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

Dating violence exploration

Speaker tells how to help victims and abusers

By Meghan McMahon
Staff writer

Twenty-two percent of college students have reported experiencing physical violence in a dating relationship, a speaker said Thursday.

About 100 members of the campus community attended "Dating Violence" to learn more about physical, sexual and mental abuse in dating relationships and how to help both the victims and abusers.

Karola Alford, a counselor at the Counseling Center, began by presenting facts and statistics about abusive relationships. Alford acted as the facilitator of the discussion.

"Many of you in the audience either know firsthand about violence in relationships or know someone that has experienced it," Alford said.

The presentation featured a video that included personal accounts from victims of various forms of abuse from dating partners. During the video, abusers also explained their feelings about why they abuse those they love.

The video also attempted to dispel many myths about violence in relationships, emphasizing that it is never the victim's fault that they are being abused.

Janet Cosbey, assistant professor of sociology, discussed the sociological effects of dating violence. Cosbey was formerly employed as the director of a women's shelter and has a lot of experience working with women in abusive relationships.

"We have a long history of violence in intimate relationships ... in our society, but only recently have we viewed it as a problem," Cosbey said.



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

Janet Cosby, assistant professor of sociology, speaks to an audience of more than 150 people about the sociological effects of dating violence Thursday evening in the Buzzard Hall auditorium during the "Dating Violence" panel discussion.

Cosbey cited six reasons for abuse in dating relationships, including sexism, cultural norms and violence in society.

"The average child, by the age of 18, has seen 200,000 violent acts on TV," she said.

There is a tendency among peo-

ple who have been sexually abused as children to seek out abusive relationships in adulthood, she said.

Fifty percent of children sexual abuse victims get into abusive relationships in adulthood, Cosbey said.

Bonnie Buckley, executive director of the Sexual Abuse Counseling

and Information Service, spoke about the victims of abuse and how they can get help.

"(Dating violence) is a scary thing. It starts at a very young age," Buckley said.

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Reserve funds getting low

By Chris Sievers
and Joe Sanner
Staff writers

The Apportionment Board Thursday tabled a proposal to spend \$25,000 of the remaining \$108,000 in the student activity reserve fund for additional allocations to student fee-funded boards, which could put them in violation of their bylaws.

Board members did however choose to approve an allocation of \$5,000 to the Sports and Recreation Board before knowing the exact amount that would be available to allocate to other fee-funded boards.

AB members went into executive session after they decided a hasty decision had been made in voting down the agreement to loan

the University Board \$17,329.12 from the student activity reserve fund to cover it's concert deficit.

The University Board developed a concert deficit of more than \$18,000 when Carrot Top's spring performance sold fewer tickets than UB members expected.

AB members expressed doubts as to whether their bylaws would allow them to give UB the loan. The AB's bylaws do not allow the student activity reserve fund to fall below \$100,000 unless in the case of an emergency.

The loan would come from the student activity reserve fund, which is at about \$113,000 and would fall below \$100,000 if the loan were approved.

Originally, the loan proposal failed after a unanimous vote by

AB members. Ceci Brinker, assistant director of student life, said not loaning the money to UB would force it to take the money from the budgets of the 12 other UB committees to cover the deficit.

She said this would essentially wipe out many of the events the 12 committees have scheduled for next semester.

"It doesn't seem fair to the other 12 committees when they had nothing to do with that deficit," Brinker said.

AB members said they did not approve the loan because the UB was given a similar loan last spring and they feel the board should focus on allocating money to other fee-funded boards.

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Superstition scares students

Friday the 13th keeps students feeling anxious

By Laura Irvine
and Amy Thon
Staff editors

Don't count on seeing Sharlie Warner on campus today.

It's Friday the 13th and she plans on being safe rather than sorry by staying at home to avoid

trouble.

"I usually stay in the house purposely on Friday the 13th. Nothing bad has happened to me yet," said Warner, a senior sociology major.

Robby Cockrun, a junior history major, on the other hand, went out looking for adventure one year and ended up getting trapped.

"I took a trip to a prison on Friday the 13th with a class. We went into the (high security) area and right as we walked in, the electricity went out. All of the prisoners were around us and we got locked in," Cockrun said. "I am very superstitious."

Janie Vieira, a freshman undecided major, also had an unusual Friday the 13th experience.

"One of my friends got into a bad car accident on Friday the 13th. His car burnt but the only thing that didn't burn was his Bible he had in the car with him. I'm really superstitious. If something weird happens I think it does just because it's Friday the 13th," she said.

For the nonbelievers, Friday the 13th doesn't hold any significance, and they go on with their day as usual.

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Proposed CUPB bylaw changes may be discussed

By Tammie Sloup
Administration editor

The Council on University Planning and Budget Friday may vote on proposed bylaw changes which include removing Eastern's President David Jorns as the chair of the council.

The meeting will be at 3 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The proposed bylaws are on the agenda under old business," said Ted Ivarie, dean of the College of Business and Applied Sciences and member of the executive committee. "Any action taken will be determined by the members."

Until there is a change in the bylaws, the president shall serve as chair of the council, Ivarie said.

But since Ivarie has been selected by the executive committee to serve as chair of the group, he also will serve as the vice chair of the council.

"Thus, in the absence of the university president, I will chair the meetings," he said.

Members of the executive

committee include: Ivarie, Ted Weidner, director of facilities planning and management and Bill Schnackel, director of university housing.

Susan Kaufman, president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, and Anita Shelton, chair of the history department, are the at-large members.

Another proposed bylaw change includes adding a representative from external relations to the previous eight presidential and vice presidential area representatives on the council. The other areas appointed by the president and vice presidents for two-year terms include: one representative from academic affairs; three representatives from business affairs; three representatives from student affairs; and one from the president's area.

The change also would make the representative from external relations a non-voting member.

In other business, the budget transfer subcommittee will

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Violence

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She said women in violent relationships often suffer from low self-esteem. This makes it difficult for the victim to want to get out of the relationship because they do not feel like anyone else will want them.

"Some people ... would rather be in a bad relationship than not be in a relationship at all," Buckley said.

Some of the warning signs that someone is in an abusive relationship are controlling behavior, lack of respect and condescending attitudes towards the opposite sex.

Many victims of abusive relationships do not want to leave because they really care about their partner when they are not being abused, Buckley said.

Jim Walters, abuse treatment coordinator for the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, discussed treatment for abusers.

The coalition provides treatment for men who have been arrested for domestic abuse as well as those people who feel they need help to correct abusive behavior, Walters said.

"We believe (violence) is a learned behavior and that would suggest that what can be learned can be unlearned," Walters said.

Walters said many people view

abusers as "monsters" and do not feel they deserve to be rehabilitated. "These are our brothers, these are our friends, these are our co-workers...." Walters said. "Treatment gives the opportunity to change."

Genie Lenihan, professor of psychology, discussed how to help victims of violence and abuse.

Many times a friend is the first person a victim will turn to for help, Lenihan said.

"For the most part, this kind of help is good help," Lenihan said.

To understand why a person is hesitant to stay in an abusive relationship, it is important to understand the dynamics of an abusive relationship, Lenihan said.

In many abusive relationships, the victims learn to be helpless and in order to help a victim they must first understand two critical messages.

"I believe you and I want to help you" is one message the victim must understand before they are willing to open up about the problems in the relationship.

The second message victims must hear is that they are not to blame for the abuse.

"The tendency to blame yourself for the dynamics in the relationships is probably true in every case I have dealt with," Lenihan said.

Funding

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"There are other fee-funded boards that have performed really well and could use that money," said UB Vice Chair Craig DeSimone.

Student Body President Steve Zielinski said since the UB has been under the management of Chair Jerry Wilson and Vice Chair Tracy Bentson, it has been moving in the right direction and deserves a loan.

"The whole point of giving out additional allocations is to increase additional programing for students," he said. "In the end, you're hurting the students more by not giving the University Board a loan."

Joe Williams, an AB advisor, said loaning the UB money is still a possibility, but it may not be for the same amount of money.

"Just because we didn't approve the loan as written, it doesn't mean we wouldn't give a loan in the future for some other amount of money," he said.

Some audience members Thursday had concerns regarding how the AB is being managed this

year. UB Vice Chair Tracy Bentson said the AB is currently at a standstill and members should take a firmer stand on the issues they face.

"The board is very frustrating," Bentson said. "They don't seem to be going any further; they are not making any decisions."

"The loan still may be approved," said AB Chair Mike Hanson. "We'll have to talk about the loan more."

The AB allocated the \$5,000 to Sports and Recreation for the purchase of intramural championship t-shirts. The money also will be used to keep the Student Recreation Center open until midnight on Monday through Thursday next semester.

Although the AB members decided to approve the \$5,000 allocation after little discussion, they tabled requested allocations from two other fee-funded boards.

AB members also chose to table an allocation that would allow the Dramatic Performances Board to attend the American College Theater Festival.

The total request from Dramatic Performances for the festival would amount to \$5,092. This would be used to offset student travel costs, truck rental costs and the costs of hotel accommodations.

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report on an approval made for the transfer of \$400,000 from the microcomputer replacement account to vice presidential areas, a press release said.

"These funds will be used for the replacement of existing antiquated (outdated) microcomputers," the press release said. "The proportion of funds distributed to each vice presidential area was based of the number of microcomputers in each area that were purchased with appropriated and income fund monies."

Academic Affairs received \$296,000; business affairs area \$68,000; student affairs area \$24,000; external relations area \$7,636; and the president's area \$4,364, a press release said.

A discussion regarding the facilities planning and management internal policy for maintenance and renovations and alterations projects will be discussed.

Meeting dates also will be announced and will be on Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 26 and April 23, a press release said. Meetings can be canceled by a majority vote of the executive committee.

Superstition

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"Until something bad happens to me, I really don't believe in it," said Corey Biggs, a senior accounting major.

Jon Kostal, a senior music composition major, will not let superstition get the best of him.

"It's just another day to me," Kostal said.

Some students acknowledge the day but will not alter their schedules because of it.

"I am a little superstitious so I think something could happen," said Angie Eiless, a freshman business major.

Many students find humor in the day and ignore the superstitious aspect of it.

"It would make a funny story if something did happen, but that's about it," said Carol Forsythe, a senior English major.

Todd Evans, a senior speech communications major, does not take the day very seriously.

"It's pretty much a joke to me, but if anything unusual did happen, I wouldn't think too much of it," he said.

police blotter

Student cited for DUI

■ Brent James Kauffman, 19, of 216 Douglas Hall, was cited at 12:48 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of the alley between Ninth and Seventh streets for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with an alcohol concentration of .10 percent or more, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, improper backing and driving while his license was suspended, a police report said.

Alcohol, behavior disturbances

■ Curtiss W. Tolefree, 21, of 319 Madison, was cited at 3:02 a.m. Saturday at his residence for disturbing the peace, a police report said.

■ Shanon Isaac Drone, 19, and Joshua Arlin Tarr, 18, both of 355 Thomas Hall, were cited at 12:10 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of Ninth Street for disorderly conduct and purchase or acceptance of alcohol by a minor, a police report said.

C.D. player stolen

■ Leslie A. Meyer, 21, 623 Jefferson Ave., reported that her portable CD player, winter coat and several audio tapes were stolen from her car between 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. Friday, a police report said.

Meyer parked her car in the parking lot of her building Thursday and when she returned to the car the glove compartment was open and it's contents strewn all over the front and rear seat, a police report said.

There was not sign of forced entry and police have no suspects. The stolen items are valued at \$290, a police report said.

■ Chris Verbeeck, 20, of Room 278, 1000 Greek Court, reported the theft of his backpack from Taylor Hall Dining Services, a police report said. He left his bag outside dinging services at 12:30 p.m. Monday and when he returned it was gone, the report said. The value of the bag were estimated at \$125, the report said.

■ Rebecca Murphy, 46, of 17 W. Polk, reported damage to her 1997 Dodge Intrepid while it was parked in the Carman Hall Food Service parking lot, a police report said. She parked the car there at 8 p.m. Nov. 6, the report said.



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Bombers' names not released

By Amy Thon
Campus editor

The names of the five students who admitted to constructing and placing two homemade bombs in Carman Hall and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house will not be released because the contents were not caustic or harmful, said Lt. Art Mitchell of the University Police Department.

The investigation was closed after five males - four juniors and one freshman - voluntarily admitted to the Sept. 20 incidents.

The decision on possible criminal charges were awaiting the test results that were conducted on the contents of the bottles by the Illinois State Police Lab in Springfield. Mitchell said the matter will soon be handled by the University Judicial Board.

According to a press release, Student Judicial Officer Keith Kohanzo said sanctions would likely include restitution for expenses incurred by the university, the fire department, the crime lab and the arson investigator's office.

Carman Hall was evacuated shortly after 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 when the first device was found on the sixth floor lounge. Assistant Police Chief Adam Due said a similar device was later found at the fraternity house.

The students told the police the bottles contained only water and a heating catalyst that would cause them to heat up and burst and no other harmful chemicals or harmful devices were included. Mitchell said the lab results confirmed this information.

Cheerteam hosts contest

By Meghan McMahon
Staff writer

Eastern's cheerteam Saturday will host their second annual cheerleading competition to raise money to attend a national competition.

The Cheerteam Classic Competition will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Lantz Gymnasium.

"(The competition) is a money-making project to raise money to enter Nationals," said Andrew White, cheerteam adviser.

The cheerteam this year raised \$1,500 from the competition and will hold other fund raisers throughout the year, White said. Other fund-raising ideas include selling pom poms at home basketball games, a celebrity auction and a calendar featuring the cheerleaders.

It will cost the cheerteam approximately \$12,000 dollars to attend the two-day national competition, a press release said.

Eastern's cheerteam is currently ranked No. 20 among Division I schools, White said. The cheerleaders have already qualified for Nationals, which will be held in Orlando during the first week in January.

The cheerteam is hoping to jump up in the rankings at the Midwest Champions competi-

tion, which will be held Dec. 13 at Northwestern University. Eastern is the defending champion of the competition, White said.

"(Eastern's) cheerteam will do a cheer routine at the beginning as a welcome to everyone," White said.

The competition will include three divisions: varsity, junior varsity and middle school/junior high and will feature cheerleading teams from across the state, including East St. Louis, Peoria and the Chicago suburbs.

Participants will perform a two-and-a-half minute routine and will be judged on 17 categories, including tight motions, transitions and how well they can get the crowd involved in their cheer, according to a press release.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each of the three divisions and all the competing teams will receive a certificate and a video tape of the performances of all the teams in their division.

This year's competition will feature teams from 14 schools, although the cheerteam was hoping for a larger turnout, White said. Last year only 10 schools attended the competition.

"We think (the competition) is a good fund raiser because it shows off our talent and our facilities," White said.

Open house to be held for honors students

By Mike SanFillippo
Staff writer

Eastern will hold an open house Saturday for prospective honors students and their families.

The open house will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday throughout campus.

About 35 students and their parents - about 100 visitors in all - will listen to and speak with honors students and faculty members, as well as tour the campus.

"We want them to get a feeling of what it's like on campus," said Pamela Atteberry, assistant director of honors programs. "We want to show what the honors programs can offer them."

The day will begin with registra-

tion in Room 122 of Lumpkin Hall. Brunch will be at 10:45 a.m. Following brunch, parents and students will be split into groups to learn about the Honors Program and tour the campus.

Herbert Lasky, director of honors programs, will speak to parents about potential scholarships for the students. After Lasky's presentation, the parents will have a chance to discuss issues with an honors student/faculty panel.

The prospective students will also have an opportunity to speak with current honors students at Eastern. Following their tour of the campus, they will speak with a panel of honors students, as well as Margaret Messer, assistant director of honors programs, and Deborah

Barker, academic adviser.

Atteberry said Eastern has been running this program for about eight years.

According to a press release, Eastern's Honors Program currently has 620 members. Some of the benefits honors students receive include early registration, a computer lab and study areas at Booth House, and specific residence halls.

Honors classes have no more than 15 students per class and students get special advisers.

To qualify for the Honors Program at Eastern, prospective students must have either an ACT score of 26 or higher, or an SAT composite of 1100 or higher, and be in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

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We have a voice, too

The Student Senate currently is working to have a senate member representative attend the Charleston City Council once again next semester.

Senate members are hoping to get a member on the council because there has not been a representative present at a City Council meeting since the middle of spring 1997.

The position serves as an outlet for student input and also an opportunity for students to learn valuable information from city officials, Senate Speaker Keith Cosentino said.

This is a great opportunity for the city also to see student support because Eastern students make up a

Representation

It is pertinent that a Student Senate member be selected to attend City Council meetings in order for Eastern and Charleston to see each other on a different level.

the rest of the council at separate times regarding separate issues.

Student Body President Steve Zielinski worked extensively with the council to lower Charleston's bar-entry age, while Kim Wise, university development and recycling committee chair, has been working with Cougill regarding the repair of local sidewalks. Liz Halbert, student vice president for public affairs, also spoke frequently with Cougill regarding the planning of a "Housing Day."

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Cougill said he believes working with individual students on each project helps keep the discussion more focused. But both the senate and Cougill could cut out the middleman and have all discussion and paperwork go through one liaison; only one person in charge of meetings and paperwork, so there is never a doubt or question who the council members will be meeting with or talking to.

The representatives are chosen through a nomination process at the beginning of the year. The student vice president for student affairs then receives the nominations before the senate approves any request.

This is a very important position to fill before the end of the semester, so please get all nominations in to the vice president for student affairs so the senate can make an appropriate selection before it is too late.

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

Today's quote

The more I see of the representatives of the people, the more I admire my dogs.

Alphonse de Lamartine,
French poet, 1790-1869

Responsibility is part of taking risks

Before I came back to school this semester, I was just a staff writer on *The Daily Eastern News*. My dedication to the *News* wasn't paramount to me — I was a computer science major who came into the newspaper every so often to kill some time by writing articles. I thought it would be fun. And it was ... to a point.

Being a lowly staff writer without any aspirations of being anything more, I didn't get the most exciting assignments. I was the self-declared precede king. I would write precedes to speakers, precedes to meetings ... anything that could have a precede, I was there.

When I made the magical transition from fumbling, floundering freshman Joe to somewhat seasoned sophomore Joe, I talked to the editor in chief about setting up an online supplement to *The Daily Eastern News*. The old editor in chief and I talked about it last year, but then, I was just a lowly freshman. Now that I had two semesters under my belt, I had grown an aura of responsibility. He thought it was a great idea. He let me run with it and named me online editor.

Being an editor, I now had opportunities that I did not have as a staff writer. Suddenly, people trusted me with bigger articles. Suddenly, my opinion made a bigger impact. Suddenly, I had an identity at the newspaper office.

Suddenly ...

One of the biweekly columnists pulled out of the ranks. An editor approached me and asked if I would like to write a column for every other Friday. Needless to say, I jumped on the chance.

Just call me "the accidental columnist."

I was ecstatic. For the first time in my life, I felt like something I wrote would be read by a wide audience and would spark some kind of feeling in people that I could not touch with a simple precede about the Residence Hall Association. The feeling I had at that moment could only be



Joe Zukowski
Online editor

"For the first time in my life, I felt like something I wrote would be read by a wide audience."

compared to, and excuse the parallel, an orgasm.

Now, as I write my sixth column, I realize sparking interest in people has gradually been put to the side. I unconsciously decided that surfacing feelings in people via the printed word was too hard and caused too many people to get angry at me. So much for the afterglow.

After the last column I wrote, I realized I was playing it safe. I

sat at my computer, typed out an opinion about something I didn't really care about, related it to a story about me and went about my merry way. I waffled throughout the entire column, straddling the fence so that no one group would get upset over my skewed and uninformed opinion.

I compromised my opinions for the sake of not offending anyone.

How very '90s of me.

The newspaper has a motto that is as old as dirt — "Tell the truth and don't be afraid." You can find it on the front cover of every paper *The Daily Eastern News* publishes.

An alumnus reminded me in an e-mail about the importance of the phrase. He told me about the many times he wrote a column and would be threatened with bodily harm because of his strong opinions. He had the choice each week to either not offend anyone and be safe or to speak his mind and tell the truth and suffer the consequences.

He lived up to the motto each week.

Now, as I reflect upon why I agreed to write a column once every two weeks, I realize that playing it safe was definitely not the reason. Nor should playing it safe be a reason to do anything in life. Life isn't lived without risks.

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LGBAU has no place in making a jeans day

It's about time now to end this nonsense about "coming out of the closet day." I'm sure the LGBAU got a kick out of watching people purposely not wear jeans on their "holiday." Yahoo for them. They made us do something different for a day. Well allow me now to express my own opinion on this subject.

Who does the LGBAU think they are? The Congress? Did they pass a law I'm not aware of saying "wearing jeans on this day makes you a supporter of homosexuality?" Since I live in a free country, nobody can tell me that if I wear an article of clothing on a certain day that I support homosexuality. Well, you can if you're the LGBAU

Your turn

Letters to the editor

apparently. They might as well run the country. Then we can have rainbow flags flying next to American flags, and everybody will be so overwhelmed with joy, it will warm the cockles of every American's heart.

Since it's OK for the LGBAU to make up goofy rules, then it's OK for me to do the same. I don't want anybody to challenge any of these ideas or the beast will come and take your soul away. First, if you dress up for Halloween, you are a pagan who believes Satanism is a wonderful thing, and Anton LaVey (author of the *Satanic Bible*) is your messiah.

Second, if you wear a coat on Dec. 15, you support Hitler and what he stood for. You must walk around like a moron yelling "Deutscheland, Deutscheland, long live the führer." Finally, if you wear red on Valentine's Day, you believe murder is remarkable because you support the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Now these claims are fair, right? I expect everyone to follow what I've said. Is every everybody going to do it? Well they better (remember the beast now). Who am I to tell people what to wear, and who does the LGBAU think they are in telling people what to wear? My point exactly. Thank you.

Dimitri Kontos

junior political science major

RHA delays Holidayfest

By Lauren Kraft
Staff writer

The Residence Hall Association Thursday put off plans for the Holidayfest and "Last Chance Party Dance" for further discussion at future meetings and asked for help with Coffeetalk and discussed plans for the "Coffee House" in Thomas Hall.

"(Holidayfest has been) an ever onward discussion," said RHA President Colette Guerdet. "We're still looking for a location."

"It will be discussed until it happens," she said.

Holidayfest is planned for Dec. 6 at 8 p.m., Guerdet said.

Guerdet said the "fest" should be half dance and half games or contest

"We're going to make the transition as smooth as possible," Whitlock said. "We're going to make next semester awesome."

The "Coffee House" in Thomas Hall is still looking for a new name, art for decorations and ideas on what to serve.

Student Body President Steve Zielinski and senate member Bill Gruen attended the meeting to discuss with RHA members activities, construction and plans for campus.

campus inbrief

Play to portray trials of young love

The Charleston Alley Theater is presenting its latest production regarding the many trials and tribulations of young love.

"Molly's Delicious," written by Craig Wright and starring local residents and high school students is showing at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday and at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Charleston Alley Theater on Monroe Avenue.

"Molly's Delicious" is set in Pine City, Minn. during the Vietnam Conflict and tells the tale of a young couple separated during wartime.

During her boyfriend's tour of duty in Vietnam, Alison, played by Charleston High School student Genevieve Harrison, is encouraged by her aunt to strike up a romance with the local mortician.

The aunt's matchmaking scheme looks like it might work until Alison's boyfriend returns from Vietnam and proposes.

"Molly's Delicious" was first performed on the East Coast but is now being performed throughout the Midwest, said Linda Bagger, member of the Charleston

Alley Theater.

Six local Charleston residents and high school students began rehearsing in September for the play's opening night on Nov. 6.

"People (the actors) do it because they want to," Bagger said.

"Molly's Delicious" is the last play for the Charleston Alley Theater's eighth season. She said the theater participants are eagerly awaiting their ninth season, scheduled to open soon.

To reserve tickets call Tonya Wood at 345-6070. Tickets are also available at the door.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and high school and Eastern students.

-Shinnelle Dismukes, staff writer

Annual craft show debuts in Union

The First Annual Union Craft show will begin today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom.

The craft show will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sunday.

The craft show, sponsored by the Craft Depot, will feature gift items, collectibles, arts, crafts and rare finds.

"The purpose of the craft show is to increase traffic in the Union," said Jon Crask, University Union arts and crafts coordinator.

He said the show is a way

for the students to begin their Christmas shopping before the big holiday rush.

"We are also always looking for new things for the students to do," he said.

Crafts will be sold by more than 21 vendors who have rented out booths for the weekend.

Crask said the money raised from the booth rentals will go directly into the University Union's funds and the money earned at the show itself will go to the vendors.

"We do not have any specific money goals," Crask said. "This is simply a service to the students."

-Sally Shireman, staff writer

Meeting canceled by CAA

The Council on Academic Affairs meeting was canceled



Lacey Buidosik / Staff photographer
Laura Thomas sets up her booth, Hand Built Ceramics, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday.

Thursday because the two items on the agenda were not action items.

The items on the agenda included a discussion of an in-house course proposal revision and more discussion regarding the council's review of general education.

CAA Vice Chair Doug Bock said he believes there are some additional proposals coming for the next meeting on Nov. 19, but will not know for sure until the executive committee's meeting Monday.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Foundation rakes to raise funds

The Brad Wright Memorial Foundation will rake leaves Sunday for Charleston residents in an attempt to raise additional funds for the Brad Wright Memorial Scholarship.

The foundation will meet at noon in the McKinney Hall lobby and will rake leaves until 5 p.m. Residents who would like to request their yards raked can call 581-7689. All students are welcome volunteer at the event. The foundation will rake yards and after they finish they will knock on doors to request donations but there is no obligation for residents to donate.

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Defense will be key for women's basketball

By Kyle Bauer
Staff writer

It's just like the old saying goes, "Offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships." This could not be more true as the Panthers will travel to St. Louis to take on the Billikens at 7:30 Saturday night.

Defense will be the key in this game for both teams. Each team showed its ability to put a lot of points on the board in the preseason.

The first of the Billikens' preseason games resulted in a 93-55 blowout of Gold Star. The

victory was fueled by Mandy Lueking's six-of-11 shooting performance from three-point range.

St. Louis' second and final preseason game was a little closer, but was still a high-scoring affair. Latvia outlasted the Billikens, escaping with a 74-73 win. The Panthers are also coming off of a successful preseason. In Eastern's lone game, it put up 92 points in a win over "The Family" from Indianapolis.

From the scores, it looks like the Billiken offense could pose many problems for Eastern, but that may not be the case.

"We faced two ball clubs that looked to get the ball up the floor and try and score," St. Louis head coach Jill Pizotti said. "I expect to see better defensive pressure this weekend."

And the Panthers will try not to disappoint. Panther head coach John Klein is stressing to his team the need to put pressure on the ball.

"We are going to go in there and play our brand of defense," he said. "Hopefully we will do a good job in terms of stopping them."

For Eastern, this game will be a good opportunity to see how it measures up against tough competition.

"This is a good measuring stick," Klein said. "St. Louis is as good as any team that we will play in the Ohio Valley. They are a competitive team and it will be interesting to see how we handle the pressure."

The Billikens will be trying to turn around a 1997-98 season in which they went 13-14 overall and 5-11 in the Conference USA.

"It's a little bit up in the air right now," Pizotti said of the Billiken's future. "We have four returning starters and experience, but we don't have a large margin for error so we have to play up to our potential every night."

Toughest dual-meet of season ahead for swim team

By Todd Schreiber
Staff writer

The Eastern Illinois swim teams will go on the road at 2:00 p.m. Saturday to face Western Illinois in what is possibly the toughest dual-meet of the season.

Coach Ray Padovan says the Leatherneck men's team will be the best team the Panthers will see all season. The coach expects the women's meet to be a little closer,

however.

The men's team comes in with a 1-2 record in dual-meet competition this season. They are, however, coming off what was possibly their best showing of the season in finishing second at the EIU Invitational last weekend.

The team looks to avenge a 151-86 loss to Western last season, but the outlook is not that good. One common opponent this season for both of the teams has been Northern Iowa.

Eastern finished second to UNI at the EIU Invitational by a score of 803-495. Western faced UNI two weeks ago and defeated it by a score of 157-80. The Lady Panthers have a better shot at Western this season. Last season, Eastern won the meet by the narrow margin of 125-118. Padovan felt that the victory was a lucky one for Eastern.

"They (Western) swam terrible last year, and that helped us win," Padovan said.

This season's meet is a toss-up, according to the coach. He believes it will come down to one or two events.

"We each have strengths in different areas," he said. "We will sweep some events, and they will sweep some events, and it will come down to one or two events to determine who wins."

Padovan still feels that his women's team is a bit of an underdog coming into the meet.

The Lady Leathernecks also faced and defeated Northern Iowa this season. Western won 136-107. Eastern also defeated UNI at the home invitational 777-686.

Western comes into the weekend with a week's worth of rest. They face Truman State on Friday, and then host the Panthers at 2 p.m. Saturday.

This weekend will be the last meet for Eastern until Dec. 5, when it travels to St. Louis.

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sprints across their section, but it goes over good with Panther fans.

For the past couple of weeks these guys have loyally marched into the gym armed with 12 foot long banners and insults for opposing teams.

It is a guarantee that these guys will be in Lantz occupying the first row this weekend as the

Panthers begin their final home-stand of the season.

It is very likely that Eastern will wrap up the Ohio Valley Conference regular season crown either tonight or tomorrow afternoon.

So that is all the more reason for these guys to get extra rowdy tonight. It may seem like Eastern has already won the OVC, which it has in a sense.

The Panthers earned themselves a share of the title, but a win would give the crown to them and them alone.

Now is not the time to start slacking off.

Have you ever planned a huge party and as the day of the party got closer and closer, started to worry if anyone would show up?

That is the feeling that Panther head coach Betty Ralston has right now.

What if the team wins the OVC crown outright and no one is there to celebrate?

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chance for them to go head to head with teams such as Southern. For the Panthers, McInerney said this is like a mini nationals for the team. The Midwest region is one of the better districts next to the Great Lakes region with teams such as Michigan and Wisconsin.

The Western region also has some strong teams with Arizona and

Stanford. Each of the eight regions have about 30 teams competing, each divided up equally by team superpowers and developing or weaker teams. McInerney hopes that the team will travel to the districts with the confidence to leave a mark and not get swept away with the idea of being OVC champions.

Gruberman said being the OVC champs is not enough.

"The team idea is to go out and make some noise," Gruberman said. "We want to be able to go to nationals next year."

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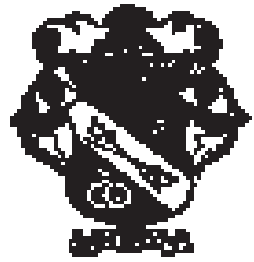


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Panthers look for fairy tale finish

By Chad Merda
Managing editor

Surprisingly, the Eastern football team has already been through one dress rehearsal.

This time the title of the play is "Try Not to Embarrass Yourself Against the Winless Team, Part II."

Part I resulted in a 24-10 win less than two months ago against a I-A Northern Illinois team that hadn't won in two years and had lost 28 of its previous 29 games. The sequel has Tennessee-Martin trying to play the spoiler at 0-9 and only two wins in its last 31 games. While Eastern came out with a win against Northern, the task of motivating the team for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. road game against Martin isn't any easier than the first time around.

"There were some incentives in playing a I-A team," Eastern coach Bob Spoo said. "We were just coming off a loss and we were a bit healthier."

The Panthers are once again coming off a loss, but with a 5-4 record, they are now faced with the possibility of a losing season.

"They want to go out with a winning season ... the fact the kids are thinking along those lines is positive," Spoo said.

Even though Eastern pulled out a victory against winless Northern, that's little comfort for the coach.

"As long as we've all been around the game, it's not unheard of for a no-win team, for a lot of factors, being able to rise up and win that first game," Spoo said. "I don't want us to be the team that happens against."

If there's a game for the Skyhawks to win, this may be the one, for a couple of different factors.

Injuries galore

Ever since two offensive linemen in Tim Waskow and Matt Gehrig went down three weeks ago against Middle Tennessee, the trainers have been busy. Tailback Justin Lynch's latest ailment is now a knee problem - Spoo guarantees he'll be able to play, but nobody's sure how much he can contribute. But if he's the least bit healthy, he can likely contribute a lot against a defense that is dead last against the rush, giving up 313 yards per game. Middle Tennessee, the second to last team, yields only 151 yards. Safety Jay Grodecki has a sprained knee while receiver Phil Taylor has an ankle injury. There's no definite word on those two.

Cornerback Chris Watson is doubtful with his knee injury after missing the last three games. It might be costly, especially considering the Martin pass attack has renewed life in the last few games.

The passing attack

Even though Martin is near the bottom of every other category, its passing game is in the upper half of the Ohio Valley Conference. In their 47-33 loss last week to Middle Tennessee, the Skyhawks put up 347 yards in the air.

"The pass defense has not been our forte," Spoo said. "Anybody that can throw the ball is a concern. Even with a big lead, Martin has been able to come back."

Yes, that is correct.



That darn second half

Here's where the Skyhawks are better. Eastern has had many second-half lapses, losing big leads against Tennessee State, Illinois State and Southeast Missouri. Unfortunately for Eastern, that's when Martin comes to play. The Skyhawks have scored two-thirds of their points in the third and fourth quarters.

Turnovers

With young players comes mistakes. About two turnovers per game, if you're Martin. While Eastern couldn't hold onto a few potential interceptions last week, the ability to do it this week may be crucial - especially with the Skyhawk quarterbacks having thrown 22 picks to go along with 11 fumbles.

Creighton enters the contest fresher than the Panthers after receiving a bye in the first round, but having the day off may not be a benefit Bluejays coach Bret Simon said.

"(Eastern) had to play awfully hard, but our guys traveled for seven hours in a bus today," Simon said. "There may not be a advantage since we have played six of the last seven weekends on the road."

The two teams faced each other last weekend at Lakeside Field, which resulted in a 1-1 tie.

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Holmes said. "The game had to be decided somehow, and it had to be in the shootout."

Western Kentucky took the lead midway through the first half on a goal by Lloyd. Schultz fed Lloyd with a pass, but as Waguespack came out to defend the play, he slipped leaving the Hilltopper's forward with an easy tuck-in.

"It was an ugly game with ugly

goals," Waguespack said.

Freshman Mike Goudy tied the game at 1-1 with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. That score would hold up until Nix's goal in the first overtime Eastern, who won its first Missouri Valley tournament game, faces No. 13 ranked Creighton at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

"We have seen them play before, but that was under a little different circumstances," Coker said. We need to do some things different, but the guys took a step forward today and they want to keep it going."

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Kyle Bauer
Staff writer

Panther crowd shows support of Ralston team

The old Chicago Stadium, the Swamp in Florida, the Frozen Tundra in Green Bay and the Lantz Gymnasium in Charleston. (Yes, I said the Lantz Gymnasium). What do all these places have in common?

I'll tell you what they all have in common. They are the kind of places that make it tough for opposing teams to come in and win.

Just like opponents used to fear traveling to Chicago to take on the hostile crowds of the old Stadium, Ohio Valley Conference opponents are beginning to take notice at how hard it is to leave Charleston with a win.

Just one short year ago, the Panther volleyball team posted a mediocre 5-6 record at home. What a difference a year makes! The 1998 Panther squad has completely turned around last season's performance and put up 10 home wins this season.

So far this season, Eastern has only been beaten on its home floor twice. How does a team make that big of a turnaround in a single season, you ask? Fan support has a lot to do with it. Whether you believe it or not, it does help.

The volleyball team has traditionally had a good following consisting of the parents of players and assorted other fans, but this season there seems to be a new group of fans. A group of fans that seems to be a little more vocal.

The cheer team has been a big part of turning Lantz into a place that opposing teams hate to play in. Chants of 'Point Panthers' can be heard echoing through the gym following every Panther point. Although it may seem annoying at first, it is definitely worth the headache to hear it 45 times a night. But the cheer team is only one element of the crowd noise. There's another certain bunch of rowdy fans that can be found in the front row of almost every game.

This group of loyal fans (you know who you are) has made their presence known all season long. They have been known to yell along with the Cheer Team or scream at the visiting team, 'you're easy' after the Panther defense digs an opponent's kill attempt. This group of fans can also be credited with originating the call of RRRRRamos every time sophomore setter Gen Ramos steps back to serve. During timeouts, one member of the group even sprints in front of the bleachers urging the crowd to do the wave. The opposing fans do not seem to enjoy it as he

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Waguespack saves season



Chad Merda / Staff photographer

Panther freshman forward Tim Fredin avoids a Western Kentucky defender Thursday in the Panther shootout victory. Eastern will next play nationally ranked Creighton Friday in Springfield, Mo.

Soccer team beats Hilltoppers, faces Creighton Friday

By **David Pump**
Associate sports editor

SPRINGFIELD, Mo — The opening round Missouri Valley Conference Tournament men's soccer match-up between Eastern and Western Kentucky came down to the most exciting form of sudden death—the shootout.

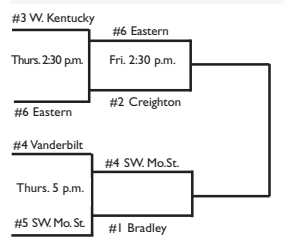
Eastern defeated the Hilltoppers in the extra session as sophomore goalkeeper Ryan Waguespack made two saves to help the Panthers advance into the second round.

"(Assistant coach Dan) Coker asked me if should pressure late in the second half, but I said no, we should keep playing the way we are and let Waggy take care of it in the shootout," Panther coach Tim McClements said. "He is one of the best keepers in the conference."

With the score tied 2-2 at the end of double overtime, McClements called upon Mike Czarnecki to open as the first shooter in the extra session. The senior and the midfielder snuck a shot by the Hilltopper's goalkeeper Ryan Lossie to give Eastern a 1-0 shootout lead.

Western Kentucky's Chris Lloyd opened for the Hilltoppers, but he missed off of the crossbar.

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"I had confidence in our guys, and when he missed that got my confidence up even more," Waguespack said.

The next three Panthers to shoot, Ben Cox, Scott Anderson and Jake Spain, all converted. All Waguespack had to do was make the third save.

"I just knew if I saved one more the game was over," Waguespack said. "Two saves usually results in a win."

Eastern took the lead early in the first overtime when senior Jeff Nix scored off of a rebound to put the Panthers up 2-1.

Down by a goal with time winding down in the first overtime, Donovan Schultz in a crowd beat Waguespack who was out of the net attempting to make the save.

"I am proud of the guys, they came from behind and did a terrific job," Hilltopper coach David Holmes

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Volleyball team looks to be spoiler

Three home games in three days for Panther netters

By **Kyle Bauer**
Staff writer

At long last the final weekend of the volleyball regular season is here and the Panthers will have the luxury of closing out the season at home.

The Panthers will start their weekend homestand at 7 p.m. tonight against Tennessee-Martin. Play will resume at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon with Eastern taking on Murray State. The Panthers will then close out their season against Western Illinois at 2 p.m. Sunday.

First up for Eastern will be Ohio Valley Conference opponent and tournament hopeful Tennessee-Martin. The Skyhawks (15-13, 8-8)

are tied with Morehead State (14-15, 8-8) for the final spot in the OVC tournament.

Martin needs to win its matches this weekend to get into the tournament, but that may be easier said than done. The Skyhawks will face league-leading Eastern tonight and then travel to third-place Southeast Missouri tomorrow.

"Their playoff hopes are on beating us," Panther head coach Betty Ralston said. "They need to win this weekend and we don't want it to be here."

Even if the Skyhawks' season ends this weekend, head coach Chris Rushing is not calling the season a disappointment.

"We have broken all kinds of school records this year. This is the best winning percentage in school history," the first year coach said. "We have opened a lot of eyes. People won't look at us as lightly as they used to."

Saturday, the Panthers will face another OVC opponent in Murray State. The Racers (12-15, 9-7) have already secured the fourth spot in the tournament field but would still like to finish the regular season with a win.

"They are going to be dangerous because they want to finish on a high note," Ralston said. "It is not a seeding thing, but I am sure they want to come in and do good."

The first meeting between these two teams resulted in a 3-1 Panther win. Since then, Murray has been inconsistent, dropping five of its last 10 matches.

"They gave us a real struggle when we played at their place," Ralston said. "Since then, they have been an up and down team."

The Racers play at SEMO Friday and the outcome of that game could affect Saturday's match. A Racer win could provide momentum while a loss could take a lot out of the Racer squad.

Sunday afternoon will be the Panther's season finale against intrastate rival Western Illinois (7-22, 4-7).

Seven men, one woman runner to Kansas

By **Kristin Rojek**
Staff writer

Only the top two teams from each district cross country meet will qualify to compete in the NCAA Championships. This weekend the Panthers travel to Wichita, Kansas to run against some of the fastest teams in the nation.

The women's team left the OVC conference meet nearly two weeks ago a little banged up. This weekend only sophomore Erika Coull-Parenty will travel to the NCAA District V meet where she will get another shot at competition.

"Erika is young and the experience will help her out later down the road," coach John McInerney said.

Motivation from the lead runners helped the team a lot throughout the season, but senior Sue Langer ended her season after the OVC meet. She needed to get off her leg, after suffering a stress reaction. The team is just glad she was able

to compete through conference.

Many of the young girls suffered wear and tear this season and with all the high quality schools and the tough competition, the women have decided to end on a positive note from conference.

The men, however, will take seven of their top runners to the district meet where they will compete with 31 other schools. Division I schools from Illinois, Oklahoma and Nebraska will be competing in Kansas this weekend. Oklahoma State, along with Missouri and Kansas State are ranked in the top 20 in the nation. Nebraska and Iowa State are also very tough, competitive schools that the Panthers will face this weekend.

"Teams see us from a weaker conference, so we're just looking to compete strong no matter who's there," sophomore Eric Gruberman said.

The course is slightly longer than usual, with a 10,000-meter course. This doesn't add any physical handicap to the team, but more mental.

The extra distance may play a factor this weekend, but the team has been working on getting excited and being together in the race this weekend.

"We are preparing mentally," McInerney said. "There's always the possibility of a let down, but we're not going to Kansas to be emotionally jacked down."

If the team packs solidly like it did at the OVC Championships two weeks ago, it has the opportunity of being among the top 10 teams.

"Many of the other big schools didn't give the guys much respect for winning the conference meet here," McInerney said. "This is their chance to earn that respect and get a shot at the big dogs."

Eastern has seen the Illinois schools several times in competition this year, but this is the chance for them to go head to head with teams

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**Tales
 of
 Turkey
 Terror**



illustration by jaime hodge

(Well, maybe they're not so terrifying – but some of these wacky stories and traditions will make you scratch your head in wonder)

by **Jessica Sedgwick and Alice Hosty**
 Associate Verge editors

As Thanksgiving rapidly approaches, familiar images of the holiday begin to pervade the mind: savory aromas from the kitchen that inspire ravenous cravings for Aunt Mary's mashed potatoes, reminiscent thoughts of spending the day watching your male relatives scratching their butts and bellowing about football with drunken rage. And of course, who could forget Cousin Alfred, the cross-dressing Robert DeNiro look-alike, carving the turkey?

Some of us will reunite with those dear family members in typical family Thanksgivings. But there are a lucky few among us who spend the holiday seeped in tradition and rich with dysfunctional, if not memorable, moments of family bliss.

Sophomore journalism major Christy Kilgore is no stranger to dysfunctional family dinners, in part because of one particularly dysfunctional family member.

"My mother's cousin Alfred used to show up to Thanksgiving dinner in drag, wearing high heeled boots and a dress," Kilgore said. "He looked sort of like Robert DeNiro, except he was a lot uglier and he spoke with a lisp."

There is nothing like an obnoxious family member disrupting Thanksgiving dinner to make one appreciate the other 364 days of the year.

"My family always gets into a big fight because one of my cousins comes in late and interrupts dinner," sophomore journalism major Shinnelle Dismukes said. "He's always really obnoxious when he comes in, messing with the little kids and making them cry. There is nothing worse."

Except for a drunk dog. Junior two-dimensional art major John Wider will never forget Thanksgiving of 1996, thanks to his resourceful little doggie.

While Wider's father searched for a sponge to clean up a spilled glass of scotch, the dog licked up the problem with his tongue.

"Our dog was quite taken by the effects of the alcohol. Instead of stumbling and passing out, she ran around the house, yard, and neighborhood at Mach 5," said Wider.

After Wider and his brother searched for the drunk

dog for an hour, they returned to their house poochless.

"I went into the bathroom and found her passed out in the bathtub with her tongue hanging out," Wider said.

For senior early childhood and elementary education major Melissa Barak, Thanksgiving includes a long drive to her aunt and uncle's home in Tennessee – and blaming a destructive accident on an innocent parent.

"One year me and my brother were riding my Uncle's 3-Wheeler, and we drove full speed into the corner of their garage, smashing my little cousin's tricycle. Then we put it behind the back tire of my dad's car, so it looked like he ran it over," Barak said.

Rather than incriminate his pesky little brother, freshman undecided major Andy Hoffman learned to appreciate him because of a Thanksgiving malarkey.

"While the turkey was being brought to the dining room from the kitchen it fell on my brother's head. He just laid there on the floor," Hoffman said.

He managed to resist the overwhelming urge to laugh until he knew his brother was okay.

"He was unconscious for a while, and I was scared that he was really hurt," Hoffman admitted. "When he got up and started running around again I was surprisingly grateful."

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The personal perspectives of Matt Fear:
How I see it ...
on college life part II.



For those loyal readers out there wondering "Hey! Didn't he do his first column on college life? Is he just going to repeat himself?" Fear not; I will not bore you with the same stuff. I had a couple of realizations lately - one is that next to the cockroach, the college student has one of the highest endurance rates in the animal kingdom.

Seriously, look at the stuff we do to our bodies. We smoke, we drink, we eat food that has a fat content similar to that of something that Elvis would have consumed in the velvet jumpsuit years, but yet we manage to somehow survive.

Sometimes I wonder why we do things like this. Is it because deep down we are all masochistic people that like to do our own bodies harm? Or maybe it is because tiny aliens have implanted little behavior control devices at the base of our skulls and are making us do these things for the sake of scientific research. But let's be honest with ourselves; we all know the reason we treat our bodies like some sort of human dumpster is because our parents wouldn't let us do this stuff when we lived at home.

Just try and tell me that when you lived at home you stayed out drinking until 9 a.m. and then staggered home, vomited all over yourself and went to bed. If you did, give me your parents' phone number and ask them if they are looking to adopt.

I want to make it perfectly clear that I have been here for about 15 years and I am still doing things that are extremely bad for me simply because I CAN. Ain't college grand?!

My second realization is that college is full of a great deal of little annoying things. Sure, there are quite a bit of really big annoying things (i.e. never-ending activity fees, those damn fences that seem to appear at random and let us not forget about that whole Pem Hall/Honors merger idea that went over like a lead balloon), but I really don't have the patience, time, or strength to discuss those big things, so we are going to dwell on the little things that make our lives just a teensy bit more irritating.

■ Roommates: You know who I am talking about. The person that sleeps in the bed next to you in your tiny little dorm room, or in the room next to you (if you are one of the privileged few that live off campus). I don't care if you and your roommate are best friends; there will always be those little things that drive you up the wall (like that disgusting grunting sound they make in their sleep, or the way they scrape their teeth against their fork). I guess there is not much you can do to a roommate who is unintentionally annoying (except for having dreams about tying

them to the back of a truck and driving through a field of broken glass, which is perfectly healthy), but if the roommate is annoying on purpose, I would suggest reading the column I wrote last week.

■ Food Service: Once again, this really does not apply to those that live off-campus, but as far as annoying college things, we can all relate. What happens if you are not in the mood for Pasta Surprise or Hamburger Jubilee? Well, you can do one of two things: eat out or cook for yourself. If you eat out all the time, not only will you go broke, but you will also begin to resemble Sally Struthers on a binge (ooohh, scary). If you cook for yourself, you run a high risk of getting ptomaine poisoning. I guess when it comes to eating during your college years, your options rank right up there with Hanson's future after their voices drop.

■ Classes: Here is something that happens to all of us, whether or not you live on campus. Unfortunately, classes are a vital part of the college experience, but that doesn't mean that they can't be annoying. A note for all the freshman out there reading this column: In case you haven't figured it out, skipping class is an art form that one must master. It is not like high school, where they will send a truant officer after your ass if you don't show up for wood shop.

Personally, I think the main rule for classes is take as many electives as possible (Rifle and Pistol, Badminton, and Bowling, to name a few,) and never take anything before 11 a.m. You have plenty of time ... use it wisely. Make college last as long as possible.

There are so many little annoying things I could talk about, such as parking, puddles the size of Lake Michigan and those damn squirrels. In fact, I think I am going to base next week's column on things that annoy you, my readers. So send me e-mails about stuff that annoys you and I will print them in next week's column. That's right: here is your chance to let people know what ticks you off. My e-mail address is at the bottom of the column. If something really chaps your biscuits, get off your butt and tell me about it. Otherwise, you lose the right to complain.

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Want a One Night Stand?

Coffeetalk first and last show ever for local band

by **jaime hodge**
Verge editor

No, this isn't about sexual thrills or an evening of ecstasy. One Night Stand, a recent addition to Eastern's band scene, will appear for one night of pleasure before fading into Coffeetalk history.

"It's a one-show, one-night deal. That's where the name comes from," said guitarist Art Munin. "We've been practicing for a month."

"There's a possibility we might have a show at the Uptowner after Thanksgiving, but that's not sure yet because our drummer is going home and taking his drums with him."

Since the band has only been together for a month, there will be no original material played, but some of the most popular songs of the past three decades will be covered, Munin said.

"It's all covers: stuff ranging from Aerosmith to Elvis to Ozzy; light rock to hard rock," Munin said. "We tried to make it ranging from '60s to '90s so it was a

pretty wide spectrum and would appeal to a lot of people."

A special guest singer will take the mic because the original singer for the band, Steve Whitte, came down with strep throat a few days ago, Munin said.

Al Dertz, member of Baked Alaska, High Fidelity, Nothing Personal and Mandril, will be belting out glam tunes such as "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Ozbourne and the Aerosmith hit "Eat The Rich."

"It's a bunch of rock that a lot of people can sing along to," Dertz said. "We're doing a lot of '80s glam and some classic rock And for jamming for one month, I'm amazed at how tight they are. This is guaranteed to be one of the best shows of the season."

Munin, resident assistant for the fourth floor of the north tower of Thomas, said the inspiration for the band was providing an RA activity and to be in a band; a goal which he said he could not accomplish normally because he was so busy with his job.

"Being an RA, I don't get to be in a band," Munin said. "So this is

the best of both worlds. I get to be in a band and it's an RA program. I knew Willie (Briggs, the drummer) was an RA, so I talked to him about it and it just rolled from there. We're all very experienced musicians; we've all been playing for at least a decade."

Munin said he expects the event to have a great turnout because the performance is going to be a resident hall night.

"We've heard from a lot of RAs on campus saying they're coming," Munin said. "We're making it a resident hall night. The floor that brings the most people to the show wins a free pizza party. Most of the halls on campus donated."

"I had Nothing Personal play last year in the lobby - that was a big show for us. I've got 50 guys on my floor, and I'll bet 40 of them will show up," Munin said.

Come for the pizza. Come for the 40 guys. Come for the One Night Stand.

Coffeetalk is at 8 p.m. tonight in the Thomas Hall Lobby. Admission is free.



Photo by Deanna McIntyre

Art Munin, Al Dertz, Willie Briggs and Dmitri Kontos are prepared to bring a night of glam and classic rock to their Coffeetalk show tonight. This will be the band's first and last performance ever.

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design major Michael Shunt when he won the annual Thanksgiving Potato Festival in Laccord, Idaho.

"Every year my family packs up for a few days and goes to my uncle's farm in Idaho, where we participate in a potato search, which is similar to an Easter egg hunt," Shunt said. "Whoever finds the most potatoes wins. Then we cook them and eat them for dinner. One year I won a turkey by finding seven potatoes."

While some of us are accustomed to our family's traditional meals, senior physical education major Bucky Randolph is just glad to participate in this year's feast.

"I haven't eaten Thanksgiving dinner with my family for about 10 years because of wrestling and having to cut weight," Randolph said. "This year, I'm finally going to enjoy being able to eat and spend time at home."

Some of us don't have such unique stories of Thanksgiving terror and instead have unique traditions like those belonging to junior sociology major Michelle Devoy, whose grandmother sings "America the Beautiful" for Thanksgiving grace.

A not-so-silly but touching tale about green Jell-O comes from junior zoology major Willy Duncan from Fox Lake, Ill. The Duncan clan, who exhibit more family traditions than the Cleaver family, meets at his aunt Bonnie's house in Brighton, Michigan

every year for a 20-member reunion.

Among turkey and potatoes on their plates is a little spoonful of grandma's green Jell-O. Only this Jell-O contains pieces of shredded cabbage, carrots and most of all, her memory. Every year since she passed away, the concoction has still been made, and everyone has to have a helping in special honor of her, whether they want it or not.

"No one really likes it. But everyone has to put a little piece of it

on their plate in memory of our grandmother, even though no one eats it," Duncan said.

Another tradition the Duncan family has each year is "the making of the crafts." While the men watch football, the women join together and make a different craft, like colorful, paper maché picture frames or corsages.

"This year Bonnie is all excited about us decorating orange clay plant holders. We're gonna paint faces on the holders and plant spider plants inside them so the leaves can be the hair for the person's face," said senior graphic design major Kristy Fiore, Duncan's girlfriend. "All the gals cook and clean and

make crafts while the guys watch football. It's so traditional it's not even funny."

Another tale of a strong and slightly unusual family tradition comes from senior psychology major Lynette Hardin, whose family in Alton, Ill, celebrates the holidays with relatives in Seattle via video.

Both families put amazing efforts into their family dinners, and to show each other exactly what they're up to, they

videotape their preparations and dinner celebrations from Thanksgiving until Christmas Day. Then the families head over to federal express the video tape across the country.

Starting two days before Thanksgiving, her uncle goes to each house to record messages for their Seattle loved ones as they prepare their dinner dishes.

"It's been kind of a competition to see who can make up the most stuff in the shortest amount of time," Hardin said.

The Hardin family makes dinner Old Country Buffet-style. The table, if it can stand up, will have turkey, fish, steak, ham, pot roast, lasagna (vegetable and meat),

pork chops and the family's special roll recipe that has been passed through four generations.

"My family is already starting to get food now from warehouse places," Hardin said.

It's amazing what results from family competitiveness - a table that every under nourished, food-deprived college kid dreams of.

Freshman Industrial Technology major Jeff Gutsmedl from Elk Grove, Ill, spends his time recovering from a turkey dinner by playing card games at his grandmother's house.

His grandmother's favorite is "Screw Your Neighbor." The stakes aren't high, though. The family usually just gambles with quarters.

Speaking of game, senior elementary education major and Salem, Ill, native Dave Gergeni's Thanksgiving tradition includes hunting for small game or anything else that crosses his path.

"My brothers, my grandfather, uncles, cousins, father and I all go out small game hunting for rabbit, quail or anything that moves," Gergeni said.

Whether or not you plan to spend your holiday picking buckshot out of your turkey, entertaining your eccentric relatives or obsessing about football, the Verge hopes you spend your Thanksgiving break appreciating the precious joys of dysfunctional Thanksgiving moments.

"All the gals cook and clean and make crafts while the guys watch football. It's so traditional it's not even funny."

- Kristi Fiore, senior graphic design major



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Tastes like ChickenEye Pie

DeeJay Punk-Roc twines eclectic punk/club beats and jazz hip-hop

dan ochwat
Staff writer

"ChickenEye," from DeeJay Punk-Roc, is an album that features songs with punk/club beats and jazzy, hip-hop beats.

The only question is how these songs fit into a dinner-making theme that would make Martha Stewart cringe.

The dance album is surfaced on a ChickenEye Pie recipe that teaches the making of ChickenEye Pie, the presenting of ChickenEye Pie and the company to have to enjoy ChickenEye Pie.

The album is quite enjoyable; the pie, I'm not so sure about.

The album has some excellent dance songs to groove to. On the last track "Rockin' It," which has a hip hop beat to freestyle to and some smooth keyboards, DeeJay Punk-Roc scratches a mean record to get you moving.

The song begins with a saxophone solo. Then Punk-Roc scratches in some Fearless Four and their song "Rappin' and Rockin' in the House," which mixes in with a funky

baseline and a piano that recedes in sound from key to key.

The hip-hop songs stand out on the album as the best dance songs.

"No Meaning," another jazzy hip-hop song, also begins with some jazzy horns and places a beat any rapper would want to bust some rhymes to. The funky beat grooves on, while piano keys are slammed and a record is scratched.

The song has a great beat, and DeeJay Punk-Roc scratches in a male voice intoning "rebellion, chaos." Incidentally, the message of the world has no meaning, but the funk does.

The hip-hop beats all have a slower tempo and aren't just loud noise like the punk songs; these songs have a real rhythm to them.

Another good hip-hop song is "The World is My Ashtray." This track combines great jazz piano and some soothing female vocals, although the song falls short to the other hip-hop tunes.

Another good song is "All You Ladies," a song with a Beastie Boys "Paul's Boutique"

sound of grinding digital bass and snare drums. The song then moves into some digital keyboard and cymbals that Melle Melle would be rapping over.

The punk songs are really fast and hit you in the head repeatedly with a loud club-sounding baseline that gets old really quickly.

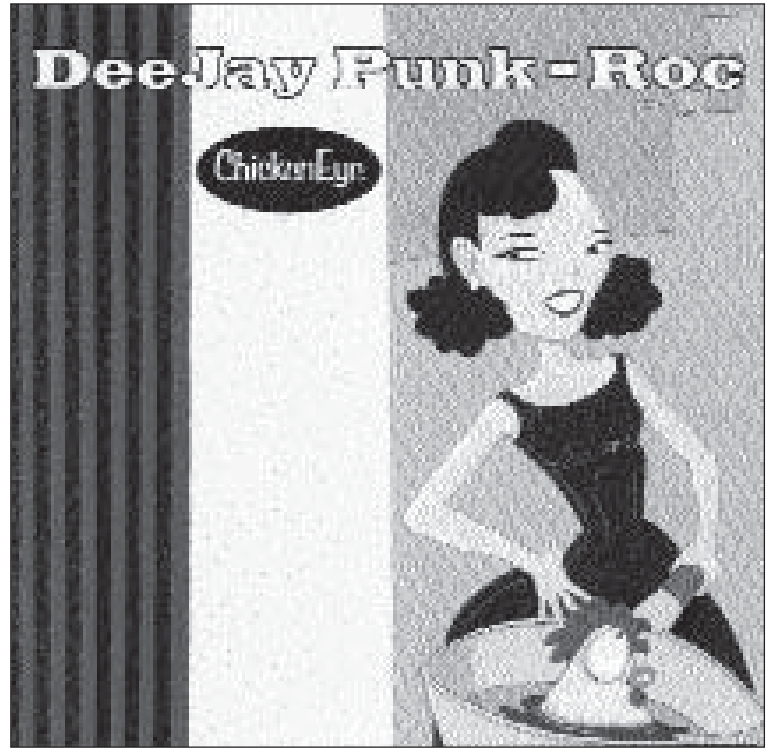
The songs will have you stop dancing midway through and go get a drink or some fresh air if at a party.

But the best club song is "Busted Speaker," which begins with a guy talking to a speaker store about his son blowing out a speaker.

This is periodically scratched in with a lot of other talking, singing and grunting that mixes well with a space-age digital beat.

The song has a good dance beat that the other punk songs miss.

A lot of interesting things are blended into each song on the album, including a screaming girl, clarinet, police operator and a rap that is so bad it makes Will Smith look like Nas.



These things all work because they differentiate each song. Not every track is a great dance song, but they are originally mixed and cooked up to be as strange as ChickenEye Pie.

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It's all about testicles

Travel to the dark recesses of the turkey this Thanksgiving as Friends hosts its Sixth Annual Turkey Testicle Festival

by **jessica sedgwick**
Associate Verge editor

Before you make plans Saturday to watch the Real World Marathon, consider this: jammin' to a blues band, donating food cans, winning prizes and munching on some finger-lickin', deep-fried turkey testicles.

That's right. It's the part of the turkey you and your parents do not talk about. And Friends & Co.'s Sixth Annual Turkey Testicle Festival gives you the chance to try them.

"This is the midwest. Everything is fried. I could fry my right shoe and it would taste good," said Shannon Sherwood, owner of Friends & Co. "So I decided to make it turkey testicles."

A logical choice? Some would not think so. But for others, the testicles have become a tradition.

"Some people come exclusively for the testicles. They're considered a delicacy by some people," Sherwood said.

But if trying new body parts isn't your thing, the Reverend Robert Blues Band will be bringing the best of the blues to their favorite testicle eaters.



Photo courtesy of Shannon Sherwood

Tim Manning, J. Sain and John Paul Mercev, all Eastern alumni, relax and joke at a past Turkey Testicle Festival. The event has become a Thanksgiving tradition over the last six years for some students who aren't afraid to munch on some crunchy turkey testicles.

"They bring people out every year because they are a great band. They're a band that's embodied the turkey testicle festival," Sherwood said. "I would really hesitate getting any other band. They've become a part of it."

Robert Reynolds, lead singer of the band and junior history major, said, "It's usually one of the best crowds we play in front of each year. For a gig, it's pretty relaxed."

Relaxed, maybe, but you will see no slow dancing here. Be

help the less fortunate around the holidays. Each person must bring canned food.

With each food item brought, a ticket will be put into a raffle to win special Miller brand items. Last year, the grand prize was a gas grill, but this year's prizes will

remain a secret. The food items will go to Charleston's Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"It's a really phenomenal organization in town. They do so much wonderful work," Sherwood said. "I want to encourage everyone to bring food."

"Anything non-perishable - we'll take it ... If you bring a bag of cans, we'll estimate and give you 25 raffle tickets."

Specialized Turkey Testicle Festival t-shirts will be sold to help capture this moment. The money for those t-shirts will also go toward the Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Last year, the food went to a local food drive and the money went to Eastern's Haiti Connection. "It was global last year; this year it's staying local," Sherwood said.

Doors open at 11 a.m. The Reverend Robert Blues Band will be giving people the blues from 1 to 5 p.m.

The price to get in is canned food (all non-perishable items, please), although Sherwood asks you to bring as many canned goods as you can.

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STAFF needed in small residential sites serving 4-6 residents with developmental disabilities. Monday through Friday evening and midnight shifts or weekend shifts available. Flexible scheduling also available. No experience necessary. Paid training is provided. Applications may be obtained at CCAR Industries, 825 18th Street, Charleston, IL 61920. E.O.E.

12/14 **STOP HERE!** We have evenings shifts available. Guaranteed \$6.00/hr. Looking for energetic students to work on variety of programs. Build your resume with this great opportunity. Call Amy at 348-5250 for an interview.

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Nanny Opportunities! Earn money for college while experiencing another area of the country. Immediate placement opportunities. Earn \$250-\$400 per week, plus room, board, and airfare. Call Childcrest at 1-800-937-NANI, for more information and a free brochure.

11/20 Looking for career minded individuals for sales positions. **NO COLD CALLING!! SALES LEADS PROVIDED!!** Unique opportunity for the right individual. Make money while still in college with little time output. Established company. Benefits provided. Any major. Send resume to: Human Resources Dept., P.O. Box 892, Charleston, IL 61920.

12/14 Motivated, caring, and dependable person needed to fill morning 6-12 M-F Housekeeping position. Position also includes working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Paid training provided. Apply in person at Tull House, 1911 18th Street, Charleston, 345-3552.

11/17 **Advertising Reps needed** at the Daily Eastern News. Must be motivated and interested in sales. Apply at 1802 Buzzard.

12/14 \$700 reward for each name of 10 guys waiting to assault me outside of Stu's after close on October 3rd. One man knocked me out from behind. Leave assumed name & alias at (217) 935-8881 Ext. 3427. For each correct name \$700.00.

11/30 **AVAIL FT. SOCIAL SERVICE COOR., MUST HAVE EXCEL. ORG. AND PLANNING SKILLS. WILL SERVE A LIAISON TO COMMUNITY AND POSSESS RECRUITMENT ABILITIES. COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED. ABILITY TO WORK AS A TEAM PLAYER MEETING NEEDS OF D.D. POPULATION 2YR. DEGREE PREFERRED BUT WILL TRAIN QUALIFIED INDIV. EXCEL. BENE. PKG. APPLY IN PERSON OR SEND RESUME TO P.O. BOX 738 18TH STREET CHARLESTON.**

11/20 \$1500 weekly potential mailing our circulars. No experience required. Free information packet. Call 202-452-5942. 12/14

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Whoever said "going to work" had to be boring and ordinary? Heritage Residential Alternatives offers a new and rewarding experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Your concern can make a difference while you make excellent pay!! FT/PT positions available now! Life/Health/Dental/401K for ft and competitive starting salary, flexible scheduling. **HABILITATION AIDES/CNA'S, P.T. ASSISTANT, ACTIVITY AIDES, NURSES/LPN'S.** 2nd and 3rd shifts, Flex time available, Full training including state certification. \$6.80-8.61 per hour. Send resume or applications to: Human Resources, 738 18th St., Charleston, IL., 61920. Walk-ins welcome. E.O.E. "All things are possible to those who believe."

11/20 Cellular One is seeking a part-time customer representative to work 25-30 hrs. per week. Flexible hours, some Saturday's. Bring resume to 632 W. Lincoln, Charleston.

11/18 **Attention Students.** Looking for work on Christmas Break? RGIS Inventory Specialists is seeking dependable people to take inventory in retail stores in Chicago's North Suburbs. No experience necessary. Start at \$8:00/per hour. Call now to schedule interview during Thanksgiving Break. 847-296-3031 equal opportunity employer.

Adoption

Loving Childless Couple in St. Louis hopes to adopt a baby. Can help with doctor bills. Call Debra Cruise Cobb at 618-692-6300 regarding Keith & Kim.

For Rent

All new apt. mid-town Mattoon, 2br. w/vaulted ceiling, carpet, A.C., water, trash p.u. inc. \$475 mo. Ref. 348-8406.

12/14 **Rooms for Rent-Women Only.** Next semester and Fall 99 Large House Fully Furn. 1bk from union. \$230.99 mo. Inc util & A/C, House-345-5692/Pat Novak (708) 789+3772. 12/14

For Rent

2 Bdrm Duplex for \$385. Water & Trash pd., DR, Utility Room. N-side of square lg. apartment w/sky light. 4-people \$215 each. 348-7733.

11/13 Nice, close to campus houses. For 99-2000 school yr. No pets. \$235 mo. 12 mo. lease. Call 345-3148.

12/14 For Rent. Bedroom with kitchen & laundry privileges. Utilities paid. Close to campus. Girls only. Call 345-5456.

11/17 **Female Sublessors** needed for a house. Close to campus. Start anytime. 345-7356.

11/20 **SPRING SEMESTER 1 & 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS IN OLDETOWNE.** CALL 345-6533.

12/14 Room available in house shared with 3 other people. \$225/month. Call 897-6266, leave message.

11/16 Available Spring. Brand New! 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Apartments. Across from Carmen Hall 450 a month. 348-5032.

12/9 Nice, large 6 bedroom home for 7 people. 2 bathrooms, washer, dryer, central air. Near Lantz on 1st Street. Call 345-6967.

11/16 **SPRING 1999: NO LEASE, FREE FOOD, UTILITIES, LAUNDRY. FURNISHED ROOM FOR NS FEMALE.** CALL FOR INTERVIEW. 345-1284.

11/13 **McArthur Manor Apartments.** 2 Bedroom furnished. No pets. Call 345-2231.

12/14 **SPRING SEMESTER. NEW 3 BEDROOM DUPLEX BEING BUILT 1/2 BLOCK FROM CAMPUS. AVAILABLE JANUARY 1ST FOR 3 FEMALES.** 820 LINCOLN ST. 348-7746.

Sublessors

Spring 1999: Sublessor(s) needed for 3 bedroom apartment. \$165/month. Close to campus. 348-3852.

11/13 **SUBLESSOR NEEDED:** NEWLY REMODELED 1 BEDROOM. PLEASE CALL ALICE FOR DETAILS-345-8817.

CampusClips

MATH ENERGY. General Meeting on Monday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in Coleman Auditorium. Jan Granse will present a hands on activity with tessellation. Please bring a small bottle of elmer's glue and a pencil.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. Fall Informational this Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m. in the Shelbyville room. Dress attire please. For more info. call the Zeta House @ 7089.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY. Mock L-SAT on Saturday, November 14.

THE COUNSELING CENTER. Life Skills Workshop on Monday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room, MLK Union. "Going Home for the Holidays!" presented by Dr. Genie Lenihan, Psychology Dept. Come learn new ways to handle home life after being away at college, so the Holidays can be happy!!!

WESLEY FOUNDATION. Lighthouse tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Basement of the Wesley Foundation, 2202 4th Street. The Lighthouse is open for dancing, talking, meeting friends, etc. There is no cover charge and no age restriction if you're a student at EIU or Lake Land. **Have Fun TONIGHT!**

WESLEY FOUNDATION. Sunday "Cent" Supper on Sunday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, across 4th from Lawson Hall. Put in a penny or whatever you want and have a basically Free meal every Sunday evening. At the end of the semester, the money is sent to help feed the hungry. Come on over and make some new friends too!

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CENTER. Work Day today from 3 p.m to 5 p.m. Meet at the Newman Center (9th and Lincoln) at 2:45 p.m.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CENTER. Thanksgiving Baskets, Sunday, November 15, at 1 p.m. at the Newman Center. Help assemble and deliver food baskets. Come at 1 p.m. Bring a friend (and a car if you have one)!

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER. Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Newman Chapel. The Newman Chapel is on the corner of 9th and Lincoln.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER. Mass on Sunday, November 15, at 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. in Coleman Auditorium.

COFFEETALK. Today at 8 p.m. in Thomas Hall Lobby. Tonight we will be featuring the band One Night Stand. This event is free.

DELTA SIGMA PI. Mandatory Meeting today for Actives at 6:30 p.m. and for Pledges at 7 p.m. Actives need to go to Lumpkin Hall, Room 127. Pledges need to go to Lumpkin Hall, Room 119. Dress Professional.

UNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES. Choir practice today at 6 p.m. in the Charleston Church of Alliance. Come prepared to sing--after practice we will sing for revival. Bring robes. If you have any questions call Rashida at 581-2064.

THOMAS HALL. Food Drive November 11-November 19 at Thomas Hall. Please support Thomas Hall Food Drive by bringing non perishable food items and dropping them off in the marked boxes.

PLEASE NOTE: Campus Clips are run free of charge ONE DAY ONLY for any non-profit, campus organizational event. No parties or fundraising activities and events will be printed. All clips should be submitted to The Daily Eastern News office by noon ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE DATE OF EVENT. Example: an event scheduled for Thursday should be submitted as a Campus Clip by NOON by Wednesday. (Thursday is deadline for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday events.) Clips submitted AFTER DEADLINE WILL NOT be published. No clips will be taken by phone. Any clip that is illegible or contains conflicting information WILL NOT BE RUN. Clips may be edited for available space.

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<p>42 Kind of dog</p> <p>43 Jazz chord</p> <p>44 Chymical's change</p> <p>45 Plain look</p> <p>46 STRUG</p> <p>47 Fermi last-ell</p> <p>48 With the</p> <p>49 Things</p> <p>50 Carthrum post</p> <p>51 Well-chosen</p> <p>52 Eye in new</p>	<p>53 Requisite</p> <p>54 Bug</p> <p>55 Chymical's change</p> <p>56 Break the Tenth Commandment</p> <p>57 Time</p>	<p>58 Uarda's Nowhere, system</p> <p>59 Christian of "Creative of Film"</p> <p>60 Coxy article</p>
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<p>Sublessors</p> <p>Sublessor needed for Spring '99. 4 bedroom house, own bedroom, really nice, fully furnished. Near campus. \$225/month. Call 345-1233. 11/16</p> <p>Male or Female Sublessor wanted Spring 1999. Own room in big house. \$175 per month. 345-6838. 11/16</p> <p>Sublessor needed in 4 BDRM house. Own BDRM. \$170/mo. Close to campus. Call Tina/Bryan. 345-5412. Leave message. 11/19</p> <p>Large private room, share living areas with one person. 9th Street across from Health Services. \$225 per mo. Call 348-7643 Allen or Aaron. 11/18</p> <p>1 or 2 females need for fall '99 Semester. Very close to campus. Own phone, room, and washer and dryer. Call 348-3052 for more information. 11/20</p> <p>One bedroom Apartment available Dec '98. Rent negotiable. 348-1290. 11/17</p> <p>Female Sublessor: Spring 1999 Beautiful house 1 1/2 block from campus! Own room! \$195/month + utilities. Must See! Call 348-6465. 11/13</p>	<p>Sublessors</p> <p>Sublessor needed for Spring '99. Own bedroom in 3-bedroom apartment. Close to campus. Call 348-6650. 11/17</p> <p>Female sublessor needed in Spring '99. Own room in house just off campus. 1528 2nd street. Call Michelle at 348-6248. 12/3</p> <p>Spring '99. Large 2 BDRM for 1-3. Close to campus. W/D. Balcony. 348-5195. 11/13</p> <p>Need female for Sp. '99 to share new apartment with 3 other girls. Close to campus. Call Ashle at 345-2127. 11/30</p> <p>Sublessors needed for three bedroom house low rest/utilities. Good location. Avail. Sp. '99. 345-5554. 11/20</p> <p>Spring '99 Sublessor Needed. New 1 bedroom apt. Close to campus. Call Pat 345-1651. 11/16</p> <p>Sublessor needed for Sp. '99. Close to campus own room/extremely low rent-Call Corby 348-3071. 11/20</p> <p>Female Roommate needed for Spring 99 in Brand New 7th St. Apts. Low Rent. Call 345-6863. 12/14</p>	<p>Sublessors</p> <p>Female sublessor needed. Spring semester. Own room. Close to campus. 348-6611. 12/4</p> <p>Travel</p> <p>SPRINGBREAK Florida, Texas, Cancun, Mexico, Jamaica, etc. Browse www.icpt.com and call 800-327-6013. Best hotels, prices and parties. Reps, organizations, and promoters wanted. Inter-Campus Programs. 11/20</p>	<p>Travel</p> <p>SPRING BREAK-PLAN NOW! Cancun, Jamaica, Mazatlan, & S. Padre. Best Prices Guaranteed 14 Free Meals & Free Parties. Campus sales reps wanted. Earn free trips & cash. 1.800.SURFS.UP. www.student-express.com. 11/13</p> <p>For Sale</p> <p>MTX speakers \$100. Home Theater \$150. turntable.stylus \$40. 348-1769/ 12/14</p>	<p>For Sale</p> <p>WORD PROCESSING SOFTWARE!!! CHEAP!!! BRAND NEW XYWRITE WORD PROCESSING SOFTWARE ONLY \$5.00. CONTACT BETSY AT 1802 BUZZARD HALL - STUDENT PUBLICATIONS OFFICE OR CALL 581-2812. 12/14</p> <p>Pioneer sub. woofer and AMP for car. Six months old \$75 OBO. 234-8986. 11/16</p> <p>1988 Yamaha Scooter. Good condition. low miles. runs great. Must Sell. \$500 o.b.o. Call 348-5624. 11/20</p>	<p>For Sale</p> <p>EZ FINANCE. NEED A COMPUTER? SHORT ON CASH? TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR NATIONAL STUDENT COMPUTER SALES CAMPAIGN. WE OFFER COMPLETE SYSTEMS & LAPTOPS! FACULTY ALSO WELCOME. 800-347-8319. 11/13</p> <p>Personals</p> <p>Congrats to Meg McNichols on receiving Most Outstanding New Member, and Gemma Husslebee and Colleen Klein for being chosen most enthusiastic. You girls make wonderful Alpha Phi's. Love, your sisters. 11/13</p> <p>Mandy Boker of AST, Congrats on getting lavaliered to Jack Glass of Delta Chi at Northern. Your sisters are so proud of you! 11/13</p> <p>Casey Miller of Lambda Chi, Thanks for being an awesome Sigma man. Formals gonna rock! Get excited. Love, the Sig Kaps. 11/13</p> <p>Sig Kaps-Get ready for an awesome formal this weekend! 11/13</p> <p>Brett Gilliland, You finally made it! Happy 21st Birthday on Saturday! Get ready for a crazy weekend! Love, Julie. 11/13</p> <p>ANNE ZYLSTRA OF ALPHA GAMMA DELTA-One more day until Activation! Your Guardian Angel can't wait to meet you! 11/13</p> <p>EASTSIDE PACKAGE WEEK-END SPECIALS BUD/BUD LT. 12 BTLS. \$7.29 MICH/MICH LT. 6 BTLS \$3.99 COORS ORIG. 12 CANS \$3.99 BEST, LT, ICE 24 CANS \$7.99 CAPT MORG. 750 ML \$9.99 GORDONS V. 1.75L \$10.99 EASTSIDE PACKAGE 18TH AND JACKSON AVE. 345-5722. 11/13</p> <p>Lambda Chi Sideout Team, Best of Luck on Saturday! We're going to WIN! Love your coaches, Jen and Julie. 11/13</p> <p>Meghan Waterous-Happy 19th Birthday! Party like you're 21!! Love, Jen and Kati. 11/13</p>
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FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FALL 1998

FINAL TIME/DAY	MON 14-DEC-98	TUE 15-DEC-98	WED 16-DEC-98	THU 17-DEC-98	FRI 18-DEC-98
8:00-10:00	M 0900 (9:00AM)	T 0800 (8:00AM) makeup/arranged	T 0900 (9:00AM) T 0930 (9:30 AM)	M 0800 (8:00AM)	makeup/arranged
10:15-12:15	T 1000 (10:00AM) makeup/arranged	M 1100 (11:00AM)	M 1000 (10:00AM)	T 1100 (11:00 AM)	makeup/arranged
12:30- 2:30	T 1200 (noon) T 1230 (12:30 PM) T 1240 (12:40 PM)	M 1300 (1:00PM)	T 1300 (1:00PM) T 1330 (1:30PM) makeup/arranged	M 1200 (noon)	
2:45- 4:45	M 1400 (2:00PM)	T 1400 (2:00PM)	M 1500 (3:00 PM)	T 1500 (3:00 PM) makeup/arranged	
5:15- 7:15	M 1600 (4:00 PM) M 1700 (5:00 PM) makeup/arranged	T 1600 (4:00PM) T 1700 (5:00PM) makeup/arranged	W 1600 (4:00PM) W 1700 (5:00 PM) makeup/arranged	R 1600 (4:00PM) R 1700 (5:00PM) makeup/arranged	
7:30- 9:30	M 1800 (6:00PM) M 1900 (7:00PM) makeup/arranged	T 1800 (6:00PM) T 1900 (7:00PM) makeup/arranged	W 1800 (6:00PM) W 1900 (7:00PM) makeup/arranged	R 1800 (6:00PM) R 1900 (7:00PM)	

1. Final examinations are scheduled on the basis of the first class hour meeting of the week. This is irrespective of whether the first hour is a lecture or laboratory.
2. Final examinations for multiple-hour classes are scheduled on the basis of the first hour of the multiple-hour block.
3. "M", "T", "W", or "R" prefixes indicate the day on which the first class meeting of the week occurs - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. For example, R 1600 (4:00pm) designates a course which has its first meeting of the week at 4:00pm, Thursday.
4. Final examination periods indicated in the above schedule as "makeup/arranged" are to be used in cases where:
 - a. The first class hour meeting of the week does not conform to one of the patterns in this schedule,
 - b. The meeting time of the class appears in the Class Schedule as "ARR", or
 - c. A student obtains an approved examination change.
5. Final examinations in one semester hour courses may be given at the discretion of the instructor and, if given, should be scheduled for the last regular class meeting of the term.
6. Final examinations in courses numbered 4750 or above may be given at the discretion of the instructor and, if given, should be scheduled to conform to the pattern contained in this schedule.
7. Final examinations are to be given in all courses unless specifically exempted under the provisions of #5 or #6 above, or by departmental recommendation.
8. Students may not deviate from the published final examination schedule without the prior approval of the instructor in accordance with guidelines monitored by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
9. Instructors may not deviate from the published final examination schedule without the written approval of the Department Chair and Dean of the College in accordance with guidelines monitored by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Frank Hohengarten, Dean
Enrollment Management

Official notices

Official notices are paid for by the Office of University Publications. Questions concerning notices should be directed to the originator.

SPRING REGISTRATION REMINDER

If you have not registered for Spring, you should do so immediately. Complete information is in the schedule bulletin, which is available in the Registration Office. You must register no later than December 7 to avoid being charged a \$25 late fee. Micheal D. Taylor, Registrar

SPRING CLASSES/UNCLEAR RECORDS

If you register for Spring Semester, your record must be clear with all University offices BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 OR YOUR SPRING CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED. Micheal D. Taylor, Registrar

FINAL EXAM CHANGES

Students who have three final examinations scheduled for one day may change the date of one of the final examinations with the approval of the INSTRUCTOR. Requests for changes for medical or personal emergencies may also be considered. In cases not resolved between the student and the instructor, the Dean, Enrollment Management, Room 116 Old Main, will resolution. Students are discouraged from requesting instructors to deviate from the published examination schedule. Reasons of personal convenience such as work, transportation arrangements or vacation plans, do not constitute grounds for approval of examination change requests. Dr. Hohengarten, Dean, Enrollment Management

TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMS

All applications for Illinois teaching certificates (or administrative or school service personnel certificates) must pass the Illinois Certification Tests before being issued a certificate. These consist of a Basic Skills Test and a subject-matter examination. It is suggested that the Basic Skills Test be taken early in one's college career and the subject exam be taken after the completion of all or most of the courses in one's major. Since these tests are given only four times each year, interested individuals should be aware of the dates and deadlines listed below. Anyone having questions concerning these exams, or needing registration forms, study guides, or assistance, may contact the College of Education and Professional Studies in Buzzard Hall, Rm. 1420.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Score Report Date
October 3, 1998	August 21, 1998	November 13, 1998
January 9, 1999	November 27, 1998	February 19, 1999
April 10, 1999	February 26, 1999	May 21, 1999
July 10, 1999	May 28, 1999	August 20, 1999

Dr. Kathlene Shank--Certification Officer, College of Education and Professional Studies

PERKINS/NDL BORROWERS

If you are graduating or do not plan to be at least a half-time student at EIU next semester, it is mandatory to complete an exit interview. Failure to do so will result in a COMPLETE HOLD being placed on your University record. Interviews will be held in the office of Student Accounts, South side Old Main, Cashier's entrance on November 30, December 2, 8, and 10. CALL 217-581-3715 TO SCHEDULE YOUR EXIT INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT.

Laura Gesell--Collections Specialist III

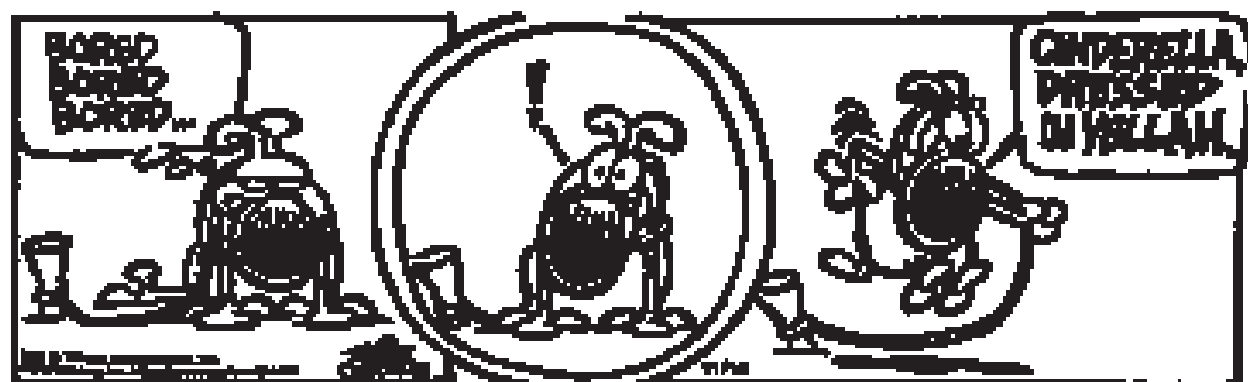
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'Dreams' turn to nightmares

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STUDENT APPRECIATION SALE At Dale Bayles on Campus. 30% off EIU merchandise including a full line of EIU clothing for kids. Lots of Mom and Dad merchandise. 2 DAYS ONLY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. Shop early for X-mas savings.

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One thing that has constantly puzzled me about Robin Williams is his ability to be so successful in dramatic roles. Williams has undoubtedly proven his skills as a gifted comic through his stand-up career and his typically hilarious appearances on "Comic Relief," but his comedic films have often fizzled ("Jack?" "Survivors?"). With his performance in "What Dreams May Come" (rated PG-13), Williams rises to the dramatic challenge once again – and succeeds.

Williams plays Chris Nielsen, a pediatrician who loves kids, his wife, and life. He met his wife Annie (Annabella Sciorra of "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle") while sailing in Italy, and the two instantly connected. The film opens with a hasty history of their dream-like relationship and marriage, one that seems too good to be true.

It is. Chris and Annie lose their kids to a car crash, sending Annie into a deep depression from which she never really recovers. Sciorra's performance is absolutely anguish-ridden; we can feel her character's pain completely.

Just when life couldn't get any worse, Chris is killed in yet another car wreck. The bulk of the film centers on Chris's experiences in the afterlife where his old friend Albert (Oscar winner Cuba Gooding, Jr.) shows him the ins and outs of being dead.

Albert explains that Heaven is different for everyone in it; every soul has their own particular vision of what Heaven should be. Chris's Heaven is a conglomeration of Annie's oil paintings. He lives in a house painted by his wife, set in a mountain valley from the same painting.

This personal vision of Heaven stands as the film's greatest asset, a startling visual achievement brought to life by production designer Eugenio Zanetti (who won an Oscar in 1996 for his work in "Restoration") and cinematographer Eduardo Serra ("The Wings of the Dove"). Everything Chris touches turns to oil paint in his hands, and the entire landscape has an otherworldly quality that makes for some breathtaking moments.

But even in Heaven, Chris cannot be happy. He is without his children and his wife, and has trouble coping with the afterlife. Things only get worse when his tortured wife gives up, committing suicide.

Now begins Chris's great journey to Hell. Albert tells Chris that people who commit suicide go to Hell because they don't know they are dead (or don't realize it), not because suicides are deemed as evil. With the help of a man called The Tracker (the great Max von Sydow of "The Exorcist"), Chris sets out to save his wife's soul.

Pretty cool idea for a movie, isn't it? Unfortunately, the film gets bogged down by its choppy narrative, one told primarily through flashbacks as Chris gets flashes of



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Chris Nielsen (Robin Williams) delves into his wife's lush paintings in the movie "What Dreams May Come." Nielsen dies in a freak car accident and chooses his wife's paintings as his personal Heaven.

his life while traveling through Heaven and Hell. The film's weak delivery is surprising considering it comes from Ron Bass, who wrote the screenplay for "Rain Man" and based this one upon the novel by Richard Matheson. The film can get confusing at times, and the flashbacks detract from the film even when they involve touching, heart-tugging scenes (which they often do).

Even without a tight script, director Vincent Ward ("Map of the Human Heart") is able to pull off a very intriguing film by way of its spectacular visuals and a

truly inspiring performance from Robin Williams. He won an Oscar last year for his work in "Good Will Hunting," a better film than "What Dreams May Come," but his work here represents his very best. Williams displays genuine emotion and heartbreak here and rarely tries to be his usual wacky self. There are very few jokes in the film, and that serves Williams well because it allows him to totally immerse himself in the drama this film demands.

Cuba Gooding, Jr. once again does the best he can with what he is given; as always, he plays a charming

character with a strong will. And Annabella Sciorra, normally doomed to being in lightweight comedies and bad thrillers, will likely get a lot more job offers for big films after displaying the extent of her acting abilities in this film. All of the acting here is first-rate.

But "What Dreams May Come" still feels like a lost opportunity. This storyline and these actors could have made for one of the best films of the year; let alone a classic film for the ages. But something just doesn't feel right here; the emotion inherent in the story can sometimes be too much to bear, and the ending is certainly too conventional and happy.

Despite its failure to be completely successful, "What Dreams May Come" still warrants being seen in a theater. The lush depiction of Heaven and the shocking, apocalyptic look at Hell are things we haven't seen at the movies before; sights that will probably command a few technical Academy Awards in March. It's just a shame that Robin Williams's best performance is in a film that couldn't give him its all.

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