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APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Thousands cut from Student Gov, UB

By NICOLE WESERNA
STAFF REPORTER

The University Board was asked to cut \$14,000 from its previous \$258,325 request to the Apportionment Board Thursday night.

The same evening, the Student Government cut 14.5 percent, or \$7,000, from their budget.

The total AB funding request was \$244,325.

To make ends meet, the UB made cuts in their general costs, AMP Magazine, Comedy, Cultural Arts, Homecoming, Lectures and Quakin' in the Quad. One of the bigger events affected in the cost-cutting for UB was Spring Fling.

Not everyone on the AB agreed that the Spring Fling should be cut from the budget, but members of the UB said it was easier to cut a big program than to cut a lot of little programs.

"There is no money to give to (Spring Fling)," said AB member Mark Bates.

The UB not only cut the Spring Fling, but they had to cut giveaways, like books, at guest lectures. AB members argued that the Spring Fling is one of the most cost-effective programs the UB puts on.

The Student Government budget was voted on and approved unanimously and the UB budget was approved 6-1 with two abstentions.

Several Student Senate members stood up and gave a Powerpoint presentation to the AB about their trip to Texas where they met delegates from other universities and discussed issues other student governments had.

The senate members attended workshops to improve school spirit and campus unity. Their presentation pushed for freshmen to learn the fight song because more people might go to the sports events, thus improving school spirit.

The board meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays when there is business on the table.

Caught up in the storm

Government groups prep for the next disaster

HOLLY MOHR
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Tornadoes ripped through Springfield two weeks ago, doing an estimated \$100 million in damage.

Natural disasters and terrorist attacks can happen at any time, to any person, anywhere. Because of this reality, Eastern and the city of Charleston are preparing responses and training their crisis teams.

Charleston Police Chief Paul Welch said that after the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001 most communities started looking much closer to disaster plans and updating them.

Eastern has had plans of action for either occurrence for quite a long time.

University Police Chief Adam Due said the areas of business, student and academic affairs have plans for such events, and are trying to combine the three plans into one.

"We need to combine the plans so we can work together," Due said. "The University's plans have and will always be in the process of revision."

The three plans of action cover incidents such as terrorist attacks, natural disasters and man-made disasters, such as chemical spills.

In the case of one of these incidents, Eastern would call upon specific outside agencies such as the Charleston Police Department, Charleston Fire Department and the Red Cross, Due said.

He said EIU might also use the National Incident Management System if needed.



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Prizes drive students to wacky antics

By MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Students put their dignity and dinner on the line during Unity Week's "What Would You Do to Be Unified?" Fear Factor game night on Thursday.

Despite the small turnout in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom and a 30-minute late start, the games went on and students humiliated themselves for prizes.

The highlight of the night came when three students played "Doggie Style," a game requiring contestants to crawl on their hands and knees to a dog dish and use their mouths to dig through wet dog food to find a bone.

The winner was Sheldon Natlor, a freshman physical education major. He won a new DVD player.

"It was like eating throw up with



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Contestants jockey for chairs and position while playing musical chairs at the University Board's "What Would You Do To Be Unified?" event.

chunks of broccoli," Natlor said as he rinsed his mouth out with water.

He said he attended the event because he wanted to win the television and Wal-Mart gift cards.

"I guess it was worth it," he said

about the prize.

As for participating in an event similar to "Doggie Style" again, Natlor said he would pass.

Another exciting moment during the games was when students compet-

ed for the 23-inch color television.

Five participants devoured a hunk of Spam covered in mustard, pickles, chocolate and sardines.

While three contestants quit in the middle of the game, the remaining

two quickly ate through their gross entree.

Starr Campbell, a junior health

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER

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39	43	50	52	52
27	29	33	38	37
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WTF?

Romanian council faulted for strippers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUCHAREST, Romania — Municipal authorities in the southern Romanian town of Giurgiu have come under media criticism for spending public funds on two parties for female employees which featured male strippers.

The city spent a total of 42,000 lei (\$14,000) on the parties, which were held on March 1, a traditional holiday symbolizing the arrival of spring, and on March 8, for the International Woman's Day, national daily Gandul reported.

The paper, which published photos from the party, reported that the strippers were cheered and some of the women were photographed, joining in the routine.

The city council voted to approve the parties last month, saying in its decision that it wanted "to organize a show with professional artists" to celebrate spring and International Woman's Day.

Local officials, including Mayor

Lucian Iliescu who allegedly organized the show, could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

St. Paul City Office boots Easter Bunny

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Easter Bunny has been sent packing at St. Paul City Hall.

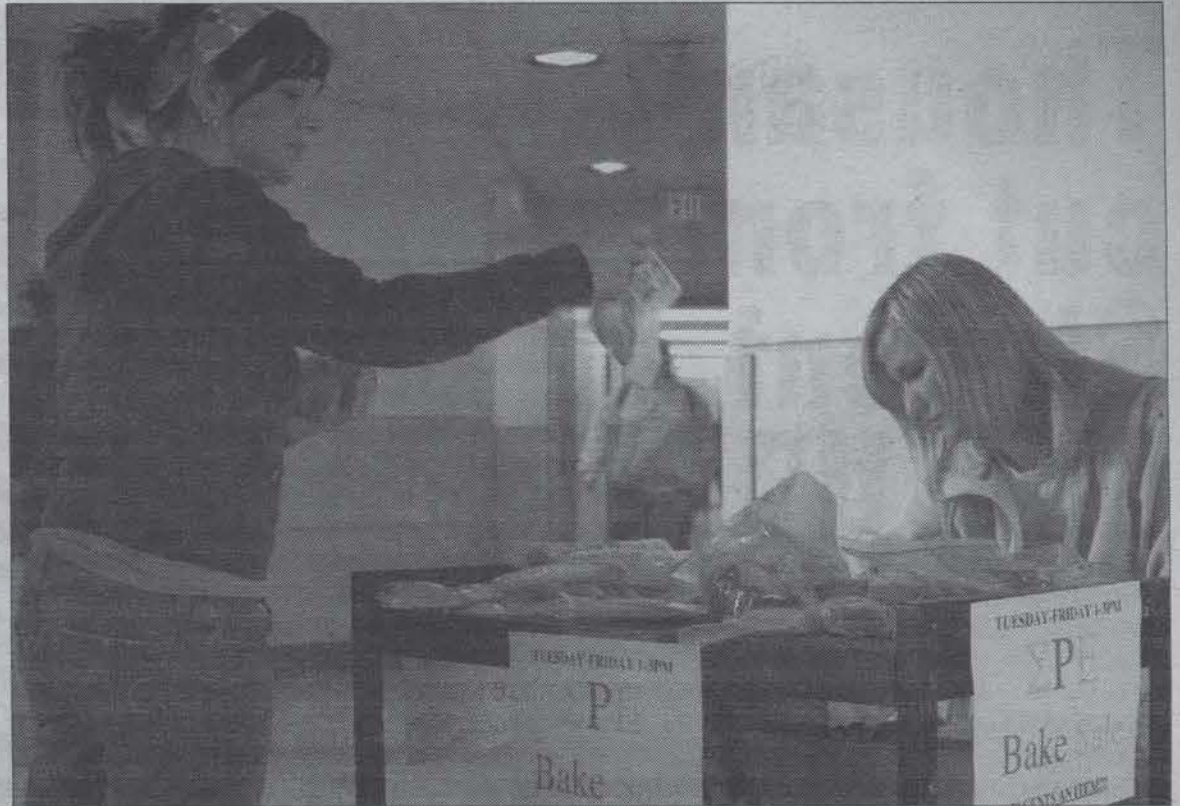
A toy rabbit, pastel-colored eggs and a sign with the words "Happy Easter" were removed from the lobby of the City Council offices, because of concerns they might offend non-Christians.

A council secretary had put up the decorations. They were not bought with city money.

St. Paul's human rights director, Tyrone Terrill, asked that the decorations be removed, saying they could be offensive to non-Christians.

But City Council member Dave Thune says removing the decorations went too far, and he wonders why they can't celebrate spring with "bunnies and fake grass."

GET YOUR COOKIES



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jess Dupuis, a senior special education major, buys some baked goods to raise money for Sigma Rho Epsilon, a special education honorary fraternity, from Erin Day, also a senior special education major, Thursday afternoon in the Buzzard Hall lobby.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

NIU fire forces hall evacuation

BY SHERELLE GREEN
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB — A mulch fire around Neptune Central forced Northern Illinois University students and faculty to evacuate the residence hall Wednesday afternoon, said Lt. Karl Froehlich of the DeKalb (Ill.) Fire Department.

Michael Stang, director of housing and residential life, said the smoke traveled from the outside of Neptune Central into the interior of the building.

"They dumped the interior part of the building and evacuated Neptune Central," Stang said. "They are trying to find the source from the outside."

Firefighters responded to the scene and the ordeal was cleared up within 20 minutes.

At the time, students in Neptune Central were unaware of the actual cause of the smoke.

Dan Vandenberg, a Neptune

West resident and sophomore psychology major, said he was in his room eating lunch when he heard the siren.

"At first people didn't know what to make of it and no one was really moving out of the building," Vandenberg said. "As soon as they told us to leave, everyone remained calm and stayed quiet."

Kaiya and Brittany Foster, both Neptune West residents and junior psychology majors, said they didn't even know anything was going on until their community adviser told them there was a fire in Neptune Central.

"The alarm didn't go off in West, so we didn't hear anything," Kaiya said. She said she would not have left her room if her CA had not told her to.

Students remained outside until they were told they could re-enter the building by using the doors of Neptune West and East only.

U. Iowa establishes artistic ethnic center

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A new University of Iowa office focused on the role of artistic traditions in ethnic populations will open this fall — the first center of its kind nationally, the director said.

American-studies head Lauren Rabinovitz developed the UI Center for Ethnic Studies and the Arts and will serve as its first director.

"The center will be primarily devoted to studying creative expression in different minority communities," she said Wednesday.

After researching ethnic-studies programs at other universities, Rabinovitz found programs focusing on specific cultural groups and a number of programs focusing on public policy or social welfare.

None, however, encompassed a broad swath of diverse groups through the lens of artistic expression.



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Historical museum hidden on Eastern's campus



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The Greenwood School Museum, located at the north end of Buzzard Hall, is still standing today and shows what school may have been like 100 years ago.

BY ASHLEY RUEFF
STAFF REPORTER

Tucked away beneath the hustle and bustle of the buzzing campus of Eastern is a historical treasure few know exists.

The Greenwood School Museum, a one-room schoolhouse that sits outside of Buzzard Hall, doesn't seem all that exciting unless one pauses and considers its history.

The schoolhouse was originally built in 1894 in eastern Coles County to replace the previously used schoolhouse. Classes were held in this building until it closed in 1948.

It was another 27 years before the Coles County Historical Society, in cooperation with Eastern, moved the schoolhouse to campus in 1975. It now sits at 800 Hays Ave. and is available for the public to enjoy.

Outside of the building, the atmosphere of an olden-day schoolhouse is muffled under the sound of cars on the street, the concrete sidewalk that would not have surrounded it 100 years ago, and a motion censor light that hangs above the door.

But, inside the schoolhouse history comes alive again. The smell

"We want to keep it as a living museum. To show people that this is what it was like 100 years ago"

BOB DOYLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COLES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

of old wood permeates the air walking into the entryway where a rope for the school bell hangs from the ceiling, and tiny hooks for tiny coats line the walls.

Rows of wooden desks shape the room complete with holes for inkwells and shelves for books. Portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln decorate the walls in between the tall windows where cobwebs cling to the pains of glass.

The lyrics to "Yankee Doodle" are written on the chalkboard right below the cursive alphabet.

A bookshelf at the back of the classroom holds rows of old, dusty books, one titled "A Teacher's Manual for Grades Fifth and Sixth" with a copyright date of 1926.

Some renovations have been made to the building to keep up with modern comfort, but the history remains fully intact.

Rob Doyle, president of the

Coles County Historical Society, said the building is underutilized, and many are unaware it is even on campus.

"We'd like to see it get used more," Doyle said. "We'd love to have more events there."

The Historical Society uses the building for annual Christmas and Presidents Day programs and events like spelling bees and dinner box auctions.

It is also available to be rented by the public or shown by appointment.

"We want to keep it as a living museum," Doyle said. "To show people that this is what it was like 100 years ago."

Many children passed through the building in the 54 years it was used and more have toured it since to see what life was like for their grandparents and great-grandparents.

As long as the building still stands, so will its history.

New RHA officers encourage more involvement

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association elected five of its six executive board members for the 2006-2007 school year.

The positions of president, vice president, NCC/ICC, secretary and programming, and diversity chair were filled, but due to a lack of voters the elections for treasurer will take place next Thursday.

Carrie Mueller, a sophomore English major, will serve as the RHA president.

She has served this year as Andrews Hall president.

She said through her current position she has learned leadership and organizational skills.

Some of Mueller's goals include holding an RHA informational at the beginning of the year and to encourage more non-voters from each hall council to come to the meetings.

Mike Hilty, a sophomore English and sociology double major, will serve as the vice president. He has served this year as the treasurer of RHA and has been involved in other organizations

such as Delta Sigma Phi and Interfraternity Council.

Hilty said one of his main goals is to bring several Recognized Student Organizations together to work for a common goal.

"I want to bridge the gaps between RHA, (the) Student Government and the Greek," Hilty said. "Each RSO is working individually for their goals, but I want to make sure we're all working together instead of separately."

RHA will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.



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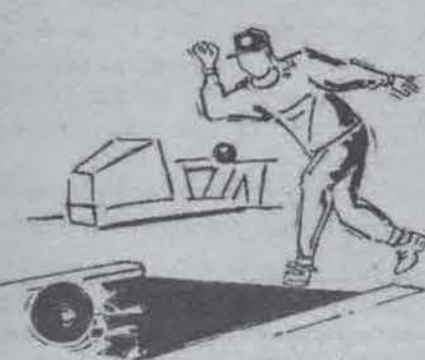
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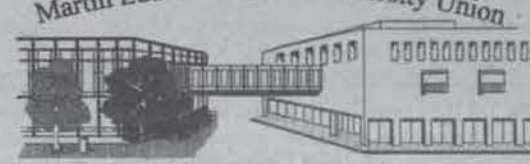
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AVOIDING AWKWARD WORK SITUATIONS

Professional life affords people the luxury of experience in the feared segment of social interaction known as awkward work situations. Tyrannical bosses, sour subordinates and co-workers who either smell, yell, raise hell, insensitively insult or just make you want to be somewhere else, litter the career ladder every step of the way.

Fortunately, a good boss, tactful co-worker or trained ombudsman can diffuse many of the more explosive and potentially dangerous situations that may arise, but some problems are better left to be worked out between the involved parties.

Work situations resulting in awkwardness to a larger degree are ones involving romance or the lack of it. Desire is a cruel mistress and one best kept under wraps at your job. However, the moment of unveiling can either be a

"Desire is a cruel mistress and one best kept under wraps at your job."

gigantic relief or an uncomfortable disaster. Something I have come to grips with, even at 22 years old, is that I am no better at managing a crush than I was at 13.

However, deflecting an unsolicited crush is even more dangerous. Allow me to relate a tale from my treasure trove of previous experience in the food service industry.

Flash back to age 17. I am gainfully employed by a pizza establishment with a name ending in a word rhyming with nut.

Late at night, the staff would consist of a manager, myself as the sole cook and a driver. On this particular night the driver had just left for a far-flung sub-division, a drive which would keep him absent for at least 45 minutes.

I was trapped in the store with only the manager for company, who happened to be a 26-year-old woman pregnant with her second child. This was the same woman who was about to come on to me where no one could hear me screaming in my head.

My not being attracted to her was the least of my objections to her advances. Her successful fertility and the difference in our ages were high on the list of reasons fueling my desire to escape the situation shedding my work clothes as I run screaming into the night.

The worst part was I could not run. I could not abandon a woman six months pregnant to run a pizza joint by herself, nor could I afford to quit the one crummy job that barely paid to keep gas in my car.

I tried my best to dissuade her, but caught off guard as I was, covered in mozzarella and marinara, my 17-year-old brain was not the most nimble at talking my way out of tight situations.

Fortunately for me, the situation cleared itself up a week later. The owner fired me in connection with drug paraphernalia he found at the store the night after I was working. Of course he based his decision to fire on conversations he had with the manager I had recently scorned. Did I mention she was a compulsive pot smoker, and frequently left her roaches sitting around the store in sauce cups?

To this day I maintain my innocence, but I figured it would be easier to find another job in the fabulous minimum wage food service industry. Hopefully I could find one where I was not put in that kind of a situation again. I have since learned to call that "wishful thinking."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



EDITORIAL

Carle Hospital addition, part two

The Carle Foundation Hospital recently decided to repropose an idea that would bring a new surgical treatment center into Coles County.

The approval of this idea would provide a choice to Coles County health consumers that could only be good for those consumers.

The original proposals have been rejected more than once by the state government. It was rejected 5-0 by the Illinois Facilities Planning Board last December, on the reasoning that Carle had no proven need in the community.

Carle argues that many consumers already drive to its facilities in Urbana, especially those who have health insurance affiliated with Carle.

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon has been against the plan since its initial proposal, which was originally rejected in 2004.

One of the reasons Sarah Bush was against the proposal is that the new hospital would bring financial harm to their facility.

It is estimated by Carle, the new treatment center would be taking 500 to 600 patients away from Sarah Bush annually.

The new proposal should be approved because it should not be up to the government to guarantee a lack of competition to Sarah Bush.

The Carle Foundation Physicians clinic in Mattoon is currently building a 14,000-foot expansion. This is where the treatment center would be housed if they get the proposal approved.

At issue

The second proposal of the Carle Surgical Center being built.

Our stance

This is a topic that Eastern students and Charleston citizens alike need to know more about. If the surgical center is approved, it could be a useful asset to Coles County.

The Carle Foundation estimates that the new proposal would only take about 300 to 400 patients from the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Tammy Leonard, the spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said in an article from *The Daily Eastern News* on Oct. 18 that a survey conducted showed that 27 percent of respondents in Coles County had used a hospital outside of the county for non-emergency care.

The new treatment center would give residents of the Charleston area an option that would not force them out of the area.

In an article published on March 10 in the *Charleston Times-Courier*, Sarah Bush officials said they'd still oppose the plan.

Sarah Bush officials have predicted that the newest proposal will meet the same fate as previous attempts. The community would be better off if they are wrong.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

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The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

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Departments help students find internships

By Kristina Peters
STAFF REPORTER

With summer approaching, the time has come for some students to begin thinking about internships, and help can be found all over campus.

Internships can give students a "leg up" when they begin to look for a job after graduation.

"More and more employers are using internships as a method of recruitment," said Renee Stroud, admission and internship coordinator for the School of Business.

Tim Mason, associate professor and internship coordinator for economics, realizes that students should get knowledge and experience in their chosen careers.

"It gives them that leg up," he said.

The importance of internships has brought

many departments to find different and unique ways to help students succeed.

Tom Nelson, coordinator for the environmental biology program, chooses to guide his students with the use of a file cabinet.

He keeps files of past students' opinions on internships they have participated in and allows environmental biology majors to search through the files for internship ideas.

"We want (students) to be as competitive as they can be," Nelson said.

Stroud, on the other hand, helps students find resources by e-mailing updates and encouraging involvement in student organizations.

"By getting involved in student organizations, they can meet professionals in their (careers)," she said.

Mason also helps his students by suggesting

they attend multiple career days to personally talk to businesses about their internship opportunities for students.

"I give them ideas of where they can look," he said. "(But) students are really responsible for finding internships."

Each department is also willing to help answer students' questions.

Some of those questions range from when to think about applying for positions to where they should apply.

"Most employers won't choose interns until they are juniors," Stroud said.

However, freshmen and sophomores should keep an eye out for opportunities.

"It's worth looking at the possibilities," Stroud said.

Where a student applies varies compared to

when they apply.

"It depends on what they really want to do," Nelson said.

Some students may know exactly where they want to intern and what they want to do, but others might use internships to figure that out, he said.

"In some cases they are shopping," Nelson said.

Although departments offer internship guidance, many departments advise students to get further help.

"I encourage all majors to enroll in Career Services," Mason said.

Workers at Career Services are there to not only help out students with internships but also with resumes and interviews, something individual departments rarely do.

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Frederick begins final duties

Her main focus is to improve academic advising, grade appeals

BY KRISTY MELLENDORF
STAFF REPORTER

Chelsea Frederick finds the people to be the most important aspect in the Student Government.

"I have not seen one senator walk out that I haven't applauded," said Frederick, student vice president for academic affairs. "They make me the person that I am."

In May, Frederick will have served on the Student Senate for two and a half years. She became interested in student government in the fall of 2003 while serving as the Homecoming coordinator.

"I was around them in the office, so I got to hear everything that was going on," Frederick said. "That's what got me excited: hearing all that they do."

Her position allows her to hear concerns of both the faculty and the students. Changes can be made to the proposal and then it is introduced to the faculty.

Frederick, a speech communication major, deals mostly with grade appeals and lately the advising policies and program.

"Jill David (the academic affairs chair) actually handles most of the communications," Frederick said.

David is a political science major and works with Frederick on a regular basis. The two might even be caught at some of the same committee meetings.

"A lot of times she will be more informed than I am, and she's not intimidated by the faculty members," David said.

Frederick's position includes serving on many committees and attending many meetings.

These committees include: the Committee on Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, the Grade Appeals Committee, the Academic Advising Committee, the Academic Technology Advising

Committee, the Student Technology Fee Committee and the Student/Faculty Relations Committee.

Along with her duties in Student Government, Frederick works a public relations internship with Panther Dining and works 30 hours a week at Brian's Place in Mattoon as a manager.

"Everything I do is very detailed," Frederick said. "I write out my plans for the next day in my planner."

As Frederick enters her last six weeks of her duties, she has a lot to get done.

Her main focus has been the grade appeal change. She has been working with a graduate student, faculty members and college deans to clear it up.

"It can just get sticky at times, and I want it to be easier for students," Frederick said.

She intends to prepare a public relations campaign regarding the Electronic Writing Portfolio. This would involve why students do it and how professors evaluate them.

Frederick has been involved with the current advising legislation. This places the advising forms used by the Academic Advising at Ninth Street Hall online.

"She taught me the basics, even though everything can be so confusing," David said.

Academic affairs committee member Jeff Melanson said Frederick works hard, is helpful when there are questions and is consistently on time.

Frederick looks to the federal government for her role models.

"I like Condoleeza Rice for the way she speaks and the way she presents herself," Frederick said. "She created herself to be very powerful."

In the time that Frederick has spent in the Student Government, she has seen herself change.



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Chelsea Frederick finishes work on the student government's ATRAC computer lab binder in her office at the Student Activities Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The ATRAC computer labs are sponsored directly by the university rather than individual departments or halls.

"I've realized I need to work more and that I am here to get my degree," Frederick said. "I think I have become more driven."

Frederick would advise that any student

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State agencies work to improve preparedness

NIMS is a national organization that supplies personnel and equipment to areas in need.

"Since Eastern uses the same format structure for incidents as NIMS, they can jump right in and help," he said.

If any type of bomb were involved in an incident, the University would call the Charleston Police Department.

"We would be responsible for contacting a bomb squad," Welch said.

A multi-jurisdictional bomb squad resides at the University of Illinois if one is needed, he said.

A statewide response could also be called.

Welch said the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System is an organization that any community in the state can call for personnel or equipment because of events such as terrorist attacks or natural disasters.

Terrorism may seem like a problem overseas or for major cities, but Coles County is on the state's planning for such an event.

The state decides which areas are causes for concern for terrorism by certain landmarks such as Universities, government buildings and highly populated places.

Due said if it were not for Eastern, the county would not be on the states planning radar. Champaign and Clinton are higher on the list because of the University of Illinois and Clinton's nuclear power plant.

The Eastern and Charleston police have been training officers to specialize in specific aspects of disaster preparedness to help the departments be prepared for anything.

Welch said his officers have been training to clean up hazardous materials, to evacuate buildings, as well as containment.

"Protecting life and property is our main concern," he said.

The Charleston firefighters train on a monthly basis.

Former fire chief Darrell Neece said firefighters train two hours a month for each discipline — vertical rescue, confined space, structural collapse and hazardous material.

"We've been planning and preparing for terrorist attacks since 9/11."

He said the station is also prepared for major fires, tornadoes and other disasters.

The fire department has an agreement with the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. It is a statewide organization that consists of divisions that can call upon each other if their division is in need of personal or equipment.

Neece said Charleston is in the MABAS Division 26.

Division 26 also includes Mattoon, Tuscola, Arcola and several other surrounding towns.

MABAS can call upon the Charleston firefighters to help even out of state.

"We took our MABAS response team to help with Katrina," Neece said.

With Eastern and the City of Charleston working together with the state, students and residents should feel safe.

"It's impossible to ease people's concern," he said. "An event like 9/11 occurred once in my lifetime and hasn't since. I wouldn't change my lifestyle because of a terrorist attack or possibility of one

PRIZES:

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Students get gross for prizes

studies major, had the glory of winning not only the television, but she also received a DVD player, two DVDs and an alarm clock.

"It was a mess," Campbell said.

She compared her unique experience to eating a dead fish.

"I needed a new TV," she added. "It was the only reason I came."

Other games during the night included musical chairs, a hot pepper-eating contest, a lemon-eating contest and a saline cracker-eating contest among other



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Contestant Mia Boyd, a freshman physical education major, watches Sherri Smith, a sophomore family and consumer science major, gasp for air after consuming hot peppers for University Board's "What Would You Do To Be Unified?" event in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Thursday evening.

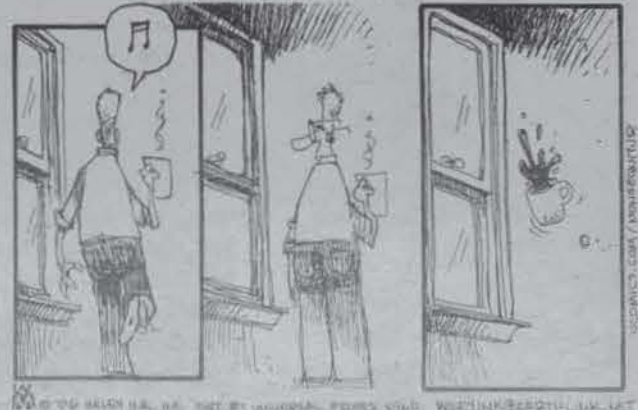
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Keila Lacy, vice president of student affairs for student government, said she was a little disappointed with the turnout,

but thought everyone who came had a good time.

"This was the least successful event I put on this week," Lacy said.

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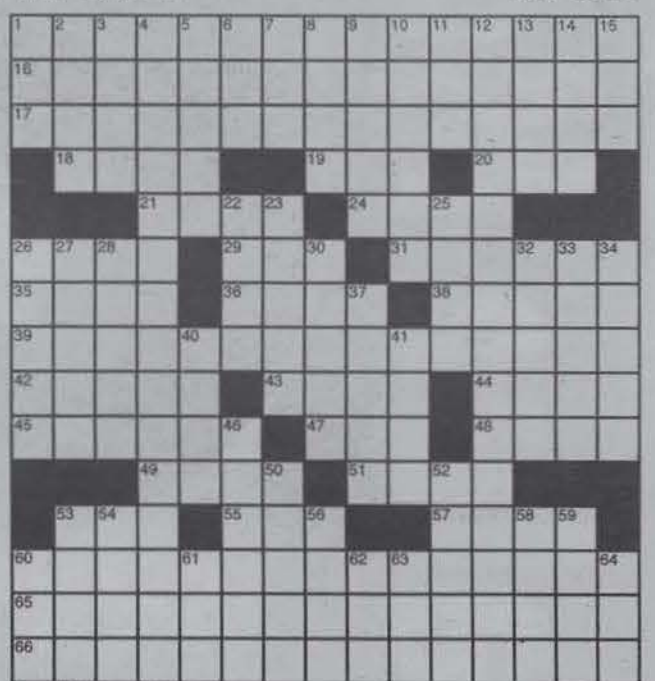


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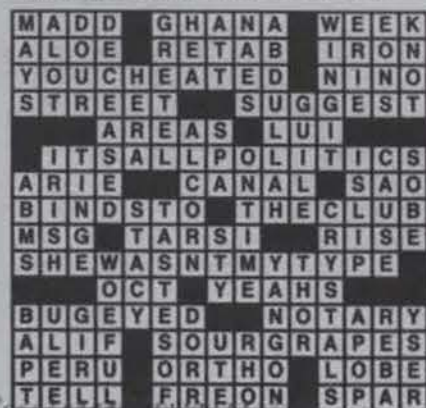
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 - 26 Incoming clutter
 - 29 Vet's memory, maybe
 - 31 Rest of the afternoon
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 - 36 Often-dunked item
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- 27 Relatively white
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- 32 More likely to retire
- 33 Does very poorly, in slang
- 34 Coy compliment response
- 37 "Now I remember!"
- 40 Steady
- 41 Move imperceptibly
- 46 Pace
- 50 Certain Sri Lankan
- 52 Kristy's "Little Darlings" co-star
- 53 Italian term of endearment
- 54 P.E.I., e.g.
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Murray head coach hired at Cincinnati

Murray State head coach Mick Cronin was hired by the Cincinnati Bearcats Thursday.

"Since becoming AD on Dec. 1, I have talked to countless coaches, commissioners, administrators, and other experts around the college basketball world," Cincinnati athletic director Mike Thomas said in a statement released by the university. "The one name that constantly came up in these discussions was Mick Cronin."

Cronin led the Racers to a 29-23 record over the last three seasons.

This season, the Racers gave North Carolina a scare in the NCAA tournament.

The No. 13 seeded MSU fell to the Tar Heels 69-65 on Friday.

They were in the game until UNC hit two free throws with 16.5 seconds remaining in the game.

It was Murray State's second tournament berth in his three seasons at the helm.

Brief compiled by Marco Santana, sports editor.



MICK CRONIN
CINCINNATI HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

TENNIS

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BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

Both Panther tennis teams should start Ohio Valley Conference play with a win against Tennessee Tech on Saturday—at least according to Tech's head coach.

"We are not doing well (in non-conference matches)," said Golden Eagles head coach Randy Smith. "To be honest, we just aren't good this year."

The Tech men boast a 3-9 record, while the women are 1-5 and coming off a loss to NAIA power Auburn-Montgomery.

To come away with wins against Tech and get off to a good start in conference play, the Panthers need to carry over what they have learned in past matches and improve on their mistakes, said head coach John Blackburn.

Both the men's and women's teams have been playing non-conference matches since February and practicing all semester to help prepare them for conference.

"We competed well in non-conference play and have had solid practices," Blackburn said.

The men went 3-14 last season with a 1-6 conference record placing 10th in the conference and not quali-



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Sandra Sasidharan, sophomore No. 1 singles competitor, returns a serve during an afternoon practice Mar. 7 at Darling Courts.

fying for OVC postseason play. The women went 5-14 last season with a 3-5 conference record, placing 8th in the conference and advancing to the tournament. However, they lost all three matches against Tennessee-

Martin in last year's OVC tournament and placed eighth.

Blackburn, in his first season with the Panthers, is not yet familiar with the conference but hopes to make improvements from last season's team.

"We are focused on our double play," Blackburn said. "And we are improving on tactics and point construction in singles."

The men's team is 5-4 in non-conference play, with their most recent match resulting in a loss to Indiana State University on Wednesday. However, the team is confident they will be competitive in conference play.

"Our intensity is high and we are ready for conference," said No. 1 singles player Chuck Levaque. "I think we will be a challenge to every team."

To be at the top of the conference, the men's team must be more consistent in every match.

Although the men have played well at different times in previous matches, if they all play well in the same match it could mean the difference between a loss and a win, said Blackburn.

"The thing about tennis is even though you play as an individual, you still have to work as a team to win," Blackburn said.

Although the women's team has a record of 2-7, they also have the potential to do well in conference as long as, like the men, they are more consistent in matches.

"The team is very motivated and we are ready to play," sophomore Sandra Sasidharan said.

Saturday's matches are set to begin at noon at Darling Courts.

The Panthers continue their conference play on Sunday with another home match against Tennessee Martin at 1 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Panthers return to action in Tenn.

Eastern faces Tenn. Tech in first game since Spring Break

BY MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

If the meteorologist is correct, the Panthers will finally be able to return to the field Saturday against Tennessee Tech in their conference opener.

They are calling for temperatures in the 50s this weekend in Cookeville, Tenn.

It will be their first game since they completed their spring break trip with a game against Vermont Saturday.

"We are concerned with the time off," said head coach Jim Schmitz. "We want to get started."

With the Panthers beginning their Ohio Valley Conference season, Schmitz said his goal is to take two out of three this weekend.

"It's no secret," he said. "Eighteen wins is going to get you a top seed or a No. 2."

After a week off interrupted their string of six wins in eight games, the team is ready to get back on the field. Eastern showed two sides of their play during the trip.

When the pitchers couldn't stop Indiana and gave up 11 runs, the offense responded and won a 12-11 slugfest.

Against Vermont in its last game Saturday, Eastern's offense only scored two runs. But Mike Manns, Jake Wade and Alex Guttosch came through and the Panthers won 2-1.

"We pick each other up really well," Manns said.

The Panthers will finally get their first taste of OVC play. It's about time they get to games that mean something, junior pitcher Brandon Murphy said.



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Junior right-handed pitcher Brandon Murphy prepares to throw during practice at Coaches Stadium March 7. Murphy has given up no runs in 5.1 innings of relief work with 5 strikeouts.

"It's the start of a whole new season," he said. "It's what we've been preparing for. This is what matters."

He will start the series finale on Sunday. In his last start against Northern Iowa, Murphy struggled and gave up 4 earned runs in 7 innings in a 13-10 loss, although the Panthers gave up 7 unearned runs courtesy of two errors.

Schmitz will send Chris Vaculik to the mound for the series opener on Saturday. Manns will start the second game of the double header.

"I'm excited how Mike pitched above 80 pitches," said Schmitz about Manns' last start against Vermont. "We're excited to see him give us five or six innings on Saturday."

Manns has recovered from early-season arm soreness to move into the rotation.

He has started two games and has given up just one earned run in eight innings.

"It makes me feel good that (Schmitz) trusts me

with the ball," Manns said.

Manns said the Panthers confidence is very high heading into the weekend.

"Our team morale is ridiculous," he said. "We know what we have to do."

Murphy is ready to go for Sunday's big game.

"I'm excited. It's very important because it'll decide something either way," he said. Murphy was alluding to the fact that the final game decides whether a team completes a sweep or it determines who wins the series.

Schmitz is encouraged heading into the conference season with his rotation, saying Eastern hasn't had three solid arms in a couple of years.

The early-season struggles, coupled with the strong trip to Florida, have the Panthers ready for conference play.

"We're chomping at the bit," Murphy said. "We worked hard inside trying to keep the momentum."

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Panthers on last leg of 30-game road trip

"I'm hitting anything that's being pitched up there," she said. The senior said she has had problems in the past going after the first pitch, but is focusing more this year on better plate discipline.

Schuette said freshman Kathleen Jacoby, fresh off winning the OVC Pitcher of the Week award, will most likely get the ball in game one of Saturday's double-header.

Jacoby, 11-3 on the year, carries a 1.81 ERA coming into this weekend and an OVC-leading 12 complete games in 15 starts.

Having hit against Jacoby in practice before, Karos said it is tempting not to swing at every pitch thrown by the freshman.

"She forces hitters to make decisions," Karos said.

Mackie boats a slightly better ERA at 1.78 and an overall record of 6-5 in 10 starts. Senior Ashley Condon rounds out the rotation for the Panthers and has compiled two saves on the year. Schuette, as she has done all year, usually employs all three during a three-game series.

After the three-game road trip to Kentucky this weekend, the Panthers finally open the home portion of their schedule with a doubleheader against IUPUI on March 29.

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FROM LEFT FIELD
DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

Keeping sports faith is tough

Steroid scandals, selfish athletes and a sports movie starring Napoleon Dynamite could all cause a sports fan to lose a little faith.

There are stories about baseball players injecting illegal substances in front of team whistle-blowers. There are stories about Terrell Owens reforming and becoming a "changed" man.

It makes me want to give up sports and let out a distressed-sounding "Gosh!"

But just when I think I'm out, sports pull me back in (Hoo-Hah!).

Once you overlook that fact of sports being a little obnoxious, fans should recognize this might be the best time of the year.

It starts with the NCAA Tournament. The first two rounds usually garner the most attention.

Favorites are sent packing by underdogs who shock Bill Self and bust brackets.

These are heart-warming stories, but heart-warming stories don't always equate to good basketball.

That's where the regional semifinals and finals come into play.

These are the games we really remember. It's Grant Hill finding Christian Laettner for a turnaround jumper and a place in immortality. It's Arizona and Illinois trying to send each other back to the bus hanging their heads.

And the smart money is on it happening at least once this weekend.

You don't have to leave the basketball court for more excitement.

The clock is ticking for the Bulls to play themselves out of a favorable draft position and into the No. 8, which means a trip to Detroit (this is never a good thing).

The NBA is nearing the playoffs, meaning teams and players are actually showing effort. The scramble for a playoff berth or home-court advantage is almost as exciting as the seven-month long playoff that follows.

Major League Baseball is getting ready to break from spring training. The PGA is playing on one of the country's premiere courses (TPC at Sawgrass).

There's football (free agency and NFL Draft preparation) and there's futbol (national team's preparing for the World Cup).

I guess it is not that bad of a time to be a sports fan after all.

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SOFTBALL

Eastern tries to keep on rolling

Red-hot Panthers face struggling Morehead State

By MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR



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Freshman outfielder Ghelsy Iapala swings at a ball during practice March 7, at Williams Field. Iapala has started 24 games this season, batting .208 and stealing 7 bases (second on the team).

The Panthers' string of playing away from Charleston continues this weekend with a three-game series at Morehead State.

Eastern (17-9-1) meets the last place team in the Ohio Valley Conference this weekend, as the Eagles have gotten off to an 0-5 start in conference play.

Morehead has lost 11 of its last 12 games and its five OVC losses have come against Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky, the top two teams in the conference.

This will be head Eastern coach Kim Schuette's first time seeing the Eagles, but she wants her team to go into the game not worrying about Morehead's recent struggles.

"My preference is for the team to not even know their records or what happened in the past," Schuette said.

Last year, the Panthers won two of their three games against Morehead, with sophomore pitcher Karyn Mackie picking up both wins.

Mackie said she doesn't remember anything that stands out from last year's team for the Eagles and is not too worried about this weekend's series.

But this does not mean the Panthers are going into this weekend thinking they will come away with three wins.

"We're confident but we can't go in overconfident knowing that their record isn't the greatest," Mackie said. "We've just got to go in and play our game."

The game Eastern has been playing all year relies on solid pitching and defense. Throw in the timely hits that several Panthers have been coming up with and it is no surprise Eastern has won nine of its last ten games.

Rachel Karos especially has been on a tear lately. In the last five games, the senior is 9-for-15, with 7 runs scored and 3 RBIs.

Karos attributes her .390 season average, more than .100 better than her career-best average of .280 during her junior year, to better pitch selection.

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Women's Golf

Panthers left cold as they head to Saluki Invite

Bad weather keeps Eastern out of practice

By KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Head golf coach Mike Moncel, said it has been a difficult practice week.

Despite recent snowstorms and tornado warnings that have halted practices, six members of the women's golf team will be competing this weekend in the Saluki Invitational at Carbondale's Hickory Ridge golf course.

"Courses have been closed and the day we returned from our trip (the men's Drake/Diablo Grande at

Pickwick State Park golf course in San Francisco) there was a tornado watch," said Moncel.

The men's tournament kept Moncel away until Wednesday of this week and the women have been practicing on their own when the weather permitted.

Freshman Carrie Riordan said she was outside a little on Monday, but for the most part her and her teammates have been unable to get much work in.

Riordan says that there is little the team can do indoors because it is so different from outdoors where the game is actually played.

Junior Jacky Bodis said she sees the fact that the team has not hit many balls this week as the main obstacle for the team.

"We came in second in our last

tournament and weren't even playing well," Moncel said.

At the Fairfield Invitational in Myrtle Beach, S.C., March 13-14 sophomore Amy Simons, Riordan, freshman Michelle Anderson, and Bodis were all top eight finishers.

Looking ahead Moncel says the scores may be high this weekend due to the recent weather conditions, but she expects his team to do well and come through with "flying colors."

"We're all (each school participating) playing the same golf course with the same conditions," he said.

Those conditions this weekend at Carbondale will feature temperatures in the 50-degree range on Friday and Saturday, with rain supposed to hit Carbondale Sunday.

Another adverse condition that the Panthers have to face this weekend is

the absence of their top golfer, Bodis.

Moncel said Bodis will miss this tournament, as she is recovering from an injury, but is expected back for next week's tournament in Springfield, Mo.

In place of Bodis, sophomore Trisha Blake will travel with the Panthers.

Blake has not competed in any of Eastern's tournaments this year, but Bodis said that the experience Blake will receive this weekend can only help her.

"I think she'll do well," Bodis said. "This is a good opportunity for her."

A Hickory Ridge employee said the course has not been affected by the recent weather that has hit Charleston and is ready for play.

The tournament starts Saturday and concludes Monday.



Though bleak during the winter, Fox State Ridge Park flourishes with plant and wildlife during other seasons.

A walk in the park

Fox Ridge State Park: a change of scenery

When evaluating Fox Ridge State Park, one's motto should be "don't judge a book by its cover" because, otherwise, you're likely to be heavily disappointed.

Immediately upon entering the park, visitors will see campgrounds nearby.

While the entrance may be filled with campsites, the scenery that surrounds them is what a camper is looking for.

The incredible density of the park's wildlife dips in and out of the hills. Yes, hills — as in more than one — surround the park.

While there is no indication until one actually turns into the park, Fox Ridge is the complete opposite of the plains that soak Charleston and its surroundings.

NATURE TRAILS

Extending out the entire park are eight looping trails that either add on or shorten one's journey.

Upon the park's main drag is a trail with ridges and shelters alternating on each side.

Some of the park's more demanding trails — ones the cut deep into the park's valleys —



The Embarras River runs alongside the Fox Ridge State Park and has several small streams which stem from it.

look like one is going to tumble desperately down to the bottom if it weren't for the guard rails.

"The hiking is strenuous, secluded and forested," according to Park Superintendent Glenn Lyons.

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HE SAID/SHE SAID

Rebounding from a break-up



FEEL DOWN? GET A REBOUND

By ERIC HILTNER

Being dumped sucks. Sometimes you can't eat or sleep and concentrating is a feat requiring a large amount of intestinal fortitude.

Life seems to have no point at all, and you are left feeling unattractive and unlovable.

Some people might even find themselves in a High Fidelity-esque moment, by calling up some ex's and trying to figure out why you can't be loved.

But have no fear because the Rebound is here.

All of a sudden you are totally and completely infatuated with someone, and they you. You are spending all your waking hours together and having lots of wild and passionate sex for hours on end.

You are eating again, and sleep naturally comes to you post-coital.

Concentrating becomes much easier, though the only thought you manage is of your rebound.

Life is great for a while.

And this is how you know when they are your rebound.

And you get your revenge, you turn into the dumper and you are vindicated.

Rebounds are like chicken soup for your soul.

It gets all the bad vibes of rejection and anger out of your system.

I once had a pretty messy break up (read divorce), and my rebound turned into an eight-month relationship.

At the beginning it was wonderful. I spent all my off time with her and I slept at her apartment every night possible.

But after a while I got restless with the repetition, and we broke up.

But I felt wonderful after I broke up with her, and the rebound ended up with me no longer having ill feelings towards, or even caring about, the first ex.

And as for the rebound, well I heard that she had a rebound of her own.

See, it's almost like a vicious circle. You get broken up with, you get a rebound, you break up with them, and they get a rebound of their own, etc, etc, etc.

Aren't rebounds wonderful? Everyone wins!



REBOUNDS: A ONE-WAY ROAD TO SHAME

By CARRIE HOLLIS

Rebounding. Good after a basketball player takes a shot and misses. Bad after you've been shot down in a relationship.

From the girl's perspective, being that rebound girl can seem wonderful in the beginning. He's asking you to eat all the meals of the day with him. Maybe he's even taking you out to dinner. He'll call to invite you over for a movie, to a party or even to sleep over and cuddle.

This guy's routine had just been abruptly screwed up when his girlfriend decided to dump him and he can't bear the thought of doing something alone. So there you were, eagerly awaiting this break up for months and now it's finally your chance to show him what he's been missing. What you don't realize though is that he is in total control. You are the rebound.

He'll call you when he wants to hang out but is conveniently busy when you want to do something. All your girlfriends see him as your latest crush and possible date for whatever while he's telling his buddies about your latest hook up and how he has all the perks of a girlfriend without the duties. And although you may begin to realize the situation, it's fine because you're still getting treated nicely right?

Wrong. Whether it is knowingly or subconsciously, this guy is using you. And as soon as you came into his life, you'll probably be gone. But his actions lack the emotion of a true relationship.

You on the other hand are becoming strongly attached because you always look for the best in people and think that no one would spend so much time on you if they didn't want to actually date you. Your girlfriends on the other hand see it and talk about which one of them is going to break it to you that you're probably just a rebound. Of course you don't want to play hard to get because that would only turn him away and at this point he's not looking to play games.

I'll admit it's nice to find a rebound. Since I'm a girl, it's a lot less likely that I will find a guy who is going to be clinging, desperately wanting a relationship. He'd actually probably be relieved to hear that I'm not looking for a boyfriend. But I'd rather just wait until I've moved on and not take my chances.

THE LIST

Top Five "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" quotes

- 1 "I'm sorry, Veronica. I didn't realize this wasn't America and I couldn't pay for sex with pennies." - Carl Brutanananadilewski.
- 2 "It's happened! My ass has finally decided to eat my hand! It hungers...for more!" - Dr. Weird
- 3 "On the moon, scratching expletives into a stranger's car is a sign of friendship." - Ignokt the Moonanite
- 4 "It doesn't matter what you look like on the outside, whether you're white, black or Sasquatch, even. As long as you follow your dream, no matter how crazy or against the law it is...except for Sasquatch. If you're Sasquatch, the rules are different." - Meatwad
- 5 "I hope you can see this because I am doing it as hard as I can." - Ignokt the Moonanite (while flipping Planet Earth the middle finger)

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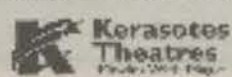
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Keeping the hunger at bay



GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

DAVID THILL
VERGE EDITOR

In today's hustle-and-bustle world, it's just so damn hard to find time to fit in a healthy meal.

In fact, it gets hard just to find time to fit in any meal, let alone a healthy one.

Most people are too busy with work, classes and ridiculous levels of binge drinking to find time to go home and deep fry up some videls.

So, I felt it necessary to share with the general public the ways I manage to keep from dying of malnutrition.

1) VENDING MACHINE HEAVEN

A personal favorite of mine is the good ol' vending machine. Where else can one find chocolate, salty and sweet snacks and fruity items, all without the need of awkward conversation with a clerk behind a register.

A good rule of thumb I live by is the "Rule of O's."

Fritos, Doritos and Combos all follow this rule. Anything that follows this rule is always

a guaranteed one-way ticket to Deliciousville. And some people may try to bring up the fact that these snacks have absolutely no nutritional value and result in nothing but fatty thighs and rotting teeth. I can say is that it results in a happy tummy.

2) LINT IS UNDERRATED

Now, I know what you are thinking: lint isn't a food. Well, to you, I say stop being such a silly food elitist and people like you make me sick. On a related note, lint also makes me sick. But, after all that vomiting, you aren't even hungry anymore. So you win either way.

My point is people complain all day long about how hungry they are and the only thing they search in their pockets for is loose change. However, they always overlook their "pocket sustenance" as I call it. Beggars can't be choosers, so man up!

3) CHECK BETWEEN YOUR MOLARS

Now, in a perfect world, we would all be able to brush and floss three times a day and would never have even the smallest bit of food stuck in our teeth. But, this isn't a per-

fect world, no matter how badly you want that solid-gold rocket car.

So, to you, I say start looking through your teeth for spare bits of food.

I know it's gross but these are extinction-level events here people! If you ever have time to go home and cook up some filet mignon, then you go ahead and do that and make sure to bring us common-folk some leftovers.

But you never know what you are going to find up in those incisors and for that I say, bottoms up!

Now I know some of these may have made you cringe or even gag a bit, but if you get desperately hungry, you just remember what Uncle Dave told you. And let's face it, it could be a lot worse, at least you don't have Sally Struthers begging for food for you. Yeah. Think about it.

Editor's Note: Please, for the love of all that is good, don't actually try any of these. None of these tips are FDA sanctioned and Verge Editor David Thill is fairly certain trying any of these things could result in you getting sick and your friends laughing at you. And you wouldn't want that, would you?

Rock & Republic mixes music with fashion

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Rock & Republic brought new meaning to rock 'n' roll style with a black-tie concert featuring the Pretenders to unveil its new line.

Sony Studios Stage 18 was transformed into a stylish nightclub. Drinks flowed and hors d'oeuvres were passed. An ice sculpture glistened in the corner.

Pieces from the fall collection and new "ultra-premium" line, Tailor Made, were illuminated in wall-size displays, not unlike a museum exhibit.

Smaller cases held accessories: studded leather cuffs, a sparkly evening bag and a designer dagger (no kidding) with a leather sheath.

Chrissie Hynde wore a pale blue pair of Rock & Republic jeans at Monday night's event. ("I

don't have to rock in them, but I do," she said.)

Heavy hardware, fur accents and some unexpected details are key to both lines. The collections are among those being shown at L.A. Fashion Week, which continues through Thursday night.

The denim collection shows jeans slimmer at the ankle than in seasons past and back pockets adorned with stitching, studs and rhinestones.

Fitted denim jackets are intricately embroidered with the company's skull logo. A green military-style jacket gets girly with a fluffy fur collar, while guys get a classic motorcycle jacket reinterpreted in fur.

Tailor Made is decidedly dressier than Rock & Republic's denim offerings, but with the same edge and slim fit.

ILLEGAL BROADCASTS INTERFERE WITH AIRLINE PILOTS

MIAMI — Airline pilots taking off from Miami International Airport are getting an earful of hip-hop tunes from a pirate radio station that sometimes interfere with their communications with the control tower.

The music comes on a pair of frequencies from a station that calls itself Da Streetz.

"It's intermittent. Not all day, everyday," said Kathleen Bergen, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman. "But clear communication between air control and the pilots is a critical part of flying."

Authorities traced the signals to an antenna at a nearby warehouse but did not find the disc jockey, although they did confiscate equipment

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In the opposite direction the road borders a very abrupt cliff that drops into the park's lake, forming in a valley between the closest things to mountains Central Illinois has.

FOX RIDGE LAKE

Since 1942, fish studies have been conducted in Fox Ridge Lake, making it the longest-running lake to be tested in the United States.

Visitors are only allowed to fish in a boat, and only eight boats are allowed on the lake at one time. The peace and quiet that ensues allows visitors to hear and see anything.

Fox Ridge Lake is full of bluegill, largemouth bass and channel catfish, but because it is a research facility, fishing is allowed

only by reservation and requires a license.

The lake is open Thursday through Sunday, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

From October to April 1, the lake is under winter hours and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The rest of the year it is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The number for reservations is (217) 345-6490.

HUNTING GROUNDS

Past the lake the road veers nearly 180 degrees into 1,129 acres of hunting flatlands.

Although hunting on these grounds is open to the public, it also requires a permit, albeit a permit free of charge.

Because Fox Ridge is so heavily forested, the most common prey includes deer, squirrel and turkey.

In addition are pheasants, rabbits and quail, but not nearly in

the same abundance, Lyons said.

Fox Ridge is also home to 90 different species of flora spread throughout.

"One can see different flowers at different times of the year," Lyons said.

CAMPING

While the park is open to anyone, campers are required to present a permit in order to stay overnight in the park. A one-night permit costs \$15.

Lyons said the park has restrictions on camping so officials don't have to remind visitors to get moving.

The \$15 camping fee includes a designated spot with an electrical box, a picnic table and an outside grill.

The park also offers three cabins, with bunks for six and electricity. Reservation fees for the cabins are \$5 and costs \$40 per night.

If one is taking Lincoln Ave.

from Eastern, Fox Ridge is a right on 18th Street. After what the sign says is 7 miles,

Fox Ridge is on the right, surrounded by nothing but trees and grass.

In case of confusion, follow the brown signs.

The park's office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through

Friday.

Fox Ridge is a means of getting off campus, getting some fresh air and discovering some interesting and unique trails, said Lyons.

Though one won't count on it along the journey to, Fox Ridge is a surprise to anyone who is used to sea level.

Notorious B.I.G. sales album halted

JURY FINDS SNIPPET USED WITHOUT PERMISSION

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A judge halted sales of Notorious B.I.G.'s breakthrough 1994 album "Ready to Die" after a jury decided the title song used part of an Ohio Players tune without permission.

The jury Friday awarded \$4.2 million in punitive and direct damages to the two music companies that own rights to Ohio Players recordings.

The sales ban imposed by U.S. District Judge Todd Campbell affects the album and the title song in any form, including Internet downloads and radio play.

It was unclear when or how the ban would take effect. By Saturday evening, a search of BestBuy.com and Amazon.com showed "Ready to Die" was still available for purchase online.

The jury decided that Bad Boy Entertainment and executive producer Sean "Diddy" Combs illegally used a part of the Ohio Players' 1992 song "Singing In The Morning."

Bridgeport Music and Westbound Records, which owned the song rights, have filed hundreds of lawsuits over "sampling," the practice of lifting parts of old music for new recordings. Most were settled out of court.

The companies get most of their income from song royalties by their artists, which include funk legend George Clinton, the Funkadelics and the Ohio Players.

"We've been battling this for such a long time," Armen Boladian, owner of Westbound and Bridgeport said. "So many have been settled because companies didn't want anything to do with it, and we knew we were right."

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Some people see the likeness of the Dead Bear Tree, located southwest of Charleston, to one of the Grateful Dead dancing bears. Some people don't.

The Grateful Dead hidden deep in Coles County

A tree just south of Charleston can be seen in the shape of The Grateful Dead Bear 'using imagination'

BY BRIAN GARTLAN | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Any Grateful Dead fan can understand, appreciate and imagine a giant dancing bear in the middle of Coles County and now they are in luck, because there is one.

The bear dances in the form of a Cedar tree in a rural area just southwest of Charleston and it is safe to assume that many Eastern students have not heard or seen this particular tree.

I was informed about the evergreen tree last month and before I started searching for it, I began asking questions and amongst the following days I found a helpful source.

Nick O'Hearn, a junior recreation administration major, said he knew exactly where the bear was at and we instantly planned a road trip.

"It's way out in the country," O'Hearn said.

In my four years at Eastern, I have ventured to rural areas north and south of Charleston and have not seen it, so I was excited for the new expedition.

As we traveled south on Fourth Street, the road

bends westbound and O'Hearn repeatedly said that the tree really does resemble a Grateful Dead bear and he said he was amazed the first time he saw it.

"It does take some imagination to complete the image though," he said.

Then, O'Hearn made a right onto County Road 450 and as we drove the straightaway for about two miles, the sun beat down and heated up the cold, but crisp winter afternoon.

He followed the bends in the road, which eventually lead us deeper into the country.

After about 15 minutes in his red Ford Escort, he said "there it is" and I was immediately shocked, just like he was.

The bear stands and dances in different positions, depending upon the perspective of the viewer.

We looked at "the bear" at about 200 yards away from the road from at least three different positions.

"It's dancing in the middle of nowhere," O'Hearn said. "It stands alone."

Then, we drove to the end of a long, winding

gravel driveway, and as we got out of the Escort, we introduced ourselves to a middle-aged couple. They were the owners of the property and doing some lawn work in front of their house.

I asked the couple if they were aware that the tree that stands alone on their property looked like a Grateful Dead dancing bear.

The man was unaware, but his wife said a couple of Eastern students she knows told her that the tree looked like the bear before and that is how they know where their house is. She, however, still does not know what the bears fictionally look like.

They said the Cedar tree was at least 100 years old.

People slow down all the time, the lady said. "We didn't know if they were looking at the horses or the tree," she said.

As O'Hearn walked back the car, he showed the couple a purple dancing bear sticker on his gas tank and invited them to take a look.

Although the property owner has never heard this tale, he chuckled and agreed that the tree looked like an image of the dancing bear.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The EIU Dancers traveled to New York City over spring break to perform on an air craft carrier. The team also visited the set of "The Today Show" where they met Al Roker, Katie Couric and Matt Lauer.

If you can make there, you can make it anywhere

EIU Dancers traveled to New York City this past weekend to dance and see the sights

By HOLLY MOHR | ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

She walked off the plane. Her eyes filled with excitement and wonder. Out on the street she looked up and never stopped smiling. New York City was a whole new world for this Midwestern girl.

Stefanie Reeve, president of the EIU Dancers, had never been to the Big Apple before the spring break trip she took with her fellow dancers.

"I'm thinking about going back to take classes," she said. "I'm now thinking more seriously about pursuing a career in dance."

The EIU Dancers went to New York City from March 12 through March 16.

The dancers performed on the USS Intrepid, an aircraft carrier which contains the Sea, Air and Space Museum.

Cynthia Baker, secretary of the EIU Dancers, said the performance was a success.

"We had family supporting us and many people stopped and watched the entire show," she said.

Baker said the team danced 10 routines from their spring concert that lasted almost 45 minutes.

"We weren't really nervous," she said. "We were all about dancing and having fun."

Having fun wasn't hard for the team in the

city that never sleeps.

Krystle Gravitt, member of the EIU Dancers, said the team "had a blast" shopping in Chinatown and sightseeing.

She said they saw the Statue of Liberty, walked to the top of the Empire State Building and visited Ground Zero, which they were touched by.

"We even saw where John Lennon was shot," she said.

Experiencing the city was a big part of the dancers' trip, but the highlight was the master classes the team took at the Broadway Dance Company, Reeves said.

Gravitt said the dance members were offered three classes of their choosing.

"Famous choreographers teach there and important dancers take classes there," she said.

Michelle Robinson, a member of the musical "Chicago" on Broadway, taught one class the team took.

Robinson and Baker taught the team a dance number from the musical and the background of the original choreographer of "Chicago," Bob Fosse.

Studying Fosse's style helped us learn the dance better, she said.

Robinson plays Liz in the musical.

Gravitt said the team went and saw the musical on March 14 and Robinson waved to them from on stage.

Robinson wasn't the only celebrity the EIU Dancers met. Most of the team woke up early the day after they arrived and stood in line for the "Today Show."

"We shook hands with Katie Couric, Matt Lauer and Al Roker," Gravitt said. "We made a huge EIU Dancers sign and the show's cameras scanned us a couple times."

Gravitt, Reeve and Baker all agreed that the trip wouldn't have been possible without their director Jeanne McFarland.

McFarland used to dance in New York.

Reeve said because of their director's knowledge of the city, McFarland was able to organize everything, which made it a trip to remember.

The trip was not only an experience to remember, but it also inspired dreams.

"I had the time of my life," Reeve said.

She said after being in New York City and taking classes with the best, she wants to finish her teaching degree but go back to New York when she has graduated.

"I fell in love with New York," Reeve said. "Maybe I will pursue dancing."

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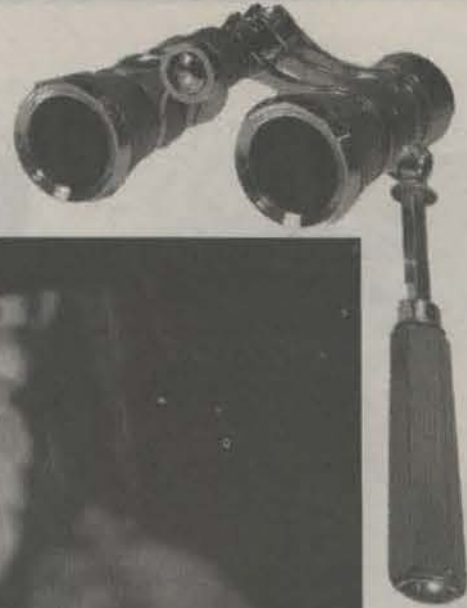


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'V for Vendetta' is just as good as G for Gouda, good



"V for Vendetta" sliced its way onto theatre screens everywhere and thankfully ended the good-movie drought we have had for the past couple of weeks ("The Shaggy Dog" or "Ultraviolet," anyone?)

In the movie – based on the comics of the same name – the man known only to us as "V" (Hugo Weaving) fights to reclaim a near-future England from a fascist government. The England shown in the movie is reminiscent to George Orwell's "1984" in which the government controls all aspects of its citizen's lives and, at the same time, constantly monitors them.

In the course of his adventures, V ends up saving a young woman named Evey (Natalie Portman) from being raped by street police and the two very quickly become friends.

Since most of the movie is seen through Evey's eyes, she becomes our main insight into who V really is. Even by the end of the movie V is still shrouded in mystery. But what really makes the movie intriguing as

"V for Vendetta"	
4 ★★★★★	
Release date.....	March 17, 2006
Studio.....	Warner Brothers
"People should not be afraid of their governments. Governments should be afraid of their people."	

well as fun is the character of V.

V is a very opinionated, radical individual who is actually playful. He wears all black, a "Phantom-of-the-Opera-esque" mask and relies only on his knives and kung-fu skills to survive. Also, V has a large collection of books, paintings and other government-banned pieces of art which he has stolen. And for some reason, there is something very appealing about an ass-kicking intellectual.

While "V for Vendetta" is an enjoyable and smart comic-book movie, it may not be for everyone. Some reviewers have criticized the movie for "glorifying terrorism" and one can see why some people believe that. The main character does try to overthrow a government using violence and

even by blowing up a building (granted, no one was actually in the building).

But the movie does raise the issue of the difference between a terrorist and a revolutionary, and is bound to provide good after-movie discussions. Although in this reviewer's humble opinion, the difference between a revolutionary and a terrorist is whether the individual or group hurts or kills innocent bystanders. V, on the other hand, only kills the "evil" government officials. Therefore, I find the complaints about the movie glorifying terrorism to be untrue.

Putting all the controversy of terrorism behind us, we can find this movie to be a very enjoyable thinking-man's action movie. In fact, for a comic-book movie, "V" has an intriguingly low amount of action scenes. The majority of the movie's focus is on the characters and dialogue rather than having an abundance of violence and explosions.

-Michael Peterson



GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING
CHRIS ESSIG
SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

You wouldn't be laughing if it was not painfully true

Despite facing the realization that America is crippling at its core and Hollywood is the culprit, another well-known fact was only reinforced by this year's Academy Awards: Jon Stewart is a well-oiled machine, created only by divine intervention, whose sole purpose is tickling even the sturdiest of funny bones.

I didn't watch all of the Oscars. Or even half.

I did, however, see enough of the Oscars and read enough of Stewart's quirky one-liners online to know that he stole the show. Not like that was necessarily difficult or unpredictable.

But it was certainly appropriate. Surrounded by these culprits of calamity, the smartest man in America is on stage, taking his shots, making sure every one counted.

On a hot night Stewart could have taken out the entire room with one fell swoop.

But Stewart is no Denis Leary who desperately needs people to fault to make a joke – a joke which is not such a "desperate need."

But the true beauty of Stewart's comedy is not the intelligence but the simplicity behind so many of his jokes.

After Bush declared America was attacking Iraq, only months after 9-11, Stewart was probably the only anchor in the entire country to be confused.

Didn't Bin Laden - whose home at the time was in Afghanistan – attack us? Stewart questioned. Weren't the majority of the pilots from Saudi Arabia? Stewart noted. A sea of laughter soon followed.

When the Vice President shot a man in the eye on a hunting trip, nothing was funnier than his correspondent explaining that Cheney had simply mistaken the man for a quail. The backdrop that read "Cheney's got a gun" when they returned to Stewart was the icing on the cake. The crowd exploded in laughter.

While the Daily Show prides itself on being the fake news provider, none of these jokes were fictional. Real life in America is ridiculous enough without skewing the truth.

Stewart is far from an activist. He finds too many faults in the political system to be halfway serious on any political matter, but seeping through the seams of every Daily Show are real facts, real news and real concerns.

While everything presented may be a bunch of jokes, at the end of the day you learned something.

As Howard Dean put it, "it's better than getting your news from Fox."

Satriani proves he's no Houdini



Joe Satriani, "Super Colossal"



spacey overproduction of 10 to 12 guitars on most tracks. If time has taught Satriani anything, it is not to restrain in the production department.

Indeed, in a podcast on his web site, <http://www.joesatriani.com>, Satriani explained his vision for the title track of the album, "to imagine myself fifty or a hundred feet tall, walking through downtown with my giant guitar." This sounds too much like the plot of a bad Japanese monster film. Satriani is the monster and the audience can definitely see the strings.

The primary drive for another track, "Crowd Chant," is a series of samples plucked from different "Star Trek" computer sounds, (another relic of the past both outdated and kind of sad

now.)

Satriani is on tour for "Super Colossal" with Eric Johnson, and he will be playing a pair of dates at Chicago's House of Blues in April. Although Satriani is primarily a solo artist, his touring band will include Jeff Campitelli on drums, Matt Bissonette on bass and Galen Henson also on guitar.

While Satriani will forever have a seat in the hall of fame of guitar gods, he has been walking too long in outer space to realize that over-distorted guitar and solo-driven instru-metal has become all but extinct.

-Evan Hill

History, it seems, will not let us forget the days when metal chops-slinging dinosaur guitarists ruled the earth. While he takes a break from the acoustic supergroup "G3," metal tech-head Joe Satriani finds new dreamscapes to paint on his 10th studio album, "Super Colossal," in stores now. With the drums and bass essentially on autopilot, it is clear who is in charge of the show. Satriani lays down cunning riffs and blasts speed-demon solos. Chirping acoustic tones underpin the smooth,

'Some Girls' just won't quit

NEW YORK — Fran Drescher is going from "The Nanny" on television, to playing one of Eric McCormack's ex-girlfriends in Neil LaBute's play "Some Girl(s)" off-Broadway.

Drescher will portray a Boston professor in the American premiere of the play, which opens June 8 at the Lucille Lortel Theatre. In it, McCormack, whose TV series "Will & Grace" is now in its final season, plays a soon-to-be engaged man saying goodbye to four ex-girlfriends as he prepares to get married.

The other three women in "Some Girl(s)" will be portrayed by

Maura Tierney, Brooke Smith and Judy Reyes.

Preview performances begin May 17 for the MCC Theater production.

"Some Girl(s)" was a hit last year in London, starring David Schwimmer, who will open on Broadway in May in a revival of Herman Wouk's "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial."

LaBute's plays include "Fat Pig," "The Distance From Here," "The Shape of Things" and "The Mercy Seat." His films include "In the Company of Men," "Your Friends & Neighbors" and "Nurse Betty."

The limited engagement of "Some Girl(s)," which will be directed by Jo Bonney, ends June 24.



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Looking for love in all the wrong places



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JACKSON, Miss. — Joan Rivers is looking for love in cyberspace. So far, no luck.

The 72-year-old red-carpet critic and comedian said she and assistant Matt Stewart created a profile for her on Match.com.

"We were hoping to meet Mr. Right," Rivers told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "We didn't even get a wink."

"Maybe there is somebody sitting out there in the east side of New York," she said.

The profile lists Rivers as looking for a man between the ages of 65 and 75.

Rivers doesn't want to get married again, though. The former talk show host was married to British producer Edgar Rosenberg, who committed suicide in 1987.

As far as children go, Rivers already has one, daughter Melissa, as well as a 5-year-old grandson, Edgar. Her Match.com profile answer under the children section says "probably not."

"Not right now, but I got two eggs in the refrigerator," she quipped. "I should have written, 'not right now unless it is very, very important to you.'"

Of course any man in Rivers' life would have to work around her busy schedule. Rivers will be performing her standup act in

Tunica, Miss. on Saturday and will be touring Australia in April.



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New Edition back for a new addition

NEW YORK — Bobby Brown and New Edition are getting back together — at least for one night, anyway.

Brown and the rest of the old-school boy band are scheduled to perform together at the Essence Music Festival, which is scheduled for July 1 to 3 in Houston. Other performers announced this week include Diddy, who will host a "Diddy and Friends" show, and singers Jaheim and Chris Brown.

Brown left the group, best known for hits like "Mr. Telephone Man" and "Cool It Now," back in the 1980s for his solo career, and since then has only performed with the group sporadically.

Other performers already slated for the festival include Mary J. Blige, Steve Harvey, LL Cool J, Earth, Wind &

Fire, Yolanda Adams and Maze featuring Frankie Beverly.

The Essence Music Festival originated in 1995 in New Orleans and became an annual event, held at the Superdome. But with the Superdome badly damaged from Hurricane Katrina and much of the city's black population scattered due to the catastrophe, Essence — the magazine geared toward black women — decided to temporarily move the festival to Houston.

Oscar-winner and hitmaker Jamie Foxx has also been tapped to participate in the festival's "Now or Never" empowerment seminars, along with Magic Johnson and actor Shemar Moore.

This year's seminars will focus on helping those devastated by Hurricane Katrina.



Always be sure to fill your engine with the correct amount of oil. Too much or too little oil can cause serious damage to your engine.



Make sure that when you are checking your oil that you are checking the engine oil and not the transmission oil or brake fluid.



Make sure that you tighten the drain plug enough to hold in the oil, but not too much where you might strip the bolt. Also make sure that you wipe down excess oil, and check for leaks from time to time.



When replacing the oil filter, hand tighten until it stops, then tighten one quarter turn to ensure that the filter is tight enough.



Make sure that you have some sort of catch pan for the old oil.



When replacing the oil filter, hand tighten until it stops, then tighten one quarter turn to ensure that the filter is tight enough.



You may need an oil filter wrench to break the seal on the old filter.



Make sure that you coat the gasket of the new oil filter with some of the used oil so next time you change your filter it comes off easily.



Make sure that when you are replacing the oil drain plug that your threads and the head of the bolt aren't stripped.

No more toil

HOW TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL

Save some money, get your hands dirty

BY CATHY BAYER | VERGE REPORTER

Dirt and oil are generally not classified as a good time in my book. However, saving more than \$100 a year sounds appealing. I personally reinforce the stereotype that girls don't know anything about cars. But I consider myself as thrifty — I like to do things the cheap way. Changing a car's oil is easy. Really. Follow along, watch and learn. (Ladies, I promise, this is user-friendly).

STEP 1

Change into crappy clothes. Oil stains. You wouldn't want to ruin your favorite Beatles T-shirt or lucky jeans.

STEP 2

Slide on under your vehicle. (Make sure the engine is off ... you never know). It's probably a good idea to use a car jack and jack stands, unless you're a fan of close quarters. (Have someone help you with this. We're saving "how to use a car jack" for another day.)

STEP 3

Have a bucket to catch the old oil. This shouldn't be just any bucket, but a catch can with a lid. These can be found at local stores.

STEP 4

Find the oil filter. It's usually yellow, orange, white — basically any color but black. Unscrew it and remove the filter.

STEP 5

Remove the drain plug. This is what actually keeps the oil in the vehicle. Have the pan ready. Oil is going to spew.

STEP 6

Be sure to wet the gasket with the used oil so the gasket will come off easily next time. Hand-tighten the oil filter. Once it's tight, give it another quarter-turn.

STEP 7

Reattach the drain plug, making sure it's not stripped.

STEP 8

Clean the general area, removing any excess oil with a rag.

STEP 9

Slide on out from under your vehicle. Be careful, as I'm sure you value your appendages, including your head.

STEP 10

Pop the hood of your vehicle. There should be a lever to do this on the lower left side of the driver's seat. Go now to the front of the car, and unhook the hood. Be brave and stick your hand under the hood, feeling for a button-type lever. This will unhook your already popped hood.

STEP 11

Locate the oil cap. This should be pretty well marked. Twist the cover off.

STEP 12

Pour in the new oil. Check your owner's manual to find out what kind to use. Add the oil little by little. It's always easier to add than to subtract.

STEP 13

After you've added what you think is enough, turn on your car, letting your engine run for about 30 seconds.

STEP 14

After letting the oil settle, use the dipstick to check your oil level. The oil should be up to the "full" line.

STEP 15

Check the oil pan for metal shavings that could come from engine parts grinding. Shavings are a tell-tale sign that a breakdown is coming. Prevention is key.

If you've made it this far, congrats. But if that doesn't sound like fun, or still seems too complicated, take a deep breath and fork out the cash to have a professional do it.

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