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STUDENT SENATE

Happy Birthday, Mr. President

Berger turns 21, elected new student body president

By AMY SIMPSON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Interaction Party swept the Student Government executive board election, receiving 3,779 votes of the total 8,873 combined for executive positions.

"I'm kind of in shock. I know we're going to get so much done next year."

JILLIAN RUDDY,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
BUSINESS AFFAIRS

"This is the best 21st birthday, honestly, that anyone could ask for," Berger said.

Berger added that his favorite part of campaigning the past two days was walking students under an umbrella to and from class talking about the election and student issues.

Student Government Executive Board

- ♦ Ryan Berger - Student Body President - 634 votes
- ♦ Andrew Berger - Student Executive Vice President - 624 votes
- ♦ Chelsea Frederick - Student Vice President for Academic Affairs - 953 votes
- ♦ Keila Lacy - Student Vice President for Student Affairs - 645 votes
- ♦ Jillian Ruddy - Student Vice President for Business Affairs - 923 votes

"It was pouring rain," Berger said. "I was soaked, but it was worth every second just talking with (students)."

Nearly 2,000 students voted in the election, a number nearing twice as many as the average 1,200 to 1,300 for spring elections.

Results were announced at 10 p.m. Wednesday, following the Student Senate meeting, which ended at approximately 8:10 p.m. Another tally machine had to be brought in to count the ballots after the first broke down part of the way through the counting process, which started around 5 p.m. after the polls closed.

After almost two hours of waiting in and around the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, candidates were more than ready to hear the results.

Each of the members of the winning

Student Senate Members

- ♦ On Campus:
Justin Doty - 754 votes; Cerra Wilson - 713 votes; JC Miller - 707 votes
- ♦ Off Campus:
Adam Howell - 980 votes; Jesse Wu - 886 votes; Erin Morettes - 911 votes; Benjamin Jay Marcy - 825 votes; Myla Bradford - 893 votes; Jill David - 949 votes
- ♦ At Large:
Angela Zartuche - 782 votes; Kenny Kozik - 748 votes; Kristen Field - 771 votes; Kraig Koch - 747 votes; Dirk Muffler - 803 votes; Heather Janik - 739 votes

party was speechless at first, responding only with eager smiles.

"I'm so excited," said Keila Lacy, vice president for Student Affairs. "I'm just truly dedicated and committed to enhancing diversity on campus and representing the students in a positive manner."

Chelsea Frederick, vice president for Academic Affairs, said she is happy to see the hard work of the group finally pay off.

"We've really dotted our I's and crossed our T's," Frederick said.

Andrew Berger, executive vice president, agreed the election "couldn't have worked out any better."

"I'm kind of in shock," said Jillian Ruddy, vice president for Business Affairs. "I know we're going to get so much done next year."



RYAN BERGER
STUDENT BODY
PRESIDENT



ANDREW BERGER
VICE PRESIDENT



CHELSEA FREDRICK
VICE PRESIDENT
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



KEILA LACY
VICE PRESIDENT
STUDENT AFFAIRS



JILLIAN RUDDY
VICE PRESIDENT
BUSINESS AFFAIRS

TIF fund benefits square

By HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

Charleston's tax increment financing fund has been helping to better conditions around the square since Jan. 1, 1987.

The TIF fund, as it is commonly referred to, was already in place when Mayor Dan Cougill entered office 12 years ago, but he wasn't happy with the way it was being run.

"When I first took office, the tif had been going on for some time, but it was really political," Cougill said. "We decided to make a committee of people who lived in the district to look at applications."

People who want to make use of the tif fund must submit applications for the committee, which is headed by City Planner Jeff Finley, to review. The committee then prioritizes the applications and determines what type of funding should be awarded: a grant, loan or both, said Charleston City Council member Larry Rennels. Usually a combination of half grant and half loan is approved, he said.

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Dishing out diversity outside the classroom

By BILL SCHAFER
STAFF WRITER

During the past three years, approximately 2,500 students have walked through the halls of the Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression."

This year, the Committee for Social Justice and Diversity Education, a part of University Housing and Dining Services, has continued its tradition of bringing the Museum of Oppression to the attention of students, faculty and the community.

Lori Vozari, associate resident director of Pemberton Hall, along with several committee members, has helped with the production of the museum.

The purpose of the museum is to educate people at Eastern about the numerous effects of oppression, Vozari said. Vozari said she also hopes the museum will allow for discussion and get people to talk about the feelings they experienced after visiting the museum.

"Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression" has 17 different stations, each filled with facts and sto-

"I noticed a lot about what words people say and use but don't necessarily understand their effects on someone else."

TERESA HOUSTON, SOPHOMORE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MAJOR

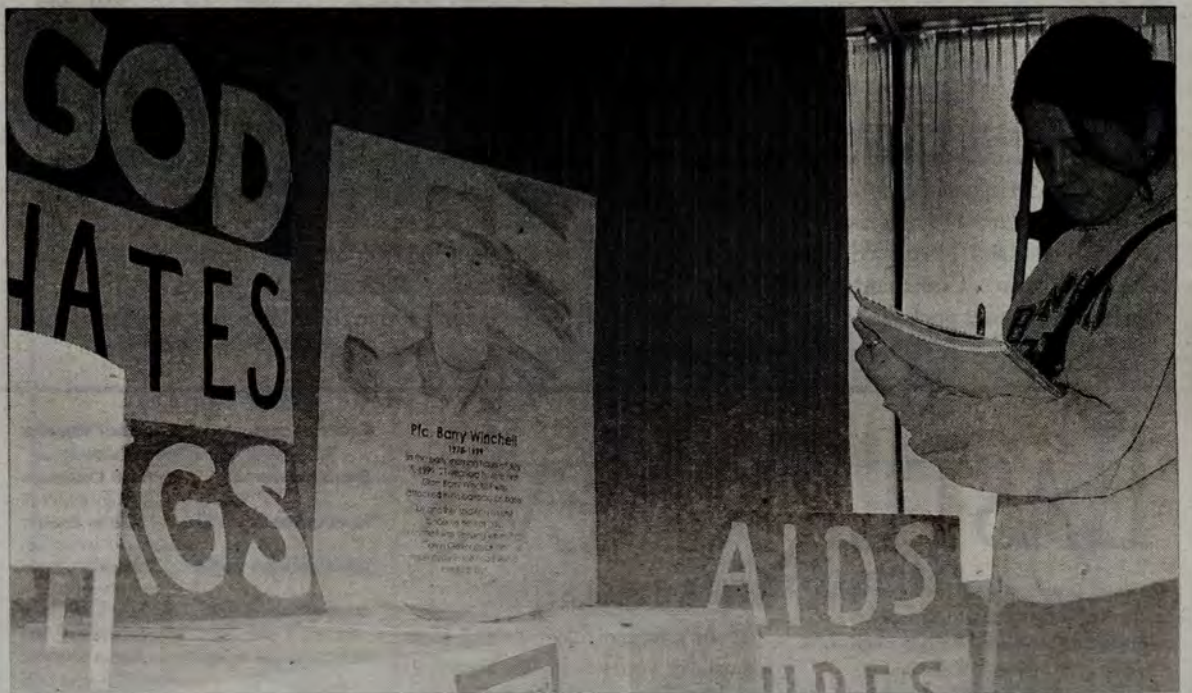
ries related to important social topics. These topics include racism, fair trade, homelessness, veterans, homosexuality, domestic violence and women's rights.

Teresa Houston, a sophomore career and technical education major, thinks the museum is an important part of out-of-classroom education.

"I think (the museum) opens a lot of people's eyes," Houston said. "You don't always know what's going on, and I think it's important to see what (oppression) is like."

Houston recalls what she thinks is the most important example of oppression in the museum.

"I noticed a lot about what words people say and use but don't necessar-



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Cat Nigg, a freshman elementary education major, takes notes for her English and Diversity class during her walk through Beyond Words: The Museum of Oppression Wednesday afternoon at the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

ily understand their effects on someone else," Houston said.

"Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression" is hosted by the

Committee for Social Justice and Diversity Education, and University Housing and Dining Services. The museum will be open for viewing

between 12 and 9 p.m. on April 14 and from 12 to 4 p.m. on April 15 in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
65
41
Sunny

FRIDAY
68
42
Sunny

SATURDAY
71
49
Mostly sunny

SUNDAY
72
53
Few Showers

MONDAY
73
54
Partly cloudy

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

CAMPUS CALENDAR

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Book Sale, Booth Library Quad.

The library's annual book sale was postponed due to rain April 12 and rescheduled for today. A large selection of donated books will be for sale. Selections include hardcovers, paperbacks and magazines in all subject areas. Come early for the best selection.

10 a.m. - noon Photoshop Help Session. CATS Training Lab, McAfee 1214.

This session has no format. It is a follow-up session for anyone who has further questions about Adobe Photoshop after having taken TECnet's Adobe Photoshop Part 1 and Part 2 workshops. Advanced registration is required to attend all TECnet training events. To register, go online to <http://cats.eiu.edu/training/registration/workshops.asp>.

3 - 4 p.m. Find Information Fast at Booth Library, Booth Library Classroom.

This is a free tutorial session providing tips on how to use library materials to find information. This session is intended to help students and others become comfortable with selection and use of print and electronic resources.

5 p.m. Residence Hall Association Meeting, Andrews Hall Basement Lobby.

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES



NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Author attacks system

EVANSTON — Poor children are being deprived of educational opportunity, legendary education activist Jonathan Kozol said on Tuesday night.

When he makes those statements, Kozol said he thinks of Mario, a kindergartner with a face that looked like an olive with a smile painted on it, who is featured in one of Kozol's many books.

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More than \$5K raised

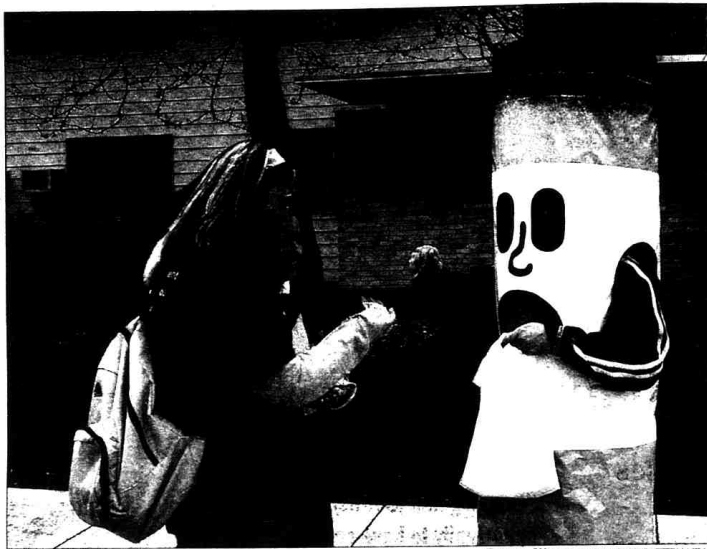
DEKALB — Northern Illinois University's Delta Zeta sorority raised about \$5,300 for Gallaudet University and the National Center for Hearing Assessment Management Tuesday night at its philanthropy, Dream Man and Greek Goddess 2005.

Brad Sweet, a Sigma Phi Epsilon member and Megan Knight, a Sigma Kappa member, both played their way to success on the piano, becoming this year's Dream Man and Greek Goddess.

Contestants from 11 greek chapters dressed in their best swimwear and performed a variety of acts to exhibit their talents. Contestants also participated in a question and answer portion.

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BUTT OUT!



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Diane Davis, a senior health studies major, hands out bracelets to Erin Morettes, a sophomore recreation administration major, left, and Jillian Ruddy, a sophomore elementary education major in the north quad Wednesday. The Butts Out program encouraged faculty and students to pick up their cigarette butts.

WTF?

Corpse's head stolen

MORRISVILLE, Vt. — A 17-year-old Morrisville youth was being held on \$100,000 bail after police said he raided a tomb in a cemetery and removed a head from a corpse.

"We had a person voice their concerns about information they had heard on the street," said Chief Richard Keith of the Morristown Police Department.

Keith said police at first could not believe what they had heard. But when they went to Morrisville Cemetery and investigated, they found that someone had broken into a tomb, broken open the casket and removed a man's head.

"We had the funeral director come to the scene and we pulled the casket out. Yes, indeed, we found remains and they had been disturbed," Keith said.

Nickolas Buckalew, 17, later was arrested and charged with unauthorized removal of a dead body. He pleaded innocent to the crime.

Police believe they have a strong case against Buckalew because remains and evidence were found in a silo near the suspect's home outside the village and one-fifth of a mile from the cemetery.

"Within minutes we found the duffel bag with the remains in it and tools that were used to enter the tomb and the casket," Keith said.

The victim's widow, the only family member in the area, was told of the vandalism.

PEOPLE

Dorothy's dress auctioned

SAN FRANCISCO — "Wizard of Oz" fanatics hoping to own the dress worn by Judy Garland in the iconic film might need to appeal to the "Great and Powerful Oz" for financial support.

The blue and white gingham dress worn by Garland when she played Dorothy Gale in 1939 is on display at Bonhams & Butterfields here, and is set to be auctioned April 26 in London. Bonhams said the dress could fetch from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

"This dress represents the quintessential magic of childhood in the most beloved film of the 20th century," said Jon Baddeley, group head of Bonhams collector's department. "It has become a cherished memory for millions of fans worldwide and was worn by one of the most talented and respected stars in Hollywood."

The dress was custom made for Garland, who was 17 in 1939. It has a 27-inch waist and Garland's name on an inside hem label.

The dress will also be displayed in Los Angeles in mid-April. The auction house didn't identify the previous owner.

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics for "Revolution," and a Mick Jagger jacket are also on display at Bonhams in San Francisco in advance of the auction of rock, pop and film memorabilia.

ONLINE POLL

Will the new city council extend bar hours?

- A) Yes. A change in member composition will provide an opportunity for a change in overall opinion.
B) No way. It will never happen.
C) Maybe. It depends on whether or not students get their after-hour behavior cleaned up.
D) Unsure. We have to see if the new council really cares about what students want.

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COUNTING DOWN

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Days until spring semester closes.

WORD DU JOUR

keen

1. the range of vision; sight, view.
2. the range of perception, understanding, or knowledge.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE

Intramurals spring up to keep student athletes on their toes

Workers and players put in time on fields, seeking an escape

By MICHAEL PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Spring has come, and intramural sports have begun on Eastern's campus.

Intramurals mark the beginning of a busy season for Nicole Wojcik, a senior physical education major, who is heavily involved in intramural sports as both a player and official.

Wojcik is both a team sports supervisor for intramural sports and she also a player. Before she was a supervisor, she officiated volleyball for two years. She currently participates on softball, basketball and volleyball teams.

As team sports supervisor, Wojcik has many responsibilities, including making sure games get started, finding and checking in officials, handling accidents and making sure equipment is clean.

Softball is her favorite sport, she said.

"I've been playing softball since I was four," Wojcik said.

She said she feels like she was practically raised by the park district.

Wojcik also played softball and volleyball for her high school, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Now, with her final year of college coming to an end, she hopes to begin student teaching in Chicago in the fall.

During a typical day, Wojcik said she goes to class, does homework

"It's a great way to escape the reality of classes and homework."

JEFF FLAXMAN,
FRESHMAN HISTORY MAJOR

and makes several stops at the intramural sports office in the Student Recreational Center where she works.

"(Wojcik) is an extremely good worker," said Kevin Linker, assistant director of the Student Rec Center. "I

am glad that I hired her."

Jeff Flaxman, a freshman history major and player on the softball team "Sex Panthers," expressed his appreciation for intramural sports.

"It's a great way to escape the reality of classes and homework," he said.

Students learn about city planning decisions in Brazil and Argentina

Outtes discusses population expansion issues

By CRYSTAL REED
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty received the opportunity Wednesday to learn about Latin America.

Joel Outtes, who received his doctorate of philosophy in geography at the University of Oxford, lectured on "Society and Territory in Latin America: Historical and Contemporary Issues."

The main focus of the lecture, which was sponsored by Gamma Theta Upsilon and the Department of Foreign Languages, dealt with city planning in Brazil and Argentina.

"City planning is a decision that affects human movement in cities," Outtes said.

Outtes also described city planning as a biopower, which he described as a concept of power in regards to restraints on the human body.

Outtes also said zoning decisions in cities have an effect on individuals and that the implementation of city planning shapes people's knowledge. Outtes said city planning affects an individual's movement throughout a city.

Outtes also emphasized that many cities in Brazil and Argentina have expanded in population and don't have enough facilities to support their growths.

"Bringing him (Outtes) was an opportunity to have someone with experience in urban planning speaking."

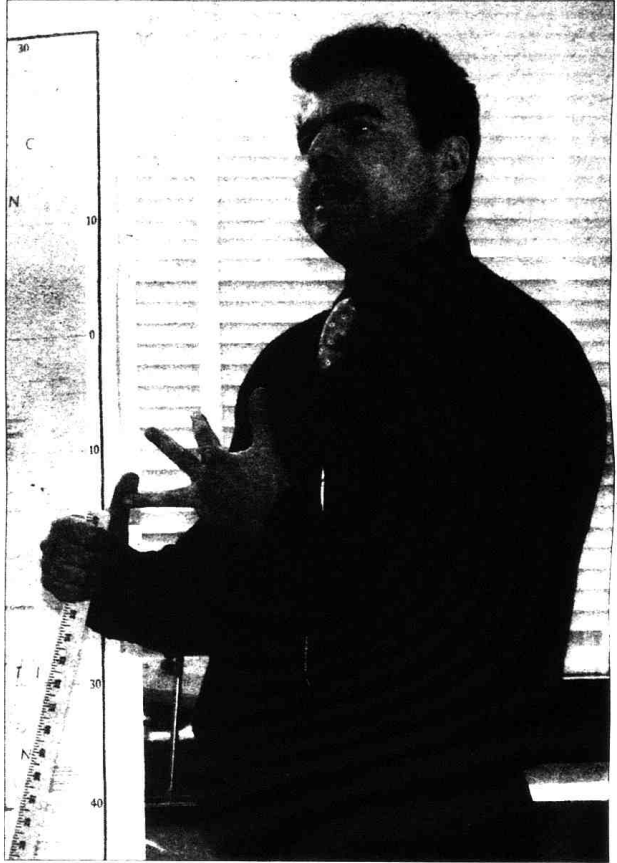
BETTY SMITH,
PROFESSOR IN THE GEOLOGY AND
GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Outtes also discussed different kinds of urban problems that come up in city planning.

Some of the issues discussed were social reform, a way to reform the city and society, relationship of political powers and citizens and the use of hygiene to justify planning.

"I learned about (Outtes) at a meeting of the Association of American Geographers that took place April 5-9 in Denver," said Betty Smith, a professor in the geology and geography department. "Bringing him here was an opportunity to have someone with experience in urban planning speaking."

Outtes is a head of the Group for the Study of Society and Territory based at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul. The group is composed of researchers, graduate and undergraduate students, and professors. The group works in subjects such as history and the geography of housing and cities in South America.



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Joel Outtes spoke about the effects of city planning in Brazil and Argentina during his lecture "Society and Territory in Latin America: Historical and Contemporary Issues" Wednesday afternoon in Room 3000 of the Physical Sciences Building.

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

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COLUMN

Human interaction goes a long way



JULIA BOURQUE

SENIOR JOURNALISM MAJOR

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Remembering life before cell phones is hard. How we ever found out what was going on without text messages or voicemail is beyond me.

Cell phones are definitely a great technological advancement, but, I think, like Americans do with many other things, we are using them way too much.

A walk to class or a drive home cannot occur without seeing people on their phones. We have them in our hands or next to our ears all of the time, and we can't leave for class without them in our bags.

I must admit I often talk on my cell phone while walking home or to work, too. Although most of the time I am on the phone because I'm walking home when it's dark and I feel safer when I'm talking to someone, I'm not justifying the action.

I think Generation Y has developed a dependence on its phones, computers and MP3 players, and we are not in tune with ourselves or our peers. We don't take that free time between classes, after work or on the drive home for ourselves but instead we fill it with the airwaves of pop culture and gossip from our friends.

Saying hello to someone as we pass on the sidewalk hardly ever occurs anymore. Most of the time, people are too busy in their own worlds to realize there's an entire world of other people around them too.

A friend told me a story the other day about two guys she saw. They were talking as they walked side by side, but they each still had one of the earphones of their MP3 players in their ears.

Don't worry though, the ears that had the earphone in them were on each of their outsides, so they could still listen to what each other were saying.

If I were walking with one of my friends and he or she didn't take her headphones completely out to talk to me, I would feel like he or she really didn't want to be talking to me.

But that is what happens today.

Too many of us are caught up in ourselves to take the time to listen to someone else or say, hi, to those few people we see everyday on our way to classes.

And I don't think it's because we don't like the people we're walking with or we are trying to be rude. I think it's because that's just the thing to do now, and we feel the need to join in.

When I see people talking on their phones on the way to class, I suddenly feel like I need to call a friend from home to catch up really quick. I know it's weird, but it honestly happens. I see everyone else doing it, I have a little extra free time, so why not?

We aren't "cool" unless we're on our cell phones or wearing headphones during our short trips between classes, and our beloved gadget companies are thriving off this fad.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported Tuesday that Firefly Mobile has just announced the sale of its new phone specifically made for preteens. These are 9- and 10-year-olds were talking about here. The company is hoping to sway parents into believing they should buy the phones for their children for safety reasons. Safety is one reason to buy a cell phone, and following a fad is another.

So, before the commercials start hitting the airwaves and persuading our younger sisters and brothers into believing they have to have a cell phone, we need to take on the responsibility to teach these kids that the social skills we learn through peer-to-peer interaction is much more important than the number of missed calls and text messages they'll have on their new phones.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

Gas cost can bring positives

Driving to the grocery store or to school may have to become a trip taken the "old fashion ed way" — your own two feet.

The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline has risen to \$2.228, according to an article from CNN.

AAA, a U.S. motorist organization, stated that this increase parallels the price of crude oil, \$57.26, at the beginning of April, which is nearly \$20 per barrel more than last month.

Crude oil prices dropped significantly on Wednesday, but the long-term price supports for crude oil are still needed because there is strong demand from the United States, rising demand from China and lower non-OPEC production.

This price increase, however, may not necessarily be such a bad thing.

Yes, it is much more expensive to take a road trip and even drive to work every day, but these prices could limit the amount of driving Americans do, which could increase the usage of public transportation and decrease the amount of pollution exhausted from cars.

European gas prices run approximately \$12 per gallon,

At issue
Increasing gas prices

Our stance
While it still hurts the wallet, some positives in the department of conservation can come from higher gas prices.

according to an article from the *Hattiesburg American*, and public transportation in Europe is used often.

If the United States participated in using the busses, trains, taxis and trolleys available as much as Europe uses its public transportation, there would be a significant decrease in pollution.

Instead of driving, people would be walking and/or riding bikes. Not only do these options cut pollution and increase public transportation, they also promote public health.

Europe is better equipped for public transportation with its Eurail, but even without a system like the Eurail, if people still choose to drive, the high gas prices may encourage carpooling, which is also a way to reduce pollution.

High gas prices may be hurting the wallets of many drivers, but if looked at in light of the environment or public health, these high gas prices could lead to a significant, but good, change in many Americans' way of travel.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHIEF SHIRTS DO NOT SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY

Now that the hype of the University of Illinois is over and the orange T-shirts go back into the bottom of the drawer for another year, I would like to point out something to all those misguided fans who chose to show their support for the orange and blue by wearing "CHIEF" or "CHIEF FOREVER" shirts.

These shirts were not designed to

show support for the university but rather to show contempt toward American Indians and others who dare oppose their sacred "MASCOT."

These shirts were a cooperative between a campus student group and a local chief support group and not sanctioned by the university or its athletic department.

Its sole purpose is to basically tell all opponents of the chief to "F-off." It is the equivalent of putting a picture of the middle finger on your

chest. That is the honor and respect we receive.

These shirts are "racially motivated and highly offensive." So if you were under the delusion that you are somehow supporting U of I sports by wearing this apparel, you now know the truth.

TOM LEONARD

OJBIVE NATION

BUILDING SERVICE WORKER IN HOUSING

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Lemonade to quench cancer

By KATH KROGER

A good many say that those who work around campus will have an ample opportunity to purchase a glass of lemonade while helping a good cause.

Under the guidance of Jennifer Dunavan, a sophomore art education/clementary education

major, and Todd Kline, a graduate student studying technology, there will be four different lemonade stands across campus today.

The money raised through lemonade profits will be going to Alex Lemonade Stand, a charity that raises money for pediatric cancer. It was started by a young girl named Alex who's been in remission.

Scott started the organization when he was in high school. He now makes for the pediatric hospital. She died when she was eight, and Scott but her cause lives on and collects money all over the country.

Dunavan had heard of Scott before she passed away, but when news came of her death,

she said she felt compelled to help. Dunavan has always had a great love for children, so she was eager to join the cause.

"I felt like it was a really good thing to do," she said. "I don't like to see kids suffer, so if there's anything I can do to help, I'll do it for pediatric cancer."

There, Kline and Kline have been working on the stand for a while. They have been working on the stand for a while. They have been working on the stand for a while.

Both students are at the lemonade stand will be out supporting the cause they have worked so hard on.

"I will be on a golf cart, roaming around

campus ready to help with whatever they need," Kline said.

Panther Dining is providing the lemonade for the fundraiser, and costs of the lemonade are being defrayed by hall council, Kline said. The only thing that is not decided is the cost the lemonade will be going for.

Depending on the cup size, right now we have three sizes of cups. If you have a smaller cup, it's \$1.00. If you have a larger cup, it's \$1.50. If you have a giant cup, it's \$2.00.

The lemonade stands will be located at the Ninth Street intersection, the south quad by Coleman and Lumpkin, the library quad and a Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas halls. Tables will be set up between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Health fair, Heart Walk event to take place at Campus Pond

By DAVID KUMA
STAFF WRITER

For Carol Deeken, the Coles County Heart Walk is especially important.

Deeken's family has a long history of heart disease. After a visit to the doctors office following chest pains, her doctor diagnosed 49-year-old Deeken with high blood pressure.

Shortly after, Deeken decided to make a healthy lifestyle change and start informing the public on the dangers of heart disease.

The American Heart Association in conjunction with the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and local businesses will host the annual Coles County Heart Walk and health fair at the pavilion near the Campus Pond May 1. The event is being held to help inform the public about heart disease and raise money to fund research for the fight against cardiovascular disease.

"It is important to start taking care of myself. You're never too old to start thinking about your health," said Deeken, a first time walker and spokeswoman for the Heart Walk Committee.

Sara East, an administrative assistant at Sarah Bush, said last year's event was a success despite poor weather.

"Although last year's walk was held in somewhat unpleasant weather, we still met our expectations," East said. "We are hoping for a beautifully sunny day this time around."

The goal for this year's walk is \$45,000.

Eastern students are encouraged to participate in the heart walk activities. Participants can either form teams who are sponsored by family and

friends, or individual walkers who are sponsored can be placed on existing teams.

There will also be a health fair set up designed not only to help raise awareness of cardiovascular disease, but it will also include information on breast and skin cancer and will have free blood pressure readings, bone density scans and a body composition scan, said Patty Peterson, director of public relations at Sarah Bush.

Women should be especially concerned with cardiovascular diseases,

Deeken said, adding a "Heart Smart for Women" class will be held at the event to teach women how to be more health conscious. Participants in the walk will include heart attack and stroke survivors who will be given special recognition by wearing red caps.

The walk will be on Eastern's Panther Trail, which surrounds the Campus Pond.

For more information on registering teams or participating in the walk or fair, people may contact Sara East at 258-2571 or 348-2571.

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Student Senate continues usual business during elections

Fees and Student Government funds discussed at meeting

By KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate voted on Wednesday vote 17 to 2 against recommending increases in parking fees over the next four years.

The proposed increases would be 20 percent each year from fall 2005 through fall 2007 and a 2-3 percent increase each year after that.

The senate cannot approve or reject parking increases, but student suggestions are considered an integral part of the process.

Nikki Kull, student vice president for Student Affairs, argued that the parking increase had not been proven necessary.

"I want to see the numbers that say it costs \$166 per spot each year," Kull said. "I know each parking lot isn't repaved every year."

Senate member George Lesica also argued against the increase.

"We're students. We don't want to pay more for parking," Lesica said. "If they want the money, they'll get it from us no matter what we vote."

An amendment to the resolution that would make the senate consider only the first year of increases was rejected.

The senate also approved \$1,400 in funding for Panther Service Day, which is scheduled for this Saturday.

Also at the meeting, the senate approved \$430 funding for the Student Government inauguration Sunday for new senators. The money will pay for the cost of the

reception and plaques for Student Government leaders and chairpersons.

Student Government election results, which were scheduled to be announced during the meeting, were postponed until after the meeting because of counting delays.

The Student Senate meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Graduate students to receive excellence awards at banquet

By MATT POLI
STAFF WRITER

Graduate students who display excellence in their fields of study will be honored today during the annual Distinguished Graduate Students Award Ceremony.

The ceremony is to recognize students who have done outstanding work and research in

their departments, said Rodney Ranes, director of graduate admissions.

Most of the awards are scholarships and monetary grants given to the winners to help them with their research and further their studies, said Robert Augustine, dean of the graduate school.

One of the scholarships that will be presented is the Williams Travel Award.

The award will help students seeking a graduate degree to pursue their interest by granting the recipient a stipend of up to \$500.

Some of the other awards given are from the graduate school-research/thesis category.

The awards given from this category are the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, which is the most honorable award from this category, the Master's Thesis Award of Excellence, which is the second highest honor of its category, and an Honorable Mention.

"These awards are given to graduate students who have done outstanding work in their fields," Augustine said.

Two other awards, which were established for Eastern Alumna, will be given at the ceremony.

The Frances Meyer Hampton Graduate Scholarship Award is given to a full-time graduate student in a master's degree program. The scholarship totals \$20,000 during a two-year period.

The EIU Foundation, in memory of Betty Wright Downing, along with the Graduate School will award a \$1,000 scholarship.

Students receiving any of the awards have done exemplary work in their classes and exceptional work in their research, said Charles Rohn, dean of education and professional studies.

The ceremony will take place 4 p.m. Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

STATE BRIEFS



Pharmacists sue after forced to fill prescriptions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Two Illinois pharmacists sued Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Wednesday for ordering them to fill prescriptions for emergency contracep-

tion even if it violates their religious beliefs.

The American Center for Law and Justice, which specializes in constitutional law, filed a lawsuit in state court in Springfield on behalf of Peggy Pace and John Menges, registered pharmacists who are both from Edwardsville.

CTA APPROVES BUS RATE HIKES WITH CUTBACKS

CHICAGO — Fares will go up, bus stops will come down and 2,000 Chicago Transit Authority employees could be out of work under cuts

approved Wednesday by the CTA that would be imposed if the state doesn't pony up money to fill a budget hole.

The plan calls for increasing some fares to \$2 from \$1.75, the elimination of 54 bus routes and other service reductions, the CTA said.

MAN CONVICTED OF THREE KILLINGS CLAIMS COERCION

CHICAGO — Police beat and threatened Chester Weger until he confessed in the deaths of three women whose bodies were found at Starved Rock State Park 45 years ago,

his attorney told an Illinois Prisoner Review Board panel Wednesday.

Prosecutors, however, told the three-member panel Weger's case was handled properly and that his bid for a pardon from Gov. Rod Blagojevich should be rejected.

Weger, 65, has asked Blagojevich to pardon him on the basis of innocence or commute his life sentence to the 44 years he has served in prison.

POSSIBLE SALMONELLA PROMPTS TAHINI RECALL

WASHINGTON — A Cicero importer is recalling tahini sesame

seed butter after food inspectors in two states discovered possible salmonella contamination.

Ziyad Brothers Importing said it has received no reports of illnesses from salmonella, a germ that can cause food poisoning and be fatal in young children or sick or elderly people.

The Ziyad-brand tahini was sold nationwide over the past month in 16-, 32- and 64-ounce glass jars, 128-ounce plastic jars and 40-pound containers. "Made in Lebanon, packed by A.O. Ghandour Sons S.A.L." is included on the label.

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Rudolph calls plea 'tactical choice'

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Excerpts from Eric Rudolph's written statement, handed out by his attorneys Wednesday after his guilty pleas to four bombings across the South, including the deadly blast at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. The statement marked the first time Rudolph has offered a motive for the attacks. He entered the pleas in exchange for prosecutors not seeking the death penalty.

"I have deprived the government of its goal of sentencing me to death."

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the reason that this government has legalized the murder of children that I have no allegiance to nor do I recognize the legitimacy of this particular government in Washington."

"There are those who would say to me that the system in Washington works. They say that the pro-life forces are making progress, that eventually Roe v. Wade will be overturned, that the culture of life will ultimately win over the majority of Americans and the horror of abortion will be outlawed.

Connecticut house passes civil union bill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATIONAL BRIEFS



HARTFORD, Conn. — The state House passed legislation Wednesday that would make Connecticut the second state to establish same-sex civil unions, and the first to do it without a court order. Addressing concerns raised by Gov. M. Jodi Rell, the House amended the bill to define marriage as being between one man and one woman. That means the Senate, which overwhelmingly approved the bill last week, would need to approve the amended version before it reaches the governor's desk.

TEEN KILLED IN ATTACK AFTER YOUTH GAME

PALMDALE, Calif. — A 13-year-old pitcher whose baseball team had just lost for the first time this season killed another teen by hitting him in the head with a baseball bat during an argument, authorities said Wednesday.

The teen, whose name was not released, was arrested Wednesday for investigation of murder and was being held at Antelope Valley Juvenile Hall as authorities prepared to take the case to prosecutors.

POSSIBLE DATA BREACH AGAIN AT LEXISNEXIS

WASHINGTON — A LexisNexis executive said

Wednesday there may have been an earlier breach of consumers' personal data that was never reported to the public.

The disclosure at a Senate hearing came a day after London-based Reed Elsevier, which owns LexisNexis, revealed that criminals may have breached computer files containing the personal information of 310,000 people since January 2003. That in itself was a tenfold increase over the 32,000 people the company said in March were put at risk. The company said the fraud involved the improper use of IDs and passwords.

BROTHERS GUILTY OF SUPPORTING TERRORISM

DALLAS — Three Dallas-area brothers were convicted Wednesday of supporting terrorism by funneling money to a high-ranking official in the militant Palestinian group Hamas.

Ghassan and Bayan Elashi and their company were found guilty of all 21 federal counts they faced: conspiracy, money laundering and dealing in property of a terrorist. Basman Elashi, who faced the same counts, was convicted of three counts of conspiracy but acquitted of the other charges.

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ACROSS

- 1 Chicken coop material
- 5 Idiosyncrasies
- 9 Where captains go
- 14 Others, in Latin
- 15 Suffix with depend
- 16 Not upright
- 17 Aardvark feature
- 19 With 13-Down, "I'll get those guys!"
- 29 Makes a dazzling entrance
- 28 Furrow maker
- 29 Revolutionary leader
- 24 Pact
- 27 Saucy

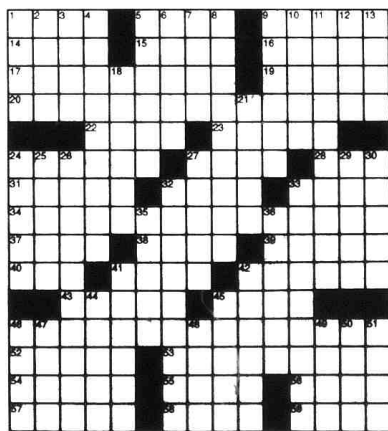
- 28 Garden party?
- 31 Calculus calculation
- 32 French author who co-founded La Nouvelle Revue Française
- 33 Epitome of grace
- 34 Screens, filters and such
- 37 Spheres
- 38 Major success
- 39 Echecs piece
- 40 Kind of cross
- 41 Expensive box
- 42 Word with salt or root
- 43 Key who sang "Wheel of Fortune," 1952
- 45 City on the Oka

- 46 "Indiana Jones" genre
- 52 With 12-Down, fiery guy?
- 53 Common football spread
- 54 Granny and Windsor
- 55 Dagger part
- 56 Fax button
- 57 Horse
- 58 Part of Y.S.L.
- 59 Western tourist destination

DOWN

- 1 Washington locale, with "the"
- 2 "The Time Machine" race
- 3 Belt, perhaps
- 4 Sinatra standard

- 5 Got tight
- 6 "Peace" time
- 7 Bra spec
- 8 Squared accounts
- 9 Scout's find
- 10 Chen of "S.N.L."
- 11 "Waiting for God" philosopher
- 12 See 52-Across
- 13 See 19-Across



Puzzle by Bryan Wolfson

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 18 Squirrel, to 33-Down
- 21 "stand" (Martin Luther declaration)
- 24 Kind of tie
- 25 Santa Calif.
- 26 It may be spontaneous
- 27 It comes in fits
- 28 Famous phrase-turner
- 30 Long key
- 32 Place settings, collectively
- 33 Quick appraisal of legitimacy
- 36 Proverbial start of great things
- 38 Acts like a peacock
- 41 Taoism founder
- 42 Family matters?
- 44 Salon supply
- 45 Reproductive cell
- 46 Names a price
- 47 Punish, in a way
- 48 Mid sixteenth-century year
- 49 Iris container
- 50 Western vacation destination
- 51 Pulls the plug on

FUND:

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The committee must then have a public hearing, as required by law, Finley said. The committee then makes recommendations to the city council as to which applications should be approved.

The city council approved five more grants and loans at last week's meeting to continue funding downtown improvements. While TIF loans can only be used in the TIF district, which as a general rule falls about one block each direction of the square, that is the only place the money is generated, Coughill said.

Some years, the amount of tif money available to award has reached \$200,000, and others it has been as low as \$10,000, Finley said. He also added that it depends on how much money is generated within the tif district to award.

TIF funds are generated in two ways: either increasing the sales tax, where all the money above a set baseline goes toward tif funds, or by increasing the assessed value of property in the tif district, where any increase in assessed value is put toward TIF funding by the state, Coughill said.

"I've seen a lot of improvements: the overall feeling of the Square has improved because of the TIF funds," Rennels said.

Some things the TIF has allowed for are the

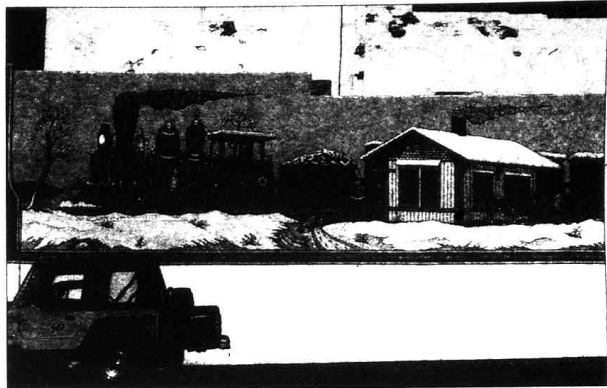
construction to buildings in the district, the adding of benches, trash cans and bicycle racks around the square, the presence of plants and trees, and the resurfacing of parking lots and streets, Rennels said.

"It's made an improvement in the appearance and an improvement in the opportunities it gives businesses to locate or stay (in the Square)," he said. "It probably makes it possible for some businesses to stay there (that) may not be able to afford necessary repairs otherwise." The TIF fund is set to expire in 2009, so much of the work being planned through the program now is for infrastructure improvements around the square, which is also covered by the tif program, Coughill said. He said that was the plan since he took office and revamped the program.

"We made the commitment (at the beginning) that the majority of funding would go toward businesses in the tif district with the idea that as we neared the end of the tif, we would start utilizing some funds for public improvements, which are also authorized by the plan," he said.

And many businesses located near the Square recognize how much it helps get things done.

Charlene Drury, office manager for Kids Hope United, which was one of the organizations approved by the city council last week, said the organization will use its TIF grant/loan to buy awnings. Drury said she



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The TIF fund, which was set up in 1987, has been used in downtown Charleston to restore and renovate local businesses and city infrastructure. The Charleston City Council approved five more TIF grants at last week's meeting.

liked the tif program because it offered opportunities to organizations that may not have equal financial opportunities.

"It helps do things that would otherwise not be possible," she said. "Especially since we're a

non-profit organization."

Other organizations approved for tif funding at last week's meeting were the China Cafe, the Charleston Light up the Square Committee, the City of Charleston, and Mike and Stan's.

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SOFTBALL PREVIEW PAGE

OVC OFFENSIVE ATTACK

Panther offense better in conference play

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

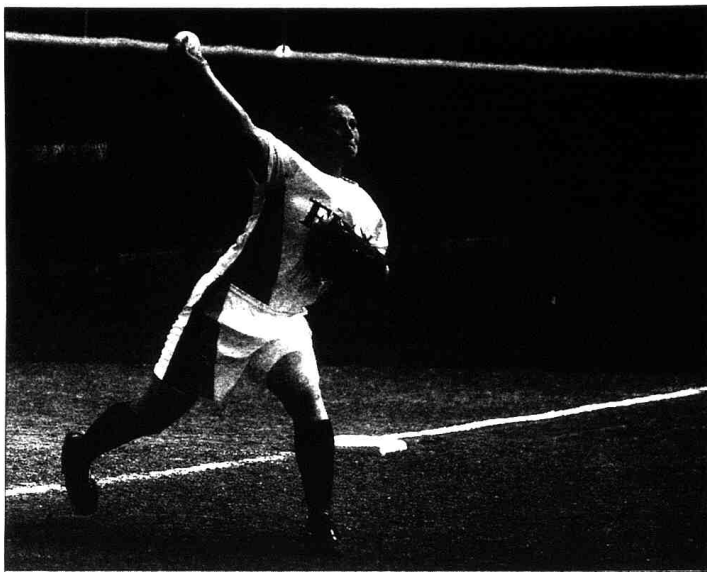
Since starting conference play on March 25, Eastern's offense has taken off, averaging 5.4 runs per game against Ohio Valley Conference opponents. The Panthers also have 25 doubles, first in the OVC, and have scored 65 total runs, second in the OVC.

Unfortunately for the Panthers (9-20, 6-6 OVC), they haven't been able to carry their offensive dominance into their non-conference games. In Eastern's 17 non-conference games this season, it's averaging just 2.2 runs per game.

"I don't know what the problem is," Eastern third baseman Rachel Karos said. "This pitcher today (Saint Louis University's Lorena Flocan) wasn't anything that we haven't seen before."

Karos is one of the Panthers who has helped Eastern's offense explode, hitting .475 in the OVC. She has also hit four doubles, one home run, drove in nine RBIs and scored seven runs.

"We've talked about (the difference in run production) indirectly, but it's apparent," Karos said. "We've had a totally different mindset. Our intensity needs to be better, and we need to treat it like it's a conference game."



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rachel Karos, a junior third baseman, throws the ball to first base in Eastern's game against St. Louis University. Karos is one of the Panthers who has helped Eastern's offense explode, hitting .475 in the OVC.

Karos admitted that it's better that they're scoring in their conference games and not their non-conference games instead of vice-versa, but that it doesn't justify it.

"It's not like we shouldn't be playing hard because these games are good practice for the weekend

(OVC) games," Karos said.

Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle agrees that the mid-week games are good practice for the OVC games, and the Panthers need to take advantage of them.

"We're getting live at bats and pitching instead of just scrimmag-

ing, and it's good preparation for the weekend," Searle said. "Maybe these games will make us stronger for the weekend."

The Panthers are hoping their offensive onslaught will continue for a three-game set this weekend.



STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Samford	12-3	19-16
Tennessee-Martin	9-3	24-9
Jacksonville State	10-4	26-14
Southeast Missouri	8-4	19-15
Eastern Illinois	6-6	9-18
Austin Peay	4-7	11-25
Tennessee Tech	4-8	19-25
Eastern Kentucky	4-8	13-20
Morehead State	3-9	10-24
Tennessee State	2-10	6-24

OVC STATS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AVG.
1. FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	33	.398
2. ALEXANDER, Maigin-JSU	40	.397
3. WORRELL, Leena-TSU	30	.396
4. BENNETT, Kacy-TTU	29	.370
5. MIZELL, Megan-UTM	33	.358
6. WHALEN, Brandy-UTM	34	.357
7. McDONALD, Megan-SEMO	27	.356
8. STEELE, Katy-EIU	28	.352
9. SANDERS, Hollie-TSU	32	.351

HOME RUNS	G	HR
1. OLEMAN, Breanne-JSU	36	10
PAPPANO, Daniela-JSU	36	10
3. SUMMERS, Michelle-SEMO	29	8
4. FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	29	7
ALEXANDER, Maigin-JSU	36	7
5. 5-Tied		6

WINS	G	W-L
1. KELLAM, Carly-JSU	23	14-6
2. MEYER, Susanna-SAM	26	12-10
3. BYNUM, Bonny-TTU	37	12-15
4. DAVIS, Nicole-UTM	14	11-2
FAHNESTOCK, Amy-SEMO	23	11-6

EARNED RUN AVERAGE	G	ERA
1. DAVIS, Nicole-UTM	11	1.15
2. BYNUM, Bonny-TTU	35	1.81
3. MEYER, Susanna-SAM	22	1.84
4. FAHNESTOCK, Amy-SEMO	23	1.89
5. MIZELL, Megan-UTM	13	2.00

OVC NOTES

OVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Megan McDonalds
Fr. 2B - SEMO

OVC PITCHER OF THE WEEK
Nicole Davis
Sr. Pitcher - UTM

WEEKEND SERIES

SERIES DESCRIPTION

WEDNESDAY SERIES

SERIES DESCRIPTION

PANTHERS
Eastern Illinois
9-18, 6-6

TTU
Tennessee Tech
19-25, 4-8

Tennessee Tech is led by senior catcher Kacy Bennett, who is third in the Ohio Valley Conference in batting average (.370). Eastern will also have to face one of conference best pitchers, Bonny Bynum. Bynum has 12 wins in the season and is posting just a 1.81 ERA.

SE
Southeast Missouri
19-15, 8-4

PANTHERS
Eastern Illinois
9-18, 6-6

Southeast Missouri is led by one of the top OVC pitchers, Amy Fahnestock. Her 11 wins are fourth best in conference and her 1.89 ERA is also fourth best. The Redhawks' Megan McDonald is seventh best in the OVC in batting average (.356) and won last week's OVC player of the week.

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White Sox pull off another close win over Indians

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND— The Chicago White Sox are winning just the way manager Ozzie Guillen envisioned.

Juan Uribe drove home the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to give the White Sox yet another one-run win over the Cleveland Indians, 5-4 Wednesday night.

Chicago is 4-0 in one-run games, all against the Indians, and at 6-2 is off to its best start since 1991.

"This is the way we have to play," said Guillen, who has tailored the team to focus on pitching and defense in place of Chicago's old go-for-broke offense centered around home runs.

"We've got to scratch for runs because we're not going to hit homers like we used to. We

have to pick up runs however we can."

A.J. Pierzynski lined a double to right-center off Bob Howry (0-1) to start the 10th and took third on a sacrifice bunt by Joe Crede, beating the low throw from first baseman Ben Broussard.

"If Benny makes a good throw, we've got the guy," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "It was still somewhat of a close play as it was."

Uribe then lofted a fly ball to center, and Pierzynski scored standing up.

Pierzynski's hit salvaged a night in which he had a passed ball to give the Indians one run, failed to throw out two of three basestealers, and was jeered by Cleveland fans.

"I had a couple of screwups, but we got the win," said Pierzynski, who was 2-for-15 before his double.

Luis Vizcaino (1-1) pitched 1 1-3 perfect

innings and Dustin Hermanson worked the 10th for his first save. After allowing a two-out double to Travis Hafner, the right-hander got Victor Martinez on a pop-out to first.

"It was a gut feeling," Guillen said about using Hermanson instead of Shingo Takatsu in the 10th. "Shingo is still my closer, but Coco Crisp is hitting about .600 off him and I didn't want the little guy to get on."

Hermanson retired Crisp on a fly ball to left.

Chicago starter Jose Contreras allowed four runs, five hits and five walks in 6 2-3 innings, while Cleveland's Cliff Lee gave up four runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings, walking none.

Cleveland went ahead in the first when Crisp walked, stole second, took third on a groundout and scored on a passed ball, and RBI singles by Johnny Peralta and Crisp made

it 3-0 in the second.

Carl Everett's RBI infield single on a slow roller, which Lee threw into the seats for an error, Jermaine Dye's run-scoring grounder and Aaron Rowand's RBI single tied the score in the fourth.

"I threw away the bunt and couldn't field a squibbler," said Lee. "I've got to make those plays. I thought they were both errors."

"I got a little flustered. I came back to the dugout, looked at the scoreboard and saw they had four hits that inning. I said, 'Where?'"

Crede hit a go-ahead double in the seventh, but Grady Sizemore's first homer tied the score in the bottom half.

"It's tough to lose like this," said Cleveland third baseman Aaron Boone. "But playing all these close games early could make us better in the long run."



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore shortstop **Shane Adams** hits a pop fly in the sixth inning in the Panthers' first loss against Saint Louis University. Adams went 3-for-4 with a homer, an RBI and two runs in the doubleheader.

HOMESTAND:

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terfield by sophomore first baseman Jenny Cervetto.

The Panthers scored one run in the fifth and another in the sixth inning when Adams sent a Floccan pitch over the centerfield fence for her fourth homerun of the season.

"We at least wanted to take one (game) today," Eastern head coach Lloydene Searle said. "Floccan did a good job with us, but we left too many people on base today."

In game one, the Bilikens touched Hoeschen for three runs in the first four inning, and got two more off of freshman Karyn Mackie.

Sophomore catcher Sandyn Short led the

Panthers offensive attack, going 3-for-3 in the opener. Adams finished the day 3-for-6 with two runs scored and a run batted in.

The Panthers will return to OVC action this weekend when they travel to Cookeville, Tenn., to take on Tennessee Tech (19-25, 4-8) for a three game series starting with a double header Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

OVC NEWS

Tennessee Tech coach in critical condition

STAFF REPORT

Tennessee Tech head men's basketball coach Mike Sutton is currently in critical condition and on a ventilator in a hospital in Norfolk, Va. Sutton was admitted to the hospital Sunday and was diagnosed with a rare disease called Miller Fish Syndrome, a disease which attacks the immune system.

Sutton is being treated for a viral infection, and the immune disorder has left him virtually motionless, his wife Karen said.

"He can't talk and he can barely move his toes," Karen said. "He's on a ventilator, and he has a feeding tube and breathing tube."

Sutton had been in Portsmouth, Va. with Tennessee Tech standout Willie Jenkins at the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament and had been experiencing a nagging cough and dizzy spells before he went to a hospital.

Karen Sutton said that the doctors have told her they expect Sutton to make a full recovery although there is no timetable for return.

DANIELS:

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O'Brien Stadium, which does have lights, and a new pressbox at Coaches Stadium, which obviously doesn't have lights if you've been paying attention at all.

Hopefully, the athletic department and the "Reach for the 21st century" fundraising initiative to upgrade the facilities here will remember to keep the lights on. Oh, wait. Nevermind — there aren't any lights to turn on.

Matt Daniels is a freshman journalism major. If you think "the lights" are out in his head, tell him so at cmad11@tenn.edu.

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SATURDAY	TRACK & FIELD AT WESTERN ILLINOIS	All Day
	Baseball vs Samford	1 p.m.
	Softball at Tennessee Tech	1 p.m.
SUNDAY	WOMEN'S GOLF AT OVC CHAMPIONSHIP	All Day

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



OUT OF THE BOX
MATT DANIELS
STUDENT WRITER

Facilities not up to par

Key factors when high school athletes are looking at places to attend college and continue their athletic careers are the athletic facilities available on each campus.

At Eastern, the facilities are just not up to par with other universities and colleges that have Division I athletics. Granted, there have been several major renovations done to the fields and stadiums on campus in past years, but they are still lagging when compared to other colleges.

One particular stadium here that bugs me is Coaches Stadium, which many Eastern students might not know is the baseball stadium. Eastern has a Division I baseball team who will face top-ranked teams this year, including Arkansas and Mississippi of the powerful Southeastern Conference. One would figure that if a baseball team is in Division I, the place they play would have lights.

Coaches Stadium has no lights, forcing Eastern to play afternoon games in the middle of the week. I do not see a problem with playing baseball during the day. As I see it, it is better suited to be played in. But earlier this year, when Eastern faced Olivet Nazarene, the second game of the doubleheader was called due to darkness. A game called due to darkness? Not only would having lights provide the option of night games, it might increase attendance as well - well, maybe not. This is Eastern after all.

Coaches Stadium is not the only facility without lights. Darling Courts, which has six tennis courts, does not have lights either. If these courts would have lights, maybe students could play there late at night instead of sitting down in a lecture hall.

SOFTBALL

Eastern ends homestand on a skid

Panthers split last eight games at home

By MARCUS JACKSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther softball team dropped a pair of non-conference games to the Saint Louis Billikens Wednesday afternoon at Williams Field, falling 5-0 in game one and 6-3 in the nightcap.

St. Louis freshman pitcher Lorena Floccari was tough on Panther hitters in both games.

Floccari picked up the win in game one, scattering eight hits over seven innings, striking out five and walking just one. In game two, Floccari came on in relief of fellow freshman hurler Ashley Levan, allowing one run and one hit over the final three innings.

"I was throwing a lot of rise balls to try and keep them off balance," Floccari said. "I mixed in a few curveballs and some other off-speed pitches,

and it worked."

The Billikens (15-20) jumped on Eastern starter sophomore Andrea Darnell early in game two. Coming off an injury, Darnell made her first appearance in nearly two weeks. Junior shortstop Ashley Heady scored the first run after a Panther error.

Two batters later, sophomore designated hitter Christy Ernst singled home two more times to give the Billikens a quick 3-0 lead.

St. Louis added another run in the second and two more in the third to

go ahead 6-0.

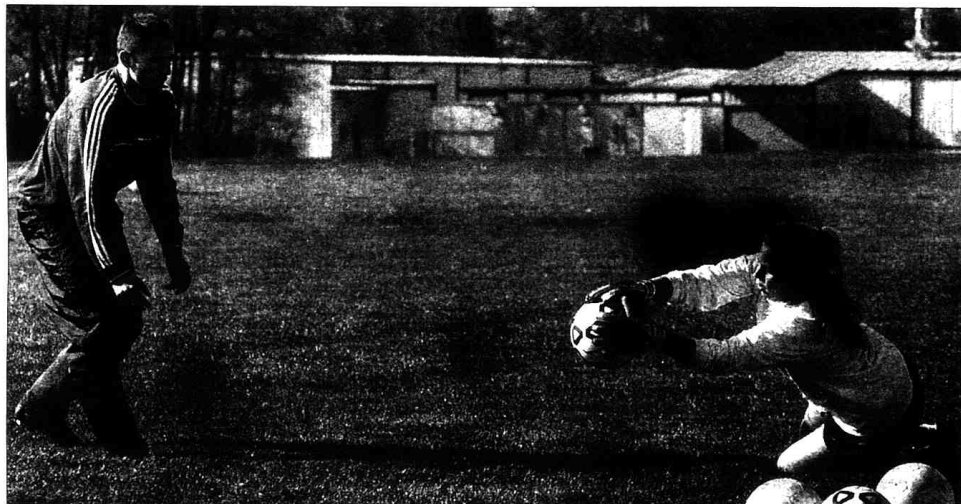
Senior pitcher Heather Hoeschen came on in relief and shut the Billikens out over the final four innings.

The Panthers (9-20, 6-6 Ohio Valley Conference) got on the scoreboard for the first time all day in the fourth.

Sophomore shortstop Chelsea Adams, who led off with a double to right center, scored on a single to cen-

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WOMEN'S SOCCER



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern head women's soccer coach Tim Nowak works with senior goalie Tiffany Brookins on the soccer practice field Wednesday afternoon. Nowak was the starting goalie for Western during his college career.

SETTLING INTO EASTERN

New soccer coach fits right in with Panthers

By PATRICK VITT
STUDENT WRITER

The Eastern women's soccer team has won four straight Ohio Valley Conference championships, yet now a new coach shows no signs of accepting the challenge of improving the team in his first season as head coach.

without hardships.

"Great. I can't say I've been disappointed," Nowak said. "This team trains at a high level."

Nowak coached at Louisville before coming to Eastern in March, and in the four seasons he was an assistant, the Cardinals won total, climbed from four wins in 2001 to 17 wins last year.

Eastern's previous head coaches had a combined record of 11-11-10 in their first seasons.

and encourages one another for a play well done. Having competitive practices is vital to a championship caliber team because practice makes perfect.

Eastern's winning tradition was incentive for Nowak to become the next coach, yet his goals are more than just another OVC championship.

"The first goal is to win a conference," Nowak said. "Because it's the easiest way into the NCAA tournament."

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"I laugh too much."



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"I always have to be doing something. I can't stand still."



NATHAN DAVENPORT
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"I go through a lot of cologne."



JON GIFFORD
SOCIAL SCIENCE GRAD STUDENT

"Biting my fingernails."

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7th Street Underground

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"Take Ten" play
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7 p.m.
also showing Saturday

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10 p.m.
Friends and Co.

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MONDAY

Matt Wertz with
Ryan Grott and Andy Davis
7 p.m.
7th Street Underground

TUESDAY

Syrus
Lecture and reality show casting call
7 p.m.
University Ballroom
Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

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- ◆ The one with an 'alternative' sexual lifestyle
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- ◆ The alcoholic
- ◆ The person who is spending their first time away from home
- ◆ The stereotypical thug

from such situations as:

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- ◆ someone inevitably getting kicked out
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- ◆ makeups
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- ◆ fight scenes
- ◆ gay makeout scenes
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IT'S TIME TO GET REAL

By KEYUN NEWBLE
STAFF WRITER

Reality television is coming to Eastern. Casting calls for an MTV reality show are going to be held Mon., April 19. The University Board will be sponsoring Seven Simple Steps to TV Reality Celebrity" at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The lecture and the casting will be given by one of the most recognizable characters from MTV's "Real World" franchise, Syrus. Students will get an opportunity to audition in front of him.

"MTV is looking for the most intriguing people that EIU has to offer," said MJ Amelio, president of Power Performers, Inc., a booking company that is sending Syrus to Eastern. The casting call is for either "The Real World" or "Road Rules." Both shows have been vital to the success of MTV. These shows have been on the station for 15 and 13 seasons respectively. Both are two of the longest running reality shows ever.

Amelio also said that the people at MTV are hoping for a good turn out by the students and that



Former "Real World" cast member Syrus will be at Eastern Tuesday for reality TV casting calls for a new show.

MTV is looking for people between the ages of 18 and 24. The auditions are not based on looks, culture, or racial background. The winner can't be afraid of the camera because millions across the globe will view the winner's life. The questions that Syrus will ask are, as of now, are undisclosed, so no one gets

an advantage over another competitor. One question that will probably be asked will be, "What's the craziest thing that you have ever done?" said Amelio. The chances of someone from Eastern being picked is a decision solely up to Syrus. He will not reveal what show the winner will be on until

he makes the final decision. If the winner is picked for "The Real World," then he or she will be on season 17. Season 16 is currently being filmed in Austin, Texas.

Marcus D. Smith, a freshman biology major, said, "If you are energetic and easy-spirited, people should go out for the casting call." But don't count on him to try out for MTV. Smith said, "I wouldn't want my business out like that across the country with millions watching. My mother might see some of the stuff that I do."

Veron Culley, a junior journalism major, said he thinks this will be a chance of a lifetime for somebody to become famous.

"The camera is not ready for me and America is definitely not ready for me. I would be the reason why that season would be the best ever," he said, though he plans to try his chances at the casting call.

Syrus has been doing casting calls on campuses around the country. He is also on tour speaking about the MTV experience. He has been invited to speak at more than 100 colleges and universities throughout the country. Syrus, sometimes independently or with other celebrity talents,

shares his experiences with his audiences focusing on things such as diversity, relationships and conflict resolution. He is often invited to emcee special events and concerts.

Syrus was part of "The Real World: Boston." That was the show's sixth season. Those episodes were the highest rated in the franchise's history. Syrus is currently appearing in MTV's "Real World/Road Rules," "The Inferno II" and has been part of other challenges. Syrus is known for his outgoing personality and ability to ad lib.

This is not the first time that Syrus has done a casting call, according to Power Performers. He served as a casting coordinator for several other successful reality shows such as "Who Wants to Date a Prince," "Dismissed," "5th Wheel," "Blind Date" and "Paradise Hotel." He recently has made his international casting director debut with the show "The Next Joe Millionaire."

On April 19, the opportunity for an Eastern student to become a reality television celebrity is at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union University Ballroom.



Comedian Isaac Witte never got a college degree and will perform at Eastern today.

Witty is his last name

By EUGENIA JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

His name is as "witty" as his jokes. Isaac Witte, who is performing at the 7th Underground tonight at 9 p.m., has been performing before he learned how to drive. "When I was in eighth grade I started watching stand-up comedy all the time," said Witte. "My parents did Christian comedy. It was pretty weird. They did sketch comedy. So, in eighth grade I decided I wanted to be a stand up comic."

Isaac began performing in his church youth group at 16. However, when he was younger he was a bit shy around others, but came out of his shell around his senior year.

Isaac left Rodgers University, in Oklahoma to pursue comedy.

"I am now and forever will be always three hours short of an associate's degree in radio and

TV broadcast," Witte said chuckling. It all worked out for Witte because a comedy club opened in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla. From there he has been performing since.

In 1999, Witte moved to Minneapolis where he was a full-time road comic. Usually Witte comes up with his material by writing in a notebook if something comes to him. "Then I'll go on stage and elaborate on it more," he said. Witte was discovered by doing stand-up comedy at clubs and getting his name out. It finally paid off when he received a call from "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"It was an amazing experience. I never even performed in New York before. I was living in Minneapolis and bookers for Letterman called me and said, 'We need you to fly out today,'" said Witte. "He said that you're flying out tonight to do the show tomorrow."

Witte's biggest inspiration and favorite comic, Mitch Hedberg died recently.


"He was my favorite comic and he was a good acquaintance of mine," said Witte.

Witte has a long resume of being on the road. From there he went on to do "Premium Blend" on Comedy Central to other media shows. Witte went on to perform at comedy clubs and radio shows like "The Bob and Tom Show" and "The Leonard Lopate Show." He also went into film and TV doing the movie "Clillitoe," "Kids on the Move," and "The Big Bad Movie."

Traveling on the road leaves Isaac with a lot to see and a lot of stories to tell. One weird encounter happened to him while he was traveling.

"I never had good luck in crowds from northern Indiana," said Witte. "I wasn't doing well in this crowd one night and this lady reached in her purse and threw a quarter at me."

Witte leaves some words of wisdom to future comedians. "I would say to get into comedy, get on the stage every chance you get, don't expect to be hilarious the first two years. If you stick with it, it was meant to be."



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In the "Take Ten" series, during "Show," Tom Vance and Matt Plesco Tarble Arts Center last weekend. Titled for 10 minutes, is a joint venture and Charleston Community

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever been on a first date and said the wrong thing, and then regretted it later? Often when dealing with the opposite sex, we say something we shouldn't. Sometimes we realize it and sometimes we don't. During the first joint production from the Charleston Community Theatre and the Charleston Alley Theatre, one skit dealt with this very issue. The production, "Take Ten," was set to feature eight ten-minute skits. The skits dragged on for more than 10 minutes, featuring some as long as 20 minutes or more such as "Sure Thing."

"Sure Thing" revolved around a couple trying to hook up at a coffee shop, and a girl who would ring a bell to let the couple start over each time something wrong was said. The skit showcased a group of actors that demonstrated incredible memorization skills. The actors started their hundreds of "pick up" lines every 10-15 seconds.

The production featured many first-time actors. Among these actors was the Shepard family. The family became involved because their daughter, Jennifer, is a 17-year-old home schooled student. The family saw the advertisement in the paper for auditions and thought it would be a great way for Jennifer to get involved and have an opportuni-



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Rick Shepard flexes as Candice Andrews winces before she hits the bell at a coffee shop during "Sure Thing," one of the eight plays being shown at Tarble Arts.

ty she is missing out on by being home-schooled.

"We really enjoyed working with the people," said Kim Shepard, who was in the skit "Medea", which was an update of a Greek tragedy. The tragedy was based on a wife who was left by her husband for a woman named Debbie. Medea thought the answer was to kill her sons, so her husband would suffer. Kim and Jennifer Shepard play two members of the chorus that provided the "voice of reason."

Rick Shepard, Jennifer's dad, was in theater in high school and plays the suitor in "Sure Thing".

"It was really a pleasure and easy to work with director Mary Hogg; she was always willing to listen and take input from the

actors," he said.

The skits often lasted longer than their allotted ten minutes, for example the show started off with four songs played on a banjo and "stupid jokes" told by Tom and Matt. If you were wondering how to catch one of the many squirrels on campus, the character Matt's suggestion is to sit in a tree and act like a nut. The songs included "Charleston Gals" and "The Blue-Tail Fly," which implies that the core audience is elderly citizen. However, the second skit features unnecessary profanity, which was inappropriate for young audience members.

"Take Ten" will also run at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday at the Tarble Arts Center.



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TRIO CASTS NO SHADOW

'Shady' Eastern acoustic group serves up rock at Jackson Avenue Coffee

By BRIAN GARTLAN
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's very own, Shady Katie performed for almost 40 people at Jackson Avenue Coffee Saturday night in celebration of the store's third anniversary.

The show commemorated the anniversary weekend with four different performances, which included Ryan Groff and Mike Blair on Friday night and Shady Katie and Chicago's Liz Bowater on Saturday night.

Shady Katie is an acoustic, guitar and vocals band that consists of three junior-year Eastern women, Courtney Bosco, Kristen Bosco and Courtney Shepard. They performed 12 songs, eight of which were original.

"It was the best show I've ever seen," said Steve Zimmerman, a business major at Indiana State University. "I would pay money to see these girls play."

The band kept the crowd on their toes when they sang "Ich Habe Angst," ("I am Afraid," translated in German) a cappella, and they rarely stayed in the same stage positions in back-to-back songs.

"It's musical microphones, it's like musical chairs," said Shepard, while on stage.

The crowd's comments and interaction were important to the show with Jackson



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Courtney Shepard, Courtney Bosco and Kristen Bosco, who form the trio Shady Katie, play at Jackson Avenue Coffee during their third anniversary celebration last Saturday.

Avenue's cozy, relaxed, living room feeling.

Fans in the crowd tried to request "Freebird" and "Stairway to Heaven," but the set list made it hard to play requests, they said.

The people sat in small arrangements at tables playing cards, talking softly and listening.

"It's hard to tell if they're listening," Shepard said.

Shady Katie performed "Fall," "I'm

Sorry," a humorous song about an ex-boyfriend, "Cavin" and a leaving-school-for-the-summer anthem, "Leaving School Song." They also performed "Hotel California" by the Eagles and Jewel's 1995 hit, "Who Will Save Your Soul."

The band has been together for six months and performs at open-mics around town and on-campus a few times a month, according to Shepard and Courtney Bosco.

We had a mutual friend named Katie

that was shady. We disagreed about the name, then we decided the play on words was cool and we stuck with it, they said. The group has not traveled farther than Charleston and Mattoon for a show, but has played bars and Jackson Avenue Coffee.

The three members live a significant distance from each other, so they decided to take turns driving back and forth for practice, said Courtney Bosco. The Boscos live in Mundelein, a northwest suburb of Chicago, and Shepard lives in Springfield. They plan to practice over the summer.

"We are going to go hardcore," Courtney Bosco said. "We are going to try to expand our boundaries."

There are possibilities to play in Champaign and Terre Haute in the future and they plan to "tackle them this summer or next semester," they said.

Courtney Bosco said people are paying Shady Katie to play at their graduation parties at Lakeland College.

Justin Brinkmeyer, an Eastern alumnus, enjoyed the show after he saw them for the second time. It was hard to hear them at Friends and Co.

"People were pretty drunk by that time of night," he said.

About 150 people attended the first show the band performed together at 7th Street Underground on Jan. 27 after Courtney Shepard won Eastern's Talent Search last semester. The band also won a free two-song demo CD, which features the songs "Fall" and "I'm Sorry," according to Shepard.

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'Sin City' recreates an R-rated world of crime

By PATRICK WIMP
STAFF WRITER

Based on the graphic world created by graphic novelist Frank Miller, "Sin City" violently rips its way onto the big screen. Basin City is a world plagued with murderers, rapists and corrupt officials. The film follows three of the city's inhabitants through an entangled series of adventures in which the lines between good and evil are not so clearly drawn.

In order to capture the true spirit of Miller's work, co-director Robert Rodriguez ("Once Upon A Time in Mexico" and the "Spy Kids" trilogy) demanded that the creator himself co-direct the film. Since Miller does not belong to the Director's Guild, Rodriguez was forced to forfeit his membership to lend Miller the co-director title. If "respecting" the source material while still creating a spectacular film was his goal, Rodriguez's sacrifice was not made in vain.

The film is divided into three segments, each a separate graphic novel set in "Sin City." The first follows the recently paroled Marv, played brilliantly by Mickey Rourke, on a quest to avenge his angel, a prostitute named Goldie. Marv embarks on a brutally violent journey, culminating as he confronts the real killer, the silently psychopathic and disastrously deadly Kevin (Elijah Wood).

After meeting Sin City's favorite lug, the story turns to Dwight, a murderer with a new face looking for a new life. Unfortunately for Dwight, those changes will have to wait. Dwight's relationship with Shelley (Brittany Murphy), a bar maid with a mean ex, sends him to Old Town.



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Clive Owen as Dwight and Benicio Del Toro as Jackie Boy in Frank Miller's "Sin City."

"SIN CITY"

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This section of the city is run by hookers, with an uneasy truce keeping out police, pimps and mobsters. Dwight's arrival heralds a chain of events that threatens to destroy the arrangement, and it is up to him and a host of weapon-wielding whores to keep it in tact.

Finally, "Sin City" tells the tale of

Hartigan (Bruce Willis), perhaps the only true hero in the entire gritty tale. Hartigan must bring down "That Yellow Bastard," the pedophile son of a powerful and corrupt senator. Battling falling health and impossible odds, Hartigan struggles to protect the "love of his life," Nancy Callahan (Jessica Alba). Hartigan saved Nancy from rape and imminent death at the age of 11, and now eight years later life leads him to protect her once again.

"Sin City" is an amazing visual achievement that is a testament to the power of

its source material. This is the type of film-noir classic that has not been seen since "L.A. Confidential." Frank Miller's comic story is represented to the very shot — the comics were used as storyboards — and it is done beautifully. A star-studded cast and stories that twist and turn at every direction power this exceptionally bloody film to all-star status. Don't let the comic book origin fool you; this one is not for the kids. For the adults, however, get ready for a delicious R-rated cinematic snack.

Not quite 'broken' album for Angels

By MATT POLI
STAFF WRITER

Classic punk rock that's rough around the edges is the sound of Lost City Angels.

This five-some from Boston has been touring with hardcore veterans Catch 22 nearly all of March and are now on tour with Tiger Army.

LCA released their brand new album "Broken World" April 5, while on tour. "Broken World" is a good album for these five punks to rekindle their appetite for rock.

Their sound is comparable to that of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Dropkick Murphys and Social Distortion.

Tracks such as "Pretty War," "Cuts and Blood" and "Faithless on the Floor" attest to their punk nature and display their qualities as musicians.

One track in particular, "Final Wish," holds a special reverence for the band. It's dedicated to the late comedian

"LOST CITY ANGELS"

2 1/2 ★★ ★

Styles Bitchley who served as the band's opening act until February 2004.

With only three scheduled performances left and a Warped Tour performance which hasn't been announced yet, LCA have been making their mark in the music industry.

Ron Ragona (vocals), Adam Shaw (drums), Drew Suxx (guitar), Nicholas Bacon (guitar) and Duggan (bass) make up LCA's rough sound.

"Broken World," released on Stay Gold, a branch-off of Another Reybee Production, was produced, mixed and engineered by Sean Slade and Paul Q. Kolderie, both of whom have produced works for Radiohead, Hole and The Pixies.

The band will finish their tour with Tiger Army in their home town of Boston at Axis on April 23.

Long-named band has good record

By GREG WALKER
STAFF WRITER

THE GREAT LAKES MYTH SOCIETY

3 ★★ ★

The Great Lakes Myth Society is a band name that may not roll off your tongue. It may give you visions of the Midnight Society from the cast of Nickelodeon's "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" (don't act like you don't know who they are). The Great Lakes Myth Society may also catch you off guard with their original sound.

With their self-titled release, the Ann Arbor, Mich., band is able to share their blend of indie/folk rock influenced by their life and times around the Great Lakes. The band can be considered one part indie rock mixed with something you would tend to associate with dancey, Irish-folk.

TGLMS' influences of bands like XTC and the Pogues are easy to hear through the album's outstanding production values and on songs such as "Love Story" and "Big Jim Hawkins."

That is not to say that they are copying

what these bands have done. TGLMS have taken these sounds and made them their own with their own distinct style. The traditional guitar, drums and bass are here, but mixed with a variety of strings, TGLMS gives these instruments an especially unique sound. The group's harmonies are also something that puts them in a different class, and are a joy to listen to as they show on the opening track, "The Salt Trucks."

The group is also able to flex their love-for-rock muscle when they choose to do so like on the guitar-driven "Seeds For Sale," accompanied by some fantastic female vocals.

TGLMS suffers when it comes to their band name, sadly. Their name alone may turn people off to a record that can be fun, rocking and something that you could conceivably do an Irish jig to.

Wertz

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"I'm definitely a singer-songwriter," he said. "There's been obviously and influx of that," from Dave Matthews to John Mayer and Edwin McCain.

"People are always going to want to hear heartfelt songs that are sung and performed by the person that wrote them," Wertz said, citing James Taylor and Jacks. n. Browne.

"I don't want to cater to some fold in the music industry. I have to get up every day and want to

play songs that night," he said. Wertz tries to write "songs that make people think and inspire people and look a little inwardly."

Wertz's musical influences stem from his family.

"There was always music playing in the house," he said. His father played oldies and Motown, as well as contemporary Christian like Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith.

"When I got old enough to

make decisions for music on my own, I went way the other way," he said. The other way was Nirvana, Pearl Jam and other grunge rock bands.

"I'm just really moved by the relationship between rhythm and melody - passionate authentic well-written music," said Wertz. He has currently been listening to Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Phoenix, which he described as a French version of Maroon 5.

Wertz once opened for piano man Ben Folds at Missouri State University and has also gigged

with Switchfoot, Jason Mraz and Gavin Degraw.

Wertz now volleys between playing rock clubs and colleges.

"I need a healthy balance of both," he said. "The college atmosphere to me is a lot lighter. It's a lot more fun, nothing stressful about the night."

Currently touring with a bass player and percussionist, Wertz plans to record a third CD this summer, but this time he's scouting for a record label.

Though music consumes his time now, it doesn't encompass all for the singer-songwriter, who

sees the art form as an outlet to enjoy and be creative.

"It's a daily thing. What I want to do every day is hopefully keep perspective of why I do music," Wertz said. "To convey a message of hope and truth to people in a way that's unique and accurate of how I am and how I see things."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for Wertz's 7 p.m. show in the 7th St. Underground. Andy Davis and Ryan Groff are scheduled to open. For more information, call 581-3861.

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Place to Shop: _____

Place to play foosball/ pinball: _____

Place to shoot pool: _____

Place to play darts: _____

Radio station: _____

Radio Program: _____

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Thrift Store: _____

People

Athlete: _____

Musician/Band: _____

Writer: _____

Coach: _____

Landlord: _____

DJ(live): _____

@ _____

DJ(radio): _____

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Actor _____

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@ _____

Professor: _____

Food

Restaurant: _____

Chinese Restaurant: _____

Mexican Restaurant: _____

Dining Hall: _____

Sandwiches: _____

Pizza: _____

Food Special: _____

@ _____

Fastest Delivery

Pizza: _____

Sandwiches: _____

Drink

Bar: _____

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Drink special: _____

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Coffee House: _____

On-campus

Event: _____

Intramural sport: _____

Bar Alternative: _____

Bowling Alley: _____

Comments:

Who the heck are you?

Name _____

E-mail _____

ECHO HEARD ROUND THE QUAD

By NICOLE NICOLAS
VERGE REPORTER

ECHOfest, hosted by Fair Trade Coalition and the University Board, will kick into high gear for its end of the year bash with live music, speakers, recognized student organizations and coffee.

Tom Roberts, the chair of Fair Trade Coalition, said, ECHOfest is a fun time of the year that gives Fair Trade a chance to raise people's awareness of social injustices that people generally don't hear about.

This is the second year ECHOfest has been at Eastern. ECHO stands for Everyone Can Help Out.

Along with fair trade coffee, there will also be four eclectic bands. Roy Lanham, director of Newman Center, speaking on military spending, and a beanbag tournament sponsored by Haiti Connection on the South Quad between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The Fair Trade Coalition started three years ago at Eastern with a group of students who went to the School of Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia, to protest. While they were there, they started talking to people from fair trade organizations who were selling coffee.

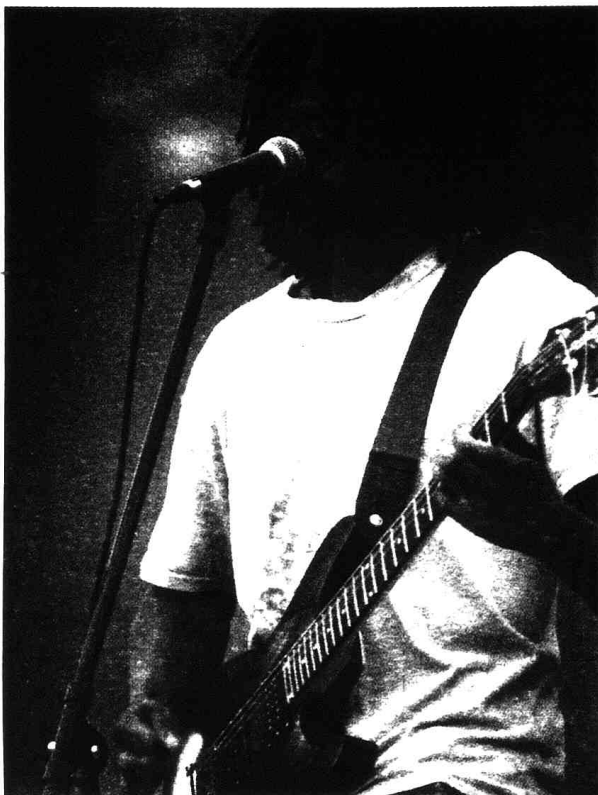
The students liked that Fair Trade pushed for fair wages and good working conditions. They went back to Eastern with the goal of getting Eastern to sell fair trade coffee, Roberts said.

"Fair trade, to me, is connecting consumers to producers and constructive capitalism. (It's about) a consumer taking action. It's about social justice," Roberts said.

The group of students succeeded when they got Eastern in 2002 to agree to have 95 percent of coffee on campus to be fair trade coffee.

Fair Trade Coalition is currently working on trying to get Eastern to affiliate with Workers Rights Consortium, an organization that monitors Eastern to produce collegiate apparel that doesn't come from sweatshops, Roberts said.

Elsinore, an Americana rock band hailing from Charleston, will play at 3 p.m. Replacing drums are congas and percussion that Dave Pride plays. The band is Ryan Groff on vocals and acoustic guitar, Mark Woolwine on piano and vocals and Chris Eitel on bass and vocals. Country bands, Radiohead, the Beatles, Wilco, Ben



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Senior Justin Cummings, a Fair Trade Coalition member, plays at ECHOfest 2004 on the Library Quad.

Folds and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, heavily influence Elsinore.

Though the band has been together since October, they have played at Friends and Company, Sidelines in Effingham, Jackson Avenue Coffee and in Champaign. Right now they're trying to mainly focus on the songs they have now, but in the summer they will write more songs, Groff, a senior music major said. Their songs are mostly about girls, politics and positive thinking. Anything can make a song, Groff said. Elsinore will also be playing at

Eastern's annual Celebration at the end of the year.

Loki, a heavy metal band with fast and aggressive songs from the Chicagoland area will take the stage at 4 p.m. Since Loki started seven years ago, band members have come and gone. The current members of the band are Justin Cummings on guitar and vocals, Adam Hughes vocals and on the guitar, Jason Vicous on the bass and Phil DiCicco on drums. Lamb of God, Metallica, Pantera, Slayer, Dead Kennedys and Bad Religion influence them.

"We've evolved musically. Now we do a lot more elaborate songs (versus) punk rock songs (that have) three or four chords," Hughes said. Loki's songs are politically charged with things about how the world needs to change before people destroy it. The band's name is the North Devil from Norway, who is not evil but a trickster, Hughes said.

The Fuzz, from Chicago, puts a spin on rock 'n' roll by incorporating jazz, trance and funk in their songs and will be playing at 6 p.m. The band is made up of Brian Adams on guitar and vocals, Chris Derosa on bass and vocals, Dave Campbell on guitar and vocals and James Walwin on drums.

They are widely influenced by Frank Scatta, Phish, The Beatles, and Led Zeppelin.

An up beat, fun song of theirs is "Shadunda Funk" that is about learning from people with a catchy sing along chorus, Campbell said. Another humorous funk song, "Funky Georgia" of theirs is about a prostitute making breakfast in the morning, Campbell said.

The Roundtable, a funky hip-hop, free-styling group from Chicago will perform at 5 p.m. The men of the Roundtable come from various groups to "show that independent hip-hop is strong in Chicago," said Ben Schlitz, "Beneficial." The group is made up of Villa Camp from Trio Logic, Swing from Chi mark ski Town Kids, Beneficial, Mechanix and Wesless from Dynamic Vibrations, Snugg from Trump Pike and DJ Mada Adam will also be performing with them.

When the Roundtable performs, they pass around the microphone with each of them bringing something unique to the song. And at times their songs focus on each individual, Schlitz said. Recently they went into Schlitz's studio, Daggers Drawn Records, to create their first album together. The album is really driven by their love for Chicago and how they view the hip-hop music scene, Schlitz said. An emotional driven song composed by them is "War Stories." "War Stories" is about a person being on a battlefield for the last time, looking back at how great his life was and a girl back at home missing the soldier and trying to move on with her life, Schlitz said.

"It's all about just using the music to get any point of idea across," Schlitz said.

UB welcomes singer-songwriter to Underground

By HOLLY HENSCHEN
VERGE EDITOR

From running the halls of University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where he earned a degree in graphic design, Matt Wertz turned a hobby into a lifestyle, taking his guitar on the road.

The singer-songwriter is set to play a free show Monday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union in support of his second independent release, "Twenty Three Places."

Concentrating in school on industrial and product design, "at that point I didn't know that music was going to be a passion at all. It was just kind of a hobby, but I loved art and I wanted to do a job that would give me a little more freedom," Wertz said in an interview while on the hunt for a coffee shop in Pacific Palisades, Calif. looking for a parking spot that would hold his equipment trailer.

Originally from Kansas City, Mo., Wertz moved to Nashville, a.k.a. Music City



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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign graduate Matt Wertz is scheduled to play the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday.

"I had some friends there and a buddy of mine from college got a job," he said. "It was familiar and a little more manageable."

In the performance environment, Wertz

launched his solo career after casually writing songs in college. His musical background, however, was much more extensive.

"I was forced to take piano lessons," Wertz said of his musical family. "That's

something that they really instilled in me." His three sisters play guitar and piano, and the family also sang at church.

Matt studied piano for more than six years and his enthusiasm exhausted in middle school. Wertz played piano by ear, which translated well to his instrument of choice.

"I had endured enough pain," he said. "I had earned the right to go and play guitar."

After strumming the six string since the age of 15, Matt has recently paid more attention to the ivories. He recently purchased a Wurliitzer keyboard and is working some piano into his songwriting process.

"You can kind of feel it coming," Wertz said. "I'll sit down and you kind of feel it bubbling over and see if something inspires melody and maybe melody inspires lyric."

The singer songwriter tag has become somewhat of a stigma in the music industry.