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Boiling The Purdue Boilermakers no-hit the Panther softball team.

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# **UPI cool** on state budget

 Timing of state callbacks would determine fate of faculty bonus

**By John Chambers** ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's faculty union has something extra to lose with this year's state call back.

The University Professionals of Illinois settled a four-year labor contract Feb. 6, which Eastern's Board of Trustees ratified last month.

The agreement left provisions for a one-time bonus, equal to a 1.5 percent salary increase, if there was no state rescission by mid-May. The bonus would have been equal to 1 percent if the rescission was less than \$500,000.

Now Eastern has to give back \$1.4 million, or 2.7 percent.

The question is when the money will be "officially requested," possibly after May 15, said David Radavich, Eastern's UPI chapter president.

The call back is still too large for there to be a bonus

"These are the governor's recommendations," he said. "The budget situation all spring has been so uncertain.

Radavich said the low number of administrative losses or cuts in intercollegiate athletics should be considered.

"I'm concerned about the proposed cuts the administration has offered - again, it's a concern where the money's at.'

The plan for next year will lay everything on the table including spending in athletics, interim President Lou Hencken said at the State of the University address Tuesday.

Eastern is being asked to put \$3.7 million in reserve on top of 8.2 percent in cuts for next fiscal year.

This year's \$1.4 million call back will be paid for mostly by funds already in reserve and reductions in summer school classes.

Classes with low enrollment could be cut from the summer curriculum. Air conditioning will be shut off in some academic buildings Friday afternoons and over the weekend.

Radavich said he won't be affected by any classes cut for enrollment since his classes have always had large enrollments.

Faculty will receive salary increases after the first vear of the contract.

In the second, third and fourth years, salaries will be raised 2, 2.5 and 3 percent above state appropriaFIRST AMENDMENT CENTER GROUP SAYS...





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Above: Don Henry and Jason White, of Freedom Sings, performed a melody of songs censored because of drug affiliation Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Henry, a Grammy winner, and White, who wrote Tim McGraws's current hit "Red Ragtop," were two of eight performers on a oneweek tour of the Midwest.

Left: Jonell Mosser of Freedom Sings, who can be heard on movie soundtracks "Hope Floats" and "Boys on the Side," sings Wednesday evening. The group performed many songs throughout U.S. history that have been censored.

# Freedom rings through song

#### **By Jennifer Chiariello** ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Freedom Sings provided First Amendment information and celebrated free speech Wednesday through musical and multimedia entertainment.

Freedom of speech is expressed through art, film, dance, poetry and

"Speaking Freely" and the writer of "Freedom Sings." Freedom Sings cele-brates free speech, music and honors music with a valid point.

Paulson discussed the influence giant corporations can have on what music is played, regardless of the First Amendment.

For example, Wal-Mart will not sell

banned after Sept. 11 because of their lyrics. The list included songs by bands such as Limp Bizkit, Metallica, Tom Petty, Sugar Ray and REM. Freedom Sings discussed the former

radio station ban and conflicts of recent music by the Dixie Chicks, Darryl Worley and Jason White.

Many people will often permit subject

"We knew (the call back) was a possibility — and

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#### music, said Ken Paulson, executive director of the First Amendment Center, senior vice president of the Freedom Forum, host of public television's

music with a parental advisory label because of the image the store wants to present. Clear Channel also made a list of 100 songs radio stations should have SEE FREEDOM Page 6

matter for a book or television but not a song, Paulson said.

# Student Senate votes 'no' on technology fee

#### By Avian Carrasquillo STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Government will seek further student input before voting on the proposed \$48 network fee.

After a lengthy discussion and a low turnout at Monday's forum to discuss the fee, Student Senate members said a greater effort was needed in order to educate the student body on the fee.

"It's insulting to the students we represent to vote on this tonight when we said we wanted input, and only two students that weren't senate members attended the forum," said Student Senate member George Lesica.

Senate members voted 13-4 in favor of

tabling discussion for another week. Faculty members Michael Hoadley, Alan Baharlou and Reed Benedict addressed the importance in passing the network fee during audience participation.

Carol Strode, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management, gave a special presentation to the Student Senate on upcoming campus projects, including a data wiring upgrade in academic and administrative buildings that would be a part of the network fee. The project would start this summer and be completed the summer 2004.

In old business, Student Senate voted to further table and refer back to the Tuition

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# Hosty case could have affected concert choice

 Editors note: This is the last of a twopart series looking at the effects of a school newspaper censorship case at Governors State University

#### **By Tim Martin** CAMPUS EDITOR

What if the administration had the power to cancel the Counting Crows and Dave Chappelle concerts before the first contract had ever been signed?

Luckily, for more than 4,000 ticket holders, the administration does not wield power to call off concerts. But a lawsuit dealing with the censorship of a college newspaper could have changed that.

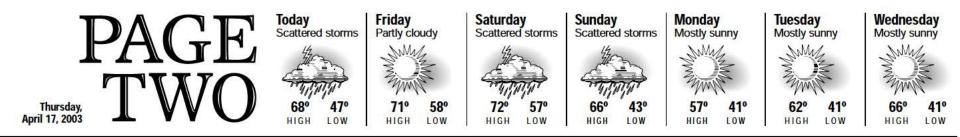
The lawsuit, Hosty v. Carter heard by the

7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, was filed because Governors State University censored its student newspaper, the Innovator. The judges unanimously ruled in favor of the three journalists last week, but a different verdict could have granted public universities in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin the power to censor college campus freedom of speech rights.

The resulting precedent would have given universities control to censor newspapers and First Amendment rights, such as what bands and speakers are brought to campus.

Foreseeing a possible conflict, Marty

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## CAMPUS NEWS IN BRIEF **RHA** will discuss committee limits

The Residence Hall Association will discuss a proposal to limit the number of committees tabled from last week's meeting.

"I anticipate that it will be removed from the table. Much of discussion should follow and then it's possible we could vote on it," said Stina Heldmann RHA president

RHA has met its goal of raising \$2,000 in scholarships, Heldmann said.

Heldmann said several candidates running for Student Government elections will be on hand at the meeting to speak to RHA and answer questions.

RHA will meet at 5 p.m. in Ford Hall.

◆ Jazz, java provided with Lab Band concert

Willie Akins, a St. Louis saxophonist, will perform with his quartet Thursday for the season's final concert of the "Jazz and Java" series.

#### POLICE BLOTTER

Criminal damage to property

 The passenger side mirror of a 1992 Oldsmobile was damaged April 10 while it was parked in J Lot, police reports stated. The incident is being investigated.

♦ A 1996 Pontiac and a 1998 Chevrolet were damaged April 10 while they were parked in a Greek Court parking lot, police reports stated. The incident is being investigated.

 A 1984 Ford Mustang was damaged Saturday while it was parked in the Ninth Street parking lot, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

 The convertible top of a 1999 Ford was cut Saturday while it was parked in the X Lot, police reports stated. The incident is uner investigation.

The "Jazz and Java" series presents Eastern's jazz with offerings of Keith Bliss' "Jitters and Bliss."

The opening part of the program will feature the "Willie Akins Quartet" with bebop and an Akins original or two.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Jazz Lab Band, directed by Simon Rowe, a former member of the Akins group, will open the second half of the program with big band renditions of classics such as "Angel Eyes," arranged by music professor Allan Horney.

Akins will join the band for a little Brazilian "Corcovado" before closing with Ray Brown's "Parking Lot Blues."

A "Meet the Artists" reception will be held downstairs at the "Java Beanery and Bakery' immediately after the show.

#### Criminal damage to government supported property

♦ A glass entry door on the southeast side of Thomas Hall was burst out Saturday, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

#### Disorderly conduct

 Fire extinguishers were activated in two houses in Greek Court Saturday, police reports stated.

The incident is under investigation.

#### Robbery

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An Eastern student stole personal property on campus Sunday, police reports stated. An investigation is currently ongoing.



## Teacher's pet

COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Jessica Shekleton, a senior family and consumer sciences major, talks to James Paul, a middle school teacher at Gaston County Schools, N.C., at the Teacher Placement Day Wednesday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

### COMING UP Curator discusses contemporary art

#### **By Matt Wills** STAFF WRITER

Eastern students will receive a treat at 7 p.m.

Blinderman will concentrate on two major works.

Blinderman exhibits artwork by some of the world's greatest contemporary artists.

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Thursday in the Tarble Arts Center.

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center, said Barry Blinderman, director of the University Galleries at Illinois State University, will talk about a contemporary art exhibit.

Barry is well known for curating exhibitions that deal with contemporary art," Watts said. "I've known Barry for 15 years. He's well known in the region if not further.'

The last time Blinderman spoke at Eastern was eight years ago.

The lecture is sponsored by the art department. Blinderman is the department's last speaker for the spring semester.

Watts said the Tarble Arts Center also will feature an exhibition by Bo Breada April 25 through May 25, and she will talk about her work May 23 during the closing reception.

## Author to conduct literacy workshop

#### By Dar'Keith Lofton

STAFF WRITER

Jerome Harste, a professor at Indiana University and author of over 200 professional books, will speak Thursday during an afternoon workshop and an evening lecture titled: "Inquiry, Curriculum and Multiple Ways of Knowing: Literacy in a New Key.'

The workshop will give education students a handson demonstration that combines different school subjects without teaching them separately, said Peggy Eddy, a graduate assistant in the English department.

Harste, also known as "Jerry," has written children's books and was the 1999-2000 president of the National Council of Teachers of English.

"He's incredibly impressive," Eddy said. "He's written over 200 books, and we think he will be someone worthwhile."

The lecture is Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Life Science Building room 2080. It will come from Harste's book, "Beyond Reading and Writing: Inquiry, Curriculum and Multiple Ways of Knowing" and will have activities based on the material he presents.

The English department and the Graduate Student Advisory Council are sponsoring both the workshop and lecture.

Though the lecture and workshop are open to everyone, those who will be most interested will be education students, Eddy said.

"Dr. Harste will present the students with a different approach at teaching literacy," Eddy said.

The workshop will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Rathskeller Balcony in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The workshop has limited openings and will accept only 25 participants, Eddy said.

# Students learn in greenhouse, graded on green thumbs

By Leslie O'Neil STAFF WRITER

Just west of Seventh Street, a tropical banana tree stands nearly 20 feet high with 3-feetlong leaves.

The tree and more than 1,500 plants including flowering plants, tropical trees and cacti live in the T. F. Thut Greenhouse, according to the greenhouse's Web site.

The 3,400 square-foot greenhouse, pronounced "Toot" according to the Eastern Web site, was built in 1963 and is used by biology classes.

Gordon Tucker, associate biology professor and herbarium curator, takes his plants and civilization senior seminar, plant morphology and dendrology classes to the greenhouse.

"It's unusual that I go two weeks without taking a class down here for some reason or another," he said. "They always seem to enjoy it."

Students in one of Tucker's classes recently made cuttings of some mature plants in the greenhouse. The cuttings, or pieces of stems or branches, are treated with a material called perlite, which causes the cutting to grow its own root system within four to six weeks.

"Once it has a good root system, the students can take them to their dorms or home," *"It helps you place a name with the plant and not just a picture. The variety of plants and trees is just neat."* 

-Eric Wendt

Tucker said

He said some of the most popular plants include Venus flytraps and sensitive plants from Brazil, which have leaves that close up quickly when touched.

"There are a few theories on that," Tucker said while touching the sensitive plant. "But they think (the closing) discourages insects from chewing on the leaves."

Only a few seconds after Tucker placed his finger on the seemingly delicate plant, its thin leaves closed together tightly.

Dendrology student Eric Wendt, a junior biology major, agreed the sensitive plant and Venus flytraps are among the most impressive, but said he has learned a lot from being able to see so many other types of plants in the greenhouse.

"It's really interesting," he said. "It helps you place a name with the plant and not just a picture. The variety of plants and trees is just neat."

"We've gotten many of them by trading with other institutions," Tucker said. He added that each plant is designated to a different room.

"This room is supposed to be like a tropical rainforest," he said as he walked into a high ceilinged area covered with thick, green foliage that is situated just beyond the cactus room, which has more than 40 different kinds of cacti.

The Tropical Room, home to coffee, grapefruit and banana trees, among others, is one of seven rooms classes can explore, Tucker said.

We're trying to give students a broad picture of what plant life is like," he said.

However, it takes a lot of work to be able to maintain this kind of variety.

Greenhouse Manager Steve Malehorn spends much of his time, including Saturdays and Sundays, at the greenhouse caring for the plants, Tucker said.

Malehorn opens the Thut Greenhouse to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"If they have the time, it's not a bad idea to go," Wendt suggested. "There are just a lot of plants that you wouldn't (otherwise) see in there."



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Steve Malehorn, the greenhouse manager, sprays the Murraya exotic plant with a non-chemical pest control in the H.F. Thut Greenhouse. Malehorn is actually using water to wash bugs off the plant.

## Education corporation to build student apartments

♦ Group plans for 120 apartments to be constructed by next year

#### By Carly Mullady

CITY EDITOR

Plans for an apartment complex built specifically for Eastern students by the Educational Development Corporation were approved by the city council during Tuesday's meeting.

Five lots have been annexed and rezoned to accommodate an apartment complex and the possibility of commercial development, Mayor Dan Cougill said.

The EDC chose land east of Wal-Mart off Illinois State Route 16 to develop the student housing complex. The EDC agreed to purchase the land if it was annexed and rezoned from agricultural to residential and commercial.

Property owner Steve Drake pursued the annexation and zoning approvals.

"This company goes to university communities and sees if there is a need for student housing," Cougill said.

The EDC narrowed choices down to three university cities,

including Charleston and Carbondale.

An estimated 120 apartments will be constructed.

The five commercial lots will be sold to developers or people who want to start businesses, Cougill said.

"They are trying to find people to move into those. They've talked about some restaurants, but they haven't spoken much," Cougill said.

Developments are expected to increase traffic on a small township road leading to Illinois State Route 16. Cougill said the road is already in a poor condition and will most likely not be fit for the heavier traffic caused by the complex and possible businesses.

If traffic does increase and if Illinois Department of Transportation traffic studies reveal a need for adjustments to the road, the city would need to meet the necessary requirements.

Cougill said it is possible the road may need to be developed into more lanes, and even Illinois State Route 16 will need improvements.

If traffic is heavy enough, the three lanes of Illinois State Route 16 will need to be continued as far as the township road, he said.

To compensate for the costs to adjust the roads, the EDC has agreed to contribute "\$1,000 per apartment for up to \$120,000" to the city.

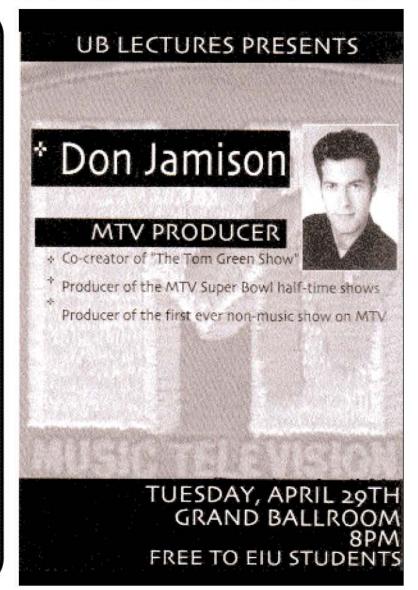
Any commercial developers or landowners will be required to contribute money as well.

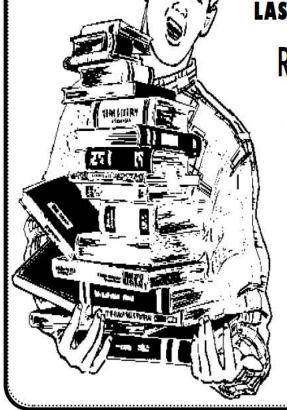
"Anyone who causes us to have to develop or improve the road will have to contribute to improvements," Cougill said.

The apartment complex development is expected to begin as soon as possible.

"They would like to have them done by next year," Cougill said.







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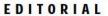
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'Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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# Speak out against censorship

An important decision that affects everyone's yes, everyone's - life was made last week.

Courts in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, ruled in favor of a student newspaper at Governors State University in a case of attempted censorship.

Students need to remain aware of their First Amendment rights and of any attempt of administration or anyone else to infringe on those rights.

According to a survey the First Amendment Center conducted, 49 percent of Americans believe

the First Amendment goes to far. How can this many individuals believe such nonsense?

Had it not been decided in favor of the students, Hosty v. Carter may have applied high school censorship standards to colleges in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin - and the effects could have been felt nationwide by everyone.

The scope of this case could have allowed high school censorship standards to be used

not only in the print media that brought about the case but also in all school-sponsored expression, such as theater productions and visiting speakers. Theater students should never be stopped from performing a controversial play; the public should not be kept from seeing the play; a speaker with a message someone may not agree with should not be stopped from visiting a college campus.

It is because of these reasons and more, students and Americans need to be aware of the rights they hold under the First Amendment.

Those almost half of this country's population

#### At issue Governors State University's student newspaper censorship case Our stance

Speak out against any kind of censorship in the mainstream news media, music, fiction ect.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich should come to a used car lot near you any time soon.

His budget speech last week reeked of a slick, "everything must go — Sunday, Sunday, Sunday" style of rhetoric. Look no further than the

numbers. Eastern must now return 2.7 percent of the money from this year's budget. Sounds more like a great annual percentage rate on a car than a budget cut.

It could've been worse.

Blagojevich said he would cut 8 percent across the board from all state universities except for the University of Illinois.

Many university administrators might have rejoiced, or at least wiped some sweat from their brows after the news came that it wasn't quite a doomsday scenario. Higher education across the state took a \$112 million hit.

Blago shouldn't be lauded for his achievements in finding a way to cut the amount of the cut. The first-term governor should've left the state's education budget alone and neither increase nor decrease the spending.

Spending increased from last year's budget even though Blago was faced with the worse deficit in state history.

The governor called for people around the state to take a taste for beer over champagne. But this year's budget could show the state's palate for wine. Included in the budget is \$500,000 for the state Wine

"The former Chicago South-Sider's budget shows more affection for wine and cheese than most Cubs fans."

Council. The council helps market and offers advice to 33 wineries at \$15,000 a pop, but this isn't Sonoma Valley, Calif.

For the Effingham office of the Department of Central Management Services, \$500,000 would've been more than enough to cover the cost of a new roof, which was needed. The department took a \$90.2 million cut statewide.

So when April showers come through, workers in the Effingham office might succumb to a flood, but at least they'll be able to enjoy quality state-funded wine while they bail.

The former Chicago South-Sider's budget shows more affection for wine and cheese than most Cubs fans. Blago already complained about groups like the Wine Commission during the budget address. But he has the power to change the "special interests budget" he refered to he can do more than whine.

The budget contains plenty more to be cheesed off about.

The Department of Children and Family Services takes a \$48.9 million hit. The Capital

**Development Board's funding** was slashed \$246 million. The Department of Human Services received \$73.6 million in cuts. The Department of Transportation took the biggest hit, a \$484 million cut, which might actually be a welcome sign for Chicago area drivers seeking relief from construction season.

Blago's budget berating shows no real vision. Instead he said most cuts were made to cut "inefficiencies." In the process many jobs are lost, adding to an already high unemployment rate.

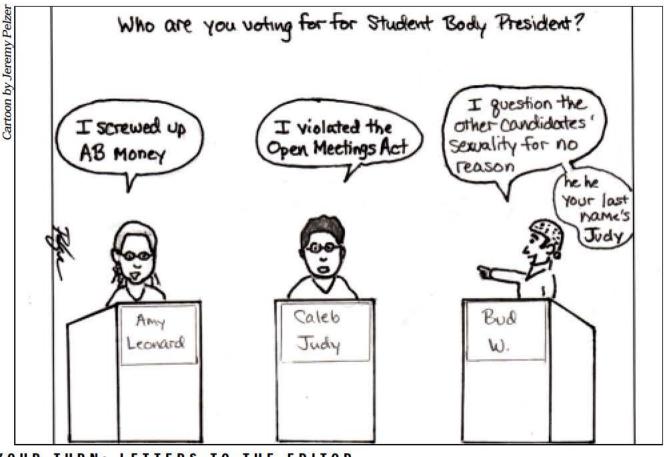
Many who backed Blago voted for him because he promised change. He seemed to have vision. But any hope of a new visionary emerging is gone.

Sacrifices must be made, but why sacrifice higher education where the future workforce is cultivated?

Based on the unemployment numbers, the state's workforce isn't so hot right now. Why be cool on the source?

While it's easy for state residents to turn a watery budget into whine, that doesn't accomplish anything. Illinoisans should write Blago and their state representatives and tell them they shouldn't stand for Blago's bigger spending budget at a time when there's no bling-bling to be had. Don't hesitate to opine and whine about wine

If Blago can't steer the state's budget in the right direction then state voters should send him to a used car lot where he belongs.





OPINION



and bi-weekly columnist for The Daily Eastern News

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may be afraid of what the First Amendment does. They may not agree with something and therefore want others to not be exposed to it or allowed to take part in it.

It's their First Amendment right then to disagree and vocalize that opinion. If you're in that portion of the population, stop and think about if you had a view you wanted others to hear, but someone stopped you from sharing it. And learn exactly what is protected under the First Amendment.

The case was important for college journalists because they need to get real world experience; such censorship is not allowed outside of a school setting either. Also, if newspapers are censored, so is the public. But it's broader than that, too.

Administration's censoring of a newspaper or a school activity because it disapproves does not accomplish a college's mission - to promote the free marketplace of ideas.

The First Amendment is a great freedom. Learn what it involves; embrace it. Do not be afraid of it. Censorship at any level is not acceptable. The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.

R TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Chalk writing not a form of vandalism

As I finished reading the April 1 editorial, "Vandals must stop scrawling," it made me think how strongly disagree with the view.

First of all, chalk writing is earth friendly.

It washes away, it's non-toxic, and conforms to environmental standards. It even comes in a recyclable container.

I agree with the statement of being responsible with vandalism. But I do disagree that chalk writing is vandalism.

Also, what if I am not a child and not an adult yet?

How old do you have to be to be called an adult? I consider myself a young adult.

Therefore, I do not consider myself a vandal, but someone expressing their freedom of speech and artistic abilities. Let me add the First Amendment of the Bill of

**Rights from the United** States Constitution:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Crystal Muzik Freshman Recreational Administration major

### Airband creativity,

### talent great to watch

On April 5, I had the pleasure of attending my very first Greek Week Airband competition.

As an instructor, it was a wonderful opportunity to observe and appreciate student achievement outside of the academic classroom.

The display of creativity, talent, energy and enthusiasm on the part of the various Greek organizations that participated was a joy to behold. It was obvious each sorority and fraternity had put in a great deal of time and effort choreographing and practicing their routines as well as in designing and coordinating their costumes.

Regardless of the outcome of the competition, all of the performances were greatly enjoyed and well done.

Tina Best Instructor for sociology and anthropology

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# Next year's Charleston budget now has reduced deficit

 Scrapping van purchase saves \$20,000 for city budget

#### **By Carly Mullady** CITY EDITOR

Final cuts and adaptations in the 2004 fiscal year city budget are complete, and the final draft was approved at Tuesday's city council meeting.

In the meetings for budget revisions, departments determined

what could be cut from their funding to reduce the deficit.

Mayor Dan Cougill said the changes were not drastic, but the deficit was reduced in the amended version.

"The total change was right around \$50,000," Cougill said. Most of the adjustments were minor changes in a variety of areas.

One significant budget cut was 40 percent of the overall budget Parks and change. The **Recreation Department budgeted**  to purchase a 15-person van to transport people involved in department activities.

For example, children taken to a park as part of a summer pro-gram could be transported to safety in the van if a storm should approach. The van would also be a means of transportation for department-sponsored athletic events.

Cougill said the staff decided the van was not essential this year, since the budget was tight already, and put if off for another

year or until there was a more secure budget to support the purchase.

'That took off about 20-some thousand of the \$50,000 because we decided we could hold off," Cougill said

Removing the van from the budget caused a change from \$559,698 to \$538,354 in the parks and maintenance fund.

Rather than taking money from the department itself, the van purchase was postponed.

"No programs were cut from

the Parks and Recreation Department," Cougill said.

About \$4,000 was cut from the engineering department, and less than \$1,000 was cut from both the city clerk and treasurer fund and the police fund.

About a \$5,000 change was made in accounting costs for the water and sewer fund.

The 2003/2004 fiscal year caused for budget reductions, but City Manager Alan Probst said this budget should be the tightest Charleston will see.

## Crows bring high ticket sales

#### By Matthew Stevens STAFF WRITER

Ticket sales for the pair of shows being put on by the University Board have already exceeded expectation as of Wednesday.

UB concert coordinator Donna Fernandez said the low-ball ticket sales mark the UB had to meet for both the Counting Crows and Dave Chappelle was 2,006.

"The number 2,006 was a safe and educated guess for us to know how many we had to sell," Fernandez said.

The UB announced as of Wednesday, it had sold 2,180 tickets for Friday's Counting Crows performance and 2,744 tickets for the April 25 Chappelle show. The Lantz Arena concert setting is able to hold between 3,400 to 3,500 fans for each show.

"We're very excited about both figures so far," Fernandez said. "We are even guessing that Dave Chappelle may sell out."

Fernandez said tickets for the Counting Crows show nearly doubled recently, but she said that jump is normal because of it being the week of the performance.

Tickets are still available for both shows, and Fernandez anticipates tickets will be available at the door for the Counting Crows.

"Good seats will still be available at show time," Fernandez said.

However, with only about 700 Chappelle tickets left, UB is anticipating a full house for next week's show.

The UB also anticipates a financial rollover in the budget for next year because of the recent increase in ticket sales.

"I do believe that we'll get some money rolling over bearing some unanticipated cost," Fernandez said. "Either way, we're not going broke anytime soon."

Jeff Bunting, a sophomore speech communication major, covers up his bicycle fearing it would get rained on Wednesday afternoon.







## Chance of showers

DANIEL WILLIAMS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



# U.S. war commander visits Iraq

#### By The Associated Press

The top commander of U.S. forces in Iraq briefed President Bush on the war from inside one of Saddam Hussein's ornate palaces on Wednesday, underscoring the death of the old regime. At home, the administration reduced the terrorist threat a notch, from orange to yellow.

Bush urged the United Nations to lift economic sanctions against Iraq, saying the country had been liberated by U.S.-led forces. "Terrorists and tyrants have now been put on notice," he added.

Four weeks after the war began, American troops raided the Baghdad home of the mastermind of Iraq's biological weapons laboratory and also discovered a recently abandoned Palestinian terrorist training camp on the outskirts of the capital.

Army forces exchanged fire with a small number of die-hard paramiltook out two surface-to-air missile systems and three anti-aircraft guns left over from Saddam's military.

Iraqis in Mosul said three people were killed and at least 11 wounded when shooting erupted for the second straight day. Iraqis blamed the Americans, but the circumstances were cloudy.

Gen. Tommy Franks, in command of more than 200,000 troops in the war zone, lit up a cigar as he toured the palace just outside Baghdad that had been part of Saddam's realm. Franks and other senior officers sat in plush green chairs with gold, wood trim for the briefing with Bush in Washington, held over a secure videoconference linkup.

Earlier, the four-star general viewed, with evident disgust, gold sink fixtures, a gold toilet paper dispenser and a toilet bowl brush inside one of the bathrooms.

"It's the oil for palace program,"

#### itary fighters north of Baghdad, then he said, a biting reference to the U.N. program that allowed Iraqi oil exports on condition that the proceeds went to food for civilians.

Franks' visit to Baghdad, from his command headquarters in Qatar, came less than two weeks after Army tanks first rumbled through the capital and one week after Iraqis, aided by Marines, toppled a statue of Saddam in a downtown city square, signaling the end of his regime.

Saddam twice was the target of U.S. bombs dropped on places where he was believed to be, but his whereabouts are unknown, U.S. officials say they don't know if he is dead or alive.

"The fact of the matter is, though, he is gone. Whether he is dead or alive, he is gone," Secretary of State Colin Powell told Associated Press Television News

"He is no longer in the lives of the people of Iraq."

# **Council will discuss** music class revisions

#### **By Megan Cranmer** STAFE WRITER

The department of music is proposing a program revision for fall semester 2003 to present to the Council on Academic Affairs Thursday.

Any department can take advantage of this process, which reviews and evaluates the course content, music professor Allan Horney said.

The council will look over the new and revised course proposals and at some courses that may be deleted.

The following courses will be deleted by executive action: MUS 0054 and 3354 (Harp), 0062 & 3362 (Harpsichord), 0070 & 3370 (Composition), 0071 &3371 (Organ

Service Playing), MUS 2221 Keyboard Pedagogy I, MUS 2222 Keyboard Pedagogy II, MUS 3221 Keyboard Pedagogy III, MUS 3222 Keyboard Pedagogy IV and MUS 4221 Pedagogy Recital Project.

Sixteen items will be acted upon including Music Theory Rudiments and Choral Conducting.

These revisions are there to benefit the students, Horney said.

"This process is to upgrade and balance the content of the courses," he said. "It's to better prepare the students and to help identify our goals for them."

With the content being evaluated, the music department is hoping the proposal goes through and will be in effect by fall.

#### Freedom:

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"Red Ragtop," a song written by White and performed by Tim McGraw, reached No. 5 on the Billboard country chart, but the song lyrics were debated in Texas.

White appeared on "Connie Chung Tonight" and participated in a debate over the lyrics with a Texas DJ who refused to play the song.

Music from different generations with questionable and unpatriotic lyrics, such as pieces by Beethoven, the song "Strange Fruit," rap music and music by Elvis Prestley and Bob Dylan, also were presented.

A 1954 newspaper headline once read: "Control the Dim-Wits!" referring to the censorship and rewriting of songs with questionable lyrics.

The song "Louie, Louie," recorded in 1963 by The Kingsmen, was under a six-city FBI investigation of its lyrics for 30 months.

Freedom Sings presented a

"Drug Music Medley" of popular songs that were once banned by the government and radio for drugrelated lyrics.

Paulson said songs labeled as dangerous music today will someday be played in the frozen foods aisle of the grocery store and in elevators.

Paulson said results from a survey showed four of 10 people said songs should not be played if the lyrics offended anyone. This year, one of two people said the First Amendment goes too far.

"I'm glad there is something like this is going on," said Nathan Davenport, a freshman music education major. "Most people just watch CNN and believe whatever those people tell them to do, and they don't use their own mind or freedom of speech."

Kelly Kauzlarich, a freshman elementary education major, said the presentation was not what she thought it would be.

"I was surprised," she said. "I didn't know what to expect. I thought it would just be about the First Amendment, but I really like how they entwined music into it."

Shonka Dukureh, an actress and singer who recently starred in Marcus Hummon's "American Duet," is a new performer in Freedom Sings.

"This is my fifth show, I'm a newcomer," she said. "I'm really learning. A lot of times when I mention what I am doing to people, they think: First Amendment, boring and they think politics. But I think it's important. I am a part of a show that brings such a pivotal part of our world as we know it and present it in a simple, fun way.'

Bill Lloyd, a former member of the country duo Foster and Lloyd, whose work has been recorded by Hootie and the Blowfish and other top acts, said he has been working with Paulson for five years.

"This came out of his desire on a

program on how free speech and music can tie together," he said. "I'm a songwriter and performer in Nashville, as are all the people in the group. It's a great community of musicians there, and Ken taps into that, and we are very pleased to be a part of it."

Don Henry, a Grammy awardwinning songwriter whose work has been recorded by Ray Charles, Kathy Mattea and many others, has said he has participated in Freedom Sings since October and has participated in the annual Freedom Sings every year in Nashville for the past four years.

"It will remind them of the First Amendment," he said. "It's the one amendment we really take for granted. It's the crutch of our constitution — without it, we would not be the country that we are."

Paulson said Freedom Sings tries to keep the show fair and balanced.

"What we want is people, liberal and conservative, to leave the show with a better understanding of the First Amendment right," he said.

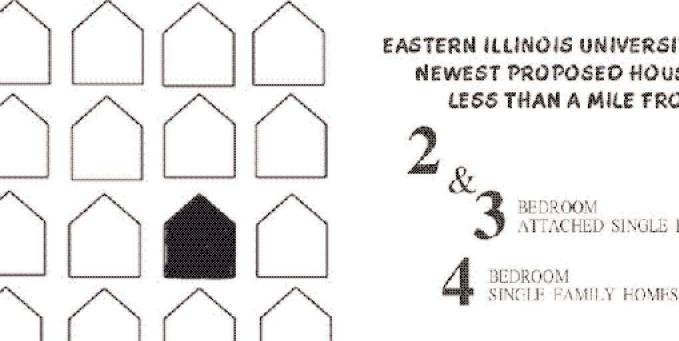
Paulson said the tour began in November, and this is Freedom Sings' first national campus tour. The tour is a two-week trial to see how students on various campuses will react and to see what material works best.

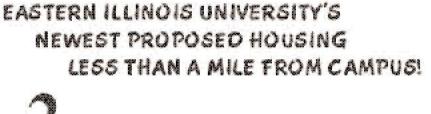
Eastern was the second stop for Freedom Sings on the tour. The tour began at Ball State University in Indiana and will be at Iowa State University Thursday, and it will travel to a number of midwest colleges.

The tour will visit about 25 campuses a year.

Members of the audience singing along to music, expressing their opinions on subjects and dancing in their seats as well as out of their chairs were given free CD's or Tshirts.

Freedom Sings is presented by the First Amendment Center and the Freedom Forum.





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# Bush calls for end to sanctions against Iraq

fighter jets, he used the past tense

when referring to the Iraq war.

"The quality of the workmanship

ST. LOUIS (AP) - President Bush urged the United Nations Wednesday to lift sanctions that have choked Iraq's economy for nearly 13 years as he toured a fighter jet factory that he said helped defeat "a ruthless enemy."

Bush was careful not to declare the war over, and he cautioned that coalition forces still face serious

#### UPI:

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that's life," said associate math professor Charles Delman. He will be Eastern's UPI president in August.

The governor's recommended cuts will total \$112 million across higher education for FY 04.

Instead of taking out of education, the state should raise taxes and support public services, Delman said.

"I understand the state's going through a tough time," said Mary Wohlrabe, journalism professor and union member. "I can read the

#### Choice:

### Campus groups say administration has left them alone

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Ruhaak, student executive vice president, wrote a referendum seeking First Amendment legislative protection. The bill was proposed Jan. 29 and was passed by Student Senate the following day. Ruhaak said he showed the legislation to Vice President for Student Affairs Shirley Stewart, who advised the bill be passed to the Board of Trustees for board regulation or internal governing policy. risks. But he basked in the success of a military campaign that had stirred such fierce opposition, noting battlefield successes, Iraqi political prisoners freed, statues of Saddam Hussein torn down and a fledgling government being assembled.

Throughout his speech at a Boeing factory that assembles

She said the university adminis-

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cially since faculty have waited so

long for a settlement," said John

Allison, English professor and

"The administration at this pres-

ent time has not done anything

that would make us wonder that

(censorship) could happen," Ruhaak said. "But this administra-

"This is really for the future, not

Vice President for Academic

Affairs Blair Lord said in a Jan. 14

article in The Daily Eastern News

censorship had never come up in

Alison Mormino, student body

president, said she is confident the

Board of Trustees will pass Ruhaak's

more than willing to consider stu-

dent opinion on everything, espe-

cially on current events," she said.

Representatives from campus

"Our administration, our BOT is

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"What can one say but the budg-

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that goes into the aircraft that you build here is one of the main reasons why we were successful in making the world a more peaceful place," he said. "Just one month ago, the forces

of our coalition stood at the bor-

ders of Iraq with orders to advance hundreds of miles through hostile territory against a ruthless enemy," Bush told about 1,000 Boeing workers and military personnel on the factory floor. "Today, organized military resistance has virtually ended; the major cities of Iraq have been liberated."

After Iraq's 1990 invasion of

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award this year.

Kuwait, the United Nations imposed sanctions that cut off investment and development in the country. Some oil sales were permitted to finance purchases of food and medicine.

"Now that Iraq is liberated, the United Nations should lift economic sanctions on that country," Bush said.

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itself \$1,925 for the upcoming Recognized Student

The Student Senate voted in favor of allocating

The Student Senate approved a resolution to

Chi Sigma Iota, an honorary counseling society

After the resignation of Brice Donnelly as chair

of the Tuition and Fee Review Committee and the

Student Senate, senate member Larry Ward was

nominated\ and approved as interim chair of the

Tuition and Fee Review Committee.

establish an annual student advocate award and

awarded sociology professor Reed Benedict the

Fee: Senate approves bylaw changing AB's minimum reserve balance

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and Fee Review Committee the recommendation that the textbook rental fee be increased by \$3.80 to a total of \$98.95.

The Student Senate approved revised University Board bylaws tabled from the previous

meeting. A bylaw change to the Apportionment Board for lowering the minimum reserve account balance

from \$100,000 to \$75,000 also was approved.

The Campus Recreation allocation from the AB

organizations and subcommittees that would have been affected by administrative censorship, said relationships with the university are good in the area.

John T. Oertling, chair of the department of theater arts, said his department censors itself when it selects a play. If a play was to have questionable content, Oertling said it would be noted in advertising, thus giving people a choice.

"We operate as an entity within the university, and they have never, to my knowledge, never interfered with anything we've done in terms of selecting plays," he said.

The University Board also censors its own programs, but Stewart and Cecilia Brinker, director of Student Life must give the OK for contracts and advertisements as supervisors.

Stewart said the gesture of signing the contract is of "courtesy," but admitted she does not weigh in on concerts where the audience will be of predominantly collegeage. She does, however, make suggestions for the Family Weekend because the majority of the purchased tickets are from parents and grandparents.

UB Chair Caleb Judy said he has not run into any problems.

"If something ever came up, we would of course fight for it," he said. "The things that have been quasi-controversial the administration has been receptive to.'

But what if something extremely controversial were to arise, such as an Eminem concert or something even more risque?

"If a random student comes up and said they wanted us to bring Marilyn Manson," Judy said. "The first thing we would look at wouldn't be if it were controversial; we would look at if it would be financially feasible and if we could sell enough tickets to justify bringing the show."

Melissa Burke-Huston, lectures coordinator for the UB, said she has followed Hosty and isn't convinced the university would not use censorship powers if a precedent was set.

"If they had power, they would probably use it," she said. "It would be hard if they got that much power, not to use it a little bit."

Newmar

April 17, Holy Thursday:

April 17, Holy Thursday:

7:00 pm to Midnight, Adoration (Traditional time to spend with the Lord as he enters into passion)

Holy Week Schedule

April 18, Good Friday:

Noon, Service w/ veneration of the cross 7:30 pm, Service at St. Charles

6:00 pm, Mass at the Lord's Supper

7:30 pm, Mass at St. Charles

# Catholic Center

April 19, Holy Vigil:

8:00 pm, Vigil Service

April 20, Easter Sunday: 11:00 am, Mass (Please note there is NO 9:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday) 8:00 & 9:30am, Mass at St. Charles

All services take place at St. Philip Neri Chapel unless noted, which is located at the Newman Center across from Andrews and Lawson Halls.

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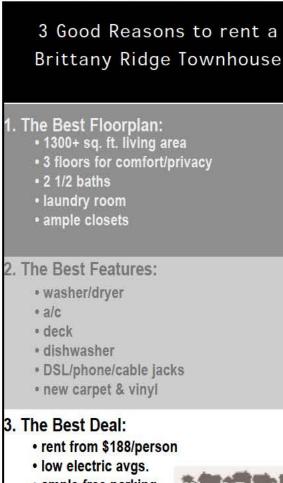
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### Graduation: Several coaches think graduation numbers are deceiving CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

"When we go to recruit these kids, the first thing the parent asks us is what our graduation rate is."

The Huskies graduated 42 percent of its men's basketball players and 62 percent of its athletes.

Secondly – The NCAA also doesn't count college athletes who decide to turn professional, even if they come back and get their degree in six years.

"I think that is what makes our figures look really bad, but I can't even tell them to stay," Weber said. "That's what makes college basketball so different. How many other sports exist where a kid can go professional worldwide?"

This part of the formula is what normally lowers the ranking for the major programs in the country. At the NCAA coaching meetings in Indianapolis, Ind., Tom Izzo, Michigan State men's basketball head coach is a big advocate of removing that part of the policy.

"He is always getting up and saying that his graduation rate

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will always look bad because I've got kids who want to make money," Weber said. "When I was an assistant at Purdue, Glenn Robinson counted against us but one would argue he's making OK money."

This is why Weber tracks each of his players and hands that to parents of a recruit he is pursuing.

ing. "I had them on my list of my players, and they can look and see that this person graduated, but not with us," Weber said.

Southern Illinois graduated 27 percent of its men's basketball players and 54 percent of its athletes.

Lastly – As of next year, the NCAA is mandating a 25-40 rule which clearly states that an athlete must know have 25 percent (previously 20) of his graduation requirement complete as a freshman. As a sophomore, he must complete 40 percent (previously 25) of his requirement done. This rule limits the options a studentathlete has when he or she decide to change majors.

"Twenty-five to 40 is a big jump, which makes it harder for a recruit to transfer or change a major even once," Judson said. "An average kid in college

"An average kid in college changes majors three times but it hampers athletes' options when they want to," Weber said.

If that's not enough, if a coach were to concentrate on following

"...Glenn Robinson counted against us but one would argue he's making OK money." —Bruce Weber

the graduation rate exactly, the possibility of not having a job increases.

"When I took over at Southern, I had seven players on the roster and I was forced to sign transfers," Weber said. "At a midmajor, if a coach depends on freshman, his butt will get fired in three years."

The conundrum facing college basketball coaches is a main reason why a negative rumor has developed about the sport in general.

"Every coach in the country wants a new system because, as a group, basketball has received a black eye over the years considering academics," Samuels said.

In the end, most coaches will argue the situation doesn't start at the collegiate level but finishes there.

"We have to make them students at the junior high and high school level," Weber said. "Once they get to college, you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make

# Wizards fall in MJ's last game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Jordan's final shot was a free throw, and like his final appearance in an NBA uniform, it was good.

Jordan played the last game of his illustrious career Wednesday night, receiving a lengthy standing ovation from nearly everyone in the arena — including the coaches and the other players.

Jordan soaked it all up with a wide smile and a wave to the crowd after exiting the game for good with 1:44 remaining in the fourth quarter of a 107-87 loss to the Philadelphia 76ers.

Jordan finished with 15 points, four rebounds and four assists in 28 minutes — drawing several adoring ovations from the last sellout crowd that will ever watch him play.

His final points almost looked scripted, with Eric Snow of the 76ers fouling Jordan in the backcourt, for no apparent reason except to send him to the line.

Both foul shots went in, and the Wizards committed a foul one sec-

ond later so that Jordan could be removed from the game and receive the proper send-off. In a rare scene, the 10 players who remained on the court turned to Jordan and applauded, too.

It wasn't the kind of ending Jordan would have preferred: a game that was meaningful only to the opposing team. But it was a stirring night nonetheless, the last time the basketball public was treated to the sight of one of the greatest athletes in history playing the game one last time.

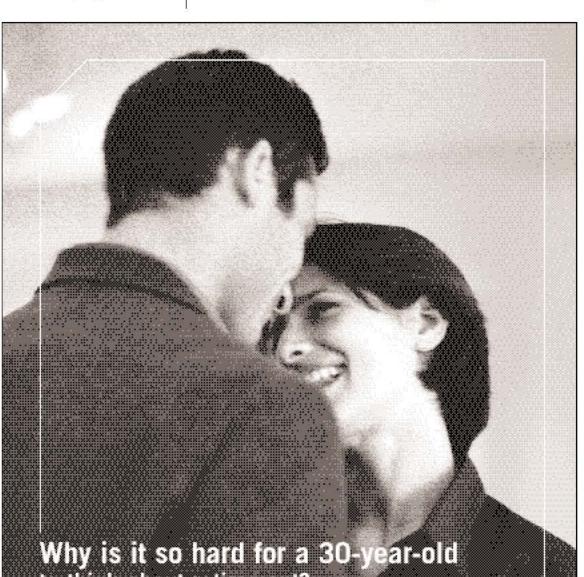
With the Sixers ahead by 21 points with 9 1/2 minutes remaining, the crowd began chanting "We want Mike." The chant grew louder as the period progressed with Jordan remaining seated, and fans ignored the game to stand and stare at the Wizards' bench, wondering why Jordan wasn't playing. Eventually, this being Philadelphia, they booed.

Jordan finally pulled his warmups off and re-entered the game with 2:35 left for his brief final appearance.

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# **OVC SOFTBALL OVC SOFTBALL favorites starting to take form**

#### By Matt Meinheit SPORTS EDITOR

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The Ohio Valley Conference softball standings are starting to resemble preseason rankings.

After winning just one of its first six conference games, defending OVC champion and preseason favorite Eastern Kentucky University (18-14, 4-5) had a three-game sweep of Austin Peay State University (15-21, 5-5). Austin Peay was ranked sixth in the OVC preseason coaches' poll.

The Colonels squeaked out a pair of 3-2 wins against the Governors in a Saturday doubleheader. The Colonels dominated the third game Sunday behind a one-run performance by senior Jonelle Csora.

Csora and the rest of Eastern Kentucky's pitching staff yielded less than one earned run (0.95 ERA) a game in the series against Austin Peay.

While Eastern Kentucky has struggled, Tennessee Tech (27-12, 9-2), who was selected to finish second in the preseason poll, surged.

The Golden Eagles are tied for the lead in the OVC with Tennessee-Martin (19-21, 10-3), the preseason third place selection.

Tech took two of three games from Southeast Missouri State University (9-21, 5-5) last weekend. SEMO won the first game 4-2, but Tech came back to win the other two 4-3, 7-3.

Tech senior first baseman LeeAnne Mongar had a huge series against the Otahkians earning OVC Player of the Week honors. The Chattanooga, Tenn., native batted .462 in the series with

#### Softball standings

	OVC	OVERALL
Tennessee Tech	9-2	27-12
Tennessee-Martin	10-3	19-21
Austin Peay	5-5	15-21-1
Southeast Missouri	5-5	9-21
Eastern Kentucky	4-5	18-14
Morehead State	3-6	6-24-1
Eastern Illinois	3-7	8-26
Tennessee State	4-10	8-25

two doubles, a home run and four RBIs.

Mongar made her biggest impact in the second game of the series. She hit a two-run double to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh inning and then hit a solo home run to win the game in the bottom of the ninth.

SEMO's win against Tech helped Tennessee-Martin, who won all three of its games with Morehead State University (6-24-1, 3-6). With the sweep of the Eagles, the Skyhawks were able to gain a game in the standings to tie Tech for the conference lead.

Tennessee-Martin senior Kendra Kosco pitched two shutouts against Morehead and earned OVC Pitcher of Week honors. She allowed just three hits in 12 innings in the two games and lowered her ERA to 2.03.

Eastern (8-24, 3-7) is starting to gain momentum in the conference, but this week will be difficult for the Panthers. After losing to Purdue Wednesday in a doubleheader, the Panthers will face a rejuvenated Eastern Kentucky team.



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Senior Kari Hagerty makes a pitch during a home game at Williams Field. Eastern currently sits in seventh place in the OVC standings.

### McElroy: Better advertising needed for baseball team

Could this attitude by the students be because of bad advertising? I think so.

"Really the only major advertising I see around campus is for the basketball or the football team," said Tyrone Garner II, a junior jazz and percussion major.

"I think the paper should spice up the stories to make the students feel like they've missed something," said Randall Green, a freshmen undecided major. "It's easy to recognize the best player on the basketball team, Henry Domercant, or on the football team, Tony Romo or J.R. Taylor, but I couldn't name one person on the baseball team, let alone its best player."

Only time will tell if the baseball team will get the publicity around campus I think it should get.

## Purdue: Panthers manage two hits in two games

Searle said. "We started off good with a hit in the first but couldn't get much else. Later, we had a couple of strikeouts looking, and we just couldn't recover."

Purdue didn't allow Eastern to 'recover' after an eight-run first inning off Panthers pitcher Ashley Condon. Lilley led off the game with a homer to left field, and the hits kept coming. The Boilers' first five batters reached base and scored three runs when the Panthers recorded their first out.

Purdue would tack on another run in the second when right fielder Angela Knight had a two-out base hit off relief pitcher Jen Green to score Jones.

Purdue scored two more runs in the fourth on a double by catcher Kristen Schell and a single by left fielder Cheryl Buergler to open up an 11-run lead.

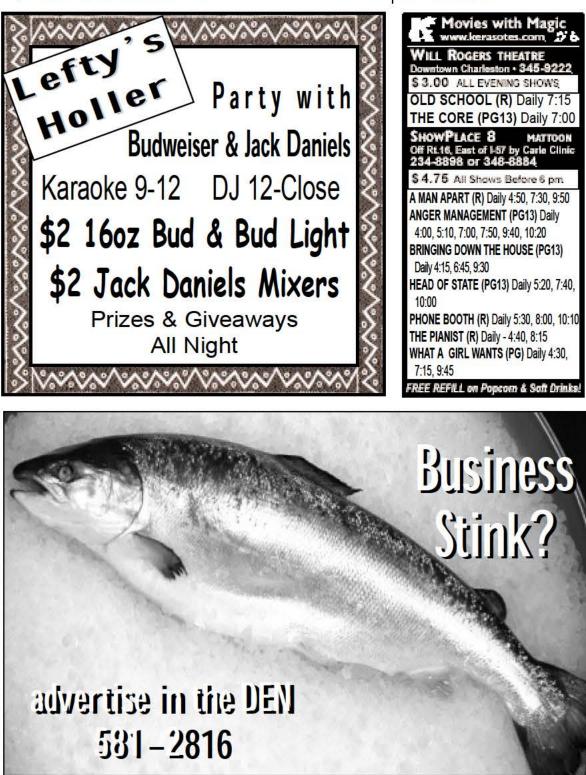
The Panthers needed to score two runs in the top of the fifth to avoid losing by the 10-run rule but could muster only one hit in the inning.

According to Searle, the game was much closer than the final score indicated.

"They (Purdue) had 12 hits that were bloopers," Searle said. "(The hits) were like adding insult to injury."

Although Searle was disappointed with the outcome, she noted the games were non-conference, and said the Panthers will be ready this weekend for a critical three-game series against conference rival Eastern Kentucky.

"Despite the loss, we still the opportunity to do good things in the Ohio Valley Conference," Searle said. "This loss gives us a lot of incentive this weekend. Hopefully the loss will motivate the rest of the season in the OVC."





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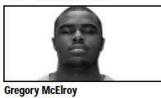
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## Take me out to the ball game

As I sat at Coaches' Stadium early Saturday morning, waiting for the game to begin, I noticed something. A lot of adults were in the stands but only a handful of Eastern students.

That really puzzled me. There were not many students taking advantage of such a new and beautiful stadium on a beautiful, warm day.

In an attempt to ask the students around campus about the baseball team, the initial response from each person was the same: "I don't know anything about the baseball team."

That was obvious.

But in an attempt to dig deeper about why students don't know about the baseball team, more interesting answers came out.

From the students' opinions, the responses are summed up in two words: Poor advertising.

in two words: Poor advertising. "College baseball, in general, isn't that big, and to be honest, I don't think this team gets a lot of publicity," said Chris Mulden, a senior history major.

"I haven't really heard anybody around campus talking about the team, which is probably one reason why nobody goes and supports the team."

It doesn't seem the team has ever been the talk of the campus like the basketball team has, or the football team or other non-sporting events like the upcoming Dave Chappelle concert.

"I don't ever see anything posted around campus about the baseball games." Paul Lotz, a physical education major.

"Maybe it's because there isn't enough money in the budget to fully advertise the games in the paper or on bulletin boards."

Maybe they put so much money into building the new stadium they forgot to advertise. It's pretty hard to believe that statement because they have constructed this new facility. But not a lot of stu-

# Purdue boils up a no no



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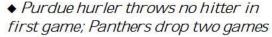
Sophomore outfielder Jessica Irps takes an unsuccessful swing in a recent home game. Eastern failed to come up with a hit in its first game of a doubleheader against Purdue and managed just two in the second game.

# A look at in-state graduation rates

◆ Eastern graduated 68 percent of all athletes according to report

By Matthew Stevens SPORTS REPORTER how it may affect everyone and then they say, 'whoops, we messed up'," Southern Illinois men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber said.

According to the 2002 NCAA



#### By Michael Gilbert

STAFF WRITER

The Eastern softball team lost a pair of games against Big Ten power Purdue in West Lafayette Wednesday.

In the first game, Eastern was held hitless by senior Leighann Burke and dropped the opener 9-0. The southpaw allowed only one Panther base runner (Kristen Becker, in the second inning) to reach home plate, and that was courtesy of an error by shortstop Tricia Lilley. Burke improved to 17-10 and faced just 19 batters in six innings of work.

The Boilermakers (29-20) opened up with a run in the first when Andrea Hillsey lined a base hit up

the middle, scoring Angi Roembke. The score stayed that way until the fifth. It was in the fifth when Purdue put the game out of

It was in the fifth when Purdue put the game out of reach. With two outs and Roembke on second, Jesse Jones hit a grounder that was misplayed by second baseman Jenny Cervetto. Roembke ♦ Ohio Valley Conference softball roundup

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scored on the miscue. The next batter, Andrea Roush, lined a two-run homer to left to for the game's cumulating blow. The Boilermakers scored a total of three unearned on just two hits during the critical fifth.

Panther head coach Lloydene Searle said Purdue's pitching was the difference, but despite the loss, she found positives in the first game.

"They (Purdue's pitchers) were awesome today," Searle said. "We didn't get a hit in the first game. They are a very talented team."

One of the positives Searle was alluding to was Panthers ace Kristen Becker. The Belleville native allowed nine runs (six earned) on 12 hits while striking out three.

"Kristen had a great first game," Searle said. "She did a good job."

Despite having a no-hit first game, the Panthers had high hopes for the second game. It appeared the Panthers had gotten out of their rut when Kristin Darnell got the Panthers' first hit of the series with a one-out single to left. Unfortunately for the Panthers, they would get only one more base hit on the day.

"At first we thought it would definitely be hard to play the second game after getting no-hit,"

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dents are filling the stands because they don't know when they play or they just don't care.

One example: Big posters of Eastern's football and basketball teams' entire schedules are posted in every building on campus and in the majority of dorm rooms. But when baseball season came around, there was no big poster of their schedule in sight.

What's wrong with this picture?

It could also be because of time conflictions with classes and homework with the semester winding down or just pure, flat out disinterest in baseball all together. But it seems to me even though the athletic department tries to give as much publicity as possible to each of the sports – or at least that's what they say – its hard to do because of the lack of interest by the student population.

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The biggest challenge in college basketball might be finding a coach who agrees with the current NCAA graduation rate formula.

"A change has to happen because the current system we have for calculating it is far from accurate," Eastern head men's basketball coach Rick Samuels said.

So, confusion set in the moment NCAA president Myles Brand announced during the Final Four that he was looking into legislation to reward and punish schools for their graduation performances.

Brand is looking into awarding schools extra scholarships if they maintain high graduation rates and taking them away from certain schools that aren't successful in the classroom. Brand also has hinted a possible ban from post-season play including the NCAA Tournament could be a penalty as well.

However, head coaches want a change in the system before they are penalized for it.

"The NCAA tends to make sudden decisions without considering Graduation Rate Report, 10 of this season's Sweet 16 teams have failed to graduate even half of its players in recent years. In fact, the University of Oklahoma had a zero graduation rate, although the school challenges the criteria.

"Our graduation rate is 100 percent," Oklahoma men's basketball head coach Kelvin Sampson said in a press conference. "That freshman class was Bobby Joe Evans and Michael Cotton, and they both graduated – Bobby Joe from here and Michael from Boston College."

The graduation rate formula is broken down into many parts. To begin, the NCAA allows athletes to graduate in a six-year period. Therefore, the 2002 graduation rate numbers are for the 1995-1996 freshman class. Therefore, Henry Domercant's graduation won't count for Eastern until 2006.

According to the report, Eastern graduated 58 percent of its basketball players and 69 percent of all athletes this season, which seems like a low figure but coaches will argue those statistics are highly deceiving for three big reasons.



First of all – the NCAA currently doesn't allow junior college transfers to count toward the rating. Eastern currently had three junior college transfers on the 2002-2003 roster.

Therefore, Eastern had to automatically add those players as zeros toward the average rate.

Many major and mid-major programs rely on the impact of junior college transfers for instant success and later on attempt to build a pipeline for recruiting.

"I can tell you that (University of Cincinnati head men's basketball coach) Bob Huggins always talks about his niche being able to land transfer athletes," Weber said. "Then, at the end of the year he gets punished for it."

However, recruiting could take a major setback as repeated poor numbers presented by the NCAA results in prospects looking elsewhere.

"All basketball coaches want their players to graduate," Northern Illinois head men's basketball coach Rob Judson said.

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