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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS



## Environment focus of fest

Echofest will discuss environmental issues, bring various musicians to campus.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS  
Harold Duckler, with the Illinois Department of Public Health, speaks at the beginning of the public forum Wednesday at the Charleston Municipal Building.

## Proposed center could affect Eastern medical care

By Blake Boldt  
STAFF WRITER

The proposed addition of the Carle Foundation Surgical Center on Route 16 between Charleston and Mattoon could have an impact on the medical care of Eastern students and faculty.

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board held a public hearing Wednesday to discuss the possible effects of opening the center.

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Medical Center is against the proposition, citing its reasons as potential financial loss and the fact new facilities are unnecessary in the area.

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System (SBLHS) has recently requested that its employees, board members and other people associated with the center wear colored ribbons demonstrating the hospital's opposition to the proposed opening.

The state board's requirements say no additional surgical rooms should be constructed in an area where those already in place are not being used at 80 percent capacity or more. The current level for the Charleston-Mattoon area is 69 percent.

Jim Leonard, president and CEO of the Carle Foundation, points to many positive aspects of building a new center.

"We want to provide local, independent physicians with another option for their practices," Leonard said.

He said the surgery center would have open access to all patients and would be a not-for-profit facility.

Gary Barnett, president of SBLHS, said the main motivation behind the project is to get Health Alliance patients into a Carle facility, an idea that Barnett opposes. Health Alliance is the insurance provider for the Carle Foundation.

"It is in the Carle Foundation's best interest to serve a patient in a facility they own and operate," Barnett said.

Barnett said a major reason Carle wants the new center is for financial convenience.

"I believe the main issue is about profit," he said. Barnett noted that SBLHS proposed similar plans in 2000, which were turned down by the Carle Foundation.

Gretchen Robins, the director of public relations at the Carle Foundation, said many positives could come from this new operation.

"Many people in the area choose Carle for their service, and this facility would be more convenient for them," Robins said.

She said the foundation understands the concern of SBLHS, but explained the advantages are greater.

"We hope to bring a contemporary service to the area," Robins said.

Robins added that the facility would be classified as a for-profit organization due to its status as a limited liability corporation.

"We will operate as an open-access service avail-

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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## New party announces candidacy

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A group of students called the United Campus Party have announced they will run for the Student Government elections.

Chris Getty, a junior speech communication major, said he will run as the third candidate for student body president.

Getty will run against Lisa Flam, a senior speech communication and journalism major, of the Campus Connected Party, and Kevin Caulton, a sophomore com-

puter sciences major, of the United Student-Union Reform Party.

Getty said his party started early in the week with two members and has grown to approximately 14.

"I'm confident with my party," Getty said. "We want to take Student Government as far as it can go."

Getty said he has held multiple positions in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and received an award last week for being a member of the Interfraternity Council.

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### Student running independent for senate

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A student has announced she will run as an independent for student vice president for academic affairs.

JC Miller, a freshman political science major, announced she will run for the position on the Higher Education Action Team Party.

She said she has decided to run because she has seen things that could be improved within the senate.

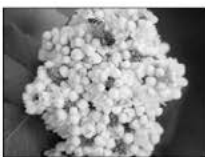
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## Sweet spring serenade

Brooke Buchanan, a freshman art education major, strums a few chords for Alicia Finrock, a sophomore middle level education major, Thursday afternoon as the two enjoy the nice weather in the South Quad.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY



Flowers and grass, above, are prime contributors to allergy symptoms.

## How to combat nagging allergies

By Lindsey Dutton  
STAFF WRITER

As the weather begins to warm up and the flowers begin to grow, some people may have a tough time enjoying nature's beauty while dealing with coughs, sneezes and watery eyes. But not everyone knows how to fight specific allergies caused by different seasons.

"Allergies are caused by allergens," Jeff

Laursen, a biology professor, said. "The main allergens during the spring season are pollen, dust and mold."

He said the growth of grass and trees creates pollen and mold begins to shed spores.

"We typically find mold in moist places," Laursen said.

Symptoms of seasonal allergies vary, but the most common include nasal congestion, runny



Growth of trees creates pollen and mold begins to shed spores.

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**Today**  
Mostly sunny  
79° 59°  
HIGH LOW

**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy  
84° 63°  
HIGH LOW

**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy  
80° 63°  
HIGH LOW

**Monday**  
Light showers  
74° 45°  
HIGH LOW

**Tuesday**  
Sunny  
71° 47°  
HIGH LOW

**Wednesday**  
Thunderstorms  
70° 53°  
HIGH LOW

**Thursday**  
Thunderstorms  
75° 53°  
HIGH LOW

## Black Student Union showcases fashions for charity

By Nicole Nicolau  
FEATURES REPORTER

The Change Clothes and Go fashion show was put on by the Black Student Union, who will donate half the money they collected to the Mother's Drive Organization. The show modeled clothes donated by Deb, Wilson's Leather, Zeta Phi Beta sorority and clothes from Eastern's bookstore.

Single mothers in the social service agency for drugs and alcohol are helped out by the Mother's Drive Organization by providing them with baby supplies.

"We thought it'd be nice because there are a lot of single mothers on campus," Amanda Johnson, the coordinator of the fashion show, said.

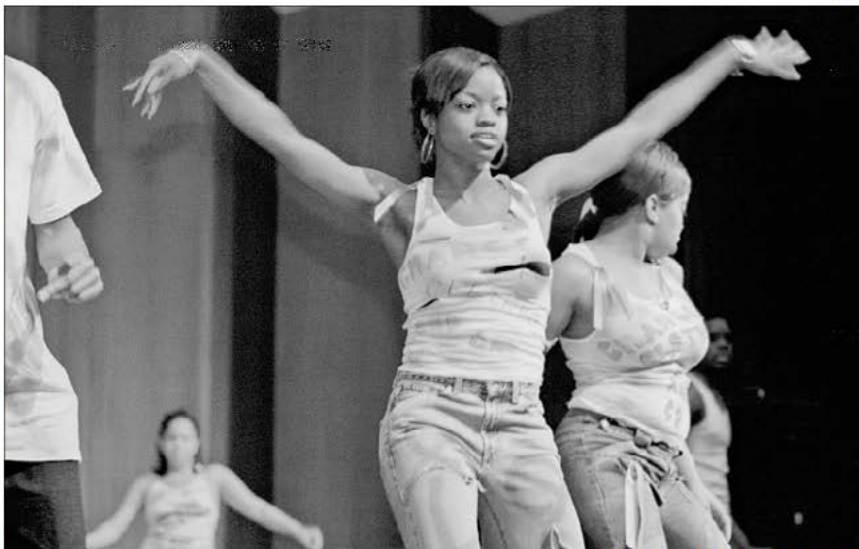
"How y'all doing," said hosts Sylvia Donald and Ledena Edwards when pumping up the crowd for the show.

Music for the show included Usher, Kanye West, Janet Jackson and Twista. Dancers from Rhythm & X-tacy and Jolie participated in the show and students from the Black Student Union, black fraternities and sororities.

"I like to support the Black Student Union. I believe they put a lot of time and dedication into putting on the show," said Jory McMillian, a model in the show and a junior pre-medication biology major.

The first line of clothes modeled were tie-dyed with the Change Clothes and Go theme written across the tank tops. Not only did they model, but they also danced to Kanye West. Next they showed off Eastern's workout wear to Kanye West's "Workout."

"I'm proud. It was something different," said Monique Cook-Bey, the assistant director of stu-



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCCAULIFFE

Jennifer Elther, a freshman business management major, dances on the runway with other models during the Black Student Union Fashion Show Thursday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The clothes were designed by Marquita McGee, a junior sociology major.

dent life. "They've never had it like this with dancing and modeling."

With attitude, the models sported the jersey wear while shaking it up with the song "Salt Shaker."

"It was nice. The music went with the categories," said Sharic Gillett, a freshman marketing

major.

Turning it down a notch, they modeled casual wear from Deb in Mattson.

Usher's "Yeah" pumped up the crowd while the models showed off the club scene outfits.

The Greek crowd cheered when

the models displayed the Greek wear. Beach wear and leather wear from Wilson's Leather were also modeled.

"I like the clothes, especially the Wilson furs," said Jami Arcecaux, a sophomore journalism major. The last to be modeled with a

combination of dance routines was a song by Janet Jackson.

The planning for the show took about three weeks, Johnson said.

"I thought it was really good. It was well organized and put together," Tiarra Steele, a senior speech communication major said.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>◆ Eastern students will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser Friday 6 p.m. - Saturday 8 a.m. The event will be held at the Campus Pond. Jake Thompson, a junior pre-pharmacy major and treasurer for Eastern's College Against Cancer, said teens in groups of 10 raised money and every hour one group will walk around the Campus Pond, one person from the group must be on the track at all times. As the event starts after the introduction ceremony there will be a survivor lap for students who have had or are currently fighting cancer. The theme of the first ever event is that cancer doesn't sleep, so why should we? When students are not walking there will be a DJ, different booths with information and more. At 9 p.m. they will set luminaria bags for the dollars to represent people who have had their lives taken by cancer. College Against Cancer will then fill the bags with sand, set them up and light them around the Campus Pond. Thompson also said a round 8 p.m. they will light candles and arrange them on the soccer bleachers to spell out the word hope. Thompson said he does not know yet how much money is raised and said there is no goal.</p>	<p>◆ University Board comedy presents comedian Alex House at 9 p.m. at the 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. "I'm not your typical comedian. I don't have a therapist, I only wear black to turnerals and have a positive outlook on life - maybe I should see a shrink," House said.</p> <p>◆ University Board's movies committee is presenting the movie "Along Came Polly" starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. The movie will play at 5 and 8 p.m. in Buzzard Auditorium.</p> <p>◆ Echostet will be going on from 4-9 p.m. in the Library Quad. There will be music by Lokl, The Rumblehock Orchestra, Hot Iron Skillet, Labeled and Jungle Creed. Speaker presentations will be given on the topics of recycling with dumpster dive, sustainable agriculture, government spending and fair trade.</p> <p>◆ As a part of Sexual Assault Awareness month there will be a car wash in Domino's Pizza parking lot from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by SACS.</p>

B L O T T E R
<p><b>Consumption of alcohol by a minor</b></p> <p>Alex L. Varshavsky, 20, 427 Taylor Hall, was arrested Saturday, April 3, at 11:20 p.m. on charges of disorderly conduct and consumption of alcohol by a minor, police reports said.</p> <p>Daniel C. Foote, 19, Glenview, was arrested Sunday, April 4 at 12:21 a.m., at Carman Hall on the charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor, police reports said.</p> <p><b>Batley</b></p> <p>Dominick A. Anco, 21, Lemont, was arrested Wednesday, April 7 at 11:29 a.m. on charges of aggravated battery, resisting a peace officer and disorderly conduct, police reports said.</p> <p><b>Obstruction of justice</b></p> <p>Kevin K. Loosen, 19, was arrested Wednesday, April 7 at 11:29 a.m. on charges of obstruction of justice, resisting a peace officer, consumption of alcohol by a minor and disorderly conduct, police reports said.</p> <p><b>Theft</b></p> <p>It was reported on Sunday, April 4 that six black nylon jackets were stolen from ROTC supply located in Ketchm Hall. The incident is being investigated, police reports said.</p>

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A story in Thursday's edition of The Daily Eastern News incorrectly identified Gary Barnett as the president and CEO of the Carle Foundation. He is CEO of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and his name was spelled incorrectly. The News regrets the errors.

### SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions or ideas for articles you would like to see in The News, feel free to contact us at 581-2812 or jchambers@eiu.edu



# Warm air is here to stay

By Evan Hill  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Eastern students can be seen around campus shedding the bulky winter coats they were wearing during a cold spell earlier in the week, and now they don their spring apparel.

"This cold spell we've had is abnormal," said Dallas Price, retired Eastern professor and local weather observer. "That is below average."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Wednesday's low temperature was 28, while the average low for that day was 42.

Price said he expects to see the warm weather continue for at least the next few days.

And while Eastern might have seen abnormally low temperatures this week, Price said there have been plenty of high temperatures this year as well.

He said the high temperature on April 7 was 77, and there was a high of 64 one day in January.

While the temperatures this week dipped below freezing a few times, the blooming flowers around campus sustained little or no damage.

"Most of the plants that are up now can stand going a few degrees below freezing," Price said. "Pretty soon though, there will be others blooming that would be damaged, like the tomato plant. It's pretty delicate."

Price said the low temperatures, however, were not the thing to be worried about.

"The big problem we have is lack of rainfall," he said. "We haven't had a significant rainfall this month. The last we had was the last day of March."

Although Price said not to worry about the dry weather unless it prevailed for several more weeks, he said local farmers should be taking full advantage of the dryness.

Price said the dry weather is allowing farmers to plant crops on firm soil that was too muddy to use heavy planting equipment on in March.

He said he saw the potential for rain late in the weekend, however.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

## Finishing touches

Colin Robinson (left) and Larry Cox, building service workers, work on the floor of the University Ballroom Thursday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. "It's just about done," Cox said. "It's looking pretty good."

# Everyone gets lei'd at the SRC

◆The Student Recreation Center will host "Tiki Fest 2004" this Saturday

By Jenni Faulkner  
STAFF WRITER

University Board presents the Spring Fling 4-8 p.m. this Saturday in the Student Recreation Center.

The theme of this year's Spring Fling is "Tiki Fest 2004." This year's Spring Fling will have a Hawaiian twist, complete with games, contests and prizes.

"It's been four years since the last Spring Fling, and I loved it when I was a freshman," Special Events

*"I thought this whole Tiki idea would be a great last hurrah for the end of the year."*

—Theresa Outman, Special Events Coordinator

Coordinator and senior marketing major Theresa Outman, said, "I wanted to bring it back this year with a bang."

The activities this year will include an inflatable bungee run, an equalizer, an obstacle course, human bowling and a gladiator joust.

Giveaways, bingo, trivia and a limbo contest are also planned.

At 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. there will be an "American Gladiator" contest with the pugil sticks. The winner of the first contest will receive a new bike while the second winner will receive a new PlayStation 2, Outman said.

Prizes for other contests also will include a karaoke machine, a hula skirt and top combo and T-shirts. In accordance with the theme, everyone who goes will get a lei.

Representatives from the East-Central Alcohol and Drug Alliance will promote Project X as well. They will educate students on the effects of "club drugs" and promote general

drug and alcohol awareness.

There will also be representatives from the Health Education Resource Center and Bacchus. They will be providing the "stress free zone" giving back massages and "lessons" on calming stress.

"I thought this whole Tiki idea would be a great last hurrah for the end of the year," Outman said.

"I know a lot of students are just as stressed as I am. Warm weather and fun activities are a great way to relieve some of that end-of-the-year stress."

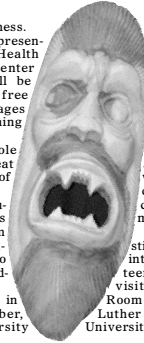
This event has been in the works since October, and cost the University

Board \$6,000 to create.

It hasn't been done in four years because of restricted budgets.

Outman hopes to have an outcome of at least 500 people. There will be free snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and much more.

Volunteers are still needed. Those interested in volunteering are asked to visit the Shelbyville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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## EDITORIAL

# Voting policy needs change for candidates

The election format to vote for Student Government executives has not been changed since 1994 and is in need of a revision.

The elections are Tuesday and if students aren't happy with the candidates they see on the ballot, they're stuck with it.

The only way students can vote for names not on the ballot is if the candidate they wanted had petitioned to the Student Government to be written-in on the ballots.

If anyone completes the petition process, the applicants name will not be on the ballot, but a blank to write names will be available. Without having turned in a petition, votes of names filled in will not be counted.

The current election rules do not allow a fair process. Students should be able to vote for the candidates they feel would best represent the student body.

If the process was changed, students would also be able to vote in candidates for different Student Government positions than what they're running for if they feel they would be better elsewhere. As it is now, if someone runs for student vice president of academic affairs, that is the only position students can select the candidate for.

Student Government executives have talked about plans to change the election process in past semesters, but no progress has been made.

A committed was recently formed to deal with the voting districts in the upcoming elections, but a group had made no plans to talk about the election write-ins.

"I guess they didn't see a need for it," Bill Davidson, student executive vice president, said about any change in the write-in process.

"People have talked about it, but others seem to like the way it is," Davidson said.

"I don't like the (current) policy personally," said Student Body President Caleb Judy.

There are two reasons the policy has not been changed yet, Judy said, because either "one, people like it, or two, people haven't changed it yet."

Judy says changing the policy is "definitely something I plan to suggest" to the next person in office.

"We just didn't get around to changing it," he said, adding it would take weeks to discuss and change.

The Student Government has stalled any progress to allow for write-ins, and the upcoming elections will suffer.

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

## OPINION

# Taxes help without payers knowledge



Evan Hill  
Campus editor and guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News

Hill also is a sophomore journalism major. He can be reached at euah1@edu.edu

Pity is a stronger force than I originally gave it credit. If a bum asks you for a dime, logically there is nothing compelling you to give it to him.

However, for pity's sake, most people would at least entertain the idea of giving him a dime. Instantly your mind creates a back story for the bum. Perhaps he has a family (maybe not). Perhaps his job was viciously downsized (possibly).

However, the only absolute is there is nothing reasonable motivating you to give him money other than pity.

But what about income taxes? Government is a contract between the population of an area and a small group of people. Basically, the population agrees to give up certain rights and allow the government to regulate their activities to an extent in exchange for protection, roads, sewage systems and other amenities of society we have come to know, love and take for granted.

But here in America, the original contract did not contain any provisions for paying to support this government. I guess they just expected to get money somehow and chose not to worry about the details.

However, most Americans have felt the sting of the income tax in recent months and increasingly in recent days, which led to a climax Wednesday when taxes were due.

However, lets think about the economics of paying income taxes for a moment.

If you think about it, the money you pay to the government is returned to you, but not necessarily in a monetary form. Sure, some get a tax refund, but most importantly, the money you

*"So the money Gates is paying in taxes is being used to put me through school. Thanks Bill."*

spend on taxes is spent in turn by the government on roads, bridges, bombs and social programs.

So even though you paid "X" amount of dollars this year, how much are you getting in federal grant money? Many people benefit (slightly) from federally subsidized tobacco farms. Hopefully this translates into cheaper cigarettes.

So the money Gates is paying in taxes is being used to put me through school. Thanks Bill.

However, Bill Gates has absolutely no incentive or obligation to put me through school? What have I ever done for him except buy his products a few times only to switch to Mac in the end?

The point is we are paying taxes to provide services to people we have no obligation to help.

It may sound cold, but I am proud of what meager money I do earn, and I would rather not give any of it to someone I never met and will not give me anything in return.

Capitalism and government are both systems of voluntary exchange. Basically, capitalism boils down to "you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours."

Many people say capitalism is evil, and I'll be the first to agree that it can seem that way. I agree it is not fair, but who said fairness was the virtue of capitalism?

If I am a tylist and I break my hands in a drunken bar fight, I can not work, but should the taxpayers pay for my mistakes?

If I spend all my money on alcohol and lottery tickets and I cannot afford to feed myself, will you buy me a big mac and fries?

The answer for most is hopefully no. And if it is, why should we pay taxes?

Sure, we all get some benefit. I enjoy driving on paved roads and getting help with college as much as the rest of you do. However, the spirit of true capitalism is not to help those less fortunate or less able. It is to help yourself in any way you can.

However, helping others often can help you. So selfishness is not always evil.

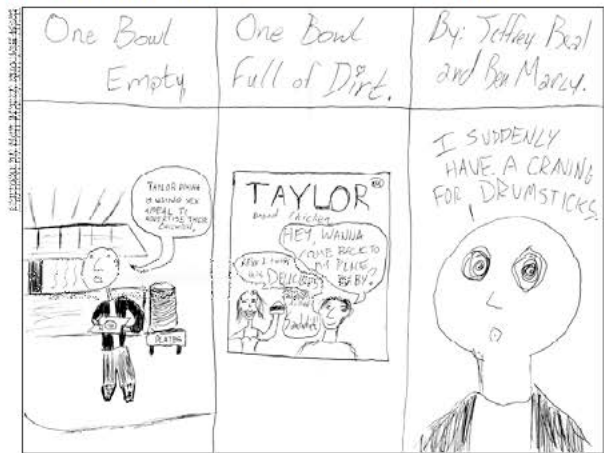
If I help an old lady carry her groceries to her car, I am not doing it for her, I am doing it to make myself feel good.

Don't you feel good when you donate to March of Dimes? Well, that is what is called selfishness.

Rational people only enter into agreements with other rational people because they know they are benefiting from it. And hey, maybe the other person will benefit. Usually a mutually beneficial agreement is the only way money would ever get done.

I don't want to do my homework, but I know by doing so I will get a good grade and I will learn something. My time spent doing the homework is hopefully equally as valuable as the grade and the knowledge I will receive.

So question the next selfless act you commit. I'll bet you feel better for committing it, and if you think about it, you might realize you gained a dime of self satisfaction for every dime you give a bum.



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# La Bamabas suspects speak out

Much has been written in response to the events which occurred at La Bamabas Sept. 26, 2003. To say the least, some of it was accurate and some was much less than that.

My siblings, Seniece and William Graham, were both arrested. I would like to take this opportunity to clear the record straight about some aspects of this event.

First of all, yes, we will be going to pretrial May 10 and trial May 18, both at 9 a.m. I am being charged with aggregated battery to a

police officer and resisting and obstructing a police officer, both are felonies.

On my behalf, I would only like to say that these charges against me are, in my opinion, unfounded and a complete waste of tax payers money, which I am confident will be displayed in court.

Second of all, my sister Seniece is being charged with one count of aggregated battery to a police officer. My brother Tony is only being charged with one count of threatening a public official. Both would like to state

that they are innocent and also feel that the charges brought against them are totally unfounded.

We, as a family, completely support one another and feel that with God's will we will get through this horrific experience.

Hopefully, through our experience no one else will

have to go through what we have endured in these recent months.

We also feel that our behavior that night was no different than anyone else's displayed, and in court we will have justice.

Lee Graham,  
Matton resident

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## Royal Teachings

Dr. Newton Key of the History department introduces his class' report about the Elizabethan Age Revised Thursday afternoon in the 4440 Conference room of Booth Library.

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## Students gain support for elections

By Kristin Hittner  
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association will support two students running in the Student Government elections.

Kevin Leverage, who is running for student body president, thinks he would benefit the student body by bringing the Student Government and the RHA together.

Leverage said he has held diverse leadership positions on campus and wants to get the Student Senate known to the general student population.

After discussion and voting for the candidates, the RHA decided to throw its support behind Leverage in his student body president candidacy.

Running for student vice president of academic affairs, JC Miller, a freshman political science major, said she would benefit the students because she has a better perspective.

"When goals are set at the beginning of the semester, I want to see it through at the end of the semester," Miller said.

Some of her goals include promoting the scholarship program, putting together an online professor syllabus and finding courses that will work.

"She blows us away with how much she has already

planned," said Colleen O'Connor, RHA member.

The Campus Connected Party also came to ask for RHA support in the senate elections. Running for student body president, Lisa Flann, a senior speech communication and journalism major, said she wants to create a tradition at homecoming with the unity T-shirts.

Kyle Donash, a sophomore political science major and candidate for student executive vice president, wants to get people registered for voting and create a landlord review for tenants.

Alcicia Robinson, a senior marketing major and candidate for student vice president for academic affairs, said she wants to create an online teacher evaluation.

Also running in the party is Nikki Kull, a junior marketing major, who is running for vice president for business affairs. Matt Kulp, a junior speech communication major, is for vice president for student affairs.

The RHA also decided on events for Kids Weekend, which will include miniature golf, face painting and fun with bubbles.

As of now the RHA is expecting between 30 to 40 children, but it is still searching.

Ford Hall representatives are discussing and will vote on making their hall a 24-hour visitation facility.

Thomas Hall will be hosting a hall vs. hall kickball game at 4 p.m. Saturday.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

# Health studies review awaits final processes

By Jennifer Pe Ryan  
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday approved a review for the health studies department that will examine courses taken by health studies majors.

In 2000, the department of health studies embarked on a review of the major programs through a self-study done for the Society of Public Health Education Baccalaureate Program Approval Committee.

"Our program has been approved, but still must go through a full accreditation process to be accepted," said Robert Bates, department chair of health studies.

The team that conducted this review placed Eastern's health studies program among the top 20 undergraduate programs in the United States, Bates said.

"Eastern is the only college in the state of Illinois with a health communications minor and our community health with teacher certification minor is the second-largest in the state," Bates said. "The health studies program at Eastern is one of less than 25 programs in the United States to have met national standards. Eastern currently has 138 health studies majors with 100 community health minors and 38 health minors. The health communications minor is an interdisciplinary minor in cooperation with the speech communication department at Eastern. Since the last review, the health studies program was asked to look at the community health studies program in terms of standards and assessment.

"We have tremendously assessed our program, but we still

have challenges," Bates said.

For fall 2004, 20 freshmen have declared health studies as their major. Bates said this is unusual because students don't discover the program or decide to major in health studies until their junior or senior year of college.

There will be a discipline change requiring more demand for communication skills and innovative strategies for program development in working with these students, Bates said.

The Health Studies Department has marketed its program by sending information to 50 schools where students are most likely to enroll at Eastern, Bates said. This is intended to get feedback from students and high school guidance counselors to seek student interest in Eastern's health studies program.

"The profession of health studies is not the same as it was 20 years ago," he said. "It is significantly different where we have to change the roles of our program."

English 2760 "Introduction to Professional Writing" will be a required course for the health studies major next year to incorporate a writing component.

"We will not have to conduct another review until 2008," Bates said. "At that time our department plans to conduct a review of the program in relationship to the reviewer's guidelines."

Next week the council will act upon a proposed degree title change for the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree and Physical Education Program Review.

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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# A march for money

◆ *March of Dimes holds 34th-Annual Walk America Saturday in Mattoon*

By Michael Schroeder  
CITY REPORTER

The March of Dimes will be holding its 34th-Annual Walk America in Mattoon Saturday. The walk will begin at Peterson Park off Broadway Avenue at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

The walk, which is a national event held on various weekends in April, is the oldest such walk in the United States.

"I guess you can say we are to blame for all these walks you see all over," Scott Burmsmier, community director for March of Dimes, joked.

He hopes the walk will raise \$16,000 for the organization, which focuses its funding on the health of babies.

The March of Dimes will issue \$75 million over five years toward research on the causes for birth defects, he said.

The organization's mission statement says the March of Dimes members are "researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates working together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health (such as: prematurity, birth defects, low birth weight).

Burmsmier said in addition to the walk, there will also be a band and team photographer as well as rewards and prizes for participants.

Burmsmier is expecting 20 teams, which totals 150-200 participants.

Mattoon Mayor David Carter Jr. is expected and Burmsmier is hoping State Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, who is a big supporter of March of Dimes, will be able to make it. The individual runners or teams can get individual sponsors who are willing to donate so much money for them completing the walk, Burmsmier said.

He said if people want more information they can call him at 359-6325 or go the Web site at [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com).



## Poetry in motion

Anne Finch, reads a poem from her book "Calendars" Thursday afternoon in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

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## COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND BUDGET

# Council will again address constitutional plan

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Council on University Planning and Budget Friday will again discuss possible revisions to Eastern's constitutional plan.

Council Chair Chris McCormick said council members will divide into smaller groups and review the current plan to see if it needs to be updated.

The council was asked by Eastern President Lou Hencken to review the plan, McCormick said.

During the council's March 26 meeting, the 38 council members were going to divide into groups to discuss the plan but because they lost quorum, the meeting was ended.

As for achieving the 19-member quorum for Friday's meeting, McCormick said, "I don't expect

there will be a problem, but this is just an incredibly busy time of year."

Disagreements between council members on how to address the plan revisions resulted in arguments and council member David Carpenter leaving the room.

McCormick said she hopes this meeting is more focused and said, "I think the task is more focused this meeting."

The constitutional plan outlines Eastern's goals and procedures for education, faculty and staff members and students, but some council members feel it is outdated and needs revision. Other members said the plan during the last council meeting is fine as it is.

After the last meeting ended, Carpenter said the council was not ready to deal with the plan revision. "I just hope that they have a spe-

cific plan by which we can approach this," Carpenter said of the revision.

McCormick said the constitutional plan will be the main topic of discussion during Friday's meeting and the council's May meeting as well.

The CUPB will meet at 3 p.m. Friday in the Arcola/Jusola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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# Donkey basketball comes to Charleston High School

By Michael Schroeder  
CITY REPORTER

The Charleston High School Band has acquired some help raising funds from an unusual source—eight nylon-shoed donkeys.

The donkeys will be ridden by various participants, who will be attempting to play a game of 4-on-4 basketball.

The event will take place in Baker Gym at CHS at 7 p.m. Friday. Tickets, which can be purchased at CHS or from any band member, are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

CHS band director, Clay Dugger, said the ticket sales, a percentage of which go to the band, are going well.

"The money will go to the band in general," he said. "We really need it."

There will be four teams competing, including a team of CHS students, CHS coaches, band directors, administrators and a team of community celebrities.

The community celebrities, team "Longears," will include several members of Eastern faculty such as David Kidwell, director of sports information and marketing; Mahyar Izadi, technology department chair; and Terence Mayhue, professor of percussion.

President Lou Hencken had planned on participating, however, he cannot because of an illness in the family.

Dugger said the evening will be set up in a tournament fashion with the four teams. There will be four people and donkeys to a team and they will attempt to play basketball.

In order to take a shot, pass the ball, steal the ball or block a pass, the player must be mounted on the donkey. The players also are not allowed to hold the ball for longer than 15 seconds. The game will have no out-of-bounds, fouls or time-outs.

The players also are responsible for the sanitation of their respective donkeys.

The donkeys are from The Buckeye Donkey Ball Co. of Marengo, Ohio. The company has done numerous donkey basketball events, having appeared on the "CBS Morning Show."

Dugger said there will be donkey rides offered to the first 125 students, grades K-6, who come with a paying adult, between the games.

He said this is the first time in 20 years donkey basketball has come to Charleston.

"It is a popular small-town fund raiser ... the kids are cranked up, teachers are cranked up," he said.



James Ingram, president and CEO Health Alliance, addresses the crowd of people Wednesday morning in the Council Chambers of the Charleston Municipal Building during a public forum for the proposed Carle Surgi-center.

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## Carle:

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able to all patients," she said.

Charles Delman, the president of the University Professionals of Illinois branch at Eastern, sees the impact the new center could have on

Eastern, especially the faculty, many of whom are insured by Health Alliance.

"Many faculty members are part of Health Alliance and go to Champaign for medical purposes," Delman said.

He openly questioned how the surgical center would utilize profits.

"(The surgicenter) has the ability to take the most profitable cases," Delman said. "The Carle Foundation obviously sees a market for the new center."

The state planning board is expected to vote on the proposal at either its June 16 or Aug. 18 meeting.

## Independent:

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"I felt that so far this semester there has been a lack of interest," Miller said.

Miller has served two semesters as a senate member and as a member of the Academic Affairs Committee.

"We usually have all of these great ideas and they don't get executed," she said.

Miller said being a freshman has actually worked to her advantage.

"I see problems that returning students don't recognize or just accept," she said. "I would like to get more freshmen involved on campus."

Miller said a common problem on campus is that students seem to be divided into groups.

"This campus is more than just black,

white, greek or non-greek," she said.

Some specific changes Miller said she would make if elected include the online teacher surveys that began last semester and online syllabi.

These are projects other candidates for this position are also working to complete.

Alicia Robinson, a senior marketing major, said she is running for the same position under the Campus Connected Party.

Robinson has served three semesters as a Student Senate member.

She said she is running for an executive board position to work on improving aspects of the senate she feels need improvement.

"I am very organized and I manage my time well," Robinson said.

She also intends to work on the online

evaluations and online syllabi if elected.

"I would like to implement the online student evaluations," she said. "With the online syllabus so the students can understand what the whole concept of the class is about."

Robinson said the vice president for academic affairs should also work to improve diversity within the student body.

"I would like to have a personal relationship with the minority affairs director," Robinson said. "Minority affairs is really important to academics."

Dirk Muffer, a junior social sciences major, is the other candidate for the position. He is running with the United Campus Party.

The petitions for all Student Government positions were due Thursday at 3 p.m.

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# Allergies: Some students affected by allergies more so than others

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## nose, coughing and watery eyes.

"In rare occasions, a person could develop a rash," Dr. Joseph Wall, of Eastern's Health Services, said. "Urticaria, also known as hives, can appear but the main symptoms are upper respiratory."

"This season I have not been

affected by allergies that bad," said Maropoulos, a sophomore speech communications major said. "Only some days, my allergies have been bad in the morning, but in the fall season it was a lot worse."

Wall said antihistamines are the first line of defense in treating allergies. Over the counter medications like Claritin and Benadryl can be very helpful.

"These are good to take when your allergies first bother you, but usually they do not cure symptoms," Wall said.

However, Wall said physician prescribed medicine, such as Allegra, can cure symptoms.

Using a nasal-inhaled steroid is

the second line of defense to treat allergies, Wall said. Products like Flonase and Nasacord can also treat allergy symptoms.

"People should take these products at the beginning of allergy season because they take a couple weeks to start working," he said.

Allergy testing is another way to quell allergy symptoms. Wall said an allergy test tries to determine the particular allergen that is responsible for the reaction.

After the allergen has been detected, an allergy specialist will give the patient a shot. The number of shots a person will

**"At Health Services allergy shots are not prescribed, but they can be administered."**

—Dr. Joseph Wall, Health Services

get depends on the severity, but the average is one to four per week.

"At Health Services allergy shots are not prescribed, but they can be administered," Wall said. "Any one year, approximately 100 students get shots for

horrible allergies." Turning on an air conditioner, keeping windows closed in a car and using an air filter are all ways to beat seasonal allergies, Wall said. Also, people with an allergy to pollen should stay inside as much as possible.

Avoidance is another way to prevent an allergic reaction. If you have an allergy to a particular allergen like smoke, cats, peanuts, etc. stay away from them, Wall advised.

"I am allergic to mold, ragweed and cats," Kristine Griffin, a freshman elementary education major, said. "But I take Claritin and my allergies have not been bothering me."

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"I want to represent the (Student) Senate in the best way possible," Getty said. "I'm going to work with them to get things done."

Getty said his goals include increasing communication between the executive board and senate and reforming the meetings.

"The exec board and the senate sometimes work against each other," he said. "I would like to work to change that."

Adam Howell, a junior political science major, is running for the student executive vice president position.

Howell said he has several goals he wants to accomplish if he were to be elected.

One of his goals is to expand the Student Action Team, Eastern's student lobbying group.

"I do not want to see a Student Action Team made up of only Student Government members," Howell said. "We're going to do whatever we can to make sure more students get involved."

Howell said he wants his party to work to help the students under-

stand the issues the Student Government deals with.

"Most college students don't take time to research the issues," he said. "We want the students to know what the issues are."

Dirk Muffler, a junior social sciences major, is running for the student vice president for academic affairs position.

Muffler has previously served in several positions for the Sigma Chi fraternity, including president of the chapter.

Muffler said he wants to make sure students don't just take the easy classes and actually take the ones they need.

"I want to make sure students know what's best for them," Muffler said. "It'll take a lot of work on my part, but it's worthwhile."

Jared DeHority, a junior accounting major, is running for student vice president for financial affairs.

DeHority has previously served on the University Board Council Committee and two semesters as treasurer for the Sigma Chi fraternity.

"I want students to know where their money is going," DeHority said. "It's not something that will happen overnight—with a lot of

work, it can be done."

Getty said his party also has 10 students running for the senate.

Rashida Gordon, a junior psychology and political science major, said she has been involved with many organizations on campus including the Student Government for three semesters.

"I want to remain on senate in order to continue to represent the students as well as enhance diversity on senate," Gordon said.

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**Hohenadel:**

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And you can't see what you're doing without any light. That's exactly why the Panther baseball and softball teams never play at night. The field, Coaches Stadium and Williams Field are not equipped with lights.

Part of the problem is the fact that the baseball and softball teams both play their weekday games at 2 or 3 p.m. I don't know about any of you, but I have a class at 3 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Therefore, I can't be at those games.

If the games started later, lets say 6 p.m., I would be able to go to any game on any day. However, we don't have lights so I can't go watch baseball games and some students, who otherwise might attend ball games, may be in the same boat I am.

I may not be the only one that thinks lights at Coaches Stadium would boost attendance. However, I may be the only one at Eastern who still believes in the tooth fairy. Go figure.

**Purdue:**

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"We talked about the possibility even before the speculation."

Playing under Keady for four years, Painter knows his style of play which makes Purdue such a good fit for Painter.

"I know his (Keady's) defensive philosophy," Painter said. "It has always remained the same. As for his offense, coach Keady knows he has to change his philosophy with personnel."

"I'm excited for Matt (Painter) and Purdue," Samuels said. "It's a great fit for both of them. Matt's (Painter) an Indiana guy and will make the kind of contact Purdue is famous for."

Samuels said Painter's magnetic personality and ability to relate to anyone will make it very easy for him to turn the Boilermakers around. "All the things that have been described about Painter are accurate," Samuels said. "He's tireless in his efforts to learn about basketball."

A tireless effort is what Keady will get when Painter steps on the practice courts for the first time.

"Gene's excited," Samuels said. "He's genuinely excited to pass the torch to a Boilermaker."

"This is a great development for Purdue basketball," Keady said on the Purdue website. "Ever since he was a player here, Matt (Painter) has had one of the sharpest basketball minds I've ever been around."

At age 33, Painter can only expand his basketball mind and perhaps one day he'll be coaching an NCAA championship.

**BASEBALL****Eastern hopes for series upswing**

By Michael Gilbert

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern baseball team will look to win its third Ohio Valley Conference series in as many weeks when the Panthers travel to Alabama to take on the Sanford Bulldogs.

The conference season started slow for the Panthers as they dropped two of three to Tennessee-Martin at Coaches Stadium in late March, but Eastern has rebounded winning five of the last six OVC games to sit in a five place tie for second.

As hot as the Panthers (11-19, 6-3) are in conference play, the Bulldogs (4-23, 0-9) have been just the opposite. Sanford will enter this weekend's showdown looking for its first ever OVC win after joining the conference this year. Despite the clear difference in records, Panthers head coach Jimmy Schmitz still is expecting a hard fought set of ball games.

One player Schmitz has no trouble putting on the field is shortstop Kyle Haines. After starting the season slow, Haines has turned things on of late and, after a three-hit game against Northern Illinois on Wednesday, will bring a batting average

over .300 into the weekend.

Starting with Haines offensively, is the man just to the right of him on the infield diamond, and the third baseman Ryan Campbell. The freshman from Sandburg High School is leading the Panthers with 41 hits, 14 doubles, five home runs, 23 RBIs, a .642 slugging percentage and a batting average over .380.

"Ryan Campbell has been coming through with some big contributions for us," Schmitz said.

Schmitz also pointed to the recent play of senior second baseman Chris Uhle and freshman first baseman Kevin Carkeek as keys to the Panthers' turnaround.

One positive for the Panthers is Marshall, who was on a 40-pitch limit his first two starts after recovering from offseason surgery and a 60-pitch limit last weekend. However, Schmitz explained Marshall's health is improving and he expects his senior act to go deep in the ball game.

"Jared is still on a pitch-count, but he should be able to go into the 80s or 90s on Sunday," Schmitz said.

The series will kick off with a doubleheader Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

**Panthers finding softball groove****Staff Report**

The Panthers have extended their winning streak to six games against Western Illinois University, and their record has now improved to 16-24. While that may not be impressive, the Ohio Valley Conference season is what the Panthers have focused on lately and they have also improved since starting to play at home after 34 straight games on the road.

After the two runs in the first, freshman pitcher Andrea Darnell never looked back and Eastern was able to put five more runs on the scoreboard before the game ended with a 7-1 final score.

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## TENNIS

## Coach: OVC brings twice the talent

◆ Panthers will face Murray State's women's team and Tennessee Tech's men's team in weekend tournament

By Dan Perick  
STAFF WRITER

Murray State's women's tennis team and Tennessee Tech's men's team claimed the top seeds as they return to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament as defending champions. The tournament, in Nashville, starts today at 8:30 and runs all weekend.

The Racers (1-7, 9-0) are in line to win their fourth OVC women's championship in a row. Murray has a solid line-up from one to six. Racers head coach Connie Keasling said, but they do have a stand out in senior Melissa Spencer. Spencer won last year's OVC women's player of the year. Murray State should have an easy time with its first round match-up against Jacksonville State (8-13, 5-4), but Keasling says they'll be ready for anything.

"When it comes to tournament time it's anybody's game," Keasling said. "Everybody has the same opportunity to win."

Tennessee Tech (11-9, 5-0) has the top spot on the men's side as they hope to repeat as OVC champs. The Golden Eagles are led by senior Luis Aguarrivera (20-14) who won OVC men's tennis player of the week car-

rier this year. Tech's head coach Al Campos said despite their success in the OVC, it's still very competitive.

"It's tough to play when you're the team to beat," Campos said.

The Golden Eagles women's team (7-8, 5-0) captured a No. 2 seed as they hope to end the Racers' dominance in the OVC. Tennessee Tech has lost to Murray the last three years in the OVC championship.

"We have actually beat them the last three years in the regular season," Campos said. "There is something lingering in the rivalry, but you have that with every team I think."

On the men's side, Jacksonville State will trail Tennessee Tech closely as they have posted a 12-7 record this year with only one conference loss in six attempts. Morehead State will also have a good shot at the OVC title posting a 18-6 record and a 7-2 OVC record. But as each of the returning champion coaches, Campos and Keasling, said, anything goes in the tournament. With the recent additions to the OVC like Samford and Jacksonville State, the conference has raised its level of competition.

"The OVC has doubled on its depth of talent," Eastern head coach Brian Holtzgraf said. "The schools added down south have recruiting advantages because of better facilities and better weather and that draws a lot of talent to the conference."

Of the 11 teams in the women's conference and the 10 in the men's, eight teams will compete in this weekend's tournament.

## Making:

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"If you look up and down the conference standings there isn't a women's team that can't be beat."

—Brian Holtzgraf, head tennis coach

The Golden Eagles (7-8, 5-0) have been to the OVC championship the last three years but lost to Murray State. Despite the tough draw, Holtzgraf is excited about their chances this weekend.

"If you look up and down the conference standings, there isn't a women's team that can't be beat," Holtzgraf said. "We'll just have to see things through if we want to win."

The women's team is hoping to bounce back after a rough weekend at Murray State where they lost three straight. Senior Becky Brunner (10-5) was undefeated in conference before last weekend and should be ready to make a statement at conference. Holtzgraf will need big matches out of junior Sarah Freeman (8-7), who has been slowed by injury, and freshman Madina Mambotova (9-6), who has stepped up late in the season for the Panthers.

"Brunner is a tremendous leader. She fights 100-percent and leads by example," Murray State head coach Connie Keasling said. "Brunner, Sarah Freeman and Amber Lentfer are three young ladies who are a solid foundation for a program."

"It takes a couple of years to build a program and Brian (Holtzgraf) has done a great job at Eastern."

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SPORTS REPORTER

## Don't miss attendance perks

I like to complain about how nobody comes to basketball games and let me tell you I'm not proud of attendance at baseball games either. Even though the team is playing really good ball, all I see when I look around are a lot of blue seats.

The Panther baseball team seems to be trying everything in an attempt to get students to come to games. Let's run down the list of "everything." Did I just quote myself?

First of all, if you haven't been to a baseball game, you may not know the Panthers now have bat girls. Yes my friends, bat girls.

In my mind the bat girls were intended to target males between the ages of 18-22. When guys hear the term bat girl they probably start to think of knee high socks and short skirts like in the movie "A League of Their Own."

However, the bat girls are just regular girls dressed in jeans and a Panther jersey, who grab the players' bats after the play is over. Personally I love the bat girls. I think it was a great idea; however, I don't think attendance has gotten out of hand since they were unveiled.

Another ploy at baseball games is the number on your program. When you walk in, pick up a program. If the number on your program matches the number called over the loud speaker during the game, you get a chance to win a certain amount of money. It started off as \$20 at the first home game. But if nobody wins, it increases. I don't know what it's up to now. Go to the games and find out. Even if it is only \$20, at least it's beer money.

Not sold yet? How about a little Panther BINGO? That's right sports fans. Certain plays on the field correspond to bingo numbers. On certain days every fan is offered a bingo card on the way into the stadium, and if you win you get a prize! Don't yell bingo just for the sake of yelling bingo though. Bingo games are forever and if you yell bingo you get some pretty dirty looks.

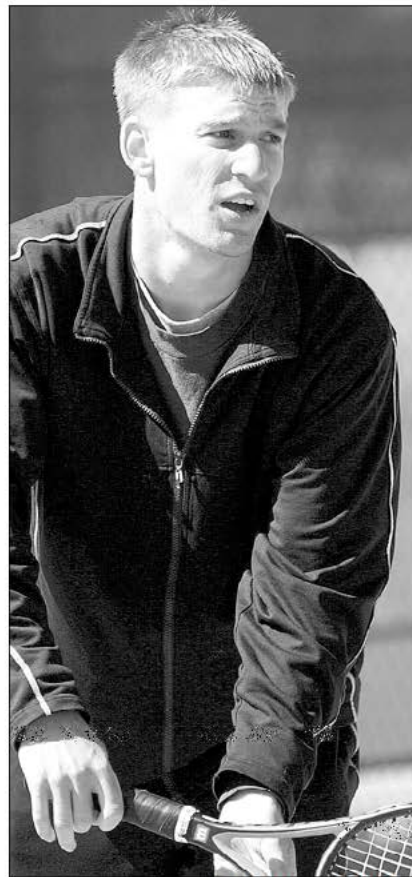
The last little perk about going to a ball game at Coaches Stadium is if you go fetch a foul ball and can find the bat girl with the tickets, you get a free drink at the concession stand. I like to bet on who will win the race to the next foul ball. It's fun!

With all these things to do at the ball game besides watch the game, I have no idea why attendance seems to be low.

Wait, could it be all you students actually go to class?

For those of you who haven't noticed, O'Brien Stadium is the only sports venue without the capability to have a night game.

Why is that you ask? Well in order to play a sport at night, you have to be able to see what you're doing.



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Senior C.J. Weber sets up a serve. Both men's and women's teams head for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in Tennessee this weekend.

## TENNIS

# Making a name for themselves

◆ Both teams look to serve up presence at OVC tournament this weekend

By Dan Renick  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's men's and women's tennis teams take the No. 5 and 7 seeds, respectively, as they hope to make their presence felt at the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in Nashville.

The men's team (9-9, 4-3) will face-off against No. 4 seed Samford (12-8, 6-3) in the first round 8:30 a.m. Friday. The Panthers and Bulldogs faced off last Friday at Murray State where Samford won a close match 4-3. Samford opened the match with a 2-1 doubles win. Seniors C.J. Weber (15-2) and Brandon Blankenbaker

(15-3) and freshman Chuck LeVaque (12-6) all won in the top three singles matches, but Eastern lost the second half in close matches. The Bulldogs are a young team that has three freshmen who won OVC player of the week this year; Rob Nunney (14-7), Stuart Misner (12-9) and Bradley Weaver (14-7). "I expect the best this weekend," head coach Brian Holzgrafe said. "We've been planning all year for this."

Weber should have an extra boost of confidence as he enters the tournament on a nine match win streak and was named this week's OVC tennis player of the week.

On the women's side, Eastern will take the court at 4 p.m. against the No. 2 seed Tennessee Tech for the first time this season.

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### Line-up:

#### Eastern men

- ✓ C.J. Weber (15-2)
  - ✓ Brandon Blankenbaker (15-3)
  - ✓ Chuck LeVaque (12-6)
  - ✓ Ryan Blankenbaker (7-11)
  - ✓ Brandon Lenfert (4-12)
  - ✓ Colin Priestner (2-15)
- #### Women
- ✓ Becky Brunner (10-5)
  - ✓ Sarah Freeman (8-7)
  - ✓ Madina Mambetova (9-6)
  - ✓ Amber Lenfert (6-9)
  - ✓ Camster Camacho (5-10)
  - ✓ Jill Wirtz (5-9)

### Line-up:

#### Samford

- ✓ Manuel Miletac (13-9)
  - ✓ James Bryco (4-14)
  - ✓ Stuart Misner (12-9)
  - ✓ Rob Nunney (14-7)
  - ✓ Johnny Griffie (15-5)
  - ✓ Bradley Weaver (14-7)
- #### Tennessee Tech
- ✓ Alet Boonzaier (11-7)
  - ✓ Melissa Casado (9-17)
  - ✓ Margot Carter (11-15)
  - ✓ Alicia Kuflyta (4-18)
  - ✓ Maja Russinova (15-9)
  - ✓ Marina Tasheva (13-13)

# Former Eastern coach looks to Purdue

By John Hohenadel  
SPORTS REPORTER

Last year former Eastern assistant basketball coach Matt Painter took over as head coach for Bruce Weber at Southern Illinois, who found greener pastures at the University of Illinois. In two years, Painter will find himself in a similar situation.

Painter is no longer only a former Eastern assistant coach. He will add the Southern head coaching spot to his list of former positions held and attempt to fill Purdue head coach Gene Keady's shoes.

Even though Painter has always considered the Purdue head coaching spot his dream job, and is a Purdue graduate, moving from Carbondale to West Lafayette is not an easy move.

"There's nothing easy about the move," Painter said. "I haven't spent consecutive days in West Lafayette, Ind. in 11 years. It's (the move) difficult for the family, taking my kids out of school, selling one house and buying another and that doesn't even include the basketball aspect."

Throw the basketball into the equation and the move seems to get even tougher in an easy sort of way.

Painter said it was difficult to leave Eastern as an assistant. He said it's twice as difficult to leave Southern because he invested twice the amount of time into the Saluki basketball program.

"We gained national recognition and we're not a national powerhouse by any means," Painter said. "The players are special to me and it's hard to preach to them one thing and then

walk out the door. There's kind of an element of hypocrisy there, but they understand as basketball players that I have to do what's best for me and they want what's best for me also."

Although Painter will miss his players at Southern, he knows he has to move on.

"I like our players here," Painter said of the Boilermakers. "They're good kids and they work hard. We just have to get back to a mountain top program."

One match up Painter might be looking forward to with his new team is the one against his former coaching mate Bruce Weber. Painter said his match up with Weber may be a little awkward though, seeing as how he credits Weber for his success as a coach.

Painter has risen through the coaching ranks rather quickly and he attributes that to his loyalty and dedication to the program he was involved with at the time.

"You have to be a giver," Painter said. "The main thing when you're an assistant is just to do your job, listen to the head coach and do what you can to help the program. I've never worried about promoting myself. I've always consumed myself with helping the program."

After leading Southern to a 25-5 record and an NCAA tournament berth last season, Painter will have to take a step back to assistant coach yet again. But Painter knows he won't have his hands tied.

"Coach Keady is very open and allows assis-



Matt Painter

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- ◆ On the coach staff at Barton College (1994-95)
- ◆ Spent three years coaching at Eastern (1995-98)
- ◆ Started coaching on staff at Southern Illinois University in 1998.

tants a lot of input," Painter said. Painter should know; he played under Keady for four years (1988-1993).

"It was a dream of mine just to be Coach Keady's assistant," Painter said. "But to be able to be the head coach in waiting is a completely different thing. It's a unique situation."

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels thought it was only a matter of time before Painter was chosen to succeed Keady and become Eastern's second assistant coach, behind Ricky Birdsong, to break into the Big Ten.

"As soon as it was known that Keady was headed in another direction, speculation about Matt (Painter) started to fly," Samuels said.

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## ADVICE COLUMN

## He can't sleep it off

Dear Verge-



**Ben Erwin**  
STAFF WRITER AND  
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My girlfriend and I have been living together since the beginning of this semester, and although we cohabitate as well as two 22-year-olds with no money and no time to spend with one another, she is a very deep sleeper and I am the opposite. This wouldn't be much of a problem except she likes to hit the snooze five or six times before she actually gets out of bed. Plus, she had all 8 a.m. classes, while I am a firm believer in the fact the brain can't work until a clock has reached at least 10.

She normally sleeps right through the alarm, leaving me to get out of bed and hit the snooze. (And when I accidentally turned the alarm off completely, she missed class and was mad for a good week.) I normally can advocate changing someone to fit your tastes, but is there a way to get her to stop making both she and I get up five times before she can muster the strength to get out of bed?

I usually handle gripes like these pretty stoically, but this single inconvenience has really gotten under my skin. Is it better to grin and bear it or "share my feelings" like she always asks, but risk her indignation? What can I do without completely pissing her off, when making her angry is the last thing I actually want to do?

—Anti-Snoozer



**Holly Henschen**  
ASSOCIATE VERGE  
EDITOR

He said:

So you handle gripes "stoically," huh snooze boy? That sure sounded like complaining to me, but maybe stoicism can include a little whininess.

That sounded a bit mean, but my point is this: As a man, it is ostensibly your job to adequately tolerate as much annoyance from your lady as is humanly possible. A tough order, I know, but a necessary one none the less. If an alarm clock disagreement is the biggest problem you have in your relationship, consider yourself extremely lucky.

And if you've been keeping this snooze alarm debacle to yourself all this time, just think of all the things she thinks about you but manages to keep to herself as well. It may not be about something as annoying as being forced to wake up repeatedly in the morning, but I'm sure she remembers every time you've done or said the wrong thing, embarrassed her in front of her family and friends, worn shoes that didn't match your belt or any other number of insane things that got under her skin. She may not mention them to you, but believe me, they're probably there.

Just a little food for thought.

Anyway, as for your alarm trouble, try getting an alarm clock that plays music instead of an incessant buzzing noise. I suggest a model that plays CDs so you can choose what music will wake her up. Choose whatever music might get her out of bed rather than slamming the snooze alarm repeatedly.

Try some Cannibal Corpse or maybe Converge or Brutal Truth; that's bound to get her out of bed in a hurry. And if the abrasive music gets you in some hot water, try one of those chiming alarms that gradually gets louder over a 10 minute time span.

If neither of those options works, just get yourself a set of earplugs, suck it up and soldier on like a man. Be grateful your biggest gripe is about an alarm clock and not the fact she's pregnant, or cheating on you or dropping out of school to move back home.

She said:

Oh, the agony. One of most grueling occurrences in modern life is waking up when you don't really have to. To cut down on your lady's constant snooze button slapping, move the alarm clock across the room. She will have to get out of bed and shut off the alarm, and, in turn, wake up a little more than she would have by simply lifting her arm and pushing a button.

But if she doesn't wake up for the alarm at all, you must invest in two little treasures: an industrial strength alarm clock and a sweet pair of earplugs. Position the loud-ass clock across the room before going to sleep, set it, of course, then pop in the earplugs. They will serve double duty if she happens to snore. When she eventually gets out of bed the next morning, have her gently nudge you to remind you to remove your earplugs so you can wake up when the alarm calls you. Have the standard alarm clock you already own set for the time you need to rise and shine. The mission is complicated, but the sweet slumber will be well worth the work.

Don't grin and bear this situation—sleep is important. I once watched a Discovery documentary about a guy who died because he physically couldn't sleep. Neither you nor your significant other want that to happen. I have to question, though, how long you can live with someone before you develop the ability to compensate for his or her habits. If you try with all your might, you just may be able to overcome this obstacle naturally. But until then, show your girl this article if she has any protests about your methods of acquiring sleep. Oh, yeah, from a woman's point of view, this isn't what we mean by "share your feelings."

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## Consequences of the Avril Lavigne/Hilary Duff feud

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1. Justin Timberlake will show up and give everyone something else to talk about, if ya know what we're sayin'.  
**Magic 8-Ball says:** My reply is no.

2. They'll end it all with an open-mouthed kiss a la Britney and Madonna.  
**Magic 8-Ball says:** Yes, definitely.

3. Their mothers will phone each other, discuss the matter, and insist the girls shake hands and make up. They will then have a slumber party and be "Best Friends Forever."  
**Magic 8-Ball:** Signs point to yes.

4. A vicious battle will ensue with lots of clawing and hair-pulling. The winner gets the rights to date Frankie "Malcom in the Middle" Mumiz.  
**Magic 8-ball says:** Without a doubt.

5. Society will realize it's preoccupation with youth culture is a mask for the real worry-fear of death. A revolution will occur, and the world will once again respect all elders.  
**Magic 8-Ball says:** Most likely.

6. Courtney Love will get in on the action and beat them both up. Afterwards, she will offer them narcotics and booze.  
**Magic 8-ball says:** Very doubtful.

7. Tiffany and Debbie Gibson will resurface and engage in a middle-aged feud of their own.  
**Magic 8-ball says:** Outlook not so good.

8. Little girls everywhere will think it's cool to bad-mouth each other, resulting in name-calling across the globe. Wait...  
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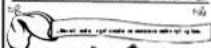
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# ECHOfest brings speakers, music, awareness

By April McLaren  
STAFF WRITER

It's all about tunes, speeches and Recognized Student Organization information Saturday at the first-annual Everyone Can Help Out fest (ECHOfest) sponsored by the Fair Trade Coalition.

Justin Cummings, junior biology and Spanish major and co-chair of the Fair Trade Coalition, said the coalition wants to get out information about RSOs on campus by having a table displaying their organizations.

"We're trying to bring Eastern students together," he said.

Sarah LaFleur, senior psychology major and member of the Fair Trade Coalition, said there will be approximately 20 tables set up with information "to get the word out about whatever issues they deal with or whatever they are involved in."

"Basically, whatever they want," she said.

While students are strolling from table to table checking out information about Eastern RSOs, their cars will be filled with live background music.

English graduate student Brianna Bolin will be featured with the rest of the band Rumblehacks Orchestra.

Bolin plays the accordion for the band. Other instruments include a washub bass, garbage cans and a guitar.

"We're pretty much just a slap-dash combination of different instruments," she said. Bolin, who has been playing the accordion since she was 2 years old, has always loved the keyboard and piano. Even though she said she prefers to play the piano, she explained it is a little difficult to travel with. The accordion, on the other hand, is a "portable piano," she said.

The two-man band, Labeled, featuring brothers Dan



Band head Hot Iron Skillet is set to play ECHOfest Saturday. A variety of music from hip-hop to rock will be featured at the festival alongside speakers and RSO information. PHOTO COURTESY OF HOTIRONSKILLET.COM

Wychocki, senior business management major, and Jon Wychocki, sophomore sound engineering major, will also be playing at ECHOfest.

While Dan said they can play a variety of cover songs including Pink Floyd and Tool material, their shows primarily consist of original alternative tunes. Dan recalled his favorite musical moment during a show they played at home.

He said the "most awesomest" moment was when he could "look out at the crowd and see them bobbing their heads to the beat and smiling," as well as singing his original lyrics along with him.

Jungle Creed, Hot Iron Skillet and LOKI will also be playing in addition to The

Rumblehacks Orchestra and Labeled.

Cummings said the Fair Trade Coalition wanted to bring out as many people as possible by having a "broad range of music."

In between the music, there will be five speakers addressing recycling, sustainable farming, government spending, fair trade and the Illinois Student Environmental Network.

"We want to raise awareness about different issues around the world," Cummings said.

For example, he said a lot of people are not aware of what happens to their money after taxes and what the government is doing with it. LaFleur said the idea of the event came from the former RSO Earth

Club. She said she used to be a member of Earth Club, and they had a similar event featuring RSOs and live music.

Since the Earth Club is no longer in existence, LaFleur said the Fair Trade Coalition "played off" Earth Club's idea to have this event. Fortunately, she said, the Earth Club left the Fair Trade Coalition some of their funds, which have helped pay for this event.

Cummings said he hopes people will attend, have fun and possibly walk away with a better understanding of certain issues.

Since the event is outside, LaFleur said she hopes for good weather for all to enjoy.

The ECHOfest will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Library Quad.

"Changing the world, one cup at a time": History of Fair Trade Coalition  
Staff report

EIU Fair Trade Coalition, founded in 2002, first aimed to have only fair trade coffee sold on campus. After learning that the university was switching to liquid coffee machines, Fair Trade Coalition modified their goal to making the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union a fair trade coffee zone.

According to transfairusa.org, "Fair Trade is an innovative, market-based approach to sustainable development. Fair Trade helps family farmers in developing countries gain direct access to international markets, as well as to develop the business capacity necessary to compete in the global marketplace."

EIU Fair Trade Coalition wanted to bring these ideas and practices to a local level.

"Our larger goal is to raise awareness on unjust economic systems and the idea of conscious consumerism, using coffee as our focus," the coalition web site said. "We believe that, as consumers, we need to be aware of where our products come from."

Throughout 2002 and 2003, the Fair Trade Coalition handed out coffee while circulating petitions and meeting sporadically with Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services. In spring 2003, the coalition presented a resolution to Student Senate stating that fair trade coffee be the only coffee brewed in the Union. The resolution passed unanimously.

Throughout Fair Trade Coalition's lifetime, the group has offered information to the political environment of the university. In February 2003, they held a symposium titled "Towards a Globalization of Solidarity." The symposium was concentrated on economic and international issues, and featured speakers from the fields of economic policy research, politics and companies that practice fair business methods, to name a few. The group also gave each academic department a pound of fair trade coffee to try.

Since fall 2003, Java B&B, EIU catering and the food court on campus serve only fair trade coffee, meaning 90% of the coffee on campus is fairly traded. County Market in both Charleston and Mattoon now sell Cafe Fair, a fair trade coffee.

The group plans to investigate the Eastern's clothing buying practices and ensure that the Union bookstore sells only union-made, sweatshop-free clothing.

Fair Trade Coalition meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Newman Catholic Center. The group can be contacted at [ciuairtradecoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:ciuairtradecoalition@yahoo.com).

—History from [www.eiu-newman.net/fairtrade](http://www.eiu-newman.net/fairtrade).

## Hardly Portland to play Jackson Avenue Friday

By Shannon Davis  
STAFF WRITER

Mattoon-based Hardly Portland will bring their musical stylings to Jackson Avenue Coffee at 8 p.m. Friday for a free show.

"We are funkified acoustic music," said Myles Womack, half of the band.

"We sound like a cross between Matchbox 20 and The Temptations," said Joe Black, the other half of Hardly Portland. "We create our sound out of pieces of different genres we listen to."

To generate song ideas, the group will take a basic feeling, such as "I feel tired," then look

around for someone who feels tired. When they see someone who looks tired they will write a song about what they believe the person is thinking and feeling.

"It's (the lyrics) about normal life stuff," Black said. "It's about being happy with your life. It's about failed relationships and relationships that are going well."

"Basically, it's the classical rock n roll themes," said Womack.

The show at Jackson Avenue Coffee will be audience interactive.

"A lot of the times you go to a show and you see the person up there with their guitar and they play a song, then another song,

their both kind of mid-tempo heart breaking songs. But that's not us," said Womack. "We're a lot of fun."

"There's dancing. I rap. I freestyle. Generally, I'll take a 15-minute free style over the back of (N'Sync's) 'Bye, Bye, Bye' and just talk about every person in the room," said Black. "I just say something funny about them and make them feel a part of the show."

The group will also perform the song 'Bye, Bye, Bye' at Jackson Avenue Coffee.

"We chose to sing it just because it's different," said Black.

"You don't see two guys on

acoustic guitars cover 'Bye, Bye, Bye' very often," Womack said.

During the group's performance, they will write a song about you in any genre for \$10.

"We've wrote some country songs" said Black. "We wrote a song in Led Zeppelin style, and I did an Eminem style rap."

The group also hands out door prizes during the show.

"We do not just get up there and play songs," Black said. "Our show is an experience."

Hardly Portland has played in the Mattoon-Charleston area during the last two months, but is looking to branch out to Champaign, Decatur, Bloomington and

Springfield within the next month or so, said Black.

"This summer we're going to try and play every where," he said. "We are going to try and put 50, 60, 70 gigs under our belt from now until October. Then in October we will start lining up gigs for a full-out campus tour."

The campus tour is expected to cover the entire Midwest.

Hardly Portland looks forward to the future.

"This is something we are looking at doing for the next five, six, 10 years if it goes well," Black said.

"We're just going to run with it," said Womack. "If it works awesome. If it don't, well we tried."

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# Doing the rock world one better

*New Orleans transplants Supagroup bring AC/DC-inspired, unadulterated rock to Friends & Co. Saturday alongside Christpuncher*

By Ben Erwin  
STAFF WRITER

With a righteously ostentatious moniker coupled with song titles like "Rock And Roll Star" and "Back By Popular Demand," Supagroup firmly straddles the line between tongue-in-cheek humor and outright audacity.

Fortunately for the quartet, its members have the musical chops and rock 'n' roll swagger to back up lines like "Whatever you do we're gonna do ya one better" and threats of giving audiences a musical ass-kicking.

Supagroup, comprised of Chris Lee along with brother Benji on lead guitar, Leif Swift on bass and Michael Brueggem on drums, deftly combines the type of crunchy riffs, irreverent humor and fun rarely seen in rock today, and is best described as "AC/DC meets Devo" by vocalist Chris Lee. The group is headlining a show at 10 p.m. Saturday at Friends & Co. with the iconoclastically named Christpuncher.

After releasing "Planet Rock" in 1996 and the live disc "We Came to Rock You" in the spring of 2001, Supagroup has spent much of the past year and-a-half promoting its self-titled Foodchain Records release by crisscrossing the country and slowly winning converts.

The band's name may initially garner headlines for its utter frankness, but Chris Lee chalked up the title to the band's penchant for levity.

"It's just to amuse us," he said of



New Orleans' Supagroup will return to Friends & Co. Saturday night after months of touring behind the group's critically acclaimed, self-titled Foodchain Records release. Supagroup performed in Charleston last fall.

the name Supagroup while riding toward Monday night's show in Des Moines, Iowa. "You'll find a lot of the stuff we do is just to amuse us, and we hope people get it."

This sense of humor, along with a consummate work ethic, has helped the once fledgling group go from partying and practicing in New Orleans to touring the country and garnering press in some of the country's biggest rock magazines.

Formed by the Alaskan-born Lee brothers, Supagroup would eventually plant its roots in Louisiana, a stark contrast to the frigid cold of America's 49th state.

"We just didn't like where we

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- ◆ Bands: Supagroup and Christpuncher
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grew up and were drawn to the party vibe in New Orleans," Lee said of the band's migration. It was in New Orleans that the group began crafting its sound despite

trends of grunge and nu metal saturating radio airwaves during the band's infancy. Rather than follow trends, the band eschewed the flavors of the moment in favor of its straightforward rock, even if doing so incurred possible difficulties procuring a record contract.

"It's just that 'too dumb to quit' thing," Lee said of the band's devotion to their archetypal meat and potatoes rock. "You can name on one hand the number of bands who do what we do and have lasted during that time period."

With this staunch devotion to rock, the band continued recording and touring with the likes of

Queens of the Stone Age, Supersuckers, Fu Manchu and Drive-By Truckers among a horde of others. It is also on the road, Lee said, that the band has the most fun.

"We're used to sleeping on floors, playing the little shitholes in every town, and it's still fun to see a crowd get excited," he said. "We try to have as much fun as possible wherever we're playing."

The winding road trips and beer-soaked nights offer the members of Supagroup an alternative to day jobs, but Lee said so much time together can result in arguments and irritation, especially with Chris' younger brother Benji. Even though the Lee's sibling squabbles haven't reached the heights of the loutish Gallaghers of Oasis, Chris and Rich Robinson of the Black Crowes or The Kinks' Davies brothers, Lee said being in a band with family presents its own positive and drawbacks.

"It's a lot easier to keep the band together and to keep focused," Lee said, "but it's also a lot easier to push (Benji's) buttons if I want to... which is good sometimes."

And with the likes of Rolling Stone hailing Supagroup's latest as "shaking, stirring cocktail with a real rocket-queen kick," and New York's *Mass Appeal* calling the band "the aural equivalent of losing your virginity at an AC/DC concert in heaven..." on really, really good dope," it seems the long road trips and nights in venues of all sizes see no signs of stopping.

Although the band previously played Friends & Co. in the fall, Lee said he was looking forward to returning.

"Sometimes you just gotta drink a little Jagermeister and get ass-out onstage," he said. "Whenever we go we're gonna have fun and give a good show."

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# Zeke headlines special Monday show



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Zeke bassist Jeff "The Kid" Matz bends in his best rock stance at a recent show. Zeke is taking a break from opening for metal heavyweights Superjoint Ritual to play Friends & Co. Monday April 19.

*In between shows with Superjoint Ritual, northwestern rockers Zeke will headline a three-band lineup Monday night.*

By Ben Erwin  
STAFF WRITER

Its members may hail from Seattle, but Zeke is far from tepid grunge leftovers and introspective crybabies. Since the band's inception in 1993, Zeke has produced some of the loudest, most aggressive tunes to ever come from its much-hyped home state, and the band is back with a reformed lineup and a new album on Relapse, "Till the Livin' End."

The band now made up of Blind Marky Felchone on guitar and vocals, Danny Paycheck on drums and Jeff "The Kid" Matz on bass has come full circle on Relapse with a new lineup, a new record and a sound firmly rooted in rock.

Although Zeke has been touring the country with Superjoint Ritual since March, the band will be making a special appearance at Friends & Co. on April 19 with LoFreq and Charleston's own Dipshit.

Forming in 1993 in Seattle, Zeke played its first show at Rock City and quickly began building a name for itself on the strength of frenetic live performances and ear-drum-shattering volume. After a series of smaller releases, the group was picked up by perennial indie heavyweight Epitaph records in 1998. With the increased distribu-

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tion of Epitaph, the band's music could finally spread out of the Northwest and into the rest of the world.

Despite the success of Epitaph releases like the seminal metal-punk amalgam "Kicked in the Teeth" and the ribald "Dirty Sanchez," the band separated in London in 2002.

"We were just sick and tired, and a lot of our little issues just came to a head," Paycheck said of the band's abrupt separation.

The devotion of the group's fans, however, would bring the band back to life. The best of fans clamoring for more material prompted the release of "Live and Uncensored," a raucous live recording called by Paycheck nearly a year after the band deteriorated.

"I wanted to get this stuff out on my own and was buggy by so many fans that I had to do it," Paycheck said of "Uncensored." "I figured if they wanna hear it, they deserved the best stuff we had."

With the success of "Live and Uncensored," the group was asked to reform for a single show and Paycheck said he couldn't resist one more go around with his former band mates. The band had such a good time, he said, Zeke had

to return.

The band was subsequently signed to Relapse Records, home of fellow high volume rockers Mastodon, High on Fire and Alabama Thunderpussy, in October 2003. With "Till the Livin' End," Paycheck said Zeke has returned to the "roots of rock." And while releases like "Death Alley" and others saw Zeke take a more metallic bent, Paycheck insisted the change was simply a progression from what the band was listening to back then and the music its members feel like making today.

"All the albums change with what we're into," he said. "For the last record, we were listening to a lot of Immortal and Turbonegro and other metal. And after a while you just get tired and ask 'what's next?' What was next, apparently, was one of Zeke's strongest and balliest records to date.

The group even landed a gig touring with Superjoint Ritual, the band formed by former Pantera vocalist Phil Anselmo and featuring an all-star lineup of underground metal behemoths.

In between shows with Superjoint, the band was asked to headline at Friends, to which Paycheck and company promptly agreed. And although the band may have grown accustomed to playing larger venues, Paycheck said any show, no matter the venue's size or location, was just another opportunity to bring rock to fans.

"We've played everything from stadiums to clubs with 20 people, and when we were invited to play (Friends) we couldn't pass it up."

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# Next Lunchbox Voodoo show at 7th Street Underground

By Laura Gekas  
STAFF WRITER

"People need to take a step out of the everyday normality," said Taylor Dall, Lunchbox Voodoo president and senior sociology major.

Recognized Student Organization Lunchbox Voodoo will perform at 9 p.m. Fri., April 16 in the 7th Street Underground.

The sketch-comedy group was founded by recent Eastern graduate Drew Reaves in the fall of 2002.

After Reaves thought of the idea of a sketch-comedy group and senior English major Erin Karson assisted him in producing the RSO.

"Drew came up with our name, Lunchbox Voodoo, while he was doodling in class. The drawing was of a voodoo doll holding a lunchbox," Dall said.

Currently, there are 17 members, and they typically practice their comedy routines three times a week.

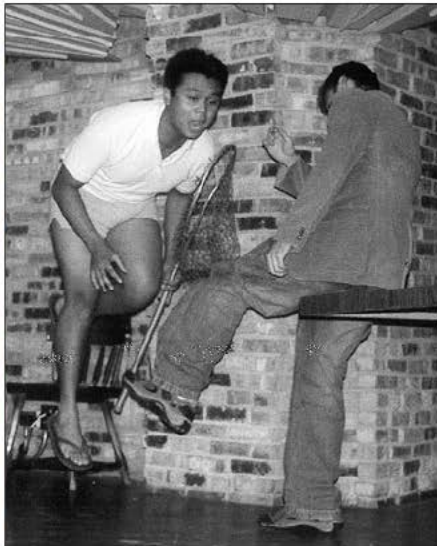
"We get most of our ideas from television. I personally get a lot of my idea from watching the 'Family Guy,'" Dall said. "Also, a good deal of our skits emerge from the weird conversations we have with one another."

He said the group has performed shows at several of the residence halls. They also do show promotions by running around campus dressed in silly costumes and handing out fliers.

"The overall attitude on this campus seems to be uptight. When we do our promotions, a lot of the time, students will do everything they can to ignore us," said Dall.

"We just want people to come out and have a good time," he said.

Lunchbox Voodoo shows are very similar to the NBC show Saturday



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Night Live; they even have a guest musician performing between skits.

"Comedic talent is our number one goal, but it's more than just about getting people to laugh," said Dall.

At the beginning of each semester, Lunchbox Voodoo holds auditions to select their next comedy team. Along with Dall, the remaining cur-

rent members help with the selection process.

They have performed at 7th Street Underground several times before and are excited, as always, to perform on Saturday.

"Students should come out, relax and embrace something out of the ordinary," said Dall.

# Long Island comic visits Charleston

By Erin Pittman  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern students will be in for a humorous awakening when comedienne Alex House performs a free show this Saturday at the 7th Street Underground.

Alex House isn't your typical comedienne.

"I don't have a therapist. I only wear black to funerals and have a positive outlook on life," she said. "Maybe I should see a shrink!"

Born and raised in Long Island, home to comedy acts Jerry Seinfeld and Rosie O'Donnell, House was always making people laugh. Her 7th grade Halloween dance was no exception. She nearly got kicked out for coming dressed as Eddie Murphy's Saturday Night Live character "Buckwheat," according to House's official website.

"It never crossed my mind that I was being politically incorrect. They didn't even have that term at that time! I was just a seventh grader who wanted to be Eddie Murphy. It was my way of paying tribute to a man who made me laugh until I peed," House said.

And apparently she has the same effect on others. House performed to a packed house at Knox College late last month and received rave reviews.

"She's really funny. Her comedy, everyone can relate to it. She talks a lot about herself, so it isn't demeaning to any students," said John Henderson, a public relations coordinator at Knox College.

After high school, House attended Kutztown University and worked toward a degree in art education so she could "finger paint and color instead of writing thesis papers," according to her online biography.

It wasn't until House was attending college that she found her calling as a stand-up comedian. She was dared to participate in a stand-up competition at a college coffee house and has been performing ever since.

House's career is taking off these days. She's a two-time winner of Bud Light's Ladies of Laughter Comedy Contest, a finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and a guest on ABC's "The View." House has also appeared in the movies "For the Love of the Game" and "Music of the Heart," according to her Web site.

When she isn't touring the country, House enjoys playing with her pet pug Amadeus, who inspired her to support pug rescue organizations. This group takes neglected pugs and places them into loving homes. House also is an avid breast cancer awareness supporter, according to her website.

Will Truitt, the EIU public relations coordinator, said this would be a performance not to miss.

"She's supposed to be really funny, and we don't normally get female comedians," he said

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# Graduation Countdown



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# For Jessica Simpson, 'Divas' show another coronation

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Even the folks at VH1 admit they didn't really consider Jessica Simpson diva material when they put together their annual "Divas" extravaganza last year.

At that point, she was regarded a little toward a teen audience. Rick Krim, a VH1 executive vice president, said delicately. More bluntly, Simpson was widely regarded as a C-list Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera with diminishing record sales and questionable pop power.

One year later, Simpson's once dull star has not only brightened — it has exploded, ever since she and hubby Nick Lachey turned their marriage over to MTV for the hugely successful series "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica."

Simpson's latest album, "In This Skin," a dud when it was first released last summer, is now platinum and still climbing. The couple's April 11 TV special, "The New York Variety Hour," was so successful that ABC ordered another for Christmas. Simpson's shoeing her own ABC sitcom pilot

about a not-so-bright blond celebrity named Jessica Simpson. And there's her line of lickable perfumes debuting this month.

"The best part about life right now is watching prayers being answered," Thelma Houston answered. "That's so amazing," Simpson, 23, told *The Associated Press* in an interview.

And she finally ranks as a diva — in VH1's eyes, anyway. She's one of the headliners at Las Vegas's live broadcast from Sunday's live broadcast from Las Vegas.

"I've always watched 'Divas,' and I know I could have with them. I knew I could do it. And I think more than anything, it's an honor to be finally respected for my voice," Simpson said.

Her considerable vocal talent is what first made her a teen pop starlet. Her 1999 major-label debut, "Sweet Kisses," sold almost 2 million copies (though 2001's follow-up, "Irresistible," wasn't a big seller).

But it's Simpson's personality — a delightful mix of ditziness, petulance, wholesome Southern charm and sex appeal — that's now getting her on magazine covers.

"She had a moderately successful recording career, but as a personality, I don't think people got to see that other side of her, that captivating side," said Krim.

That "other side" happened to be her ditzy side. She's been widely lampooned for her bubble-head antics on the "Newlyweds" (like eschewing Buffalo wings because "I don't eat buffalo"). But she's not only accepted her doofus status, she's reveled in it.

"I think that's what makes it funny, and that's what makes it endearing, is that I'm accepting of the fact that I know I don't think before I talk, and I have my ditzy moments. It's just who I am," Simpson said.

For those who ask, "How can she be that dumb?" the answer is, she's not. She's just acting her hair color. "I've played it in junior high, I've since I'd up," the Texas native said. "I don't know whether it's being from the South and having blonde hair and having this image growing up as a blonde, but it was just something that I always adapted to, and made part of my life, and

made part of my personality."

Now it's part of her shtick, too. In her new pilot, she plays an air-headed celebrity who's tapped by a news magazine to join their show in part to boost ratings: "It's kind of like playing myself exaggerated, so it's really very much about acting," she said.

Lachey, the former lead singer for the teen pop group 98 Degrees, is developing his own sitcom as well. But his solo debut, also released last year, has not fared as well as his first, nor does he garner as much attention. It's led to tabloid speculation that her bright spotlight is causing marital tensions.

Simpson, who is quick to rave about her husband during a conversation ("Nick has a great sense of humor," she gushes), is also quick to shoot down rumors of jealousy.

"I think in general, focus is always more on women because there's always a story in an outfit or in a purse," she said. "From 'Newlyweds,' people have seen what an amazing man of character

Nick is, and I think most of the viewers would want to be married to him if I wasn't."

Of course, if she wasn't married to Lachey, she might not have such amazing success — she even jokes it was the best move of her career. But she's not sure how long her marriage will be the focal point.

"It's hard to have cameras around nonstop all the time, but it has given us the opportunity to further our careers, and to take on stuff that we've always wanted to take on," she said.

Only a few years ago, Simpson was writing in her journal, wondering why she hadn't achieved the multiplatinum successes that peers like Spears and Aguilera had.

"I was young and I was comparing myself to them as well," she said. "And now I don't even have to because people see me so completely different, which is awesome."

"I can just be myself, and maybe somewhere down the line, a new up-and-coming girl will be compared to me."

# 'Passion' box office rises after Easter

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The box office "Passion" has returned, brightening an Easter weekend that saw an opening for "The Alamo" that Disney would like to forget.

Newmarket's seventh session of religious blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ" easily topped the competition with an estimated \$17.1 million at 3,240 playdates, marking its fourth No. 1 finish. The 47-day domestic comic for Mel Gibson's controversial epic reached \$354.9 million, placing it eighth best at the B.O. all-time.

Newmarket proxy Bob Berney said the 61% jump from the sixth frame appeared to stem mostly from first-time viewers with repeat customers coming from Latino markets and church groups.

"A lot of individuals who had not yet seen the film wanted to go as a part of their Easter weekend," he added.

Berney said "Passion" could reach \$400 million domestically by the end of its run, which would place it sixth all time ahead of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (\$375.2 million) and "Jurassic King" (\$357.1 million) and just behind "Spider-Man" (\$403.7 million).

"Passion" had opened with three weekends in first, followed by finishes in second, third and fifth. It was the first time since "Jerry Maguire" performed the feat in

1997 that a film has returned to first after a three-week absence. "Passion" also posted the second-best seventh weekend ever, topped only by "Titanic" with \$25.9 million.

Last weekend's winner, Sony/Revolution's "Hellboy," finished a distant second in its sixth week with \$11.1 million at 3,043 playdates, representing a 52% decline.

Disney's historical drama "The Alamo" debuted disappointingly with \$9.2 million in a third-place tie with Fox Searchlight's comedy "Johnson Family Vacation."

Pre-weekend expectations for "The Alamo" had been moderate with rival execs forecasting an opening in the ten millions. Mouse House distribution chief Chuck Viann said he was at a loss to explain the lack of marketplace traction for "The Alamo," believed to have cost north of \$100 million.

"I'm disappointed for the filmmakers, who worked their tails off," Viann said. "Sadly, we are first among the five films, but not at a number that's satisfying."

Viann allowed that the marketplace, which has seen nine wide releases open in the past two weekends—may have become overcrowded but refused to second-guess the selection of the Easter frame to debut "The Alamo." The picture, directed by John Lee Hancock, was originally scheduled

to open on Christmas but was pushed back when the helmer asked for more time.

For Disney, which racked up a stellar 2003, "The Alamo" represents a third consecutive underperformance by a major pic following "Home on the Range," which has earned \$7.5 million in its first 10 days, and "The Ladykillers" with \$30.4 million in 17 days. Disney's other key 2004 entries — "Miracle" and "Hidalgo" — have topped \$60 million each while "Confessions of a Teenage Dream Queen" took in \$28 million.

Other than "The Passion," "Johnson Family Vacation" provided an upbeat development with the \$12 million film posting the best per-engagement average among the top 10 and copying six of the top 10-industry screens.

"We're very pleased that we were able to draw from both men and women of all ages for a real spring break kind of film," said Fox Searchlight distrib prep Steve Gilula.

A trio of holdover pic battled for the fifth spot with MGM's sophomore outing of "Walking Tall" at \$8.3 million, followed by Disney's second frame of "Home on the Range" with \$8.2 million and Warner Bros. third sesh of "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" at \$8 million. Three other newcomers took the

final top 10 slots with Warner's release of Franchises' seceded comedy "The Whole Ten Yards" at \$6.7 million, followed by Miramax's family fantasy "Ella Enchanted" with \$6.1 million and Fox's release of Regency's teen sex comedy "The Girl Next Door" with \$6 million. Paramount's second weekend of "The Prince and Me" came in 11th with \$5.5 million at 2,711 playdates.

The take for "Ten Yards" was less than half of the \$13.7 million debut in 2000 for "The Whole Nine Yards," which earned \$87 million.

Miramax reported encouraging exit polling for "Ella," with 95% of young girls saying they wanted to see the film again. Pic drew an 85% female audience.

Focus' fourth frame of "Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind" grossed a moderate \$2.4 million at 734 playdates, 386 fewer sites than its previous weekend, to lift cum to \$25.8 million.

Thanks largely to "Passion," overall business remained on an upward trend with an estimated \$115 million for the frame, according to Dan Marks, exec VP at B.O. tracker Nielsen EDI. Year-to-date biz has hit \$2.217 billion, up 9% over the same point in 2003.

The weekend total was up 17% over the same frame a year ago and up 7% over last year's Easter weekend and represented the second-

best Easter weekend ever, trailing only the 2002 session. "Business was fairly good, particularly since Easter is typically not one of the larger weekends," Marks noted.

In the specialty market, Miramax scored solidly with Italian drama "I'm Not Scared" taking in \$62,000 at a quartet of venues in Los Angeles and New York. Sony Classics added 13 playdates for "Good Bye, Lenin!" and grossed \$285,173 at 83 screens for a \$1.9 million cum.

Distrib's soph sesh of drama "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... and Spring" took in \$5,833 at seven playdates, pushing its total to \$116,758. It added 14 locations to "Monsieur Ibrahim" for a total of 90 and grossed \$200,433 to lift the cum to \$1.7 million and expanded "Bon Voyage" by 19 to 26 in taking in \$116,822 for a total of \$134,834.

Lions Gate's third sesh of Nicole Kidman starrer "Dogville" added 41 theaters for a total of 55 and grossed \$200,000 to push its cum to \$487,000.

A trio of wide opens will hit the already crowded marketplace next weekend: Miramax's "Kill Bill Vol. 2," Lions Gate's "The Punisher," based on the Marvel comic book, and U's showbiz comedy "Connie and Carla." "Kill Bill Vol. 1" grossed nearly 70 million following its October release.

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# 'Ninja Gaiden' does genre proud

By David Thill  
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The finest thing ever to grace the good game console of a geek is the ninja genre. It is one that allows skrawny-necked dorks to sneak around in the shadows, taking out their ill-aimed frustrations on legions of virtual enemies. It is a hard genre to go wrong in, but it is equally as hard to truly succeed in. But where other ninja games fall short, "Ninja Gaiden" excels.

"Gaiden," originally released on the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES), follows Ryu Hayabusa, a young ninja charged with the task of protecting the "Dragon Sword," an ancient weapon handed down throughout the generations to protect the masses from the "Dark Dragon," an equally ancient but evil relic that contains the power to convert its possessor into the devil incarnate.

As Hayabusa, you embody a ninja in the modern world. When Hayabusa's village is burnt to the ground by the Vigor Empire, an evil group hundreds

"Ninja Gaiden"  
Tecmo  
GRADE: B

of years old, you are forced to track them down in search of vengeance and ultimately take the truth behind a conspiracy to reveal the true powers of the "Dark Dragon."

As if the old 'ninja fighting for honor and revenge' angle isn't enough, the game's diversity and increasing level of difficulty throughout will draw you in.

"Gaiden's" largest strength lies in the literally hundreds of moves and combinations one can string together, constantly uncovering and learning new moves.

The range in weapon use is remarkable. As if a katana wasn't enough, nunchaku, war hammers, and bows and arrows give you varied options in ways of killing.

The game flows fluidly and freely with no hang-ups with load times or

glitches. The graphics are beautiful and give this old-school classic a much-needed face lift.

As most ninja games go, "Gaiden" is very difficult, but not so much that you will want to quit. At most, in fact, you will put down the controller for about five minutes before giving up and diving right back in.

The only downfall in the game stems from the camera angles, which become obtrusive and annoying. Far too often are you forced to try to run up a wall and grasp a ledge that you can not even see, thanks to that ever so helpful (include sarcasm here) camera.

The only control problems come when you are trying to stop when running and end up looking like an unskilled ice-skater, sliding haphazardly into possible battle.

Overall, "Gaiden," is a testament to the ninja genre. There are a few problems with the game, but the strength of the plot, the fighting system and the graphics in the game are gorgeous, and outweigh any mistakes the game



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# 'Freaks and Geeks' born again on lush DVD boxed set

By Ben Erwin  
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In 1999 the NBC sit-com/drama "Freaks and Geeks" earned massive critical acclaim, a small but loyal fanbase and was hailed by most critics as smart, funny television. NBC, realizing it had a show existing somewhere outside of the tepid ilk of "Friends," promptly canceled the show after only 18 episodes.

With the release of an extras-packed six DVD boxed set, however, Paul Feig's quirky and endearing show will hopefully cause fans of the short-lived program and wrangle in converts who never saw the show while it was actually on the air.

"Freaks and Geeks" follows the West siblings, Lindsay and Sam, as they navigate through a Michigan high school, circa 1980. Although this simple premise has been done almost literally to death, the thing separating "Freaks and Geeks" from the cadre of shows like it was its brutally honest and realistic—or as realistic as an NBC sitcom is going to get—subject matter.

"Freaks and Geeks: The Complete Series"  
Paul Feig, creator  
GRADE: A-

While the show itself is wry and sometimes hilariously funny, the DVD extras are what will ingratiate the package to diehard fans and make the disks worth owning for even casual watchers of the show. Packed with deleted scenes, 29 audio commentaries and a small booklet by Paul Feig, this six-disc set offers almost everything you fan might want.

Even though the set may only sell a few thousand copies, it's apparent all those involved packed as much material as possible into the set. In an age when it seems nearly any television show can come out on DVD, it's nice to see actual work put into the boxed sets being released rather than simply putting a few episodes on a few discs and hoping someone will bother to buy it.

The commentaries are humorous and insightful, while the deleted scenes are often funny if not

unnecessary to the episodes. Even the behind the scenes footage, although at times just self-congratulatory and a bit boring, is largely entertaining and worth seeing. It seems the highest compliment DVDs can receive now is that the actual content is good (otherwise, why buy it at all?), and that the extras themselves serve a purpose and are worth watching.

"Freaks and Geeks," fortunately, realizes the only real point to owning a television program, which could simply be taped or downloaded, is for material other than just the show itself. Programs like "Family Guy," "Chappelle's Show" and the "Buffy" series all failed to pack their respective DVD sets with enough extras to really make the boxed sets a good deal both economically and in terms of the amount of entertainment offered, and it ultimately hurt the DVDs.

The price tag is more than a little steep, \$50 for six DVDs, but for fans of the show the set contains the entire series, a horde of extras and enough entertainment to warrant multiple viewings.

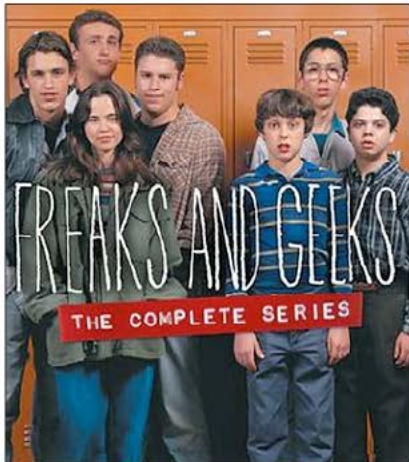


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## GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

# From the college world to the real world

With less than a month left before graduation, nearly a quarter of campus, including myself, is set to bridge the great divide from the college world to the much-reviled "real world."

Unfortunately, this transition can be rough, if not damn near impossible, for a lot of graduates. While the lure of a job, money, a house and a family is tempting to some, it's far more frightening for those who may not have their dream job lined up or their next five years planned to the letter.

And while millions of dollars have been made trying to ease college graduates into their new stations in life, a mere five tips can have any future graduate thriving, if not only barely surviving, outside of the familiar college setting.

### ◆ Maintaining a college attitude

For those lucky enough to leave college with gainful employment lined up, one sure way to ease into the real world is to hold on to a "college attitude" for dear life. Most students survive on limited funds, so there's no reason that same lifestyle can't be maintained in the real world.

Used to living off canned food, microwaved dinners, generic everything and whatever beer might be on sale? Why not keep this mentality even when your income has doubled? If a diet of Ramen and 30-packs of Busch Lite were good enough for four years, there's no reason to upgrade to Guinness and steak just



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because employment can facilitate a little extravagance.

### ◆ Voluntary simplicity

For the thousands of graduates around the country leaving college without employment, poverty, or something embarrassingly close to it, is an inescapable reality. But who was it that said having no money and very few creature comforts was a bad thing?

Poverty is only poverty if you choose to see it as such. As someone who has never had more than \$10 in his wallet, I recommend a stance of "voluntary simplicity." That way, you're not poor, you're choosing to live within your means. You can also simply adopt the philosophy that the Buddhists were right and want is the source of all life's pains. If someone is bold enough to ask why your bed is a mattress on the floor or why you don't own a car, simply say you're choosing to live outside of America's consumer-driven society, and you're "happier" that way. They're sure to buy it.

### ◆ The anti-Atkins diet

For the poor, lazy or simply apathetic amongst us all, carbohydrate offers cheap, filling meals. While most of the

world is avoiding carbs at all costs, any graduate trying to make it on his or her respective own can easily live on a few dollars a day subsisting on things like pasta, rice, potatoes and the occasional vegetable. All of these ingredients are cheap, easy to prepare and will keep for weeks; i.e. they're perfect if you do all of your cooking for a week on Sunday or are too busy to prep, laborate, and well balanced (some say "healthy") meals.

### ◆ The "efficient" apartment

Once you have an economic philosophy and a dietary plan, the next stumbling block is finding a place to rest your head. This means you may have to reside in what is known as a studio apartment or "efficiency." What this means is that you can stand in the middle of your apartment and touch your living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom all at once.

Like the average dorm room, these things are incredibly similar to prison cells, and are not only dirt cheap but may remind graduates of their college heyday as well. And while they're not bad places to live, good luck having friends over.

### ◆ Never move back home

I cannot stress this enough. Even if it means adopting all of these principles and living in a crappy, basement studio apartment, never move back in with your parents. Chances are, you've lived with them for the better part of 20-some-odd years, so why bother going back?

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