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Pothole repair delayed



Vehicles dodge potholes Monday afternoon in front of Hardee's Restaurant on Lincoln Avenue. Students, residents will have to wait have to wait for repairs because they are maintained by the state and not the city.
Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor



Lincoln, Route 130 must be fixed by the state

By Christy Kilgore
City editor

Charleston residents will have to wait for pothole repairs on Lincoln Avenue and Illinois Route 130 because they are maintained by the state, not the city of Charleston.

Dean Barber, Charleston public works director, said the potholes around town and campus are being repaired every day by city crews.

Barber said a weekly street report stated crews repaired potholes every day last week.

"We get a lot of comments about the potholes," Barber said. "We've got crews running around pretty much every day this time of year filling in potholes."

Barber said only a few streets on Eastern's campus are not maintained by city crews.

Any repairs that fall under Eastern's responsibilities probably won't be initiated until spring, said Ted Weidner, director of facilities planning and management.

Weidner said to prevent vehicular damage caused by potholes, students should walk around campus.

"If you do drive, drive carefully," he said.

Weidner said the repairs the crews make at this time of year are "temporary at best."

Barber said during this time of year, potholes are repaired with a "cold mix" opposed to the "hot mix" used during the summer months, since the cold temperatures make it difficult to work with a melted asphalt material.

"During the winter the asphalt plants don't make hot mix," Barber said.

"When it gets warmer, then we will cut out the hole in a square and make a patch which is more permanent."

The freezing and thawing process of water in

the winter makes potholes a foregone conclusion in this area, Weidner said.

"Potholes are a fact of life in Illinois," he said.

Local weather observer Dalias Price said the "see-saw" effect of Midwest winters, with freezing at night and thawing during the day, causes potholes but poor road quality, salt and heavy vehicles also contribute to pothole development.

"Weather does have its part to play in deterioration of the pavement," Price said.

Barber said water is the biggest culprit in making potholes every winter.

"A lot of water gets down through the asphalt," he said. "It's more porous than you'd think it would be."

Weidner explained the process of pothole formation through freezing and melting water.

"Water expands when it freezes and loosens the pavement surface when it does," Weidner said.

"Once loosened, the pavement surface cannot carry the traffic loads; it disintegrates, and potholes are formed."

Although annual costs for pothole repair were not available, Barber said on an average day like Monday, the city will spend about \$50 on materials, plus pay for workers and equipment.

Weidner said the University does not keep records on pothole repair costs.

"We've got crews running around pretty much every day this time of year filling in potholes."

Dean Barber,
public works director

AIDS-related deaths in county remain constant

Number of deaths statewide dropped 52 percent in 1997

By Kim Mulherin
Staff writer

While the number of AIDS-related deaths statewide dropped by 52 percent in 1997, the number of deaths in Coles County remained constant.

Only one person died of HIV/AIDS in 1996 and one death was reported in 1997, said Eric Davidson, Eastern Health Services assistant.

AIDS-related deaths in Illinois have dropped by 52 percent in 1997 to the lowest level in a decade, the Illinois Department of Health recently reported.

In 1997, there were 569 HIV/AIDS deaths in 1996. According to the Illinois Department of Health, the number of HIV/AIDS deaths was the lowest annual total since 500 were recorded in 1988.

"The decline signals that medical advancements made in the past couple years are having a dramatic impact in helping those with HIV and AIDS live longer," said Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state public health director in a press release. "While it is indeed encouraging that the use of potent drug combinations has revolutionized AIDS care and saved lives, the fight against AIDS must be won by preventing HIV infection in the first place."

The most AIDS-related deaths were in Cook County. In 1996, 937 died of HIV/AIDS and 459 died in 1997.

Davidson said he sees the decrease as a good thing but feels the communi-

ty needs to continue awareness. "The headline looks good and is accurate, but we shouldn't let our guard down yet," Davidson said.

Davidson said the decrease occurred because of public awareness.

"People know sooner that they are infected with HIV because they are getting tested," Davidson said. "The sooner people know they are infected, the better chance they will live longer."

Davidson said the decrease is also a sign of improvements in the medical field.

"Doctors know more about HIV/AIDS and know more about medications they can prescribe to contain it," he said.

According to the Illinois Department of Health, in 1997, HIV infection was the 17th leading cause of death in Illinois, compared with 11th in 1996. It was the sixth leading cause of death for persons 25 to 44 years of age in 1997, down from the fourth leading cause in 1996. HIV infection deaths in the 25 to 44 group trailed accidents, cancer, heart disease, homicide and suicide.

About 22,000 people from Illinois have been diagnosed with AIDS since the disease was first identified in 1981 and 64 percent of them have died. An estimated 28,000 to 38,000 others may be infected and living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, according to the press release.

"No one should mistake this positive news as an end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has taken the lives of nearly 14,000 Illinoisans," Dr. Lumpkin said. "The best way to curb this disease is to prevent it from happening in the first place. People must use their knowledge of how this disease is spread to protect themselves from infection."

Zielinski to present university address

By Chris Sievers
Student government editor

Student Body President Steve Zielinski Wednesday will deliver his annual State of the University address to the Student Senate.

The address will be given at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at the senate meeting.

Zielinski said he will address the students on what they can expect to see in the semesters ahead.

Zielinski also said he will address

senate members on issues they should be looking out for.

"(Senate members) need to be looking at the library," Zielinski said. "There's going to be a lot of changes there."

He said senate members also need to be aware of the progress with the campus master plan.

Zielinski said he also will give an overview of the progress of the Student Senate.

"(I try) to get senate on the right track for the semester," Zielinski said.

Spring rush begins this week

Spring rush to be held until Thursday

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

Eleven fraternities and two sororities will open their doors this week to students interested in joining during the annual spring rush. The Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Pi and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities and the Alpha Sigma Tau and Alpha Sigma Alpha sororities will all be recruiting new members this week.

Rebecca Marushak, assistant director of student life, said spring rush is a good time for students to inquire about houses they are interested in living in.

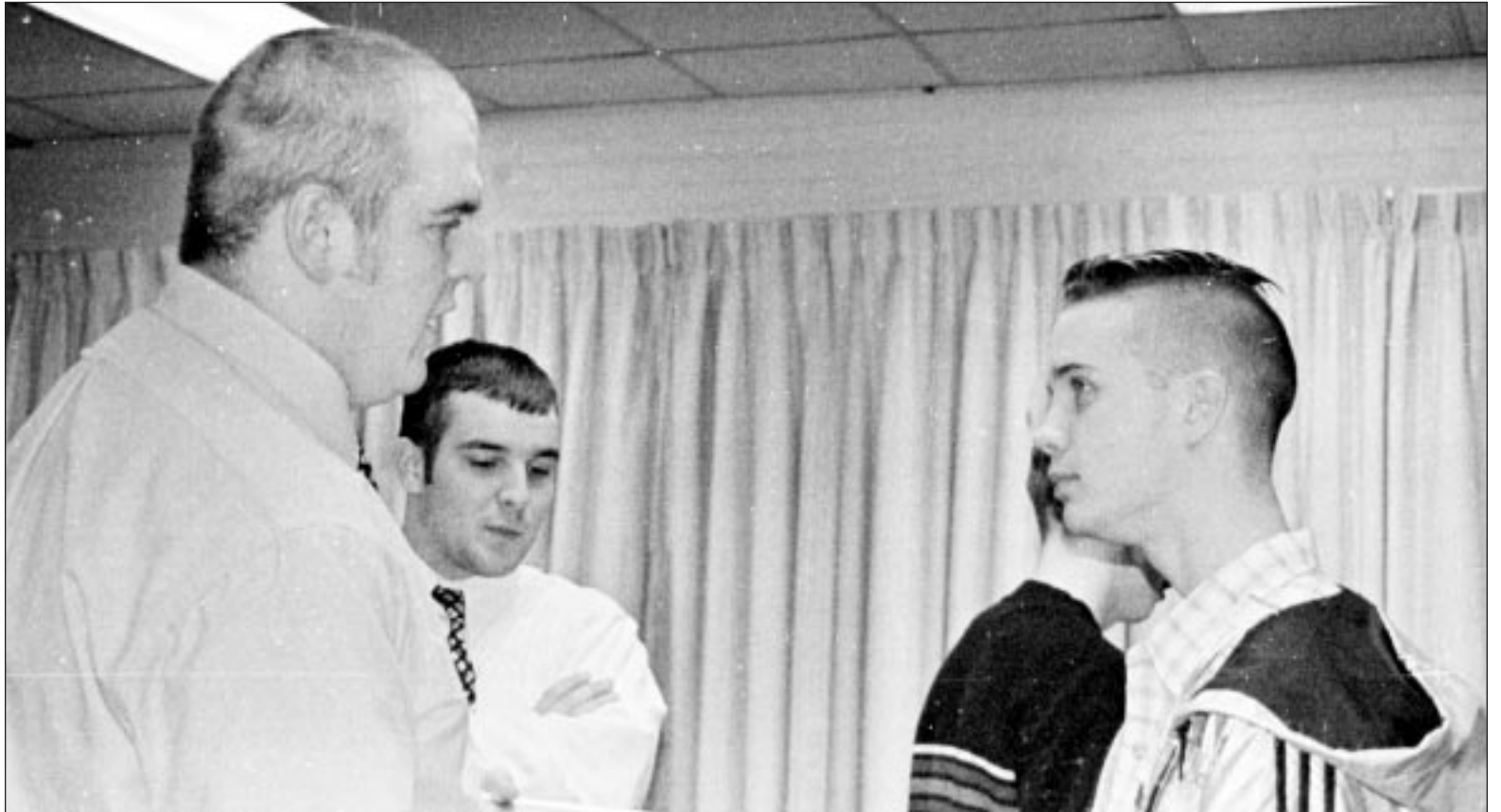
"This is an opportunity for students to address questions," she said.

The fraternities participating in spring rush will host "Inside Stuff" from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Marushak said the 11 fraternities will each have their own room in the Union, where 10 members from each fraternity will be available to answer questions people have about their organization.

She said the fraternities will have informational items from their houses to give individuals an idea of what they are about and what they represent.

All of the chapters participating in rush will participate in recruitment today through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

John Konecki, a senior social science major and Delta Chi president, talks to Andy McCarthy, a freshman art major, and Matt Konecki, a sophomore hospitality major, about the Delta Chi key program Monday night in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Spring rush for Eastern fraternities and sororities will take place all this week.

Delta Sigma Pi opens doors for new members

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

A business fraternity that promotes leadership, communication skills and teamwork will begin recruiting new members this week.

The Delta Sigma Pi fraternity will have an information table set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in Lumpkin Hall, said Glenna Henderson, a senior administration management major and communi-

cations co-chair for Delta Sigma Pi.

The Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, whose Epsilon Omega chapter was established in 1964, currently has 57 active members.

Henderson said the fraternity participates in a number of activities throughout the year to help members learn more about business.

"We promote activities that will help when we get into the business

world," she said.

Henderson said last semester members of the fraternity took trips to the Chicago Board of Trade and the Federal Reserve Bank and had David Bateman, a distinguished professor of business at Eastern, speak to the fraternity.

This semester, members of the fraternity are planning several trips to St. Louis and are working on having Stedman Graham, CEO

of a Chicago consulting firm, speak in April.

Henderson said members of Delta Sigma Pi participate in a number of fundraisers, social activities and community service projects.

"We are very excited about the upcoming semester activities that are already in progress and are looking forward to including our new perspectives in the success of the semester," she said.

Deadline to file for fall 1998 grade appeals approaching

Students must contact their professors before Monday to start the appeals

By Chris Sievers
Student government editor

Two informational meetings will be held today for students interested in filing a grade appeal for the fall semester of 1998.

The grade appeal forums will begin at 6 and 9 p.m. today in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Melissa Riley, student vice president for academic affairs, said the deadline for students to file grade appeals is Monday. Students must contact their professor before this deadline in order to start the grade appeal process.

Riley said students can file grade appeals for the fall semester if they believe there was an error in calculation of the grade, more

exactng or demanding standards that were applied to other students in the course, assignment of a grade on some basis other than performance in the course, or substantial departure from the instructor's previously announced standards.

The procedure of initiating a grade appeal starts with students initiating an appeal within four

weeks from the start of the following semester. If a settlement is not reached, the student must contact the department chair. If the student is still unsuccessful, they can file a written appeal with Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs.

After a written appeal has been filed, a departmental grade appeals committee will review the appeal

with the vice president for academic affairs.

Riley said there were five grade appeals last semester, but the number varies from semester to semester.

Students have until Monday to start the grade appeal process. Students who have question about the process can call Riley at 581-7672.

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Recruitment expands

Recent strides by Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, to recruit students in China may boost Eastern's minority enrollment closer to the 12 percent goal by the year 2000.

The goal of having minorities make up 12-percent of the total student population was set by Eastern President David Jorns several years ago, but the goal was deemed unreachable when minority enrollment dropped to 7.3 percent in the fall of 1998.

The number of minorities dropped to 864 for fall semester 1998 compared to 884 in the fall semester of 1997, a total loss of 20 students.

Abebe traveled to China in December for the purpose of recruiting graduate and undergraduate students to Eastern, to

Minority enrollment

Teshome Abebe represents Eastern and its commitment to increase minority enrollment with his recent trip to China.

explore the possibility of offering a highly specialized training program to Chinese executives and business people in the United States and

explore the possibility of offering Eastern's masters of business administration at Kunming University in China.

Abebe said he hopes the trip to Kunming will help bring Chinese students to Eastern to help improve the International Program.

"One of the most important initiatives we have ... is our need for strengthening the international dimension of our programs," Abebe said. "I feel strongly that intellectual and personal insularity is a very dangerous thing."

He said having international students on Eastern's campus will help the university community understand the values and traditions of people from different cultures.

Abebe's attempt at recruitment in China is a giant leap from current methods of recruitment.

Minority Affairs planned to initiate ways to attract minorities to the university in September by using telephone callers. Students would be recruited to make contacts with perspective students and hopefully develop a good rapport with them to encourage them to apply and choose Eastern.

Abebe's hands-on approach may not result in a 12 percent minority enrollment by the year 2000, but his recent trip shows Eastern's commitment to diversifying the university.

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

Today's quote

In philosophy, it is not the attainment of the goal that matters, it is the things that are met with by the way.

Havelock Ellis
English physician, 1859-1939

Blacks: The first to die in a war, is that it?

The following essay won second place in the upper division of the 1998 Cultural Diversity Essay Contest.

Just in time! I am able to stop the elevator with two fingers. If I had missed it, I would have been extremely late. Now I will be simply late. And that's okay. I notice that I have company: three people obviously in the same position as myself. Late! I feel one of them staring at me. Is it my hair? I combed it. In a hurry, but I combed it. Crumbs on my clothes? From breakfast maybe? I brush myself off. She still stares. I try and think of every reason in the world why she could be staring at me and I don't know why I waste my time. I already know why she stares.

I always know why. I know that in seconds I will have to reveal to three complete strangers that I am black and Puerto Rican. She looks at her friends and then in an exceptionally loud voice says to me, "You black, ain't you?"

And I say reluctantly and quietly, "part" and smile. I hope that no one else hears me. They would never know just by looking. Then she says,

"But you are black! See, I told yaw that she was black." And I get off of the elevator. My day has not started off well.

What is wrong with what had just happened? Was it a lack of pride? A lack of love? Was it hate? Did this scenario include a lack of education? Yes. Yes. Yes. And, yes. I believe I know where these deficiencies have come from. I am sure that I have a solution. I suppose that I could research and interview different people about their problems. But, I have chosen to write about what I know, the things that I have lived and have affected my life. Along with those actions that will possibly affect the lives of my children. I have written about the things that must be changed to bring about desperately needed people in life, thought patterns and in the educational system.

I am a light skinned black and Puerto Rican female. I have green eyes and medium length, light brown hair. I have found that I have been treated worse by my own people than by any other group of people. Black people have been treated so badly for so long, that we feel the need now to continue to separate ourselves from anything that we feel might hurt us. Even if this means separating ourselves from ourselves. What people have considered beauty for many years has affected what we consider beauty today. The lighter the hair, the eyes, the skin, the better. This is something that we have always realized to be fact and it has turned us against ourselves. Some dark skinned black people have come to resent the lighter skinned black people because they feel that we will be perceived as "lighter" or "better" than they will be seen as. I have found also that some light skinned black people have treated dark skinned black people badly also, so it goes both ways. This is because some of us have self-hatred. We see ourselves in them. We do not like what we see because we have always been taught that black is not beautiful.

We, as black people, need to teach ourselves and our children that we all come from the same place. We are all beautiful. We are all the same people with the same problems and the same goals, no matter how light or dark our skin is. In the elevator, as black Americans, we had experienced many of the same struggles throughout our lives as blacks. Why would we feel the need to create another one for ourselves? We already have many external struggles because of our blackness. We should not create and maintain internal struggles as well. It makes us weak. It makes us hate. It makes us maintain the status quo of racism in America. and, it will make us sorry.

In order to create a new pride in blacks, schools need to start actively teaching minorities that they contributed to America. All students must be able to envision their own powerful and productive past before they can envision a powerful, secure, and productive future. A future of contribution can only be realistic if a past of contribution can be both remembered and pictured. Schools continue to teach us about the

Cartoon, letter offends sorority members

As I write this with one hand, I hold a copy of Wednesday's DEN in the other, particularly the opinion page, and I find myself a bit perturbed. Being a member of a Panhellenic organization, I am greatly offended by the cartoon and the editorial written by Lizabeth Griesbaum.

According to her article, the sorority women on campus have only been wearing black pants, pea coats, and platform shoes to class. Also, we are the only ones that do not have enough coordination to make it to class without falling on the ice. Well Lizabeth, I don't know if you are over-estimating the number of sorori-



Marlaina Easton
First place

"The educational system should be required to teach us about our accomplishments and contributions to America."

black person that I had learned about was a man named Chrispus Attucks. He was the first person killed in the Boston Massacre. This was, as it seemed, our only accomplishment, the only thing that we had to be proud of, brag about, tell our grandchildren. It is hard to be proud of yourself, your heritage and your accomplishments if you have never been taught that you have ever had a true self, heritage, or accomplishment in life. The educational system should be required to teach us about our accomplishments and contributions to America. Ask yourself this question. Why is it that I have learned about Alexander Graham Bell, the man who invented the telephone, but I never learned the name of the man who discovered blood plasma, something that saves the lives of thousands everyday? He was a black man.

Education of ourselves should not just lie in the hands of the school system. Black people need to start educating themselves about themselves. We call ourselves African American but we do not call white people European Americans. We would not have to label ourselves if we learned about our culture and if we knew who we were. If we were proud of being black men or black women, then we would be able to call ourselves American, not African American to others to prove to them that we are something, that we come from somewhere. I am something. I do come from somewhere. I was born here, my parents were born here and their parents were born here. I am American. I was born in Illinois, I have never been in Africa in my entire life. Neither have my parents or their parents before them. We have backgrounds. We must learn about them on our own and teach our children. Then we would not have to label ourselves as "African" in order to have a true heritage, a true sense of past, or a true "home." We have a strong, rich past as blacks in America. This brings a sense of accomplishment in itself. We would not have to hear someone simply call us "black" to be offended or uncomfortable. We could simply be proud of who we are. Black Americans. We should not see the term "black" as being negative or evil like we have in the past.

Many solutions of the black dilemma must come from within. We need to change the way that we see ourselves. We must stop blaming all of our problems on everyone else or the fact that we are black. I feel that before black people are accepted by others as the strong, capable, and noble human beings that we are, we must accept ourselves as strong, capable, and noble human beings. If we expect to hold other people accountable for their actions, we must hold ourselves accountable for our own. We must take some of the blame for our problems in order to learn from them and not make the same mistakes that we have made in the past. I must be conscious of my own prejudice and hate before I can change who I have become. We must stop our own hatred before we can teach anyone else not to hate.

Just in time! I am able to stop the elevator with two fingers. If I had missed it, I would have been extremely late. Now I will be simply late. And that's okay. I notice that I have company: three people obviously in the same position as myself. Late! I feel one of them staring at me. Is it my hair? I combed it. In a hurry, but I combed it. Crumbs on my clothes? From breakfast ... maybe? I brush myself off. She still stares. I try and think of every reason in the world why she could be staring at me. She looks at her friends and then in an exceptionally loud voice says to me,

"You're in my Diversity class, ain't you?." And I say eagerly, "Yes" and smile. Finally. I caught an elevator going up.

Your turn

Letters to the editor

ty women on campus or just being ignorant, but I have witnessed a few "ice dances" myself and the people involved were non-greeks. The idea that I can so easily be stereotyped by someone that is not and has not ever been involved in a sorority appalls me! I am also equally disgusted with the creator of the cartoon.

As an individual, people have the inalienable right of freedom of speech; however, as an organization the DEN should have used better judgement than to run a cartoon that offends about 20 percent of Eastern's

female population. I the creator feels this way about sorority women fine, but the *News* should be more interested in satisfying its readers rather than enraging them.

Therefore, Lizabeth and the employees that put together the DEN, you may want to think twice when making such critical judgements about such a large group of people in the future. And Lizabeth, remember your own words and criticisms the next time you wear black pants or dress clothes to class. You wouldn't want to look like you are a member of a sorority now would you?

Robin Mullin
senior English major

Cultural Marriages: parents making the decision

The following essay won second place in the upper division of the 1998 Cultural Diversity Essay Contest.

Marriage is a very special and sacred covenant between two people. These two people need to love each other and respect one another in order for their relationship to work. In some cultures, parents take part in too much of their children's lives. Some parents arrange marriages for their children. In life, parents tend to have a big influence on their children's choices, but should parents be allowed to have this much control? The traditions about marriage that the Japanese, Indian and American cultures hold are unique in their own ways.

The way in which young men and women find their lifelong partners vary from culture to culture. Japanese parents, discussed in the essay "The Marriage Go Round" by Nicholas Bornoff, use a go-between to find their child a respectable suitor. Some of the par-

ents allow their children to have omiais, or formal meetings, before becoming engaged. All of the dates are very formal and planned out. The parents in India arrange marriages also. According to the essay "Arranging a Marriage in India" by Serena Nanda, Indian children do not get to even meet their future husband or wife much beforehand. Most American parents allow their children to go on regular dates to seek out someone who suits his/her own interests and ideals. Americans have the advantage of getting to know the other person and learning to love that person. The Japanese and Indian singles have to take the chance of never loving their husband or wife.

Each parent has different values that they seek out in men to marry their daughter. The Japanese pick a man with a wealthy background and social status. Some parents are able to adopt their son-in-law to act as their first born son. These chosen virtues make the wife's family look good, but most of the time these couples are not truly happy. The parents become too focused on find-



Jenny Johnson
Second place

"In some cultures, parents take part in too much of their children's lives."

ing a marriage for their daughter or son and forget about their children's feelings. Indian parents are very particular about who they choose to marry their son or daughter. The son has to have a wealthy background, be well educated, not too dark of skin, and have a good job. The women basically have to have the same qualities, but she cannot be too educated. The women cannot be too worldly wise, because they may overpower their husbands.

Perspective marriages are simply turned down, because the person may be too old, dark skin, or the siblings may even be a turn off.

Americans are not as picky.

Women and men go out on casual dates, and they find a person they like. Americans may make comments on appearances, but as long as their kids like them, they are happy.

Single women are looked upon very differently when comparing American culture to other cultures. In Japan and India, single women 25 years of age and over mostly stay living at home. In Japan, women are able to work, but they still have to obey their parents' rules. Men usually do not find these women attractive. They are no longer looked at as perspective wives. American single women are strong. They are able to take of themselves, and be happy with their chosen lifestyle. Most of the time, these women are looked upon as being independent and brave. Women in America do not have to be married by the age of 25 either.

Any age of getting married is admirable in America.

Arrangements of marriages are very strict in foreign lands. The marriage age children are basically introduced to their future husbands or wives right before the time to get married. The parents take a large amount of time seeking and finding a perfect match for their children. Some of the qualities they look for may not be important to their children. In a way, aren't most marriages everywhere arranged?

American parents instill strong qualities into their children while they are growing up. These children carry with them important values that can be used during tough situations. Where does a person get most of his/her moral character? Of course, from his or her parents.

Other factors may influence decisions, but people never forget importance ideas that their parents have taught them. So, in a way, children look for the qualities they were taught in a future husband or wife. Parents still have a little hand in who their future son-in-law or daughter-in-laws will be.

Living Harmoniously in Cultural Diversity

The following essay won honorable mention in the lower division of the 1998 Cultural Diversity essay contest.

Boarding the ship in Coleman Hall Room 313, my classmates and I had no idea of what discoveries and adventures we would uncover going deep, far and wide on a voyage of self discovery and cultural awareness through our textbooks. Our trip would be one of self-evaluation of our own country's values, but an understanding of what it means to be an American and how our values shape us. Three countries that really opened my eyes were Japan, China and India. These countries societies were the most different in perceptions of marriage, women and children and religion.

Our journey began in Japan where we read many stories about marriage and the women's role in it. I was astounded to learn that women are very submissive and literally follow their husbands' wishes and take pride in sacrificing themselves in order to prove their loyalty. Women are patriotic to their men in a way we Americans find shocking. For one, Japanese women aren't supposed to be more successful than their husbands are. They can have regular jobs and be good at them, but it is a disgrace if the wife is making more money than her

spouse is. In America, married couples can have very different lives as long as they are committed and treat each other as equals. The men in Japan don't view the women with political minds, leaving them out of the picture in serious decisions.

Our next stop was to China. In China, not only do the women have very little rights, but the families are constricted as well. I first should mention that China's population is very tight. The West Side of the continent is rugged and covered with mountains so only the east is inhabitable. Therefore China's population is cramped over to one side with high rises and two-room apartments. The reason for this Lego land is that the population of people is many without a lot of land to live on. In order to keep the population down a law was written that a married couple must sign up on a waiting list for when it is their turn to conceive a child. A couple is only allowed one child per family and if a couple conceives a child before their turn, they are charged with a hefty fine. The same is applied to families that have more than one child. Abortion is done very frequently when a female child is born. Men are considered more valuable because they can carry on the family's name. Female children are not so valuable because they can produce more children and can't carry the name. The male children



Taryn Rejholec
Honorable mention

"The best way to overcome any prejudice or bias opinions is to travel to places not known."

are often spoiled and the females are often starved.

From an American point of view, we would never stand for such injustice even though we have never experienced living in smaller spaces. We have freedom of choice, making our own decisions about religion, our jobs and how many kids we want to have. Abortion is practically banned in our country in believing between pro-life and pro-choice. China doesn't have that option of thinking. Only the women who give birth and their husbands wishes do they accept a child or put it to death. I personally could not live in a society where the women are not equal and less appreciated.

The last country from our journey is India. There is something about India's culture that captivates me. The art in India is beautifully colored in turquoises, reds, pale blues, yellows and greens. Their religious statues and buildings are all very vibrant in color, even down

to their clothing. India has very different cultural ideas of living and mind set. The society is religious and governmental were in America we separate the church and government. Religion and class are intertwined. They

use to have the caste system but it has been replaced with class. India's system works through karma and they are born into Brahman and their class is determined by merit. Merit is the good deeds you've done in past lives. If you're done many worthy things, you're class in society will rise up higher on the scale next time you are born into life. The same is for those who have done bad things, their class will go down.

Another distinction about India is their custom of the red dot on the forehead. Women must conceal their faces except for their eyes and a dot of red or blue is in between their eyes. The dot has many meanings: one is, if the dot is red, it signifies that the woman is married, two, if the dot is blue/black, the woman is single, and third, the deeper meaning of the dot stands for the third eye of awareness. The third eye helps you ward off evil spirits and people. It is suppose to

make you see beyond just your two eyes and for insight.

India's culture is very different from our own. One thing I think India's society is trying to portray is living harmoniously among life. Americans want to also, but I feel that our society can get too caught up in our jobs and material objects. India bases time in a circular way where we view time linear. Time to them is not as precious in the way where we think, time is money. I wish that we could view time in this perception because we often forget about our happiness and the things that make us feel like ourselves, not just a robot that gets up every morning with five different obligations in a small amount of time. India's people don't rush, they take their time and if they don't get to the post office, it's not a big deal.

Coming back to America, as we load off the dock into the halls, we all are left with buzzing brains we discovered. Our captain is a great leader, who sailed us across the sea into other countries and dimensions of stimulation. Our passports were our minds that allowed us to step off the ship and wonder in these lands not well known. It was a culture shock to step back into our normal day and with views of cultures surrounding us. The best way to overcome any prejudice or bias opinions is to travel to places not known.

Residence Halls have many advantages

Location, location, location! It's what any real estate broker will tell you is vital for any home. While I agree with all the positives Colette Guerdet listed in her article on the benefits of residence hall living, I need to add a few. Residence halls provide homes to students just a short distance from classes. Even Carman Hall, where I resided for more than a year, is only a 10-minute walk from Coleman.

Safety? Night Assistants stay on duty until 5 a.m. checking for any signs of problems. And what about resident assistants and other hall staff? The Charleston Police are

your only hope if you have a roommate conflict or a loud neighbor in your complex at 2 a.m.

Other bonuses? Laundry facilities are in every hall. A conveyor belt takes away your dirty dishes. Done at semester? So is your contract.

As Colette and I talked on the phone, I remembered that her local calls are free. As an undergraduate, I took it for granted.

While there are definite benefits to living off campus, there is one benefit on campus which can never be equaled. Over the past four years, I have shared a floor with 252 women. I can't remember all of their full names, but I can remember what it meant to me to see them stopping by my room to say "Hi."

Your turn

Letters to the editor

And while an apartment can offer you your own kitchen, it can't quite off you the extended family I've gained I've gained over the years.

Amy Fijalkiewicz
English graduate student

Letter meant to be funny, not offensive

I am writing in response to a letter printed in the Jan. 25 *Daily Eastern News*. I think Brianne needs to get that stick out of her

butt. That's a bit blunt, but very clear. As far as I can see, you made a big fuss because things which you like were ridiculed. Get over it. So they picked on platform shoes and sorority pledges. It was funny. You weren't meant to take it that seriously. If it's really that offensive, don't read the column. Frankly, I thought the tone of the letter sounded snotty. There was almost a "spoiled child" quality to it. I don't know if that's true, or if you were having a bad day, but that's definitely what I got from it. Remember that if you take yourself too seriously, you're asking for somebody to make a joke.

Dan Abbott
freshman undecided major

Letter policy

The *Daily Eastern News* accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues.

They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

People of Choice to spread the word

Birth control and abortion literature and free condoms to be distributed Feb. 3

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

Members of the People of Choice group Feb. 3 will distribute birth control and abortion literature as well as free condoms to spread information regarding abortion.

People need to learn that not everyone can make the same decisions, and they need to have an open mind, said Annie White, co-president of People of Choice.

White and nine other members will be giving away the free items from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Carman Hall.

The group contacts many pro-choice groups to get speakers and condoms, she said. They received a 10-pound box of condoms earlier this year.

"(The groups) are very helpful," she said.

White said the group's adviser, English professor Robin Murray, has many contacts with groups and rounds up a lot of the groups' speakers. She recently scheduled a panel discussion for 6 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University

Union.

The panel will debate the topics of religion and abortion and how they interact with each other, a press release said. People of Choice earlier in the year had a speaker, Allison Hile, a counselor at an abortion clinic, who spoiled the myths on abortion before and after the procedure and told stories of pro-life activists, White said.

The speaker was very successful with 30-35 students in attendance, White said.

These events are important to a campus this size; people don't receive that much information and there is a heavy amount of religious activity on campus, she said.

People of Choice began early this year, when they branched off of POWER, the feminist group on campus, White said. The group used to be sponsored by Planned Parenthood in Champaign but now are all on their own.

Another event the group will sponsor is a Valentine's Day fundraiser on Feb. 10 in Coleman Hall, where members will sell bags of candy or bags of candy and condoms.

campus inbrief

'Sex on Campus' presentation

The Eastern Counseling Center is presenting, "Sex On Campus," a presentation consulting how sex affects students on college campuses.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sandy Cox, faculty assistant of the Counseling Center, is directing the presentation, which is about the aftermath of a one night stand to a discussion among other problems with sex on campus, a press release said.

The discussion is free of charge.

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

Partial grant for dance company

The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company appeared at

Eastern on Sept. 19 and David Milberg, director of student life, said it was sponsored by the University Board Performing Arts committee.

The program also was partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, which is a state agency, Milberg said.

Staff report

International Tea event to begin

The first semester International Tea event, which is a social gathering held to promote diversity on campus, will begin a series of meetings today.

The event, sponsored by the International Programs and Association of International Students, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Wesley Foundation. The event will be held the last Tuesday of every month for the remainder of the semester.

Students can meet American students, faculty and people of the community, and those people can learn about people from different countries, he said.

There is no charge to attend the event.

By Dan Ochwat
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U.S. missiles strike Iraq

11 reported dead, dozens hurt

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — U.S. missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods in southern Iraq on Monday, demolishing sturdy, stone-walled homes as they killed at least 11 people, Iraqi officials said.

U.S. officials said its Air Force and Navy jets fired at air defense systems in response to "threats by anti-aircraft artillery fire" and by four Iraqi warplanes flying south of the 33rd parallel in violation of the no-flight ban.

Pentagon officials said it was likely that U.S. jets targeting the Iraqi air defense installations misfired and that at least two missiles may have resulted in civilian deaths in and around the city of Basra. Spokesman Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday said U.S. offi-

“It began with a big bang. I could see my house coming down on us. There was dust all over.”

Zeniab Ali, injured from attack

“cials were ‘still assessing the site damage.’”

The missiles hit five areas of southern Iraq, including the working-class al-Jumhuriya neighborhood on the outskirts of Basra, Iraqi officials said. Several homes in that neighborhood were destroyed, their roofs

caved in. Broken dishes and kitchen utensils were strewn among the rubble. Civilians worked late into the night to clean the debris from the morning strike.

Ahmed Ibrahim Hamash, the governor of Basra, said two aircraft fired five missiles that killed 11 people and injured 59.

The missiles struck in the morning and Hamash said most of the casualties were women, children or the elderly because many men had already left for work.

The missiles hit three civilian areas in or near Basra, as well as a site near the airport and another near the Rumeilah oil fields.

An engineer at the oil field was reported injured in the attacks.

Mock trial team places first in invite

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

Eastern's Mock Trial team recently participated in the Columbia Invitational in Columbia, Missouri, placing second overall and first in the best attorney competition.

The team competed with 11 other teams from schools throughout the country on Jan. 22 and 23.

"This is the first year we've gone (to the invitation- al)," said Jodi Gaspard, captain of the Mock Trial team and a senior political science major.

Peter Leigh, a political science professor and Mock Trial team coach, said he was very happy with the way the team performed at the invitational.

Gaspard said the team began working on a trial in September. She said the team was divided into two teams of three attorneys and three witnesses.

The attorneys, which are divided into prosecution

and defense, then form questions to ask the witnesses. The team tied for first place with Bradley University's trial team, and based on a point system were awarded second place overall.

"Everyone put so much work in and put their hearts and souls into the team," Gaspard said.

Gaspard won the best attorney award from a field of 36 other attorneys.

"This was a tough competition to be recognized in," she said.

Gaspard said the Mock Trial team is not only for pre-law minors; there are students with a variety of majors on the team.

"We try to recruit a wide variety of majors," she said.

The Mock Trial team will hold an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Coleman Hall auditorium.

"People interested in what we do can see it at this meeting," Gaspard said.

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Wednesday, January 27	2 to 2:50 p.m.
Tuesday, February 2	6 to 6:50 p.m.
Saturday, March 6	1 to 1:50 p.m.
Tuesday, April 6	2 to 2:50 p.m.
Thursday, April 22	6 to 6:50 p.m.

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Playing the waiting game

Samuels isn't worried about lack of verbal commitments from recruits

By David Pump
Staff writer

The official starting day for signing college recruits isn't until April, but schools got a head start by getting prospective students to commit verbally early last fall.

"We have identified some really good prospects, but we have only had one visit to campus," head coach Rick Samuels said. "We are trying to recruit specific people."

While Eastern doesn't have any verbal commitments, many of the schools in the Ohio Valley



Conference and the state do. Western Illinois, has already received three verbal commitments, but it is not rare for teams to try and get a head start, Leatherneck assistant Marc Lowe said.

"Everybody tries to sign kids early," he said. "We have just been lucky to have kids commit already."

Two of those recruits will be transferring in from community colleges, the same route Panther senior Jack Owens and junior Michael Forrest have taken.

Samuels said there is an amount of risk involved in recruiting, regardless of whether the athlete is coming from high school or community college.

"It is the same ratio, but I think they don't have the time four-year students have to be as successful," Samuels said, but Lowe said there is also an upside to bringing in transfers.

"It all depends on our needs," Lowe said. "If you need experience, you go with a player from junior college, but kids from high school can step in and start too."

The other Leatherneck recruit will be making the traditional transition, coming directly to the Division I level out of high school.

Panther guard Henry Domercant and center Jan Thompson, both being red-shirted this season, were two players that made an early commitment to join Eastern last year.

"This year we didn't offer any scholarships in the fall signing period, but last year we were actively involved because we needed results," Samuels said. "If we can find a sleeper and get an early commitment, (then we will)."

"I don't think we would have gotten Rick Kaye if we hadn't signed him early in his senior year and Henry and Jan were fall signees last year."

Conference power Murray State has taken an entirely different approach and gone outside of the continent and recruited a forward from Trinidad, and a 7-foot center from Denmark.

"We did what every other team does and looked at the scouting report," Murray head coach Trevester Allen said. "Those guys are going to be projects, but we are looking to sign the bulk of our talent later in the spring."

"We are playing well now, but

Hill, a late signee, is headed to new heights

By David Pump
Staff writer

Coming out of Argo High School, Panther guard Kyle Hill said he rarely needed to work hard to be successful on the basketball court. But to become the seventh-best scorer in the Ohio Valley Conference (15.7 ppg), has taken a lot of dedication.

"Every day in practice, coach (Rick) Samuels gets on me to be the best player that I can be," Hill said. "I didn't have to work that hard in high school."

Despite being only 6-foot 2-inches tall, the sophomore's ability to bring the crowd to its feet with his spectacular dunks, and his flashes of brilliance have impressed the 19-year Panther head coach.

"He has come out of his cocoon. It is a metamorphosis, and we are encouraging it to continue because there is still tremendous personal potential for Kyle," Samuels said. "I anticipate another tremendous jump from where he is this year to where he will be at next year, but I have to keep reminding myself that I am dealing with a young person."

Hill selected Eastern two years ago because of the coaching staff and the university. Bradley, Purdue and Loyola-Chicago were also in the running.

"Coach Samuels said they had a future for me here, and I liked the school when I came on my visit, so it just seemed like the place to be," the guard from Summit said. "The coaching staff really impressed my parents and me."

While at Argo High School, Hill helped lead his team to the regional finals despite having a stress fracture in his foot midway through the season.

"My high school coach helped me out a lot, and the team relied on me to make plays and to help make everybody on the floor better," Hill said of his reasons for staying on the court despite the injury. "I was going to get it checked out after the season, but I played the whole season up until the loss to Fenwick in the regional final."

His leadership will be needed to help Eastern rebound from its current three-game losing streak, and Samuels said it may be time for him to become more of a vocal representative.

"Kyle will need to become a leader, he is a statistical leader, but he will need to step up and become more of a vocal and emotional leader," Samuels said. "This is the first time in his life that he has to be accountable for his performance everyday, and I only have an influence on him for two more years."

Hill said his father has had a big influence in teaching him the game.

we will need players to come in next year and start."

The approach of waiting until spring to sign a player is the one Eastern is taking, and it has worked in the past.

Sophomore guard Kyle Hill is the best example of that, as the Panthers may have gotten a steal, by saving the scholarship and using it on a player that had an injury late in his high school career.

"Kyle was hidden a bit, mainly



Lacey Buidosik / Associate photo editor

Sophomore guard Kyle Hill currently is No. 7 in scoring in the Ohio Valley Conference. He is characterized as an athletic player that many times gets the crowd pumped up with his dunking ability.

"I need to improve on some of my skills, like going to the basket," he said. "My father always taught me to go hard to the basket for rebounds."

"I need to work on my shot consistently, I need to get into the gym

and take extra jump shots. I need to take the same shot every time, and I need to go to the basket more to open up the outside game."

Last year Hill was named the OVC Newcomer of the Week for a 20-point performance against

Tennessee-Martin late in the season.

"It was a confidence booster for me getting ready for this year," Hill said. "I learned to grow up. I had to be patient to wait my turn because it was Rick Kaye's team last year."

in part because he is from a school that has dominated a (weak) conference," Samuels said.

But Hill said a stress fracture in his foot may have scared off a few bigger named schools.

"I wanted to wait to make a good decision on where to go," Hill said.

"(The stress fracture) had colleges asking my high school coach about it, so I think it had a lot to do with it."

With Eastern only losing two

seniors, it will be up to the current players to make an immediate impact, Samuels said.

"I am comfortable with the kids that we are red-shirting in terms of what they will contribute," he said. "We need a big player, but there aren't any 6-foot 11-inch guys out there."

Samuels said there are other options including Proposition 48, which allows a student to come in and get a year of school under his belt, and the gateway program,

which helps students that are in an underprivileged academic surrounding the chance to attend college.

"We have tried to get some of those kids in the past, but they need to meet the school's academic standards," Samuels said. "Eastern doesn't lower its academic standards for athletes."

"There is the gateway program, but then it is hard to get that kid, because they can't afford to pay for school."

Beat at the buzzer by Belmont

Three-pointer sends women's losing skid to seven games

By Kristin Rojek
Staff writer

Once again the women's basketball team was in a position to win a game at the end, tied at 69, but with three seconds left on the clock, Belmont guard Tara Montgomery made a three-point shot, handing the Panthers (3-15, 1-9) their seventh straight loss.

Free throws kept Eastern in the game as junior center Leah Aldrich made 12- of-13 at the line, helping the team shoot 93 percent.

"We keep hoping to put together wins, but unfortunately we came out on the short end once again," head coach John Klein said. "They played with their heart, and kept themselves in a position to win."

Two free throws by Aldrich followed by a jumper by sophomore guard Lori Moore at the two minute mark tied the game at 67. Two more shots at the line by Aldrich put Eastern ahead, but not for long. Senior Bruin Denise Farrell hit a jumper and tied the game once again at 69.

Looking into overtime with three seconds remaining, Montgomery came through with a three point shot, leaving no hope for the Panthers.

"(Montgomery) just got a lucky bounce on that last shot, probably something that will never fall like that for her again in a game," Klein said. "It hit the rim and the backboard just right."

The defense certainly stepped up in the remaining six minutes of the game at 62-60, and the scoreboard was left unchanged for two

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One shot manages to sum up season

By Gabe Rosen
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team went down swinging once again on Monday night. The 72-69 loss to Belmont was the seventh in a row for a Panther team that has continued to play hard throughout the losing streak.

The frustrating season the Panthers have endured was embodied by one clutch basket late in the second half of Monday's game.

When Belmont's Leah Primm raised up for a three-pointer at the top of the key with Eastern leading the game by the score of 67-64 and 1:07 remaining, Panther fans just knew it was going to rattle out. The shot appeared long, and besides, the Panthers were due to get a bounce, right?

Wrong. In a play that summed up

Women's hoops

the Panther season thus far, the ball hit the back of the iron, deadened and unmercifully dropped through the hoop.

The basket came at a time when it seemed the Panthers were destined to wrap up the game. A jumper in the lane by Lori Moore raised the Panther lead to 67-64 with 1:25 remaining and the momentum seemed in favor of the Panthers.

Nevertheless, the three-point shot by Primm seemed to take the wind out of the Panthers' sails, although it took one more heartbreaking buzzer beater to officially beat the Panthers.

Eastern head coach John Klein acknowledged the bad bounce after the game. "Tonight was another example

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(above) Eastern reserve Lola Dada tries to advance the ball upcourt against a Belmont defender Monday night during the Panthers' 72-69 loss. Eastern led most of the game, but a three-pointer at the buzzer by Belmont's Tara Montgomery eliminated the need for overtime.

(right) Eastern forward Amanda Garretson waits for a rebound with a slew of Belmont players surrounding her in the lane.

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We're goin' to Miami – bienvenidos a Miami

The Denver Broncos and the Atlanta Falcons arrived in Miami on Sunday for the Super Bowl – the pregame coverage for the game immediately followed.

ESPN has worked its entire schedule this week around the media circus. The network will run 56 hours of Super Bowl related shows, including live remotes, interviews and anything else closely associated with the event.

Not to be outdone, the Fox network will run an entire day of pregame coverage on gameday.

I am not sure how much will happen this week, but whatever does go on, will have to be pretty interesting to fill all that air time.

And when that interesting event does occur, the Daily Eastern News will be there to see it all.

The D.E.N. has never been known as a source for national news, but we are willing to throw all of that out for the time being and road trip to Miami for the big game.

Here's a few of the story ideas we are tossing around for our coverage of "Super Week '99".

To kick off the extensive coverage, we are

considering running a special series of stories on the big event.

To counter ESPN's 56 hours of coverage, we are proposing to put together a special 56-page pull-out section on the game.

This special section will be devoted to the real stories. We will do our best to stay away from the mainstream news that nobody wants to hear and focus on the real issues.

We will start by chronicling the stressful week of the unsung hero of the day. Of course, I am referring to the head-groundsman. You know the guy I am talking about. He resembles the character from Caddy Shack that spends his days chasing the ever elusive rodent.

We will be right there with him to document the eternal struggle between groundskeeper and gopher.

Keeping with the theme of forgotten heroes,



Kyle Bauer

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we will try our best to track down another vital part of the Super Bowl puzzle, the laundry man.

That's right. We are going to find that person who is responsible for getting those players' jerseys their whitest. This will be an in-depth story, where we can address the burning questions like, does club soda really work on everything?

By now we should be ready to meet the players on media day. While all the other reporters are huddled around John Elway and Jamal Anderson, we will head straight for another important part of the team, the reserves.

Who wants to hear what the stars have to say anyway. It's always the same conservative comments trying not to offend the opposition. Only from the mouths of back-up placekickers and third-string linemen can you get the real story.

Let those other journalists go for the obvious stories, we will get the real hard-hitting stuff that moves the reader emotionally.

After Pulitzer Prize winning stories such as those, we will do our best to help you, the fan. How about instructions on how to do the "Dirty

Bird" as taught by Falcon head coach Dan Reeves (complete with full color illustrations, of course).

The final part is to capitalize on the corporate sponsorship that has taken over College Football's Bowl Series. Can you say the Daily Eastern News Sports Section Halftime Show? I am not making any promises, but don't be surprised if it happens.

We can gather up the acts that have performed at Eastern over the past couple of years (ex: Aretha Franklin, the Dooby Brothers, Carrot Top, the Bodeans and Collective Soul) to perform at halftime. This will give them an opportunity to pay back the school the money that was lost. After all, doesn't everyone deserve a second chance?

The remainder of the section is still in the planning stages, but there must be more good stories out there somewhere and if there are, we will find them.

It may seem like we have gone a little overboard, but then again we are not the only ones. We are just trying to keep up with the competition and bring the fans what they want.

This is what everybody wants, isn't it?