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Obadiah Cooper qualifies for national track meet.

# THE Daily Eastern News

Tuesday, April 19, 1994

Eastern Illinois University  
Charleston, Ill. 61920  
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"



Cheryl Wawro, a senior marketing major, and Sabrina Strid, a senior political science major, paddle their sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, to a victory in the first heat of canoe races held Monday on the campus pond. Monday was the second day of Greek Week activities.

ELISSA BROADHURST/Assoc. photo editor

## Activities secretary to be honored

By JAM BAGWANEDEE  
Staff writer

Monday, two of the university's greek student were honored.

After eight years of working with Eastern's greek system, Norma Taylor is being appreciated Wednesday with a day of her own during Greek Week.

Ellen Schovanec of Alpha Phi and Chad Bandy of Sigma Pi were named greek god and goddess Monday night.

Wednesday will mark Norma Taylor Appreciation Day, also a unity day for Greek Week.

Taylor, a secretary in the Student Activities Office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, "is a tremendous asset to the greek system

and this is just a day to appreciate the things she does," said Keith Lipke, public relations co-chair for Greek Week.

Taylor works closely with Eileen Sullivan, assistant director of student activities/greek affairs, and with members of the greek community, including the Black Greek Council.

Greek games will continue Tuesday at the Campus Pond.

The Little Men's Tugs will start at 3 p.m., followed by the Women's Tugs at 4 p.m. The Big Men's Tugs will conclude the games at 5 p.m.

"The tugs are the biggest event in greek games and the most practiced. It will be a real exciting event," Lipke said.

Other events on Tuesday include a

Collegiate Bowl and the Awards Ceremony.

A Collegiate Bowl will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom of the Union. The finals for the Collegiate Bowl will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Effingham Room of the Union.

The Awards Ceremony will honor different students in the greek system with awards such as "Outstanding Student Government Individual," "Best Panhellenic Member" and "Community Service."

The ceremony will start at 8 p.m. in McAfee South Gym.

The Unity Games and Unity Party Airband are the activities scheduled for Wednesday.

## Candidates to be questioned in forum

By DAVE HOSICK  
Student government editor

A second forum designed to question the qualifications of candidates in Wednesday's Student Government election will be held at 7 tonight in Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building.

Because it is the night before the election, Election Co-Chairman Harvey Pettry said he expects to attract nearly 100 people to tonight's forum. At Thursday's election forum in Carman Hall, about 30 students attended.

"Typically, the forum the night before the election usually attracts more people," Pettry said. "Students who have not paid that much attention

### Student Senate prepares for polling places for Wednesday's election. See Page 3

to the candidates throughout their campaign usually wait until the last minute to decide who they will vote for."

Senate Speaker Bobby Smith, who will serve on the questioning panel, hopes this forum will clear up any misconceptions that students might have about the candidates and Student Government.

"In the last forum, there was a shad-

ing of the whole truth when the candidates answered the questions," Smith said. "Some candidates have said they participated in activities which they did not participate in."

Smith said he was informed that some candidates claimed they have attended public forums during their campaign which they did not actually attend. Smith said he also questions some of the campaign tactics used by during the recent campaigning.

"Some candidates are trying to bring up issues which are not of importance during the campaign," Smith said. "These tactics are ridiculous, and candidates should not try to destroy the

## Filed 6 students submit complaints

By TRAVIS SPENCER  
and CHRIS SEPER  
Staff editors

At least six students have filed complaints regarding action taken by police on Friday during a confrontation at a local bar.

Although many students said on Monday that officers used excessive force and improper procedure during the confrontation, both the mayor and the city police chief defended the officers' actions.

About 10 area police officers were called shortly after 1 a.m. Friday morning to break up a fight outside Mother's Bar, 506 Monroe Ave. The crowd was sprayed with a Mace-like pepper spray, and one officer used a baton to move through the crowd, Charleston Police Chief Herb Steidinger said.

One university police officer and at least one student was injured and 10 students were arrested as a result of the melee.

Students who were at the scene say the police officers used the pepper spray indiscriminately and without warning, punched, kicked and unnecessarily arrested students, unnecessarily used a baton on at least one student, and threatened to arrest any students

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## Council: The party is still over

By NATALIE GOTT  
Staff writer

The three Charleston City Council members who voted in favor of raising the bar-entry age from 19 to 21 said they will not reconsider their decision.

### City to receive environmental award. See Page 2.

At a special meeting last week, the council voted 3-2 in favor of raising the bar-entry age from 19 to 21. Because the ordinance was not passed with an initial vote of 5-0 or 4-1, the ordinance was placed on file for public inspection.

The City Council will meet at 7:30 tonight in the council chambers of the Municipal Building, 520 Jackson Ave.

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# City to receive Tree City award at council meeting

By PETER F. ESSIG  
Staff writer

The City of Charleston will receive this year's Tree City USA award at Tuesday night's Charleston City Council meeting as part of the fourth annual Earth Week.

Earth Week is a week-long series of environmental education and awareness programs.

"We want people to be aware of what needs doing and what can be done," said Scott Smith, member of the Charleston Earth Society, one of the week's sponsors.

"Pollution Solution" is the theme of this year's Earth Week, Smith said. As part of this effort, a week long petition drive to bring a recycling program to Charleston.

"We'd like to see people out there," Smith



said, "Awareness is what we're after."

Other Events for Tuesday include:

- A reading of poetry and short stories at noon in the Charleston High School Lecture Room. The event is open to the public and

free of charge.

- A Rio Bravo bake sale will be held at noon in the Charleston High School cafeteria to benefit rainforest conservation efforts in the Central American nation of Belize. This event is also open to the public.

- A Trees by Phone drive will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Charleston High School.

# Officials: No more can be done for Muslims

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Confronted by Bosnian Serb guns they cannot silence, international mediators and U.N. officials said Monday there was nothing they could do for the terrorized Muslim enclave of Gorazde.

"The town is at their mercy," said the U.N. commander for Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose. "We are on the edge of a major humanitarian catastrophe."

While Serb artillery pounded Gorazde and refugees searched for cover, U.N.

officials said Serb leaders again promised a cease-fire and the deployment of U.N. troops in the eastern enclave, home to an estimated 65,000 people.

A Red Cross convoy and a company of U.N. troops were prepared to head to Gorazde on Tuesday, said U.N. spokesman Maj. Dacre Holloway.

But relief officials and local leaders reported more shelling, and there was no immediate sign that the cease-fire would be respected.

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who wanted to file a complaint.

Steidinger said the complaints filed that night were by individuals at the scene. He said the complaints mainly concern the pepper spray that was used on the crowd.

The complaints are being investigated by Thursday's midnight commander, he said. Steidinger said he will receive the complaint reports after they are investigated.

Clarissa Pierceall, who was at the scene, said she filed a

complaint on Friday.

Junior Eric Beard said the police sprayed the crowd "at random and at will" and said the attack was "relentless."

"They showed no mercy whatsoever," Beard said.

Before he was Maced, Beard said he saw one student beaten "a la Rodney King."

King was the black motorist whose beating by Los Angeles police officers in 1991 was videotaped.

Beard, who also filed a complaint, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass on Friday, and said he is search-

ing for witnesses so he can build his case against the city.

Eric Dolan, who was also arrested that night, said he was thrown down by police officers and hit in the head.

"It was piss-poor handling," Dolan said Friday. "(The police) could have handled it better. They should have acted more as a presence."

Mayor Dan Coughill said he is not convinced there was excessive force from the police. Coughill, who is also the police commissioner, said people approaching a situation where police are involved should stay

away, especially if the crowd is commanded to leave.

Steidinger agreed with Coughill.

"Police have a duty to keep the peace... no individuals have the right to interfere in the lawful duty of the police," Steidinger said. "If a crowd is told to disperse by the police and they refuse to do so, then they are committing a crime on contingent of conduct and the law enforcement must take appropriate action."

Arrested at the scene were James W. Ballou, mob action; Dolan, robbery, mob action,

obstructing justice, resisting a peace officer and criminal damage of \$300; Brian W. McGavock, mob action; Chris S. Pierson, mob action; James Prasopoulos, mob action and aggravated assault with hands, fists and feet; and Randall K. Post, mob action, escaping custody of a peace officer, resisting a peace officer and possession of 10 grams of cannabis.

Kevin M. Goheen, Janina L. Illescas and Michael S. Minauskas were also arrested for criminal trespass for not leaving the police station.

### Council

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Tonight's vote will be final regardless of a 3-2 decision.

Because they are concerned about the community's welfare, the three commissioners said their votes will remain the same. This is despite student protests that drinking at house parties is more dangerous than drinking in local bars.

"My concern is for the safety, peace

and comfort of the people of this community," said City Commissioner Gene Scholes. "Those who want to act irresponsibly are ruining it for everyone."

Scholes, who voted in favor of raising the entry age from 19 to 21 last week, said student arguments in favor of the 19-entry age have not changed his mind.

If the bar-entry age is raised from 19 to 21, Scholes said events such as the one which pitted a Charleston police-

student scuffle at Mother's bar, 506 Monroe Ave., Friday morning, should not and will not happen.

Last Friday, 10 students were arrested after a fight broke out at Mothers bar. One police officer and one student were injured during the confrontation.

Mayor Dan Coughill said his vote to raise the bar-entry age from 19 to 21 will not change. He added that he did not think the other commissioners would change their vote from last

week.

City Commissioner Greg Stewart, who also voted to raise the bar-entry age to 21, said he hopes the only votes to change are the two votes that favored a 19 bar-entry age.

City Commissioners John Winnett and Jim Dunn voted last week in favor of keeping the bar-entry age at 19. Dunn said he will remain in favor of a 19 bar-entry age tonight. Winnett was not available for comment Monday.

### Candidates

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well-being of a another candidate.

"It is a shame that candidates are doing this at such a crucial time with the administration and the city. Candidates should try to help and promote the university," Smith added.

Smith said he will direct many of his questions at the forum to find a solution to this problem.

"I hope to get some solid ideas from these candidates, and not just the same uninformed responses," Smith added.

Tuesday's forum will try to focus more on the senate candidates rather

than the five Student Government executive candidates. Last week's panel discussion lasted more than four hours.

"We will let the senate candidates talk for as long as they want to on issues of importance in their campaign," Pettry said. "It is important that the students get a clear picture

of what these candidates stand for."

Smith said: "In reality, the senators are the people that do most of the leg-work for Student Government. Students and executives often forget that."

Five executive positions and 19 Student Senate positions are open in Wednesday's election.

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# Getting ready

## Polls placed strategically to increase voter turnout

By **DAVE HOSICK**  
Student government editor

Polling places for Wednesday's Student Government elections will be strategically placed around campus to increase voter turnout, with hopes to get at least 30 percent of the student body to vote.

Voters in the on-campus district will be able to vote in the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority house and Carman, Andrews, Taylor, McKinney, Stevenson and Pemberton residence halls. Voters in either the on campus or off-campus district can pick up ballots in Buzzard Building and Coleman Hall, the Library Quad, Student Recreation Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I think more people will have access to the polls, which will encourage more people to take time out to vote," said Harvey Pettry, election co-chairman. "This

is an opportune time for students to empower themselves and go out and vote."

Election co-chairwoman Julie Sullivan said she hopes students will vote for the most qualified candidates and not just vote a straight party ticket. Two student parties headed by Katina Gillespie and Blake Wood have full slates of Student Government and Student Senate candidates.

"Students who vote for a straight ticket will not be making the best choice for Student Government," Sullivan said. "I hope this will not be the case."

Pettry said he agrees that students who vote a straight party ticket will not be making an educated choice during the election.

"Educated voters will look at the strengths and weaknesses of all the candidates," Pettry said. "This way, the elections will provide the most qualified candidates to run Student Government."

## Student Government elections

Senate candidates  
(Party in parenthesis)

### AT LARGE

- Bobbie Young (Reality)
- Yufus Anwar
- Sarah Baum (Impact)
- Julie Proscia (Reality)
- Tracey Sargent (Impact)
- Kathy Duffy (Impact)
- Chris Boyster (Impact)
- Jeff Hart (Impact)
- Dan Lambolely (Reality)

### OFF CAMPUS

- Kathleen Allen (Reality)
- Jack Kaufman (Impact)
- Chris Ross (Impact)
- Derik Day (Impact)
- John Bagel (Impact)

### ON CAMPUS

- Rick Tucker (Impact)
- Bryan Gutraj (Impact)
- Dan Hlavac
- Jodi Chapman (Reality)
- Shannon Andrews (Impact)
- Matt Thrun (Reality)
- Jim Ballou (Reality)
- Dave Greenstein (Impact)
- Eric Anderson (Reality)
- Michael Podmolik

# Faculty Senate to decide on confidence referendum

By **ADAM McHUGH**  
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate will decide whether to draft a referendum for the entire faculty today regarding confidence in the Board of Governors.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

The vote in the senate meeting may bring about the drafting of a referendum for faculty members which will determine if confidence exists in the board.

The confidence vote would be held within the next two weeks.

Faculty Senate Chairman Bill Addison said a reply from BOG Trustee Wilma Sutton will be examined by the senate Tuesday.

If the senate believes its concerns are not adequately addressed, a drafting committee will create the referendum.

"I think the overriding theme of the Faculty Senate regarding the BOG is that we don't like the idea of people in Springfield running our university," Addison said.

"This is an issue of management," Addison said. "The BOG has been looking at how we evaluate our programs, but we know better

than them because they are not in direct contact with us."

The Faculty Senate drafting committee sent a letter of concern to the BOG two months ago, addressing issues such as the awarding of tenure and "promoting the uniqueness" of the five BOG universities.

The BOG oversees Eastern, Governors State, Northeastern Illinois, Western Illinois and Chicago State.

Addison said the BOG would be under no obligation to reply to a vote of "no confidence" by the faculty.

"Nothing will probably come out of a no confidence vote, such as the retirement of a BOG Chancellor," Addison said. "But I think right now some people would like to see the chancellor step down."

Other issues which will be examined at Tuesday's meeting include a discussion of the proposed coffeehouse, which will be located behind Tarble Arts Center.

Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken and Vice President for Business Affairs Charles Colbert will attend the meeting, addressing concerns Faculty Senate members have regarding the proposal.

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Student Government Elections 1994

April 20, 1994

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BOG Representative: Julie Tizzard

Financial Vice President: Jennie Rzepka

### On Campus:

- Eric Anderson
- Jodi Chapman
- Jim Ballou
- Matt Thrun

### At Large:

- Julie Proscia
- Dan Lambolely
- Bobbie Young

### Off Campus:

- Kathleen Allen

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## \*Today's Events\*

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Campus Pond/3pm - 6pm

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Awards Ceremony -

McAfee Gym/8pm

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# OPINION

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TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1994

## Write-in option should be open to student voters

Voting is important. However, voting for the candidate you are most comfortable with is necessary. Prior to every election, the students of this campus are lectured as to the importance of casting a vote. Your ballot is your voice in how the politics of this campus operate.

### Editorial

But why vote if you are truly frustrated with your options? Unlike past elections, every seat is contested this time around. However, like elections past, most races feature candidates who hardly seem qualified for office or worthy of election.

So what is a voter to do? In national and state elections, disgruntled voters voice other opinions or disapproval of the candidates through a write-in vote.

So if you are unsatisfied with the choices offered tomorrow, why not write-in a better candidate.

Well, you can't. Potential write-in candidates are required by the constitution to file petitions nine school days prior to the election. This semester's deadline of April 6 arrived and past with no write-in candidates filed.

So any write-in votes cast in Wednesday's election will not count.

Election Chairman Harvey Pettry explained the reasoning behind this is simply related to time.

Additional candidates would require additional time spent by ballot counters.

And we certainly can't have our ballot counters wasting their precious efforts on such time-consuming frivolity as counting the voted opinions of the students.

How are these elections going to tap into true feelings of this campus if students are limited in their choices at the polls?

The Student Senate Elections Committee needs to take a look at the wording of the constitution and see if the current policy allows the students a free voice or a rubber-stamp vote.

"If we got a hundred votes for Bugs Bunny," Pettry said, "we would have to count a hundred votes for Bugs Bunny."

But in certain races on Wednesday's ballot, perhaps Bugs Bunny represents the best choice.

## TODAY'S QUOTE

Include me out.

Samuel Goldwyn

## Regionalism still truckin' through Illinois

It seems as if residents of the northern and southern halves of the state of Illinois have forever been on the opposite sides of disagreements.

Over the years, natives of the two regions have squabbled over taxation rates, distribution of federal and state funds within the state, gambling, sites for new employment and the prioritization of public schools.

These arguments have become so thoroughly regionalized that if someone didn't know any better, they might think the legendary Mason-Dixon line runs through the state south of Peoria.

The latest example of this squabbling is brought you, the taxpayer, from the state Legislature, where representatives are split cleanly along geographic lines over the issue of whether or not passengers should be allowed to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks.

A bill currently under consideration in the state Legislature would require people to wear seat belts when riding in the bed of a pick-up truck, despite the fact that truckbeds do not have seats, let alone seat belts.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Barbara Giolitto, D-Bevidere, calls the legislation a compromise between those who want to forget the idea altogether and those who don't want anyone, particularly children, to legally be allowed to ride in truckbeds.

The law specifically requires anyone under the age of 16 to wear a seat belt while riding in the cargo area of a truck weighing less than 8,500 pounds.

As might be expected, Giolitto's bill faces the stiffest opposition from legislators from Central and Southern Illinois. Rep. Charles Hartke, D-Teutopolis, and our own local Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, spoke out against bill late last week, calling the legislation "unrealistic and unworkable."

Hartke and Weaver, you see, understand that many people in rural areas, particularly those living in Central and Southern Illinois, consider the right to ride in the back of a pick-up truck as inalienable as the right to exercise their freedom of speech on bad talk radio or to display firearms in the rear windows of their vehicles.



Sherry Sidwell

*"Granted, riding in the back of a pick-up truck probably isn't the safest thing in the world to do."*

And these people don't take kindly to the idea of someone from Northern Illinois telling them what they can and cannot do.

Granted, riding in the back of a pick-up truck probably isn't the safest thing in the world to do. But it's a unique part of the rural culture, a sign that the weather has finally warm enough to ride outside and rite of passage—nearly everyone who has ever ridden in a truck bed remembers the first time or she was consid-

ered old enough to not ride up front with mom and dad. Many residents of Southern Illinois are up in arms about the proposed legislation, and they're not about to give up their right to ride in the back of a pick-up truck without a fight. Many local newspapers are running pages full of letters from people who suggest that politicians from Northern Illinois should set their own houses in order before they try to tell Central and Southern Illinois residents how to travel.

As one letterwriter to my hometown newspaper put it, "It's so nice to know that the upstate area has so little crime and lawlessness of its own that its lawmakers have time to stick their noses in things in Southern Illinois that don't affect them at all."

But Giolitto and other state representatives of her ilk continue to insist that the safety of children should override any regional custom or tradition.

It's hard to say who is right in this case. The arguments on both sides are compelling.

People from Chicago and the more-populated northern part of the state often complain about the hostility heaped upon them from residents of downstate Illinois, saying they are stereotyped as gangsters and snobs. They say they don't understand why they are viewed so negatively.

But maybe they should consider whether they bring this on themselves when promote the regionalism so prevalent in Illinois by using their superior numbers to impose their own values and beliefs on an unwilling Central and Southern Illinois populace.

— Sherry Sidwell is the news editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



## Eastern lacks key elements of respect, communication

Dear editor:

Communication. Respect. These two key elements are missing on the campus of Eastern.

We as body can never accomplish anything if we do not gain these elements back from each other, the faculty, the administration, and the community.

How can we try and solve the concerns and issues if we do not speak out? We have several recognized student organizations on this campus—their purpose is simple; to promote, educate, and solve specific problems they feel are a threat to the campus and society. I feel it is the student body president's and senate's responsibility to be on top of what these organizations are doing, to lend a helping hand when they need it.

Not to steal "their thunder," but rather help them out when ever they need it. If we are able to have all rec-

## Your turn

ognized student organizations actively involved on this campus, then we will see more solutions to the problems we feel exist in our environment.

Senate should not be burdened with finding the problem, figuring out a solution to the problem and then implementing it—it should be a joint effort between senate and recognized student organizations. This has not been the case, because of the lack of communication.

With the faculty, administration, and the community we need to gain their respect. To prove that we are young adults, not old children. That we are capable of dealing with confrontation and disagreements with clear and properly handled rapport. That we have rational solutions and idea. That we can handle the task of solving these problems, whatever they may be.

By gaining that respect and keeping open lines of communication then we can see students taking back what

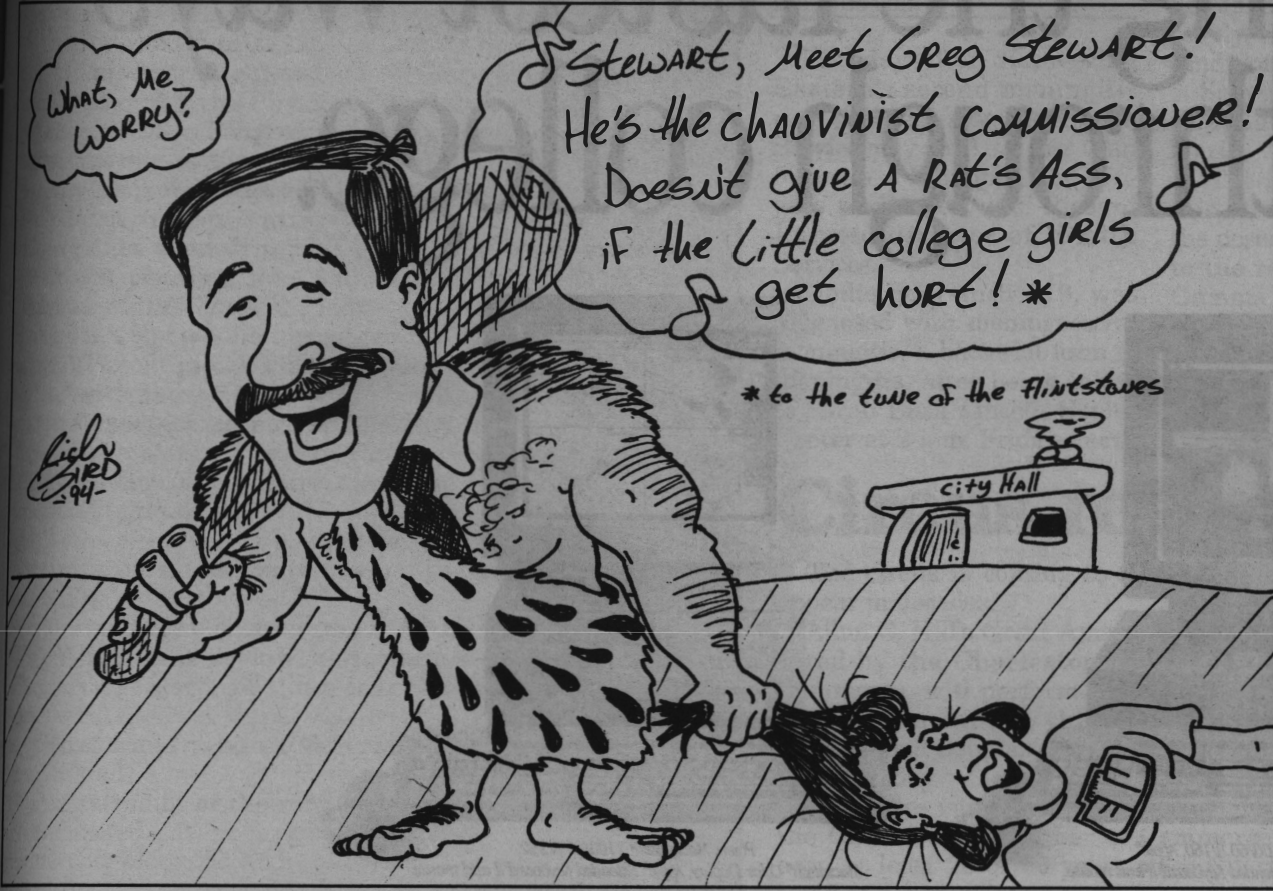
they feel they have lost their voice. Therefore, on April 20, 1994 "Students should Speak," vote in the Student Government elections. Only then will we be given the respect we deserve.

I promise that I will work on the lines of communication between all facets in Charleston and on Eastern's campus, because if we do not share our ideas, goals and views then nothing will ever be accomplished to its fullest.

As student body president, I would be there for the students, not to express my personal views and ideologies, but rather to take the views of the students, not to express my personal views and ideologies, but rather to take the views of the students and implement them.

This can only be done by communication, and action will only be effective if we have respect. These are the two things I plan on working on. They may be simple, but if they are working out, then the tougher tasks will actually be easier.

J. Stephen Hartsfield  
Student body president candidate



## Your turn

### Students should keep an open mind about election candidates

Dear editor:

Hello. Let me introduce myself, my name is Julie Tizzard and I am running for the position of Board of Governors Representative on the Reality Party ticket.

I would like to apologize to the entire campus for the negative campaigning that has been going on during this student government election - not by me, but by my opponent.

I did not want to lower myself to his level by justifying actions with a response; but in all fairness, I owe it to you, the students, to clear a few things up.

I am running for the right reason - to represent the students - plain and simple. I think it is about time students have a voice within the BOG. I am outspoken and will work diligently for Eastern's student body.

I have proven my dedication to you, the students, during my terms as a senate member. I attended every alcohol task force forum and fought for the privilege to enter the Charleston bars at the age of 19; my opponent did not show up for any of these forums.

I am rejecting the tuition waiver, so that could not possibly be my motivation for wanting this position. I am not using this position to make connections in Springfield. Those of you who know me know this is true. Those of you who know my opponent may have their doubts.

The members of the Reality Party have completed and are currently working on a wide array of projects for you, the students. My skepticism of the opposing party has nothing to do with the affiliation of the majority of their candidates - this is irrelevant. My skepticism revolves around their inexperience and lack of interest in Student Government in the past.

The Reality Party may not have as much time to dedicate to campaigning to convince you to vote Reality - we are very busy doing our jobs as current senate members.

I am not asking you to vote Reality. I am asking you to keep an open mind and vote for the candidates who you feel will represent you best.

Come out to the forum at 7 p.m. tonight in Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building and decide

for yourself.

**Julie Tizzard**  
BOG representative candidate

### Editorial board should participate in sleepout before condemning it

Dear editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial concerning the sleepout for the homeless program.

I am the Panhellenic Community Service chairwoman and in charge of the sleepout for the homeless. The fact that the editorial board took time to tear apart a community-based program disgusts me.

I would also like to add that the person who wrote the editorial obviously wasn't involved in the program. Surely if he or she had been, the correct facts would have been printed in the editorial.

For example, all the donations came from the students themselves, contrary to what was printed. It amazes me that people feel the need to down grade other students when they themselves make no effort toward the community.

It appears to me that the community was pleased with the program. I say this because the community was there sitting with us during the day.

Maybe if the author of the editorial had spent some time at the sleepout, there would have been a different view printed.

Every hour that someone sat on a box made a friend in the community or helped educate people about homelessness, and was a great deal more than the author of the editorial wanted or cared to give.

**Kendyl Kinshaw**

### Dean's list is fair and encourages student competition

Dear editor:

A lot of talk has been flying around this year concerning the standards used in compiling the dean's list.

The main argument of the dean's list critics is that it is unfair not to have a minimum grade point average that automatically qualifies one to make the Dean's List. This argument, though typical of those who are afraid of competition, has many flaws.

We have something so unique in the U.S. that distinguishes us from

everyone else in the world. That something is competition. Scary word, huh?

Many people just can't handle competition. And those who want to lower our standards at Eastern should rethink what they are saying.

Are we really going to make academic standards higher by qualifying more people for the dean's list? The answer is no. The dean's list was created to award those who achieve academic excellence in the top 10 percent of their college. Are we to be blamed that some majors are harder than others?

Making the standards easier destroys the incentive to excel and fosters the desire to be mediocre. Education must be competitive if we are to produce the best students possible. If we don't want to produce the best students possible, then let's be nice and let everyone make the dean's list with a 2.5 or higher because we surely wouldn't want those who have a bad semester to lose hope.

You see, it is really not fair that a business major from the University of Illinois may start out at \$35,000 and one from Eastern starts out at \$25,000. You had the same classes as that person, so why don't you make as much money? Go figure!

Consider, if you will, this preposterous scenario at Eastern. A liberal arts major gets a 3.6 GPA but doesn't make the Dean's List while an engineering major with a 3.6 is in the top one or two percent of his college. Why is that?

We are all Eastern students. We all pay the same tuition. We all go out three times per week. We all study hard - or do we?

Could it be that the engineering major who studies 30 hours per week and takes physics three, calculus three, differential equations, linear algebra and circuit analysis has a more rigorous load? Maybe it's just me.

No, we've got to keep the dean's list just like it is. Otherwise, students won't work as hard because they know they won't have to. Just do the bare minimum and slide on by. If you can't impress people with your knowledge, baffle them with your B.S.

Maybe I'm too critical. Maybe I want to make things too tough. After all, everyone's created equal - at least that is what it says in the Constitution.

**Andy Ramage**

## Without spiritual beliefs in school, future leaders don't have a prayer

History tells us that December 7, 1941, the day the country of Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and sparked our entrance into World War II, was the day that lived in infamy.

And that truth has most certainly held the test of time. But there is a year in our history that few citizens truly know about which could easily lobby itself as another year that lived and continues to live in infamy.

The year was 1962, the year that our Supreme Court abolished prayer from the public schools in America.

It was a monumental decision, and one that our society has truly felt the repercussions of. Why? It was, at the time, the first time in the 342 years since the Pilgrims arrived in America and 173 years since the Constitution, that America took a verbal stance against God and prayer in general.

And since 1962, America has slipped into a trend of immorality and obvious rebellion against basic rights and wrongs in society. Here are some staggering statistics gathered from David Barton and the Wall Builders Press that truly illustrate just how low America truly has stooped in a mere 32 years:

- Divorce has increased 117 percent.
- Adultery has increased 200 percent.
- Sexually transmitted diseases among ages 15-20 are up 226 percent.
- Teenage suicide is up 253 percent.
- Wait, it gets worse.
- Unmarried couples living together has increased 536 percent.
- Unwed mother birthrate, ages 10-14, has skyrocketed 553 percent.
- Violent crime has gone up a horrifying 794 percent
- Sexual abuse of children is up an astronomical 2,000 percent.

Those are some tragic statistics, and there's more from where that came from. But I'm sure some would ask just how can all this be the result of just one simple Supreme Court decision?

Well, consider what some of the forefathers of our own nation - a nation founded on Judeo/Christian morals - had to say about the impact of God in society, as well as in the classroom.

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, said that the philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next. Meanwhile, our first president George Washington said in his farewell address, "You cannot have national morality apart from religious principle."

And doesn't it seem pretty ironic that when prayer to God was denied by the government to our children - the children who Jesus said in the texts of the Bible not to keep away from Him - we gradually turned into a society of rebels and psychopaths, disregarding almost every form of moral code that has been established?

One individual who is making a valiant effort to restore voluntary prayer in the classroom is Carman, one of Christian music's most popular artists and ambassadors. He is gathering one million signatures on his current "Setting the Standard" world tour to get prayer back in the classroom. And he promises to personally hand the petition to President Bill Clinton.

And why not a petition for the right to pray? It seems that everyone and their brother nowadays seems to be holier and complaining for rights they claim are included in the constitution. Well, the Constitution gives the same rights to those who choose to pray in the classroom.

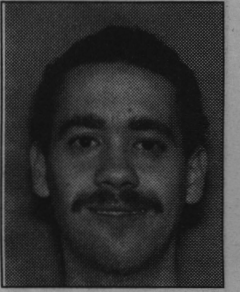
And don't be fooled by that fable regarding separation of Church and State. For those who look closely at the Constitution, that sentence does not exist. Nevertheless, it's commonly been used as a vehicle to remove God from our classrooms.

So how will the influence of God affect society and the classroom? To me, given the current state we're in, God could work a miracle - if we would just give Him the chance.

Whether you're dedicated to prayer, a simple Christian, or a someone who could care less, isn't it time to see the right to pray in the classrooms, regardless of spiritual belief, be given back to our children, the ones who will be future leaders of the next generation?

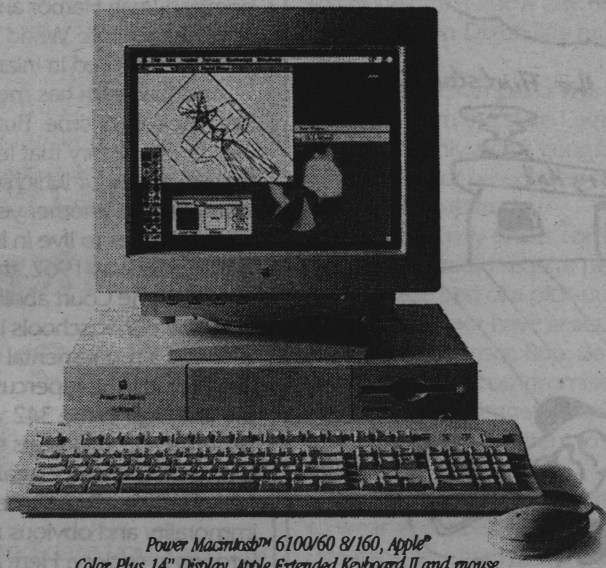
Because if it doesn't happen sometime soon, considering what has happened since 1962 and is sure to only get worse as we continue to remove God from more of society, we may not - literally or figuratively - have a prayer left.

- Anthony Nasella is a staff writer and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.

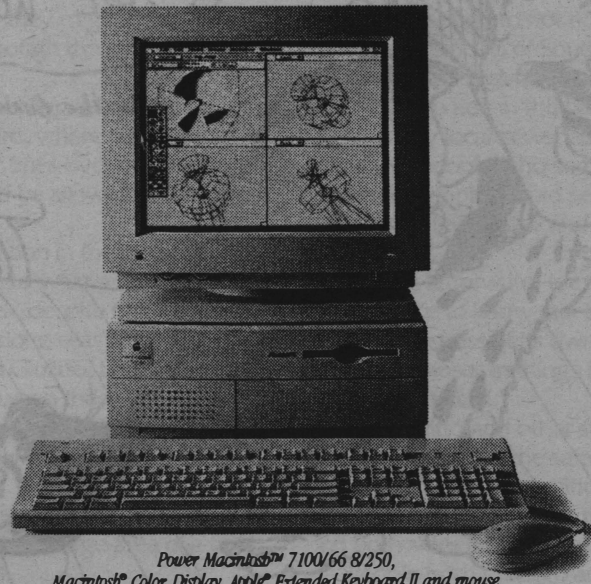


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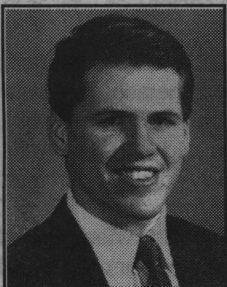
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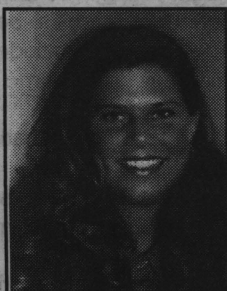
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Blake Wood

Senior  
History/Political Science Major  
Fairfield, IL

93-94 Financial V.P.  
A.B. Chair

89-92 Chair of 3 Senate Committees  
President Search Committee  
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Goal: Empower the Student Body and its influence with the campus and community



**Chief of Staff**  
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Sophomore  
Speech Communication Major  
Business and Women Studies Minor  
Lisle, IL

92-94 Student Senator-At-Large  
94 V.P. Sigma Kappa  
94 UB Homecoming Committee Secretary  
94 Panhellenic Social Awareness Director

Goal: To be an informative liaison between the Senate and student body.

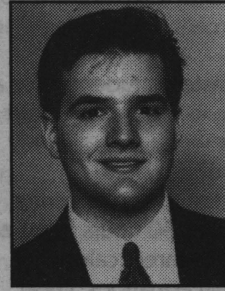


**Executive V.P.**  
Kristie Kahles

Junior  
Speech Communication Major  
English Minor  
Hawthorne Woods, IL

93-94 Cabinet Director-Panhellenic Council  
94 UB Coronation Chair

Goal: I would like to see more volunteers to help students who are physically and mentally challenged.



**BGU Representative**  
Matt Giordano

Junior  
Political Science Major  
Pontiac, IL

91-95 March of Dimes National Spokesperson  
91-93 Student Senator  
93-94 Chief of Staff  
94 Homecoming Chair

Goal: To represent the concerns of the Student Body to the BGU



**Financial V.P.**  
Jeff Kocis

Junior  
Accounting Major  
Gillespie, IL

93-94 AB Vice-Chair  
Student member of Certified Management Accountants

Goal: Improving General Student knowledge of how AB works and seeing how student activity fees can be more efficiently spent

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## Make A Difference: Vote IMPACT

# No start date set for Service repairs

No starting date has been set for renovation on the Health Service, the Physical Plant director said.

Three new waiting rooms, a new conference room and an expansion of the pharmacy will be created after university workers remove the building's dental clinic.

Although an architectural design for the Health Service has been drawn, it is not known the exact date in which construction will begin, said Ted Weidner, director of the Physical Plant.

"I don't know when construction will begin," Weidner said. "The Physical Plant has not completed its review of the architect's design of the Health Service."

"Foremen examine the plans, and the specifications to determine if (the Physical Plant) can maintain it, or if the redesign will require an investment in new equipment," Weidner said.

The review began a week or two ago, Weidner said, adding that no one knows when the project will be finished.

"It could take several months," Weidner said. "If (the Physical Plant review) determines that the Physical Plant can't perform the work, the project must be bid on."

"That could take another two to three weeks," Weidner added.

An estimate of the renovation's cost has not yet been determined.

- Staff report

# Medicine in low demand

By **BRIAN HUCHEL**  
Campus editor

The day after discovering Eastern's second meningitis case this semester, the Health Service only gave out less than 50 doses of Rifampin, a meningitis medication, said Richard Larson, director of Health Services.

Neilie Schyvincht, 19, was diagnosed with meningococcal meningitis, a bacterial form of meningitis, after being taken to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center at 2 a.m. Friday morn-

ing complaining of vomiting, headaches and a fever. Currently, Schyvincht is in good condition.

Schyvincht lives at the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house.

"The pharmacy told me late this afternoon that, including the doses that have been given to the residents of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house, we had given out 45 doses," Larson said.

After Eastern student Lou Rainaldi was diagnosed and later died of meningococemia,

a meningitis-related disease, about 120 students purchased or received doses of Rifampin the day.

In February 1992, more than 6,000 students purchased the medication after Eastern student Pete Giese died of meningitis in Thomas Hall.

Although some students did purchase the medication Monday, Larson said he is pleased the medication turnout was minimal.

"We want people to take our advice when we say that they don't need it," Larson said.

# Circus returns to Charleston

The circus is coming to town, the first to appear in decades.

Allan C. Hill's Great American Circus, sponsored by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, will perform on a lot west of the Charleston Inn, at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Douglas Street, at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. Tuesday.

"We are very excited," said Bob Taylor of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. "It's been at least 20 or 30 years since Charleston last had a circus."

Ringmaster Brian LaPalme will head the

circus and perform a fire-eating act. LaPalme is one of only three people in the U.S. who still performs tricks with fire.

Taylor said the circus also features a spitting camel, flying trapeze artists and clowns.

Advance tickets for adults are available for \$8 at the Chamber of Commerce office, 501 Jackson; Mooney Motors, 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue; and Wilb Walker West Supermarket, 1460 E St. Tickets will also be available at the circus at \$12 for adults and \$5 for children.

-Staff report

# Student's car damaged in hit-and-run accident

An Eastern student's car sustained \$300 in damage after a hit-and-run accident occurred in the Pemberton Hall parking lot sometime last Tuesday.

According to police reports, Monica Alexander, 18, parked her car in the Pemberton Hall lot at 8:15 a.m. When Alexander returned to her car at 7:30 p.m. she found the front pas-



senger door had been struck by another vehicle.

The dent was 12 inches in length.

Brown or bronze paint was found on the dent, presumably from the other vehicle.

In other police reports:

- Scott Kingery, 22, reported the front passenger tire was punctured sometime between noon and 3:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Damage is valued at \$50.

- Darnial B. Curran, 18, of Car-

man Hall, was arrested at 1:18 Saturday at 520 N. 13th St. on charges of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and misrepresentation of age by a minor.

- Delbert D. Winters, 22, of 111 First Street, was arrested at 2:42 a.m. Thursday at his residence on charges of domestic battery and criminal damage to property.

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# Cooper

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In all track and field events, there are two NCAA qualifying standards, an automatic and provisional. The 100 standards are set at 10.22 and 10.40. As the term suggests, only automatic qualifiers are guaranteed a trip to nationals, while provisionals are put on a waiting list.

Last year, Cooper qualified to the indoor championships, provisionally, in the 55- and 200-meter dashes, and placed ninth in the latter. He was again a provisional qualifier in the 200 outdoors.

But NCAA officials forgot to call and let him know that he had made the cutoff. He, in fact, didn't even find out about the flub until a friend told him after reading a local newspaper story.

"I could have been an All-American last year," Cooper said, noting that his 20.70 clocking would have placed seventh in the NCAA 200 final. "It was a possibility. That's what made me mad."

For Cooper, Saturday's victory highlights a frustrating year in which he failed to qualify for

the indoor national meet, not to mention being left behind by the NCAA last season.

Indoors, Cooper kept getting beat, and beat, and beat again, and wasn't improving on his times from the previous season. However, a 100 win at the prestigious Alabama Relays over spring break provided hints of a comeback. "I thought he could make it," said head coach Neil Moore. "He really is an excellent sprinter."

Although some may have thought he was down, Cooper knew he wasn't out.

"People kept sayin' 'Man, why isn't Obie gettin' any faster?'" Cooper said. "I knew I would come along, because I know what I'm capable of running. I've been working real hard since indoor, and I knew somewhere along the line it would pay off."

The hard work may have paid off more than Cooper expected. For a sprinter to knock almost a tenth off his best time is like a distance runner dropping 20 seconds or more.

Although accurate U.S. rankings are currently unavailable, Cooper's time could feasibly be

top-four nationwide. At this time last year, a 10.22 would have been third among Americans and would have been good for third in the NCAA final as well.


Cooper's time ranks second in Eastern history to All-American Claude Magee's school record of 10.16, set in 1984. Saturday's race was no fluke either; although there was a tail wind, Cooper still beat Kirtz, a national qualifier who had beaten him twice indoors, by .21. He also triumphed in the 200 and anchored Eastern's winning 4x100 relay.

Like many athletes have said in achieving their best, Cooper said the 100 felt relatively easy, and that he wasn't giving his all.

"I was running hard coming out of the blocks," Cooper said. "But after that I was just relaxing, and I didn't lean at the finish. If I had, I might have run 10.1. When you're winning the race, you just run through."

"I'm going into every race to see if I can continue (to improve). I want to be consistent at 10.2, and go into a race with the confidence that I can do it."

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# Women's tennis team 5-for-5 over weekend

By **MATT MORFOOT**  
Staff writer

Two weekends in a row, the Eastern women's tennis team has made the game look easy. The lady netters completed this weekend's long road trip with a 5-0 record. "These past two weekends all go back to how hard the team has been practicing," head coach John Ross said. With an undefeated conference record of 6-0, Eastern has won 10 of its last 11 and has an overall record of 15-4. Last Thursday, the lady netters started their conquest with a 9-0 shutout of Valparaiso University. Friday's competition brought them to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where the Eastern women repeated Thursday's actions by blanking Milwaukee 9-0. Losing to the University of Illinois-Chicago 4-3 earlier this spring, the lady netters got their revenge Saturday morning by defeating the Flames 5-4. "This match was a dog fight," Ross said. "It

gave the team a big boost with their confidence level."

Saturday afternoon, Eastern squared off with conference rival Wisconsin-Green Bay. The lady netters pounded Green Bay 8-1.

"The team was really fired up to win this one," Ross said. "They came ready to play in this big rivalry."

Eastern finished the weekend with a 6-3 victory over future conference opponent Chicago State.

According to Ross, Kristy Sims and Stephanie Sullivan played outstanding over the weekend. Sims posted a 5-0 singles match record while Sullivan went 4-0 mark in singles play.

Geeta Dua and Terra Erickson added a perfect 5-0 record in doubles play for the weekend.

"This was a great team effort," Ross said. "These quality wins establish Eastern as a solid tennis program. I can't be more pleased then with the results of the past two weekends."

The lady netters will next travel to St. Louis University on Wednesday to play in a non-conference match.

## Out there

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That wouldn't be fair to Nebraska-Omaha or coach Samuels at this point."

Former athletic director Mike Ryan, who worked in the Panther athletic department for four years, said that it may simply be a situation where Samuels is looking for the right offer at the right place and time if he were to leave.

"Everybody at some point starts to look around," Ryan said. "You can only stay in one place for so long. I've known Rick long enough that if it were Texas Tech, or a school like that, I'm not sure he'd even consider it."

"If he were offered the job (at Omaha), he'd have to really sit down and think about a lot of things if he were to leave."

Samuels had his first teaching job in

Omaha, Neb., and is a graduate of Chadron State, so he is quite knowledgeable of that part of the country, as well as being good friends with Omaha Athletic Director Bob Gibson.

"I know he has good working relations with the athletic director there," Ryan said, "and I know he's familiar with the geographic area, and the fact that he's a Division-I coach helps. Those are all definite appealing factors."

"But what might not be as appealing is that people at an institution at that level (Division II) would be concerned about hiring a person from the Division I level because they don't know if they have enough to offer to keep him there."

"It's something that if Rick does, then I wish him the best. But (he) would be foolish not to keep his eyes wide open."

# Men's tennis team at Indiana State

By **ANTHONY NASELLA**  
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other on."

As far as the match, Bennett is more optimistic for victory, greatly because of the success that Eastern has had against them in previous seasons. And Bennett is happy to be home for the first time in over a month.

"It's been sometime since we've had a home match," he said. "We just have to start applying what we've learned. Southern Indiana is a team that we have a good chance of beating."

And at this point, according to Bennett, the victories have to start occurring in order to build up momentum.

"Hopefully with some wins, we can carry it into the weekend," he said. "We just can't be so worried about results, but rather our own game and a style that is effective and playing that ball the best you can."

"Going in on a positive note is the most important thing," he added. "We have a chance of finishing higher than last year if we play our best tennis."

Eastern tennis coach John Bennett knows what adjustments his team needs to make in terms of aggressiveness, and he's hoping that it will begin to apply them in today's home match against Southern Indiana at 3 p.m.

Fresh off a trio of defeats at Illinois State and getting closer to this weekend's Mid-Continent Conference tournament, Bennett knows that aggressiveness has a lot to do with being in the doubles matches.

"We had reasonable success Brad Rozboril and Ryan Ivers (No. 2) last weekend," Bennett said. "Jason Alexander and Brandon Kuhl (No. 1) played well against Illinois state. But George Macey and Jason Hotsin-piller (No. 3) are just going have to get confident and aggressive and pep each other up."

"And since all the matches are going on at the same time, it's hard for the other team members to cheer each

# Bulls' Pippen selected NBA player of the week

NEW YORK (AP) - Scottie Pippen of the Chicago Bulls, who averaged 27.5 points, 7.8 rebounds and six assists per game, was the NBA's player of the week for the period ending Sunday.

In leading the Bulls to a 3-1

record last week, Pippen also averaged 2.75 steals and shot .600 (45 for 75) from the field. His top scoring game last week came when he had 34 points in Orlando's 118-101 win over Chicago, which ended the Bulls' 10-game winning streak.

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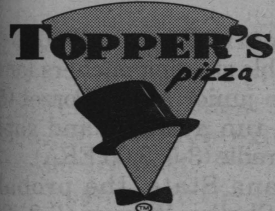
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## What's out there?

### Former Eastern A.D. says Samuels may just be looking

By **RANDY LISS**  
Associate sports editor

Eastern basketball coach Rick Samuels is a candidate for the Nebraska-Omaha coaching job.

The 14-year Panther coach is not yet a finalist, but he is one of 80 applicants who are looking into the Division-II Omaha job.

That doesn't mean Samuels is leaving, and that doesn't mean he's not wanted at Eastern.

But what it does mean is that the elder

statesman of Mid-Continent Conference basketball coaches is shopping himself around. Whether it's a serious situation or not right now, nobody knows.

But suppose that Samuels were to leave Eastern and accept a possible offer to rebuild the Omaha basketball program from the ground up — a program that has accumulated a combined 9-43 record the last two years.

Is the Eastern athletic department prepared to begin the search for a new basketball coach if and when the situation dictates it, especially shortly after completing a long and complicated process to find a new athletic director?

"It's too early to speculate on that," said new Eastern Athletic Director Bob McBee, who will take over his duties June 1. "If the situation comes up, then we would address it, but right now it's too early to speculate."

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## Playing down a little

### Baseball team hosting Div. III Millikin today

By **PAUL DEMPSEY**  
Staff writer

The Eastern baseball team will step away from conference play today when it hosts Division III Millikin University in a 2 p.m. contest at Monier Field.

Panther coach Dan Callahan admits that even though Millikin is a Division III school, the game should not be taken lightly.

"You can't take wins for granted regardless of who

you're playing or what level of competition you're playing against," Callahan said.

Callahan said Eastern traveled to Millikin four or five years ago for a makeup game and incorrectly predicted the Panthers would win. According to Callahan, the Panthers did not play well and Millikin walked away with the victory.

"That's something that I guess in theory they have more to gain than we do," Callahan said. "If a Division III school beats a Division I school, that's a big win for them and it really helps their program."

"In theory, that's a game we should win, but it doesn't always work out that way."

The Panthers, 12-18 overall and 8-3 in the Mid-Continent

Conference, are on a five-game winning streak and have won eight of their last 10. Callahan said he will not overlook today's game but said Wednesday's doubleheader with conference foe Western Illinois will play a part in who will pitch today.

"My biggest concern is Wednesday," Callahan said. "So we're not going to be in a position where we want to use our top four starters."

According to Callahan, today's pitching duties will probably be divided among three or four of the Panther long or middle relievers.

"I imagine what we'll do is we'll probably split it up a little bit and give three or four guys a little work," Callahan said.

## Fahey pitcher of week

By **PAUL DEMPSEY**  
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Eastern pitcher Mike Fahey was named Mid-Continent Conference pitcher of the week for his efforts between April 11-17.

Fahey collected two wins in 10 innings of work and opposing hitters batted only .125 against him.

He gave up only four hits and one run while accumulating a minuscule 0.90 earned run average.

Fahey was one of three pitchers who helped Eastern to a 1-0 victory over Bradley Wednesday. He also threw a complete game 3-1 victory over Valparaiso Saturday.

Fahey struck out 10 Valpo batters while walking none in seven innings of work.

"This weekend was good for me. I picked up a lot of strikeouts," Fahey said.

Last season, Fahey accumulated 29 strikeouts in 65 2/3 innings of work. This season he

already has 27 strikeouts in only 36 2/3 innings.

"I don't necessarily set myself on strikeouts," Fahey said. "It's not really a goal. If they hit it, they hit it."

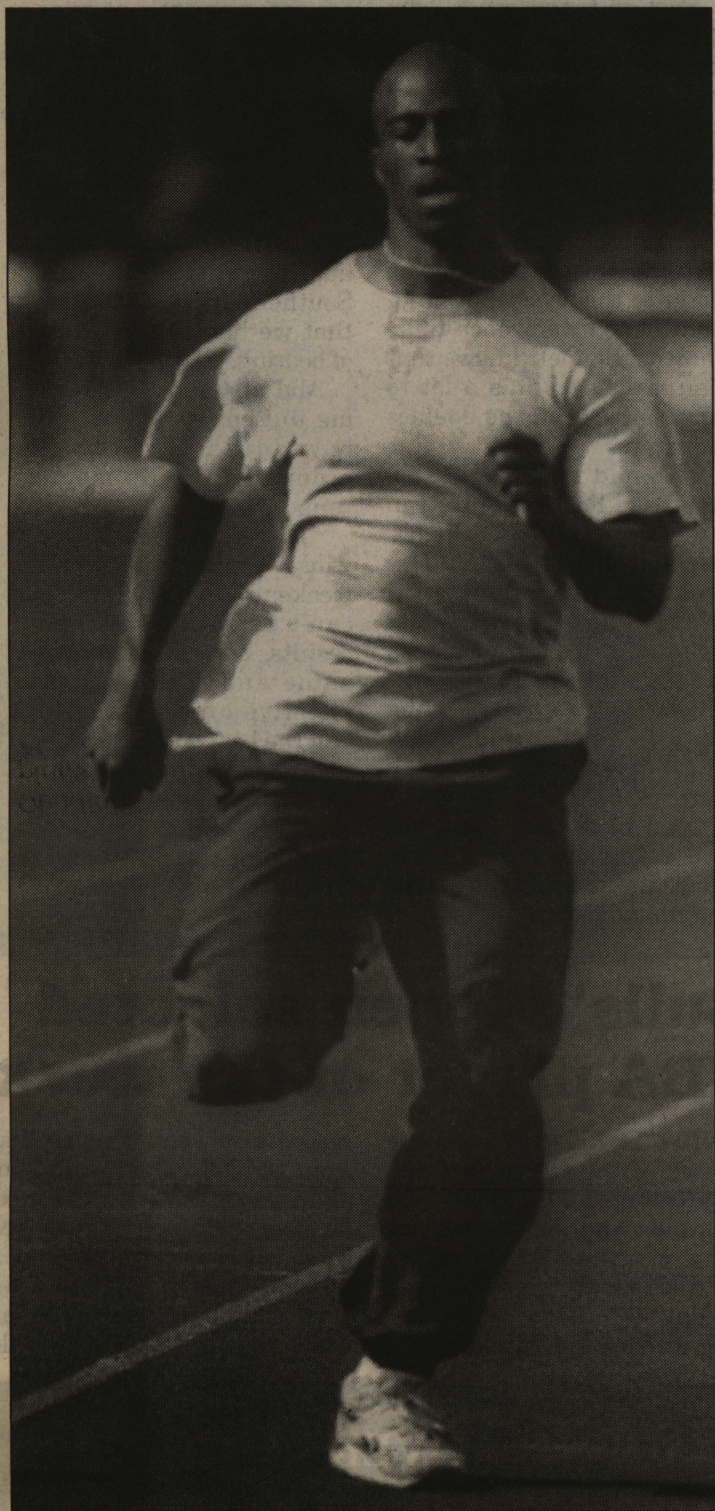
Fahey's control has also improved since last season. The senior righthander has walked only six batters so far as opposed to 27 last season.

In Saturday's victory over Valpo, Fahey carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning of the seven-inning contest before losing the no-hit bid on an infield single to start the inning.

Fahey's teammates were aware of the no-hit possibility and tried their best not to jinx him.

"They all knew the superstition about not saying anything to the pitcher, so no one really said anything to me in the dugout," Fahey said. "I just kind of sat in the corner by myself."

Fahey is currently third in the Mid-Con standings with a 2.70 ERA and has helped Eastern's staff to the best walk/strikeout ratio in the Mid-Con.



**ELISSA BROADHURST**/Assoc. photo editor  
Obadiah Cooper, of the Eastern men's track team, displays his winning form in practice Monday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. Cooper qualified for nationals Saturday in the 100-meter dash.

## Cooper earned his berth in nationals

By **BRIAN HARRIS**  
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Obadiah Cooper is NCAA bound.

Only this time he isn't just a provisional qualifier; it isn't an at-large bid or a wild card as some might call it. He's an automatic qualifier for the national track and field championships at Boise, Idaho from June 1-4.

On Saturday, at the Ind-

iana State Invitational, Cooper blazed 10.22 seconds in winning the 100-meter dash. The time shaved nine hundredths off Cooper's previous career best of 10.31, and defeated Indiana State's Andre Kirtz by two meters.

"I knew I was running fast," said Cooper. "But I didn't know I was running that fast."

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## Eastern softball team heading to Indiana State

By **DAN FIELDS**  
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Despite dropping five of its last six games, Eastern's softball team will attempt to halt its skid when it travels this afternoon to Terre Haute, Ind., for a doubleheader against the Sycamores of Indiana State.

Hoping to stifle the Sycamores attack will be Nicole Chapman and Dede Odle.

Chapman, a junior from Verona, Wis., batted .462 (6-for-13) during last weekend's games versus Western and Northern Illinois. She is also the team's leader in slugging percentage with a .518 average.

Odle, a senior from Lockport, is the team's leader in batting average (.338), and runs batted in (17).

Indiana State brings a 16-16 overall record into today's contest. Center field-

er Lea Twigg and left fielder Amy Vaira will be hoping to carry the Sycamores to victory.

Twigg, a freshman from Long Grove, Iowa, is the team's leader in batting average (.451), hits (46), slugging percentage (.549) and doubles (five).

Vaira, a junior from West Terre Haute, Ind., is the speedster on the Sycamores with a team-leading 16 stolen bases. She is fast approaching

the team record of 20, set in 1980.

The probable starting pitchers for the Panthers are junior Missy Porzel (5-6, 3.09 earned run average) and sophomore Amy Bradle (3-5, 3.00 ERA).

For Indiana State, the probable hurlers are Shelley Weaver (6-3, 3.98 ERA) and Shelly Monte (3-5, 3.59 ERA).

The non-conference matchup begins today at 5 p.m.