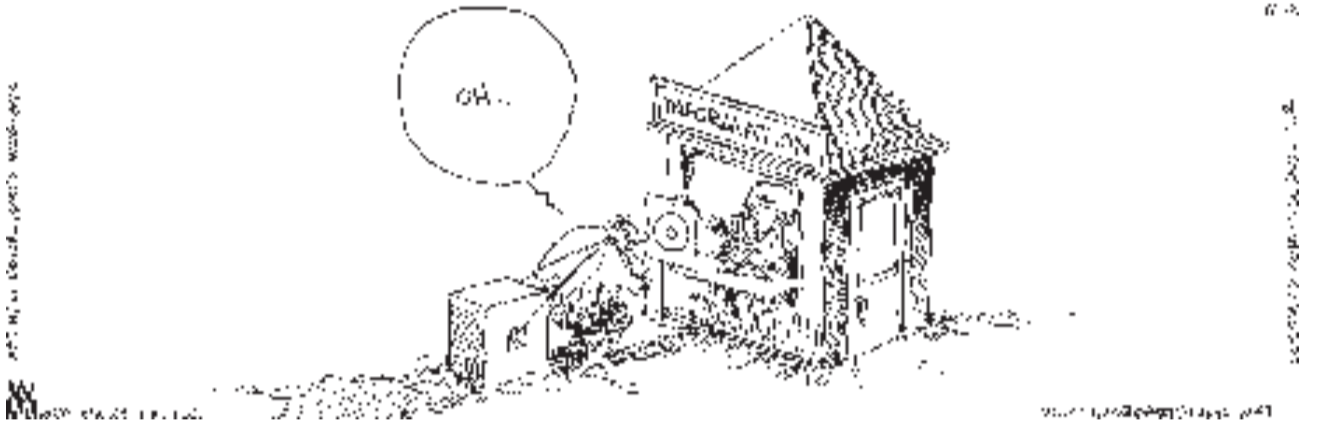
Next year there will be only four seniors and the sophomores and freshmen will have one more year of experience.

Even with the lack of seniors at the top, the team should be even better with the underclassmen getting faster and stronger.

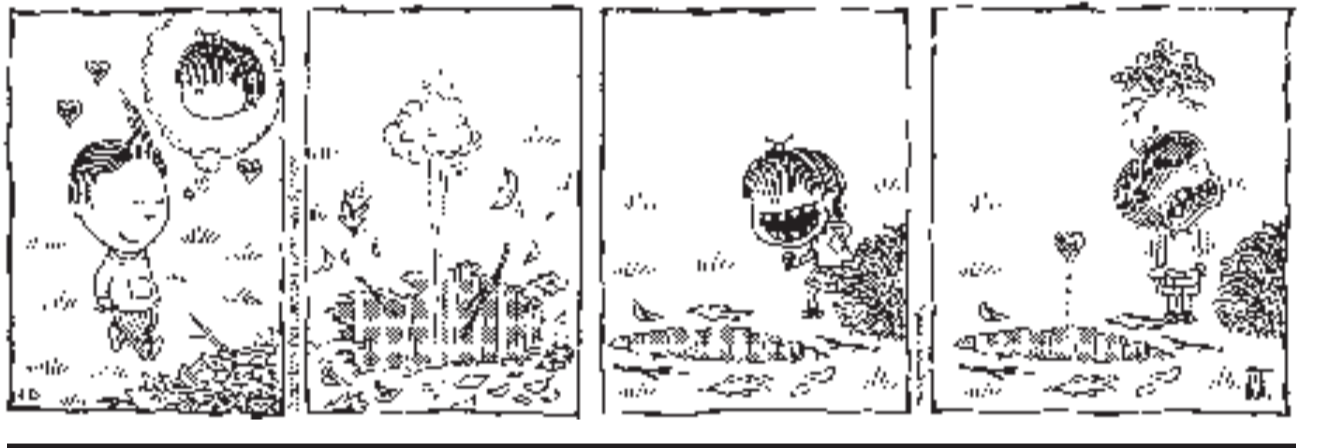
The men have consistently been the OVC's top track team, and won their sixth-straight OVC indoor title and 10th in 11 years this season.

But with a month until the OVC Outdoor Championships, it looks like the men might have scoot over and make some space atop the podium, because the women are about start their own dynasty.

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INTRAMURALS | NOTEBOOK

# Ball Busters slide into playoffs

By Chris Sentel  
I-Sports Reporter

The intramural women's softball team SigKap2 forfeited their last game of the season against the team Ball Busters on Tuesday.

Ball Busters will enter the playoffs without having played a game this season.

"We were disappointed because we were really pumped for it and we had practiced for the game as a team and it would have been our first game," said Cathleen Lally, a junior special education major and captain of the Ball Busters.

All of the games that the Ball Busters were supposed to play in were either canceled because of bad weather or the other team forfeited. Lally says even though the team has not played a game, they are ready for the playoffs.

## Baron wins disc golf tourney

Nathan Baron won the intramural disc golf tournament last Thursday with a score of 28 points.

"I just wanted to come out here and meet some other people that liked to play disc golf," Baron said.

The tournament was held on Eastern's new disc golf course next to the campus pond. The course is not completed yet, so the intramural office brought portable 'holes' for the golfers to use.

The new disc golf course received the golfers' approval.

"I like it," Baron said. "I thought it was going to be short holes for a typical nine-hole course, but this has got some long holes that are pretty challenging to get your pars on."

SOFTBALL | GAME ONE: EASTERN 3, SEMO 2, GAME TWO: EASTERN 11, SEMO 7

# Brooms broken out vs. SEMO

Amidst rain, wind, Panthers sweep first team this season

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sport Editor

It was a long third inning for the Panthers in the nightcap Wednesday at Williams Field, but that was hardly a bad thing.

Before the rain delay, Eastern had one run and one runner on base against Ohio Valley Conference foe, Southeast Missouri.

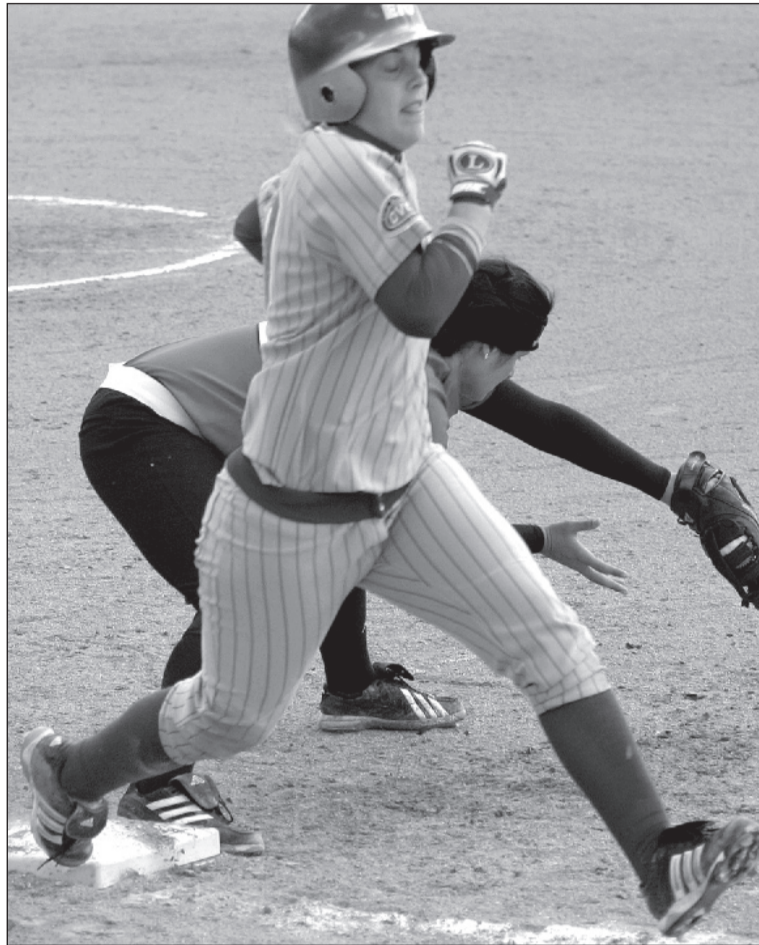
After the rain delay the Panthers erupted for eleven runs on eleven hits for an 11-7 victory.

"I think (the rain delay) helped us a little bit," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "We were able to draw some walks and a couple of errors at the right time and a couple hits at the right time."

Sophomore second baseman Sarah Coppert went 3-3, scored two runs and had one RBI while scoring the game-winning run.

Senior catcher Sandyn Short drove Coppert in with a single to right centerfield. Short went 1-2, scored one run in addition to the game-winning RBI.

"We put everything together for that inning," Schuette said. "We stayed off the jump pitches and then we were able to hit their fast balls and hit them hard somewhere so if even if they did make errors it



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Junior Robyn Mackie is called safe in the third inning against SEMO.

was off our hard hits."

Junior pitcher Meagan Golloway earned her first win, but it wasn't pretty.

"Meagan had a great first four

innings," Schuette said.

Golloway pitched three and two-thirds innings and gave up four runs on four hits. She also walked out four and struck out two. In

## Game One: Eastern 3, SEMO 2

Score by Innings	R	H	E						
SEMO	1	0	0	1	0	2	4	2	
EIU	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	9	2

WP: MACKIE, KARYN (9-6) LP: Fisher. (7-15)

LOB: SEMO 6; Eastern 8. HBP: Dopudja, Slaci. SH: Pickering; Nolte; IPALA, CHELSEY. HR: McDonald (7)

## Game Two: Eastern 11, SEMO 7

Score by Inning	R	H	E					
SEMO	0	0	0	1	1	7	9	3
EIU	0	1	8	0	1	1	1	1

WP: Allen, L. (2-2) LP: Guttosch, Alex. (0-3)

E: Summers, Dopudja; Bradley; MACKIE, KARYN. LOB: SEMO 12; EIU 7. 2B: Dopudja; COPPERT 2(10), DANCA, ANGELA(2); MENZIONE, Denee (4).

the fourth inning Golloway hit a batter.

"Sometimes (the hit batter) gets to you mentally, so we made a change," Schuette said.

Schuette changed Golloway for sophomore Kathleen Jacoby.

Jacoby pitched two-thirds of an inning and gave up one run on one hit while walking four Redhawks batters.

"For the rest of the year, we'll use as many pitchers in one game to get a win," Schuette said.

Junior pitcher Karyn Mackie came in and pitched the rest of the game to earn her first save of the year.

"She had good heat on her ball," Schuette said. "She was also able to hit the spots, so hopefully she'll keep on going. If you have an offense that gets 11 hits, it's more fun to pitch."

## Bails

FROM PAGE 12

Eastern travels to take on Jacksonville State in a key three-game series in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

JSU is tied for first right now at 7-2, while Eastern is tied for third with a 5-3 conference record.

Wednesday's game was the third canceled game in the last eight days

for Schmitz's team.

The April 3 game against Saint Xavier was canceled because of a severe thunderstorm that hit Charleston that day.

This past Saturday's game against Murray State was canceled because of near-freezing temperatures.

Eastern has played in some unpredictable weather recently.

In the March 31 series at Tennessee-Martin, Eastern played through the final three innings of its

first game against the Skyhawks in a steady rain. The rain canceled the second game of the doubleheader that day. But the Panthers made up that game by playing two games the next day against UTM.

"We've been through some pretty long rain delays," Varrassi said shortly before Wednesday's 3 p.m. practice. "Especially with the sun shining right now, it's absolutely ridiculous (why we're not playing)."

Sophomore centerfielder Brett

Nommensen echoed Varrassi's sentiments about practicing instead of playing in a game.

"We'll be kind of bummed that we're not playing against anyone else but each other," he said.

The Panthers are still scheduled to host Olivet Nazarene today at 3 p.m.

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### TENNIS

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### SOFTBALL

**SATURDAY vs. Tennessee-Martin** |  
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### MEN'S SOCCER

**SATURDAY 1981 Alumni Game** |  
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THE EXTRA POINT

# Eastern's new track dynasty

The Eastern women's track and field team shocked the Ohio Valley Conference and the school by winning the OVC Indoor Championships in February.

The team did the same by winning the Big Blue Classic last weekend.

But neither should have really come at much surprise, given the talent and balance the team has.

While the women's team is short on upperclassmen, their few seniors and juniors place frequently and are led by distance runners Jillian Blondell and Nicole Flounders, jumper Nicole Marczewski (whose fifth-place triple jump sealed the victory at the indoor championships) and pole-vaulter Nicolene Galas.

But the real heart and soul of the women's team is in their ultra-talented sophomore class.

Sprinter Shawana Smith, hurdler Chandra Golden and thrower/jumper Nicole Walcott have combined for nine first place finishes this school year, including six indoor victories and three wins in just two meets during the outdoor season.

Head women's track and field coach Mary Wallace said she knew her sophomore class would be something special based upon the times and talent they displayed in high school.

But even better than how talented they are is the work ethic Wallace said they all possess.

"They take track very seriously and they want to be the best," she said.

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## TOP CAT | SHAWANA SMITH



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Shawana Smith won both the 100- and 200- meters last weekend as the women's track and field team won the Big Blue Classic.

# Sprinting Away: *Shawana Smith is leaving the competition behind*

By Joe Waltasti  
Sports Reporter



*Top Cat is a weekly award The Daily Eastern News gives to the Eastern athlete who had the top performance from the previous week. This week, it's sprinter Shawana Smith.*

Shawana Smith knows exactly where she is going on the track.

Her feet in the blocks and hands on the starting line, she can gaze down the straight white lines and see her destination 100 or 200 meters ahead.

Even the sound of the starting gun, startling to some, is completely expected.

But in her brief stay at Eastern, the sophomore sprinter has found life to be a little less predictable.

Long before Smith was winning the 100- and 200-meter races at last weekend's Big Blue Classic, she started out her athletic career on the sidelines, but not quite on the bench.

Smith was a cheerleader from kindergarten to sixth grade, when she decided to get on the court

instead of just cheering for the players on it.

But she did not know which sport would be best for her. Her six brothers and sisters – four older – had competed in different sports at various levels.

Her sister, April, ran track at Clark University in Atlanta, while her brother James played

**SHAWANA SMITH'S FIRST-PLACE FINISHES THIS SEASON**

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200 Meter Dash – 25.74

I went out," Smith said. "I have been running track ever since."

After junior high, Smith went to North Lawndale Prep, where she was one of only 373 students and part of an even smaller track team.

"We didn't have a big team," Smith said. "Usually when we started out the season there would be 10 girls, but by the end there would only be five or six left."

But the team's small size and inability to compete in large meets didn't stop Smith from attracting the attention of Eastern women's track and field head coach Mary Wallace.

"I watched her compete in indoor a couple times and then at the state track meet, but that was after she committed to go here," Wallace said.

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## BASEBALL | ISU NO-SHOW

# Indiana State bails on Panthers

## Wednesday's game canceled last minute by Sycamores

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team pulled the tarp off the infield shortly before its scheduled game at 3 p.m. against Indiana State.

Except something was different. There was no team to play. In a bizarre scenario, Wednesday's baseball game was canceled, but not because of inclement weather – because Indiana State didn't show up, said Eastern head coach baseball Jim Schmitz.

"I've never had it done in 23 years of coaching," Schmitz said. "I don't want it to be a big issue, but it's an issue. The other team, they don't tell us, dictate, whether they're coming or not."

Schmitz said ISU head coach Lindsay Meggs



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Head coach Jim Schmitz and the Panthers practiced today instead of playing Indiana State.

called him around 11:30 a.m.

Meggs had talked with ISU athletic director Ron Prettyman and had come to a decision that the Sycamores wouldn't travel to Charleston.

Phone messages to Meggs' office and Prettyman's office on Tuesday afternoon were not returned.

Schmitz said he is trying to make Wednesday's game count as a forfeit win for Eastern.

"We'll work through the OVC and let them help us through it," said Mark Bonnsetter, Eastern's associate athletic director for operations. "I was a little perplexed. I didn't realize that the visiting team made the decision on whether we'd play at our place."

Wednesday afternoon, a brief hail storm went through Charleston, causing the softball game against Southeast Missouri to be delayed. But the game continued.

"It's frustrating," said senior shortstop Adam Varrassi. "We want to play. We don't want to practice. That's a good team to warm up for this weekend."

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# A guide to Greek Week

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Greek Sing (upper left), Tugs (right) and Airband (bottom left) are three of the main events in Greek Week 2007, which begins today on campus.

## BEING ALL THEY CAN BE

Greek community shows respect to military with Greek Week theme

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By Adam Testa  
Verge Editor

Before the "Army Strong" and the "An Army of One" slogans, the United States military asked for soldiers to "Be All That You Can Be."

Eastern's Greek Life office is encouraging all students at Eastern to do the same during Greek Week.

This year's Greek Week theme is "Be All That You Can Be at EIU."

Capt. Chris Burkhart, who works with Eastern's ROTC program, said many groups will use modified military slogans in an attempt to defame the armed forces.

He does not think the Greek Week theme is being used for that purpose.

"Something like Greek Week is probably trying to show respect to the military," Burkhart said.

Though the "Be All That You Can Be Slogan" has not been used since 2001, Burkhart said it's still memorable and shows respect to the armed forces.

Megan Dolan, Greek Week overall

co-chair, said part of the reason the slogan was selected was to show this respect.

"I think right now that's such a large part of what we're discussing, and I'm hoping this will honor those troops," she said.

The military theme came about as a result of two proposed themes, Dolan said. The original two proposed themes were relating to school spirit and the military.

"It kind of morphed into what it is," she said.

The committee wanted to create a theme that would stress unity for all people on campus, not just those who are part of Greek Life, Dolan said.

"We're trying to just make it open to students who aren't Greek," she said.

The main use of the Greek Week theme is the logo.

This is the one uniting part of the event for all Greek houses.

"The main theme for Greek Week helps us unite everyone," Dolan said.

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# Tradition stands strong and grows

By Nicole Milstead  
Senior Campus Reporter

MEGAN DOLAN | OVERALL CO-CHAIR

Friday will mark the start of the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Greek Week. Greek Week started in 1953 when the new Interfraternity Council president, Dick Walker, wanted more for the Greek community, as reported in *The Daily Eastern News*.

February 23, 1954 was the start of the first official Greek Week.

The event started so that the Greek Organization would work together and members could get acquainted with each other.

Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life, said that they measure the amount of time Greek Week has been around by the first Greek Sing, making this the 55<sup>th</sup> Greek Sing.

The week's activities included a get acquainted party, a speaker on the good and bad points of Greek Organizations, a formal dance, a campus community service project and Greek Sing.

In 1954, none of the events were competitive.

Over the years, Greek Week has greatly changed.

"Greek Week is a great thing because it ties together all the great aspects of being Greek such as philanthropy, academics and athletics," Dudolski said.

In 1954, the Greek Community was composed of 397 students that participated in the week.

This year, Greek Week overall co-chair Megan Dolan is expecting over 2,000 individuals who are affiliated with the Greek community to participate.

Dolan said the three largest activities are Airband, Greek Sing and Tugs.

Greek Sing has existed longer than Greek Week, but Tugs was not added until the late 1960s, Dudolski said.

At the time, tugs was just an ordinary tug of war; it was not until the mid-1980s before it became a huge event with

**"Greek Week allows even back row members, not just leaders to participate."**

practices and the pond, he said.

Greek Week no longer has a formal dance, but each sorority or fraternity has independent semi-formals and formals throughout the year, Dolan said.

Greek Court was another accomplishment, which was built between 1989 and 1995, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

"Greek Week allows even back row members, not just leaders, to participate," Dolan said.

New this year is the Alumni Tugs and the participation of National Panhellenic council in Airband, community service and Greek Sing events. This is the first time in several years that they have been active, Dolan said.

The first fraternity on campus was Phi Sigma Kappa, which was founded in 1930, but no longer has an active chapter on campus.

The oldest sorority on campus is Sigma Sigma Sigma, which was founded in 1942.

The oldest remaining fraternity on campus is Sigma Pi, which was founded in 1949.

The first NPHC Greek organization is Alpha Phi Alpha, founded in 1968.

"I think (Greek Week) is really important because it allows everyone to come together unified, while still being proud of own organizations," Dolan said.



Greek community members celebrate after Tugs during Greek Week 2006. Tugs were added to Greek Week in the late 1960s.



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# Protecting against the unexpected

**Greek Week participants are required to sign liability forms for safety**

By Kristina Peters  
Associate Verge Editor

Tug of war can be dangerous. Building a pyramid can be dangerous. These are just some of the Greek Week events that could possibly be dangerous for participants. "Some of these activities are pretty physical," said Shane Cameron, of the Rules and Games Committee. Because of the risk, all participants must sign liability forms. "The form outlines the activity that the participant will be participating in and basically outlines that the participant understands that they are taking on any possible injury that may occur due to participation," said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life. Liability forms are approved by the University's Legal Counsel. The forms ensure that if a participant gets hurt, it is not the

ZACH HAUSNER | RULES AND GAMES COMMITTEE

**"If there wasn't these protocols, people would be running around like chickens with their heads cut off."**

fault of the university. "Something out of the ordinary could happen and if they didn't have to sign these forms, it could come back to us," said Zach Hausner, of the Rules and Games committee. No one has been seriously injured in Greek Week activities so far this year. "Any normal injury that may occur in any sporting event has probably happened during a practice, but nothing serious has been reported," Dudolski said. "There is nothing specific that we are worried about occurring." The liability forms, however, do not cover practices. Practices do not need to be covered in the forms because it is not required for anyone to train, said Rich Schumacher of the Rules and Games committee and adviser of the

pyramid event. Although not worried, Greek Life tries to take the necessary precautions during these events. The Greek Week Steering Committee has planned for six months to make sure the events run smoothly. "We've been going to meeting after meeting since November," Cameron said. Cameron said a large number of Greek students are stationed at each event. With tugs, there are restrictions that enforce safety. Cleats worn must have rubber spikes, not metal. Many of the Greek students practice on average of three to four months, some up to six months, Schumacher said. He said most of the participants are in good shape and probably do not anticipate any injuries.

Hausner said if something appears unsafe during an event, a flag is put up and the game is stopped. "If there wasn't these protocols, people would be running around like chickens with their heads cut off," he said. The liability forms are not just required for Greek Week events, but other campus activities also. "A liability form is a very common document for any event," Dudolski said. Another common document that Greek Week participants must sign is a conduct code form. The conduct code explains that participants are expected to show good sportsmanship. "It is a standard form that states the participants will act maturely and appropriately in their participation," Dudolski said. No one has ever broken any conduct codes. "The Greek students have been great to work with and although I am sure some have been disappointed over a loss of an event," Dudolski said. "We have not had to address any unsportsmanlike conduct."

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# Unity 2007 brings Greeks together

## Fraternities and sororities participate in bowling, baseball

By Kaitlyn Lonkar  
Staff Reporter

Greek Week has one objective: to gain the most points for your chapter.

"Every chapter comes together and participates in the different events," said Kelly O'Malley, a

senior health studies major, co-chair of Unity and a member of Alpha Phi.

In the process sororities and fraternities are able to participate in exciting events that help show their Greek/Eastern pride and let them understand the benefit of being in the Greek community.

The different events include bingo, a Unity baseball game, Greek Week Unity bowling and a Unity speaker. Each event gives out different points according

to attendance and the number of members from your chapter present.

The unity banners are a chance for the chapters to receive the most points along with showing their pride for the Greek community and the Eastern campus. To gain the full five points, the banners must incorporate Greek Unity, the army theme, use three colors and incorporate Eastern.

"The banners will be displayed during coronation and airband,"

O'Malley said. "We are expecting about 9 sororities and 8 fraternities to participate."

Unity committee member Melissa Schaefer says that bingo and the speaker are the most attended events.

"During bingo you get the opportunity to win prizes and raise money for St. Jude and the speaker shows the benefit of being in the Greek community," Schaefer said.

The entire Eastern campus is invited to come out and participate

in the different events while everyone from the National Pan-Hellenic Council and every chapter on campus will be contributing.

"We are encouraging the chapters to bring a non-Greek," Schaefer said. "In the past it has been a secluded event but we want it to be a more EIU event and a campus event."

The first event is bingo, which will be held Friday.

It runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the library quad.

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» Theme

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Some houses carry the theme through events such as Airband, but this is not a requirement.

Allowing the individual houses to use their own mini-themes in Airband and Greek Sing allow the groups to be unique and have individuality while still staying united as a campus, Dolan said.

The Greek Sing event will feature a special military tribute.

The names of all members of the Greek community who have served in the military will be announced.

"We hope that will be a good tribute for those people serving in the military," Dolan

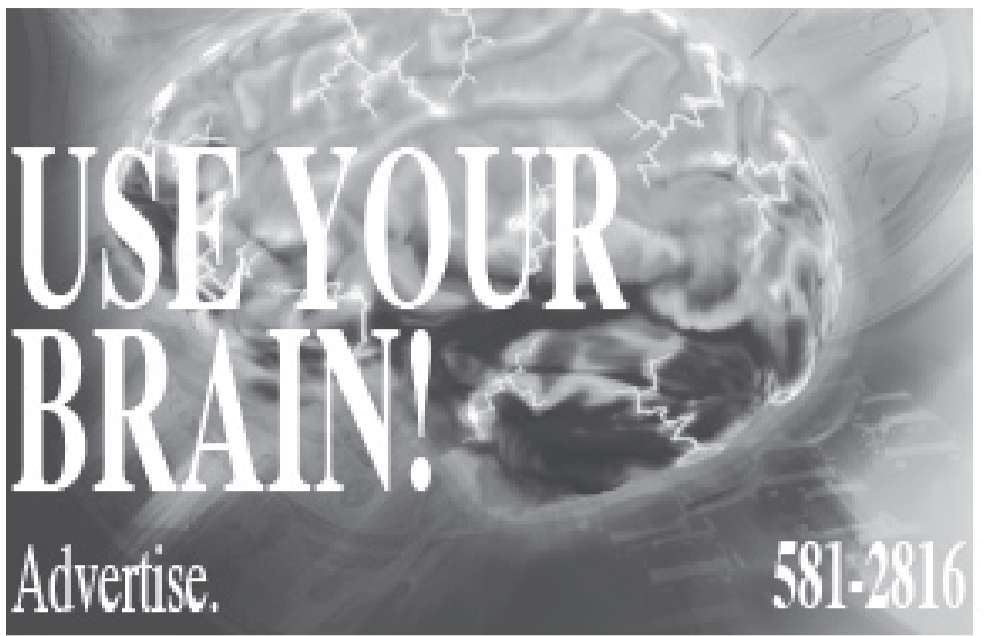
CHRIS BURKART | CAPTAIN

**"I think it's some times kind of a good way to get people to recognize the military."**

said.

Burkhart said the theme of Greek Week keeps people's minds on the military.

"I think it's some times kind of a good way to get people to recognize the military," he said.




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# Greeks awarded scholarship

## Awards recognize leaders in fraternities, sororities

By Stacy Smith  
Greek Life Reporter

Tim Addante could not believe it when he read a letter congratulating him for being chosen for a \$1,250 scholarship at the Greek Life awards banquet.

"The banquet is a good time of year to recognize leaders on campus," said Jeff Margalus, a junior physical education major and co-chair of the awards and banquet committee. "Distinguished guests like Lou Hencken come to recognize the Greek community's accomplishments."

With numerous leadership positions, involvement in the Greek community and a GPA of more than 3.5, Addante was awarded the Thomas Grud scholarship in 2006.

"My biggest accomplishment and most honorable would be getting elected as the president of Sigma Pi," said Addante, a graduate student. "It was such a great opportunity to be able to lead one of the lead

houses on campus."

As president of his fraternity, Addante helped his peers improve their academic standing in the Greek community by moving from last place to second place.

"Academics in the Greek community were emphasized on and we learned how to have fun and get good grades," he said. "We shifted our priorities and implemented different standards."

Scholarships help distinguish the hard work students have achieved.

"Scholarships help recognized people for the accomplishments they've done," Margalus said. "People really don't get paid for the work they put in, so it's nice to be recognized."

Addante's favorite leadership position in the Greek community was being a coach for the Sigma Pi little men's and Alpha Phi sorority Tugs teams.

"Sigma Pi knows the meaning of the tugs tradition," he said "We put an unbelievable amount of work into tugs."

Addante has found joining the fraternity to be one of the best things he has ever done. "I ended up joining, as I see it, not

only the best house at Eastern but also the best house in the nation," Addante said. "Other houses don't have the dedication to excellence like we do."

Addante recommends students to become part of the Greek community because of the strong friendships it builds.

"It's unbelievable being in a frat," he said. "There's 80 guys in it and you learn to put all those people before you. It's a bigger picture than individual relationships. You make life-long brothers."

Although Addante prioritizes and knows how to manage his time well, he still sometimes has difficulty being patient and taking on too much responsibility.

As he continues to work toward his master's degree, Addante is also a manager at Marty's, works as a graduate assistant in the business department and continues to stay an active Sigma Pi member.

"Eastern's Greek Life is incomparable to anywhere else and not just the parties, but the professional leadership and brotherhood that is gained," he said.

Other high-status scholarships are the Ralph B. Weller scholarship and the Rudy

Trimble scholarship.

Ralph B. Weller became the chapter adviser for Zeta Rho on March 10, 1983. The Charleston resident was a marketing professor at Eastern. Before coming to Charleston, he worked at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh and Eastern Michigan University.

He was born in Lincoln, Neb., and was raised in Colorado.

While attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, he was a member of the Beta Kappa chapter of Delta Tau Delta for almost 15 years.

After Weller died on Sept. 14, 1998, his family began a scholarship in his name.

The scholarship is given each year to an adviser of a Recognized Student Organization, to help expand professional development, said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek life.

Rudy Trimble was the secretary for Greek Affairs for 19 years, prior to her death in September 1986. Her son and daughter established two scholarships in her memory, which are given to a woman in a sorority and a man in a fraternity.

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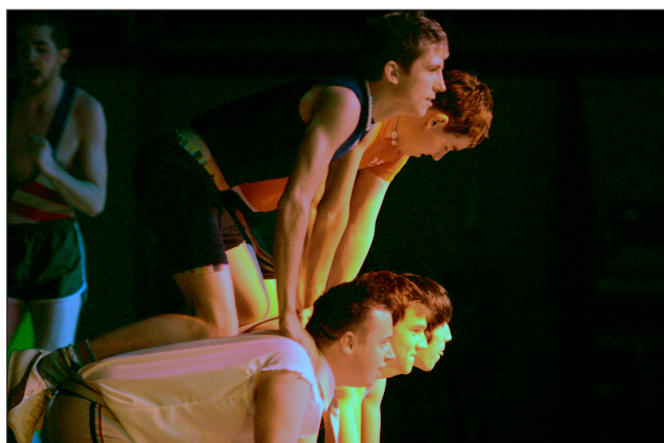


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<b>April 14</b>	<b>Alumni BBQ</b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>Chapter Houses</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Airband/ Coronation</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Lantz Gym</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Greek Sing</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Lantz Gym</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Tugs-Little Men</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Campus Pond</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Tugs- Women</b>	<b>Following Little Men</b>	<b>Campus Pond</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Tugs- Big Men</b>	<b>Following Women</b>	<b>Campus Pond</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Baseball Game</b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>Coaches Stadium</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Collegiate Bowl</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
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