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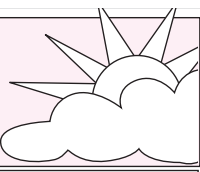
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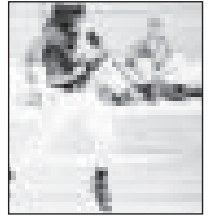
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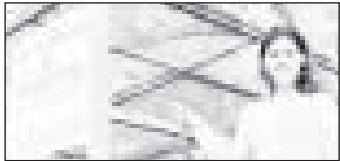
## Return match

Baseball team hosts St. Louis in rematch of last week's game.



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INSIDE



Student Senate Speaker Erin Weed was selected as The Daily Eastern News' person of the year. **PAGE 5**

## Student trustee bill moves to floor of Illinois Senate

By DEANA POOLE  
Administration editor

Legislation that will give student representatives on state public universities an official vote is currently undergoing a second reading on the Illinois Senate floor.

House Bill 923, which was approved by the Illinois House of Representatives on March 11, was adopted by the Illinois Senate Executive Committee Thursday.

After the Senate committee adopted the bill, it immediately moved to the Senate floor.

The Senate will reconvene in session today and continue through Friday, said Chris Merrifield, Eastern's liaison to the capital. She said it is possible the Senate will vote on the bill this week.

Currently, student representatives only have an advisory vote on the governing boards of Illinois public schools.

Ruthie Rundle, the student vice president for public affairs elect, said she was excited about the possibility of having a vote on the

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### Preach on

Taking advantage of the weather Monday, Brother Dan preaches to passers-by in the Library Quad.

## Bill Cosby to return to Eastern for Parent's Weekend of 1998

By MANDY MILCAREK  
Staff writer

Bill Cosby will return to Eastern during Parents Weekend for a performance students and parents to enjoy.

Cosby previously did a show at Eastern for Parents Weekend on Nov. 6, 1993.

The show grossed more than \$24,000 for the university.

Dave Milberg, director of student life and University Board adviser, said Cosby and Aretha Franklin have the same agent. When Milberg was negotiating with the agent to book Franklin for 1997 Parent's Weekend, he was able to negotiate a deal for Cosby's return.

Although a contract for Cosby has not yet been signed, Milberg said Cosby and he have a verbal agreement and Cosby is committed to perform.

He will be performing two shows on Oct. 31, 1998, in Lantz Gymnasium, and tickets will cost about the

“People enjoyed him and he was well received in 1993, so we are expecting the same reaction for 1998.”

- Dave Milberg, director of student life and University Board adviser

same as the tickets to the 1993 show. The UB paid Cosby \$100,000 for his performance three years ago and Milberg said Cosby will probably cost close to the same amount for 1998.

“It is a little too soon to tell, but his technical needs are pretty much the same now as they were in 1993,” Milberg said. “The projected earnings for the 1998 show should be pretty similar to the 1993 show.”

Milberg said the UB has already received a lot of positive feedback about Cosby's return.

“People enjoyed him and he was well received in

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### Close look

Maureen Hermsen, a senior environmental biology major, studies slides for her parasitology class Monday night in the Life Science Building.

## Compliance checks at bars are nothing out of ordinary

### Chief says police raids decreased number of minors in town bars

By ROB STROUD  
City editor

The Charleston Police Department has conducted compliance checks at several local bars this semester, but Charleston officials say this is nothing out of the ordinary.

Ike's, 409 Lincoln Ave., received a compliance check

Friday night, while Stu's Surf Side, 1405 Fourth St., and Mother's, 506 Monroe Ave., received compliance checks two weeks ago.

The police report stated that 12 Eastern students were charged with minors frequenting a licensed establishment during the compliance check at Stu's.

“It seems like they've been hitting every bar once or twice a semester,” said Randy Stumpf, the manager of Stu's.

“We have not increased our operations to any degree,” Charleston Police Chief Herb Steidinger said.

“It seems like they've been hitting every bar once or twice a semester.”

- Randy Stumpf, manager of Stu's Surf Side

The compliance checks began after the bar entry age was raised, Steidinger said.

Statistics compiled by the police department state 16 minors were charged with frequenting a licensed establishment in 1993. The number increased to 48 in 1994, decreased to 44 in 1995 and raised to a high of 64 in 1996.

Despite the number of arrests,

Steidinger said the compliance checks have played a role in decreasing the total number of minors entering bars.

“I think it has decreased over the last four years,” Steidinger said. However, Steidinger said the use of false IDs has increased.

The number of minors charged with misrepresenting their age in 1994 was 32. This

number increased to 33 in 1995 and 41 in 1996. However, these numbers do not exclusively represent bar related incidents. They are also a result of traffic stops and police raiding parties.

Steidinger said bar owners could reduce the number of minors who enter their establishments by checking everyone's IDs and making sure the ID belongs to the person using it.

Cougill said bar owners also could reduce the number of minors entering bars by spending more money to hire

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# Judge rejects Simpson bid to overturn ruling

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's bid to overturn the \$33.5 million verdict against him in the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend was rejected Monday by a judge who said the damages were too low, if anything.

In asking that the civil verdict be overturned, Simpson's lawyers claimed Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki erred in admitting or excluding certain evidence.

The defense also complained of jury misconduct, surprise evidence being allowed, and insufficient evidence to support the verdict.

Fujisaki refused to reverse the jury's ruling, saying: "The repre-

hensibility of this defendant is without a doubt most grievous and beyond comparison" to cases cited in the defense argument.

He also refused to reduce the damages, saying Simpson had a net worth of more than \$15 million last year and could make \$2.5 million a year.

That doesn't include Simpson's three pension funds, which Fujisaki said would prevent him from being "left destitute" if they are exempted from use to pay the damages.

"The amount of the awards in this case may be considered insufficient rather than excessive," he said. "It would be unconscionable to let the defendant profit from his wrongdoing."

# Supreme Court ruling makes suing local governments harder

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court made local governments less vulnerable to civil rights lawsuits Monday as it voted 5-4 to throw out the \$818,000 won by an Oklahoma woman severely injured by a sheriff's deputy.

The court ruled that Bryan County, Okla., wrongly was held liable for a 1991 incident in which Jill Brown was thrown to the ground with such force that she has had four operations and ultimately will require total knee replacements.

Mrs. Brown sued under a much-used federal law, and a jury found that reserve deputy Stacy Burns used excessive force. The county was punished

because Burns' uncle, Sheriff B.J. Moore, hired him despite a long record of misdemeanor convictions.

The nation's highest court set aside that jury verdict as Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote: "Congress did not intend municipalities to be held liable unless deliberate action attributable to the municipality directly caused a deprivation of federal rights."

She said the county "is not liable for Sheriff Moore's isolated decision to hire Burns without adequate screening, because (there's no proof of) a conscious disregard for a high risk that Burns would use excessive force."

# COSBY

1993, so we are expecting the same reaction for 1998," Milberg said.

The show has not yet been advertised extensively, Milberg said, although it was announced in a Parents Club letter this month.

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Board of Trustees, Eastern's governing body.

"I think it is pretty incredibly exciting," Rundle said. "It's a pretty important role for a student to play."

She said if the bill is implemented she will have to remain informed on all state and campus issues.

"I will have to do a lot more research and really know the issues," Rundle said.

Merrifield said the bill's next step depends on whether any

amendments are made to the legislation by the Senate.

"If approved by the floor without further amendments, it goes to the governor's desk," Merrifield said. "If any amendments are put on it, it goes back to the House for concurrence."

Gov. Jim Edgar will have 60 days to sign or veto the bill. If the bill is approved by Edgar, it will be implemented on July 1.

Two amendments were added by the House to the original legislation, which was targeted only

# Texas leader ready to fight

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — For months Richard McLaren has been letting the world know he was spoiling for a fight.

A pistol at his side and armed guards at his back, the leader in the Republic of Texas secessionist movement seemed ready to make good on his claims that he would fight off any attempt to arrest him.

"These boys are asking for a total military assault," McLaren said last month in an interview with The Associated Press. "Our defense forces will fire because we would consider it an invasion."

With images of Waco and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in their heads, sheriff's deputies were in no hurry to arrest McLaren. But after three of his followers took two people hostage Sunday, law officers found themselves in what they had hoped to avoid all along an armed stand-



local authorities were conspiring to bring him down and silence his claims.

"They get a hold of me and you won't see me for the rest of my life," he said.

And last month, he threatened to fight back, comparing his situation to fatal standoffs at Waco and Ruby Ridge.

"It's disgusting. I don't understand," resident Suzanne Parchman said of the delay in attempting to take McLaren into custody. "I can't speed down the highway without getting arrested."

When asked why the state had not moved sooner to arrest McLaren, Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox would only say that the warrants were not issued by the state, and that his department did nothing to incite the raid and hostage-taking on Sunday.

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more reliable doormen. "You don't hire the cheapest labor you can find to watch the door," Cougill said.

Steidinger said compliance checks are conducted all year, but the amount done varies with the amount of activity in the bars. He said the number of arrests made during compliance checks varies from time to time.

"Everybody gets it, you just don't know when you're going to get it," Stumpf said.

Stumpf said Stu's has good relations with the police department, and the police have responded quickly whenever Stu's has had a fight or a fire alarm pulled.

Stumpf said the police were just doing their job by conducting the compliance checks.

"My job is managing that (compliance checks) is their job," Stumpf said.

Mayor Dan Cougill said grants from the Illinois Department of Transportation help pay the salaries of officers who give alcohol abuse prevention lectures in local schools, as well as those who conduct the compliance checks outside of the regular work hours.

Cougill said the officers are paid for on a "hire back basis." He said the officers are asked to come in two hours early or stay two hours after their shift is over to help with the compliance checks and Driving Under the Influence checks.

Charleston is in its fourth year of receiving the grant

money, Cougill said.

Steidinger said the police department had conducted "covert operations" before the bar entry age was raised to 21 four years ago. Steidinger said the police department sent 19- or 20-year-olds into bars to try to purchase alcohol.

Stumpf said Stu's cards everyone who enters the bar. The carding is videotaped so the tape can be replayed if there are any questions later, Stumpf said.

Shannon Sherwood, owner of Friends and Co., said her bar had received two compliance checks.

Friends has someone at the door at all times to check people's IDs, Sherwood said. The servers at the bar "double card" if there are any doubts about the person's age, Sherwood said.

Steidinger said minors should think twice before trying to enter a bar.

"Don't do it. It could have a much greater impact on your future than you believe at this point in your life," Steidinger said.

Having an arrest on a student's record for being in bar underage could hurt their future job opportunities, Steidinger said.

He said people who let minors use their ID are also taking a big chance. Their license could be suspended by the Illinois Secretary of State's office if it is confiscated during a compliance check, Steidinger said.

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# Journalism panel discusses First Amendment rights

## Professors say people have the right to express opinions

By TRACY BROWN  
Activities editor

The only restrictions placed on the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution are ethical dilemmas people face, a panel of three journalism instructors said Monday.

"Each person has a right and a duty to express their own thoughts and to respect the thoughts of other," said John David Reed, professor of journalism.

Reed also said people should ask the ethical question, "Should people really say it?"

The panel addressed an audience of 75 people.

James Tidwell, professor of journalism, discussed the legal aspects of the freedom of speech and the restrictions the federal courts place on this right.

He said the federal or state courts will not punish people for saying things the general public does not agree on, such as flag burning.

"The federal courts said the way to stop flag burning is not

to punish the people, but rather to counter with the waving of your own flag," Tidwell said.

He said ideas people like will be advocated and ideas people do not like will not win.

Annette Samuels, assistant professor of journalism, agreed and said that a person's right to free speech has been infringed upon by others.

"Women in the 1900s had efforts on how they can protect themselves and how to keep from getting pregnant and it was seen as obscene," Samuels said.

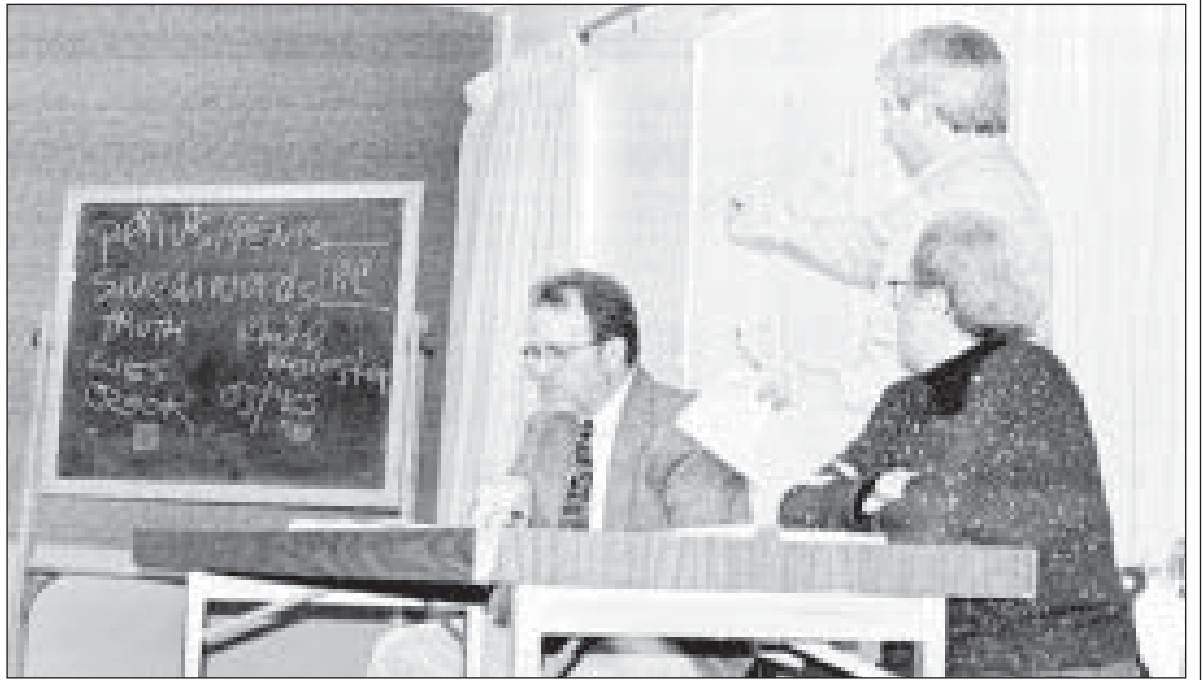
She said there are certain limitations on what people can do and say publicly.

Tidwell said there are seven types of speech that the federal courts will punish people for saying.

People can not publish or send obscene material to others, he said.

"A person also cannot libel someone or damage someone with false defamation or the person might be faced with a lawsuit," Tidwell said.

People also can not invade



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Journalism Professor James Tidwell talks about what can legally be said or printed during a panel discussion Monday night in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Also on the panel were John David Reed, a professor of journalism, and Annette Samuels, an associate professor of journalism.

someone's privacy, use false advertising, express speech directed to inciting emanate action or use fighting words.

"Fighting words are direct confrontations or insults," Tidwell said.

He said people may say

words to other people, but not take action on what they are saying.

"People can make insults as an abstract theory to a group of people such as Jews or homosexuals, but they cannot make direct confrontations with one

Jew," he said.

Samuels said people need to become more aware and utilize the benefits of the First Amendment.

"This is because people are ignorant of what their rights truly are," she said.

# Schools make use of liaisons, lobbyists

## Student involvement with lobbying becoming trend at many schools

By SCOTT BOEHMER  
Staff writer

Eastern officials say the addition of a legislative liaison to the capital and programs like Eastern Day reflect a growing trend at state universities.

Chris Merrifield, Eastern's liaison to the capital, and the students and faculty members who will join her Wednesday, are one part of a growing attempt by universities to increase their recognition in Springfield.

Merrifield said most of their efforts, including Eastern Day, are geared towards the passage of the universities' budgets or other funding legislation.

Of the six state universities, all except two had added a legislative liaison or lobbyist position within about the past two years.

Most of the universities attributed this to their switch to individual governing boards in 1995.

Before the switch to individual governing boards, the Board of Governors and Board of Regents had legislative liaisons working for all of their schools. Only Southern Illinois University and Northern Illinois University held the lobbying positions before the switch.

This is the first year the Eastern Day at the Capital has been introduced. Approximately 40 students and 30 facul-

ty and staff will participate, said Student Vice President for Academic Affairs Kim Harris.

She said this number is larger than most comparable groups organized by other universities.

Despite being a relatively recent trend, Merrifield and most of the other lobbyists said the recent influx of bodies into the capital has not translated into an increase in competition among the universities.

For the most part, Merrifield said all the lobbyists have been working together for passage of the funding, which Gov. Jim Edgar represented for higher education as a whole.

Kathy Swanson, the assistant to the president for governmental relations at NIU, said each of the individual state universities have their own budget appropriations bills.

Merrifield and Swanson both said this has not proven to be a problem as the appropriations are generally considered as a package by the General Assembly.

"(They) look it in the context of all of higher education," Swanson said. "If they decide they're going to make cuts (which they have not recently), that's when they would be looking at the individual universities."

Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president, said she believes Merrifield's work in Springfield has already proven to be a boom for Eastern.

"If you look at the budget over the past two years and the budget request for this year, I truly believe those (improved) numbers are attributable to (Merrifield's) presence in Springfield," Nilsen said.

Under the 1997 Illinois Board of

Higher Education budget proposals, Eastern would see a \$3.5 million, or 5.7 percent increase, the highest of all state universities.

While Merrifield is not directly responsible for drawing up Eastern's budget requests, Nilsen said she believes she is largely responsible for the improvement because she allows Eastern to constantly remain in contact with state legislators.

"As they got to see the school on a personal basis ... then they recommended higher budget proposals," Nilsen said.

While most of the focus has been on budgeting, Merrifield said there are a number of other issues and bills which she has been watching to see if Eastern would be affected by them.

Of the approximately 3,000 to 4,000 bills introduced annually in the General Assembly, Merrifield said she has to watch about 300.

These include issues such as any changes of legislation which Eastern operates under and the proposal for a voting student member on university governing boards, which Eastern is remaining neutral about.

Nilsen said some of the types of legislation that Eastern is concerned about right now include tuition waiver packages, prepaid tuition plans, budget passages and a capital bill for deferred maintenance.

However, Merrifield said her work in the area of securing grants is fairly limited.

She said while she watches for any grants that may be available for use by Eastern, most of the work is done by grant offices on campus.

# Albright has doubts about reports on Chinese plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told China's foreign minister Monday she had "serious concerns" about reports that top Chinese leaders approved plans to buy influence with American politicians.

But a Chinese spokesman said Beijing "has never been engaged" in political donations in the United States.

"It did not take part in the past and will not take part in the future," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofeng told reporters after Albright and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met privately.

During the meeting, the two officials agreed on procedures for U.S. warships to make port calls at Hong Kong after the British colony reverts to Chinese control on July 1.

And there were signs of progress in the eight-year Chinese effort to gain membership in the World Trade Organization and the parallel U.S. drive to open Chinese markets to American agricultural and other products.

China has a nearly \$40 billion annual advantage in trade with the United States. The Clinton administration, while supporting China's membership, is using the bid as a wedge to level the playing field.

"She sent the right messages," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said between the afternoon session and an Albright-Qian dinner meeting.

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## Target individualized studies for students with careers in mind

Since the four-member subcommittee investigating the Individualized Studies Program finally met, it is now time for it to stay on the right track and continue to look further into the program.

William Hine, dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education and the proposer of the program, said last week that the subcommittee is in the "information gathering, analysis stage." Now that the baby steps have been taken, it is time for the

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subcommittee to look at all options and ideas for the program.

The purpose of the program is to allow students to create their own curriculum to cater to their specific needs under the supervision of an adviser. This program should not be a cop-out for students who don't decide on a major. It should be reserved for students with a particular field or occupation in mind for which Eastern does not offer a specific program.

Each department on campus should be a part of this program and have an adviser who can specialize on individualized programs.

Many departments cover all aspects of their fields of study and would not necessarily need such a program, but an individualized curriculum centered in another area might overlap into that department. Other departments, however, could have limitless opportunities, especially ones that are science-, computer- and business-related.

Most individualized curricula could concentrate on a single department and involve only necessary classes from other departments, saving students from the extra time and tuition money that comes along with double majors.

Since the subcommittee is in the process of looking into the program, they should take into consideration recommendations submitted by faculty members and students on campus. This time the faculty and students shouldn't be left in the dark with this program's decision making-process like they were with University Studies, which was proposed as the University College.

This program has a potentially big impact on students, and the subcommittee needs to take time to listen to what the students have to say and how they feel about the program.

The program will begin as a two-year experiment after which it will be assessed. Keeping such basics in mind will prevent the program's extinction after the trial period and keep the first "experimental" students from being alienated.

## today's quote

No profit grows where no pleasure is ta'en; in brief, sir, study what you most affect.

—William Shakespeare

## Rebuilding sense of place in community life

What a place! After spending a year as a graduate student at Eastern, I can't hold back in just yelling out "What a place!" Like most of you who come from the suburbs, I never know exactly what I'm going to find when I go home for the summer. Maybe you will become familiar with all the new jobs, new cars, gas stations, interstate exits, road construction, stoplights, strip malls, fast-food restaurants, subdivisions, business parks, sidewalks, driveways, car alarms, smaller lawns, higher hedge rows, chain-linked fences, televisions, air conditioners or whatever arrests your attention. Are these your neighborhoods? Do you know your place? Or, is it your place? What is your place? What is your story?

The people who live in my place have simply moved apart. The suburbs are seductively appealing but, as many are discovering, a hard bargain. More than half of all Americans, including myself, now live in such places. I live in a suburb west of Chicago. What we have in common are similar incomes and material standards of living. Real-estate values are a paramount concern and the most frequent topic of conversation. The subdivision is governed by covenants, a privatized form of government instituted to protect real-estate values and ensure uniformity. Clotheslines and birdhouses are not allowed. Cars may not be regularly parked on the streets, boats may not be kept in driveways, children's toys and bicycles may not be left outside, and no outbuildings may be erected. Every house has at least a two-car garage set back at a uniform distance from the street, and all have central air conditioners. As families become more affluent, or suffer financial reverses, or when we leave for college, the for-sale signs often go up.

People really do not live in this subdivision; they just sleep, watch television and sometimes eat there. We do not share anything but proximity, income levels and real-estate values. There are no common stories here, no common concerns, no civic life, no sets of reciprocal obligations except those listed in real-estate covenants. It is not a real "place" because it has no history and no lives are lived and shared here. This is a story of decline in a sense of community life in the second half of the 20th century. No matter where we live, it is now our story.

You cannot exist in this subdivision without an automobile. It is too far to walk to work, to school, to church, to the park, the grocery store, the barber shop, the nearest restaurant, the library. And so our communities have become aesthetically



JOE DIVELBISS  
Guest columnist

*"Charleston is our place, at least while we are here as students."*

and environmentally hazardous because of the lengths of asphalt that have been strewn across "our place" — as a form of visual pollution. The trappings of suburban life that have rendered us storyless have also made us prodigious consumers of energy — automobile dependency, increased commuting distances, increased gasoline consumption, central air conditioning, destruction of agricultural land, increased water runoff, an insatiable demand for highway construction and pressure on all other vital infrastructures are by-products of this way of life.

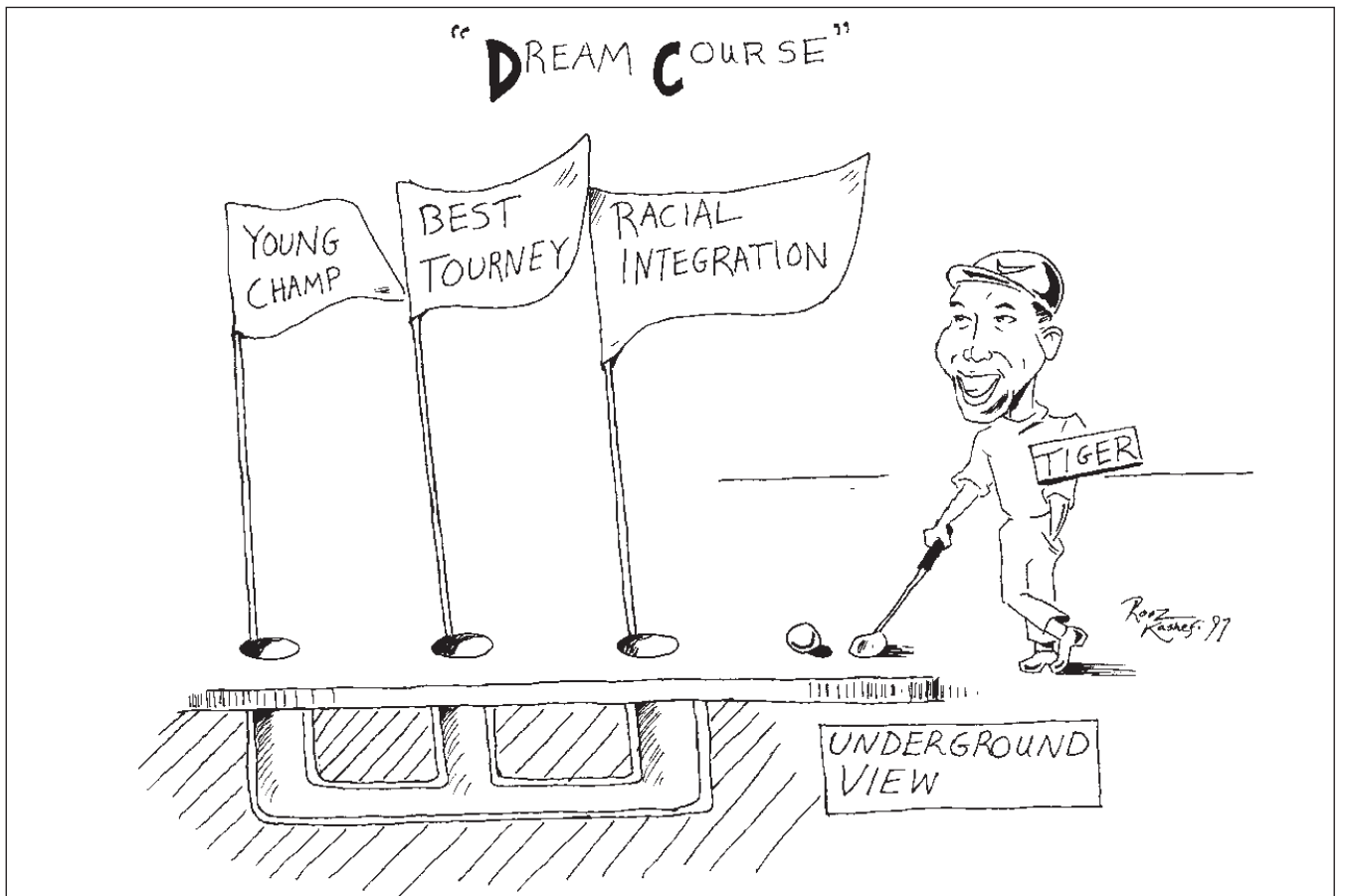
Yet the problem is not just found in the suburbs. Even intact urban neighborhoods and small towns have lost the characteristics that once made Warrenton a community — shared lives, shared space and a public or civic life in which at least the socially conscious reorganized some mutual obligations for the welfare of the whole. We cannot solve these problems on a grand, national scale. What is possible is for us to rethink our own lives, to resurrect and reconstruct communities rooted in place and based on relationships, where we learn to redefine happiness based on the quality of our relationships within our places and with our people, not on our ability to consume. If we can do these things, not only can we be happier but we will tread more lightly consume less, pollute less, recycle more. This, of course, is not only a recipe for happier people and more functional communities, but it is also a prescription for a healthier planet.

Charleston is our place, at least while we are here as students. It is a place for those who wish to cultivate long-lasting relationships with the neighborhoods and communities of people who are happier here. However, it is not our place to question, ridicule and disrespect, given our transient process. And perhaps the reason why some of us are so readily willing to criticize this place is because we do not consider it as our place, nor see our need to connect with it.

A sense of place is a major topic under study in many of the courses that I have taken here at Eastern. This column reflects the thoughts provoked from the various publications, articles, books and the discussions of "place" with students who share a common interest in a place. Here then, when necessary, I have quoted from public historians who have written about place in hopes of helping us find "our place."

This conspicuously concealed awareness of place is now passed on to you. Peace out.

—Joe Divelbiss is a graduate student in historical administration and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



## Old, worn out: Letters about food service are like the Macarena

Dear editor:

I'm writing this letter in regard to all the people who spend countless hours writing to this paper about the so-called "crappy" food (slop) that is served at the residence halls. I mean, come on already. Every day I pick up the paper and have to read about it. It just so happens that I choose to read the paper while I am eating this so-called "slop." Frankly, I am sick of it. Don't you people have anything better to do than waste your time writing letters to the editor of this paper? I know you don't have a 4.0 GPA. I can tell that by the quality of your writing. So

## your turn

to you people who hate the food, you have a few options.

1. Instead of wasting time writing to this paper, study.
2. Get a job.
3. Don't eat it.
4. Buy your own food and cook it.

To the people who write in defense of the food: Get a life. You people are worse than the others. I think you have lost your minds. You can't possibly enjoy eating that crap, so quit defending it. The people who don't like the food are writing about it because they enjoy getting a rise out of you. Don't sink to their level.

Reading about the food is getting old. It's like going to a bar and hear-

ing the Macarena. The food is not appealing to me either and sometimes it makes me want to puke.

Finally to everyone who has written or is thinking about it, please DON'T.

Michelle Wagner  
senior biological sciences major

## Letters to the editor

The Daily Eastern News is in its final days of publication for the semester.

Any letters to the editor The News now receives will be held over until the summer issues, which will begin on June 9.

# WEED

## a name to remember

*Editor's note: At the end of each spring semester, the person of the year is chosen by The Daily Eastern News' editorial board as the one person who has had the most profound effect on the campus.*

If you stopped by Peacefest last weekend or if you've recycled cans in Greek Court, you've been affected by Erin Weed.

A sophomore speech communications major from Schaumburg, Weed came from a high school for which she was senior class president. And succumbing to habit, she got involved as soon as she hit Charleston soil.

In two years at Eastern, Weed has involved herself in organizations ranging from the Student Government to EARTH to the Residence Hall Association.

Weed fought to establish funding for the first Peacefest a year ago, and the senate allocated \$800 for the event. That situation instigated the present debate over using student fees to fund recognized student organizations.

"I felt student fees were being put in the wrong place," Weed said. "Events like

that are what students want to pay for – not necessarily someone's salary or tuition."

Seemingly, her reason for living has grown to include improving recycling at Eastern and in Charleston. She considers recycling her "baby."

Her one major goal for next year is to heighten Charleston's involvement in recycling.

"You're not going to get glass, and you're not going to get plastic unless the city really steps forward," Weed said.

As Student Senate speaker, another significant accomplishment has been her work in improving the structure of the senate –

something that seems minor but that has indirectly impacted much of the campus. She has helped to bring a much-needed clarification to the duties of the chairs of various senate committees, including the recycling and internal affairs committees.

And using her leadership to keep senate members busy, she can take much of the credit for senate productivity.

"They were asked more than they've ever been asked, and they gave more than they've ever given," she said.

## Person of the Year



SHERYL SUE SIDWELL/Photo editor

Student Senate Speaker Erin Weed, The Daily Eastern News' person of the year, has championed recycling efforts on Eastern's campus, and she's eyeing Charleston for next year.

## your turn

### 3 things: Bombing federal building is bad; Collective Soul, Charleston are not

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter because I am troubled by the opinions of several people who have recently expressed their feelings through letters to the editor. I would first like to address Grant Murphy's letter in reference to Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombing. I respect his bravery in writing such a controversial letter; however, that is about all the respect I have for him. Killing hundreds of innocent people is not my idea of the American Dream. I believe that what America is based on is fighting through the diversities that lie between the different cultures in our society and the freedom to express different opinions in a peaceful manner. A revolution is not staged by a handful of people who do not like a government; it is carried out by a majority of people that is oppressed by a government. How could you possibly think that the bomb in Oklahoma City was just desserts? Is your mind so clogged with hatred for our government that you people believe that people's children's, parents' and grandparents' lives should be brutally torn away from them? If this is your idea of patriotism, then let's nuke Washington, D.C., and we could be the most patriotic people ever. I could write another 1,000 words on this, but you are not worth the trouble.

Since I have expended too many words on the previous issue, I have little to write about on the other troubling letters. I am not from Charleston, but I don't think that it is right to cut down the town and the people for taking pride in it. If someone was attacking your town, I am sure that you would defend it in the same way. Oh, but I forgot, there is nothing wrong with Madison. I know that there may not be as much to do in this town as in your town, but it seems to me that most people have a good time living here. If this town is not good enough for you, go to another school up near Chicago, the last thing this town needs is another negative, whining person who probably spends more time thinking

about how much he hates this town instead of going out and having a good time.

Since I am already past my limit in words, I will make this very short and to the point. I think Collective Soul is a great band, and I was thrilled to find out Eastern was able to get them to come.

Daniel Allen  
junior social science major

### Anti-Charleston whiner could enjoy himself if he knew what city offers

Dear editor:

I would like to offer a response to Mr. Brian Patrick's recent letter informing the world about the lack of entertainment in Charleston. Well Mr. Patrick, instead of whining about how boring Charleston is, maybe you should get off your bar stool and do something about it.

In case you never stopped to notice, students here aren't just "parking on their back-sides and drinking." Look at all the student-organized events on campus. Peacefest, Uglyfest, Coffee Talk, Haiti-Connection Walk for Unity, Critical Mass: All these events were implemented primarily by students. If you want something started, start it. Join a club; make a difference. After all, isn't college more about finding yourself? Life in the real world, and maybe the oh-so-cultured town of Madison, isn't just fun and games. When you leave here, things aren't going to be easy. Employers aren't going to hand you a job because you spent your college years on a bar stool. Get involved. There are so many great groups on campus: EARTH, POWER, Haiti Connection, LASO, SOMA, BSU, LGBAU, RHA, IVC, MCSU, just to name a few. Why not join EARTH and learn about the environment? Join Haiti Connection and help out. Or join a club in your department like the Botany Club or the Physics Club – most departments have a club. Do something.

Use your imagination a little when you want something to do. Charleston does not spoon-feed students entertainment as much as your beloved Chicago (yes, I have been

there, and no, I would never want to live there), but there are things to do besides going to the bars. This is my second year here, and I've never been to the bars. If you want culture, attend a play or a recital. Did you also know that there are poetry readings at the Dudley House and also readings sponsored by the English Club at various times during the month? Go visit the Tarble Arts Center right now – the graduate show is up. Did you miss Culture Night in the Union? Go have a cup of coffee at Zorbas, attend a University Board concert in the Rathskeller. Come out to Quakin' the Quad. Go to a party – better yet, throw a party. Lake Charleston and Fox Ridge are great places to go hiking or stargazing. Come out to the quad and relax. What ever happened to just hanging out with friends, watching a movie and getting a little crazy?

So Mr. Patrick, if this isn't enough for you, do something about it. Maybe those of us who like Eastern and Charleston are toothless Neanderthals, but it sure seems like we're having a lot more fun than you are. Life is what you make of it, my friend: Step up or step out.

Kristi Orlet  
sophomore art/  
foreign languages major

### Just when you thought Chicago crime wasn't a worry, bike gets stolen

Dear editor:

Coming from the South Side of Chicago to Charleston was sort of a relief for me. The daily worry of crime was significantly reduced.

On April 15, I exited Lantz Gym after attending classes and a workout to take a leisurely bike ride home and enjoy what was left of a beautiful day. As I approached the bike rack, to my dismay, my bicycle was missing! (dark green Trek 920) After several seconds of disbelief, I was forced to accept that my bicycle was stolen.

It sickens me to think that someone who is paying several thousand dollars to attend college to supposedly "better oneself" would

resort to stealing a bicycle. Let alone have the audacity to steal it from a bike rack in front of Lantz in the middle of the afternoon.

Not only did my bike allow me to finish in several races, but it also cost myself some hard-earned money. Something this thief obviously has no compassion for.

Now I know better than anyone how a college student feels to have hardly any money and live on a staple diet of macaroni and cheese and ramen noodles, but that doesn't mean I take from others what I don't have or want.

To whoever stole my bicycle, enjoy it – it's a great bike. I hope you really needed it.

Rebecca Shields  
cardiac rehab graduate student

### Fraternity losing charter took undue precedence over positive greek news

Dear editor:

This is a letter concerning the lack of coverage by the paper on something good that a member of the greek system on campus did.

I remember last month when there was front-page coverage for a week on one of the fraternities that unfortunately lost its charter.

Ironically, the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity presently lives in the house formerly occupied by this disbanded fraternity.

After two hard-fought years, we received our charter back earlier this month.

A couple months ago, the paper did comment on this topic, but it was a small article on Page 7.

Also, the paper had extended coverage on a sorority that lost its charter.

Does accomplishing something good by a member of the greek system make the story only good enough to be hidden deep in the middle of the paper?

I am proud to be a member of the greek system here and am concerned on the poor recognition the paper seems to give us.

I see in the April 16 paper the lead story is the slight change of the name of Buzzard Building to Buzzard Hall. Enough said there.

Chris Wolcott  
chaplain, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity



ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Rachel Gunyon of Lerna Monday night watches her father Phil give blood in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom.

# Blood drive exceeds daily goal by 85 pints

By MATT ADRIAN AND TRACY BROWN  
Staff editors

The spring blood drive exceeded its expected goal of 50 pints by collecting approximately 85 pints on Monday.

More than 120 students came to the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to donate blood, but some were turned away because of the lack of help.

"We were only staffed for 50 (donors) when we opened," said Anne Feuerborn, coordinator of the blood drive. "We had a big flood of people when we opened at 4 p.m., and in 10 minutes chairs were filled."

Becca Bigelow, freshman elementary education major, said she had been waiting two

hours and was frustrated by the wait.

"I was frustrated because coming up here I thought they would be more efficient," Bigelow said. "It wasn't this slow last time. I don't think that they have enough people in here."

Matt Franks, a junior health studies major, said he had been waiting two hours to donate blood, but he didn't mind.

"I think that it is important to give blood to people who need it," he said.

Feuerborn said the blood drive closed its doors early and asked students to come back on May 4.

During finals week, the drive will only be staffed for 50 donors on both days because it isn't expecting many people to donate that week, she said.

# Three bands cost UB more than \$25,000

By TRACY BROWN  
Activities editor

The University Board paid \$25,750 for Collective Soul and the two opening bands to perform at the spring concert last Friday.

UB paid \$25,000 for Collective Soul, \$500 for The Squares and \$250 for Muse, said Director of Student Life/Greek Affairs Dave Milberg.

However, this price does not include the amount UB paid for advertising, lights and other expenses such as having the fraternities and sororities as security and ushers at the concert. Those totals are not yet available, Milberg said.

He said UB generated \$1,277 from the merchandise sales of t-shirts, buttons and CDs sold at the concert.

The UB sold 2,484 tickets to the concert and said he is unsure if

UB will be able to break even for the concert.

"We will not know officially for the next couple of weeks, but we should be able to break even," Milberg said.

Milberg was unsure how many tickets he sold to the general public and how many were to students or how much money ticket sales generated.

In 1996, the UB paid \$18,000 for the BoDeans and \$500 for The Mosleys as the opening band.

With all expenses included, the UB lost \$1,434 on the concert. The loss came out of the reserve fund.

In 1995, the UB paid \$23,000 for Toad the Wet Sprocket, the main act, and \$3,000 for the opening act, Hootie and the Blowfish.

Total expenses for the concert came to \$58,094. The UB made a profit of \$22,534.

# Former Eastern professor dies

By DENISE RENFRO  
Campus editor

A former Eastern professor died at Saturday at her residence in Charleston.

Miss Emma Chenault Kelly, 92, was born on May 14, 1905, and taught English from 1947 until 1967 at the university.

Miss Kelly decided to donate her body to science so there will be no funeral and no visitation,

according to Alice E. Tolle, Kelly's sister.

Miss Kelly had been a lifelong member at the First Christian Church where she was involved in numerous women's activities, said Pastor Mark Prevo.

"She was very service-oriented in her approach to her faith. She loved helping young people discover their faith," Prevo said.

Together Miss Kelly and her sister had a book, "The Emiline

Letters," published.

The book is a collection of letters from their father to Miss Kelly, whom he affectionately called Emiline.

"They were letters to my sister - she was gone from home for 25 years," Tolle said. "After he died, I read the letters my mother saved in a shoebox and we went through the letters I thought they were beautifully written."

# Students report vehicle damaged

By DENISE RENFRO and ROB STROUD  
Staff editors

Four Eastern students reported to police that their vehicles were damaged last week.

Craig S. Parmele, 23, 1020 Greek Court, reported to the Charleston Police Department that the window on the passenger door of his vehicle was shattered

between 8 and 10 p.m. Thursday while it was parked in the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce parking lot.


The police report said the damages were \$100.

Adrienne L. Coleman, 21, 1054 Greek Court, reported someone used a sharp object to scratch the paint on her vehicle's driver side rear door between 2 p.m. Tuesday and 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday.

David L. Fiese, Mattoon, reported that his 1995 Chevy Cavalier was damaged Friday while it was parked in the Stadium Lot. The rear bumper received \$216 in damages.

William B. McDonough, 20, 8A2 Stevenson Hall, reported on Saturday his 1994 Chevy Camaro was kicked and resulted in \$150 damage.



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# Eastern to host workshops on substance abuse issues

By KELLY SCHAAKE  
Staff writer

Eastern will be hosting a conference focusing on issues related to substance abuse vital to Central Illinois teenagers.

The 11th annual Prevention Showcase will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council will sponsor the workshops and displays featured in the showcase.

Jan Ashbrook, the council coordinator, said some issues featured will be personal success, substance abuse and violence, HIV/AIDS prevention, alcoholism and positive risk taking among others.

"Our topics are varied but they all relate to substance abuse prevention," Ashbrook said. "Substance abuse affects everyone whether we choose to drink or not."

Ashbrook said 20 different high schools from 10 counties will be participating in the showcase and expects 250 people to be at it.

Several motivational speakers will lead workshops during the conference.

Bill Kirk, an Eastern professor of psychology, will lead one of the workshops.

The workshop, titled "Inviting Personnel Success," will ask participants to reflect on the effects significant people in their lives have had on them.

Several health related organizations will have informational tables set up at the showcase, Ashbrook said.

These organizations include Eastern's Health Services, the Crisis Pregnancy Center, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and nine other organizations from across the state, she said.

Ashbrook said the Mt. Zion showchoir, the Swingsations, will be singing at the end of the showcase, and have won several national showchoir competitions.

A registration fee of \$40 for adults and \$30 for students includes workshop attendance and supplies, informational material, a continental breakfast and lunch.

Those interested in attending should contact the Council Prevention/In Touch office at 258-6137.

# Anti-tobacco officials discuss lawsuit negotiations in council

CHICAGO (AP) - Anti-tobacco officials from two dozen states held a war council Monday and expressed hope afterward of making headway within only a few weeks in negotiations aimed at settling lawsuits against the industry.

"It may be that in two to three weeks that we'll know whether we're going to make progress," Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore told reporters.

Attorney generals from most of the 24 states that have filed major lawsuits against the tobacco industry attended the four-hour, closed-door meeting at which Moore and four other negotiators briefed them on the talks.

The states are suing to recover millions of dollars of public funds spent to treat smoking-related health problems.

# Testimony begins on bombing

DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh had earplugs in his pocket, a loaded handgun in a shoulder holster and an envelope full of violent anti-government writings when he was pulled over for a traffic violation about 75 minutes after the Oklahoma City bombing, witnesses testified Monday.

Among the papers stuffed in an envelope in his car was a page from the racist novel,

"The Turner Diaries," with a passage about government bureaucrats: "We can still find them and kill them," according to an FBI agent who searched McVeigh's car.

The sealed envelope was labeled with the handwritten message

"Obey the Constitution of the United States and we won't shoot you," and inside were also quotations from Samuel Adams and John

Locke about the dangers of overzealous governments, said FBI agent William Eppright III.

The car was searched two days after it was impounded following McVeigh's arrest on gun violations unrelated to the bombing of federal building in Oklahoma City.

The envelope was seen on the car seat at the time of McVeigh's arrest.

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# Women's golf team takes fourth at Lewis Invite

Over the weekend at the Second Annual Lewis University Spring Classic, the women's golf team finished fourth in a field of 11 teams as the Lady Panthers shot a collective 722.

Truman State, a National Junior College Athletic Association Division III team walked away with first place with a team score of 683. Division III affiliated Luther took second with a score of 692, and NAIA Division II Mount Mercy finished ahead of the

Lady Panthers with a third-place finish and team score of 698.

Loyola finished with a team score of 809, which placed them ninth in their own tournament.

Individual bests for the Lady Panthers included Julie Corwin's two-day total of 166, which earned her a second-place tie with Luther's Kristen Stordahl. Corwin shot 84 the first day and 82 the second day on the par 72 course.

Truman State's Erin Stukart finished first in the tournament as she shot 81 on the first day

and 79 the second day for a total of 160.

Kara Dohman placed the next highest for the Lady Panthers, as her two-day score of 179 put her in a tie for 18th place.

Ann Ankenbrand checked in at a tie for 24th place with her score of 188, and Marisa Goldensoh was just a shot back with a total of 189.

Steph Donaldson and Dedra Barlow closed out the Lady Panthers' scoring with totals of 215 (43rd place) and 226 (tie for 45th place) respectively.

# Former Belle batboy gives reason for slump

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ever since Albert Belle put on his Chicago White Sox uniform, he's been hitting like he's homesick.

One guy in Cleveland thinks he knows why.

Frank Mancini says he turned down a \$300,000, five-year offer from Belle to join the surly slugger in Chicago. For most of Belle's career with the Cleveland Indians, Mancini was his personal caddy — throwing soft-toss, stretching Belle's massive muscles, sanding his bats just right.

"Albert and I have been real close since I started here in

1990," said Mancini, a clubhouse worker for the Indians. "For whatever reason, he started depending on me to help him with his job." Mancini, 33, says he played a small part in Belle's power-hitting success, which included a Cleveland-record 242 career homers with 50 in 1995 and 48 in 1996.

Anyone who has watched Belle this season knows something is amiss with his swing. Although Belle homered in consecutive games this weekend, he is batting .211 with only four home runs.

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high seven doubles and both of Evansville's two home-runs.

DeWeese leads the team in RBI with 21.

She has walked seven times, struck out nine times and been hit by a pitch.

Eastern will send a staff with a combined ERA of 2.38 against the Lady Aces.

The Lady Panther pitching staff has gone the distance in over half of its 50 games with 30 complete games.

Freshman Sara DeLaere continues to lead the team with a 1.93 ERA.

She has pitched seven complete games, three shutouts, and both of the teams saves.

DeLaere has struck out 48 batters and issued 36 walks.

Senior Jen Cherveney remains the Lady Panthers' biggest offensive threat.

She has recorded a batting average of .402, scored a team high 39 runs, driven in 21 RBI — tied for second on the team — and stolen 20 bases in 25 attempts.

She has also walked eight times and is

currently riding a 10-game hitting streak.

Playing the final game on the road may work in Eastern's favor as the Lady Aces are 2-6 at home this season.

Fox said although Eastern could beat Evansville, a strong performance by the team is what she's looking for.

"If we come out and have a strong outing I think we can win," Fox said.

"I'm more concerned with having a solid outing going into this weekend."

With the conference tournament around the corner, the Lady Panthers may be looking past the Lady Aces.

Fox is not worried about her team taking Evansville for granted.

"I think they'll be ready for the game against Evansville," Fox said. "They (Evansville) are one of our local rivals. It'll be a tough game."

Fox said the Lady Panthers know that there are some areas that need to be fine tuned before the conference tournament and the game against Evansville will be their last opportunity.



Eastern head coach Stephanie Fox talks to an umpire earlier this season. The Lady Panthers' regular season comes to an end today at Evansville.

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# DePaul's Meyer legacy ends with Joey's resignation

CHICAGO (AP) - Joey Meyer resigned under fire Monday as head basketball coach at DePaul, ending a 55-year dynasty during which the Blue Demons have been coached by a Meyer.

Meyer, 48, had spent 30 years at the school as a player, assistant coach and then head coach. He was a player and assistant under his legendary father, Ray, who became the seventh DePaul coach in 1942. Meyer replaced his father when he retired in 1984.

"Because of the Meyer tradition, this situation was not taken lightly," said Jim Doyle, vice president of student services at DePaul. "This was an institutional decision, rather than an athletic department decision." Doyle said the school made the move hoping to improve the team's record, slumping attendance and competitiveness in Conference USA.

Meyer said he didn't have any inkling about his fate until a Monday morning meeting with university officials, including athletic director Bill Bradshaw, before announcing his departure.

"After that meeting it became apparent that's what should be done," said Meyer, who says he'll seek another coaching job. "I'm not one who flies and dies."

Twenty-six students who played under the Meyers made it to the NBA, including George Mikan, Rod Strickland, Mark Aguirre, Terry Cummings, Dallas Comegys, and Dave Corzine.

While Ray Meyer - a gruff but grandfatherly type - guided the Demons to a 724-354 record, including a Final Four appearance in 1979, his son's teams struggled in recent years. They lost their last 13 games last season to finish 3-23. That came on the heels of an 11-18 mark

the previous season.

Still, Joey Meyer's record at DePaul was a respectable 231-158 and he hopes to find another coaching job.

"That's not my decision. Any athletic directors out there today?" he said.

The timing of the announcement is bad for both DePaul and Meyer as most college coaching jobs already have been filled.

Neither Meyer nor university officials would say why the decision was put off 1 1/2 months after the end of DePaul's season.

Bradshaw said the university would launch an immediate search for a replacement.

He said he would be searching for a candidate with character and enthusiasm, and experience as a coach and recruiter.

Meyer was a popular, easy-going coach

who rode an elevated train to work, prompting a promotion in 1991 that allowed people who spotted him on the train to get a discounted ticket to a game.

Meyer's recent teams have been plagued by numerous injuries and academic problems. Ronnie Fields, one of the top high school prospects in the nation, failed last year to qualify academically for DePaul.

But the younger Meyer had his glory years.

He guided the Demons to seven NCAA tournaments, including five in his first five years, and also made three National Invitation Tournament appearances.

"He was good at some aspects of the game. He had some flaws, but even Dean Smith has his flaws," said Marcus Singer, a DePaul senior guard. "One thing that hurt his career is his father's success."

## REMATCH

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The main problem for the Billikens this year has been pitching and non-conference games.

"We are not a very good during-the-week ball club," Hughes said. "Our pitching staff is beat up, so we've had to give the ball to people that don't belong out there."

The Billiken pitcher with the most time on the mound is junior left-hander Michael Schaffer, who comes in with a 2-5 record and a 4.50 ERA. In 56 innings pitched, Schaffer has given up 28 earned runs on 67 hits.

Schaffer has struck out a team-leading 43 batters, but has walked a team-leading 31 batters.

The other frequently used Billiken pitcher is junior Michael Portell, who comes in with a 3-5

1997 MEN'S Baseball		
TEAM	Conf.	Overall
Tennessee Tech	14-7	28-19
Middle Tennessee	12-6	25-18
Eastern Kentucky	10-8	20-27
<b>Eastern Illinois</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>20-24</b>
Austin Peay	9-9	21-26
Southeast Missouri	9-9	18-25
Morehead State	7-11	20-27
Murray State	8-13	23-24
Tennessee-Martin	6-12	13-25

record and an 8.69 ERA. He has given up a team-leading 46 earned runs and a team-leading 74 hits.

Of the 74 hits, Portell has given up 13 doubles and six homers.

Schmitz has freshman Matt Gage slated to pitch today.

"Matt has pitched well for us, and he will set the tone if we swing the bats well," Schmitz said.

Gage has seen limited action this year and comes in with an 0-1 record and an 11.70 ERA.

In 10 innings pitched, Gage has given up 13 earned runs on 21 hits, while striking out four and walking seven.

The one game Gage started this year was a 15-4 loss to Northern Illinois on April 9.

## LESTER

from page 12

I have always had since covering Eastern sports is who is Billy Panther?

So before I go to my grave I want Billy's identity to be revealed.

My plan is to come back for a basketball game in 10 years with my family and have my child race on to the Lantz Gym floor and rip the mask right off his head.

I know there will be some unhappy Eastern officials who won't appreciate this act, but hey, at least I'll have one less item on my list to worry about.

Oh, how could I forget about better promotions at Panther basketball games.

True, the Bud Light Dare Devils make an annual trip to Lantz but it just seems like hoop games lack fan entertainment.

I'm proposing Eastern gets a blimp with a target on it to fly around the gym during games.

At halftime the fans could throw mini velcro balls at the blimp and the one who comes closest to hitting the target's bullseye wins a really neat gift - like a trip to Disney World.

It sure beats paper airplane night at Lantz Gym, and enhancing the promotion scene can easily be accomplished before the Grim Reaper comes knocking on my door.

Seeing Eastern use ALL of its scholarships wisely would also be nice before I enter eternity.

For the most part the athletes actually make good use of them here at Eastern.

However, it seems as if the Lady Panther golfers don't see it this way because they contin-

ue to shoot in triple digits.

The least the women's golf team can do is shoot double digits before I die.

Look on the bright side, I'm giving them at least 70 years to do it.

Well, there it is sports fans; my wonderful list.

Now all I have to do is keep up with Eastern athletics over the next 70 years.

Believe me, whether I'm covering the Cleveland Indians or the Chicago Bulls, I will be keeping track while praying I will be on this earth long enough to see all of my wish list items realized.

And who knows, with medical technology what it is today and people living longer, there MAY be a chance of Eastern athletics pulling this off for me.

But then again...

## Women hoopsters sign first recruit for next year

By MATT WILSON  
Staff writer

The Lady Panther basketball team took the first step in the process of improving on their fifth-place Ohio Valley Conference finish by inking its first recruit for the 1997-98 season.

Angie Russell, a 6-foot-1 inch forward who

signed her name early in the fall to play for the Lady Panthers next year.

"She's very athletic," Panther head coach John Klein said. "Even though she is 6 foot 1 inch, she has good mobility and has the ability to score inside and outside."

As a senior at LaCrosse (Wis.) Central High School, Russell averaged 17.3 points per game and 8.1 rebounds per game.

Russell was also chosen First Team All-Mississippi Valley Conference and First team All-Coulee Region.

She will also participate in the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches' Association summer High School All-Star Game in Madison.

"Angie is effective from 14

feet and in, and has good post moves," LaCrosse women's basketball coach Paul Holman said.

Even though Russell is going to be a freshman, Klein

"We think all our players can come in and play, especially freshman."

-John Klein  
Women's basketball coach

hope to give her some playing time. "We think all our players can come in and play, especially freshman," he said. "We

have to give her every opportunity to play so (she) can fully develop." As a sophomore at LaCrosse, Russell led her team to the Wisconsin Class A state tournament, where they were the runners-up.

Holman said Eastern is getting a quality ball player. "She's a good three or four player that can come in and do a good job," he said.

"She has good handling skills, and she's more of a utility player, you can use her almost anywhere."

Russell will be joined at the forward position by junior Barbora Garbova and sophomore Amanda Garretson.

Russell's presence will help make up for the departure of senior forward Sarah Probst, who played in 108 games as a Panther.

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# Sports



**BRIAN LESTER**  
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## Some things you can only hope happen

Ah, graduation time. It's the time of the year set aside for reflecting on the past.

Yes, I can still remember back to the fall of 1995 when I first ventured on to this campus with a list of things I wanted to see happen within the realm of Eastern sports before I graduated.

Unfortunately it's TOO LATE seeing that I will be taking my degree and getting on the first interstate out of here in a mere 11 days.

So being the intelligent sportswriter that I am, I've decided to alter the time scale a little bit.

I've changed my list to things I want to see at Eastern before I journey to that big pressbox in the sky to cover the angels and devils. I'm referring to death, in case you are still a little sleepy while reading this column.

Now I'm figuring I have at least 70 more years left on this planet, and barring the world doesn't come to an end, I realistically should be able to see all of the items on this list realized. Sure, 70 is a lot, but this is Eastern athletics we're talking about.

So without further delay here goes my wish list - or at least some of the items on it - in no particular order.

■ Some of us remember the last time the Panther men's basketball team went to the NCAA tournament in 1992. Unfortunately, I was just a junior in high school when the Panthers made it, so I missed out.

Now I'm not asking for the Panthers to get into the Final Four, I just want to see them get back to the tourney - even if it does mean seeing Kansas crush them by 40. By the way, I'm confident 70 years is enough time for them to do this. If not, I'll be really disappointed.

■ Seeing the Panther football team get a dome is also on my list. Sure, building a dome will take some time because of space and financial reasons, but there is no reason why the Panther Dome couldn't be up and running during my lifetime. Hey, I'll even be the first person to buy a ticket.

Just to add to the excitement of having a dome right here in Charleston, I would also like to see Eastern hire Panther alum and current Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan as the football coach once the dome is built. The odds are against him ever coming back, seeing as how he is doing just fine in Denver.

■ One of the biggest questions

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## Baseball team set for home rematch

By **MATT WILSON**  
Staff writer

After winning at St. Louis 12-2 last Tuesday, the Panther baseball team hosts the Billikens at 3 p.m. today.

"They are too fine a team not to play well at all," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. "What will make the difference is who gets the good pitching."

Eastern comes in with a 20-24 overall record, and are 9-9 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Over the weekend, the Panthers took two of three games from conference leading Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn.

"We are coming off a big weekend where we used a lot of arms, and we are trying to regroup," Schmitz said. "The last time we played them, they were coming off a long road trip, and they were not mentally or physically prepared."

The Billikens come into the game with an 18-21 record, and are 5-12 away from St. Louis. The Billikens have also lost seven of their last nine games.

"I'm very disappointed," Billiken head coach Bob Hughes said. "We have a good nucleus back, but we lost two starting pitchers (to injury), so the pitchers are not there to contribute."

Hughes hopes to see some improvements from the 12-2 loss last Tuesday.



**IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer**  
Eastern's Nolan Lofgren slides into home during a game against Morehead State earlier this season. The Panthers play host to the St. Louis Billikens today at Monier Field; Eastern defeated St. Louis 12-2 last week.

"I hope to see better pitching," Hughes said. "The pitcher gives us a chance to win, and it's tough when the defense goes out there and your opponent gets five runs."

Offensively, St. Louis is led by junior outfielder Brett Bredensteiner, who comes in with a .364 batting average.

Bredensteiner leads the team with six triples, 13 home runs

and 47 RBI.

The other big hitter for the Billikens is senior third baseman Adam Gabris, who is third on the team with a .340 batting average.

He leads the team with 10 doubles and is tied for second on the team with nine homers.

He is also second on the team with 46 RBI.

Eastern is led offensively by

sophomore center fielder Sean Lyons, who comes in with a team-leading .381 batting average. Of his team-leading 56 hits, Lyons has 10 doubles and four homers.

The leading RBI man for the Panthers is junior third baseman Mark Smith, who has 33. Junior first baseman Clint Benhoff is right behind Smith with 31 RBI.

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## Softball team ends season with twin bill

### Lady Panthers' take on non-conference foe in OVC tune-up

By **DREW GRANGER**  
Staff writer

The regular season will come to a close for the Eastern softball team when it travels to Evansville University to face the Lady Aces in a doubleheader 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Eastern head coach Stephanie Fox said Evansville will be a challenge for the Lady Panthers as they end their season.

"Evansville is a very tough team," Fox said. "They have a powerful line up.

They're probably the most powerful team we've faced all year. They also have solid defense and solid pitching. I think we have to have one of our best games against them."

The Lady Panthers will enter the game with a record of 33-21 overall. They are coming off a weekend in which they put their No. 2 spot in the Ohio Valley Conference on the line against Middle Tennessee and conference leader Southeast Missouri. Eastern split the four games to remain second in the conference.

Evansville enters the game with a record of 23-21 overall and are 5-7 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The two teams met earlier this season at a tournament hosted by Southern Illinois where the Lady Aces came away with a

one-run win, 3-2.

Last season the Lady Panthers took 2-of-3 from Evansville, 8-3 and 3-0 in the wins, 10-0 in the loss.

Eastern currently holds the edge in the all-time series at 18-9.

The top arm in the Lady Aces' rotation is senior Heather Buchanan, who has posted an ERA of 1.70. She is 12-5 on the season with eight complete games and three shutouts. Buchanan has struck out 53 while walking 28.

As a staff, the Evansville pitchers have an ERA of 2.34. They have shown they can protect a lead, having recorded six saves.

Leading the Lady Aces at the plate is junior first baseman Tina DeWeese, who is currently batting .379. She has hit a team-

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## Former Athletic Director begins new job May 5

By **BRIAN LESTER**  
Staff writer



*Bob McBee*

Former Panther Athletic Director Bob McBee, who resigned as Eastern's athletic director in July of last year, will take over the same position at Northwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas beginning May 5.

McBee, who had been working at the Dixon Corrections Center since March, was named to the position by Northwestern State President Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez early last week.

The former Panther athletic director started working at Eastern in 1994 and prior to March, he had been working as a special assistant to Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken.

McBee is replacing Steve Holland, who was promoted to the position of director at personnel at Northwestern in March.

While Rodriguez could not be reached Monday afternoon for comment since he was out of town, Holland was able to comment on the hiring of McBee.

"I'm not sure what Rodriguez thought was the most outstanding characteristic about him," Holland said. "He will basically be assuming all of the regular roles of an athletic director such as fundraising and compliance."

What may have been a factor, though, is that Northwestern's athletics will be moving from the NAIA to Division II this fall, and the eight sports teams will be competing in the Lone Star Conference.

McBee has had prior experience with changing conferences since he was involved in moving the Panther sports teams into the Ohio Valley Conference.

McBee did not want to comment Monday afternoon on taking the athletic director post at Northwestern State because he believed it was in his best interest not to talk about the position.

He added that he is moving on to bigger and better things and that his time at Eastern has been put behind him.

McBee did state in a press

release, though, that he is looking forward to taking over at Northwestern State.

"I'm really looking forward to coming to a program like Northwestern that has already established a solid reputation," he said. "I know the athletic department receives a lot of support from the university administration as well as the local community."

Before coming to Eastern, McBee had worked as Robert Morris College's athletic director for eight years.

McBee also worked as the Director of Operations for the 1987 Olympic Festival in North Carolina and he served as the head baseball coach at Elon College in North Carolina from 1977-1984.