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Where did the AB go?

Speaker issue remains alive as AB fails to reach quorum

By **HEIDI KEIBLER**
Student government editor

The Apportionment Board failed to reach quorum Tuesday, leaving funding for a Women's History and Awareness speaker still up in the air.

The AB was scheduled to vote for the third time whether to allocate additional money to the University Board Lectures Committee for a Women's History and Awareness speaker in March. The committee

originally asked for \$12,350 to bring Anita Hill to campus.

The request was sliced to \$8,000 by the AB Oct. 25, but the Student Senate sent this request back to the AB with a recommendation to set aside the full \$12,350. The AB refused, sending the \$8,000 allocation back to the senate one more time, only to have it shot down again with a second recommendation to allocate the

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Entry age change still hurting bars

By **JEREMY R. KIRK**
Staff writer

Although six months have passed since the city's bar-entry age was raised from 19 to 21, some bar owners are still trying to cope with the economic impact of the change.

The loss of underage customers led in August to the closing of Thirsty's Tavern at Sixth Street and Jefferson Avenue and has prompted other bar owners to change

their establishments to attract more business.

Ken Keating, owner of Stu's Surf Side, 1405 Fourth St., said his bar has been closed for the last month because of a lack of customers.

"The business isn't there to want us to be open," Keating said. "We needed a crowd to build a crowd."

Keating said a large source of revenue for his bar was a cover charge collected at the

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KARI SWIFT/Assoc. photo editor

Shaping up

Senior studio art major *Susi Alvarado* cuts pieces of clay to make a teapot Tuesday morning in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Republican power puts state in unfamiliar territory

By **TRAVIS SPENCER**
City editor

Local state representatives say the General Assembly's swing to a new majority could open doors to Republican bills, but Democrats might try to stall action on the Statehouse floor.

For the first time in 11 years, the balance of power in the state House of Representatives has shifted to the Republican Party. Republicans hold 63 seats in the House, leaving Democrats with 55.

State Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, said he's heard reports that the House Democrats "don't want to move on any bills." The House is in its fall veto session for the next three weeks, in which the representatives consider the vetoes Gov. Jim Edgar has made.

Weaver said he thinks Democrats will effectively cancel most of the veto session.

"Two-thirds of the session will probably die on the vine," Weaver said. "They're not happy campers at all."

Universities could see changes

By **DAVE HOSICK**
Administration editor

Two higher education officials say although most education policies are not partisan issues, the new Republican-controlled state Legislature could bring changes to public universities.

Ross Hodel, deputy director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Eastern President David Jorns agree the new Legislature will impact state-supported higher education.

"First of all, there are six state universities that formerly had Democratic representatives located in their city, and now they have

Republicans," Hodel said. "This will cause more work for people on the various campuses because experienced people have been replaced."

Hodel said most education decisions are related more to geographic regions rather than partisanship. He said more than half of Illinois universities now have new legislators in their districts.

"Democrats have traditionally supported student financial aid and minority assistance," Hodel said. "These issues may not receive as much emphasis with the new Republican majority."

"In the senate, there should not

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Sen. Harry "Babe" Woodyard, R-Chrisman, said the Republican sweep of the Statehouse and the Congressional seats was a rare event.

"I remember back to the Eisenhower administration when the Republicans had a strong election," Woodyard said. Republicans were "gloating in the

wind" when they obtained the majority.

"I have to caution my Republican colleagues not to be complacent with the majority.

"In the past, one party or the other has been vindictive toward the other party," Woodyard said. "I don't want to see this happen."

Despite tension between the two parties, Republican-supported bills have a better chance of passing the General Assembly, Woodyard said.

"I think it is more than time to put some of them through," Woodyard said.

Weaver said he is optimistic that more bills will be pushed through the House with the new majority.

Weaver plans to reintroduce a bill in December to abolish the Board of Governors. The bill would be up for consideration in January.

In 1991, Weaver introduced legislation to abolish the BOG, the governing body for Eastern, Western, Governors State, Chicago State and Northeastern universities.

The bill, intended to streamline the

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Speaker

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\$12,350.

Seven voting members of the AB are required to be in attendance at meetings before any allocation can be discussed or voted on.

Only five members attended Tuesday's meeting.

Absent from the meeting were: Gary Owen, John Ferak, Paul Talaga and Joe Moreno. All four have previously voted against allocating the full amount.

AB Chairman Jeff Kocis said Owen is in Washington, D.C. on "some kind of political business," and Moreno was absent because of a "prior commitment." Kocis said he hadn't heard from Ferak or Talaga about why they couldn't attend the meeting.

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door. Because 19- and 20-year-olds can no longer come in, Stu's has lost money.

That loss has prompted Keating to remodel the business. The upstairs of Stu's will be changed into a banquet room connected to E.L. Krackers.

The downstairs of Stu's will remain a bar but will be remodeled with a sports theme. Keating said he hopes to attract a mix of adults and students.

"It will be more of an adult bar and not a college bar anymore," he said.

Another bar owner tried to change his setting to keep business after the entry age went up.

Executive Vice President Kristie Kahles, who sits on the board as a non-voting member, said she believes Owen told the absent members not to attend the meeting because he could not be there.

Owen has made motions to keep the allocation at \$8,000 both times the board has voted on the issue.

"Could it possibly be Gary Owen told them not to come?" she asked. "No quorum, no vote. I'm mad, I'm very mad."

AB members Jill Rice said the possibility of Owen telling the members not to attend is "not inconceivable."

"I think the whole thing is very suspicious considering how the votes have been thus far," she said. "It's also very deplorable that we can not come together and

talk about this."

Owen, calling from Virginia, denied that he had any role in the AB's failure to reach quorum.

Kocis said the senate could vote at tonight's meeting to approve the \$8,000 allocation, but he doesn't think it will.

Rice said she hopes the senate does not approve the \$8,000.

"They should stand by what they believe," she said. "They shouldn't let our (AB's) tantrums affect them, because what we as a board are doing is wrong."

Kocis said if the senate does not approve the allocation tonight, the AB will meet the Tuesday after Thanksgiving break. If the senate then votes down the AB's third allocation, Kocis will make an executive decision on how much to allocate.

Republican

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oversight of state universities and allow for more local control, has been reintroduced several times in the last three years, but Democrats have shot down the measure.

Weaver also said he will examine higher education by establishing a task force to study funding.

Because Republicans head all House committees, Weaver said, he has "put his bid in" to be the education appropriation chairman. The chairmanship of each committee will be decided in January.

Cooperation between legislators is the key to getting bills passed, Woodyard said.

He said a coalition in the senate would increase the number of bills passed.

"I really think there can be some changes with a formation of a coalition," Woodyard said.

However, a Republican and Democratic coalition is not needed as much as a coalition between Chicago-area representatives and downstate lawmakers, he said.

"We need to form a coalition together and work on jobs, crime and education," Woodyard said. "These are very important."

Despite the Republican majority in the Legislature, Republicans and Democrats don't have to clash.

"I, as a farmer and an agricultural person, have been pleased with President Clinton's ethanol program."

Weaver said the House has had a coalition between upstate and downstate representatives for years. However, he said, the election brought in downstate Republicans, who will address the problems of schools in their regions.

Education

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be too significant of a change because they tend to be pro-education," Hodel said. "I hope the House will be the same."

For the first time in 11 years, Republicans have gained control of the state House of Representatives, holding 63 seats in the House compared to the Democrats' 55.

Jorns said usually only minor issues in the Legislature tend to be decided along party lines, but he does foresee some

policy changes.

"Issues of importance in the past have been held up in the Legislature," Jorns said. "For example, a bill that would allow for taxation to support education was brought up and rejected before."

Hodel said one major change that affected education policy in the past was when the Legislature combined the higher education and elementary education committees into a single committee.

"The bills and issues which these committees

drinking could not go downstairs to the juice bar.

Bertuca said he thinks students are leaving Charleston to drink in other cities with lower bar-entry ages.

"I seriously believe they are leaving town," Bertuca said. "They tell me they are going to Champaign. They're aren't a lot of students over 21."

Bertuca said he does not think the new bar-entry age has changed students' drinking habits.

"I don't think it has stopped underage drinking," Bertuca said. "I think they are going to house parties. Students are going into smaller groups and drinking where they know they won't be caught."

dealt with are too complex for one single committee," Hodel said. "It will be interesting to see if changes in the committee structure will occur."

State Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, said he plans to reintroduce a bill in December to abolish the Board of Governors, the governing body for five state schools, including Eastern.

The bill would then be up for consideration in January.

This bill calls for the BOG to be replaced with

individual governing boards to allow for more local control. The bill has failed several times before, in part because of Democratic opposition.

"I am still in support of maintaining the BOG," Jorns said. "If this comes up again, I think it will be considered very seriously before any action is taken."

When the BOG approved a 3.5 percent tuition hike for next year, some education officials said a lack of state education funding was to blame. Hodel doesn't agree.

"Illinois ranks in the top 12 among states in education funding and has ranked in the middle over the last 10 years," Hodel said. "We have remained ahead of inflation in regards to education funding."

Jorns said state funding has fallen short of what he would like for Eastern.

"I hope Eastern does a little better in terms of state funding," Jorns said. "We will lobby heavily in the Republican parts of the state to push legislation through for more funding."

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Study bug

Senior accounting major Susan Ling does homework in the government documents section of Booth Library Tuesday morning.

Limited funding leaves bleak outlook for campus projects

By BRIAN HUCHEL
Campus editor

Numerous campus repairs and high expenses are likely to make it difficult for Eastern's Physical Plant to acquire the funding it will need to complete several projects, Physical Plant Director Ted Weidner said Tuesday.

"In the first year, no way," Weidner said. "My numbers are too large for anyone to swallow."

Weidner said the Physical Plant will need nearly \$75 million during the next several years to pay for maintenance and large-scale repairs on academic buildings on campus. This figure does not include maintenance on the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union or any of the residence halls.

Maintenance figures for these buildings were not

available Tuesday.

There are two avenues available to acquire funding, Weidner said. One possibility would be to receive funding internally from the university's operations budget.

"My typical approach would be to go to the acting vice president (of Business Affairs Marlon Finley)," Weidner said. "He would go to the president (David Jorns) then."

"I have gone to (Finley) on other issues," Weidner said. "But not on this specific issue yet."

Weidner said he has only discussed planned projects with Finley so far.

Planned projects include replacing a large portion of the electrical equipment on campus and correcting masonry problems in several academic buildings.

"There are a number of masonry problems on build-

ings," Weidner said. "Mortar between the stone is weakening. Also, old pipes on campus are just being eaten up."

Aging electrical equipment in several campus buildings has already caused three power outages on campus since August, the most recent occurring Nov. 4. The outages left a number of buildings, including the Union, the Life Sciences Building and Coleman, Taylor and Klehm halls, without power for extended periods of time.

In early September, a broken water pipe in Booth Library left residents of the Gregg Triad without clean water for several days.

The Physical Plant could also acquire money through the regular state appropriations process, which is how money was obtained for other projects such as the upcoming \$11.3 million Buzzard Build-

ing renovation.

Currently, Eastern receives approximately \$600,000 from the state each year, \$900,000 less than the university's estimated \$1.5 million yearly maintenance expenses.

"I work with the budget office, which prepares a budget for the university for the Board of Governors," Weidner said. "It is due in either March or April for fiscal year 1997."

"I identify the scope of the problem, what I hope to accomplish and the estimates," Weidner added. "It goes from the Board of Governors to the Illinois Board of Higher Education to the state governor to the state Legislature."

Weidner will apply for and receive funding in parts. He hopes to receive the bulk of the Physical Plant's needed funding by 1997.

City staff questions council

By TRAVIS SPENCER
City editor

A question-and-answer forum evolved between employees of the city's water and sewer department and the Charleston City Council at the end of Tuesday night's council meeting.

Six city employees brought questions to the City Council about the possibility of hiring a private business to manage the city's utilities. The largest concern was job security.

"Your jobs are not threatened," said Gene Scholes, the commissioner who initiated the idea of hiring a private company.

Two private companies have submitted proposals for management of the city's utilities.

City employee Bill Bosler told the council some city staff members are worried and "insulted" that the city would look into other options.

"We feel we've been hung out here," Bosler said. The city's search for improving utilities is a "kick in the face," he said.

Scholes said although the council is looking into the option of privatization, the city staff will remain involved in the day-to-day running of the city utilities.

"We intend to keep this on top of the table," Scholes said.

Scholes said a date has not been set for a formal decision on the matter.

City Commissioner John Winnett said he doesn't think the city should look into hiring a private company.

"Two weeks ago in a private meeting, I said if it's not broken, don't fix it," Winnett said.

City employee Kenny Keefer said he is also worried about losing his job.

"I've lived here since 1950. This is the best job I've ever had," Keefer said. "I want to keep this job."

Scholes responded, "We know where you're coming from."

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Senate should have considered petition further

Members of the Student Senate took the easy way out at last week's meeting.

When presented with an impeachment petition against Financial Vice President Jeff Kocis that cited violations of the Student Government constitution, senate members

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had two choices. They could vote to go into executive session to further consider the

petition or they could refuse it and do nothing.

Unfortunately, senate members chose to do the latter.

To impeach a member of Student Government, the senate must vote by a two-thirds majority of the entire 30-member body to adjourn to executive session. From there, the body must decide whether or not to carry out impeachment proceedings.

Only 16 of 23 senate members at Wednesday's meeting voted to go into executive session - four votes short of the required number.

This, of course, means that Kocis will remain in his position and no investigation will be conducted to determine if there are any real grounds for impeachment.

Jodi Chapman, the senate member who filed the impeachment petition, said Kocis has routinely failed to provide weekly financial statements to the senate or complete the number of office hours required by the constitution. For this, she says, he deserves to be impeached.

Kocis, who receives a tuition waiver for his duties, has denied Chapman's claims.

Whether or not Kocis should be impeached for these reasons is beside the point. The senate fell woefully short of its responsibility to the students when members could not bother themselves to look into Chapman's charges.

Was there any truth to Chapman's charges? Is Kocis negligent of his duties? Or were the charges, as Kocis claimed, Chapman's attempt at revenge for the events of last April's Student Government elections?

Unfortunately, we'll never know because senate members didn't consider these questions worthy of their time or attention.

TODAY'S QUOTE

What we've got here is a failure to communicate

Don Pearce

Apologies don't come easy after 450 years

How long can one wait to apologize for a wrong and still expect to be forgiven? Would a few decades or centuries be too much time?

The Vatican and a few other churches think not, as they have tried to make amends this week for past cruelties.

Several hundred people from across the Chicago area came together Sunday to repudiate Martin Luther's anti-Semitic writing. In a service of "confession and repentance," congregants of the Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest denounced the anti-Semitic teachings of their religion's founder.

They were commemorating a similar action taken in April by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in acknowledging Luther's prejudice toward Jews.

Meanwhile, in Vatican City, Pope John Paul II said Monday that his church must mark the year 2000 by owning up to the sins of Roman Catholics over the centuries, especially religious intolerance and human-rights abuses.

The pope stopped short of citing particular abuses or accepting blame, but he appeared to be calling on Catholics to reflect on periods such as the Spanish Inquisition and the Nazi Holocaust.

For decades, critics have accused the Vatican of failing to use its full moral authority to prevent the Holocaust, which led to the extermination of six million Jews and 11 million others during World War II. The church has steadfastly denied the charges.

"The church should become more fully conscious of the sinfulness of her children, recalling all those times in history when they departed from the spirit of Christ and his Gospel," the pope said in a 71-page letter.

Referring to "a painful chapter of history" and "profound regret," the pope mentioned the "acquiescence given, especially in certain centuries, to intolerance and even the use of violence in the service of truth."

"How can we not lament the lack of discernment ... shown by many Christians concerning the violation of fundamental rights by totalitarian regimes?"

Luther, the key figure in the Protestant Reformation, shared in the cultural anti-Semitism of his time. In the closing years of his life, Luther wrote several inflammatory polemics, including "Against the Jews and Their Lies"



Chris Sundheim

"How long can one wait to apologize for a wrong and still expect to be forgiven?"

in 1543.

Before he died, Luther suggested harsh measures against Jews, including burning synagogues, forbidding them to teach, taking their books and forbidding them access to public highways.

If Jews did not convert to Christianity, "then we must drive them out like mad dogs, lest we partake in their abominable blasphemy and vices," Luther wrote in one tract.

Rabbi A. James Rudin, who directs interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, called the Lutherans' censure of their founder an act of "extraordinary courage."

"I consider this to be a Magna-Carta of Christian-Jewish relations in the 20th century," Rudin said.

Such brutal self-examinations don't happen often enough. Owning up to grievous mistakes of the past is particularly difficult for governments, churches and other institutions.

Although this week's events stand out as examples of brave honesty, both churches will still be on the defensive. Critics will continue to ask why the apologies took so long and how such obvious mistakes could be overlooked by so many.

And they will be justified. The acknowledgments should have come generations ago. They lack a certain sincerity at this late date.

The gestures were mostly symbolic, but organizers hope they represent an earnest move toward reconciliation. For Catholics and Lutherans, there is no doubt a small sense of relief.

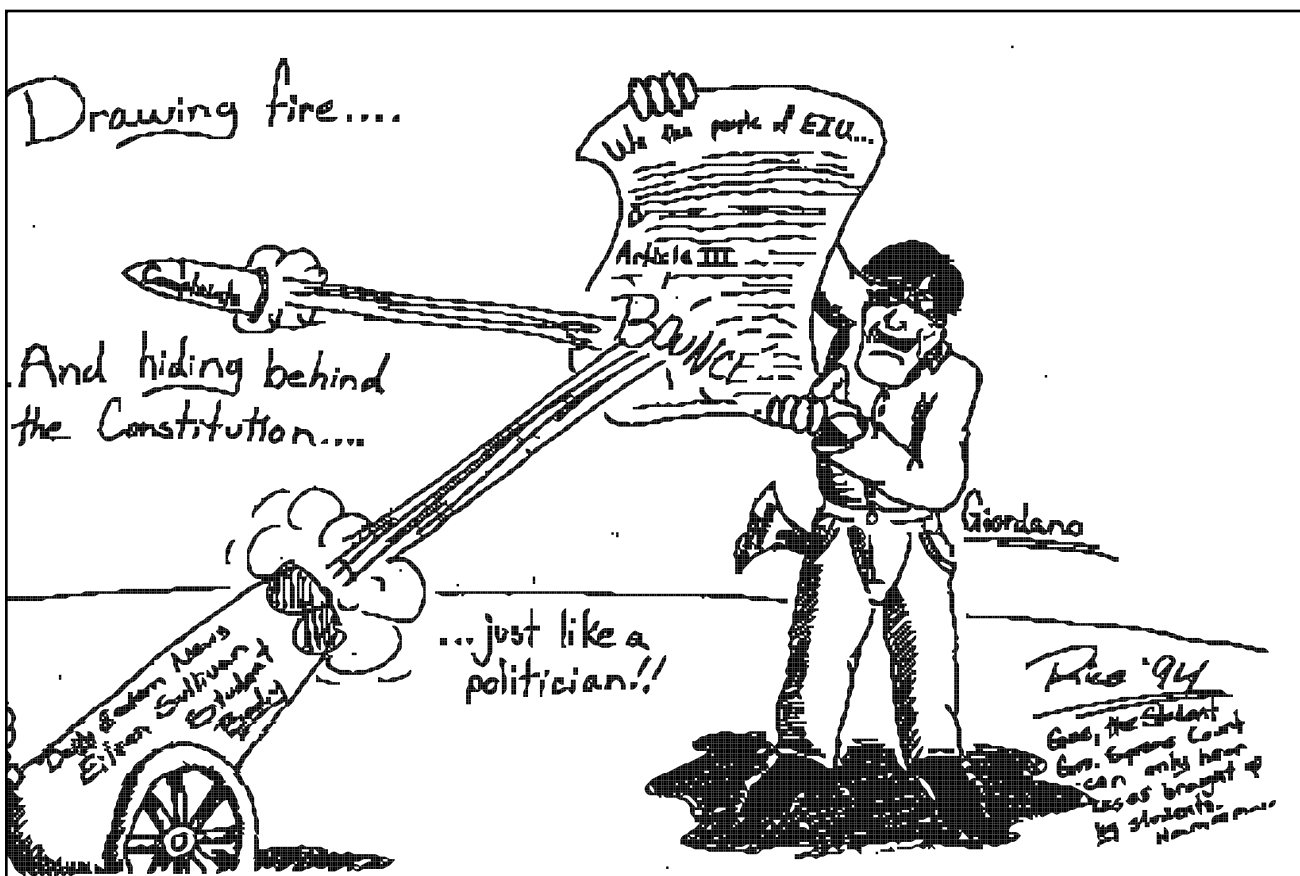
The declarations of both churches are especially poignant coming at the close of a millennium, the last century of which has seen Nazism, fascism and two world wars.

As he led the procession of Lutherans through the streets of Chicago, Bishop Sherman Hicks offered his own simple, instructive assessment.

"We have to own up to the past in order for the future to be one where we can move forward together."

Everyone can agree on that ecumenical statement.

- Chris Sundheim is associate news editor and a columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.



Pro-life, Christian beliefs not always one in the same

Dear editor:

I am writing in response to Chas Hutson's letter in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. I believe that Hutson's responses shed light on a problem that is rampant within our culture: intolerance for conservative viewpoints.

You see, Hutson claims that Doug Bunna is a Christian. Hutson does this by citing Bunna's views as "Christian ethics." Bunna never even mentioned Jesus Christ in his letter, nor did Bunna state his religious preferences; he simply stated his views on abortion and of its biggest American provided -

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Planned Parenthood.

So, Hutson, where do you get off supposing Bunna's religious beliefs for him? Do you fear people who truly believe in Jesus Christ?

If you ask a Buddhist, chances are that they will tell you abortion is wrong. I asked a Buddhist foreign exchange student for her beliefs on abortion, and she said that it was murder.

She said that killing the unborn baby would bring about bad karma. She never questioned the unborn's status, nor whether it was murder. And she's not a Christian.

So, Hutson, please explain to the whole campus once again how you have determined that all of us

opposed to abortion are, by default, Christians.

Now, Hutson, look at this. Abortion is a \$500 billion a year industry in America alone. According to a Chicago Sun-Times investigative series called "Abortion Profiteers," there are "counselors who are paid not to counsel but to sell abortion with sophisticated pitches and deceptive practices... it's not 'do you want a termination (abortion), but when?'"

If I remember correctly, Planned Parenthood was not exonerated by this report, and there are several others out there which shed light on their real agenda.

In the future, please do not assume pro-lifer's religious beliefs for them. You make yourself look like more of a fool when you do.

Scott Jones

Group seeking student helpers

By CHAD GALLAGHER
Staff writer

A volunteer organization in Charleston is seeking Eastern students to help causes ranging from the plight of Haitians to housing for low-income families.

The Newman Center, which has been servicing Eastern for 54 years and organizes nearly 40 student volunteer programs, is only one of many organizations in Charleston that work to help underprivileged people through students volunteering.

Students have been a large part of many local charity efforts, providing valuable labor and time. For many volunteers, the motivation to help others is part of a personal tradition.

"For me it comes out of my heart - it is an inner drive to want to change poor situations," said Liz Steger, a junior family services major. "Ever since I was a little girl, I was more prone to helping people rather than myself."

Steger is involved at the Newman Catholic Center, including the Haiti Connection, which works to raise awareness of the conditions in Haiti.

Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Center, said Mariane W. Edelman, executive director of the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., may have summed up the role of volunteered services best when she said: "Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time."

The Newman Center organizes programs ranging from nursing home visits to building low-cost homes for the poor community, and more than 150 Eastern students volunteer their time to these causes.

Sophomore Donna Delay, an elementary education major, said she has been working for years on campus and in her community in volunteer programs that try to reduce



Photo courtesy of the Student Volunteer Center
Nora Strong, a sophomore English major, works on a roofing project last spring during a Habitat for Humanity workshop in Battle Creek, Mich. Habitat for Humanity is one volunteer group involved with the Student Volunteer Center.

hunger.

"All throughout high school I was involved in different volunteer programs," Delay said. "In my local area near St. Louis, I would work at food pantries."

The Haiti Connection sponsored several Hunger Awareness Week activities last week, including a banquet that fed more than 80 people and collected several grocery bags of food. The group also collected more than \$240 for projects in Haiti and a local food pantry.

Senior Anne Chobot, a special education major, credits her diverse family background for her awareness of social struggles.

"I'm aware of the struggles of people who are poor and oppressed, and I believe if you want peace, you have to work for justice," Chobot said.

Steger agreed with Chobot,

adding that more students need to contribute rather than look away.

"I have a problem with people who feel that as an American everything is owed to them, and they have the right to all these things that are given to them," Steger said.

Steger said people often approach her asking, "What world are you trying to save now, Liz," but that sarcasm won't slow her efforts.

"I felt a call to enter a field of service and helping people," Steger said. "My dad has been a big influence; he was a social worker, and when I saw him doing that, it interested me."

Senior Amy Husarik, an elementary education major and intern at the Newman Center, said she often has difficulty finding time to volunteer between classes and working as a resident assistant.

Students dislike grade proposal

By AMY HEEREN
Staff writer

Some students are against the proposed change in Eastern's grading system, saying it would be unfair to students with low grades.

The proposed grading system would add pluses and minuses to the grading system, adding or subtracting decimal points from the grade points assigned to letter grades. A grade of B plus, for example, would be worth 3.5 grade points as opposed to 3.0 for a B.

Junior sociology major Andrew Heffelfinger said students would not necessarily support the change.

"It would make a lot of grades look worse," Heffelfinger said. "Students would only appreciate it if they had the higher grade, not the lower."

"It will downplay most students' grades instead of make them better," Heffelfinger

added.

"If you add the pluses and minuses, it makes the grading system a lot harder," said freshman business management major Derick Edwards. "It will hurt students' GPAs if you put a minus on a grade."

Junior physical education major Jim Healey, who experienced a similar plus-and-minus grading system at the University of Toledo, said the system will be more difficult for students who typically earn low grades.

"If you were an A-plus student and got an A-minus, I can see where you'd be mad," said senior graphic design major Kristin Wagner. "I guess you'd only like it if you got the pluses."

The grade system proposal, which was brought before the Faculty Senate on Oct. 18 by Susan Bazargan of the English department, has been largely supported by senate members and the Council on Academic Affairs.

Senate members to elect speaker

By HEIDI KEIBLER
Student government editor

Sixteen newly elected senate members will be seated and a new senate speaker will be elected at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

To elect a senate speaker, nominations are taken from the floor, and each candidate chooses two individuals to speak for two to three minutes on his or her behalf. Each candidate then gives a speech, and senate members vote by secret ballot.

The new speaker will be seated immediately.

Two proposals will also be brought before the senate tonight.

One proposal, written by Executive Vice President Kristie Kahles and Student Body President Blake Wood, calls

for the establishment of a multicultural affairs board. The proposal was brought before the senate last week but was tabled for further consideration.

The board would research and evaluate problems and concerns pertaining to minority students and bring these issues before the Student Government.

It would be composed of delegates from recognized student organizations, a secretary, four faculty members and one faculty adviser, making up committees on campus relations, service, events and awareness.

"Kristie (Kahles) has done a great job of laying the ground work," Wood said. "I hope it passes; it doesn't seem very controversial."

The other proposal calls for the establishment of a student body elections commission. This bill has been tabled twice for further consideration.

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Holiday breakdown

Class attendance low before break

By **DAVE HOSICK**
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday discussed several concerns of faculty members relating to the new academic calendar and class attendance requirements for faculty members.

A letter to the senate, signed by 20 faculty members in the mathematics department, warned there is a problem with students asking permission to miss class because other instructors have canceled classes on the days preceding a holiday break.

Senate Secretary Gail Mason said the problem with absences before school vacations does not rest solely with students.

"Some faculty are leaving early, and students feel they should do the same thing," Mason said. "This is not necessarily a student thing, but a faculty thing as well."

The letter to the senate asks, "What do we do next to stop students from starting early?" The faculty who signed the letter said this year's

"This is not necessarily a student thing, but a faculty thing as well."

— Gail Mason
Faculty Senate secretary

weeklong Thanksgiving break will encourage faculty to leave campus early.

"The university has a set of specific expectations of academic performance for students called academic integrity," said senate member Charles Eberly. "It needs to become explicit why faculty would not be in class."

The senate also discussed problems with the new attendance policy approved by the Council on Academic Affairs that allows teachers to set their own attendance policies but are responsible for excusing students for illness and university functions.

"Many people seem to think that the policy is contradictory," said senate member Lankford Walker. "This policy says instructors have the right to set their attendance policies, but the instructor would have to excuse students for illness and university activities."

The senate voted to continue the discussion at their next meeting.

In other business at the meeting, Cynthia Nichols and Christine Briskowski of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee asked the senate for suggestions concerning university policies on sexual harassment and spousal hiring.

"We are looking for practical ways to provide some method of hiring of faculty spouses and minorities," Nichols said.

Nichols said the committee is trying to reach all students, staff and faculty to get them involved in campus sexual harassment workshops. So far, about 150 faculty and staff members have participated in the workshops.

Women's council presents film focusing on Hispanics

By **JENNIFER STUECHELI**
Staff writer

The Women's Studies Council will present the feature film "The House of the Spirits" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library Lecture Hall.

The movie is being shown as a late offering in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which was Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Admission to the film is free.

The movie is based on the novel by internationally acclaimed Chilean novelist Isabel Allende, said Karen Taylor, member of the council's program committee.

"We chose this film because the central characters are women," Taylor said.

Although Hispanic Heritage Month is over, Taylor said, the council is using this movie as one more event to celebrate.

Taylor said the council tries to promote an

understanding of the lives of women through a feminist perspective.

"This movie focuses on the importance of women in Latin American countries and exemplifies how women are the center of the family around which everything revolves," Taylor said. "It shows the strengths, influences and achievements of women."

The film is significant to the group because, until 1982, the writing industry was absent of female Latin American novelists, Taylor said.

Taylor said the council chose to focus on Latin American women because of the growing number of Latino students on campus.

"In the future, we would like to do more for the minority students," Taylor said. "We are especially concerned with recognizing the achievements of minority women."

Council members will be present to answer any questions from the audience, Taylor said.

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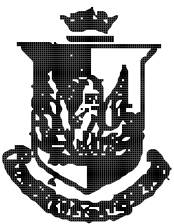
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Interest rates increased again

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Reserve increased key interest rates three-quarters of a percentage point on Tuesday in its most dramatic move yet to slow the surging economy and prevent a new cycle of inflation.

The Fed's rate increase, the sixth this year and the largest in 13 years, was immediately matched by similar 0.75 percentage point increases in major banks' prime lending rates, meaning that the cost of borrowing for millions of Americans will be going up.

Financial markets had a



mixed reaction to the larger-than-expected rate increase. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 3 points. The beleaguered dollar rallied on currency markets and Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond, a sensitive barometer of inflation concerns, posted a slight gain

as well.

The Fed increased its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, from 4.75 percent, where it had been since Aug. 16, to 5.25 percent. It also boosted its discount rate, the interest the Fed charges for direct loans, by three-quarters of a point to 4.75 percent.

It marked the biggest jump in the Fed's discount rate since it was raised a full percentage point in May 1981, a period when the central bank was pushing interest rates to their highest level since the

Civil War in an effort to attack double-digit inflation.

The Clinton administration, which since taking office has refrained from criticizing the Fed, was restrained in its comments.

Both Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and White House chief economist Laura D'Andrea Tyson issued statements emphasizing the Fed's independence.

"The administration and the Federal Reserve share a common goal of steady growth with low inflation," said Bentsen.

Rare sleep disorder used in murder defense

BUTLER, Pa. (AP) - Michael Ricksgrers admits he shot his wife to death in bed but says a rare sleep disorder caused him to do it as he slept.

Ricksgrers was suffering from sleep apnea, which cuts off oxygen to the brain and causes abnormal behavior, defense attorney Lou Ceraso told jurors during opening statements Tuesday at the 37-year-old welder's murder trial.

"It's a little like sleepwalking, or talking in your sleep, in which you do involuntary things but in a much more exaggerated

form," the lawyer said.

Assistant District Attorney David Hepting didn't address the sleep apnea issue in his opening statement. But he said there was no doubt Ricksgrers deliberately killed his wife as she slept the morning after Christmas.

He said that Janet Ricksgrers once consulted a divorce attorney and that police found a note to Ricksgrers in her purse in which she said she was leaving him forever. She signed it, "Bye." Both sides said they would call experts to testify about

sleep apnea, in which a person's breathing can stop for as long as a minute.

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine last year found that 4 percent of women and 9 percent of men in their working years experience spells of apnea at least 15 times an hour while asleep.

A Canadian man who stabbed his mother-in-law to death and seriously wounded his father-in-law in 1987 was acquitted after sleep-disorder experts testified the acts had occurred during a sleepwalking episode.

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Panthers

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with 11:15 left as Jordan powered home a dunk to give Eastern a 40-28 advantage.

After beginning the second half with a 42-31 lead, AAU chipped away with eight straight points. Thanks to Ian Steinback's score with 14 minutes remaining, AAU cut the Panther lead to 48-43.

But sophomore Johnny Moore canned a three and a two-pointer to extend the Eastern edge to 61-50 with just over 10 minutes left. For only playing 15 minutes, Moore collected 15 points.

The Panthers were apparently anxious to play this evening, when a scuffle broke out between redshirt freshman Jason Rossi and AAU's

Joe Daugherty with 8:40 remaining.

Daugherty and Rossi both dove for a loose ball, with Daugherty reaching it first. Rossi landed on Daugherty's left ankle, and when the Panther didn't get up right away, Daugherty punched Rossi in the face.

Rossi retaliated by returning Daugherty's greeting before the referees broke up the melee. Daugherty, who was wearing two ankle braces, was awarded a technical while the officials charged Rossi with a personal foul.

But that skirmish seemed to ignite AAU, as it trimmed the Eastern lead to 64-59 thanks to a Steinback put-

back with 6:55 left.

But an Andre Rodriguez dunk with 1:26 remaining started a six-point run for the Panthers, and they didn't allow another AAU score.

"We did pretty good in some spots," said Jordan of the team's overall performance. Commenting on holding AAU to only 64 points, Jordan explained that "we played pretty good (defense)."

An aspect that Samuels observed tonight is how the Panthers were able to move the ball down the floor before the lumbering AAU bodies could catch up.

"What we relied on is quickness," Samuels said. "Those we're big bodies tonight - big, strong bodies."

Despite strike, A.L. Gold Gloves given

NEW YORK (AP) - Don Mattingly won his record ninth Gold Glove at first base and New York Yankees teammate Wade Boggs earned his first-ever at third base in American League awards announced Tuesday.

Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle became the first AL outfielder to win five straight Gold Gloves and California pitcher Mark Langston won his sixth overall.

Toronto second baseman Roberto Alomar, Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel, outfielders Devon White of Toronto and Kenny Lofton of

Cleveland and Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez all were repeat winners from last season.

Mattingly's ninth award, and fourth in a row, moved him past George Scott for the most in the AL at first base. Keith Hernandez holds the NL record with 11 at the position.

Griffey won his fifth straight Gold Glove while Alomar, Langston and White each won their fourth in a row. White has earned six overall; the record for an outfielder is 12 by Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente.

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McBee

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name."

English said no major steps have been taken toward such expansion.

"The only thing that has been done in the recent past is the athletic directors have formed a long-range planning committee," English said. "Inquiries that have come in in recent weeks or months or will come in in the future will all be forwarded to this committee.

"That committee will make recommendations to the athletic directors, and that committee will work in conjunction with the presidents to determine whether there should be site visits or other types of research done."

He hinted that future expansion is inevitable.

"The fact that the ADs created this committee shows there is an interest in taking a look at anybody who is interested in the OVC."

McBee speaks as though admission to the OVC is the only viable option for a change in conference affiliation.

"If we're going to stay in the Mid-Con, there's going to have to be some realignment and maybe some new members," McBee said. "The OVC would be a better situation for us in the long run.

"Right now, we're in the Mid-Con, and we have to play with that. It's not that bad of a conference, it's just that travel is such a bear."

Admission to the OVC, McBee says, would require

not only leaving the Mid-Con, but also abandoning the Gateway Football Conference - a league that ensures traditional rivalries with Western Illinois, Southern Illinois and Illinois State.

"That's something that has to be addressed at that point. It would be hard," McBee said. "Until we get there, we're not going to worry about it."

One possible scenario for OVC expansion has the league jumping to a 12-team conference and dividing into two six-team divisions, either by geographical location or by grouping scholarship and non-scholarship teams separately.

Under such a plan, McBee says, Eastern would be in the scholarship division and could possibly schedule its traditional football rivals as non-conference opponents.

An even better scenario, but one McBee said seemed less likely, would have schools such as Western, Southern or Illinois State joining the OVC with Eastern.

"Western's the only one I've heard mentioned," McBee said. "But I don't know if they'd be interested."

So for now, with a commitment to the Mid-Con through the 1995-96 academic year and with no immediate plans for OVC expansion, Eastern plays the waiting game.

In the interim, McBee has begun marketing Eastern to the OVC.

He's added OVC member Tennessee-Martin as an

THURSDAY McBee discusses the future of Eastern athletics

opponent in football and basketball, and the Panthers will also play Southeast Missouri State, another OVC school, next year in football.

He's hired Steve Rich, Murray State's former director of marketing and promotions, as Eastern's new assistant athletic director for marketing and development.

He's undertaken steps to make Lantz Gym a more fan-friendly environment for basketball, and indications are Rich plans to market basketball much like he did at Murray State - as the school's marquee program.

McBee's even had the "Mid-Continent" name removed from the playing surface of Lantz Gym.

But regardless of what the future holds for Eastern, McBee says there are major changes coming down the pike nationwide regarding conference affiliation.

"In a few years, you're going to see a national super conference," McBee said. "(Its members) will be in the highest level of Division I. What the true I-A schools want to do is to call their own shots.

"We've postured ourselves pretty well to withstand that. I think we're OK as far as that restructuring."

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Klein nabs trio of recruits

By JOHN BATES
Staff writer

Lady Panther basketball coach John Klein, who said he likes to recruit from high schools, announced the signing of three prep students to scholarships Monday.

Joining the Lady Panthers next season will be Andrea Wax from Tuscola High School, Angela Patzner from Stillman Valley High School and Nicole Uecker from Annadale High School in Maple Lake, Minn.

"All three are at the top of their class, and we're thrilled that they decided to attend Eastern," Klein said.

Forward Wax averaged 14.9 points and 12 rebounds per game while shooting 50 percent from the field. Last season as a junior she was named to the Champaign News-Gazette Second Team All-Area and the Decatur Herald Third Team All-Area, as well as making the Little Okaw Valley Conference First Team for

the second consecutive season.

"Her biggest asset is her knowledge of the game," said Tuscola coach Stan Wienke. "When we put in something new, she's usually one of the first to pick up on it."

Said Klein, "Andrea is a developing player with a lot of potential. That's why so many teams were wanting to sign her. She's a post player who will definitely help us inside. Andrea has a nice shot and rebounds well."

Patzner will be playing the off-guard position for the Lady Panthers, according to Klein. He said Patzner can shoot well from the outside and drive to the basket to provide the team with an extra "scoring punch."

She averaged 18 points and 10.9 rebounds en route to the All-State Second Team last season.

All-Conference center Uecker averaged 17.2 points and 7.5 rebounds last season.

"Nicole is about six feet tall, so she is primarily a post player, but (she) will also help us from 15 feet on in," Klein said.

Samuels inks prep duo also

Head coach Rick Samuels announced Monday that Larry Moore, Jr. and Carlton DeBose have signed national letters of intent to play college basketball at Eastern.

Moore, a 6-foot guard from St. Francis de Sales, has been selected to the Chicago Sun-Times 15-man preseason All-Area team, and is also included in Street & Smith magazine's prep honorable mention All-American list.

"We're pleased that he decided to attend Eastern," Samuels said. "He's a solid kid."

Last season, Moore was First Team All-Catholic League North, a Southtown Economist and Hammond Times All-Area selection and a Sun-Times Honorable Mention All-Area pick.

"It's obvious that we like his basketball background," Samuels said. "We've had great success with point guards who can shoot the ball."

Moore averaged 5.6 assists, 1.9 steals, shot 46 percent from the field and 83 percent from the free-throw line as a junior last season for

his coach and father, Larry Moore.

"Having a father as your coach gives you a deep appreciation of fundamental play," Samuels noted.

DeBose, a 6-foot-3-inch guard from Harvey Thornton, was the No. 2 vote getter in the SICA Central Conference for the Most Valuable Player Award. He was also an Honorable Mention All-Area pick by the Southtown and Chicago Heights Star newspapers.

"Carlton is, first of all, a very good athlete," Samuels said. "We're confident that he will work hard on his perimeter shot. As that improves and he becomes stronger through maturity, he will be tough to defend."

DeBose averaged 16 points, four rebounds and two steals last season. He also was an Honorable Mention All-SICA Central selection with a 9.0 scoring average in his sophomore year.

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JOHN COX/Staff Photographer
Panther forward Louis Jordan, here inbounding the ball at a recent practice, was selected by the coaches and media to the Mid-Continent Conference preseason All-Conference team. Point guard Nicky Polka of the women's team also received the preseason honor.

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also have to go up against Princeton, which was one of the best defensive teams in the nation a year ago.

Although the Mid-Con has had a lot of shake-ups over the last year, Samuels said he is anxious to get the season started.

"I'm excited about it," Samuels said. "It's a league that obviously has gone through some change, but it's a league that I think has a bright future."

New Mid-Con member Chicago State hired former Chicago Bull Craig Hodges to help turn around a Cougar team that finished 4-23 a year ago.

"Everybody is enthusiastic and they've been working hard. That's all you can ask," Hodges said. "We've emphasized a new system and they're starting to uti-

lize it, and utilize their skills out of it."

The Mid-Con also introduced new commissioner Dr. Jon Steinbrecher, who had been serving as acting commissioner since the resignation of Jerry Ippoliti over the summer.

Steinbrecher said that while the conference has gotten a lot of bad publicity, he thinks it is now going in the right direction.

"It was about 11 months ago that everybody wrote this conference off," Steinbrecher said. "But obviously that was a mistake. They're (teams) going to make some noise this year."

After Valpo and Eastern in the polls came Western Illinois, Buffalo, Missouri-Kansas City, Youngstown State, Troy State, Northeastern, Central Connecticut and Chicago State.

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for her and good for Eastern."

Western Illinois was predicted to win the Mid-Con in the coaches' poll, reeling in 137 points to outdistance second place Buffalo, which received 109 points.

"As far as the preseason picks, we're intrigued by the honor," said Westerwind coach Regina Miller, whose team finished 15-13 last

year. "We're intrigued that we're recognized as one of the top teams in the league, and we're excited for the season."

"We're a bit surprised that we're second in the poll," said Buffalo coach Sal Buscaglia, whose squad went 20-9 to win its second East Coast Conference title in three years last season. "We did lose 50 percent of our scoring to graduation, but we're happy to be a part of the

Mid-Continent Conference."

Even though his team is slated toward the bottom of the conference, Klein is ready to face six new teams in the new-look league.

"We're looking forward to playing the new opposition in the league," he said. "We've got our first recruiting class in - we've got a good group of incoming freshmen - and we're looking forward to the season."

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Men's hoops squad picked 2nd in league . . .

By **PAUL DEMPSEY**
Associate sports editor

CHICAGO - Yesterday was Media Day for the Mid-Continent Conference, and the preseason basketball polls were released in which Eastern's men's basketball team was picked to finish in second place this season behind Valparaiso University.

Head coach Rick Samuels said that the two polls, one of which was voted on by Mid-Con coaches and sports information directors, and another that was selected by the media, are

probably not very reliable this year because of the six new schools that have joined the Mid-Con this season.

"There's probably less credence to be placed in those preseason polls than ever before," Samuels said of his team's predicted finish. "We really don't know much about some of the teams.

"We have a pretty good feeling about the four teams (Eastern, Western Illinois, Valpo and Youngstown State) that are returning in our league. But I'm not sure how the new teams can measure up for us, and I'm

not sure how we can measure up to the new teams."

Panther forward Louis Jordan was selected to the preseason all-conference team in both the Coaches/SID's poll and the media poll.

The new look Mid-Con includes first-year schools Buffalo, Central Connecticut State, Chicago State, University of Missouri-Kansas City,



Rick Samuels

Northeastern Illinois and Troy State. Samuels talked about a season of extremes for his Panther team.

The first extreme was the large amount of traveling his squad will do. The Panthers will play as far East as Connecticut and will go as far West as Hawaii.

The other extreme Samuels talked about was the different schools his team would go up against.

The Panthers have to play Troy State, a team that was second in the nation in scoring last season. They † See **MEN'S** Page 11

. . . while women's team is tabbed for 8th

By **RANDY LISS**
Sports editor

CHICAGO - Eastern women's basketball coach John Klein can take solace in one fact since his Lady Panthers were predicted to finish eighth in the Mid-Continent Conference's annual preseason coaches' poll at the Mid-Con's media day on Tuesday.

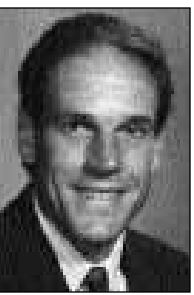
Last year they were picked to finish last.

For the second straight season, Mid-Con coaches selected Eastern to finish in the lower rungs of the league, this despite the fact that the Mid-Con contains six new teams in the 10-school conference.

Klein thought that the new blood in the league may have had an effect on the poll and the fact that the Lady Panthers are buried in the standings once again, but he also sees this season as a wide-open affair in the hunt for the conference title.

"There's just these new teams, and most of us don't know a great deal about them," Klein said. "But I feel that the conference is anybody's, and that there's a chance (to win) for everybody this year."

While opposing Mid-Con coaches obviously didn't



John Klein

think much of Eastern's chances this season, they did think enough of Lady Panther point guard Nicky Polka to select her to the league's preseason All-Conference team.

Last year, the senior guard led the team with 151 assists and finished second on the squad in scoring, averaging 9.6 points a game.

"I was happy to see Nicky get the recognition," Klein said. "She's very deserving, and I think it's both good

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ATHLETICS 2000: McBEE AND THE FUTURE

In search of the Ohio Valley

Conference of the Future?

Eastern's admission into the Ohio Valley Conference would bring all of the school's sports, excluding soccer, together into one more regional conference.

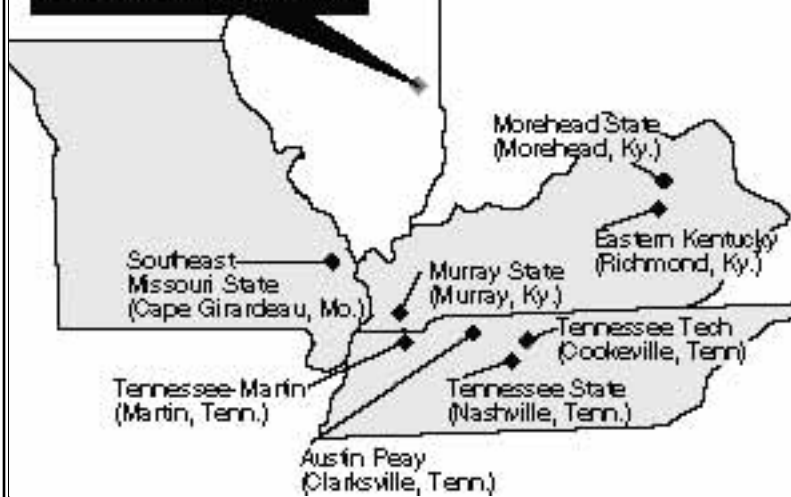
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- Eastern Illinois University (Charleston)
- Illinois State University (Normal)
- Indiana State University (Terre Haute, Ind.)
- University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, Iowa)
- Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)
- Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield, Mo.)
- Western Illinois University (Macomb)

Current Mid-Continent Conference members (all other sports)

- University of New York (Buffalo, N.Y.)
- Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, Conn.)
- Chicago State University (Chicago)
- Eastern Illinois University (Charleston)
- University of Missouri (Kansas City, Mo.)
- Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago)
- Valparaiso University (Valparaiso, Ind.)
- Western Illinois University (Macomb)
- Youngstown State University (Youngstown, Ohio)

Eastern Illinois University
Travel for Eastern's teams in the OVC would be considerably shorter than that in the current Mid-Con.



CHRIS SOPRYCH/Art director

McBee says new league would work in long run

By **ROBERT MANKER**
Senior reporter

Wanted: A regional, Division I conference offering play for as many of Eastern's 18 teams as possible.

The Panthers are seeking a league comprised of other mid-level institutions and would be available to join during the 1996-97 academic year.

Interested parties may contact Eastern Athletic Director Bob McBee.

And everyday, he hopes the Ohio Valley Conference has his number on speed dial.

"I'd like to see us in the OVC if possible," McBee said. "That would help us tremendously in our conference alignment.

"The name affinity is there, because everybody knows the OVC, and, financially, it will help us in the long run to be playing OVC schools."

That's McBee's pitch on why Eastern should want into the league, a nine-school conference that last changed alignment with the 1991 addition of Southeast Missouri State and the 1992 acceptance of Tennessee-Martin.

Other OVC schools are Austin Peay (Clarksville, Tenn.), Eastern Kentucky (Richmond, Ky.), Middle Ten-

nessee State (Murfreesboro, Tenn.), Morehead State (Morehead, Ky.), Murray State (Murray, Ky.), Tennessee State (Nashville, Tenn.) and Tennessee Tech (Cookeville, Tenn.).

Eastern's approximate enrollment of 10,700 students would place it third in the conference behind Middle Tennessee's 17,383 and Eastern Kentucky's 16,391.

Logistically, the OVC seems to be a much better fit for Eastern than the now geographically absurd Mid-Continent Conference, with members strewn across the country from Kansas City, Mo., to New Britain, Conn.

With all sports except men's and women's soccer and women's swimming competing in the same league, Eastern could emerge with a rosier conference alignment than before last year's mass exodus of six Mid-Con schools to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

But would the OVC want Eastern?

"We aren't necessarily in an expansion mode, but that doesn't mean that we're closed to that subject," said Ron English, assistant commissioner of the OVC. "We have received inquiries from Midwestern universities, but I'm not going to identify any by

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Exhibition easy for Panthers in debut

By **DAN FIELDS**
Staff writer

Playing against an opponent other than itself for the first time this season, the men's basketball squad was the victor against the Indiana Amateur Athletic Union squad Monday night with a 75-64 victory at Lantz Gym.

"All this does is break the monotony of practices," said head coach Rick Samuels.

Focusing on outside shooting is what Samuels' team had to do, as AAU clogged up the inside with a 1-2-2 defense.

"We're going to need to be good three-point shooters," Samuels said. "We hope those threes will go down (this season)."

After going 3-for-10 from the three-point line in the first half, the Panthers knocked down 7 of 10 threes for the remainder of the game, finishing with a respectable 50 percent from beyond the circle.

"We shot so many tonight because they played in a zone," said Derrick Landrus. The senior guard led the scoring attack with 19 points, nine of those from beyond the three-point arc.

Eastern jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead, thanks to a Landrus three and two consecutive scores by senior Louis Jordan. The Panthers biggest lead of the half came

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