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Eastern student survives Amtrak train wreck



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Rika Yunoki, a senior chemistry major, talks to a friend about her experiences the night of March 15, during the Amtrak train accident. Yunoki stayed after getting off the train to help people breathe.

Experience gives student 'something to think about'

By Joe Sanner
Senior reporter

When Rika Yunoki, a senior chemistry major, was on her way back to campus late March 15 from Chicago, where she was visiting friends, the last thing she expected was for the Amtrak train she was on to derail.

Yunoki said she is still in shock and has trouble remembering everything that happened that night when the Amtrak train on its way to Mattoon hit a truck blocking the tracks at a crossing near Bourbonnais, killing 11 people and injuring at least 116 when it jumped the tracks.

"The car behind mine flipped over, but mine didn't," Yunoki said. "I could see all the fires and flipped-over cars from my seat. Some people were just screaming."

Yunoki said she was not sure where her car was in relation to the front of the train, but she remembered another car had hit hers from the outside, splitting her seat in two.

"I felt a strong break and

soon it derailed," she said. "I was thrown on the floor and bumped into chairs."

"It stopped and then I stood up and saw the train piling up and the fires," she said.

Yunoki said although most people on the train panicked, a few uninjured passengers pulled together to help those who were either too injured or too shocked to help themselves.

"Some mothers were screaming from the other compartment," she said. "There was this guy trying to calm people down and lead them outside. We got out because we could smell the smoke and see the fires."

Yunoki said those who were able headed to a nearby building to get warm, but she stayed behind to offer help to the injured.

"I was just holding some people and helping them to breathe," Yunoki said. "That's all I could do. I felt so helpless."

"There were so many guys who helped get people out of the cars; otherwise they could be dead by now from the smoke," Yunoki said. "I don't know how

long we waited for the fire department and ambulances."

Sometime between 3:30 and 4 a.m., after help arrived, Yunoki and others who did not need medical attention were taken to a nearby store where they could get warm and were given food.

"Then they started making a list of who survived and taking names," Yunoki said.

At around 6 p.m. Tuesday, a small shuttle bus drove Yunoki and other survivors to the Amtrak station in Mattoon.

"No one liked the bus," she said. "We hit so many bumps and that just reminded me of the accident."

Yunoki said the accident definitely changed her life, but she is not yet sure in what way.

"It seems there are so many things I have to think about," Yunoki said. "It happened to me, and I still remember it very well."

"I'm glad I survived, and I am home here doing school work and other things," she said. "But some people died, and it's still like a nightmare to me."

Cancellation upsets students

Summer commencement ceremony will still be canceled despite protests

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

Despite some students' complaints regarding the removal of the summer commencement ceremony in 2000, plans to discontinue it are still underway.

Mark Haines, director of special events and planning services, said the reason the ceremony will not be held in the future is because of lack of interest and the cost of the ceremony.

Haines said the cost of summer commencement is approximately \$5,500; the cost of spring and fall commencement ceremonies is approximately \$6,500.

The cost of the commencement ceremonies includes: commencement guides, costs for mailing information to students, long distance phone calls, printing, tickets, cap and gown orders, labor costs for student workers, fees for the interpreter and the reader, cap and gown rental for guest speakers and the platform party, diplomas, diploma covers, name plates for the covers, cleaning, plant rental and table cloths.

An average of 75 to 80 percent of students graduating participate in the spring and fall ceremonies and 20 percent of graduating students

participate in the summer ceremony, Haines said.

Haines said the lack of interest may be because some people have busier schedules during the summer.

"Participation is lower because people are busy in the summer," he said.

Haines said there is a proposal sheet that keeps count of how many people participate in all the ceremonies but could not provide exact numbers at the time.

Some students are unhappy with the university's decision to discontinue the summer commencement ceremony after this year.

Tara Grady, a graduate student in special education, said she thinks students were not asked their opinions about eliminating the ceremony.

"It was a decision taken out of everyone's hands," she said.

Meri Boyer, also a graduate student in special education, also said she is unhappy with the decision.

"I'm very disappointed they decided to eliminate summer commencement," she said. "It steals the opportunity from students to participate."

Haines said so far he has only received one complaint from a student regarding the elimination of the ceremony.

Faculty elections to be held today

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

The faculty elections being held Wednesday and Thursday will give all Unit A faculty members an opportunity to select the colleagues they would like to represent them on various faculty bodies on campus.

The elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Bookstore Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Bonnie Irwin, Faculty Senate vice chair and chair of the elections subcommittee, said the results of the election will be announced at Tuesday's senate meeting.

The election will be run by Faculty Senate members, said Faculty Senate Chair James Tidwell. The elections subcommittee members are responsible for tabulating the votes.

Unit A faculty members, which includes tenure and tenure-track faculty, will be able to select representatives for the Faculty Senate, Council on Academic Affairs, Council on Graduate Studies, Council on Teacher Education, Council on University Planning and Budget, Admissions Appeal Review Committee, Enrollment Management Advisory Committee, Academic Program Elimination Review Committee, Sanctions and Termination Hearing Committee and the University Personnel Committee.

In the Faculty Senate election there are six candidates for five at-large positions. Both Tidwell and Faculty Senate member John Best are running as incumbents. Other Faculty Senate candidates include Reed Benedict, T. Howard Black, Robert Fischer and Bailey Young.

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Gun owners responsible for children's actions

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Keep your guns away from children or go to jail — that's the bottom line of a bill approved Monday by the Illinois House.

But the House rejected two gun control measures backed by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. One would have required state licenses for gun dealers, and the other limited handgun purchases to one a month.

The measure requiring parents to store their guns safely passed 70-44, despite opposition from the National Rifle Association.

"It's not a gun control bill. It's a bill that says to gun owners, 'Hey, have your gun; we don't want to take them away from you. Just protect children in your homes from these guns,'" said the sponsor, Rep Lou Lang, D-Skokie.

People who failed to keep their guns away from children under 14 would face criminal penalties of up to three months in prison on the first offense and up to one year and a \$1,000 fine for all subsequent offenses. It applies to parents or anyone supervising children.

Lang's bill originally required that gun owners place trigger locks on their guns, but it was amended to require only that they take "reasonable" steps to protect children.

Gun sellers would have to post signs in their stores notifying customers of the new law.

"Once people realize that they have to do this, they're going to be more careful with their guns," said

Lang, whose bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Critics disagreed, saying that criminalizing parental action sets a dangerous precedent, and that laws requiring gun restriction cannot be effectively applied statewide.

"In many areas of the state, the sheriff might be 15 or 20 minutes away, in which time are we fumbling with a trigger lock or a lock box ... while the bad guy's coming in?" said Dale Righter, R-Mattoon.

Critics were more successful in opposing two pieces of Daley's high-profile gun control package. The sponsor, Rep. Tom Dart, D-Chicago, said he would not call either bill for another vote.

The first measure would have required all gun sellers to pay \$300 for a three-year license, keep a clean criminal record and maintain reasonable business practices by not selling to suspected criminals.

It also would have created a computer data base of all gun sales accessible only to law enforcement officers, although dealers could go through police to check the information.

It failed 52-62, far short of the 60 votes needed to pass.

The second would have limited people to buying just one handgun per month. It failed 50-64.

Opposing lawmakers said the measures would start the state down a slippery slope toward violating privacy rights and the right to bear arms.

Elections

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Three current Faculty Senate members, Ron Gholson, Anne Zahlan and Norbert Furumo, are not running for reelection, Tidwell said.

He said the elections for Faculty Senate officers are held at the last regular meeting of the semester.

Tidwell said he is undecided as to whether he will run for the chair position again.

In the Council on Academic Affairs election, there are six candidates for three at-large positions. Candidates include Janet Cosbey, Andrew Methven, Tim Shonk, David Smith, Don Smith and Veronica Stephens.

CAA Chair Bill Addison said three current CAA members are not running for reelection. They

include Marilyn Wilkins, who is serving out Ken Sutton's term after his retirement last semester, Frank McCormick and Mary Anne Hanner.

In the CUPB election, four candidates are running for two seats. Unit A faculty members will be able to choose one candidate from the College of Sciences. The candidates from the College of Sciences include Steven Daniel and Kevin Jones.

Tidwell said Michael Havey is the current CUPB member from the College of Sciences. Havey is not running for reelection.

The other position open on the CUPB is from the College of Education and Professional Studies. Candidates running include Mahmood Butt and Gloria Leitschuh, who is the incumbent.

The terms for all faculty members elected will begin in the fall, Irwin said.

police blotter

Alcohol violations

■ James M. Corbin, 19, of 902 Post Oak Lane, was cited at 4:37 a.m. on Saturday at the corner of Fourth Street and Tyler Avenue, on charges of driving while under the influence, having a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, disobeying a stop sign and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, a police report said.

■ Jason Michael Sowers, 22, of 1410 Ninth St., was cited at 12:42 a.m. on March 12 in the 1400 block of Ninth Street, on charges of driving while under the influence and failure to yield, a police report said.

■ Jeri Gladys Leonard, 20, of 525 Seventh St., was cited at 4:37 a.m. on March 14 at the intersection of First Street and Washington Avenue on charges of driving while under the influence, having a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, failure to signal when required and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, a police report said.

■ Matthew Andreas Newton, 19, of 1021 Greek Court, was cited at 1:31 a.m. on March 12 in the 400 block of Monroe Avenue, on charges of purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor, false identification and minor frequenting a licensed establishment, a police report said.

■ Sean M. Lucas, 20, of 1521 11th St., and Brian C. Redican, 19, of 2002 11th St., were cited at 12:59 a.m. on March 11 at 509 Lincoln Ave. on various charges, a police report said. Redican was cited for purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor and petit theft, and Lucas was cited for purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor and possession of another's identification, the report said.

■ Darrell A. Andrews, 19, of Philo, was cited at 7:45 p.m. on March 14 at 1404 Fourth St. on charges of purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor, a police report said.

■ Brett R. Evans, 18, of 259 Thomas Hall; Matthew C.

Henard, 19, of 13 Douglas Hall; and Darin Michael Ripperden, 19, and Matthew S. Hatfield, 22, both of 2219 Ninth St., were cited at 12:21 a.m. on March 12 at 2219 Ninth St. on various charges, a police report said. Ripperden was cited for sale of alcohol without licensing, disorderly conduct and purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor. Hatfield was cited for sale or gift of alcohol to a minor, disorderly conduct and sale of alcohol without licensing. Evans and Henard were cited for purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor, the report said.

■ Scott A. Bradley, 21, of 225 State St.; Richard H. Ballinger, 17, of 530 W. Elm Ave.; Andrew L. Williams, 20, of 511 Sixth St.; and Bobbi L. Leonard, 18, of 525 Seventh St. were cited at 11:49 p.m. on March 14 at 225 State St. on various charges, a police report said. Bradley was cited for sale or gift of alcohol to a minor, Ballinger and Williams were cited for purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor, and Leonard was cited for possession of alcohol by a minor, and purchase and/or acceptance of alcohol by a minor, the report said.

Domestic Battery

■ Alicia Leane Robinson, 21, of 204 W. Grant Ave., was cited at 6:29 p.m. on March 11 at her residence on charges of domestic battery, a police report said.

■ Brad E. Haase, 24, of 1430 11th St., was cited at 11:36 a.m. on March 15 at 947 Fourth St., on charges of domestic battery and criminal damage to property, a police report said.

Theft

■ Chad E. Burris, 19, of 420 W. State St., was cited at 3:23 p.m. on March 11 at Wilb Walker Super Market, 1460 E St., on charges of retail theft, a police report said.

■ Joseph Gregory Prokuski, 20, of 1214 Madison Ave., was cited at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at 909 Adams Ave., on charges of theft under \$300, a police report said.

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Siting application filed for potential county landfill

Potential site to be located 'well away' from Burgner Acres Natural Area

By Christy Kilgore
City editor

The company proposing a landfill that would be adjacent to a nature area owned by Eastern Friday filed its expected siting application with county officials.

The proposal filed by CC Landfill Inc., a division of Allied Waste Industries Inc., reviews criteria required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the Coles County Regional Pollution Control Facility Siting Ordinance, including need for the facility and environmental concerns.

The Burgner Acres Natural Area, owned by Eastern and maintained by Eastern and volunteers for the Embarrass Volunteer Stewards and a local chapter of the Nature Conservancy, lies directly southwest of the proposed site, about 4 miles northwest of Charleston.

The proposal did not list plans for a specific buffer zone adjacent to Burgner Acres, but it did state the areas closest to the nature area would not be active landfill areas.

"The wooded unnamed tributary to Riley Creek to the south of the site and the adjacent Burgner Acres Natural Area are also considered to be sensitive uses," the application said. "Active landfill uses will be located well away from these areas."

The proposed site is surrounded by farms, which will be protected by buffer zones of land, with the exception of Burgner Acres.

The proposal addressed a "significant wooded area containing large specimens of oak and other trees," adjacent to Burgner Acres.

"These areas will not be affected by the proposed landfill operation," the application said.

The application is the first step toward approval by the the Coles County Board, which has 180 days to review the application. The board is expected to make a decision on the application in mid-September.

The application outlines nine criteria for approval, including need for the facility and compliance with environmental requirements.



Deanna McIntyre / Photo editor

This site, located at 6351 Ill. Route 316, outside of Charleston is being proposed for a new landfill. The site is adjacent to Burgner Acres Nature Area, owned by Eastern.

According to the application, 2005. Management Plan calls for the the current facilities are expected to run out of disposal capacity in Coles County Solid Waste Management Plan calls for the development of a new landfill in the area.

Plans underway for modifications in residence halls

Three residence halls may feature 'deluxe doubles' and 'k-suites' to respond to students' requests

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

Room modification changes in three residence halls are currently being planned to provide more housing options for students in fall 1999.

Bill Schnackel, director of university housing and dining services, said the changes are being made because of students' requests for more options.

"We decided to make modifications that are more attractive to students," he said.

The three residence halls that will have new options include Carman Hall, Stevenson Hall and the north side of Thomas Hall.

Carman hall will feature "deluxe doubles," which are two-person rooms. These rooms currently house four residents and will be available to sophomores in the fall. Schnackel said 68 rooms in Carman Hall will be made into deluxe doubles.

Stevenson Hall will feature "k-suites," which currently house two residents. They will be available as single rooms this fall. k-suites are rooms adjacent to residence assistant rooms and the occupants share a bathroom with each other.

Thomas Hall north will offer "doubles as singles," which are rooms normally used to house two residents. These rooms will house one student this fall.

Each of the three options will require stu-

dents living in them to pay the double room rate plus an additional fee.

Schnackel said a proposal for the room fees is currently in the works and will be available in April.

Residents living in the deluxe doubles will have to pay an additional \$275 each per semester; residents living in the k-suites will have to pay an additional \$550 per semester and residents living in the doubles as singles will have to pay an additional \$550 per semester.

"We are charging students extra for more space," Schnackel said.

Schnackel said he is not sure how much furniture will be in the rooms, and housing services is surveying students to see how

much furniture the residents want in the rooms offered this fall.

"We're working on that now," he said.

In the past, some students have had to live in lounges in residence halls because of the amount of students, but the new rooms and their arrangements will not affect the availability of residence hall rooms, he said.

"We are looking at the enrollment trends, and this will not affect the students," he said.

Another change in residence hall arrangements is the third floor on the north side of Taylor Hall will be a women's floor next fall.

Schnackel said enrollment numbers for women is higher than men's enrollment, which is why the change is being made.

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Shuttle fee adequate

Eastern's shuttle bus committee voted before spring break to send a proposal to double the current shuttle bus fee to the tuition and review board for approval.

The committee initially discussed hiking the shuttle bus fee from \$2.50 to \$5 per semester to purchase another bus. But now the committee has found itself \$25,000 short of funding the one shuttle it has.

Panther Express made its debut in December and now a little more than three months later, the committee is already looking for more money. The committee should seek alternative methods of funding the shuttle bus for next semester; fees should not be increased simply because funding was mis-planned.

Shuttle

The shuttle bus committee and Student Senate should look for alternate funding for the bus instead of raising student fees.

The shuttle bus committee received a total of \$20,000 from the offices of the president and the office of the vice president for student affairs.

However, Melissa Girten, former shuttle bus coordinator, said hiking the shuttle fee would be better than seeking alternatives.

"Doubling the fee would be better than scrapping together funds," she said.

Asking the office of the president and the office of vice president for student affairs would be a much better option. In fact, finding alternatives to raising or producing new student fees should be a priority, especially one of the shuttle bus committee and Student Senate's, both bodies that represents students who have to fork out the additional money.

The proposed increase is now in the hands of the tuition and review board. If approved by the board, it will then move to Student Senate and the final stamp of approval will have to come from Eastern's Board of Trustees.

During the entire approval process, one question needs to be kept in mind: Did students force the committee to come up \$25,000 short of funding the shuttle bus for next semester?

The answer is simple: No. Therefore a fee increase, in addition to the one already being paid for, is excessive and ridiculous. Poor planning and budgeting on the committee's part does not justify raising student fees.

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

Today's quote

It is one thing to have a right to the possession of money, and another to have a right to use money as one pleases.

Pope Leo XIII,
Pope from 1878 - 1903, born in 1810

Under 21? Two strikes and you're out

Unbelievable: The only word to describe how some programs and laws receive widespread support and are implemented, only because all the facts and repercussions are left unknown.

Case in point: Spring Break. I received a "courtesy reminder" from the Secretary of State's office warning me that if I received another traffic violation within the next 24 months – yes, two years – my license would be suspended.

My jaw has never dropped to the floor so fast in my life.

In the middle of the letter I was reminded of the speeding ticket I received at the end of February from a friendly Charleston police officer on Rt. 16.

The kicker was that I was subject to losing my license because of the Illinois' graduated license program. I remember this program being publicized as a way to increase the amount of time teenagers spend behind-the-wheel in an effort to lower the number of accidents. Never did I see or read that everyone under the age of 21 can face the threat of losing their driver's license.

So I made a trip to my local Department of Motor Vehicles to get more information. The new system, which was put into effect by now-Governor George Ryan in January of 1998, has three steps: the permit phase, initial licensing and full licensing phase.

The permit phase places restrictions on drivers age 15 including the number of passengers allowed in the car, requires driving to be supervised by a parent or adult 21 or older. Drivers age 15 who are convicted of a moving violation must continue to drive on a learner's permit for six months before getting their license.

The initial licensing phase, for drivers age 16 and 17, requires a minimum of 25 hours of behind-the-wheel practice, that all occupants of the vehicle under the age of 18 must wear a seat belt and limits the number of passengers in the car. Under this phase, drivers must abide by a "driving curfew" of 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Under the initial licensing phase, conviction of any moving violation before the age 18 will have the Secretary of State's office sending home a warning letter to the parents and teenager. Second conviction of a moving violation before age 18 will



Deana Poole
Editor in chief

"And for the next six months I will drive more carefully – with one eye on the speedometer and one looking for police officers."

result in a minimum one-month license suspension, with a longer suspension for subsequent violations. Suspended drivers are required to attend a remedial driver education course and pay a \$30 fee, take the written and driving test again – just to get their license back.

And under the full licensing phase – the final step in the Illinois graduated license program – drivers age 18-20 could have

their licenses suspended if they receive two moving violations in a two-year period. A \$30 reinstatement fee must be paid after the suspension period is complete to get your license back.

Ryan's reasoning behind the program is a valid one – 16 percent of all crash fatalities in Illinois are caused by teenagers. And increased education is the best way to do this. At least 16 other states have implemented the graduated licensing system – the difference between most of these and Illinois is that they don't include drivers older than 18.

Michigan and North Carolina, for example, have a three-step program. But once a driver turns 18 – a legal adult – they are no longer subject to the program.

The only positive thing that came out of the letter from the Secretary of State is that I found out that once I do turn 21, I return under the three-tickets-in-a-year-and-lose-your-license system. So technically, I can't get a ticket for any moving violation – from not using my turn signal to speeding – for the next six months.

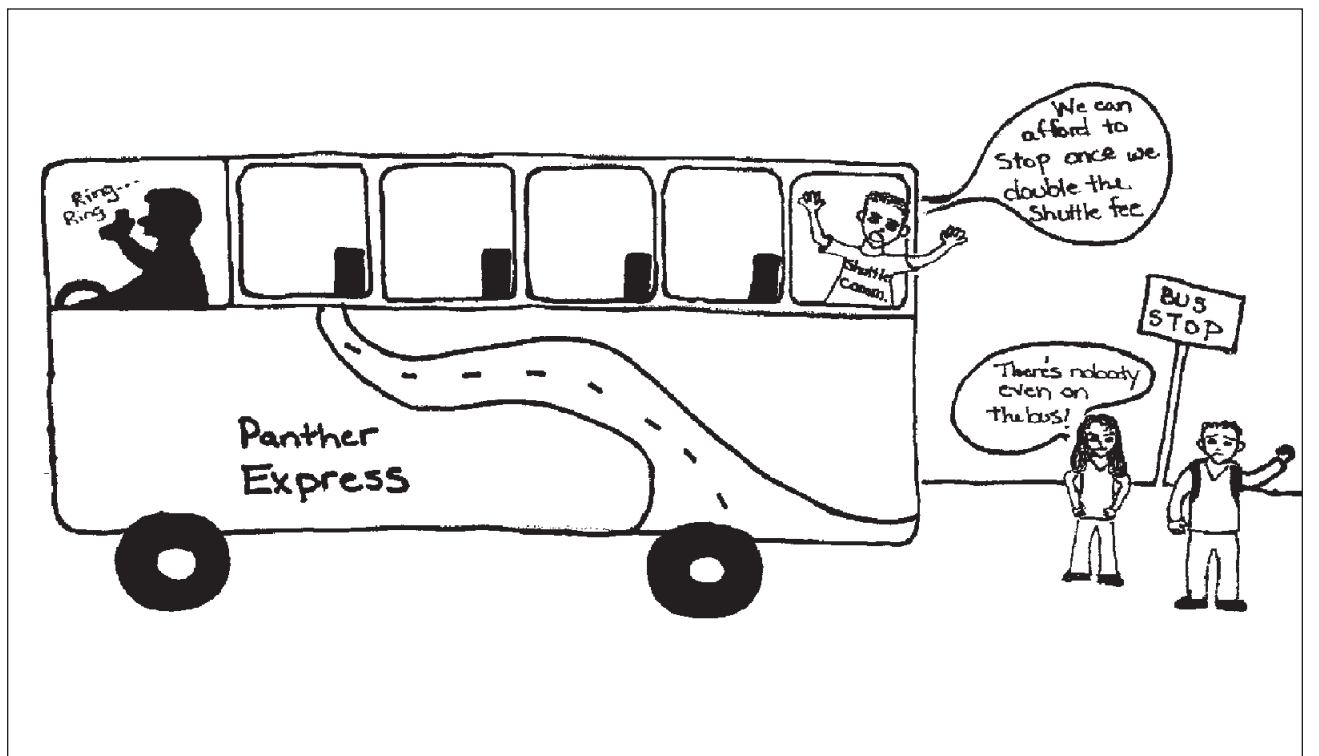
The now-Secretary of State Jesse White "sincerely urges (me) to drive carefully and observe all traffic laws, not only for (my) safety but also for the safety of all highway users."

And for the next six months I will drive more carefully – with one eye on the speedometer and one looking for police officers.

The moral to this entire story is to always read the fine print and the "oh-yeah-we-forgot-to-tell-you" clauses to any new preventive program that is introduced. Often times "learning the hard way" is not the best way to learn about a program's restrictions and consequences.

Yes, the countdown has begun – six months and counting ... and the cruise control is on.

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Resident urges tenants to check out apartments

I am writing in regards to the column titled "Apartment Hunters: read the fine print first." Being that I am currently employed by one of the landlords of Charleston, I felt I needed to add my opinion as well.

I know many students often complain about their landlords. In the past few months, I have heard quite a few complaints. However, as I have heard it put before "you get what you pay for!" I do not rent from my employer, thought I do wish I did. Compared to where my family lives now, the properties we rent are castles full of gold! If you want a nice, clean and well-maintained property you have to look in the right places. Sure, they may cost a little more but you will save yourself from complaining in the end.

Your turn

Letters to the editor

This year, we have had more renewals than I thought would be possible. I guess that says the tenants are happy. We make sure our tenants are happy. If there is a problem with the property, simply let us know we get it taken care of and it doesn't take all year. If our tenants have a problem, they know that all they have to do is come in talk. We DO understand!

As for our leases, they do explain everything! Our obligations as well as the tenants. When prospective tenants choose to sign a lease, we go over every section, just so everyone understands. There is nothing hidden in our leases.

Go ahead, ask around. If we were

afraid we wouldn't encourage you! More and more, our past tenants return to us and renewals pile up. If you want something nice, check around and then come see us.

Kelly Tapp
Charleston resident

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Library renovations to be student-friendly

By Tiffannie Bosley
Staff writer

Beginning in May, Booth Library will undergo massive renovations scheduled to be completed by December 2001.

The modernization and expansion of the library is designed to be student-friendly.

"Every space you see is space to use," said Alan Lanham dean of library services.

A few of the renovations to Booth Library include the addition of more open space for patron seating, a two-story glass-enclosed atrium, a new south entrance and the relocation of library services, Lanham said.

There is an increase of open space available for patron seating. Seating will be located along all the windows of the entire building. Additional lounge seating is placed overlooking the atrium and in other attractive areas, he said.

"The idea is to let more natural light in," Lanham said.

In addition, the shelving is positioned lower to "allow vision of the whole room," he said.

Each individual workspace will increase in square footage, allowing students more space at all the computer stations, he said.

Lanham said a grand walkway is designed to connect the north and south entrances.

"It makes it easier to maneuver; it's a straight shot," Lanham said.

The atrium is the most exciting feature to the renovated library, Lanham said. It provides visual reference points on every level of the building.

"It should give people a sense of direction," said Lanham.

Relocation of library services permits greater efficiency and a more logically organized help desks, he said.

Lanham said the top floor (present-day periodicals) will contain individual rooms for group study, including three rooms for audio-visual listening/viewing, a 77-seat room that can be used as a conference room or lecture hall, a technical training room and an enclosed self-study material center containing two 30-workstation computer laboratories.

"CDs and videos are now out for

public browsing," Lanham said.

A patron lounge will be included in the top floor that will house the vending machines and overlook the newly landscaped green space where the south parking lot is, he said.

Lanham said the main floor includes the reference section that will be located where the present computer terminals are located. Illinet terminals, the circulation/reserve desk and the interlibrary loan office will also be located on the main level. Stacks on the main level will be interspersed with seating areas. Copy rooms will be placed around the entire building.

He said the lower level will be undergoing the most drastic changes. Periodicals and a reserve desk will be housed on the lower level. It will store bound periodicals and a large portion of the stacks collection. Popular magazines and local and state newspapers will be left out on tables.

"We want to create a homey and social place," said Lanham. "Of course, we will be undergoing a period of adjustment."

Recycled materials influence art

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

Artist and Eastern Alum, Colleen Dineen-Naas, is officially setting off her art exhibition with a discussion of her work and a demonstration of glass working techniques.

The art exhibit entitled, "Nothing New: Recycled Works by Colleen Dineen-Naas" is being featured currently and will run through April 18 in the Brainard Gallery of the Tarble Arts Center. The discussion begins at 7 p.m. today in the Brainard Gallery.

The art created by Naas is made with recycled materials, non-recycled materials and found objects like rocks. She has used such objects as dryer lint, light bulbs, broken jewelry, rocks, glass and dryer sheets to produce her art.

A rock on the road looks better if used in art, Naas said. "You artify it - give it a reason and then work the content ... And then

explain it to everyone."

Naas will be explaining her work through a gallery walk. The walk will feature Naas pointing out her work and discussing the process of how it was made, what was used to produce it and the content of it. Following the walk, Naas will conduct a demonstration of glass working techniques such as how to cut the glass and apply the materials. Refreshments also will be served as an informal gathering to celebrate the art.

Some art Naas will be talking about is an interactive installation, which she said is a throne for women of all ages to sit in. The throne is a chair, or found object, and is upholstered in felt made from dryer lint, a non-recyclable material.

Women can sit in the chair and have their picture taken wearing a crown made of dryer lint, two bracelets and a necklace of non-recycled materials. Naas said the Polaroid is taken and the participant then can write a royal design

such as "Queen so and so from such and such" and place the picture in the "Wall of Royalty" located behind the throne.

The throne is an interactive exhibit and people can do this throughout the exhibition, Naas said.

The throne is part of an altar which is made of old jewelry and dedicated to motherhood and femininity, Naas said. "The basis is you lose your femineity into motherhood," Naas said.

Naas' art is thematically feminist. She said she uses subtle colors like blues to promote the symbol of the womb and motherhood. She has a charge card machine in the exhibit, which is a symbol saying "women are expected to take charge," Naas said.

Naas considers herself a self-taught artist and has been professionally creating art for 14 years in galleries throughout Chicago, St. Louis and other cities.

The discussion and exhibition is free and open to the public.

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Faculty Senate urges university to reduce or eliminate surcharges

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday unanimously passed a motion urging the university to reduce or eliminate surcharges for academic units.

The motion states "that the Faculty Senate urges the (university) president, the provost, the vice president for business affairs and the associate vice president for Facilities Planning and Management to reduce or, if feasible, eliminate surcharges on services provided to academic units and academic support units.

The surcharges are overhead costs and not an extra charge, said Ted Weidner, director of facilities planning and management.

Weidner said he is pleased to work with Faculty Senate regarding the resolution.

"I am happy to work with the Faculty Senate by articulating the costs to support academic facilities," Weidner said in a written

statement.

John Allison, Faculty Senate member and chair of the Senate's faculty-staff relations subcommittee, said he thinks the subcommittee has done its job regarding the surcharges.

"I think the faculty-staff relations committee has done its work," Allison said. "It now remains in the hands of the people named in the motion."

Weidner said he is not aware of anything that has been done yet to reduce the surcharges.

"I do not know yet how we will reduce the surcharges. As explained to the Faculty Senate, we are working with an overall university budget that is fixed by others," Weidner said in a written statement. "As a result, reduction or elimination of the overhead costs on renovations may be effected by a reduction in a budget for maintenance of academic facilities."

Allison said he also is not aware of any current attempt to reduce

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Ted Weidner,
Director of Facilities Planning and Management

the surcharge.

"I'm not aware of any action going on right now, but I am confident the parties involved will work to achieve the goals of the motion," Allison said.

He said the motion stemmed from a presentation presented to the Faculty Senate by Weidner on Feb. 2.

Weidner indicated at the meeting that he would be willing to work with the senate to discover ways to reduce the surcharge, Allison said.

'Eastern's Lilith Fair' to be held today

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

"Lilith Fair," the popular concert that celebrates women by headlining such musical acts as the Indigo Girls and Jewel, has influenced Eastern's Women's History and Awareness Month.

P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized for Women's Equality and Rights) and Eastern's English Club have sponsored their own event entitled "Eastern's Lilith Fair," which begins at 7 p.m. today in the Rathskeller of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ana Leal, member of P.O.W.E.R., said the event will have Eastern students performing their own individual poetry or works by famous authors such as Emily Dickinson and Virginia Woolf and will showcase an open mic for anyone interested in singing songs, reading poetry, performing skits or anything else.

The event is a fun way to enlighten the views of women, Leal said.

“It will be a lot of fun with good poetry and music.”

Ana Leal,
member of People Organized for Women's Equality and Rights

"It will be a lot of fun with good poetry and good music," Leal said.

The poetry will be read by members of the English Club and the music will be more like folk music; "there's no heavy metal," Leal said.

Leal said she will begin the event with an opening speech describing the fair; the poetry readings will follow the speech and the open mic will finish the night off.

Leal said the event will probably end about 9 p.m.

The event is open to the public, including males, unlike the actual "Lilith Fair," which only features female performers. The event is free of charge and t-shirts will be sold.

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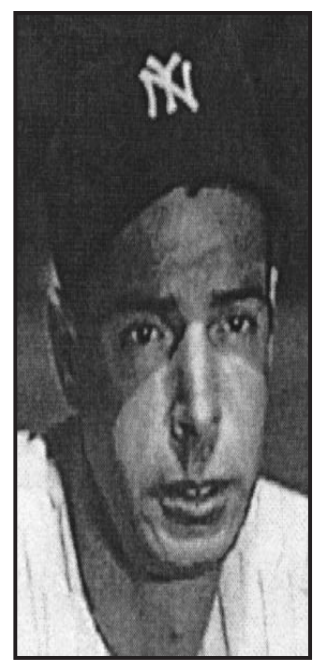
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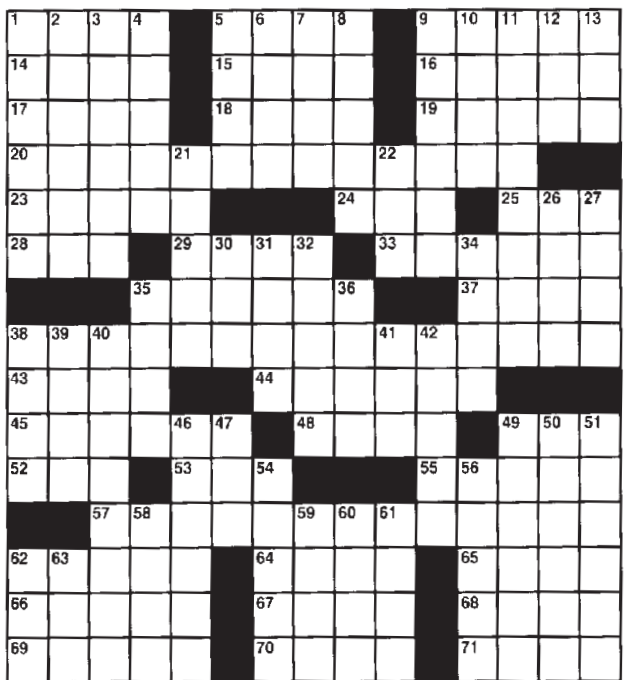
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Top court allows teen curfew, bans high school drug tests

WASHINGTON (AP) – Handling two disputes over the rights of teenagers and parents, the Supreme Court on Monday allowed a city to continue imposing a nighttime curfew but barred two high schools from requiring drug tests for all students suspended for disciplinary reasons.

The justices left intact a Charlottesville, Va., curfew for children under 17 and rejected Indiana school officials' effort to have their drug-testing policy reinstated. The two actions were not decisions, set no precedents and did not preclude the possibility that the justices someday may choose to study each issue more closely.

A nighttime curfew for minors, now employed by many American communities, has never been fully reviewed by the nation's highest court. Monday's action may encourage other communities to consider adopting similar ordinances.

The court's denial of review in

the Indiana case, meanwhile, is likely only to confuse the already murky legal status of student drug-testing.

Lawyers for the Anderson Community School Corp. had sought to revive at two Anderson high schools a drug-testing policy they called vital to "detering drug and alcohol use among students."

A federal appeals court struck down the 1997 policy, ruling that suspended students cannot be required to take a urine test before being reinstated unless they are individually suspected of using drugs or alcohol. Test results had been disclosed only to parents, and a designated school official and had not been used for additional punishment.

James R. Willis II was a freshman at Highland High School when he was suspended for five days in December 1997 for fighting. The school official to whom Willis was taken right after his fight later testified there was no indica-

tion he had been using drugs or alcohol.

Willis refused to take the required drug test for readmission, and, with his father, sued the school district. Monday's action sealed their legal victory.

The Supreme Court in 1995 ruled in an Oregon case that random drug tests for student athletes do not violate the Constitution's Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches. That ruling emphasized the "role model" effect of student athletes' drug use but also noted the importance of "detering drug use by our nation's schoolchildren."

Last October, the justices rejected a challenge to a policy used by another Indiana school district, in rural Rush County, that requires random drug testing for all students who participate in extracurricular activities.

But no court has ever condoned the random testing of all public school students.

Clinton says NATO unified on airstrikes

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton said Monday that NATO is solidly behind airstrikes if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic doesn't yield to a last-minute diplomatic plea.

But even as he spoke, the Senate took up legislation aimed at blocking funds for any military intervention in the Kosovo crisis unless the president first obtained congressional approval.

"Before we go bombing sovereign nations, we ought to have a plan," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, a sponsor of the restricting legislation. "There is no clear policy."

With Senate leaders seeking a compromise that would not undermine the administration's hard line in dealing with Milosevic, special U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke made another effort in Belgrade to pressure Milosevic to agree to an interim peace settlement.

"There is strong unity among the NATO allies," Clinton said.

"We all agree that we cannot allow President Milosevic to continue the aggression with impunity."

Holbrooke and Milosevic met for four hours Monday and Holbrooke briefed Clinton's national security team, including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and national security adviser Sandy Berger on Monday evening, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Lockhart declined to characterize the sessions, but he said further consultations between Holbrooke and Milosevic were expected later Monday night.

If the Serbian leader rejects Holbrooke's latest overture, "NATO's military plans must continue to move forward," the president said. Clinton said he had consulted with European leaders over the weekend by telephone and had also sent a letter to Russian President Boris Yeltsin "about the urgency of the situation."

Kevorkian allowed to represent himself in murder trial

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) – Acting as his own lawyer, Dr. Jack Kevorkian went on trial for murder charges for the first time Monday and told a jury that, like an executioner, he was merely carrying out his professional duty in a videotaped suicide shown on "60 Minutes."

Kevorkian was charged after he gave a lethal injection to a patient with Lou Gehrig's disease and dared prosecutors to do something about it.

Kevorkian said in his opening statement that he acted out of compassion for 52-year-old Thomas Youk and was no more culpable than an executioner.

"To have a crime, you need a vicious will and a vicious act," Kevorkian said.

Prosecutor John Skrzynski objected, contending that Kevorkian was arguing law rather than summarizing his case. Judge Jessica Cooper agreed, and she briefly dismissed the jury to ask Kevorkian what he

was trying to say.

"What I was trying to prove here is that I didn't have the intent to kill, just as the executioner doesn't," Kevorkian said.

"His intent is to do his duty, because he may despise what he is doing. But he's forced to do it by his position."

Earlier, Kevorkian won the right to represent himself despite the misgivings of the judge, who asked him: "Do you understand you could spend the rest of your life in prison?"

"There's not much of it left," the 70-year-old Kevorkian said.

After the ruling, 12 jurors and two alternates quickly were selected out of a pool of 80 people.

The judge asked candidates whether they knew anyone who had suffered a terminal illness, and several people were dismissed after saying they had strong opinions about the case.

By his own count, Kevorkian has taken part in more than 130 suicides since 1990. He has been tried four times on assisted suicide charges, with three acquittals and one mistrial.

In Skrzynski's opening statement, the prosecutor said there was a key difference between those cases and this one.

"This is not an assisted suicide case," Skrzynski said. "Tom Youk did not kill himself with Jack Kevorkian's help. Jack Kevorkian killed Tom Youk by injecting him with drugs."

Kevorkian will be allowed to consult with lawyers David Gorosh and Lisa Dwyer during this trial but said that defending himself was "what I've planned all along."

"There are certain points I can bring out better than anyone else," Kevorkian said. "There are certain questions I can ask."

When Cooper asked Kevorkian whether

he knew what the inside of a state prison looked like, Kevorkian replied that he had seen "The Shawshank Redemption" twice.

Cooper warned Kevorkian that what he says in court can be used against him in future proceedings. But he countered: "I plan to say nothing but the truth."

Cooper then reluctantly granted his request. Sitting at the defense table, Gorosh shook his head. The lawyer has said he advised Kevorkian not to represent himself.

Kevorkian is charged with killing Youk, who had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressively fatal illness that eventually leaves victims unable to speak, swallow or move.

His family said Youk was having trouble breathing and was afraid of choking on his own saliva.

The video aired on "60 Minutes" shows a man's hands injecting Youk three times with a needle.

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Intramural softball roundup

Men's softball Delta Chi A 14, CF 4

Opening day for intramural softball was on the cold side, but the players didn't seem to notice as the Delta Chi A team defeated CF by the slaughter rule in the fifth inning, 14-4.

Starting out the Delta Chi scoring was Wes Davey, Vince Divarco, and Joey Hollander, ending the first inning at 3-0.

CF managed to score one run with the help of Jeff Booth, but his was the lone run until the fifth inning.

"It was the first game of the season and everyone was a bit shakey, but we got off to a good start," Delta Chi's Joel Peilka said.

With a score 4-1 at the end of the third inning, Delta Chi stepped up and scored nine runs in the fourth inning.

With CF down by 12 runs, they now had to dig themselves out of a hole. Jeff Miley, Nick Stillwell and Jason Stoch came through with runs, but it wasn't enough to continue the game.

"We knew we were at the tail end," Delta Chi's Justin Clark said. "We wanted to come out and set precedence for the season."

Women's softball Kappa Delta 17, Delta Zeta 0

The returning champions from last year's women's intramural softball season, Kappa Delta, came out in hopes of defending its title and got off to a good start after defeating Delta Zeta by the slaughter rule, 17-0.

By the fifth inning, Delta Zeta still was unable to put itself on the scoreboard.

Kappa Delta went to bat and came away with 11 runs in the inning, giving it the lead to come away with its first win.

In the second inning, Michelle McCormik scored after hitting a triple followed by runs from Stacy Waldrop and Amy McGoogan. Ending the second inning scoring was Sara Beth Moody with the only homerun of the game.

Kappa Delta started off the scoring with runs by Sara Nelson, Lyndsey Williams, and McCormik.

Despite doubles hit by Delta Zeta's Kim Scharp and Carrie Hollenvamp, they were unable to score, ending the first inning at 3-0.

Many Kappa Delta players came away with the same attitude about their first win.

"We're looking forward to a competitive season," Angie Thatcher said.

Although this is only the first game, it gives Kappa Delta incentive to go after their goal of continuing last season's success.

"We want to keep a winning streak from last year's championship," McGoogan said.

Hammering her way to the top

While it's not an OVC contested event, Dunlap scores points for women's track team in hammer throw

By David Pump
Staff writer

The women's track and field team received a boost from junior thrower Keisha Dunlap at the Florida State Relays last weekend as she won the hammer throw.

"She had an outstanding performance," women's coach John Craft said.

Dunlap's 160-foot-9 throw earned her the team's performance of the meet, an honor Craft hands out the Monday following the contest.

"She earned performance of the meet, and it is the first time two field events earned performer and performance at the same meet," Craft said.

But the down side to Dunlap's victory is that the Ohio Valley Conference doesn't contest the hammer throw in the conference meet.

"I do not think that many teams teach the weight and hammer, but it is good that we taught them," Dunlap said of others in the conference. "If it were contested, we would score a lot of points because other teams do not focus on it like we do."

As a team, Eastern placed first and third in the hammer at Florida State.

"They work really hard everyday and it paid off in their performance," Craft said.

Dunlap said all of the throwers are really supportive of one another, and practices set the tone for meets.

"We are all pretty relaxed," she said of the throwers. "In high school, my coach taught us to be focused, but here, we kid around, even up to the point when we throw in meets."

Debut

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In the win, Lyons went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs.

Lyons also turned in a solid performance in Eastern's first win of the season, a 5-4 win over Coastal Carolina on March 16. Marzec led Eastern to the win by going 3-for-5 and driving in two runs.

"Timing was the whole thing," Schmitz said. "The guys are more comfortable with their swing and it was a good weekend for us, and hopefully that will continue."

Merda

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"We know the areas we need to work on," Schmitz said. "We've been striking out way too much and the pitchers have given up a lot of free walks. Now it's just a matter of still working on the areas we need to work on."

That just doesn't mean trying to get the bats in full gear.

"Hitting has been our main focus, but if we don't do the other things, then it's another loss," Schmitz said.

At the Florida State Relays

Keisha Dunlap – The junior's 160-foot-9 throw takes first place.

Rachel Schwartzkopf – Takes second in discus (140-foot-9) and fourth in shot put (42 feet-4.75).

Candi Phillips – Her high jump of 5 feet-8.05 earns third place.

The road to Eastern began her sophomore season at Centennial High School in Champaign when a friend told her to go out for track.

"I played volleyball and basketball, but I did not do anything in the spring of my freshman year, and I went crazy," Dunlap said. "One of my friends told me I should go out for track, and I have stuck with it ever since."

In her three seasons as a Panther, Dunlap said gaining the experience is the main thing that she has learned.

"Experience really is the biggest thing," she said. "(Graduate assistant Tisha Alvarez) tells me I am doing the same thing wrong that I have been doing since my freshman year. Practice is not in learning anything new, it is just mastering the events."

With the team making the transition from indoor to outdoors, Dunlap said there are a lot of similarities in the two seasons.

"I do not mind the shot," Dunlap said,

Lyons agreed with Schmitz, saying it was just a matter of time before his bat would come around.

"It took some time to get things started, but if I just keep working, things will work out," Lyons said.

Offense is not the only thing that has been going well for the Panthers, as pitching has also been a plus. Hoping to continue the recent success on the mound will be Andy Hoffman, who will be making his first start against the Sycamores.

Hoffman has been used primarily in a relief role, and has not shown any symptoms of freshman nerves. In his last performance against Middle Tennessee, he pitched four

Eastern has three games during the week, starting with today's game against the Sycamores and then a doubleheader Wednesday against IUPUI-Indianapolis. The Panthers have a perfect opportunity to build momentum from the weekend.

But they'll have to do it without the services of two of their top pitchers, Matt Gage and John Larson.

Gage is out with a groin injury and Schmitz doesn't want to aggravate it. Larson is out merely to rest his arm.

"He went from a closer to a starter, which was dumb on my part," Schmitz said. "His arm has responded well and I don't want to keep testing it."

"and there is not much of a difference between the hammer and the weight throw, but the discus has a lot more technique to it."

Of the three events, Dunlap said the hammer is her favorite to compete in, especially of how she performed in it at Florida.

"Being down there helps a lot," she said. "We really don't get a lot of outdoor practice in here, but everyone competed well in Florida."

Rachel Schwartzkopf finished second in discus (140-foot-9) and fourth in the shot put (42 feet-4.75), earning the team's performer of the meet honors, Craft said. Sophomore Stephanie Brandt finished fourth in the discus and seventh in the javelin after missing the majority of the indoor season.

"The team is really fired up," Craft said. "The competition was much stiffer this year and it ended up being a productive trip."

Candi Phillips tied a personal best in the high jump (5 feet-8.05) finishing third, and Shavon Alexander was fifth in the long and triple jumps.

"Her long jump was good," Craft said. "Shavon and Marissa Bushue both did well."

Distance runner Sue Langer finished seventh in the 3000-meter run and eighth in the 1500-meter run. Sophomore Erika Coull-Parenty finished the 5000-meter run with a personal best 17 minute, 35.6 second performance.

"We have a lot of work still to do," Craft said. "It will all come down to the day of competition, but for right now, we just need to put in the time."

innings and gave up only three hits while striking out two and walking one.

Schmitz said one of the major things Hoffman will have to do is prevent the Sycamores from putting up a big inning.

"If we shut them down and do not give up the big inning, then we'll do fine," Schmitz said.

The game against Indiana State also will give the Panther players a chance to see a teammate from last year's OVC regular season championship team. Former Panther second baseman Justin Stone was hired as an assistant coach for the Sycamores at the beginning of this year, will be making a return trip to Charleston.

The next three games could be a good test for the Panthers. To be able to win without Gage and Larson can tell a lot about Eastern's chances for the rest of the season.

Winning the three-game set at SEMO will tell even more.

That's something Schmitz has kept in mind.

"Do I want to be 3-0 this week? Yeah, definitely, I do," he said.

"But I want to go into the weekend fresh. If we're ready and fresh for this weekend, we'll be fine."

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2 p.m. - Softball at Bradley (2)

Wednesday
12 p.m. - Baseball vs IUPUI (Monier Field)
2 p.m. - Softball vs Illinois St (2) (Williams Field)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	GB	
Miami	18	6	-
Orlando	18	8	-
Philadelphia	14	10	4
New York	15	11	4
Washington	10	14	8
Boston	8	15	9.5
New Jersey	4	20	14

Central Division			
W	L	GB	
Indiana	17	7	-
Milwaukee	14	10	3
Detroit	14	11	3.5
Atlanta	14	11	3.5
Cleveland	12	11	4.5
Toronto	11	12	5.5
Charlotte	9	14	7.5
Chicago	8	17	9.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
W	L	GB	
Utah	19	6	-
Houston	16	9	3.5
San Antonio	16	9	3.5
Minnesota	14	12	6
Dallas	9	17	11
Denver	7	18	12
Vancouver	5	20	14

Pacific Division			
W	L	GB	
Portland	20	5	-
L.A. Lakers	18	9	3
Seattle	12	11	7
Phoenix	12	13	8
Sacramento	11	15	9.5
Golden State	10	14	9.5
L.A. Clippers	2	22	17.5

Indiana 90, Washington 86
Washington (86)
Howard 6-20 1-2 13, Thorpe 5-10 4-14, T.Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Richmond 2-12 22 6-6 35, Strickland 6-15 2-2 14, McClain 0-1 0-0 0, Wallace 3-4 2-9 8, Cheaney 0-3 0-2 0, Legler 0-0 0-0 0, Murray 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-76 15-25 86.

INDIANA (90)
Mullin 4-11 3-3 12, D.Davis 3-8 1-2 7, Smits 5-12 4-5 14, Miller 5-12 7-18, M.Jackson 3-7 1-2 8, Rose 4-10 4-6 12, A.Davis 4-10 1-2 9, Perkins 2-5 0-0 4, Best 2-6 2-2 6, Croshere 0-1 0-0 0, Hoiberg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-82 23-29 90.

Washington 18 24 21 23 - 86
Indiana 18 20 20 32 - 90
3-Point Goals - Washington 1-6 (Richmond 1-6), Indiana 3-14 (M.Jackson 1-2, Mullin 1-3, Miller 1-5, Croshere 0-1, Best 0-1, Perkins 0-2). Fouled out - Thorpe. Rebounds - Washington 60 (Wallace 14), Indiana 47 (A.Davis, Smits 8). Assists - Washington 18 (Strickland 7), Indiana 14 (M.Jackson 4). Total fouls - Washington 24, Indiana 24. Technical - Washington illegal defense. Flagrant

foul - Best.
A - 15,386 (16,530).

NHL

Monday's Results
San Jose at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Northeast Division			
Pts	GF	GA	
Ottawa	89	203	146
Toronto	81	216	196
Buffalo	77	180	152
Boston	73	181	159
Montreal	65	163	178

Atlantic Division			
Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	84	201	168
Pittsburgh	82	210	182
Philadelphia	79	205	171
N.Y. Rangers	68	193	193
N.Y. Islanders	49	162	209

Southeast Division			
Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	74	181	177
Florida	69	178	183
Washington	64	179	184
Tampa Bay	37	145	246

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	74	208	172
St. Louis	69	197	183
Nashville	55	166	225
Chicago	52	164	219

Northwest Division			
Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	79	197	178
Calgary	64	185	194
Edmonton	62	192	191
Vancouver	51	167	216

Pacific Division			
Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	98	200	138
Phoenix	80	175	167
Anaheim	73	184	172
San Jose	67	156	160
Los Angeles	59	163	186

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NY Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Today's Games
Buffalo at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct	
Kansas City	14	5	.737
Seattle	13	6	.684
Boston	11	7	.611
Texas	9	7	.563
Chicago	11	9	.560
Baltimore	8	7	.533
Anaheim	9	9	.500
New York	10	11	.476
Detroit	9	10	.474
Minnesota	9	10	.474
Cleveland	8	10	.444
Tampa Bay	8	10	.444
Oakland	8	12	.400
Toronto	5	15	.250

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
Los Angeles	12	6	.667
Arizona	13	7	.650
San Diego	11	7	.611
Pittsburgh	10	7	.588
Atlanta	10	8	.556
Houston	9	8	.529
Colorado	10	10	.500
St. Louis	9	9	.500
Philadelphia	8	8	.500
New York	10	11	.476
San Francisco	9	10	.474
Cincinnati	9	11	.450
Florida	8	12	.400
Montreal	8	12	.400
Milwaukee	7	13	.350
Chicago	5	13	.278

Monday's Grapefruit League Scores
Atlanta 6, Cleveland 0
Boston 1, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 6, Minnesota 4
Florida 14, Montreal 10
St. Louis 12, Baltimore 3
Los Angeles 4, Kansas City 1

Detroit 3, Texas 2
Monday's Cactus League Scores
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 3 (11 innings)
San Diego (ss) 7, Chicago Cubs (10 innings)
Chicago White Sox 11, Seattle 9
Anaheim 8, San Diego (ss) 5

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SW State 43, Wisconsin 32
Duke 99, Florida A&M 58
Tulsa 62, College of Charleston 53
At The FleetCenter/Boston
Cincinnati 72, George Mason 48
Temple 61, Kent 54
Miami 75, Lafayette 54
Purdue 58, Texas 54

Baseball
OVC Standings
Murray State 3-0 16-5-1
Austin Peay 3-0 2-7
Southeast Missouri 2-1 8-11
Eastern 2-1 3-13
Eastern Ky 1-2 14-10
Middle Tenn 1-2 7-11
Tenn-Martin 0-0 8-16
Morehead St 0-3 9-10-1
Tenn Tech 0-3 8-10

lowa 77, Alabama-Birmingham 64
Arkansas 94, Siena 80
New Mexico 61, Missouri 59
Connecticut 91, Texas-San Antonio 66
At Key Arena, Seattle
Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63
Stanford 69, Alcorn State 57
Florida 75, Pennsylvania 61
Weber State 76, North Carolina 74

Second Round
Saturday, March 13
At McNichols Arena, Denver
Connecticut 78, New Mexico 56
Iowa 82, Arkansas 72
At Key Arena, Seattle
Gonzaga 82, Stanford 74
Florida 82, Weber State 74, OT
At America West Arena
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Regional Semifinals, Thursday, March 18
Gonzaga 73, Florida 72
Connecticut 78, Iowa 68
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 20
Connecticut 67, Gonzaga 62
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Saturday, March 27
Ohio State (27-8) vs. Connecticut (32-2), 5:42 p.m.
Duke (36-1) vs. Michigan State (33-4), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Baseball
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - The top 25 teams in the USA Today Baseball Weekly / ESPN College Coaches Poll
Record Pts Pvs
1. Florida State 24-3 1,000 1
2. Auburn 25-3 951 2
3. Rice 25-6 874 4
4. Stanford 16-7 871 3
5. Miami, Fla 20-6 781 6
6. Pepperdine 23-3 744 7
7. North Carolina 20-2 724 8
8. Texas 20-8 657 9
9. Louisiana St 17-7 650 5
10. CS Fullerton 21-5 645 11
11. Texas A&M 20-6 604 10
12. Mississippi St 19-3 601 12
13. Texas Tech 23-5 551 13
14. Florida 17-7 386 18
15. Arizona St 24-10 376 15
16. Wichita State 20-6 374 16
17. Alabama 19-5 347 20
18. Baylor 20-6 320 19
19. Georgia Tech 18-6 316 17
20. Florida Atlantic 25-1 300 21
21. Florida Intl 24-5 157 14
22. Long Beach St 14-8 80 24
23. Arizona 20-11 80 23
24. No Carolina St 20-6 64 22
25. Arkansas 15-9 54 NR

INTRAMURALS
Softball
Men's
Delta Chi A 14, CF 4
Women's
Kappa Delta 17, Delta Zeta 0

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
Florida Marlins - Optioned pitchers Justin Speier, Ryan Dempster, Joe Fontenot and Michael Tejera to Calgary of the Pacific Coast League (AAA); re-assigned pitchers Rob Stanier and Dario Perez, infielder Pablo Ozuna and catcher Lionell-Hastings to minor league training camp.
Montreal Expos - Assigned infielders Fernando Seguinol, Jose Fernandez and Geoff Blum; pitchers Ted Lilly and Guillermo Mota; outfielder Chris Stowers and catcher John Pachot to Ottawa of the International League.

national sports inbrief

Iowa lures Alford away from SW Missouri State

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The last time Steve Alford was in the Big Ten Conference, he was a sharpshooting guard at Indiana. Alford returned to the league Monday, this time as Iowa's new basketball coach.
Alford, who guided Southwest Missouri State to the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16, was hired to replace Tom Davis. Davis is Iowa's winningest coach, but his contract was not renewed after 13 years in Iowa City.
Alford, 34, of New Castle, Ind., made it clear he intends to stay in Iowa City a long time.
"I am a Big Ten person. Now I am in the Big Ten," said Alford, a two-time All-American who led the Hoosiers to the NCAA title in 1987 and was the school's No. 2 all-time scorer with 2,438 points.

"My dream hasn't been to be at a particular school, other than the right timing ... spiritual issues, family issues, academic issues, all the way down to athletic issues," he said at a news conference. "I think I have found that here at the University of Iowa.

"There is no need to be looking anywhere else. This is where I would like to call home for a long, long time," he said.

Rodman says he's back for rest of season
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Dennis Rodman offered only his word that whatever prompted him to leave the Los Angeles Lakers is resolved for now.

"Nothing's ever ironed out. They just kind of subside for a while," he said Sunday after ending a self-imposed layoff to address personal issues that kept him from the team for eight days.

"I'll be here the rest of the season. I've used up my hall pass," he said, adding that his return got just the kind of reaction from his

teammates that he anticipated — none.

"I wasn't expecting these guys to come over and shake my hand ... or anything like that. I expected the team to go on as though nothing happened. So, that's what we did."

Rodman played 23 minutes and had four points and six rebounds to help the Lakers, who he says fined him \$100 per day, beat the Orlando Magic 115-104.

The seven-time rebounding champion left the Lakers after practice March 13, telling coach Kurt Rambis he needed time to resolve personal matters.

Buckeye basketball: A state of wonder

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Before the season, Jim O'Brien's goal wasn't to get Ohio State to the Final Four. A practical man, he was just hoping to get above .500 following his worst season as a coach. Now, with the Buckeyes headed to the NCAA semifinals in St. Petersburg, Fla., O'Brien is a mystified as anyone.

"I personally just wanted to win more than we lost. I know it sounds a little ridiculous right now but I thought that was real," he said. "I just thought that after five straight losing seasons that a winning record would have been nice."

In O'Brien's first season at Ohio State, the Buckeyes went 8-22, losing 17 straight games and tying the school record for losses.

Even the most ardent fan would have felt foolish to ask for a winning season this year.

Tyson gets extra 60 days in jail

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — No matter when Mike Tyson's sentence ends in Maryland, he'll have to stay in jail another 60 days for violating his Indiana probation.

A Maryland judge will hear arguments Friday that the former heavyweight champion's one-year sentence for assault in Maryland should be reduced.

However, even if that sentence were reduced to time already served, Tyson still must serve the Indiana sentence, spokeswoman Beverly Phillips of the Marion County prosecutor's office in Indianapolis said today.

"The bottom line is, even if the Maryland sentence is modified, he will not be released from jail on Friday.

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Baseball team makes home debut

Panthers try to build on weekend's wins

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After miles of traveling and playing in the hot sun, the Panther baseball team will finally get a chance to play at home when it hosts Indiana State at 2 p.m. today.

The Panthers played their first 16 games on the road and went 3-13, but now begin a two-game mini-homes-stand.

Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said traveling from South Carolina to Tennessee over spring break was exhausting, but the team still handled itself well.

"There was a lot of trying times and we faced some good competition," Schmitz said. "People say teams win with good people, and that's what we have. There could have been a lot of bickering, but there wasn't, and people handled themselves in a good fashion."

One of the 16 road games was a 4-0 loss to the Sycamores on March 10. In the loss, Eastern was only able to come away with one hit, which came off an infield single by Keith Laski.

"They threw a good arm and our bats were struggling, but I think we're over the hump," Schmitz said.

This loss was one of 11 straight losses to begin the season for the Panthers. But since that 0-11 start, Eastern has won three of its last five games. Included in those wins were two victories over Ohio Valley Conference foe Middle Tennessee in Eastern's first conference action of the season.

Indiana State is going in the opposite direction of Eastern. The Sycamores are coming off a Missouri Valley Conference weekend where they lost three of four games to Southern Illinois. Indiana State has gone 4-4 since it beat Eastern two weeks ago.

An important part of the recent surge by the Panthers is the changing of the offense, especially the play of junior third baseman Matt Marzec. The 1998 OVC Player of the Year busted out of a slump when he went 3-for-4 in Eastern's 7-4 loss to Winthrop on March 12.

Another player who started off slow was center fielder Sean Lyons. Eastern's offense erupted for 18 runs in the Panthers' 18-7 win in the first game of the series against Middle Tennessee.

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Eastern junior pitcher Joe Giarrante loosens up during practice Monday afternoon while coach Jim Schmitz looks on. The Panthers make their home debut today at 2 p.m. at Monier Field against Indiana State.

Schmitz: He's happier than a pig in slop

Following last weekend's showing at Middle Tennessee, where Eastern won two out of three games, baseball coach Jim Schmitz was happier than a pig in slop. And for good reason.

After all, the team was 1-12 going in. Now it's 3-13 for today's home opener against Indiana State. More importantly, the two wins came against an Ohio Valley Conference opponent, while all the games prior were non-conference. Those games were meaningless, by some coaches' standards.

"We played really good competition (to start the season), but I don't want to make excuses," Schmitz said.

"We're happy it's over with. It's even better we didn't play easy teams and go 10-2."



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If the Panthers don't win the OVC Tournament and need an at-large bid to get into the College World Series, then that line of thought may not be the best. An extra seven or eight wins at the end surely couldn't hurt. But let's not worry about losing to Southeast Missouri in the championship game again this year.

Surprisingly, it's not the first time this season a Panther team has started out 3-13 – the women's basketball team did the same, en route to a 5-21 finish and last place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But does a similar fate lie ahead for the baseball players?

All indications would be no. A second consecutive regular season Ohio Valley Conference title is well within reach.

It looks even better considering SEMO, the team most picked to give Eastern the biggest challenge, is in a similar situation at 8-11, 2-1 in OVC play.

"Our focus is conference and our goal is still the same," Schmitz said. "To show up (at Middle Tennessee) and put the first 12 games behind us, shows a lot about the character of the team. Those games are done with and the guys showed they are moving on."

It also shows good timing as well. Starting Saturday, with a doubleheader at SEMO, the Panthers get deep into the OVC schedule.

But going deep, the team's trademark last year with an OVC-record 120 homers, has not been Eastern's forte this year, with only four dingers.

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Softball team hopes to rebound at Bradley

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After returning from Hawaii where it faced some of the nation's toughest competition, the Eastern softball team looks to notch its second win of the year today as the team travels to Bradley.

The Panthers ran into some tough competition and hope that experience will pay off when they clash with the Braves.

"We need to go out and jump on them," head coach Lloydene Searle said. "And use the games we got under our belt in Hawaii."

The team arrived in Charleston from its trip early Monday morning, but the Panthers hope that will not play a factor in the outcome of today's game.

"We got in early (Monday) morning," Searle said. "So they only have a day to prepare, but they'll be ready."

Junior third baseman Melissa Slama feels having Monday off from practice should help the team prepare.

"We had the day off today," Slama said. "So hopefully everyone is getting a lot of rest."

After playing in the warm conditions of Hawaii, Eastern has returned to threats of snow

for today's game. Searle hopes her team can put the weather factor in the back of its mind and earn win No. 2 on the season.

"It's kind of hard to come back to this weather," Searle said. "But we have to be ready to play and have the mindset to get the job done."

Slama also hopes the team can overcome the weather conditions.

"Weather is always a hard thing to adjust to," Slama said. "Hopefully, we'll meet the challenge and beat them."

The Panthers feel they did a respectable job in Hawaii against three ranked teams, but need

to improve defensively.

"We've been hitting the ball pretty hard and the pitching's been good," Slama said. "But we definitely need to improve defensively."

Searle said the team played well at times, but needs to concentrate on being more consistent.

"(Bradley's) not usually a tough team," Slama said. "The past couple years they have been pretty weak."

"Their pitchers are hittable," Searle said of Bradley.

"We just need to be sharp defensively and put the ball in play."