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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

March 25, 2003 ♦ **TUESDAY**

Winning one for the Gipper

Panthers try to give head coach Jim Schmitz his 400th win at Saint Louis.

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Matt Kulp, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and student government, and Tanya Guzman, a junior art major and member of the Lambda Theta Alpha sorority, listen to Lovey Dealba, a junior merchandising major and member of the Lambda Theta Alpha sorority, talk about her concerns of being in a six person sorority and trying to participate in Greek Week, Monday afternoon in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The discussion was the start of Unity Week.

What is UNITY?

◆ *Panel: Students should leave comfort zone to experience diversity*

By Amy Bicknell
STAFF WRITER

A Monday night panel discussion at the Student Union kicked off Unity Week.

"Unity Week was designed to celebrate differences on campus and to look at the student body as a whole. It is used to promote our differences," said Lisa Flam, student vice president of student affairs.

Twenty-four students from numerous organizations got together and discussed their thoughts on diversity on campus and in the classroom.

"Sometimes in class it's easier to get to know people like you," said Mike Ferguson, a freshman member of the Sigma Pi fraternity. "There should be more activities to get to know those with different backgrounds and interest."

Nicole Wreblewski, a freshman member of the Alpha Phi sorority, agreed.

"The type of classroom setting you're in helps a lot with who you talk to in class," she said. "If you're in a lecture class, it's harder to open up with students before and after class."

Most of the group agreed it is often hard to meet people on campus, especially those of different backgrounds and interests.

Matt Kulp, a sophomore member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity,

"Sometimes in class it's easier to get to know people like you."

— Mike Ferguson

said he thinks who you hang out with all starts as a freshman.

"When you are a freshman, you mostly meet the people on your floor," he said. "When you first get here, these are the first people you meet, so it's easy to fall into and stay with them."

Kulp said those who are more outgoing seem to be the ones who make the most friends.

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Current conflict not technically a 'war' for U.S.

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

For almost a week now news broadcasts have been dominated by coverage with the banners and slick graphics proclaiming "War in Iraq."

But debate exists whether the United States is currently in a war because President George W. Bush has never gotten Congress' approval for such action.

Scott Stanzel, of the White House Press Secretary's office, said Congress has supported the use of force in Iraq and that President Bush is doing his duty as commander in chief by taking action.

"The UN has failed to act over the past 12 years; that is why he had to take action," Stanzel said. "Over 46 countries believe he (Bush) should be taking action to disarm the Saddam regime."

Stanzel cited powers given to Bush in September 2001, after the Sept. 11 attacks.

After the attacks, Congress authorized Bush "to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons."

The White House said because Iraq President Saddam Hussein never complied with the previous Persian Gulf Conflict's terms of surrender and because defensive measures adopted after Sept. 11 apply to a developer and user of weapons of mass destruction, no new Congressional authorization, or any United Nations Security Council resolution is necessary.

Prior to the attacks of Sept. 11, Bush would have had more obstacles to taking action in Iraq.

The United States Constitution states war powers are divided. Congress has the power to declare war and raise and support the armed forces (Article I, Section 8), while the president is commander in chief (Article II, Section 2). It is generally agreed that the commander in chief role gives the president power to

Storms, resistance slow movement into Iraqi capital city

By The Associated Press

U.S.-led warplanes and helicopters attacked Republican Guard units defending Baghdad on Monday while ground troops advanced to within 50 miles of the Iraqi capital. White House aides said a down payment on war-related costs would come to \$75 billion.

Five days into Operation Iraqi Freedom, fierce resistance prevented American and British forces from securing the southern cities of Basra and An Nasiriyah and thwarted efforts to extinguish burning oil wells.

Iraq claimed custody, as well, of two American pilots after a helicopter went down, in addition to a handful of POWs taken over the weekend.

"These things are never easy," British Prime Minister Tony Blair conceded Monday, the day his country suffered its first combat casualty of the war. "There will be some difficult times ahead but (the war)

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repel attacks against the United States and makes him responsible for leading the armed forces. On Nov. 7, 1973, congress passed the War Powers Resolution (P.L. 93-148) over the veto of President Richard Nixon.

The War Powers Resolution states the president's powers as commander in chief to introduce U.S. forces into hostilities or imminent hostilities are exercised only pursuant to (1) a declaration of war; (2) specific statutory authorization; or (3) a national emergency created by an attack on the United States or its forces.

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Jolie troupe expresses diversity through dancing

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The dance group Jolie expresses diversity and unity through hip-hop influences and modern dance.

Jolie was started to show appreciation for minority students all over campus because many of the other teams do not have a lot of minorities involved, said Portia Andrews, a junior psychology major and secretary of Jolie.

Andrews said the dance group's constitution, which they hand out to new members, states the team was started so any individual of any background or color could have the opportunity to dance or perform.

The goal of the team was to convey that diversity can be good and can be expressed through one of the oldest forms of communication — dance.

Jolie was founded in September of 2002 by the Black Student Union. Monique Cook-Bey, assistant director of student life and adviser for Jolie, initially wanted the group to be a pep squad, Andrews said.

Chyna Roundtree, a junior psychology major and director of Jolie, geared it toward a dance team. Roundtree was a member of Eastern's dance team "Illusions," which disbanded the previous spring after members graduated.

Andrews said Roundtree loves

Spotlight: Eastern

◆ In the spotlight this week is the dance group Jolie.

This article is part of a series focused on events, people and organizations in our community.



the French language and named the new team "Jolie," which means pretty.

Cook-Bey, adviser, said the Black Student Union wanted to create a dance team to demonstrate unity at and outside of Homecoming. Cook-Bey received feedback from girls

in the union and then contacted Roundtree to help with choreography and co-create a team.

Cook-Bey previously worked with Roundtree and knew she had choreographed opening numbers for the Miss Black EIU pageants and been on Eastern dance teams.

"I knew she just loved to dance," Cook-Bey said.

Cook-Bey said the two came together and tried to create a group that would be able to represent the students. They wanted a group that loved to dance with a main focus on hip-hop dance but also with jazz, ballet and modern dance incorporated.

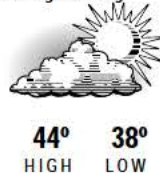
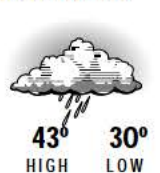
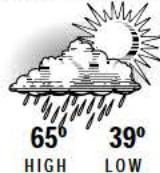
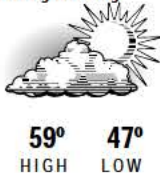
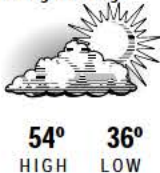
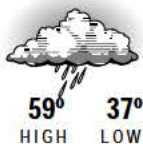
The Black Student Union posted

and passed out fliers, but the first time only six girls turned out, Cook-Bey said.

They worked with those girls and performed at the pep rally, which helped get the group's name out. The next time, Roundtree reached out to people she knew were capable of dancing and had a tryout once the interest level increased.

The announcement of audition dates were announced at a Black Student Union meeting, Andrews said. More than 50 students auditioned and more than 10 were selected.

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Concert Choir will perform for local students

Laura Kenny
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern Illinois University Concert Choir will be helping Carl Sandburg School students experience the performing arts Tuesday afternoon.

As April approaches, so does Carl Sandburg's annual highlight of the arts.

Lisa O'Dell is the music teacher at Carl Sandburg and says this time of year is when the school's first, second and third graders get the chance to experience a variety of different arts.

"I try to provide as many experiences in the arts as possible for the children," O'Dell said.

O'Dell called Richard Rossi, director of choral activities at Eastern, and asked if the Concert Choir could come and perform for the students.

O'Dell said the Concert Choir

is touring many schools in Illinois and is glad to make Carl Sandburg one of their stops.

The choir will put on a 30-minute concert for the children.

O'Dell teaches music to every one of the 570 students who attend Carl Sandburg. She said music is a very basic, yet necessary part of a child's growth and development and watching people perform helps them learn important skills.

"The kids are very excited for the choir to come," O'Dell said.

Last week, the sixth graders from Jefferson Elementary's band came and played for the children, O'Dell said.

"I hope that the music will motivate the students," O'Dell said. "And the more experiences they get, the better."

The Eastern Concert Choir will perform at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Carl Sandburg School.

Week of festivities include game night

By Megan O'Farrell
STAFF WRITER

During this week of festivities celebrating international students, a games night will be held Tuesday to highlight international students and the diversity they bring to Eastern as well as its American students.

The event begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Recreation Center.

A tournament will involve sports such as ping pong, basketball and other games.

Event organizers expect a crowd of more than 40.

In addition to having the games Tuesday, the finals will continue on Thursday night.

Overall the games night is

similar to Greek Week, but different in the respect that International Week promotes the ethnic diversity on campus and helps to bring more visibility to these students.

"I promote International Week for an opportunity for international students to celebrate the diversity they bring to our campus," said Sue Songer, international student adviser of International Programs.

With many other events going on this week in the celebration of international students, games night could help bring recognition of international students in the community.

The international games night is sponsored by the Association of International Students.

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Setting up for sound

Tyrone Garner II, a junior jazz studies major, sets up drums for practice of an upcoming percussion ensemble concert that will be in late April, Monday evening in McAfee.

Unity Week kicks off with speech

By Jorge Sanchez
STAFF WRITER

Forrest Parker, a member of Higher Education, will speak Tuesday as part of the first annual Unity Week.

Unity Week is run by the Student Government and sponsored by the EIUnity speaker.

Parker will speak about important issues on campus. These issues include comfort zones, unity and diversity on campus and community involvement.

"It's hard to say how many people we expect to see at the event,

but hopefully there will be a good turnout," said Lisa Flam, student vice president of student affairs.

The speech will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The speech is student interactive and is expected to last about 45 minutes, Flam said. "Parker's speech will open student's minds to get out of their comfort zone and become more involved in the community and on campus," Flam said.

When asked if attending the speech, Bradley Dalton, a fresh-

man psychology major, said: "You know it! I am interested in expanding my comfort zone and getting to know different people."

Flam echoed Dalton's enthusiasm.

"I am very excited about Parker's speech," Flam said. "Higher Education brings something different and is for the better of the campus."

Parker's speech will also address students on campus climates and how many students usually socialize with the same crowd instead of expanding their horizons, Flam said.

True romance topic of workshop

By Darnell Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Counseling Center will hold a workshop titled "True Romance" Tuesday to touch on the definition of positive romantic relationships and teach beneficial ways to endure obstacles that occur within relationships.

"I'm very excited about this workshop," said presenter Julie Hoffman of the Counseling Center. "This is an essential workshop for a college town."

The idea of the workshop was created after Hoffman said she noticed the numerous reports of bad experiences in relationships throughout the campus.

"Throughout my years of working with the public, I've realized how damaging relationships can be. Everyone has a connection with one another when it comes to rela-

tionships. I feel that this will be a great benefit to the those of all ages and backgrounds," Hoffman said.

After spreading her ideas for "True Romance" throughout the Counseling Center, her colleagues gave Hoffman the green light for the workshop.

The workshop also will give attendees a chance to share past experiences with each other and hopefully gain good advice for present and future problems.

Hoffman said she hopes those who attend will leave with a better understanding of how to weed out unhealthy relationships and embrace the good ones.

The few students who have already heard about the upcoming event are excited about it.

"I feel that it's a great thing for the campus to have," said Aisha Dison, a freshman speech communication major. "Relationships are

"I'd personally love to learn a few new ways to help get through the roller-coaster ride of the world of relationships"

— Aisha Dison

a big part of everyday life, and I'd personally love to learn a few new ways to help get through the roller-coaster ride of the world of relationships. I can't wait to see how this turns out."

Admission to the workshop is free.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Effingham Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

University Web site makeover improves accessibility, looks

By Nathan Hall
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's home page recently received a new look with different graphics and pictures, and students can expect more changes to come.

However, do not expect the Web page to ever be finished, said Stacia Lynch, graphic designer of the Web page.

"We don't ever want it to be done," Lynch said. "We can go in and change it very quickly if needed."

One of the new graphics on the Web site is a picture of two students holding a sign reading "prospective students visit EIU!"

Clicking on the sign, several options come up that a prospective student would be interested in, including links to a virtual tour of the campus, an open house schedule and a page dedicated to answering frequently asked questions about Eastern and the Charleston community.

The first thing students interested in Eastern do before visiting the school is visit the Web site, Lynch said.

The new home page was created in order to spark people's interests and make it fresh, said Vicki Phillips, an Information Technology Services employee working with the redesign.

Junior speech communication major Tara Dunham said she noticed the change immediately.

"I was surprised it was something new," Dunham said. "The picture of Old Main caught my attention, and you can really tell they made this page to attract people interested in Eastern."

Senior psychology major Corey Cashen liked the new layout for the Web page but did not understand why the change came when it did.

"The page is definitely more accessible, but I don't understand why they made a page that tries to get people to come to Eastern at the same time they stopped accepting freshman applications," he said.

Phillips said the two events were not coordinated.

"The old page had been up for a number of years without any modifications," Lynch said.

The Web site still is not easily assessable to simply searching for information, said Matthew Monippallil, accounting and finance professor.

"If I'm really someone who is not familiar with how the Web site is organized, I would probably give up within five minutes," he said at Faculty Senate last week.

ITS employee Tim Zgonina; admissions counselor Denise Lee; Christy Blew, assistant director of the Office of Civil Rights and



Diversity; Lisa Dallas, assistant to the dean of the Lumpkin College of Business; assistant web professor

Steve McCann and journalism professor Brian Poulter also helped with the redesign.

It's a fresh look, but the university web address is still www.eiu.edu.

International students face government software bugs

♦ *Tracking program glitches have caused undeserved arrests*

By Dan Valenziano
STAFF WRITER

The road international students take to receive an education in the United States is a hard one — and it just got a little harder.

The Student Exchange Visitor Information System, a \$36 million federal government program designed to screen international students, has encountered numerous computer glitches.

The federal government on Feb. 15 required all colleges and universities use a new computer system to track background information on all international students.

The system replaced an outdated U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that was filled with errors and fraudulent data.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported March 17, a student from Thailand, who attends Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. was arrested by Federal Agents because the database falsely listed her as having dropped out of school.

Many universities using the database have reported printing problems.

In many cases, international students have been unable to print important documents required to obtain their visas, hindering their travel plans.

Another problem some university officials encountered was the printing of documents, which would then turn up at another university, often thousands of miles away.

Although the system has encountered problems nationwide, it has not had the same effect at Eastern.

International student adviser Sue Songer said

the Division of International Programs has had some mild problems with the program, but nothing to the scale of what happened at Southeastern.

"A student who was in the program at another university transferred to Eastern before we were technically in the system," Songer said. "Because there were different start dates for all universities, there were people in the cracks of those dates."

Many students who are in the International Program have to visit screening stations, which are located in Chicago and Indianapolis.

"One student reported to me that they spent the entire day in the Chicago office," Songer said. "Certain countries of citizenship are being required to be fingerprinted and photographed."

"Interestingly, it's only males."

Two Eastern students from the Middle Eastern country Oman, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, gave a personal account of their experience at the Indianapolis station.

The students said they had to be interviewed, photographed and fingerprinted. Interviewers asked for their bank account numbers, social security numbers and numerous questions about their families, they said.

One of the two students went home recently, and he said he was required to visit the U.S. Embassy every day to check in.

Even though the program has had some initial glitches, Songer said she thinks the program is an improvement.

"I understand the need for the program because the previous program was flawed," she said. "As long as the United States will judiciously use the screening, I really support it. Students that are here for the right reasons and the right motivations, I believe, won't be harmed by the system."

Coles Relay for Life registration kicks off at Citizens Bank

♦ *18th annual Coles County race invites students, faculty, residents*

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Team Kick-off will show a video about the Relay for Life, provide further information, answer questions and register interested teams at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Citizens Bank, 1810 Lincoln Ave., Charleston.

Eastern students, faculty, administrators and staff are encouraged to participate in the 18th Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Coles County.

The Relay For Life will be held from 6 p.m. Sept. 13 to 6 a.m. Sept. 14 at Peterson Park in Mattoon, concluding with a church service for anyone interested.

The relay is a community event, part picnic, part camp out, part celebration to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society and the services it provides, a press release stated.

The society provides research, education and prevention, advoca-

cy programs and patient services.

During the 12-hour overnight event, teams of eight to 12 people keep at least one member walking, jogging, or running at all times, to show that cancer never sleeps, with alternative participation available for those unable to walk.

Teams can be formed by members of a club or organization; faculty, staff and/or administrators from a particular department or college — residents of a particular dorm — members of a church group or sports team; a group of friends, family and/or neighbors, a press release stated.

In addition to walking, teams have the opportunity to camp out at the event site, where there will be music, food, games and a host of entertaining activities for people of all ages as well as inspirational ceremonies to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who lost their battle.

For information on forming a team, donating to the cause, volunteering behind the scenes or honoring a cancer survivor, contact Tammy Veatch at 581-6295 or cfrfv@eiu.edu or Diana Veatch at 348-8696.




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EDITORIAL

Widening sidewalks bad priority

If you build them, they will sit. If you erect stop signs, they will stop. But if you widen the sidewalk, will more walk?

The city of Charleston wants to widen the sidewalk around the courthouse on the Square with the hope of attracting more traffic.

But how much of a deterrent could the allegedly narrow sidewalk be?

The cost was estimated at \$52,000, but it's doubtful the results will be worth the price at a time when the city's piggy bank comes close to broke.

When the budget crunch is on, money should be spent thriftily, and many other projects exist that would make the Square more hospitable to tourists and locals.

More benches than the ones proposed as part of the sidewalk project should be added along the outside sidewalks of the area.

Shoppers deserve a break or a place to relax and converse with friends. Shops would definitely appreciate the extra seats.

Stop signs should be added to the four corners of the Square. The area creates many blind intersections when cars are parked, and stopping the flow of traffic in the area would almost eliminate the risk.

Overall improvements should help shape the Square's vintage look.

City Manager Alan Probst said the proposed project includes a few benches that will be placed outside the courthouse that will make the overall look "something you would think of for 100 years ago."

But benches won't complete the retro look and feel.

City officials should work with businesses on the Square to help complete the cutesy nostalgia many stride for.

It extends far beyond a stretched sidewalk and might be something out of the city's budget reach.

But plans for improvement shouldn't be put on the back burner at a time when businesses jump at the chance to be near the local Wal-Mart or strip mall.

Town squares are an endangered species in the American landscape. Therefore, Charleston's should be nurtured and treated with care when plans are made to beautify it.

If care isn't taken, residents will simply walk on by the wider sidewalk and won't stop at any businesses there.

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

At issue
 City's plan to widen sidewalks on the Square

Our stance
 Considering the budget crunch, city's money would be better spent on other projects that would make The Square more welcoming.

OPINION

Be grateful for UB's efforts



Caitlin Prendergast
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Prendergast also is a senior journalism major.

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I would like to commend the University Board for working hard to bring great acts to Eastern this year.

Some people might complain about paying a measly \$10 concert fee, so multi-platinum bands and popular comedians can grace us with their presence, but my \$10 is money well spent.

I waited in line for nearly two hours Saturday afternoon to buy tickets for the upcoming Counting Crows show along with hundreds of other students who were eager to see them perform April 18. That's a lot of time to invest in such a mediocre band.

Counting Crows has been selling millions of albums for a decade now. The band has been nominated for countless awards, including two Grammys, and the group will go on tour with critically acclaimed singer/songwriter John Mayer this summer.

Eastern students are fortunate to have such a talented act play in Lantz Arena, and the UB brought Counting Crows here for the discount price of \$18. Anywhere else, a fan would pay double that to see the Crows live.

That's where the \$10 concert fee comes in.

Dave Chapelle, whose fame is rising rapidly with his hit Comedy Central show, normally sells tickets for \$30, but the

"Every student on this campus should attend one of the big events UB offers before whining about a wasted concert fee."

University Board is charging only \$12 for the comedian.

Not only are these acts affordable, they are diverse.

Dave Chapelle is an African-American who offends some, yet his social criticisms are revered by many. Students of various ethnicities and backgrounds watch his show, and he's a guaranteed crowd pleaser for anyone who has a sense of humor.

With five successful albums under their belt, the members of Counting Crows offer a diverse collection of songs. The Crows have covered old tunes, written heart-wrenching ballads and even dabbled in the blues.

Maybe Counting Crows hasn't had a No. 1 song in a few years, but that fact hardly counts as mediocrity. Being on Casey Kasem's top-40 has nothing to do with great music or captivating stage presence.

Those of us who went to Everclear last semester might not have seen the best concert of our lives, but it was more enjoyable than a Saturday night in a crowded bar or a lame party.

Live entertainment, especially from a big act at a cheap price, is never a complete disappointment, and the UB can't please everyone.

So, the board didn't bring Nelly or Kenny Chesney, but the UB did not fail.

The members of the UB are not professional show-bookers; they're inexperienced students who only had two available dates in Lantz Arena to work with this spring.

The UB has hit some rough spots this year, namely broken bylaws and disgruntled members, but students involved with the group should be proud of their efforts.

I don't attend every event the UB sponsors, but it's nice to know I have the option to see an independent film or hear some live music during my free time.

Every student on this campus should attend one of the big acts the UB offers before whining about a wasted concert fee.

And if you can't find anything enjoyable to see or hear this spring, the UB can't be blamed. You obviously have no taste.

Cartoon by Derek Clem and Aaron Ganci



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vigil article was 'slanted and unfair'

I'm writing concerning the article "Disturbing the Peace," published in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. As a co-organizer of Thursday's peace vigil, I was very disappointed with this article.

The reporting was slanted and unfair. The gathering was not an anti-war protest by any means. There were no signs or long speeches about international policy. It was a vigil to talk about our feelings and to talk about our friends, relatives, and fellow students whose lives are now on the line. If Mr. Donald Lee Peterson had not immediately began an argument with the pro-war group, they would have been welcomed to the circle with the rest of the people. Anyone was welcome to share

their prayers or thoughts, no matter what their opinion of the current situation in Iraq. Mr. Peterson's reaction was not an accurate representation of the group, as the majority of those who attended the peace vigil were peaceful.

In the future, be sure the DEN's articles include the whole story, not just the most sensational parts of the story.

Kelly Bryan
 freshman undecided major

Support war for the soldiers sake

I am not a protester; I don't go to rallies, I don't make 'clever signs,' I don't defend the First Amendment zealously and

I don't even agree with many of those who do.

It has been suggested that because we the people elected our President, we must therefore follow him.

It also has been suggested that because troops are already fighting, the war must be supported for their sake. Tell that to the more than 50,000 young Americans who died in Vietnam, fighting in one of America's biggest regrets.

It also has been suggested this war is being fought because the United States

opposes tyranny and oppression around the world and will fight to liberate the downtrodden.

Tell that to the thousands of people who have been killed or kidnapped by tyrannical regimes supported by the United States. I may not agree with many of those who are protesting against this war, but I certainly do not agree with those who are supporting it blindly.

George T. Lesica
 Sophomore political science major

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THE TIES THAT BIND: CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Viewpoint

Black culture, heritage current and ever-changing

By Crystal D. Verdun

Editor's note: This column is the first place winner in The Daily Eastern News' African American Heritage Celebration 2003 essay contest.

When I think of culture and heritage as a black person, I think of something that is current and ever-changing.

Culture evolves from heritage. Heritage to me means roots and history. These are the things that cannot be changed like slavery, the civil rights movement and other defining points in the history of my people.

Our culture is defined from our

heritage in some form or another, and this creates this tie that binds. As a black person, it is hard to overlook or turn my head from the events of the past that affected not only Africans and blacks, but also this country as a whole.

Through my own personal discovery, I have come to appreciate and accept the past as it affects me everyday, and this is what I call my culture. Being a person of color is both a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing because I get to see the world through difficult yet informative lenses. When I wake up in the morning I am Crystal, but when I go out into the world I am a Black woman.

I define myself as a unique indi-

vidual and as a Black woman. These are two separate entities, which I have had the opportunity to explore throughout my undergraduate and graduate career.

Growing up, I did not get the opportunity to learn about my culture or my heritage in my household. The only exposure I really had to my culture and heritage was during Black History Month at school and through my friends. When I went to my undergraduate institution, I was invited to a Black Student Association (BSA) meeting. I felt as though I was invited because I was black, and so I turned down the invitation.

I began to feel alienated from the black students, and I struggled

to fit in with them.

My second year of college, I began to go to the BSA meetings because I had this internal struggle of wanting to be this unique individual named Crystal, but, also, I wanted to learn what it meant to be a black person.

This may sound funny, but it is true. I thought I had no concept of what being black was about or even if there was such a thing as "being black."

I ran for vice president of BSA, and I was elected. I began to do research on great African American scholars and people of the past who still influenced great thinking today.

As I read about and spoke to

black people, I started to have this feeling that I belonged, and I could comfortably say the words "my people."

This journey of self-discovery and ethnic identification encouraged me to be open to everyone and learn about everyone and everything.

Everyone is a unique individual, and we all have a culture and a heritage.

As a black person, I try to learn about myself through working with others.

As black people we are bound to our history and we are bound through our culture. Our culture binds us because of our commonalties of our heritage.

Predecessors important part of black history

By Kamesa Harold

Editor's note: This column is the second place winner in The Daily Eastern News' African American Heritage Celebration 2003 essay contest.

From NBA stars who score three-pointers in the last 30 seconds of the game to that one "beautiful" fair-skinned actress who graces almost every *Cosmo* and *Vanity* magazine, African-American culture is everywhere, right? Wrong.

When considering African-American culture, many forget about the actual heritage aspect of African-Americans.

It is only during Black History Month that we like to incorporate those African Americans who have been fighting for freedom since the end of the Civil War, who preached peace when marchers were being beaten, bitten by dogs, and hosed, all so that you and I would have a right to be where we are today.

The mere existence of Black History Month is an obvious indicator of this society's hypocrisy.

February (the shortest month of the year) is the time to set aside to remind America the importance of African-American heritage and culture. One month each year Americans need to be reminded that African-American culture is more than the Puff Daddies and Michael Jordans we see on TV.

During this brief month, television features black faces in small abundance as well as issues surrounding race, and a rise in the number of activities on campus centered on topics facing African-Americans suddenly appear.

However, to grasp the ties that bind heritage and culture, a thorough look at the definition of culture must be addressed. Culture can be defined as

shared behaviors, ideas and artifacts.

Also, it is a way of life passed on from one generation to another. Whether it be through music or fashion, it is true that a growing number of Americans are embracing African-American urban culture.

However, it is equally important all Americans — black or white (and those in between) incorporate and embrace our ancestors' heritage.

Let us not forget the African warriors and royalty we all descended from. We must pay tribute to Nat Turner, John Brown and Harriet Tubman, who led slaves to freedom. We must acknowledge and remember the fallen soldiers who fought in the Civil War. It is important to remember leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., who fought segregation, and Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey, who supported black independence.

Equally important are those African-Americans who have been overlooked for centuries, despite their accomplishments to America, such as Benjamin Banneker, who invented the first clock in America.

Also, Frederick McKinley Jones made a significant contribution by building the first automatic refrigeration system. Unfortunately, it is rare that you hear about these accomplishments because the social order has tried to detach African-American heritage and culture.

Ultimately, it is up to us as Americans to continue our long line of royalty and legacy. Let us not succumb to being second-class citizens and merely rappers and basketball players to the rest of society.

Do not allow African-American heritage to be forgotten until next year.

How professor taught lesson of a lifetime

By Josh Sopiartz

Editor's note: This column is the third place winner in The Daily Eastern News' African American Heritage Celebration 2003 essay contest.

Have you heard a whistling in the hallways of Coleman Hall? Maybe you've seen the whistler and, like me, learned he is a large man with a peppered beard and a fondness for Pepsi Cola.

Did you know he's a fair man with a corner office and a propensity toward tobacco smoke? That he's a black man, a blind man, deprived of a sense, but full of learning and an eagerness to pass it on to all students, regardless of their skin color. His students all look the same to him. Students like me look to him.

I took a few courses with this professor during my career as a student, but this story takes place during the spring of 2002, my last semester as an undergraduate history student when I took African-American history. The six members of the class divided themselves down the center of the classroom. We sat three white students on the left of him, and three black students on his right. One day he asked me back to his office to read some test answers of mine that his assistant couldn't make out.

I followed him as he whistled his way to his office. The small room was dark and jazz music played softly.

He offered me a Pepsi. "You know, you're only fueling my cola addiction," I said. He took a seat near a typewriter, fingered a pack of smokes and coolly replied, "There are worse things to get addicted to."

He cracked a sly smile as I cracked open my soda. We sat in the waning light of the early evening, and I read him the first question and my answer. It was on the "Regulators," and I had given a bad

answer. I thought he was going to split his sides as he laughed at my response so heartily. "Zero out of five points. Next question," he said. A bit rattled, I continued. Question two was about the 3/5 Clause. This proved to be a rather touchy subject.

If you don't know about the 3/5 Clause, it basically say that 3/5 of the slave population would be a part of the general population, and this clause was used as a political ploy for slave states to secure extra votes in the electoral college. This would lead to racist legislation passed directly against the blacks that the slave owners exploited, allowing slavery to remain in the less densely populated southern states for a number of years.

There I sat as an undergraduate history major looking into the blind eyes of my African-American professor as he contemplated what I had just read. I was completely sad.

It was sad such a clause was ever put into effect and sad that he couldn't see me just then, nervously enjoying one of his sodas. He stroked his beard a bit, made like he was looking to the ceiling for the words to and said, "Good answer Mr. Sopiartz. Five points."

I thanked him and finished reading my test. He thought about it, and on the spot, he gave me a B.

I learned more over a soda in those 30 minutes than I did in four years of history courses. I learned what everyone else had been telling me, that our history is important. He allowed me to see that lesson in an undeniable manner.

I looked directly into the misrepresented eyes of the men lumped together under the 3/5 Clause, drank a soda and felt my life changed forever. Can I ever repay him, or thank him enough?

I don't know, but I'll try.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grade should have been distributed before deployment

I am a member of the Illinois Air National Guard. I originally joined the Guard for the sole purpose of educational benefits and money, never thinking being activated would ever be a possibility.

It wasn't until after Basic Training that greed turned to pride, pride for a country, a uniform and a way of life.

When I signed up, I never believed I would be activated. After being instilled with this pride, I have become ready and willing to receive that phone call calling me to duty. Support from family, friends, a fraternity and even teachers have been overwhelming.

Support from the actual university has been disappointing. Eastern Illinois University's policy on members entering military duty, Internal Governing Policy Number: 95, is not very supportive of those in the military compared to

surrounding universities and institutions. Eastern is nice enough to refund any monetary obligations to the university and as well as offering the grade earned if in the last two weeks of classes.

However, other universities offer the distribution of grades to the professor's disposal while others give the grade earned in the class after midterms.

As a member of the Guard, I have voluntarily given my life to the U.S. government to use at their disposal.

I voluntarily signed a piece of paper saying they can take me away from family and friends, disrupt my life however they so choose, as well as call on me to give my life if need be.

I will never complain, nor be bitter about the orders given to me.

However, is it so wrong to

ask for the salvaging of a semester by receiving the grade earned at the time of deployment? If this is too much to ask for, then maybe I should have chosen a more patriotic university.

*Brent Smith
Junior computer and information services major*

President was appointed by court

In response to the letter to the editor, "Don't betray the President you elected," published in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* I would like to say first of all, George W. Bush was not elected president.

He was appointed president by the Supreme Court because of the impropriety of the voting in Florida. When all the

votes were tallied, Gore won the popular vote by more than a million votes!

If the votes in Florida had been tallied correctly, Gore would have won there also ... this can be verified by the various news reports that came out after the various newspapers counted and recounted all the ballots; but by that time, it was too late.

Also, because the writer does not like to participate and supports the war, he expects the people who are against Bush's actions to roll over and pretend that nothing has happened?

I am a citizen of the United States, and I serve my country and my community through my work and community service. Military service is not a requirement for citizenship in this country.

The Vietnam War might have lasted longer if it had

not been for the courage of the war protesters, the returning veterans against the Vietnam War, and the hippies and others who saw no reason to be in that country. We have no right to try and overthrow another country's government, despite how despicable it might be; our concern is with our own country.

Look at the environment, look at the sorry state of education, look at the health care fiasco, look at the economy.

Bush is using this war to detract from how bad a job he is doing as president on the domestic scene.

I will continue to voice my support for the troops, the soldiers, but I will not hesitate to criticize our sorry excuse for a leader, George "Warmonger" Bush.

*Rick Jones
Eastern alumni*

Visiting artist employs role play, masquerade in pop analysis

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Visiting artist Robert Horvath discussed the use of masquerade and role playing in artwork.

Horvath, who grew up in Czechoslovakia, is a graduate from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a degree in painting.

Horvath presented a slide show of the work he has done in the past three to four years, describing how his work has progressed.

In earlier work, his subjects were posed with pieces of meat which Horvath said were driven by nightlife. The nightlife is similar to a meat market, he said.

Horvath started to focus on quoting the nightlife, club life and the rave scene.

He said his work is about stage quality. The idea of masquerade, role playing, taking on another personality and playing on human senses is important. His work breaks away from the mainstream of society and breaks the barriers. His work is more about behavior and the influence of behavior.

Horvath said he chooses colors that leave you almost nauseated by the high contrast. He compared the colors to sugar and said the viewer is almost overpowered or overdosed, but wants more and becomes addicted to the nightlife.

Horvath said he sometimes gets inspiration for poses from twentieth century paintings of the past.

Also, he looks at catalogs, MTV and product advertisements for things that influence culture and ideologies.

"It's not high fashion — it's awful at times," Horvath said about the costumes his subjects wear. He then advised students to save tags and receipts to return costumes they may purchase to use since it gets costly.

Horvath said he also performs technical explo-

"It's not high fashion – it's awful at times."

—Robert Hovath

rations to get new materials to work in creating sparkles or glitter on the surface.

He said he works for two to four months on each piece of work which consists of many gel paint layers.

The names of his paintings are after the characters in them, Horvath said. The names are stage names or drag queen names he gets from the names on paint chip samples, such as yellow called "Sunshine."

Horvath told students to network, participate in lectures and see demonstrations at school.

He said he got discouraged at first and abandoned his studio after a bad critique but learned it is important to have others discuss and critique work. He advised students to send slides of their work out, send cards or have a show.

"Never do anything halfway; always do the best you can," Horvath said.

He said the number of artists is growing and the field is competitive.

"I think what was really impressive is that he is true to himself," said Jill Korte, a senior art photography major. "As artists, we strive to do that, to remain true to ourselves and to know where we are going."

Other students agreed.

"It was real encouraging to students, real motivating. He seemed real knowledgeable on contemporary art," said Natalie Brown, a graduate student with a major in painting.

Horvath's work is currently on display at Chicago's Aron Packer Gallery.

Peace Corps, campus groups lose members

By John Hohenadel
STAFF WRITER

The Peace Corps and campus volunteer groups have not been getting the numbers they are accustomed to from Eastern students.

Chicago Peace Corps Recruiter Scot Roskelley said even before the United States took military action on Iraq, applications had been up 20 percent.

However, at Eastern volunteer groups have been lacking that same increasing trend.

"The Peace Corps is a federal organization in which we send people for 27 months with certain skills to develop countries and assist them with their problems," Roskelley said.

Peace Corps sends people to 70 countries all over the world.

"We hope that we leave those countries with pieces of our culture, and at the same time bring home pieces of their culture," Roskelley said.

The Peace Corps also has some benefits that volunteer groups at Eastern do not.

"Peace Corps members' airfare is paid, and they each get a monthly stipend that covers housing and food among other things," Roskelley said.

"Members also get health insurance and at the end of their 27 months, they get \$6,075."

Director of the Newman Catholic

Center Roy Lanham said although the stipend is nice, that is not a determining factor.

"The money makes the Peace Corps a bit more appealing, but most people don't join the Peace Corps for the money," Lanham said.

"Students think that the Peace Corps is their only opportunity to go out and do some volunteer work — that is where they are wrong. The Student Volunteer Center (located in Newman) will work with anyone who comes in and asks, unlike the Peace Corps, which is surprisingly selective at times."

Eastern is linked to volunteer groups such as Point of Light Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, United Way and more.

"Although attendance for this year's Alternative Spring Break was down by almost 25 percent from last year," Lanham said. "In my 17 years here, the number of students who want to volunteer have been pretty steady."

Alternative Spring Break is a retreat during spring break in which students do volunteer work.

"The reason we have it here is because we need to give people opportunities to connect with one another," Lanham said.

"Volunteer work is not always glamorous, but it changes your life. It changes your life even more so than the people you are helping. It gives us a whole new perspective."

Student Senate committee hears presentations on fees

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The tuition and fee committee met Monday night and heard presentations on the student legal services fee, the concert fee, student publications fee, computer technology fee and the network fee.

Steve Davis, coordinator of Student Legal Services presented a \$1.50 increase per semester, which would bring the legal services fee up to \$4 a semester.

"At a 4-percent increase of \$4, that comes to a 16-cent increase per semester," Davis said.

Caleb Judy, University Board chair, presented a report about the UB concert fee.

Judy estimated numbers for the remainder of the fiscal year 2002-2003 budget. The numbers are based on 60 percent sellout for events. The upcoming Counting Crows concert and Dave Chapelle comedy show numbers have been estimated.

Judy said that the concert rev-

enues could total \$103,401.09 with a projected surplus of \$2,398.91.

John David Reed, director of Student Publications, presented a report.

Reed said the Student Publication fee was included in the activity fee, which at 4 percent, is an increase \$1.35 per semester for a total of \$34.85 a semester.

Alan Baharlou, chair of the Student Technology Fee Subcommittee, presented a report.

Baharlou said the fees will go to maintain technology in computer

labs across campus and improve technology in the classrooms.

The proposed technology fee increase of 4 percent comes to \$1.60 per semester and \$41.60 a semester.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, presented a report on the network fee increase.

The proposed increase calls for \$50 a semester increase, a total of \$100 a year.

Cooley said the increase will fund a 10-year project plan to

upgrade the campus infrastructure for network upgrades, which will add greater Internet speed and improve technology capabilities on campus.

The next tuition and fees committee meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Seventh Street Underground.

Budget presentations will be heard on the graduate student fee, the athletic fee, grant-in-aid fee, Apportionment Board, Lantz-O'Brien operation fee and University Union operation fee.

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Ozier awarded as woman of achievement

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Jayne Ozier, a Charleston resident and Eastern faculty member, received the Eastern Illinois University Women of Achievement award Sunday.

Ozier, a family and consumer sciences professor, was one of two recipients of the award honoring contributions to Charleston as a university community.

An Eastern graduate, Ozier received her undergraduate and master's degrees in family and consumer sciences and received her doctorate from Florida State University.

She returned to Eastern as a family and consumer sciences professor, where she dedicated special interest in children and has received the outstanding alumnus award.

"I love teaching both undergraduate and graduate students, and I've been actively involved in the school and community," Ozier said.

She has taught at Eastern for 33 years, specializing in child development.

She was the coordinator of the child development program for over 25 years. Ozier also directed the Childcare Resource and Referral grant program.

"It is a grant program that helps parents find and pay for child care," she said.

Ozier received the graduate school award of excellence for her involvement with the grant program.

In the 1980s, Ozier was a chairwoman of the women's studies program.

"I have been involved in a lot of committees at the school," she said.

She served twice on the Faculty Senate, where she was the first chairwoman.

Ozier served as the chapter president for the University Professionals of Illinois. With this involvement, she negotiated on a team representing five state universities.

Ozier also was president of the Illinois Council in Family Relations and the Council of University Planning and Budget. She served as a member of CUPB three different times and is currently part of the council.

She also served on the University Personnel Committee and Council of Graduate Studies.

The Daily Eastern News named Ozier Person of the Year for the 1991-1992 school year.

Other awards Ozier received include the Rotary International Presidential Recognition Award for excellence with families and an advisor award for excellence.

Charleston resident Deborah Shrum, former director of HOPE of East Central Illinois, also received the award for her contributions to the community.



Jayne Ozier

CAA, senate holding elections today

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Teaching is not only about research and classroom time.

University councils and committees are also available for faculty to serve on, of which 11 groups will have new members after Tuesday and Wednesday elections.

The elections, coordinated by the Faculty Senate, will select faculty at large and from various academic colleges to councils such as the Council on University Planning and Budget and Council on Faculty Research.

Only tenure or tenure-track faculty and department chairs are able to vote.

In the past, 200 to 300 have made it to the polls, said Doug Brandt, physics professor and chair of the Faculty Senate elections subcommittee.

Brandt predicted a similar turnout this election.

"I encourage all faculty to come and vote and beat my prediction," he said.

All faculty were nominated, and most committee seats are three-year terms.

"Shared governance is very important

as this university," senate chair Anne Zahlan said. "We have (elections) over two days, so people should have plenty of time to get over there."

Zahlan is running for the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee and Sanction and Termination Hearing Committee.

The enrollment committee helps determine the size and character of the student population.

"In light of the ever-more limited resources available to higher education in the state, it is imperative that Eastern select those students who can best make use of excellent and reasonably-priced education that the university offers," she said.

Five members will be selected at large to the senate, and three to the CAA.

Those nominated to senate include: English professor John Allison; assistant political science professor Jeff Ashley; assistant math professor Leo Comerford; associate biology professor Bud Fischer; associate recreation administration professor John Henry Pommier and John Stimac, assistant geology and geography professor.

Those nominated to the CAA include: Julie Dietz, associated health studies department professor; consumer science professor Jean Dilworth; assistant English professor Francine McGregor; associate biological professor Britto Nathan and assistant history professor Debra Reid.

Also contested is one position for the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee and the Council on Faculty Research.

Pommier and assistant physical education professor William Russell were nominated to the review committee.

Jeanne Snyder, assistant family and consumer sciences professor; associate psychology professor Gary Canivez and sociology professor Mahmoud Kashefi were nominated to the Council on Faculty Research.

The election results must be reviewed next Tuesday by the senate before they can be announced to the university community, Brandt said.

Polls will be in the lobby in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union bookstore.

Jolie:

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There were eight original members in the beginning, five are still currently in the group and five members are new.

"I think the group has changed for the better, but we did lose some girls I was upset to hear were leaving and gained a lot of character with the girls we have now," said Kristen Buerster, a freshman business major and member.

There will not be another tryout for the group until next semester, however, the group is unsure whether one or two tryouts will be held next year, Andrews said.

"We are all really close," Buerster said. "There is unity with the group — black or white — the color doesn't really matter there. The one thing that brought us together is love for dance and in that love we found friendships."

Andrews said her job as secretary is to assist Roundtree in every area except choreography for the group. Roundtree's duties as director include arranging performances, choreography, costumes, promotion and meeting with Cook-Bey.

"With any new activity there is going to be a lot of confusion," Roundtree said. "But overall it's been a good experience. It's something new for me. I've never had my own dance group, I've only been on dance teams. The girls have really helped me out, and I think next year I will be more prepared for challenges that come along with a dance team."

Cook-Bey's role as adviser is to make sure everything is run correctly according to school regulations.

"This is our first time, and of course you have the good and the bad with everything," Cook-Bey said. "But for the



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Members of the Jolie dance group perform during the Mr. Fitness EIU competition March 1 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

most part it was a great learning experience. Being that we started from scratch, we learned the ups and downs — it takes a lot of time management, organization and commitment to do this."

Jolie's first performance was at the Homecoming Pep Rally 2002, Andrews said. The group also performed at the Miss Black EIU 2003 pageant and the Mr. EIU/Miss Fitness 2003 competition.

"The group practices three times a week for approximately two hours at Lantz Arena," Andrews said.



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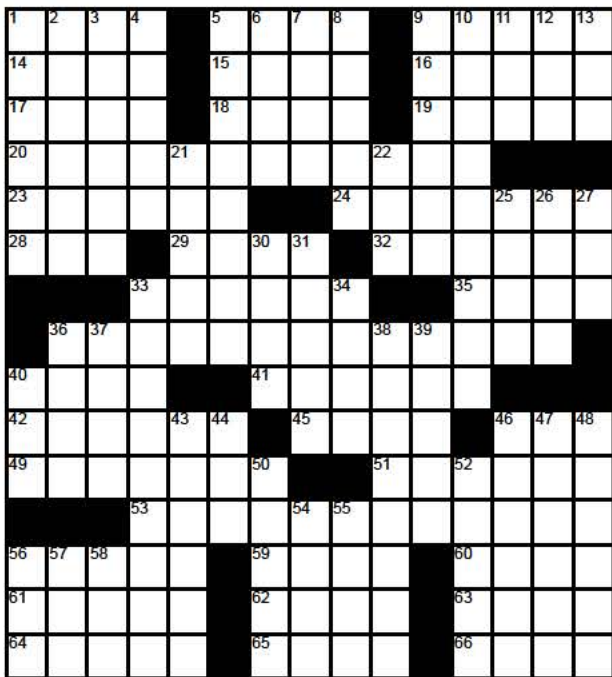
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Iraqi TV shows two men said to be captured U.S. pilots

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi state television on Monday showed two men said to have been the U.S. crew of an Apache helicopter forced down during heavy fighting in central Iraq.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, confirmed that one helicopter did not return from its mission Sunday and that its two-man crew was missing. The men were identified as Chief Warrant

Officer Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, of Lithia Springs, Ga., and Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 30, of Orlando, Fla.

If confirmed, the airmen would be the second set of POWs displayed by the Iraqis in as many days. On Sunday, the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera carried Iraqi television footage of five U.S. soldiers who were captured near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the

Euphrates River.

Unlike those soldiers, the men shown Monday did not appear to be injured.

The two wore cream-colored pilots' overalls and did not speak to the camera but appeared confused. They turned their heads and looked in different directions while being filmed. One of the men sipped from a glass of water, looking wary but not cowed.

The contents of one man's wallet were displayed across a table, including a Texas driver's license, a card from the Fort Hood National Bank, phone cards and credit cards.

A spokesman at the U.S. Army Post in Fort Hood, Texas, said that a helicopter from its 1st Battalion of the 227th Aviation Regiment was missing in action in Iraq.

"The unit was deployed in February," spokesman Dan Hassett

said. "That's all I can really say right now."

Military officials said Williams has been in the service for 12 years, and has a wife and two children who live on Fort Hood. Young, an Army man for three years, is single.

"He felt good about what they were doing, that they were going to get out there and it was going to be a quick situation," his father, Ronald Young Sr., told CNN.

Conflict: Military instructor: Regardless of name, threat is real

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Student Body President Alison Mormino thought Bush should have sought congressional authorization to declare war in Iraq.

"With the exception of the British, we are acting alone; the UN hasn't backed us up," she said. "It's being justified as a humanitarian effort vs. the terrorism aspect. Bush has found a loop hole."

Senior military instructor Master Sgt. David J. McKenney said regardless of what the media calls it, the threat is real.

"Call it what you want, but it is what it is, and it will have the same outcome," he said. "I think that if we stand by and do nothing, it will get worse and our children will be fighting this war someday."

Resistance: Hussein trying to rally troops behind Iraqi military

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is going to plan despite the tragedies."

Saddam sought to rally his own country in a televised appearance. "Be patient, brothers, because God's victory will be ours soon," he said, appearing in full military garb and seeming more composed than in a taped appearance broadcast last week.

Despite Saddam's defiant pose, a military barracks in the northern part of the country was bombed, and Baghdad fell under renewed air attack by day and by night. Iraqis set up mortar positions south of the city and piled sandbags around government

buildings and other strategic locations, in evident anticipation of a battle to come.

"Coalition forces are closing in on Baghdad," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the Pentagon.

He said U.S. Apache helicopters attacked Saddam's Republican Guard forces arrayed around Baghdad, while another official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a "large portion" of the day's bombing runs were dedicated to hitting the same units.

Asked about ground forces, McChrystal said, "We have not gotten into direct firefights with Republican Guard forces."

That seemed a matter of not much time, though.

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division was within 50 miles of the capital, battling sandstorms more than Iraqi fire as it neared the approaches to Baghdad.

Some Iraqis waved or gave a thumbs-up as the convoy passed

on its dash through southern Iraq, while others stood stoically.

The advance of long columns of thousands of vehicles was aided by heavy air protection that wiped out a column of Iraqi armor at one point and sent some of Saddam's outer defenses withdrawing toward the capital. The convoy passed bombed anti-aircraft guns, empty foxholes and berms dug for tanks that had been abandoned.

President Bush invited senior lawmakers to the White House, and aides said he would ask Congress for \$75 billion. Of that, \$62.6 billion would be in direct war costs, according to these aides, for 30 days of combat. The request was also expected to include up to \$3 billion to guard against terrorist threats, as well as aid to Israel, Afghanistan and other U.S. allies, a down payment on humanitarian aid for Iraq and for rebuilding the country, and money to increase security for American diplomats.

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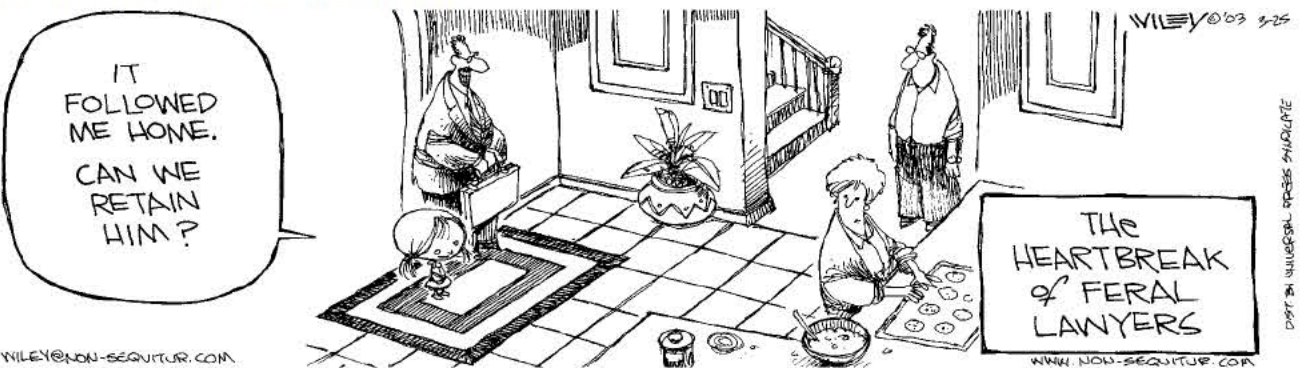
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Kuwaiti firefighters find sabotage signs in oil blaze cleanup

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Firefighters attacking blazes at oil wells in southern Iraq say they've found telltale signs the valuable field was sabotaged. But it appears Iraqi troops may have disobeyed orders to blow up the wells or prepared explosives that were too weak to do serious damage.

It took Kuwaiti firefighters only 15 minutes and two water cannons Monday to snuff out the first fire quenched so far at a booby-trapped Iraqi oil well.

Even though fighting nearby forced some civilian firefighters to clear out of the region Monday, Kuwait's senior firefighter, Aisa Bouyabes, said he believes his team and others can douse the six remaining blazes in Iraq's Rumella South oil field within two weeks.

Upon inspecting damaged well heads at several blast sites just across Kuwait's border with Iraq, the team discovered a telltale pair of black wires snaking away from each one.

"These are the same wires that were used in Kuwait to blow up our wells — the same method exactly. I've seen it before. I inspected the wells in Kuwait immediately after the liberation," Bouyabes said by telephone from northern Kuwait.

Saddam Hussein's troops sabotaged more than 700 well heads in Kuwait's oil fields as they retreated from the emirate in the closing days of the 1991 Gulf War. The damage took more than two years and \$50 billion to repair.

U.S.-led forces have made a priority in the current war of trying to secure Iraq's oil fields to prevent a repeat of that scorched-earth tactic. One vexing question is why so few of Iraq's 1,685 oil wells are burning, despite ample evidence that Iraqis took time to rig them for detonation.

Although it is far too early to be certain, initial evidence suggests that in the vast majority of cases,

Iraqi troops might have disobeyed orders to blow up the wells, or set explosives that were too weak to do serious damage.

Bouyabes said he believed the Iraqis had placed an explosive charge several feet underground at the blazing well he visited just over a mile across Kuwait's border with Iraq. The result was a mangled well head and flames 35 feet high.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair told the House of Commons on Monday that Iraq's oil wealth was "mined and deep-mined at that. Had we not struck quickly, Iraq's future wealth would even now be burning away."

However, the will needed to ignite a multitude of desert infernos has so far not measured up to Iraqis' apparently extensive effort to lay and wire up the charges.

"I don't think that the Iraqis ever really intended to blow these wells up and keep them burning forever," said Rob Laughlin, managing director of London brokerage GNI Man Financial.

Bouyabes said he inspected at least two other wells in Rumella South that were damaged but not burning. They too had been rigged with black wire, and the direction of the blasts and the placement of sand bags around each well head were persuasive clues of sabotage, he said.

Yet, for some reason, the explosions at those sites weren't powerful enough to destroy the well heads and spark fires.

"Whoever put in the explosives did not want to repeat what happened in Kuwait," Bouyabes suggested. "This is just an assumption: I don't think Saddam had very good control over these guys."

Iraq has the world's second-largest proven crude reserves, and it will need revenues from oil exports to help pay for its postwar reconstruction.

Saddam tries to rally Iraqis using religion, patriotism

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Faced with a fight for survival against a U.S.-led onslaught, Saddam Hussein is rallying Iraqis to fight for the land of their ancestors — seeking to portray the war as one pitting the faithful against evil.

A televised address by Saddam shown on state-run television Monday underlined his strategy to rally Iraqis through Islam. He mentioned "God" 28 times, "jihad," or holy war, seven times, and the word "faithful" four times.

"It is a near victory that God promises the patient faithful will be victorious," Saddam said. "In these decisive days, the enemy tried not using missiles and fighter jets as they did

before. This time, they sent their infantry troops. This time, they have come to invade and occupy your land."

Military communiques issued daily in Iraq speak of troops as "God's soldiers," cite verses from the Quran about a small minority being able to defeat a larger force, and end with Islam's rallying cry of "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great!"

There's evidence his calls to patriotism and religion are resonating among a people that Washington had expected to welcome coalition forces as liberators rather than fight them as enemies.

U.S. and British forces are meeting unexpectedly stiff resistance in fighting in southern Iraq and, as coalition troops

press toward Baghdad, militia-men loyal to Saddam are continuing to harass them with deadly ambushes and ruses.

In the southern city of Basra, the scene of some of the fiercest fighting, a hoped-for welcome from civilians had not materialized, British spokesman Col. Chris Vernon said.

Coalition forces sent radio broadcasts and leaflets to Basra to urge residents to oppose Saddam's militia from inside the city, Vernon said. Commanders have held off storming the city, hoping its Iraqi defenders would surrender, but they have held firm.

Elsewhere Monday, residents of the border town of Safwan stoned a passing U.S. military convoy.

Europe's protests draw police

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Anti-war demonstrators clashed with police outside the U.S. consulate in Hamburg and peace rallies emptied schools across Italy on Monday in a fresh swell of protests against the war in Iraq.

Protesters found varying ways of making themselves heard.

In Bahrain, a propane gas tank exploded outside a U.S. Navy base and a senior U.S. military official said it was ignited by protesters. The blast shattered windows but injured no one. In Australia, Prime Minister John Howard was heckled in parliament by activists opposed to his support for the war.

Hamburg police turned water cannons on protesters, including middle and high school students, outside the U.S. consulate in the northern German port city.

Police said a group of Palestinians and Kurds armed with wooden sticks, stones and bottles joined about 8,000 students who had been protesting peaceful-

ly outside the building and began attacking officers. Police arrested 21 protesters; several protesters and three officers were injured.

An estimated 40,000 demonstrators shouting "Death to Bush, Victory for Saddam," marched to the U.S. Embassy in the West African nation of Mauritania. Some demonstrators carried photos of Saddam Hussein, while others wrapped themselves in Iraq's flag.

In Italy, thousands of teachers and students took the day off to march peacefully through Rome, Milan, Turin, Venice, Bologna, Naples and Palermo.

An estimated 25,000 protesters joined in a peace march Monday night through the streets of Leipzig, Germany, following the route used by demonstrators who helped cause the collapse of the former East Germany in 1989. A similar demonstration in Berlin attracted hundreds of protesters who marched peacefully from the Brandenburg gate to the U.S. Embassy.

Demonstrations in Australia, Thailand, Indonesia and Bangladesh were smaller and less intense than previous protests, but activists across Asia said a new wave of rallies was being planned.

"Hatred against America is increasing," said Shahid Shamsi, spokesman for the United Action Forum, a hard-line Islamic group in Pakistan, where an estimated 100,000 people marched through the city of Lahore on Sunday.

In Bangkok, 1,000 farmers protested against the war on Monday. Thailand's Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, said global opposition "will make the Americans end the war as soon as possible."

In Auckland, New Zealand, a Roman Catholic priest and another man said they used their own blood to make a 3-foot-long cross on the carpet of the U.S. Consul's office after they made an appointment to see the diplomat, purportedly to read him an anti-war statement.


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WOMEN'S GOLF

Panthers in second at Butler

♦ Eastern junior Brooke Pellock is in third place with a first round 82

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern women's golf squad played its way into contention Monday going into the final round of the Butler Spring Invitational at Preswick Country Club.

The Panthers will face only a four-stroke deficit to Xavier University and has three players tied for 11th place or higher individually.

Junior Brooke Pellock ended the day in third place by shooting a 10-over-par 82 and is only a single stroke away from the pair of Xavier golfers Jill Stein and Sarah Sparks.

Stein posted one of two under 40 nine-hole rounds by posting a back nine 39. Senior Tyra Fredrick is also in perfect position to win the tournament after posting an 84, which places the upper-classmen tied for sixth place.

The other Panther senior Kristin Hoff shot a 14-over-par 86 which puts the Wisconsin native in 11th place and five strokes behind the leaders.

The final Panther player on the Top 20 leaderboard is junior Amanda Minchin, who carded a front nine 41 but fell apart down the stretch to post a back nine 46 and a total of 87. This performance puts the Canadian born player in 13th position and was the fourth and final score used by Eastern on the day.

However, Xavier University will be tough for the Panthers to catch as the Musketeers had its four golfers placing 13th of higher.

The host, Butler University, finished the day third but 18 strokes off Xavier's pace, and the Bulldogs couldn't take advantage of native ability with no golfers placing in the top 10.

Bulldogs senior Kristi Laskowski had the most disappointing back nine by posting a 45 after leading the tournament with a front nine 38.

Rounding out the standings were Loyola, Cleveland State, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and Oakland.

Severe showers and high winds are the forecast for Tuesday's final round, so unless it's deemed unplayable, players could face extreme conditions to finish the tournament.

Team Leaderboard

	SCORES
Xavier	335
Eastern Illinois	339
Butler	346
Loyola	353
Cleveland State	364
IUPUI	370
Oakland	376

Individual Leaderboard

	SCORES
J. Stein (Xavier)	42-39 81
S. Sparks (Xavier)	39-42 81
B. Pellock (Eastern)	42-40 82
B. Hamilton (Xavier)	42-41 83
K. Laskowski (Butler)	38-45 83
M. Mazzoni (Oakland)	40-44 84
T. Frederick (Eastern)	40-44 84
V. Kastl (Cleve. St.)	44-40 84
E. Shoplik (Xavier)	40-44 84
M. Macleod (Butler)	43-42 85
K. Palmer (Loyola)	42-44 86
K. Hoff (Eastern)	44-42 86
A. Minchin (Eastern)	41-46 87

Five athletes inducted to Hall of Fame

By Matt Meinheit
SPORTS EDITOR

The athletic department named five former Eastern athletes to be inducted into the Eastern Hall of Fame.

This fall, Tom Beusch (gymnastics), George Gorleku (soccer), Claude Magee (track), Zam Mogill (softball) and cross country coach John McInerney will be inducted at ceremonies held Sept. 20. That night, Eastern's football team will host in-state rival Illinois State.

McInerney was a three-time NCAA II All-American in cross country and track. In 1977, McInerney finished 14th out of 220 runners at the NCAA II cross country meet to help Eastern win a national championship. The year before, he finished 17th out of 280 runners at the same event when Eastern was runner-up.

At the 1979 NCAA II outdoor track championship, he placed fifth in the 1,500 meter run.

McInerney returned to Eastern in 1990 after serving as cross country head coach and track assistant coach at Crystal Lake High School for ten years. In 1992 he became Eastern's head cross country coach. Since then he has coached the Panthers men's team to five Ohio Valley Conference championships in seven years in the league.

The other former runner inducted into the Hall of Fame, Magee, was an Olympic Trials quarterfinalist in the 200 meter dash in 1984. Magee still holds Eastern's school record in the outdoor 100 (10.16) and 200 (20.68) meter dashes. In 1981, Magee finished sixth at the national meet in both the 100 meter dash and for running a leg on the 4 x 100 relay, earning himself NCAA II All-American honors.

Mogill was a three-time First Team All-Gateway Conference pitcher from 1986 to 88. In 1988 she earned Second Team All-Midwest honors. She still holds school records for single season (24) and career victories (78), 24 more than Eastern second all-time leader Sara DeLaere), single season (249) and career strikeouts (701), career ERA (0.75), single season (17) and career shutouts (45) and season (257) and career innings pitched (890 2-3).

Gorleku was a four-time NCAA II All-American. As a sophomore during the 1976 season, he earned First Team honors and again his senior year in 1978. In 1978 he led the Panthers to a third-place finish in the NCAA II national tournament.

Gorleku went on to compete professionally for the Indianapolis Daredevils of the American Soccer League.

Beusch also was a four-time All-American, but he competed in both NAIA and NCAA competition. In 1972, he led the Panthers to a NAIA national championship while winning the vaulting event and placing second place in the floor exercise.

In 1973 Eastern moved up to NCAA competition and Beusch took second in College Division vaulting and third in 1974 (ninth in the University Division).



DAN WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Kirk Walters takes a swing against Saint Xavier Saturday at Coaches' Stadium. Walters is coming off of a career-high four RBI in game one.

Dive:

Billikens have lost seven of their last eight

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"The positive is that we get down 5-1, and we take the lead, so getting behind hasn't really bothered us," Schmitz said.

Saint Louis University has lost seven of its last eight games, and the one victory came against a non-Division I opponent. The main problem for the Billikens is their inability to win on the road, and therefore, a trip back to the Billikens Sports Center is just what the doctor ordered.

The key for the Billikens has been its inconsistency on offense by only scoring 25 runs in 10 losses but have plated 47 runs in five wins. Billikens' Marshall will have to be careful with his third baseman Dan Rogers and left fielder Corey Lawson. Rogers is leading the team with a .367 batting average and an on-base percentage of .492 while Lawson is the power hitter of the bunch, totaling four home runs and 17 RBI.

OVC rival Southeast Missouri has defeated Saint Louis 9-4 earlier this month, and the Panthers can use this game as a measuring stick for how they rank in the conference race.

"We do look at these next couple of games to judge us going into conference play," Schmitz said.

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Panther sports calendar

TUESDAY	Baseball at Saint Louis	2 p.m.
FRIDAY	Tennis at Illinois-Chicago	10 a.m.
	Tennis at Chicago State	2 p.m.
SATURDAY	Baseball vs. IUPUI-Ft. Wayne (2)	Noon Coaches' Stad.
	Softball vs. Tenn. Tech	Noon Williams Field

OVERTIME



Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It's time to spring into Spring

Spring is a time for new beginnings. The smell of newly grown flowers will soon fill the air and the vacant branches on trees will be covered with fresh leaves.

Along with the flowers and leaves comes a new attitude toward getting some fresh air and a little exercise. The excuse of "It's too cold outside" will have to be put back in our pockets until next winter, and the four-month hibernation period will have to come to an end.

Where have those days gone where going outside wasn't a chore for most college students?

I remember the days of being a 10-year-old kid waking up on weekends, or when stepping off the school bus after school and wanting to get outside as soon as possible for some outdoor activities.

Today, trying to get some exercise just seems like too much work. I am victim to the increased laziness that comes with the college territory. After long days of classes and work, all I want to do is sit around and rest for a while.

Weekends are no different. When I finally do get the free time to go toward fitness, I spend most of the day watching sports on television using the logic that it counts if I watch someone else do something.

That lazy attitude has gotten me nothing but an extra 10 pounds and a shortness of breath when going up more than two flights of stairs.

If you have the same problem that I have, we need to develop a new attitude.

Going outside used to be fun, and it's time that lazy people like myself get out and spring into spring.

Here are the guidelines and tips into to getting back to form and setting a new beginning of your own.

Rule No. 1: Unless you live entirely away from campus, walk to class instead of driving or taking the bus. Every little bit helps and walking to class can actually be a relaxing way to start your day.

Rule No. 2: Don't make the weekends full of sitting around and filling yourself with too much beer. An hour of outdoor activities on a Saturday or Sunday is sometimes the best opportunity for a little exercise. There is also no need for sleeping in past noon.

Rule No. 3: No more excuses! If you are not an athletic person or don't like sports, find something else to do. Take a walk with a friend, hop on your bike and take a ride or snap on some Rollerblades and take a tour of campus.

I am pleased to see that some people are already going out and following these rules. So I give all of you who still have the desire and energy for some fresh air a pat on the back.

It's time for the rest of us to follow their example and get that breath back and drop all that extra weight from the winter months of hibernation.

BASEBALL



DAN WILLIAMS/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior infielder Aaron Shelbourne dives back to first base against Saint Xavier University at Coaches' Stadium Saturday. The Panthers travel to Saint Louis Tuesday for a non-conference matchup.

Panthers dive into Saint Louis

◆ *Junior Jared Marshall takes the mound for the Panthers against Billikens*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern baseball will travel to the Gateway of the West to face the Saint Louis Billikens (5-10, 0-6) in another non-conference match-up.

The Panthers (5-10) are coming off their home-opening split of a weekend doubleheader with Saint Xavier University. Eastern is finding it very difficult to eliminate its defensive mistakes. In fact, the Panthers have committed 13 errors

in the last three games. To counter these defensive inconsistencies, Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz will be moving junior Chris Uhle back to second base and junior Jeff Cammann to third base.

"It's kind of hard when the field is playing a little rough, but we definitely need to play better defense," Schmitz said. "It's also hard because we became short-handed in the off season."

Eastern continues to struggle at the plate, as well, by batting .217, with no player batting over .300. Shortstop Kyle Haines is leading the team in batting average with posting a .291. Outfielder Kirk Walters

came out of his slump this weekend against Saint Xavier by driving in a career high four RBI in game one.

Schmitz continues to have trouble with his starting pitchers, with Damon White having a stellar beginning to his senior season by posting a (1-1) record with a 1.91 ERA and a strikeouts-to-walk ratio of over three.

The Panthers have also been able to rely on closer Nathan Stone in the later innings. The Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week has racked up two saves, a 1.46 ERA, and opponents are batting .222 against the senior.

Junior Jared Marshall will step to

the mound for the Panthers Tuesday with a 6.08 ERA and will be in search of his first victory of the season. Marshall will need to locate the plate better than his team-leading nine walks.

"He really needs to be more consistent on an inning by inning situation because he's never really put a complete game together," Schmitz said.

Eastern has struggled early in games by being outscored 23-8 in the opening innings but also are struggling in the seventh inning by a 25-2 margin.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Eastern goes for five straight wins

◆ *Panthers hold four-match winning streak heading into Butler*

By Jason Blasco
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's women's tennis team is taking its four-match winning streak into its match against Butler Tuesday.

"(Butler) is a team that we are absolutely capable of defeating even though it hasn't happened in the past," said coach Brian Holzgrafe. "Injuries right now are killing us; this is really going to be something that they are going to dig deep and pull together to combat."

Besides injuries, the Panthers will have to overcome the memory of their last meeting with Butler (5-8) when they lost 6-1. Butler will be a different team than what Eastern saw last year because of losing four senior players to graduation.

Butler has three freshmen, three juniors, and only one senior in its lineup. They are led by junior Christine Laun who moved into the No. 1 singles position after playing at No. 2 last year. Laun also received All-Horizon League first team honors last season.

Even though the Panthers have combated with injuries, they are

currently ranked No. 1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers (8-2, 2-0) have won eight out of their last nine matches while their No. 1 player Jana Matouskova saw limited action because of foot problems.

"It says something for the girls that are in the lineup to how much they are stepping up and filling that void," Holzgrafe said.

Holzgrafe attributes the continued success primarily because of the elevation of play of their No. 2 player Becky Brunner. Brunner has filled Matouskova's void by defeating two No. 1 players.

"Jana has been injured the whole time. We haven't had her," Holzgrafe said. "Beck is now stepping up to the number one and having a solid undefeated record."

In addition to Brunner stepping up, Eastern has also received solid contributions from No. 3 and No. 5 players in the lineup Becky Carlson and Sarah Freeman according to Holzgrafe.

"We've had people like (Carlson) and (Freeman) have really been stepping up," Holzgrafe said.

"At times they have just been passing the hat," Holzgrafe said. "What is key is that we've stayed focused during the entire season."

The match is set to begin at 3 p.m.



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Sarah Freeman returns a volley in practice Monday. Freeman is one of several players to step up after injuries to other players.