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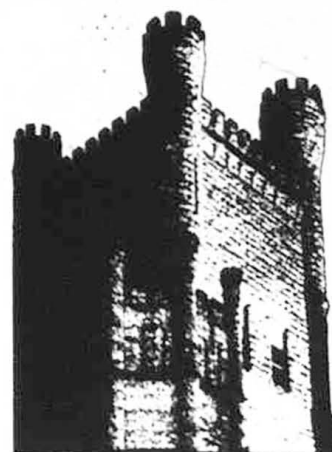
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## Tanning not such a hot issue for youth

Illinois legislation could ban those under 18 from tanning beds

By CATHY BAYER  
STAFF WRITER

Pale skin could be in for Illinois high school students.

Adolescents under 18 may be banned from tanning beds if House bill 452 passes. The bill has been proposed to help decrease the risks involved with the use of tanning beds, said Illinois Sen. Dale Righter.

"I definitely see a measure of value in it," he said.

The third reading and final vote on the bill in the House of Representatives will take place in late March.

"This (bill) isn't really a surprise," said Patti Bailey, a worker at A New Look Salon and Tanning in Charleston.

People under the age of 18 must currently sign a parental consent form and read approximately three pages of paperwork explaining the possible dangers before being allowed to tan.

Local tanning salons aren't very concerned with losing much business over the matter.

"My business would be affected but only a small amount," said Bailey, whose customers' ages range from 14 to 40.

While the bill may not have much of an effect on college campuses, many high school experiences could have been different.

"I would have been upset if I wasn't able to (tan in high school)," said Jessica Punzo, a freshman sociology major. "Just like anything else, you make your own decisions; people would try to do it anyway."

Although many current Eastern students said they tanned in high school, that wasn't always the case.

"I didn't tan in high school because my mom was against it," said Christy Tauber, a sophomore elementary education major. "I started tanning



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Bonnie Litten, the owner of Trim Tone and Tan cleans beds for students use Wednesday afternoon. Tanning will be banned in Illinois for persons under 18 if House Bill 452 passes.

my freshman year (of college) a lot but (haven't tanned) as much this year."

Tauber said the reason she hasn't tanned as much this year is because of the cancer risk.

"You can argue whether a 17-year-old is mature

enough to use a tanning bed, (but you can also argue) whether a 16-year-old is mature enough to drive a car, or whether someone two years younger (than 16 years old) is mature enough to fly a plane," Righter said.

## Off-campus students to pay higher gas bills

By NICOLE NICOLAS  
FEATURES REPORTER

Most students worry about how much gas costs at the pump each week when they fill up their gas tanks, but not many stop to think about how much the price of gas affects their heating bills.

Jennifer Stroud, a senior zoology major, lives in a house off campus with three other people, and her natural gas heat bill rose from \$125 in December to \$330 in January.

The increase in her bill is partly because the price of natural gas has increased 10 cents per therm, said Leigh Morris, a spokesman for AmerenCIPS.

A therm is the British unit of measurement natural gas is sold in.

Most people don't consider the other variables involved with the increase in gas, such as not living

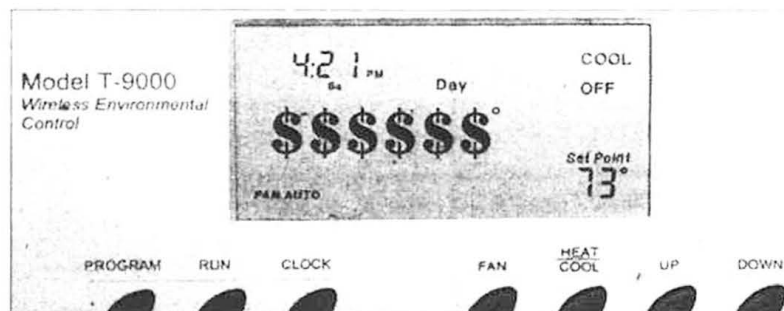


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somewhere the entire month, varying weather each month, being home all day and heating full blast at night, Morris said.

The best way to compare the price jump is to look at this year's price and compare it to last year's bills and see how much it went up, he said.

A breakdown of what people pay for in their AmerenCIPS natural gas bill is a customer service charge and delivery charge, which is fixed, and

the natural gas adjustment charge (PGA) that is not fixed and can go up when the price of natural gas goes up, Morris said.

The price of natural gas constantly goes up and down, but AmerenCIPS has a hedging strategy where it tries to buy gas at the lowest price it can, Morris said.

January's PGA rose from 64.67 cents per therm to 74.72 cents per therm, he said.

Last January an average household

used 158 therms of gas which would cost them \$101.23; the same amount of gas would cost the same household \$118.50 this January, an increase of \$16.82, Morris said.

Many students living in apartments have seen no increase in their natural gas bill, but many students

### Ways to conserve energy:

- ♦ Use weather stripping to stop air from leaking in
- ♦ Install storm windows
- ♦ Set up a fixed amount to pay so you're not trying to scrape together money when your heat is turned on full blast in winter
- ♦ Insulate homes

## Eastern clear of concerns

No concerns voiced from NCA after accreditation process

By KYLE MAYHUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern will be recommended for a full, 10-year reaccreditation with no major concerns by the North Central Association site visit team.

During Eastern's last NCA site visit in 1995, the university received a list of five concerns including deferred maintenance, assessment and general education.

This time, there will be no significant concerns listed in the site visit team's report.

"We have a few recommendations that the university may wish to take action on, but none of those are classified as 'concerns' like in the last report," said Carol Anderson, chair of the site visit team.

The recommendation comes after the site visitors spent Monday through Wednesday on campus meeting with administrators, faculty and staff.

"The NCA team, safe to say, was positively impressed with the faculty, students and staff," said Eastern President Lou Hencken. "It was extremely positive."

The site visitors were on campus to confirm the information in the self-study report the university composed to show how it meets the criteria for reaccreditation.

"We felt confident going into the process that we were well prepared and receive the reaccreditation," said Graduate School Dean Bob Augustine, co-chair of Eastern's NCA Steering Committee.

If the recommendation is approved by the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission, Eastern's reaccreditation will be official by this fall.

Universities have to be accredited to be considered a recognized academic institution. Eastern has been accredited with the NCA since 1915.

Student Executive Vice President Adam Howell, who met with the site visitors, said he appreciated the NCA team's assessment.

"It doesn't come as a surprise," Howell said. "I know we have an excellent institution."

The NCA team will send an offi-



## CAMPUS BRIEFS

**Thursday 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** Document cameras workshop in CATS training Lab, McAfee Gym room 1214. This workshop demonstrates the use of a document camera and how it can be used to enhance instruction. Topics to be covered include a demonstration on the use of the document camera, the functionality available and smart tips on how best to use it. It provides an overview of seven major software components and demonstrates how to access the program. Participants will learn how to use a document camera to make a presentation. No familiarity with a document camera is required. As always, advanced registration is required to attend all TECnet training events. To register, go online to <http://cats.eiu.edu/training/registration/workshops.asp>.

**Thursday 6 p.m.** Movie and discussion: The Medgar Evers Story in Buzzard Hall. Sponsored by the NAACP.

**Friday NO CLASSES!** Lincoln's Birthday.

**Friday 9 a.m.** Hearing evaluations

If you are concerned that you might have a hearing problem, the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic will be offering hearing evaluations for students, faculty, staff, adults and children from the surrounding area. For additional information or to schedule an appointment contact the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic 581-2712.

**Saturday 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Booth Storytime at Booth Library. The Ballenger Teachers' Center at Booth Library is offering free storytime every Saturday from January 15 through March 5. Sessions are open to all children aged 3 to 6, accompanied by parents 581-8442.

**Sunday, 6 p.m.** Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Soul Food Dinner at the African-American Culture Center.

## AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Professors recognized

This week marks the Student Education Association's second annual Professor Appreciation week, a time for Illinois State U. students to give recognition to professors they feel are outstanding.

After last year's success SEA Campus and Public Relations Coordinator Kristen Black expects students to get even more involved this year, she said.

"When SEA started Professor Appreciation Week last year at Illinois State University, we had around 250 nominations. This year we are expecting to receive somewhere around 500," she said.

While there is only one winner named Best Professor, 25 other worthy educators will be named Outstanding Professors.

Black said SEA will take nominations until Thursday, with information tables and drop boxes at Milner Library, Southside Dining Center and front desks of all residence halls.

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## UP ON THE ROOF TOP



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**Zac Anderson of the Edinberger Construction Company lays nails shingles to a roof at the intersection of Ninth Street and Arthur Avenue Wednesday afternoon. Anderson said he is excited for the warm weather to get here.**

## WTF?

### Next time donate

MADISON, W.Va. (AP) — A family claims a deceased relative's organs were among personal belongings returned by a funeral home as they were preparing for the wake.

The family of Charles Quarles Sr. has filed a lawsuit in Boone County Circuit Court against Armstrong Funeral Home of Whitesville, Charleston Mortuary and the state Medical Examiner's Office. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for emotional distress, mental anguish, lost sleep, embarrassment and humiliation. It also seeks to recover the cost of medical treatment they received after seeing the organs.

Quarles died on Oct. 7, 2003. Two days later, an Armstrong employee gave Charles Quarles Jr. two large plastic bags when the family went to the funeral home to make arrangements for the wake. The employee allegedly told the family that the bags contained Charles Quarles Sr.'s personal belongings, according to the lawsuit.

When family members later opened the bags, they discovered that one contained "their decedent's internal organs surrounded by blood and other body fluids," the lawsuit claimed.

"Plaintiffs suffer now and will suffer in the future a horrible final image of their decedent that is forever etched in their minds," the lawsuit said.

## PEOPLE

### Olsen sues tabloid

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ashley Olsen is suing the National Enquirer for \$40 million in damages over a story alleging that she was involved in a drug scandal.

The lawsuit filed in Superior Court Monday alleges libel and false light invasion of privacy by the tabloid. The publication and its parent companies, American Media Inc. and National Enquirer Inc., were named as defendants.

The lawsuit said that while a story in the National Enquirer's Feb. 21 issue doesn't refer to her using or selling drugs, it implied that Olsen was doing so with a misleading headline and cover picture depicting the actress with her eyes half-shut.

"Freedom of the press is a valuable right, but it is not a license for gossipy tabloids to tar and feather innocent celebrities and destroy their reputations and businesses for the rags' profits," the lawsuit said.

A message left by The Associated Press Wednesday with the National Enquirer in Boca Raton, Fla., wasn't immediately returned.

"Access Hollywood" said a spokesperson for American Media, in a statement to the syndicated entertainment TV show, said: "We stand by the accuracy of the published information and intend to vigorously defend the lawsuit."

## ONLINE POLL

**What is your reaction to Ciara's performance Friday night at Lantz Arena?**

- A) I liked the performance, but she should have played longer.
- B) I liked it. It was a good show.
- C) I feel cheated out of \$15 ... and the university should feel cheated out of \$35,000.
- D) I'm unsure. I didn't go to the concert.

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Days until modern.

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1. a person of great or varied learning; one acquainted with various subjects of study

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# Leading Edge begins the first workshop of series

By Matt Poli  
STAFF WRITER

"The Leading Edge" program began its first of 12 workshops Wednesday to stress the responsibilities of supervisors as well as explain the duties of their positions.

The program consisted of a series of speakers from Eastern's faculty who explained what their roles as supervisors of their departments includes, and what is expected of them.

Gary Reed, director of Facilities Planning and Management, spoke on behalf of business affairs and how important the department is for the campus.

"Technology is a huge step forward for campus, especially when we renovate buildings and do construction," Reed said.

Reed identified the projects for Business Affairs that are in the process of being worked on for the future.

Some of the projects mentioned include relocating the steam plant from Seventh Street to an area east of Greek Court, demolishing the old Clinical Services building, installing sprinkler systems in both Carman Hall towers, renovating Old Main and adding to the second floor of Lantz Arena.

"We receive about 30,000 maintenance requests a year," Reed said.



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Gary Reed, director of Facilities Planning and Management, speaks to supervisors in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday morning.

## Greek members head to Chicago for council conference

By Ann Beauchane  
STAFF WRITER

Sororities and fraternities from across the country will gather Thursday for the Mid-American Greek Council Association conference.

Eastern and approximately 200 other universities meet at the annual conference every February.

During the four days at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago, participants are constantly attending meet-

ings, said Diane Howe, senior elementary education major and president of the Panhellenic Council. Speakers from across the country will give presentations and workshops concerning relationships, motivation and delegation.

At some point members of each chapter from different universities meet.

"It's fun and interesting to meet those you have something in common with and who are from different sized schools," Howe said. "We go to the

meetings to celebrate our accomplishments and get ideas and feedback from the network of schools."

There are two groups from the universities, said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life. The Interfraternity Council, the governing body of the fraternities, and the Panhellenic Council, the governing body of the sororities, will attend the conference.

Each university sends delegates who represent the fraternities or sororities and receive the awards, Dudolski said.

"There are 16 binders that include information about what the organizations do," Dudolski said.

The binders, which served as the applications for the award, contained approximately 300 pages of information, documents and records of programs, educational development, academic achievement, community service and meetings the sororities and fraternities have had, said Howe.

Eastern's IFC and PHC will compete in all these categories. Two awards, the

Jellison and the Sutherland, are awarded to the overall winner. For the past four consecutive years the Eastern fraternities have won the Jellison award and the sororities have won the Sutherland award, Dudolski said.

"I'm really excited because it's been a great year, and I hope the hard work is reflected through the awards," Howe said. "I'm really proud of the girls and feel the awards are just a bonus because they've already won as they keep raising the bar to a higher standard."

## Seniors' efforts honored by senior award nomination

By Crystal Reed  
STAFF WRITER

Seniors involved in campus and the community have the opportunity to have their efforts honored with a senior award nomination.

Senior award nominations were started by the University Board in 1980 to honor a student who had outstanding qualities.

"There are several outstanding students that we work with at this university day in and day out," said Lynette Drake, acting vice president for Student Affairs. "Without their commitment, there are several activities and endeavors that would never be accomplished."

Some of the criteria students must meet to qualify for the award are having completed 90 or more credit hours, held a leadership position at Eastern and achieved a 3.0 grade point

average. The student must be nominated by staff or faculty and must have participated in extracurricular activities.

"The award is based on outstanding efforts in academic and student life," said Adam Howell, student executive vice president. "It honors great strides in student involvement on campus and acknowledgment of outstanding achievements in the Eastern community."

The recipient of the award will have his or

her name engraved on a plaque, which is displayed in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union walkway and a luncheon on graduation day. A letter is also sent to the recipient's hometown newspaper.

"The award is a great honor for whoever gets it, and whoever gets it is well deserved," Howell said.

The deadline for the award nominations is March 4 and nominations can be submitted to the University Union Business Operations Office.

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### COLUMN

## Help! I've lost control of my life



DAN WOIKE

SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

Woike is the sports editor for *The Daily Eastern News*.

Every so often an event occurs in our lives, and its impact stretches far wider and with more force than we could have imagined.

I suffered such an event a few weeks ago when I was lying down, doing my second favorite thing to do in bed — watching TV (get your mind out of the gutter, you sickos).

Anyway, I was lying and flipping channels when I set my remote on the edge of my bedpost-like structure.

Apparently, my remote had been suffering from a deep case of depression because it decided to leap from my bed to the ground.

Maybe it had enough of my popcorn butter-covered fingers being rubbed all over it, or maybe my remote felt like I wasn't paying enough attention to it, losing it for days at a time at least every month.

Regrettably, I didn't act too quickly in picking it up. Instead, I waited for the next commercial, which is when my life changed for the worse.

I am sad to say my remote control's suicide try was an outstanding success. It ceased to change stations, raise the volume, provide closed captions or switch over to Espanol (Spanish, for the lay person).

Well, this event has had a profound impact on the way I am able to watch TV, which, in turn, has profoundly changed the way I live.

For instance, my preferred watching position, lying on my stomach with my remote and three bottles of

water near by (to re-hydrate); is no longer an option. From that oh-so-comfortable state, I'm not even close to being able to reach the up and down channel buttons on my set.

Just describing that position makes my eyes water a little bit.

Because I value the ability to flip channels so highly, I now watch TV sitting in a chair, approximately 7 feet from the screen.

At this rate, my vision will be permanently blurred by March and permanently gone by April, — all because I ignored my grandmothers by sitting too close to the TV.

The dead remote has also severely hampered my ability to watch more than one show at a time. This, perhaps at one time, was my greatest skill.

Now, to watch multiple programs, the shows must be close to each other in station number. For example, it's not too difficult to watch a show on ESPN (channel 27) and switch to ESPN2 (channel 28).

It is impossible, however, to watch a Law & Order re-run on TNT (channel 44 — where they know drama) and watch My Super Sweet 16 on MTV (channel 63).

I suppose I could go just buy a new remote control, but then what would I write about? Politics? World Affairs?

Losing such a simple convenience has turned my world upside down.

When you get so used to something, like a remote control, it really impacts simple activities.

It's difficult to imagine a world without these technologies that seem simple, yet we rely on.

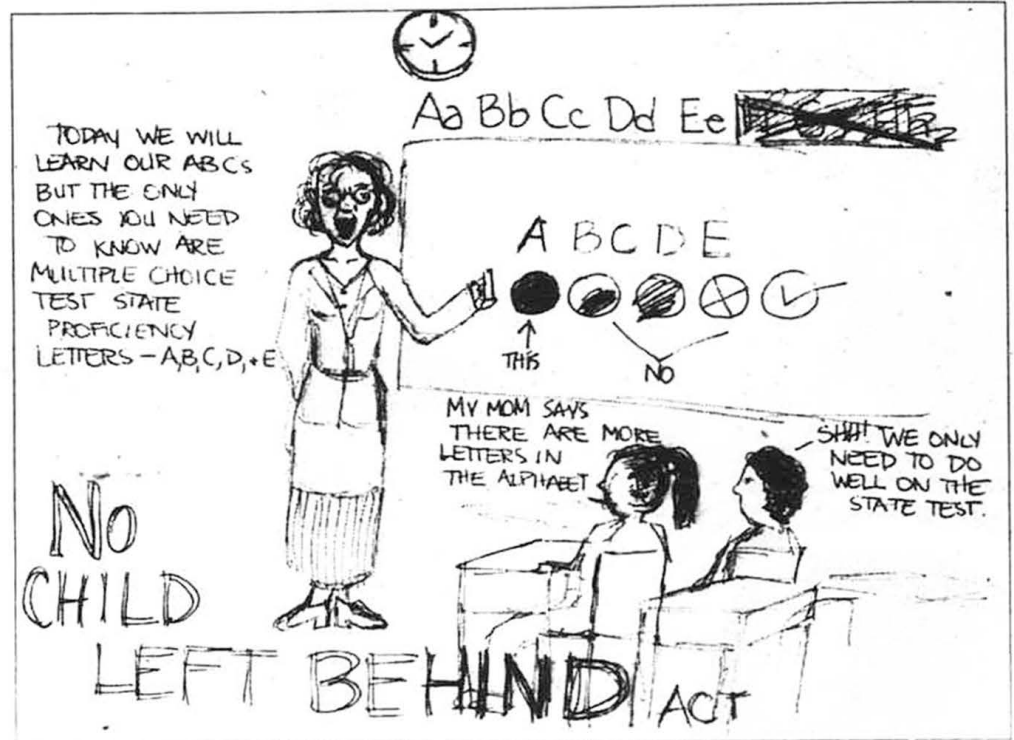
People on this planet have survived without things like remote controls, cell phones, microwave ovens, pants and other modern conveniences.

But take all of those things away from me, and I would become a man with no means of communication, no way to make Hot Pockets and no way to cover my very, very cold thighs.

And worst of all, I would have no way to change the station without getting up.

**"Because I value the ability to flip channels so highly, I now watch TV sitting in a chair, approximately 7 feet from the screen."**

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



### EDITORIAL

## To vaccinate or not to vaccinate

Last Thursday a government panel reversed a past policy and recommended for the first time that all college freshmen that live in dorms should be vaccinated for meningitis.

With this recommendation, Eastern students should take as much, if not more, consideration than given to the flu shot, when deciding to get a meningitis shot.

Sheila Baker, director of Health Services, sees both sides of what makes the choice a controversial decision for students, while Dr. David P. Lawrance, medical director of McKinley Health Center at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign agrees with the recommendation and urges students to get vaccinated.

Both physicians agree meningitis is no different for 18-24-year-olds, but because they live in tight quarters, the contraction rate for freshman dorm residents is much higher.

If caught the consequences are higher than catching a cold. Meningitis is fatal.

Any opportunity to save lives is great, but where controversy plays a part is with the odds of students actually contracting the infection and the vaccination's cost.

Each dose is expected to cost \$100 and only 3,000 cases of meningitis are reported each year, according to an article in last

#### At issue

Freshmen in dorms getting vaccinated for meningitis.

#### Our stance

Students should carefully evaluate the decision to get a meningitis shot.

Friday's *Chicago Tribune*.

Since she came to Eastern in January of 1999, Baker said Health Services has only had one case of meningitis.

McKinley generally sees one case of meningitis every year or two at UIUC, Lawrance said. But, not all cases have a vaccine preventable illness, he added.

"We all agree (meningitis) can be deadly ... but because it's such a rare infection, it seems very excessive to vaccinate everyone when very few people are affected."

As a student, are you willing to play the odds?

There is hope that one dose of the vaccine Menactra, which is reported to be effective for more than eight years, will protect a child vaccinated throughout their college career.

Although this vaccine is a great medical advancement in protecting and saving lives, it may be a more worthwhile endeavor for parents' to consider for small children rather than college students living in tight quarters.

The decision is yours as the student facing the needle, but consider your choice with care, weighing all factors.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CIARA GAVE NO REASON FOR FANS TO SUPPORT HER

What the heck kind of concert was that? I was so excited the whole day in anticipation of seeing Ciara. How often does a famous singer come to Charleston?

But then when I got there my hopes started drifting away. The concert was ruined when Ciara only per-

formed four songs and went off stage. It left me wondering is that it? Well I guess it was.

I went to the Lonestar/Jimmy Wayne concert and that was off the hook. You could even have your camera at that concert. I think the Ciara concert has been a rip off, and I believe everyone should get their money back.

I was going to buy her CD after the

concert, but I didn't. Ciara can kiss her career goodbye!

I am telling everybody how the concert went and how much she sucked. I will have many memories from this concert and not having fun will be one of them.

KACIE LANG

HUMAN SERVICES MAJOR AT

LAKE LAND COLLEGE

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# Sharing the deep bonds of sisterhood

Women discuss the issues of coming together

BY HOLLY MOHR  
STAFF WRITER

Sisterhood got a new meaning at the Sister-to-Sister panel discussion Wednesday night when women of all races participated in a bonding experience.

Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Lambda Theta Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sponsored the event, which was to focus on African-American women's health, academics and personal issues; how-

ever, the event covered topics pertaining to women in general.

"It's important to come together as one and discuss not only African-American issues but female issues as well," said Nafisah Freeman, sophomore elementary education major.

Mildred Pearson, assistant professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education, started the discussion by asking the women to define sisterhood. Answers varied from "a support system" to "honesty" to "friendship."

"We shouldn't be competing against each other," said Assege Haile Mariam, assistant psychology professor. "We have to move on."

African-American women need to know that the majority of people are good, she said.

"We're not very vocal or deep with one another as we should be," said Lauren Wright, senior sociology major.

Pearson also discussed women's survival at Eastern.

"Even in 2005 there's still racism at (Eastern)," said Bianca Roberson, junior sociology major. "It's intimidating when you're the only black person in a class."

Many of the women said they leaned on the support from their friends, family and professors.

All of the panelists, including minority Student Affairs Academic Adviser Joyce Phillips, discussed a few key subjects like self-respect, respect for others and standards for women of all races.

"Women have heard double mes-

sages all their lives," Haile Mariam said.

The women talked about how women are told to have careers but are ridiculed for not having a husband or children by a certain age. The panelists encouraged the women to get to know themselves, so they can respect themselves.

Phillips said men respect women who respect themselves.

Phillips will hold another discussion on Tuesday. Males and females will meet together to discuss more issues African-Americans face every day.

"It's a must for guys and girls to get together and learn about each other," said Vantrell Ricks, sophomore family consumer science major.

# Student Government releases funds to send a fourth member of senate to conference

Lack of discussion to justify the extra money upsets some members

BY AMY SIMPSON  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday night to release \$560 to send a fourth member of the senate to the Conference on Student Government Affairs (COSGA) with a vote of 15-7-3.

The senate passed the bill with no discussion, which came as a disappointment to some members.

Senate member JC Miller, who abstained from the vote, said she had no doubt that going to the conference would benefit the individual, but she had questions as to whether one more delegate would

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JEFF COLLIER, SENATOR MEMBER

"make enough of an impact" on the entire student body to justify releasing the money.

Senate member Jeff Collier said sending a fourth representative is a waste of money. COSGA is an opportunity to gather ideas from other student governments to try on Eastern's campus, then return the next year to present them, Collier said. Because returning members have not yet established programs, he said going back for more ideas is unnecessary.

"Ideas from last year are still in progress on this campus," Collier said.

Senate member Maurice Tracy,

who also voted against the bill, said the senate voted last year to limit the number of representatives at the conference to three. This decision was made because of budget cuts, Miller said.

"As senators who run for office, we should follow what we've voted on," Tracy said.

The senate should have discussed the applicants and narrowed the representatives to three, Tracy said, instead of releasing the money to send an additional person.

Ryan Berger, speaker of the senate, voted to send the fourth applicant but agreed senate should have discussed the bill.

All senate members scheduled to attend COSGA are "highly qualified," Berger said, but discussion would have been beneficial to new members who are less familiar with the executive board and other senate members.

Last year, Eastern's Student Senate presented its tuition and fee review process, Berger said. The senate will not be presenting anything this year.

"(COSGA will generate) a lot of good material for the student body and (Student Senate)," said Adam Howell, Student Government executive vice president.

The conference will be held Feb. 26 at Texas A&M University. Senate members Andrew Berger and Jill David will join Ryan Berger and Howell at COSGA.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Teaching Interview Techniques

BY MATT POLI  
Staff Writer

McKinney Hall will host an Interview Technique Program next Monday to help students who are applying for a residence hall position.

"Students will learn what's good to do in an interview and what's bad," said Heather Long, treasurer of McKinney Hall Council.

Long started the program to help bring some clarity to students who are unsure of how to present themselves during an interview.

"Knowing how to interview correctly is important because it can be

the determining factor between getting a job or not," Long said.

The speakers will also participate in mock interviews, which will show students a good interview as well as a bad one.

"They're good skills for students to learn so, hopefully, they can get a job," said Brittany Leslie, McKinney Hall Council president.

Leslie will demonstrate good and bad skills during the mock interviews.

"People will have a chance to participate in the mock interviews with the speakers," Leslie said.

"We're trying to help students see how first impressions are so important and help them get through it," said Erin McGovern, vice president of McKinney Hall Council.

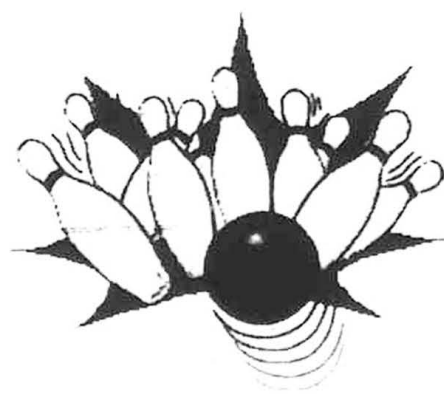
The program will be held 8 p.m. Monday in the McKinney Hall lobby and is open to anyone who is interested in improving their interviewing skills.

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# Drugs like Vioxx may cause heart problems

## Other painkillers to be tested for similar health risks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Merck & Co. official said Wednesday that all painkillers in the same class as the company's Vioxx may cause heart problems or strokes, a change from the drug-maker's earlier position that such health issues appeared limited to its drug.

Dr. Ned S. Braunstein, senior director of Merck Research Laboratories, told two panels of Food and Drug Administration advisers that since the company pulled Vioxx from the market last year, studies suggesting similar problems with Celebrex and Bextra have changed his mind.

"The data strongly suggest it is a class effect," for all drugs of that type, Braunstein said.

The drugs, designed to help people in chronic pain from conditions such as arthritis, are known as Cox-2

inhibitors. At least two other Cox-2 drugs are awaiting approval from the FDA, Arcoxia from Merck and Lumiracoxib from Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

The panels plan to discuss those drugs Thursday.

The two advisory committees are holding a joint three-day session to gather data on the safety of Cox-2 drugs and to make recommendations regarding their future use.

Recommendations could range from limiting these drugs to people not known to be at risk of heart problems, reducing the dose or duration of use, requiring tougher warning labels and even taking the drugs off the market.

Merck pulled Vioxx off the market Sept. 30 after a long-term study showed a higher rate of strokes and heart problems in people using the drug.

A panel of federal judges on Wednesday assigned all pending Vioxx product liability lawsuits against Merck to Judge Eldon E. Fallon in Louisiana, who is experienced in major pharmaceutical litigation.

An FDA health official told the panels there were preliminary indications of heart problems with Vioxx before it was withdrawn, but it was difficult to sort through conflicting data.

"We were not asleep at the wheel, we were actually engaged in reviewing a lot of data," Dr. Lourdes Villalba told a joint meeting of the Food and Drug Administration's arthritis advisory committee and its drug safety and risk management advisory committee, which are looking into Vioxx, Celebrex and Bextra.

Celebrex and Bextra, made by Pfizer Inc., remain on the market, though some studies have also indicated they, too, may carry an added heart risk.

Villalba, medical officer responsible for Vioxx at the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, pointed out that a study done in 2000 comparing Vioxx with the painkiller naproxen, showed a higher rate of heart problems with Vioxx, but other studies had conflicting results. In discussions with Merck officials, she said, the company suggested naproxen might have a heart protective effect.

Nonetheless, in 2002 the agency required an added warning on the Vioxx label urging caution in prescribing it for people with heart conditions.

"We never bought the naproxen theory," she said.

But Merck officials still believe naproxen can help protect the heart, said Merck spokesman Christopher Loder.

Pfizer vice president Dr. Joseph M. Fecko said the reports of increased heart problems need to be seen in context, considering that the Cox-2 inhibitors bring an important benefit by reducing the sometimes serious stomach and intestinal problems that occur with many painkillers.

Dr. Kenneth M. Verberg, Pfizer vice president for inflammation and immunology, defended Celebrex as safe, though he said there is little data on use of the drug for more than one year. Further long-term testing of Celebrex is needed, he said.

Earlier, Braunstein, senior director of Merck Research Laboratories, reported that the biggest increase in heart problems occurred after 18 months of use.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS



## INFANT TO BE REMOVED FROM LIFE SUPPORT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — An infant with an often-lethal skeletal disorder can be removed from life support against his mother's wishes, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Probate Court Judge William C. McCulloch's decision lifted a restraining order that kept Wanda Hudson's 4-month-old son, Sun, on life support.

## KID ROCK ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF ASSAULT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Kid Rock was arrested Wednesday by Nashville police on charges that he punched a disc jockey at a strip club.

The 34-year-old rapper was released after posting a \$3,000 bond on a charge of simple assault, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail.

"Everything is wonderful. It was a beautiful night," Kid Rock said as he left the Criminal Justice Center.

## BUSH WANTS MONEY FOR AFGHAN SCHOOL

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Bush's \$81.9 billion request for war and aid to U.S. allies would help start a law school in Afghanistan, improve the issuance of driver's licenses in Ukraine and build water treatment facilities in Jordan, according to administration documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Bush is also proposing to build seven provincial hospitals and up to 210 health clinics in Afghanistan, help construct primary schools and border towers in Jordan and provide financing to the Palestinians for home construction, the papers show.

In contrast to materials the administration distributed in 2003 describing how \$18.4 billion in reconstruction money for Iraq would be spent, the documents obtained Wednesday provide little detail.

# Jurors to resume trial of priest facing 60 years in prison for child abuse accusations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE (AP) — The jury in the trial of a former priest accused of molesting an altar boy got the case Wednesday but failed to reach a verdict after five hours of deliberations.

The panel sent the judge a note saying, "Jury is unable to agree on any of the counts. What do we do? How do we proceed?" Judge Stuart Berger instructed the jurors to avoid media coverage of the trial and sent them home; deliberations were to resume Thursday.

It was not known if the jurors were indicating that they may be deadlocked or just telling the judge that they were done for the day.

Defrocked priest Maurice Blackwell, 58, faces up to 60 years in prison if convicted of molesting former altar boy Dontee Stokes, 29, who shot and wounded the priest three years ago. He served home detention on a gun charge but was acquitted of attempted murder.

In closing arguments Wednesday, defense attorneys portrayed Stokes as a disturbed young man who made up the allegations to deal with a sexual identity crisis. The prosecution called him a vulnerable victim who was preyed upon by a trusted father figure.

Defense attorney Kenneth Ravenell told jurors Stokes had homosexual tendencies and was "willing to lie" to protect the secret of his sexual identity. He said Stokes

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STUART BERGER, JUDGE IN BLACKWELL CASE

fabricated the abuse allegations as a way of dealing with his sexuality.

"There was absolutely no credibility to anything Dontee Stokes has told you," he said.

Stokes admitted in court that he has had trouble distinguishing between fantasy and reality at times, but firmly maintained he was sexually abused by Blackwell starting in 1989, when he was 13.

Prosecutor Jo Anne Stanton called the allegations that Stokes was concealing homosexual tendencies a

"smoke screen."

"Dontee Stokes stood right here and looked directly at him and said 'You are the one who did these things to me,'" Stanton said.

"Why would he do this if it didn't happen? He had nothing to gain, a whole lot to lose," she said.

Blackwell was stripped of his church authority after acknowledging he had a sexual relationship with a teenage boy in the early 1970s. The Vatican defrocked him in October.

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## Tollway theft raises questions over accounts

CHICAGO (AP) — Theft charges against a worker at the company that reloads I-PASS drivers' accounts has raised questions about how the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority guards personal information, some lawmakers said Wednesday.

An employee of Taylorville-based Marketing Alternatives Inc., the authority's customer-service provider, was charged last week with stealing between \$10,000 and \$100,000 from November through January, tollway officials confirmed Tuesday.

Joelle McGinnis, a tollway authority spokeswoman, said on Wednesday that the money was stolen from a tollway bank account not individual I-PASS users. An internal investigation was launched after the bank alerted the authority's inspector general to irregular transactions, she said.

"I-PASS account holders were never in any danger," McGinnis said.

But some lawmakers questioned Wednesday whether the alleged theft could indicate a risk to individual I-PASS accounts. More than 80 percent of the state's 1.9 million I-PASS users have provided credit card numbers to the tollway authority to have their accounts reloaded automatically.

"If the tollway wasn't able to protect its own assets, what do they have in place to protect all the I-PASS users?" State Sen. Peter Roskam, R-Wheaton, said Wednesday.

It's a question some lawmakers say looms especially large after the huge influx of new I-PASS accounts that have opened in recent months, following the Jan. 1 doubling of tolls for drivers who don't use the electronic transponders.

"The concept that the tollway has access to credit card accounts for hundreds of thousands of motorists really calls for a higher level of standards," said State Sen. Steven Rauschenberger, R-Elgin.

Ammie Stanfill, 22, of Morrisonville, was charged with felony theft on Feb. 10. She was being held Wednesday at the Christian County Jail on \$35,000 bond, state's attorney Brad Paisley said.

Her public defender did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Stanfill's employer, Marketing Alternatives, was awarded a \$7.8 million-a-year contract last year to provide customer service for the tollway agency. The three-year contract began last June and expires June 30, 2006.

Company spokesman Mike Bensi declined to comment Wednesday on Stanfill's arrest and would not answer questions about the company's operations.

The firm processes checks from I-PASS users who choose to refill their account manually. A different vendor, Hummelstown, Penn.-based TransCore, handles automated credit card transactions, McGinnis said.

Marketing Alternatives, however, runs the tollway's call center for I-PASS customers and has access to personal account information, including credit card numbers, McGinnis said.

The authority's inspector general is reviewing Marketing Alternatives' financial controls, she said. The company already has made changes to prevent a similar theft, she added.

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## Small educational funds offered

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed an unusually small \$140 million increase in education spending Wednesday, made his strongest declaration yet that he opposes school funding reform that would raise income taxes, and angered his main legislative ally in the process.

The Democratic governor's plan for funding elementary and secondary schools during the next budget year relies partly on legislative approval of a tricky plan to siphon money from special state funds while not raising income or sales taxes in the cash-strapped state.

He also proposed borrowing \$500 million to help pay for school construction, an idea similar to one lawmakers shot down last summer.

During his annual budget address

to the General Assembly Wednesday, Blagojevich proposed an \$8.13 billion education budget for the state, an increase of less than 1 percent from the \$8.06 billion appropriated for education in the current fiscal year, which runs through June.

He also largely dismissed a widely debated idea to reform the state's school funding formula by substituting increased income taxes for local property taxes in paying for schools.

"Any proposal that swaps income taxes and property taxes still wouldn't mean more total funding for schools unless taxes go up more than they go down," Blagojevich said. "That approach puts the hard choices right back on the taxpayers."

That brought a swift retort from Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago, a proponent of ending

school-funding reliance on local property taxes in favor of the income tax who last month called funding reform his top priority for the spring legislative session.

Jones, who in last year's budget struggle was Blagojevich's lone ally among the four legislative leaders, said the governor's "slap" at the reform measure indicates the governor doesn't understand it.

Reliance on local property taxes to pay for schools has long been seen as a problem for districts in poorer areas that don't have the land wealth to support education and get too little state funding to make up the difference. While districts in more affluent areas have greater property wealth, many are limited in the amount of taxes they can collect from appreciating land value.

## Feds arrest student for cocktail

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — A DuPage County high school student was arrested by federal agents Wednesday after a gasoline-filled bottle resembling a Molotov cocktail erupted in flames in his school locker in suburban Roselle. The teen's father said his son hated school and was trying to get himself expelled.

Gianluca DeMarco, 18, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown on charges of unlawful possession of a destructive device and causing malicious damage.

After negotiations between federal prosecutors and defense attorney Edward M. Genson, the teenager was released on a \$100,000 bond

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### TRUCKING EXECUTIVE SERVES TIME FOR BRIBE

CHICAGO (AP) — A 29-year-old self-made millionaire described by a judge as "the personification of the American dream" was sentenced Wednesday to nine months in federal prison for trying to bribe an inspector to ignore trucking safety violations.

Dejan Zlatkovic, who came to the United States from Serbia pen-

niless and struck it rich in trucking and real estate, was also fined \$30,000.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Like the hair under a comb-over
- 7 Rare blood type, informally
- 11 Illicit drug inits.
- 14 Soup holder
- 15 Ex-attorney general
- 16 \_\_\_-di-dah
- 17 Vigilant
- 19 Brown, e.g.
- 20 Sheet music instruction
- 21 Rebel-turned-national leader
- 22 Stir
- 23 Carol contraction
- 24 Certain design transfer
- 27 Caterer's aid
- 29 Cheri of "Scary Movie"
- 30 Doesn't work anymore, informally
- 34 Self-replicating things
- 35 Quickly ... and a hint to 17-, 24-, 45- and 55-Across
- 37 Cowboy's domain
- 39 Foreign correspondent?
- 40 Seriously wind-ed
- 41 Cheaper now
- 45 Top-rated sports group
- 50 Ancient law
- 51 Pack \_\_\_ (quit)
- 52 Siouan Indian
- 53 Little dog of old Disney cartoons
- 54 Western defense grp.
- 55 Was victorious, but not by a knockout
- 58 "Lord, is \_\_\_?"
- 59 Pharaoh's deity
- 60 Behind, so to speak
- 61 Google's realm, with "the"
- 62 Chapeau holder
- 63 Stimulates, slangily
- DOWN**
- 1 Not highly valued furs
- 2 "Meet the Press" guest, maybe
- 3 Excite
- 4 Actor Auberjonois
- 5 Realize
- 6 Coast Guard officer: Abbr.
- 7 Brown bear
- 8 "Cool!"
- 9 Noted bankruptcy of 2001
- 10 Jupiter, e.g.
- 11 Epoch from two to five million years ago
- 12 Expensive hors d'oeuvre: Var.
- 13 1970's sitcom
- 18 Ronnie & the Daytonas hit
- 22 Iterates
- 24 Arch sites
- 25 \_\_\_ Hashana
- 26 Plant with a bitter root
- 28 Welcomes, as a new year
- 31 Cool, once
- 32 Lines of homage
- 33 Bridge capacity unit
- 35 Stopping by to say hello
- 36 Over
- 37 Call to police headquarters, maybe
- 38 Stir
- 42 Some dresses
- 43 Undisturbed
- 44 Lives
- 46 See 47-Down
- 47 With 46-Down, words finishing "Ready here \_\_\_"
- 48 Not a soul
- 49 Have
- 53 Cousin of Rover
- 55 Angkor \_\_\_ (Cambodian landmark)
- 56 Slob
- 57 "It's Alright" singer

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**CONCERNS:**

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post-visit report to Eastern within eight weeks. Eastern will have a chance to respond, and the final word on reaccreditation is expected from the NCA's Higher Learning Commission this fall.

**BILLS:**

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who live in houses have seen it rise.

Morris said there are multiple ways to conserve energy and cut down the cost of a natural gas bill.

Households can buy a programmable thermostat that changes the temperature at certain times of the day or buy a humidifier to make the house feel warmer than the actual temperature and change the furnace filter in accordance to what is recommended, Morris said.

**Banned corn included in aid shipments to Guatemala**

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Environmental groups said Wednesday they have discovered that genetically modified corn never approved for human consumption is being handed out as U.N. food aid to Guatemala.

A study backed by the international group Friends of the Earth found that samples of World Food Program grain shipments included StarLink, a corn withdrawn from the market in the United States because of concerns it could provoke allergic reactions.

Discovery of StarLink corn in consumer products in the United States prompted several high-profile supermarket recalls of cornmeal, corn dogs, taco shells, soup and chili mixes in 2000 and 2001.

The grain sent to Guatemala was intended for human consumption in products like tortillas, members of the Central American Alliance in Defense of Biodiversity said at a news conference in Guatemala.

A spokeswoman for Guatemala's Agriculture Ministry, Maria del Carmen Fuentes, said she was unaware of the study, but added, "we are worried in any case and an expert in the area will be assigned to indicate as soon as possible what happened."

She insisted, however, that "at no moment would we harm the population."

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ed Loyd, said the United States requires that any food aid be tested to make sure it doesn't contain StarLink.

"We have never had an incident in which there has been a positive test for any food aid shipment," he said.

In Rome, World Food Program spokeswoman Anthea Web said the decision on accepting foods "rests with the host government."

Aventis CropScience stopped sales of StarLink in 2000 because of still-unresolved questions about whether it could cause allergic reactions.

In 2001, StarLink's owners agreed to compensate U.S. corn farmers for lost sales caused by the discovery of StarLink in the nation's food chain. More than \$100 million was paid.

The company said Wednesday that small amounts of StarLink genetic material may still be detectable.

StarLink Logistics says on its

Internet site that it is working to direct any remaining corn containing the questioned protein to animal feed and nonfood uses.

Friends of the Earth complained in 2002 that it had found StarLink corn in U.S. aid shipments to Bolivia.

The allegations regarding StarLink were part of a broader protest about genetically modified corn being included in food aid shipments to the Central America.

In addition to Guatemala, news conferences were held in El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica. Environmentalists cited a study that looked at 77 samples of imported corn included in aid shipments or sold on the open market. Eighty percent was reported to include genetically modified material.

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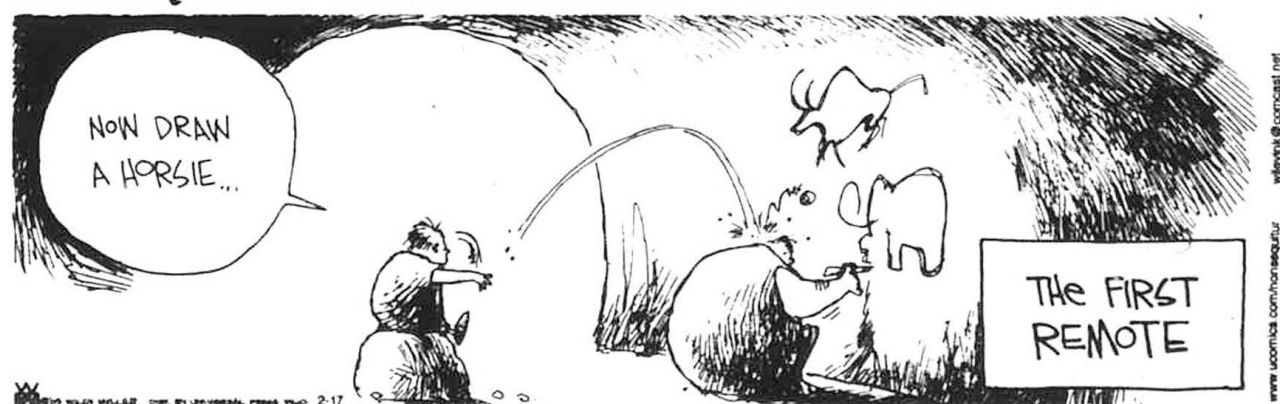
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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW PAGE

# Feeling tournament frenzy

By Dan Woike  
SPORTS EDITOR

The head coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference are approaching the final two weeks of the conference season with a mixture of apprehension and excitement.

With three teams tied for second place, two teams tied for fifth and one game separating the sixth, seventh and eighth-place squads prior to this week's games, the OVC's playoff picture is far from set.

"This is the craziest I've ever seen any conference," Eastern Kentucky head coach Travis Ford said. "It's up for grabs."

Ford said Samford is the one team with total control of its destiny. By sitting one game ahead of any other team in the league, the Bulldogs' plan is simple: win each of the remaining four games, win the regular-season title and earn the top seed in the conference tournament.

But the

teams at the top aren't the only ones implementing plans.

Jacksonville State, tied for 10th in the OVC, still has a slim chance to earn a position in the post season tournament, Gamecock head coach Mike LaPlante said.

"As long as we're still mathematically in it that's something we've got to hang on to," he said. "It's a way to keep our kids motivated."

The Gamecocks' post season hopes probably ended Tuesday night, when they lost 73-65 to Austin Peay.

This weekend's games give teams a chance to move up the standings, but Ford said his Eastern Kentucky team won't have an easy road ahead of it.

The Colonels host Southeast Missouri, winners of seven-straight games, tonight and the Panthers on Saturday evening.

"We've got our hands full," Ford said.

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said the weekend games won't separate the packs, but they will have an impact on the OVC post season.

"There are a lot of playoff-significant games," he said, "and they won't just impact the head-to-head records but the tiebreakers too."

It appears very obvious that there are going to be a lot of ties."

And that's what makes this year in the OVC unlike others.

"This is a very different year," Samuels said. "We've seen some bunching of teams before where a few teams are bunched together in the middle. But this year, the whole league's bunched together."

STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS



## STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Samford	9-3	14-9
Murray State	9-4	14-9
Tennessee Tech	8-4	12-9
Southeast Missouri	8-4	13-10
Austin Peay	8-5	9-15
Eastern Kentucky	7-5	15-8
Tennessee State	6-6	11-15
<b>Eastern Illinois</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>10-13</b>
Morehead State	4-8	10-13
Jacksonville State	2-11	7-18
Tennessee-Martin	2-11	5-18

## OVC STATS

### SCORING PER GAME

	GP	P/G
1. GONNER, Daimon-SEMO	21	20.2
2. JENKINS, Willie-TTU	23	18.7
3. GOMES, Josh-EIU	23	16.6
4. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO	23	16.4
5. MERRITT, J. Robert-SAM	23	16.3
6. McKNIGHT, Chad-MOR	23	16.0
7. DAVIS, Anthony-APSU	12	15.8
8. PEARSON, Trey-MUR	22	15.4
T-9. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU	23	15.3
T-9. NEWSON, Jared-UTM	24	15.3

### ASSISTS PER GAME

	GP	A/G
1. RUSSELL, Walker-JSU	26	7.73
2. WITT, Matt-EKU	23	6.35
3. JENIFER, Keith-MUR	23	3.96
4. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU	23	3.83
5. BOYD, Keyon-TTU	23	3.57

### REBOUNDS PER GAME

	GP	R/G
1. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO	23	9.0
2. FLOWERS, Rod-TSU	23	8.3
3. HANEY, Michael-EKU	23	8.1
4. HIRD, Alonzo-EKU	23	7.9
13. TANDY, George-EIU	23	5.4

### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	GP	PCT.
1. McKNIGHT, Chad-MOR	23	.633
2. HANEY, Michael-EKU	23	.619
3. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO	23	.540
4. FLOWERS, Rod-TSU	23	.486
9. GOMES, Josh-EIU	22	.439

### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

	GP	PCT.
1. KELLY, Ramon-MOR	23	.847
2. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU	23	.840
3. RUSSELL, Walker-JSU	26	.836
4. MERRITT, J. Robert-SAM	23	.824
5. GOMES, Josh-EIU	23	.820

## TONIGHT'S GAME

## GAME DESCRIPTION

## SATURDAY'S GAME

## GAME DESCRIPTION

## OVC NOTES



Eastern Illinois  
(10-3, 5-7)



Morehead State  
(10-13, 4-8)

Eastern sits one spot above Morehead in the standings, and this is a crucial game in each team's run for the OVC tournament. The Eagles will finish off the last four OVC games at home where they're 6-3. The Panthers hope they can turn around their bad luck on the road and improve a 1-10 mark away from Lantz Arena.



Eastern Illinois  
(10-13, 5-7)



Eastern Kentucky  
(15-8, 7-5)

With a win over the Panthers, Eastern Kentucky nearly locks up a spot in the OVC tournament. The Colonels' only home loss in nine chances came to Samford, when ECU let a 13-point first-half lead slip away. ECU has hit hard times as of late when it lost big to Jacksonville State.

OVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK  
Reggie Golson-SEMO Senior Forward

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Eastern hopes to make up ground in the OVC

Eastern and Morehead are tied for last place as they square-off to battle for postseason play.

By MARCUS JACKSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther women's basketball team will be fighting for their Ohio Valley Conference Tournament lives today as they travel to Morehead State to take on the Eagles at 4:30 p.m.

Eastern (9-14, 2-10 OVC) is currently in a last-place tie with the Eagles in the OVC and needs a win to remain in the hunt for the eight-team postseason tournament.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said his team realizes the importance of this game and is prepared to battle.

"They need to understand we have to step up to the challenge; we need at least one win this weekend," he said.

Sallee said the Panthers need to play with confidence, much like they did earlier in the season prior to OVC play. The Panthers were 7-4 entering conference play and have gone 2-10 since.

"We need to do the things that made us successful earlier in the season," he said. "Things like rebounding and taking care of the basketball

are going to be important for us to come out with a win."

The Eagles (4-19, 2-10) will look to freshman guard Anitha Smith-Williams to lead their offensive attack. Smith-Williams leads the Eagles in scoring, averaging 10.5 points per game.

On the defensive end, Morehead State will look to senior center Shelly Johnson to keep the Panthers from scoring in the paint. Johnson leads the OVC in blocks, averaging 3.19 per game. As a team the Eagles lead the OVC in blocked shots, averaging six rejections per game.

Sallee said despite Johnson's ability to block shots, the Panthers would not change anything to stay away from the inside.

"We're not going to be too concerned with her," he said. "For every blocked shot she gets there is another time where she will be out of position."

"She's going to get her blocks, and if it's more than three, we can live with that. As long as we stick to our game plan and worry about ourselves, we'll be fine."



Senior Center Pam O'Connor reaches for two points against Tennessee State Thursday evening in Lantz Arena. O'Connor leads the Panthers in scoring, averaging 15 points per game.

STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## TRACK AND FIELD

## Friday Night Special at Lantz

By DERRICK JOHNSON II  
STAFF WRITER

This Friday the Eastern Track and Field team will host the Friday Night Special at Lantz Fieldhouse. The meet will host seven teams of Division I, including Southern Illinois University, Illinois State University and Bradley University.

The Eastern Track team will face intense competition from the other Division I schools; this weekend is only the beginning. The following weekend, the Panthers will prepare to compete for the Ohio Valley

Conference Championship at Lantz Arena. Junior Monternez Buckley anticipates strong competition from South East Missouri University.

"The stiffest competition in the conference for the 400 (meters) will be SEMO," Buckley said.

In order for the Eastern Track and Field team to win the championship for a fifth year in a row, a strong performance will be needed by the team as a whole. The sprinters are making an attempt to make their presence felt as well as the distance squad, Buckley said.

"The hardest thing as a sprinter is stepping up," Buckley said. "The distance (runners) are real strong, and as sprinters we're trying to step up and compete as well as the distance (runners)."

The outlook for the Eastern sprint squad is good as long as it continues its progress and works hard, which is what Buckley certainly intends to do.

"I have a very good chance of qualifying in the long jump if I keep doing what I'm doing and work hard," Buckley said. "I have a very good chance of qualifying in the 400 meter as well."

## STEVENS:

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Making accommodations is a mature act that you don't see out of future millionaire draft prospects who usually dictate when they hear their names called and by whom. However, this was an unnecessary act that shouldn't have happened.

I can't help but feel like the idea was formed by people who certainly are not Benson. If he felt this was necessary, he was wrong. If it happened because of other suits, Benson needs to realize that he's the one who will make these people rich and not the other way around.

The advertising market didn't cater to former Chicago Bulls guard and current college basketball analyst Jay Williams after he changed his name to avoid confusion to the Jayson

Williams that shot and killed his limo driver. The commercial market ignored Jay because he couldn't throw a beach ball into Lake Michigan, and his motorcycle joy ride into a tree didn't help either.

If everything is accurate in the scouting reports, Benson is going to be an all-pro tailback that you can build an offense around. His play on the field will probably make Miami fans and teammates forget about Williams. (This won't take much. All he has to do is live up to his word and not quit on them). He's going to leave defenders in his dust, not similar to the pot smoke Williams left Miami in. So if Benson liked his style, grow the dreads back by draft day. Unlike players like Randy Moss, this is an employee who's not hurting anybody except possibly how he sees himself.

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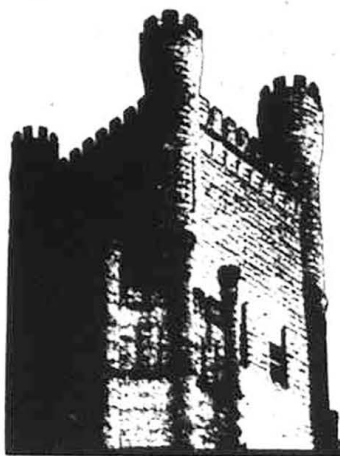
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THURSDAY	WRESTLING VS. EASTERN MICHIGAN AT LANTZ ARENA	7 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT MOREHEAD STATE	6:35 p.m.
	SWIMMING AT MIDWEST CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP	until Sat.
FRIDAY	TRACK AND FIELD FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL AT LANTZ	3:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	WRESTLING VS. NO. 16 MISSOURI AT LANTZ ARENA	2 p.m.

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**MATT STEVENS**  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Don't tread on his dreads

Former Texas tailback and top National Football League prospect Cedric Benson will certainly look different when he sits in the green room, walks up the stage, shakes commissioner Paul Tagliabue's hand and holds up his new jersey on draft day.

No, he has not gotten stronger in the weight room, gotten negatively heavier or grown an eye in the back of his head. However, when the nation's best college running back in 2004 puts on his new team's hat, nobody will see his dreadlocks coming out of the back.

No, the NFL does not have a policy on hair length, so why would this person feel the need to voluntarily cut his hair after going through four years at the University of Texas comfortable with the way he looked?

The reason apparently has everything to do with what hat he'll be putting on April. Scouts have told Benson that with the San Francisco 49ers insisting on taking a quarterback, it seems like a logical certainty that the Miami Dolphins will make him their new feature back. This idea concerned Benson because of the last star out of South Beach, Ricky Williams.

Williams was the idol of Benson and was mostly the reason he decided to become a Longhorn. However, realizing the media's, fans' and scouts' perceptions of Williams, Benson changed his image. Maybe ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper can explain to him that hair is everything.

First of all, Benson needs to realize that members of the media are smarter than Benson's giving us credit for. We don't perceive dreadlocks as bad. Cedric, the comparisons will only appear in print, television and radio if we find marijuana along with holistic medicine in your locker while you model a hobo beard during training camp and hire a rapper as your agent. Benson is his own person and should be treated as such.

I don't see Williams when I see Benson. Personally, I see an individual person who possibly runs like Earl Campbell. However, my question is "what does Benson see when he looks in the mirror?"

Making accommodations is a mature act that you don't see out of

## WRESTLING

# Panthers finish season at Lantz

## Eastern's home finale matches Panthers against No. 16 Missouri

BY DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern finishes its tough regular season schedule with two dual meets at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers wrestle Eastern Michigan at 7 p.m. tonight in Lantz Arena and host No. 16 Missouri, at 2 p.m. on Saturday to wrap-up their season.

These final two meets are the only consecutive home meets for the Panthers (3-7) this season. The Eagles (6-9) have won three of the last four dual meets and had their first Mid-American Conference victory of the year when they beat Buffalo 20-19.

Eastern Michigan's starting line-up features three ranked wrestlers: No. 18 Ed Magrys (184 pounds), No. 17 J.J. Holmes (174 pounds) and No. 15 Jermain Thompson (149 pounds).

"They've put together a pretty solid team right now," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said.

One of the top match-ups of the night will come at 174 pounds, when Holmes will face the Panthers' No. 20, Kenny Robertson (31-9). Eastern red-



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Pete Ziminski wrestles against McKendree sophomore Trevor Malach in the heavyweight match Jan. 23 at Lantz Arena. Ziminski is the only senior leaving the Panthers on Sunday's senior recognition night.

shirt freshman Greg Perz (15-11) will face off against Magrys at 184 pounds. Perz has won eight of his last 10 matches, and McCausland is positive about his chances this week.

"This will be a great test for him," McCausland said. "These matches give him a good opportunity."

Sunday is senior recognition day for the Panthers, and Eastern will only have to say goodbye to one wrestler. Heavyweight Pete Ziminski (13-6) is

the lone Eastern senior who will face No. 16 Missouri, who blanked Eastern 45-0 last year, in his final home meet.

The Tigers wrestled Tennessee-Chattanooga Wednesday night but lost their previous four matches to No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 2 Iowa State, No. 6 Nebraska and No. 7 Oklahoma.

Ziminski will have a tough test on his final night in Lantz when he wrestles Tiger freshman Chase Wetrenkamp (22-14).

Once again, the highlight of the night will be the 174-pound weight class, when Robertson will wrestle No. 2 Ben Askren (27-1). The pair has met twice this season with both victories going to Askren.

"The guys are hanging in there (despite the tough schedule)," McCausland said. "With the exception of Ziminski, we have all underclassmen, so this is good experience for the future."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Playoffs still up for grabs

## Eastern battles Morehead for conference tournament spots as time winds down in the season

BY JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern will play at Morehead State tonight in a game that means more for both the Panthers and the Eagles than any game they have played thus far.

"If they defeat us, they are probably in the (Ohio Valley Conference) tournament," Morehead head coach Kyle

Macy said. "If they win, they'll probably knock us out."

Macy's logic may seem negative, but he said that's just the way it has been this year for his team. The Eagles beat Jacksonville State 76-66 on the road last week and then two days later lost at Samford 44-73.

"I don't always know which team I'm going to get," Macy said.

Both Morehead and Eastern have had unique OVC schedules to this point, and Macy said their schedules may have hurt them more than most teams.

The Eagles started the OVC season with four road games, then four home games, then four more road games and finished the season with four more home games.

"Up to this point, we have had the least amount of home games in the OVC," Macy said. "It's nice to have your last four games at home but not

when you're already in a hole."

Macy said all the road games at the beginning of the season hurt his inexperienced team's confidence.

All that aside, Macy said his team must be ready for this game.

"If we can't show up for this game then we're not a team that deserves to qualify for the OVC tournament," Macy said.

Eastern also has had its rough parts of the schedule.

Samuels said the part of the schedule he found unfavorable was the first four games which the Panthers played all on the road in a span of eight days.

"We are the only team in the OVC to have done that," Samuels said.

The Panthers have now hit the favorable part of their schedule. Their last game was on Feb. 10 when they beat Tennessee State by 21 points.

Samuels gave his players a couple

days off, and when they returned to practice they looked a little rusty.

"That's to be expected," Samuels said. "We needed the break physically."

Although the break was mostly good for the Panthers, Samuels is a little worried about tonight's game.

"My worry is we played our best game of the season against Tennessee State," Samuels said. "Can we get back to that? 'Can we continue to play at the level we were at before the lay-off?' is my worry."

However, Samuels knows Morehead is inexperienced and will probably have trouble guarding the Panthers man-to-man.

He also said the Panthers will have no trouble breaking Morehead's zone if it elects to go that route.

"If they guard us man-to-man, my feeling is they'll be a little slow," Samuels said, "and I feel comfortable we can attack zones."



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Hit film "Boogeyman"  
hits a horror genre vein.

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Groovatron is out  
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more than just an  
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DiverCity and friends  
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Grand Ballroom in festival.

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### TWILIGHT ZONE

Tarble Arts Center exhibit  
"Strange Fictions" puts  
sci-fi in a different  
dimension for Eastern  
and high school students.

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## QUOTE THIS

*What are your plans for Spring Break 2005?*



Jeff Beal  
Junior English

"I'm going to work at an old folks home and go to IHOP every night."



Jenn Grimm  
Senior English

"I'm going on 15 interviews with colleges all around the country."



Brian Janak  
Sophomore marketing

"I'm going to Minnesota."



Giedra Kazlauskas  
Senior English

"I'm going to San Francisco and Portland."



Ashley Linkey  
Freshman business management

"I'm going home to spend time with my friends and family."

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## FRIDAY

No Classes  
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Jazz  
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## SATURDAY

Groovatron  
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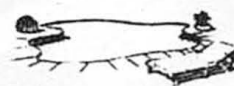


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2. Start growing a beard for Lincoln's Birthday next year.



3. Be honest like Abe and promise not to lie today.



4. Use only five-dollar bills and pennies for purchases today.



5. Debate whether or not Abe would have his mole removed if he were alive today. Would he be a metrosexual?



6. Stay away from plays and balconies today.



7. Recite what you can remember of the Gettysburg Address from that time you had to memorize it in the fourth grade.



8. Contact a young relative and see how much they can remember (see above).



9. Steer clear of "Booth" Library; it'll be closed, but still avoid it if possible.



10. Challenge someone to a debate in front of Lincoln-Douglas hall.



11. Spend the whole day reveling in the joy that is Lincoln Avenue.



12. Start every sentence with "Four score and seven years ago..."



13. Though Lincoln is buried in Illinois, he was born in Kentucky. Several states claim Lincoln as their fame. Determine where the real "Land of Lincoln" is located.



14. Construct a phone-booth time machine and travel back to the 1860s. Bring Abe back and take him to Cross County Mall ("Bill and Ted" fans only).



15. Make your own list of things to emancipate.



16. Simply say Happy Birthday because you've already done everything on the list.

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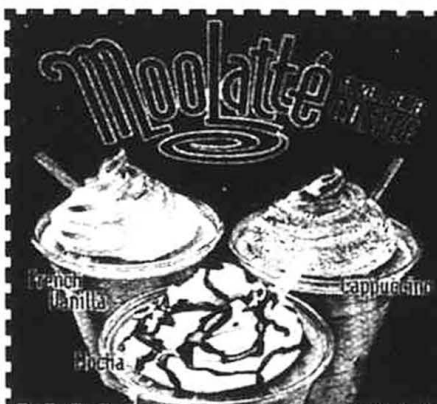
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# DiverCity and Friends

*Campus Hip Hop group shares show with fellow students*

BY WILLIE GRIGGS  
STAFF WRITER

Creative expression, music and comedy were in full force Monday night as DiverCity, a dance team comprised of Eastern students, celebrated their first hip-hop festival in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

To kick things off, Leslie, who has won University Board open mic nights with his piano skills, took the stage to perform a soulful rendition of Alicia Keys' megahit "If I Ain't Got You" on the piano.

The crowd was then thrust into a hip-hop mood as rapper Krystal, a junior psychology major, took the stage and "held it down" while singing an original piece, "Gone Head," a soulful bass-thumping beat that caught the audience off guard. She followed "Gone" with the grabbing "Till My Last Breath," which she rapped and sung the chorus to; showcasing her varying vocal talents along with potent lyrical ability.

"This was my first time singing on stage. I was nervous, but I took a chance and



Members of DiverCity Dance Team perform a routine during their hip hop festival Monday evening.

held my own," said Krystal.

In between the performing acts, hosts, Chris Hightower and Tamara "Pimp" Robinson kept the crowd sedated with laughing gas. They entertained the crowd with their no-holds-barred brand of humor and stage antics. "I had fun hosting the show. I thought it was a great turnout. This event will be a fixture on Eastern's social circuit for the next 10 years," Robinson said.

Gospel was also included on the hip-hop bill as Davina Batts, a freshman unde-

clared major, took to the stage to sing the soul-stirring selection, "Tomorrow," a song, Batts described, about seizing the chance to get God in one's life before it's too late.

Women throughout the audience were poetically serenaded as Brandon "B-Rob" Robinson, an Alpha Phi Alpha member, performed his riveting poem entitled, "A Priceless Love For That Girl."

"I felt I had a duty to perform my poetry because my grandmother passed, and she would have wanted me to express

myself intellectually," said Robinson.

Nicky Hudson then took the stage to recite Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman." Rian Jones, a senior speech communication major, provided some R&B flavor as he performed "Love Music."

When DiverCity took the stage, they entertained the audience with their rhythmic and lively dance routine.

"We worked very hard and did our best," said Marquette McClinton, a sophomore elementary education major and DiverCity member.

As "Monty," an energetic rapper, took the stage he immediately commanded the crowd to get involved as he performed the songs "Hey Love," a remix of Stevie Wonder's classic of the same name, and "I'm Ill."

Courtney and Kristen Bosco, members of Shady Katies, performed covers of Eagle Eye Cherry's 1995 hit "Save Tonight" and Roberta Flack's 1972 hit "Killing Me Softly." Closing the event was rapper Lorenzo James, known as Flow. Flow performed "Candy Love," featuring Jones and "Unexpected."

Jason Starks, one of the more than 50 spectators in attendance, said the show was thoroughly entertaining.

"The event was a success," said Inesha Kelly, DiverCity president.

## Groovatron plays Uptown

BY HOLLY HENSCHEN  
VERGE EDITOR

Groovatron is a band of musicians that have known each other since childhood, and is heavily influenced by a cartoon show.

Based out of Munster, Ind., the sextet, five of them Class of 1999 graduates, is often associated with the jam-band genre.

"We've all known each other our whole lives," said bassist Tony Qualls. "We were all in marching band in high school."

Groovatron is made up of Qualls, Nick Ferrer and Marc Quagilar on guitar, Andy Dumaesq on drums, saxophonist Tony McCullough and percussionist Steve Pesich. All of the members add to vocals.

"We blend every single imaginable style of music into one ball of wonder," Qualls said.

The band is described as "groove rock" on garageband.com, an

internet music community, and "schizophrenic rock" in their biography. Groovatron is a compositionally-structured band, said Qualls. The band plays music influenced from hip hop to bluegrass. Similar bands include Frank Zappa and "off the deep end like Ween," he said.

The band's lyrics get are laced with satire. "We're 'Simpsons' fans, that kind of social commentary sarcasm," Qualls said. "When we do get dark, it's trying to appeal to standard humanity ignorance that exists all around us."

This said, Qualls calls the band lighthearted, and not serious in a depressing or dark way.

Qualls said his favorite episode of the prime-time cartoon sitcom is "The Beer Baron," where prohibition is enforced in Springfield.

"Our lyrics, like our music, are pretty much really explanatory," Qualls said. One Groovatron



Groovatron, here at the Canopy Club in Champaign, IL, will release a DVD of a recent show there.

song "Allegiance" details a run-in the band had with a highway cop. Qualls said they were discriminated against for being long-haired musicians. The police officer searched their vehicle, scattered their belongings along the roadside and were late for the show as a result. Sentiments on religion, philosophy and politics are also worked into Groovatron's lyrics, said Qualls.

Groovatron plays tri-weekly on average, said Qualls. They often

play Champaign's Canopy Club and plan to release a live DVD of a recent show there.

"Our goal is to hand it out for virtually free," he said. The band also gives away 15,000 "sampler platters" a year to their audiences.

Groovatron has three self-released records. The first, "Marionette," came out their senior year of high school and is now out of print. Their discography also includes 2001's "Yes Have Some" and "Don't Mind if I Do," released in 2004.

Groovatron has averaged about 150 shows annually for the past 3 years. They've gone as far west as Colorado as far South as Florida.

"We kind of went on the road crazy-style and bit off a little more than we could chew," said Qualls. As a result, Groovatron is now concentrating on playing in the Midwest.

The band has played with Vince Welnick, the last keyboard player for the Grateful Dead before Jerry Garcia died. For the past three years, Groovatron performed at the Summer Camp festival in Peoria alongside Leftover Salmon, Umphrey's McGheer, moe, and Ekoostik Hookah. They expect to play the mainstage at the annual festival this year. Groovatron also shared billing with Blues Traveler, Keller Williams, Moe., John Scofield, Karl Denson, The Wallers and David Grisman Quintet. In 2003, they played Taste of Chicago, as well.

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St. Louis is credited as being a culturally diverse city. This makes the tourism activities diverse also. Going to places like the St.

Louis Art Museum, the St. Louis Science Center, or even the St. Louis Zoo will keep you on your toes.

The Riverfront better known as Laclede's Landing offers activities like the Gateway Arch Riverboats that allow you to travel down the Mississippi River and explore its many mysteries. Rent bikes for a two-wheel tour of the Landing or ride the Metro Link, the fast, reliable way to travel around St. Louis.

Looking for great shopping, the St. Louis area offers many shopping centers to spend the money that you can't afford to spend. Get great deals at St. Louis Mills, Northwest Plaza, the St. Louis Galleria, St. Clair Square, and other good malls in the area.

You cannot go to the St. Louis area without going to a hot club. The club scene is off the charts with places like the ever popular Oz. The Oz is the perfect club for Eastern students with an age limit of 19. The club offers great music, attractive people and a party atmosphere like no other. Other clubs worthy of mention includes: Club Casino, the Monastery, AJ's, Sprue's, Club Seven and the energetic Club Candela.

Hurry up and get to St. Louis for Spring Break. There will never be a better time to go and have

some of the best fun in your college life.



## WINDY CITY IS A JOY

SABRINA MADRIGAL  
STAFF WRITER

The smell of tanning oil, sand between your toes and tan lines are things that come to mind when one thinks of Spring Break. But for those of us who couldn't make it down south this spring, we must wait until summer to relive those experiences.

Until then, one can find a cornucopia of things to do in the Chicagoland area over Spring Break.

If live music is your thing, but large overcrowded arenas aren't, then check out The Metro. Located at 3730 N. Clark St., across the street from Wrigley Field, the Metro's small arena offers an intimate setting that almost all other music venues seriously lack.

The Metro offers a broad spectrum of music that could satisfy almost any music lover's taste. Artists that have performed there in the past include The Smashing Pumpkins, The White Stripes and The Wu Tang

Clan. Shows range in prices between \$6 and \$35. While most shows are open to all ages, shows for those who are 21 and over are hosted by Smartbar, which becomes more of a club than a music venue.

If you're looking for a good time after the St. Patrick's Day Parade, what better place to go than The Irish American Heritage Center. Located at 4626 N. Knox Ave., on the northwest side of Chicago. Open from noon until midnight, The 18th annual celebration offers Irish beer on tap, live Irish music, Irish step dancing and a full bar.

Dating back to the late 1950s, The Second City Chicago has become a landmark as well as a breeding ground for comic geniuses such as Bill Murray, John Belushi and Mike Myers. The theater seats 340 people on its main stage and 180 people on its second stage. Tickets to shows range anywhere from \$12 to \$19.50 depending on which night you decide to go.

Aside from being a staple in Chicago's culture for over 40 years now, The Second City provides each show with original comedy that is both smart and funny. So if you're in need of a good laugh, stop by Second City

and you might just see the next Mike Myers.

To not check out part of the diverse culture in Chicago would be a big mistake. Greek town, located in the heart of Chicago, between Halsted Avenue and Racine Street, illustrates the pride Chicago takes in its diverse population. With eight great restaurants including Athena's and Greek Islands, and six different bars and night clubs, Greek town offers outsiders a great look into what Greek life has to offer.

If all this sight seeing had made you hungry, then what better way to end the day than to have a slice of Chicago's famous stuffed pizza. Gulliver's, located at 2727 W. Howard St., offers the best in the famous Chicago-style pizza. Aside from the pizza, Gullivers offers a unique dining experience. Their dining rooms ceiling is filled with several different chandeliers, one of which is from the old McCormick Machine.

While these are just a few ideas of what one can do, it truly illustrates the many diverse options that could suit almost anyone's mood. But if at the end of the day you find yourself with Spring Break blues from the gloomy weather, there are many tanning salons available to give you that Spring Break glow.

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# UNCONVENTIONAL SPRING BREAK

*Some students trade in the sand for snow*

By NICOLE NICOLAS  
FEATURES REPORTER

It's spring break. A clear blue sky hangs over my sister and me as we snap into our skies and head toward the ski lift. We slide on to the chair lift together to sail up to the top of the mountain.

At the top of the mountain top with a vertical drop of about 500 feet, the wind howls. My sister, Kristin turns to me and says, "I bet I can beat you down the mountain." "Yea, right, let's race," I say. "On your mark. Get set. Go," Kristin says. We both glare at each other and propel ourselves down the mountain with our poles.

My sister pulls out in front of me and pulls her skies tightly together pointing them straight down the mountain. I do the same. Soon we are neck and neck heading straight down the mountain with the crisp cool wind at our backs.

I take a quick turn to the left to cut off my sister to put myself in the lead. The end is near. All the sudden my sister comes out of nowhere and slides right past me to win the race.

"I want a rematch," I say. "Alright, you're on," Kristin says.

Skiing, an unconventional spring break most would not think of going to before they head to a warm place. There are several ski resorts in the Midwest that could take up a long weekend or the whole week.

## GRANITE PEAK SKI RESORT, WAUSAU, WIS.

At the resort, there is about 500 acres of skiable terrain with 72 runs, 6 chair lifts and one hi-speed chair lift. Granite Peak Ski Resort has runs for all levels of skiing. Including beginner green, intermediate blue and advanced black trails, said Patti Chesbrough, an administrator at Granite Peak Ski Resort. Buy online to receive discount lift tickets for two days that cost \$81 and \$24 for each additional day. To go for the day, a lift ticket costs \$43. And ski rental costs \$50 for 2-days and for each additional day it costs \$20. Snowboard rentals cost \$66 for two days if purchased online.

The resort is best known for there tree skiing, which is skiing in between trees, said Chesbrough.

At night there is free skiing. At the base of the mountain there are restaurants and theaters to enjoy Broadway plays, live music, comedians and food. Some of the places are Cali's Grill Room for live comedians, Scott Street Steak and Pub featuring live jazz music, the Grand Theater and Bear's Den Tavern and Saloon.

The closest places to stay are the Rib Mountain Inn, The Best Western Inn-Midway and Park Inn, only two minutes away from the resort. Within three minutes away are Days Inn and Excel Inn.

For more information on Granite Peak Ski Resort go to [skigrantpeak.com](http://skigrantpeak.com). Granite Peak is on 3605 North Mountain Road.

## TYROL BASIN SKI RESORT, MT HOREB, WIS.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday lift tickets cost \$15 per day. For a lift on Tuesday it is \$10 per day, said Jon Winkler, marketing director for Tyrol Basin. And on weekends for a ski lift ticket it cost \$38 for all day. Ski rentals are \$18 on the weekday and \$22 on the weekends and holidays according to [www.tyrolbasin.com](http://www.tyrolbasin.com).

At the resort there are 30 acres of skiable terrain and 16 slopes with three chair lifts. There are five beginners, three intermediate, and five advanced runs, Winkler said.

The resort has double back diamonds that have natural bumps. They are very steep slopes for advanced skiers, Winkler said.

"We're known for our freestyle terrain," Winkler said.

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There freestyle terrain park has slide rails, half pipes, steel pipes, wooden boxes which are quarter pipes and table top jumps. Table top jumps are where you go up a crescent ramp and jump on to the flat backside that slopes downhill, said Winkler.

For lunch and dinner skiers and snowboarders can head down to Glarna Café for hot and cold sandwiches, pizza, brats, soups and hamburgers and cheeseburgers.

From the resort travel five miles down the road to Karakahl Country Inn or the Village Inn to stay for the night.

For more information go to [www.tyrolbasin.com](http://www.tyrolbasin.com).

"The most interesting part is we're a very small quaint area. Our staff is very personable," Winkler said. Tyrol Basin is at 3487 Bohn Road.

## INDIANHEAD SKI RESORT, WAKEFIELD, MICH.

Since November of 1959, Indianhead has been a ski resort, making it the oldest resort in the region, said Jason Gerbig, the resort's marketing specialist.

The resort is on the upper peninsula of Michigan with 200 acres that consist of 24 skiable trails with a vertical drop of 638 ft. There are six beginners, seven intermediate and 10 advanced runs, according to the Indianhead's website trail map. They also have a terrain park. They have the widest trails around, Gerbig said.

Lift tickets cost \$39 regularly. But the snowfarri package is for one lodging and a complimentary lift ticket, and it is \$45 per person per night Sunday through Thursday only, Gerbig said.

Rentals cost \$25 a day for skies and \$37 a day for snowboards.

For beginners, say goodbye to gripping on tightly to ropes to go up the bunny hill and say hello to ski carpets. All Skiers have to do is jump on the carpet or conveyor belt and it takes them up the bunny hill.

At the base of the hill skiers can grab a bite to eat at the Red Dog Saloon. For dinner, there is the Sky Bar and Grill that has live music every Saturday starting at 3 p.m., the Base Place, an Italian deli and the Lodge Restaurant which has a Friday night seafood buffet.

The resort also has a Health

and & Recreation Center that has a swimming pool, hot tub and sauna. For more information go to [Indianheadmtn.com](http://Indianheadmtn.com). Indianhead is at 500 Indianhead Road.

## SKI BRULE SKI RESORT, IRON RIVER, MICH.

Ski Brule is the last to close and first to open said Jessica Hammer, the marketing manager. It has a vertical drop of 500 ft. with 150 acres of skiable terrain and 17 trails. Spillway is a nice intermediate run with a nice pitch and cruising run. Whitewater has a nice pitch and is wide challenging trail Hammer said.

In March, there is a Super Saver Monday through Sunday for two people that include two days of lodging and lift tickets for \$237, Hammer said.

Regular prices are \$28 per day on the weekday and \$34 on the weekends and holidays for lift tickets. On the weekday rental costs \$18 for ski rental and \$33 for snowboards and boots.

To eat for lunch there is a quaint little place that skiers can ski right down a hill and stop for a bit to eat before going down all the way. The place is Homestead; it has sandwiches, apple cider, hot chocolate, and chips.

At night during the week on Monday, there is an indoor swimming pool night. On Monday and Wednesday there is night skiing. Also Tuesday there is a village hay ride. On Thursdays and Saturdays there is tubing, Hammer said. For more information go to [skibrule.com](http://skibrule.com). Ski Brule is at 397 Mountain Brule Road.

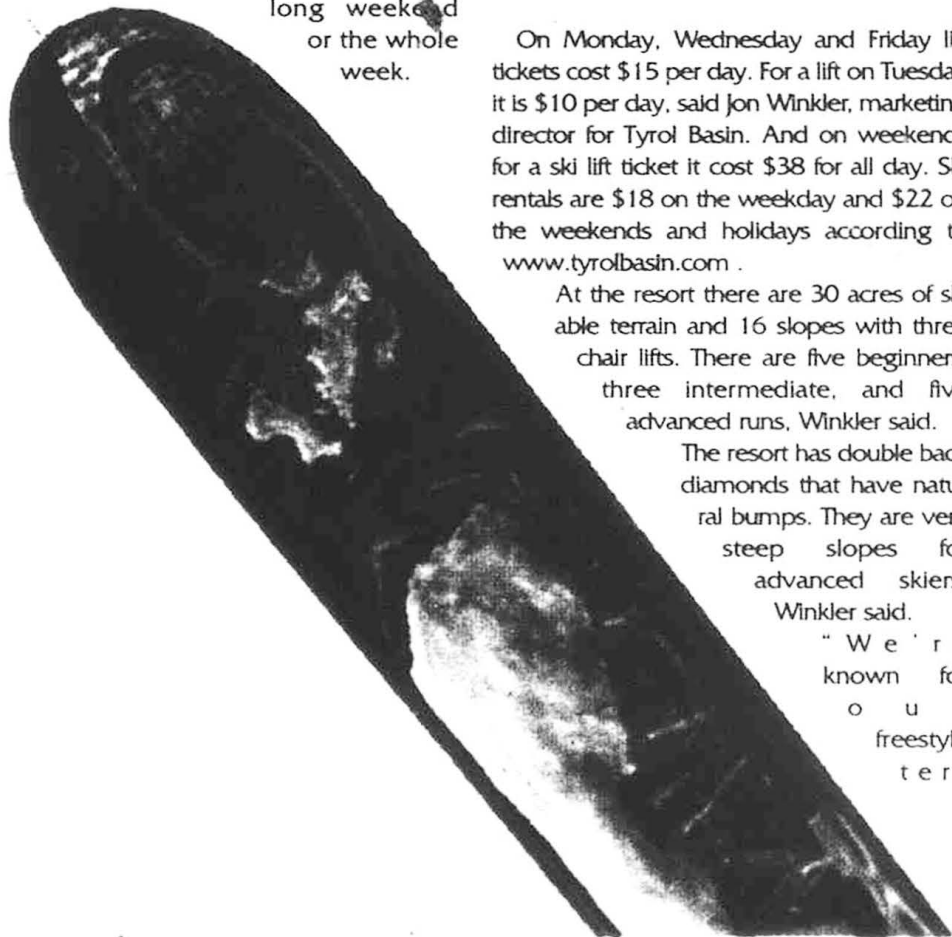


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# 'Incal' comic still solid 25 years later

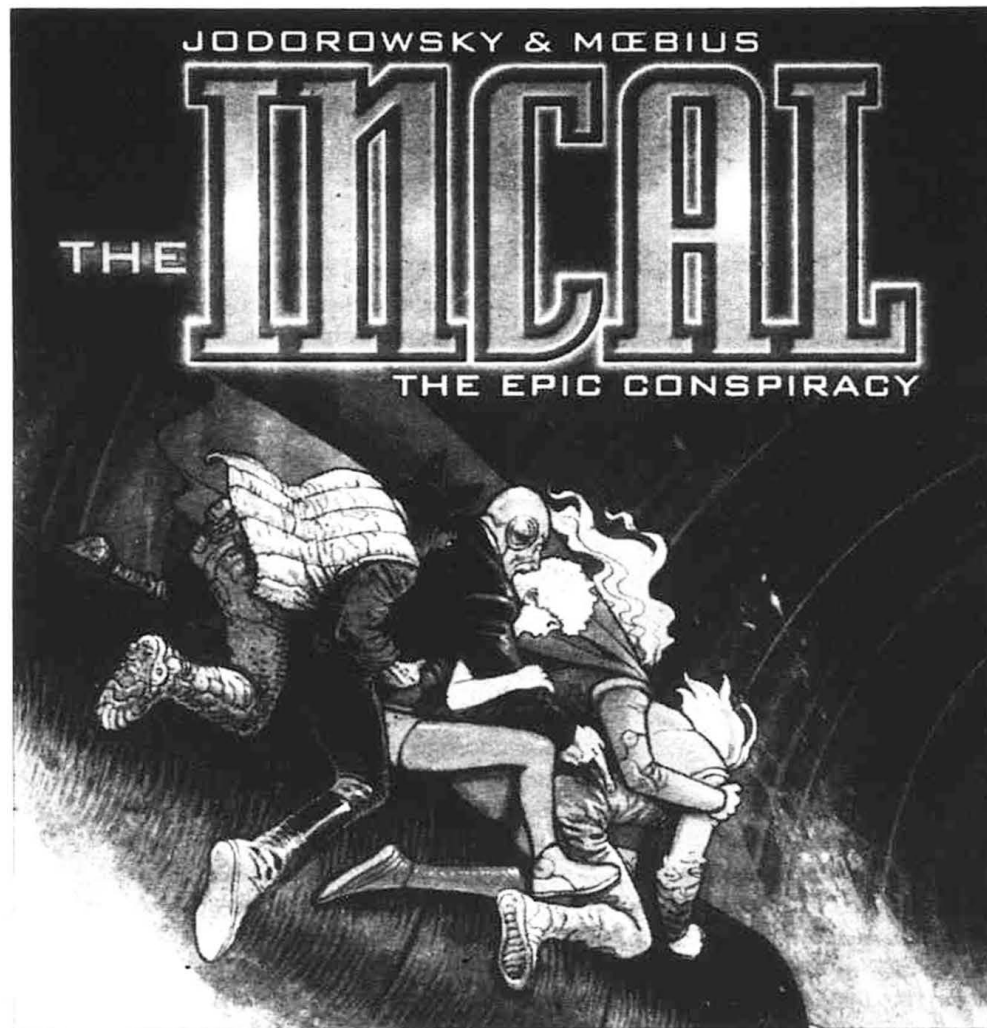
## THE INCAL: THE EPIC CONSPIRACY

3 1/2 ★★★★★

By JOAQUIN OCHOA  
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Having been a fan of comics in my early days up to high school and once even wanting to be a comic artist, I was excited with the idea of reviewing a comic. After looking at the press package of "The Incal: The Epic Conspiracy," I dove right in to the 160-page complex world of "The Red Ring," just a part of a galaxy of numerous mutants, worlds that span a universe. I didn't even read the press release that came with it. I jumped right in and was impressed. Little did I know this was a comic book that was being redistributed for its 25th anniversary—a comic that was first introduced around the time I was born—between 1980-'88. It's definitely for mature audiences only, so it's appropriate I read it now rather than when it first came out.

This proves that even in comics, the classics stand the test of time and language barriers, being reproduced in French, Spanish and English, from what I could find out. The writer of Epic Conspiracy, Alexandro Jodorowsky, weaves some very serious social commentary around an interesting story that had me asking many questions along the way. As hard as I tried, I sometimes guessed wrong and tried to swerve along with the twists and turns that followed. It



does have its predictable moments but those are very few. Jodorowsky, not surprisingly, has an impressive list of works that also include film and literature. Add an award winning artist, Moebius, and

film designer for "Alien," "Blade Runner" and "The Fifth Element."

Formerly a series of 12, The Incal is now being redistributed as a series The Incal: Orphan of the City Shaft," "John Difool:



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Covers and art of "The Incal," by Moebius, and the writing of Alexandro Jodorowsky have made the international comic the success it is.

Class 'R' Detective" and 'Epic Conspiracy' to celebrate its influence on the current generation of comics.

The great thing about 'Epic Conspiracy,' besides the art, is the cast of characters that come in all shapes, sizes, colors and varying levels of heroism and villainy. It centers on the typical, underdog, every man, a low class detective by the name Difool and how he comes to impact, change and shape the world around him. It also examines the psyche of Difool and his desires—a very compelling piece that should make many look back at comics of the '80s for other treasures.

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# 'Boogeyman' scares but lacks explanations

## BOOGEYMAN

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By PAT WIMP  
STAFF WRITER

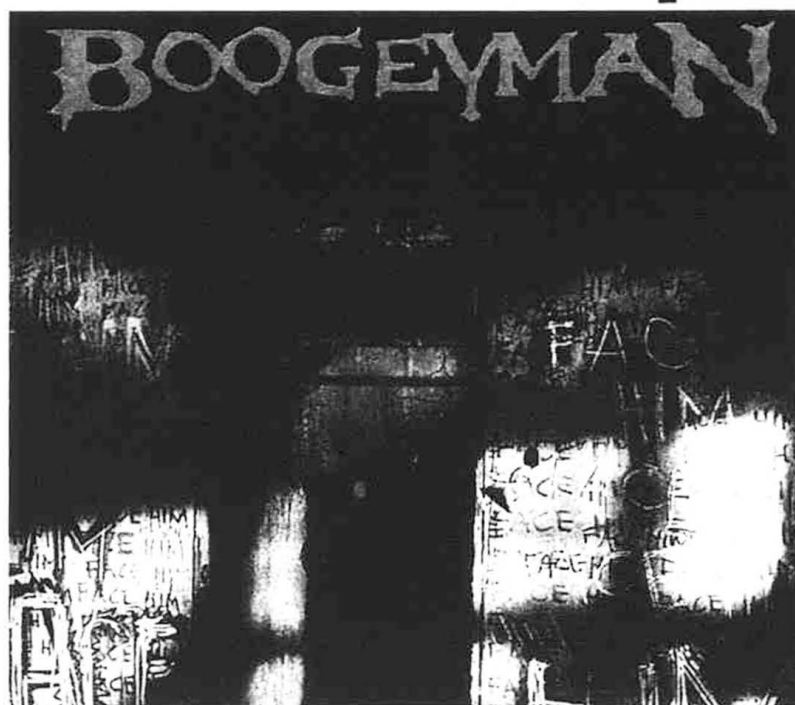
Horror is a genre littered with poorly made films that focus too much on blood, guts and gore as opposed to elements that actually frighten the audience. Now blood and gore have their place in horror movies; but in the end, killing is not necessarily scaring. "Boogeyman" serves as a pleasant reminder that it doesn't take gallons of blood and brain matter to get under your skin.

"Boogeyman" stars Barry Watson ("7th Heaven," "Sorority Boys") as Tim, a young man who as a child traumatically witnessed his father's capture by the childhood legend, the Boogeyman. Of course, Tim has been told for years that he is crazy and that

he was only coping with his father deserting the family; but deep down, he knows the truth. Events reach a fever pitch as Tim is forced to return to his childhood home and confront his longtime fears.

The film's opening sequence, in which Tim's father is actually taken, sets the tone for the remainder of the film perfectly. Having the boy's ultimate symbol of comfort and protection snatched right out from under him creates an air of tension that permeates the entire film. The idea that no one is safe at any moment is emblazoned into the viewer's mind for the remainder of the film.

This tension is perhaps "Boogeyman"'s strongest quality as it allows the film to power through an overtly childish concept. The idea of a boogeyman coming out the closet or under a bed is a truly juvenile notion, but the actual horror of it becomes inescapable. Dark



closets and raised beds abound as the characters visit a myriad of textbook horror locations. Creepy old houses, "Psycho"-esque motels and rickety old shacks provide environments of constant fear and discomfort.

As Tim returns home he learns that his childhood suspicions are truly quite founded, discovering a trail of missing children taken by the Boogeyman. As the mystery unravels, everyone close to Tim

comes into danger as the Boogeyman seemingly stalks the young man's every step. Eventually Tim must confront his fears in order to stop the reckless carnage inflicted by this inexorable demon.

"Boogeyman" suffers from not only its slightly adolescent concept, but also some unexplained story elements. For example, those who are taken simply disappear into an undisclosed location and are just assumed dead. Tim's guide to battling the Boogeyman also requires an undisclosed explanation.

Overall "Boogeyman" is a fresh and exciting horror film. It avoids clichés enough to invigorate an age-old concept and provide plenty of startling and terrifying moments. Producer Sam Raimi, legendary creator of the "Evil Dead" series, tacks his name onto an ambitious and well thought out project. Even grown folks will be checking the closet after this one.

## POP SHOTS

PAT WIMP  
STAFF WRITER

In my formative years as a young American and a budding film fanatic, I had a great deal of love and respect for two heroic entities. The first being the earthly champion of freedom that was America. The second was Luke Skywalker and the freedom fighters of the indomitable Rebel Alliance. Watching George Lucas' original "Star Wars" trilogy countless nights before bed, I would draw comparisons between the Rebels and the young America that once broke away from the oppressive British Empire. However, as time went on, both film and freedom began to take on new meanings and I began to watch two once proud republics fall into corruption and tyranny.

With the release of the latter and vastly ill-received "Star Wars" prequel films, Lucas explores the fall from grace of honorable Galactic Republic and the rise of the vile Galactic Empire. Film quality aside, the "prequel trilogy" has brought to light a perturbing realization. The crumbling republic and rising empire is immensely more comparable to my motherland than is the small band of rebels fighting for freedom.

Both in reality and in the galaxy far, far away, the great republics slowly deteriorated into empires through the spread of a creeping fear. When massive nation states feel threatened their citizens accept a military response. This military response often-times leads to preemptive wars against other nations and a gradual imperialism under the guise of protection.

The Roman Republic became a dictatorship for these very reasons. Fear of possible enemies led to the takeover of many nations and an empire that the Romans could not govern by democratic means,

as such the grand republic fell.

The Old Republic of the "Star Wars" films felt the impending threat of dissenting planetary systems. This threat frightened the members of the Galactic Senate into creating the massive clone army that would become the evil Stormtroopers, the colossal military face of the Empire's widespread oppression.

America's freedom fighting soldiers, righteous individuals willing to give up their lives to protect our homeland, are being forced into situations where detractors hold them in similar regard. As our president moves to "spread the fires of freedom" across the globe, our nation's image is becoming that of an overbearing imperialist seeking to force feed its beliefs into a tightly closed foreign mouth.

Policy makers have abused the widespread fear that our populace feels today to expand their power, make unjust war and keep others in line. Altering our war motives from fear to freedom will become

the norm as we begin a campaign to take over vast portions of the world under the veil of goodwill and democracy.

"Fear will keep them in line." This quote from "Star Wars" by Peter Cushing's Grand Moff Tarkin seems to be the new mantra of the growing American Empire. Our people are frightened into support of the intimidation of other nations. Our soldiers and peers are then sent to die against a faceless evil, and, through no fault of their own, further the imperial agenda of an unchecked neo-conservative administration.

Ultimately all empires, real or make believe, will fail. Forcing a way of life on unwelcoming peoples will breed insurrection and uprising. This notion our nation must address as we gear up for conquest. We should take a quick look at history (and film) before we send our youth to die in an endless quest to spread "freedom and democracy" to the far reaches of the galaxy...excuse me, globe.

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

# 'Battlestar Galactica' coming back to television

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. - The SCI-FI Network recently premiered their new original series "Battlestar Galactica," with record numbers for the cable station. After the success of the first five episodes, which have already aired, SCI-FI has optioned a second season to the hit series as well.

"Galactica" was originally a cult series during the 1970s, then remade into a TV miniseries in 2003 by executive producer Ronald D. Moore (Roswell). Due to the success of that two-part series, SCI-FI decided to go ahead with a 13 episode weekly series.

The story of the show revolves around Cylons — human-made robots who've learned to take on human form — and have just destroyed billions of people. The only survivors from this devastation are a ragtag fleet of ships, which were getting ready to retire and call it quits. Now, these ships and the people they house have been thrust into the

position of being the sole opportunity to advance the human race into the future.

Mary McDonnell ("Donnie Darko") plays Laura Roslin, a woman suffering from breast cancer, who was the Secretary of Education until she inherited the role of President. "Pres. Roslin is a middle-aged woman who has power thrust upon her," McDonnell said in a phone interview. McDonnell is no stranger to the acting field, garnering two Academy Award nominations for Dances with Wolves and Passion Fish. However, the idea of a weekly character-driven series enticed her. "When you're my age," McDonnell said, "and this type of storytelling is possible, you crave it."

Katee Sackhoff plays Starbuck, a tomboyish fighter pilot with a sordid history. Sackhoff, a 24-year old actress, is extremely happy this series has made it to a second season. "I'm the queen of cancelled TV shows," Sackhoff said about her career, which has

included the short-lived series, "The Education of Max Bickford." Already a sci-fi fan before receiving the role of Starbuck, Sackhoff says that the reason she was drawn to "Battlestar Galactica" was because it was so "character-driven ... and it's not stereotypically sci-fi."

Tricia Helfer (former Victoria Secret's model) plays Number Six, a Cylon who has taken the form of a sultry blonde female. Helfer echoes Sackhoff's comments about Galactica not being your run-of-the-mill sci-fi series. "I think this was not your typical science fiction," Helfer said, "I didn't want to play just a fantasy chick; I'm much more into realism ... it's much more a human piece set in space."

Another central character in the series is Captain Adama played by the accomplished actor Edward James Olmos. McDonnell defines Adama as the exact opposite of her role of Pres. Roslin. "She's anti-military,

[an] educator, and no respect for war. It is built into her culturally," McDonnell said. This is in sharp contrast to Capt. Adama who is the military leader of the fleet, and is constantly having to get in predicaments with Pres. Roslin.

One notion that McDonnell, Sackhoff, and Helfer all share is that this sci-fi series speaks for today's society. "It is poignant to today," Helfer said. Sackhoff agrees saying that, "for young people right now the emotions are true and pure. It is relative to what is going on today." Modern issues of the inhumane treatment of prisoners, suicide bombers, and human slavery are all themes within the first season of "Battlestar Galactica."

At this point, with a second season guaranteed, the actresses of "Battlestar Galactica" appear excited to get started exploring their characters even more. Sackhoff sums it up saying, "I want to know what the hell is going to happen."

## BRITNEY SUES OVER KNEE

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON - Pop princess Britney Spears made headlines once again last week, as she is filed suit against eight insurance companies that rejected her \$9.8 million claim for canceling a summer 2004 tour due to a knee injury.

Spears filed suit in the New York State Supreme Court against the eight companies, seven of which are in England and refused to pay. The eighth, located in France, did not respond to her claims.

According to The Associated Press, the court papers said that "on June 8, she hurt her knee while practicing the choreography for a video of her song 'Outrageous'," and had "minor orthopedic surgery" on her left knee.

Spears and her company Britney Touring Inc. had paid the insurance companies \$1.3 million in premiums to insure the tour through the United States, Canada, and Europe, according to the AP.



# STRANGER THAN FICTION

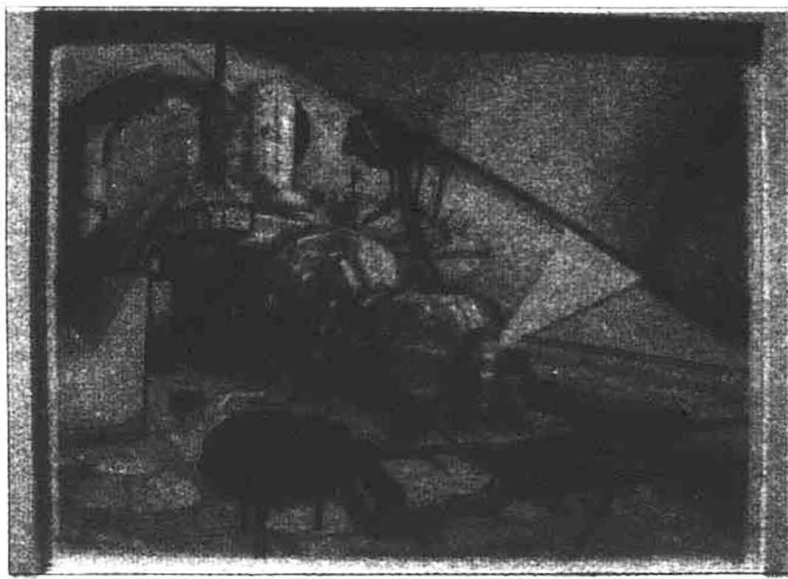
BY EUGENIA JEFFERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Something strange has come to Eastern. The "Strange Fictions" exhibit is on display at the Tarble Arts Center at Main Gallery. The new exhibit is towards science fiction. It is a creation of unique paintings, sculptures and mass media art.

Chris Kahler, guest curator and university professor founded the idea of this show.

Kahler started thinking about this idea a year ago when a show that was going to be at Tarble was canceled. Kahler then thought of Scott Anderson, an artist that did a lecture a year ago at Tarble. Kahler told Anderson about it and he spread the word to other artists.

The exhibit is in the Main Gallery where you can see a range of art from bright, unusual paintings to the yellow-brownish vomit piece with rats, inside body parts and insects in it. The featured artists in "Strange Fictions" are Scott Anderson, Aaron Baker, Lisa Boumstein-Smalley, Charlie Cho, Melissa Oresky, Frank Pollard, Steve Reber, Mindy



"Untitled," created by Scott Anderson, is a combination of media on paper and part of Strange Fictions, an exhibit focusing on science fiction.

Schwartz, Chris Uphues and Adam Ross. On Tuesday night, two of the artists, Aaron Baker and Chris Uphue did a free lecture talking about their work.

Baker and Uphues explained their work to an audience. Both artists were inspired by science fiction. Uphues has been painting professionally for 12 years.

"I think the first science fiction I was exposed to was a TV show

called 'Spectre Man,'" said Uphues. "I love the way the authors of the show took on a dire social problem like pollution or the fear of the nuclear age, and solved them." Uphues is an undergraduate at the Art Institute in Chicago.

Baker, who has been painting for 14 years, also reminisced on his sci-fi obsession and how he uses them in his paintings. "Most of the

time I like to ride the line between the natural and the man-made. In most sci-fi movies, the man-made stuff ends up much scarier than anything nature could ever produce," Baker said. Baker got his bachelors at the University of North Texas and his masters at the University of Las Vegas.

Both artists had very unusual but fascinating paintings. Uphues use cartoon-like elements in his paintings while Baker uses circular canvas and does sculptures.

"I think that both [painting and sculpting] are challenging, but painting is harder because it's confined to a flat surface," said Baker.

"Strange Fictions" is directed toward the Junior/Senior High Art Enrichment program, which is trying to get area high school and middle school students into the arts. They will tour the exhibition on different days and will create their own concepts and relate them to the art in the exhibit.

"I think this exhibit will teach children to learn how to paint and sculpt things that mean something to them," Kahler said. "It is a big hit with the high school students."

GUIDE TO  
BETTER LIVING  
JAMI ARCEAUX  
STAFF WRITER

## Welcome worn out for friend's boyfriend

The roses have died, the chocolate has been devoured and the sweets are sour, Valentine's Day is over so why is your roommate's boyfriend still in your room? It's bad enough the dorm rooms are small for two people, adding a third person only makes matters worse. His stench raises eyebrows because he can't take regular showers due to dorm restrictions on opposite sexes using same bathrooms.

I've thought long and hard about how to get rid of him and I have only come up with a few solutions. Become as annoying as possible.

**EAT SMELLY FOODS.** Have extra onions added to your sandwich from Stevenson. Extra onions add extra taste and extra funk. Cabbage doesn't taste as good, but it is right up there with the funky foods.

**FUNKY FOODS** also cause stanky breath. Burp up everything. You have to reach deep within to bring up the nastiest, smelliest gas. It may even hurt coming up but, the result is well worth the effort. Fart if you have to. Preferably loud and smelly.

**SPEAKING OF** natural body functions, there is no body function that makes guys more uncomfortable than a woman's menstrual cycle. Just bring it up in a casual conversation. It doesn't matter what you were previously talking about, just say it.

**START DISINFECTING** everything he touches. Make him feel as unwanted as possible. Even go as far as to spray the remote right after he sets it down. Spray the phone, the door knobs, the TV, the keyboard anything that won't get damaged from water.

It may also help to talk about him in his face while you are on the phone with someone else. "Yeah, girl, he is still here, it's four days later, he stinks and he has not left. Doesn't he have something else to do besides lay around here all day?"

**MAKE UP LIES** about him. Tell her that when you came back from class you saw him in your neighbor's room. And they were a little bit more than friendly. Yes it may cause a cat fight but he will leave your room.

**TO ADD INSULT** to injury, tell your roommate that you peeped her live-in boyfriend scratching and that he may have the clap and that he may have caught it from the neighbor. Pop some popcorn and enjoy the show.

And if he is still there, contact your ARD and leave. Just move out.

## Charleston streets and Presidents named after them

BY GREG WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

President's Day is Monday. Even though we are far away from Washington D.C. there's no reason to forget that presidents are a vital part of our lives. The signs are all around us. There are 28 streets named after the first 29 United States presidents. Benjamin Harrison got the shaft out of the bunch, probably due to William Henry Harrison already having a street. But that didn't stop John Quincy Adams from being shot down because there is an Adams Avenue. They honored him with Quincy Avenue. Every president has his own characteristics and history, and so do the streets of Charleston. Verge is pleased to present to you odd coincidences between presidents and Charleston streets.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON

The only president to be unanimously named by the electoral college.

**STREET RELATION:** Washington Avenue has Charleston Custom Cycle on it. Custom Cycle works on choppers and Washington is well known for chopping down a cherry tree in his youth.

### JOHN ADAMS

Died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which he also signed.

**STREET RELATION:** Adams Avenue contains Charleston Lumber Co. President Adams was the first president to live in the White House, which was then called the Executive Mansion. There is no doubt that the White House must contain some lumber in its development.



1. GEORGE WASHINGTON



2. JOHN ADAMS



3. JAMES MONROE



4. ANDREW JACKSON



5. JOHN TYLER



6. ABRAHAM LINCOLN



7. ULYSSES S. GRANT



8. GROVER CLEVELAND



9. THEODORE ROOSEVELT



10. CALVIN COOLIDGE

### JAMES MONROE

He had the catchy nickname of "Era-of-Good-Feeling President."

**STREET RELATION:** Monroe won every electoral vote except for one, and Monroe Avenue is a one-way street.

### ANDREW JACKSON

Jackson was the first president born in a log cabin. He was also the first to ride on a locomotive.

**STREET RELATION:** Jackson's nickname was Old Hickory, but sadly Charleston Package Liquor, which is located on Jackson Avenue does not sell Old Hickory Beer.

### JOHN TYLER

Five years after Tyler left the office of presidency, he was so poor that he could not pay a bill for \$1.25 until he sold his corn crop.

**STREET RELATION:** Tyler died of a stroke, and you can do a backstroke at the Rotary Community Swimming Pool, located by Tyler Avenue.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Lincoln and his wife held séances in the White House.

**STREET RELATION:** Lincoln helped free the slaves from the miserable conditions that they were in, and Lincoln Avenue

helps free Eastern students from Charleston.

### ULYSSES S. GRANT

Originally born Hiram Ulysses Grant, but changed his name because he didn't like the wussy monogram of HUG.

**STREET RELATION:** Grant was once arrested for driving his horse too fast and was fined \$20, and the University Police Department is on Grant Ave.

### GROVER CLEVELAND

Contrary to popular belief, the Baby Ruth candy bar is not named after Babe Ruth, instead it was named after Cleveland's baby daughter Ruth.

**STREET RELATION:** Cleveland served two non-consecutive terms; there are two parts of Cleveland Avenue that are not connected.

### THEODORE ROOSEVELT

First president to fly in an airplane and ride in a car, but not at the same time.

**STREET RELATION:** Roosevelt's face is on Mount Rushmore; Greek Court is on Roosevelt Avenue and the Delta Chi's needed people to "rush more" (rlmshot).

### CALVIN COOLIDGE

Coolidge's nickname was "Silent Cal," because he didn't say much, something we need politicians to do more nowadays.

**STREET RELATION:** Coolidge's election slogan was the ultra-hip "Keep cool with Coolidge." Coolidge Ave. has a fire department to cool off any Chucktown blaze.