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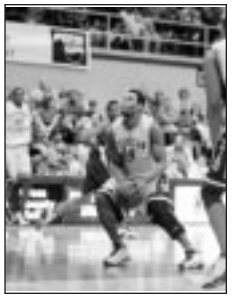
Shuttle Bus Committee will propose a plan to double the current tuition fee to purchase another bus.

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Men's basketball team tries to extend season in OVC Tournament game tonight.

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

Campus bids final farewell

Reception for President Jorns draws hundreds of well wishers

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

Several hundred members of the campus community attended a reception in honor of retiring Eastern President David Jorns to thank him for his six years of service to the university.

"I wanted to pay my respects to the president of the university and wish him a happy retirement," said Linda Rogers, office system assistant in the deans office of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, said he attended the reception to wish Jorns well.

"I wanted to say hello to my friend David and wanted to wish him well," Abebe said. "I think this is a good occasion for everybody. It's the right thing to do."

Jamie Smitley, a sophomore accounting major and student employee in the president's office, said the reception was an event a lot of students should have attended.

"I wanted to tell him congratulations and good luck," Smitley said. "I think it is something a lot of students should do because he was a big part of the university."

Johnetta Jones, director of Minority Affairs, said she attended the event because she wanted to "honor" Jorns.

Janet Fraembs, a retired administrative clerk in the continuing education department, said she has enjoyed getting to know Jorns over the years and wanted to wish him well before he retired.

"I respect him a great deal and I

have enjoyed him as a professional and through church activities," Fraembs said. "I wanted to wish him well."

Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said he attended the reception because Jorns has given so much to the university.

"It's the right thing to do," Lynch said. "The guy has given a lot of his life to the university and it's just a way of saying thanks."

Andy McNitt, a political science professor, said he felt it was important to pay respect to Jorns before he retires.

"He's worked hard at a very difficult job and it's important to pay respects to anyone that has the courage to work in this capacity," McNitt said.

Several people attending the reception were able to reflect on the times they spent working with Jorns and the positive changes he was able to bring to the university.

Smitley said she enjoyed working in the president's office because of the atmosphere he was able to bring to the office.

"It was great getting to talk to him. He was quite the entertainer - always telling jokes," Smitley said. "He brought a better atmosphere to the office."

Susan Kaufman, president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, said she appreciated Jorns' dedication to the broadcast journalism program.

"I really appreciate his dedication to the broadcast journalism cohort program," Kaufman said.

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Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Jayne Ozier, a professor of family and consumer sciences gives President David Jorns a good-bye hug Monday afternoon in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at his farewell ceremony. She was a member of the search committee that hired Jorns, and was one of many who came to say their final farewell to Jorns.

Jorns reflects on Eastern

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

Editor's note: The interview with Eastern President David Jorns was conducted via e-mail.

David Jorns has entered his final week as the university's president and is able to reflect on the positive times he has had and the many

friends he has made.

Jorns said his fondest memory of his time at Eastern is "the many friends I've made here."

Once he retires, Jorns said he hopes to remain involved in the university by teaching in the theater arts department.

"I plan to teach a little as a part-time temporary instructor in the theater arts department..." he said.

He also said he may direct a play from time to time.

Jorns said throughout his career, he has enjoyed working with students even though much of his career has been spent as an administrator.

"I knew I wanted to become a professor when I got out of the

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Hansen pleads guilty to battery, consumption

By Deana Poole
Editor in chief

Student Vice President for Financial Affairs Mike Hansen pleaded guilty Monday to committing battery against a peace officer and unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor after charges were reduced in a plea agreement.

Hansen, a 20-year-old sophomore marketing major from Crystal Lake, appeared in court for his preliminary hearing, facing one felony and two misdemeanor charges. He could have faced more than five years in jail, but under the conditions of the plea agreement, Hansen

will not have to serve time. Circuit Court Judge Ashton Waller agreed to the terms of the plea agreement because Hansen does not have a prior criminal record.

Hansen gave up his right to a jury trial and was ordered to pay \$1,000 in fines, which his \$350 bond can be applied to; complete 100 hours of community service, one year probationary supervision and he cannot consume or be in possession of alcohol.

He also must appear at a compliance hearing at 9 a.m. Feb. 21, 2000, by which time all services must be complete and fines paid.

Hansen was arrested at 1:47



Mike Hansen

using both hands, and as he fled the complex, reached back and struck him across the chest with this left fist," a police report said.

Giordano and another officer were responding to a report of criminal trespass in progress at 1202 Lincoln Ave. when Hansen

a.m. Dec. 23 after allegedly shoving Charleston Police Officer Richard Giordano

and an unidentified man were attempting to leave the apartment complex, a police report said. The officers advised them not to leave in case they were needed for further questioning regarding the trespass complaint, a police report said.

Hansen then allegedly pushed Giordano and fled on foot. He was apprehended after being chased about one block, when Hansen allegedly admitted to underage drinking, a police report said.

Judge Waller found factual basis for Hansen's guilty plea after the prosecution explained what testimony would be given during a trial. Giordano would have testified

Hansen was "extremely intoxicated" and did "push him."

The charge of aggravated battery, which is a Class III felony punishable by two to five years in jail and fines of up to \$25,000, was reduced to battery, a Class A misdemeanor. The offense carries a maximum punishment of one year in jail and up to \$2,000 in fines.

The charge of resisting a peace officer, a Class A misdemeanor, was dropped. Hansen pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawful consumption of alcohol, which is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable

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It's tea time

By Dan Ochwat
 Activities editor

The International Programs and Association of International Students are conducting "International Tea", a gathering to meet international students over refreshments.

The gathering gives international students and the public a chance to meet people from different cultures. The event will be held today from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second floor lounge of Buzzard Hall.

"International Tea" is free and open to the public, for more information call 581-2321.

Confident candidate

CHICAGO (AP) - Challenger Bobby Rush predicted one of Chicago's biggest election upsets ever while Mayor Richard M. Daley attended movie critic Gene Siskel's funeral Monday, the last day of their race.

"It will be shock, surprise and amazement," Rush, 52, said as he met with students at Harold Washington College, a downtown school named for the city's first black mayor.

The most recent Chicago Tribune poll showed Daley, 56, going for his third term as mayor of the nation's third-largest city with an overwhelming lead over the four-term, South Side congressman. The election is nominally nonpartisan, though both candidates are Democrats in a city where Republicans have been

moribund for decades.

Daley is best known for his campaign to improve Chicago's floundering public schools. He also has given the city a facelift, putting giant flowerpots on downtown streets and a large Ferris wheel on the lakefront.

Rush was a Black Panther leader in the radical 1960s but has long since joined the mainstream. He claims that Daley refurbishes downtown at the expense of the outlying neighborhoods.

"I won't concentrate all the efforts of my administration on flowerpots and Ferris wheels," Rush said Monday, standing in busy Lake Street with elevated trains rattling overhead while black motorists passing by in the street outside the college honked and waved to him.

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"He recognized the need for that program and he saw to it that funds were made available."

Jorns was able to tackle numerous problems during his tenure at Eastern, said Bob Augustine, dean of the Graduate School.

"Dr. Jorns tackled some tough problems and I thought he always showed great courage in addressing questions and concerns," Augustine said. "I saw that a number of times and I always admired it."

Lynch said he enjoyed attending small meetings with Jorns because he was very willing to listen to people's ideas and suggestions.

"I have liked being in small

meetings with him when you could absolutely speak your mind. I liked that very much about him," Lynch said. "He very much appreciated the free give and take of ideas. I never felt I couldn't speak up or speak out."

Jerry Eisenhour, acting chair of the theater arts department, said he enjoyed acting with Jorns in the play "Don Juan in Hell," which was a benefit show for Jorns' scholarship fund.

Jennie Nemptz, a junior health studies major, said she respects Jorns because he has done a lot to improve wheelchair access on campus.

"I've know the president since the first year he was on campus and through the years, he has become a good friend and he has been influential in improving wheelchair

access on campus," Nemptz said.

French Fraker, an associate professor of counseling and student development, said he worked with Jorns when he was a Faculty Senate member and Jorns was able to confront controversies during his tenure.

"I served on the Faculty Senate for three years and when I was first on (the senate), there were controversies and President Jorns came to all the meetings and I got to know him on a face-to-face personal basis and I got respect for his faith and honesty on certain issues," Fraker said.

Jorns will retire from the presidency on March 1. Carol Surles, who was selected as Eastern's eighth president by Eastern's Board of Trustees on Dec. 10, will begin her term as president March 1.

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Navy in 1970," he said. "Since then, though most of my work was in administration, I've tried to stay involved in theater work and teaching. I really love the theater and working with students and I hope I can stay involved during the years to come."

Jorns said he will stay in the Charleston area once he retires.

"My wife, Audrey, and I now live in Oakland, Ill., which is about sixteen miles from Charleston," he said.

Once he retires, Jorns said he

plans to spend his time teaching, writing, enjoying his family, painting, traveling and playing golf.

He also said he just finished writing a book.

Jorns said he is confident Eastern's incoming president, Carol Surles, will be able to make the transition to the university with ease.

"Dr. Surles is a very talented, professional administrator so I doubt if she needs my advice," Jorns said. "However, I certainly wish her the very best. I know she'll do a good job as Eastern's president."

Although Jorns officially retires from the presidency March

1, he said he will remain on the payroll until July 1 in case his help is needed during the transition phase.

He said he has prepared a document for Surles that includes a description of some of the areas of immediate concern on campus.

"I prepared a fairly lengthy transition document for her," he said. "It includes vice-presidential plans, some areas of immediate concern and budgets."

Jorns has served as Eastern's president since January 1993. Carol Surles was selected as Eastern's eighth president by Eastern's Board of Trustees on Dec. 10, 1998. She will step in as president March 1.

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by up to 30 days in jail and \$1,500 in fines.

Hansen was elected in April to the position of student vice president for financial affairs. His duties include, but are not limited to, serving as the chief fiscal officer of the student body and chair of the Apportionment Board, assisting the student body presi-

dent in determining the general policy of the financial affairs area and consulting with others when drawing up itemized budgets for the next fiscal year. Student Government executive board members are granted tuition waivers as compensation for their work during the one-year terms.

Student Body President Steve Zielinski said a decision on whether to take action against Hansen will be made during the next week.

"Based on senate input over the

next few days, we will decide on a course of action that's best for Student Government and (Hansen) as an individual," Zielinski said. "It's public opinion that is going to determine his fate."

According to the Student Body Constitution, an executive officer can only be removed from office during his/her term by a two-thirds majority vote by the senate following a hearing. The executive officer in question and senate members must be notified at least 48 hours prior to the hearing time.

police blotter

Alcohol violations

■ Andrew J. McCarthy, 18, of 270 Thomas Hall, was arrested at 12:46 a.m. at Seventh Street and Roosevelt Avenue for driving under the influence, according to a police report.

Stolen property

■ Michael J. Skorey, 22, and Michael J. Groos, 21, both of 22 Hampton Building, were referred to the Judicial Board Thursday for possession of stolen property, according to a police report.

According to the report, Groos and Skorey were carrying an EIU staff parking sign from lot X with a "Do Not Enter" sign on the other side. When an officer and a Lawson Hall night assistant saw them, they dropped the sign and ran toward the Hampton Building, the report said.

When the officer got to the door, it took the occupants 10 minutes to come to the door. When the officer entered the apartment, he found Groos and Skorey in separate rooms in bed. There was a full set of clothing near Skorey's bed and a pair of blue jeans in bed with Groos, the report said.

Skorey and Groos were then taken to the University Police Department for interviewing and received citations to the Judicial Board, according to the report.

Correction

A story in Thursday's edition of the Daily Eastern News incorrectly reported the address of Trim, Tone and Tan. The address is 904 Lincoln Ave and is open past midnight each night.

A graphic in Monday's edition incorrectly quoted David Carpenter, Council on University Planning and Budget member. The quote should have read: "Dr. Surles must come in and put a stop to surcharges tacked onto services and supplies by Business Affairs; to work to improve Eastern's endowments, by nurturing relationships with donors; and finally, 'Say what you mean and mean what you say.'"

Another graphic in Monday's edition incorrectly reported the terms of several Eastern presidents. Gilbert Fite was president from 1971-1976; Daniel Marvin served as president from 1977 to 1983; and Stanley Rives was president from 1983-1992.

The News regrets the errors.



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Time to add another shuttle bus?

Fee increase would provide funds to buy another bus

By Chris Sievers
Student government editor

Eastern's Shuttle Bus Committee members will propose by April, a shuttle bus fee increase to cover the cost of purchasing another bus.

The proposed shuttle bus increase will be \$2.50, making the fee to operate the bus \$5.

Shuttle Bus Committee Chair Melissa Girten said adding another bus will solve several problems concerning the shuttle bus.

"(Adding another bus) would solve problems of underbooking and overbooking," Girten said.

Girten said she believes another bus is needed because it will allow students to get to class on time and will decrease the waiting time between each stop.

Girten said the current funding level the students give to the operation of the bus is not enough to purchase another bus. Girten said the committee believes the fee needs to be raised to support the purchase of another bus.

"We're not raising the (shuttle bus) fee for fun," she said. "We can't add another bus without increasing the fee."

Jeremy Ruppel, senate and shuttle bus committee member, said there has been a significant increase in ridership on the bus in the last two months and the second bus would help alleviate the problem of overcrowding.

"We need to do studies and surveys to see what students on campus want," he said.

Girten said the fee increase would have to be recommended by the shuttle bus advisory committee and from there it would be brought before the student senate for a vote. If the senate passes the proposed fee increase, it would have to go to the Board of Trustees.

Girten said she hopes the fee increase proposal would come before the Student Senate sometime in April.

If the proposed fee increase is passed, it would be in effect next semester.

Ruppel said some students are having problems getting to class on time after riding the shuttle bus.

"(A student) would be late if they tried to get to Old Main (for an 8 a.m. class) from Carman Hall," he said.

Ruppel said the committee also has talked about opening the bus for community members to ride.

"(Eastern would be eligible) for federal grants to bring a transportation system here (Charleston)," he said.

Student Body President Steve Zielinski said if the fee increase was brought before the Student Senate it would not require a vote by the students.

"The (student body's) constitution says any increase is voted on by the senate."

Zielinski said more research needs to be done before a fee increase is passed.

Students voice their opinion on if a second bus is needed and if they would pay the fee increase

By Chris Sievers
Student government editor

Some students are divided on the issue of whether Eastern needs another shuttle bus and if they are willing to pay an extra \$2.50 fee increase to fund the purchase of another bus.

Eastern's shuttle bus committee will propose a fee increase to cover a purchase of another bus that will be used on campus to cut the waiting time between bus pick-ups.

Casey Murtaugh, a freshman undecided major, said she is in favor of the fee increase and is willing to pay an extra fee.

"Yes, I'm in favor of raising the fee (to purchase another bus)," she said.

Murtaugh said she does not ride the bus often.

"I only ride (the bus) when I need to go to the grocery store," she said.

Murtaugh said she doesn't like taking the whole route when she wants to go to the store.

"(I don't like it) when you want to go somewhere and you have to go all around," she said.

Meghann Crowder, a freshman accounting and prelaw major, said she also is in favor of purchasing another shuttle bus.

"Let them buy three or four more buses," she said.

Crowder said she doesn't like having to wait for the bus and she said she saw the purchase of another bus as a way of eliminating the problem.

"It's like you're waiting forever to ride the bus," she said. "I want the bus, so have the fee increase and give it to them."

Joe Pagone, a freshman undecided major, said he too is in favor of increasing the student fee to purchase another bus.

Pagone said he only rides the bus to go to class.

John Boyd, a sophomore computer management major, said he would be in favor of the purchase of another bus if it got students to class on time.

"I'll be in favor of the fee increase if it gets the students to class by 8 a.m.," he said. "The one now doesn't."

Robin Randolph, a sophomore zoology major, said she is not in favor of the fee increase because she doesn't think it is being used.

"Students are not riding the first bus," she said.

"I don't think it is necessary."

Kendra Krupps, a sophomore elementary education major, said she was not in favor of raising the fee for the pur-



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Lee Gordon, a freshman psychology major, gets off the Panther Express in front of Lantz gymnasium Monday evening. Students disagree on whether another shuttle bus and fee are needed.

chase of another bus.

"I don't think it's a good idea," she said.

"I walked, they can walk too. The campus isn't big enough to have a bus."

Amy Blough said she does not want to pay the fee associated with purchasing another bus.

"The campus is not big enough to have a bus (on campus)," she said. "I can walk."

Jason Stice, a sophomore zoology major; botany minor, said there are bet-

ter things for money to be spent on.

"It's just a waste of money," he said. "I don't use it."

Students will not have the opportunity to vote for a fee increase because the student body's constitution says it can only be voted on by the senate since it is a fee increase.

If the senate approves the fee increase it will be sent to the Board of Trustees. If the fee increase is approved by the Board of Trustees it will be enacted next semester.

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Representing students

Earlier this month, Eastern students gained representation on Charleston's City Council for the first time since the fall of 1998.

It has been nearly a year and Eastern once again has a bridge between Eastern students and the City Council.

Matt Schubert, senior social science major and Charleston resident, was appointed to represent Eastern and said he feels the council is the place for him.

Because Schubert is a Charleston resident and said he already knows several members of the council, his new position could prove to be an

City Council

Student Senate has appointed a representative to the City Council. Students need to use this representative to voice their opinions.

invested in it because I plan on staying around the Charleston area for awhile," he said.

This also could be an excellent way to improve Eastern students' relations with the city because Schubert said he is optimistic of the future.

"There's more positive stuff going on that people don't realize because it is not reported on as much," he said.

Communication is an important way to improve the relationship between Charleston and Eastern. Students need to take advantage of their City Council representative by voicing their opinions.

There is no point in having a representative if the students do not give their input or if the City Council does not listen to the students. The City Council representative also has a responsibility to bring concerns back to campus as a way of reaching a solution.

This is an important position and one that the Student Senate needs to make sure remains filled. In the future, we should not go a year without representation on the City Council.

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

Today's quote

The effort really to see and really to represent is no idle business in face of the constant force that makes for muddlement.

Henry James,
American philosopher and author, 1811-1882

President's tenure a bumpy road

During the past six years, the university has undergone significant changes under the reign of Eastern President David Jorns.

As Jorns has noted, admissions standards and the freshman retention rate have increased, Buzzard Hall was renovated, computer facilities were expanded as was access and general improvements to campus beautification and parking. Benchmarking, strategic planning and decentralized budgets were foreign to Eastern before he began his tenure as the seventh president in January of 1993.

But it all hasn't been fun and games for Jorns, nor has every goal he set been reached.

In December of 1994, Jorns set the goal of getting 12 percent minority enrollment by the year 2000, which at that time was double the current enrollment of 7.5 percent. In 1998, the goal was deemed unreachable after minority enrollment remained below 8 percent.

In February of 1995, Jorns announced a plan to revamp Eastern's administration. A month later, the Board of Governors, then-Eastern's governing body, considered firing President Jorns because of his move to reorganize institutional advancement and revamp the EIU Foundation. He then created a chief financial officer for Foundation.

During the March 27, 1995 Faculty Senate meeting, members questioned whether Jorns violated their constitution by not informing them of major administrative reorganizations.

In May of 1995, the EIU Foundation Board voted no-confidence regarding Jorns' presidency. Questions arose from Jorns' administrative restructuring and claims that he had a poor relationship with the board.

Two years after he became president, Jorns was looking elsewhere for employment as he was a candidate for president of Northern Iowa University. However, he was not selected as a finalist.

In June 21 of 1995, Stephen Falk, vice president for institutional advancement, leaves the university because of problems he had with Jorns.



Deana Poole
Editor in Chief

"It all hasn't been fun and games for Jorns, nor has every goal he set been reached."

In September of 1995, Jorns was questioned at his monthly brown bag lunch/town meeting about a temporary stipend of \$682 per month that was granted to Executive Secretary Judy Gorrell in addition to her salary. Jorns said the raise was to compensate for additional duties inherited because of the retirement of the former administrative assistant to president.

Also in September of 1995, a lawsuit was filed against Eastern President David Jorns and the Board of Governors, then-Eastern's governing body, by Joan Schmidt, former associate athletic director. She filed suit claiming her demotion to faculty rank was not warranted, but because of her sex. Last week, court ruled in favor of Jorns and the BOT.

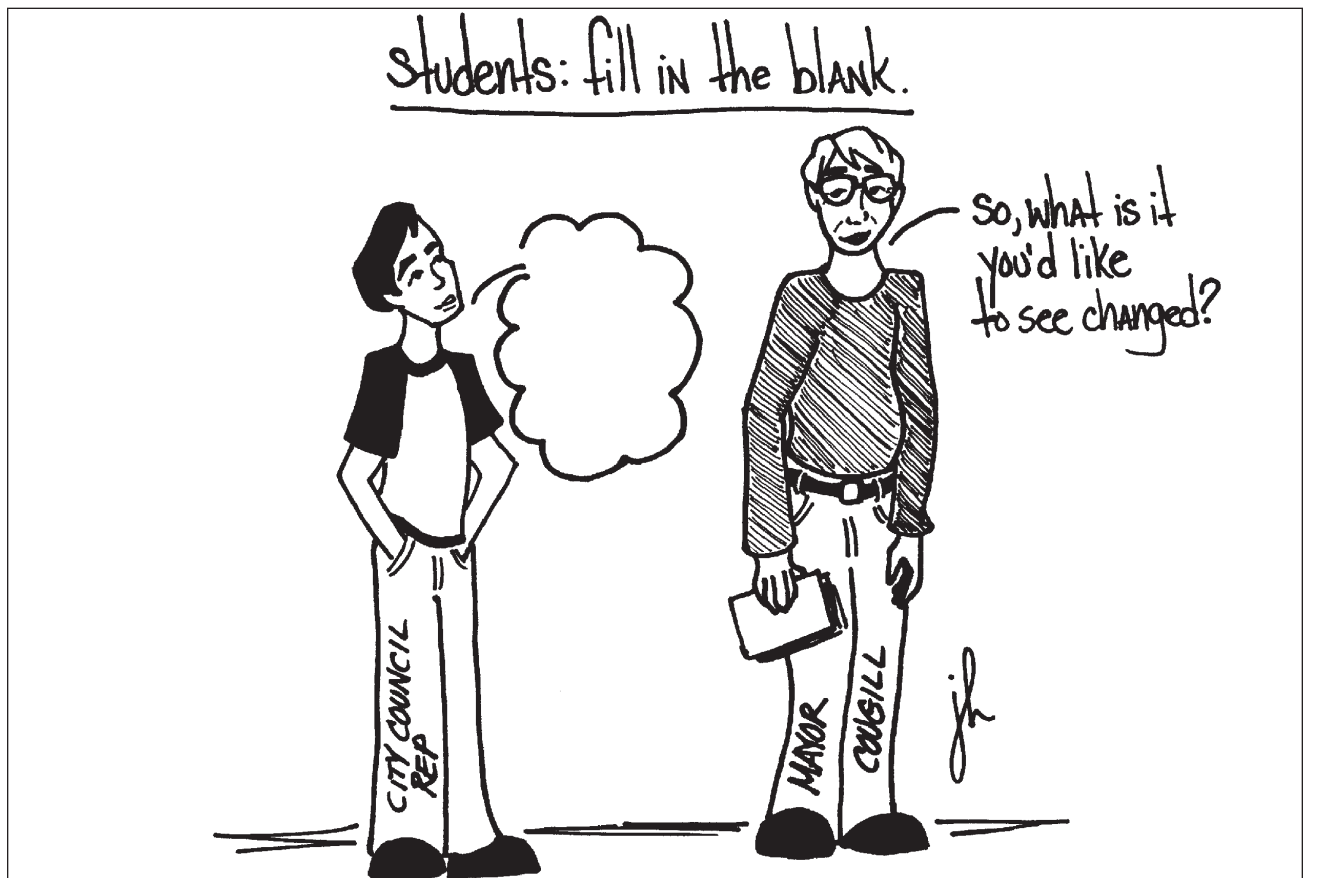
In October of 1995, Faculty Senate called for a campuswide confidence vote on Jorns after a petition of 125 faculty signatures were submitted by senate member John Allison. The vote was held Nov. 8-9 and about 53 percent of Eastern faculty members participated. Sixty-three percent voted confidence and 37 percent voted no-confidence in Jorns presidency.

All this change and controversy within a matter of three years. So how did he attempt to get out of the hot seat? He completely removed himself from the public spectrum. He shut himself off from the university community and stopped talking to the *Daily Eastern News* (unless by e-mail or if reporters read back to him everything he said).

This, of course, led to concern about the visibility of the president – something that is vital to a university. Jorns couldn't win. He almost had an out when he was selected as one of two finalists for president at California State University in San Bernardino, Calif. But he missed out, again.

What an interesting tenure Jorns' has been. And yes, some "things are much better now," but just imagine how they could be if Jorns' tenure didn't get off to such a rough start.

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Hixson shares value of academic freedom

In his Feb. 16 guest column, Danny Gerling attached extreme labels to April and then astutely attacked the extreme. and why not? It's easy to bash a Tinky-Winky outer! But it's about as relevant as a typical DiBianco lecture, given who he's actually attacking. Too bad he didn't have the guts to address her actual complaint.

April has gone out of her way in her complaints and her public statements to make it clear that hers is strictly a consumer issue. Gerling won't find the words "shocked and appalled" in her complaint, if he would care to actually read it. DiBianco didn't invent penis amputation – it's in the Old Testament. He's not breaking new ground here in an earnest effort to

Your turn Letters to the editor

enlighten students to the cultures of Asia, Africa or South America – he's just reeeeally enjoying his tenure.

April's ACTUAL life history and view of the world make it extremely difficult for people to conclude that she's a prig. Achieving her Masters at a comparatively liberal university, she went on to work fervently at a fine arts museum, exposing the general public to artistic works involving nudity, vaginal expression, lesbianism and fish sodomy (don't ask). Hardly the work of a "proto-Nazi mentality."

Reality makes Gerling's shallow analysis appear to be what it is – a hollow kneejerk, and part of a culture that allows DiBianco to use his "academic

freedom" to walk all over his students' consumer rights. Research BEFORE you write. Turns out April Hixson values academic freedom more than most, evidenced by her willingness to fight DiBianco's abuse of it.

Dean Hixson
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NLBPA president reveals untold secrets of NBL

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

Dennis "Bose" Biddle Monday told about 40 students if it weren't for a few writers, the story of African-American baseball players would have been lost.

Biddle, the featured speaker for the African American Heritage Celebration, was a pitcher for the Chicago American Giants in 1953.

He described to students the history of the Negro Baseball League and his experiences within the league.

The evening began at 6 p.m. Monday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with autograph signing and NBL artifacts to be purchased. Biddle then described a time in history that, "isn't just about baseball, it is about how people of color were treated," Biddle said.

Biddle told students in the audience to get a pen and paper because "this history tonight would have been gone forever if it weren't for a few writers," Biddle said.

Historic knowledge Biddle relayed to the audience included facts such as the first African American to play major league baseball, Moses Fleetwood Walker.

Walker was the first and last African-American player before the widely-known Jackie Robinson. Biddle said African Americans played baseball since

the late 1800s, however, they began to influx the league in increasing numbers and some owners felt it had to be stopped. With the help of the Jim Crow laws and the "separate but equal" clause, they did. The commissioner kept African Americans out of baseball for 59 years, Biddle said.

These owners kept African Americans out of Major League Baseball but not out of the game. In 1920, the NBL was formed and Biddle said it housed 84 teams and over 3,500 players, including perhaps the greatest pitcher of all time Leroy "Satchel" Paige, and perhaps the greatest player of all time, Josh Gibson.

Biddle said in light of this year's home run derby between Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire's record breaking 70 home runs, Josh Gibson is perhaps the greatest baseball player because he walloped 85 home runs in less games and inside MLB parks. Yet nobody knows that, Biddle said, and Major League Baseball doesn't want people to know that.

Biddle expressed more information the MLB has hidden from the American people. Biddle talked about the success of the NBL compared to that of the majors.

"In 1939, the Negro Baseball League was drawing fans by the thousands, and the parks couldn't hold them," Biddle said.

The owners were forced to rent the MLB parks to house all of the



Lacey Buidosik / Assoc. photo editor

Dennis "Bose" Biddle Monday signs memorabilia before speaking to students as a part of African-American Heritage Celebration.

eager fans. The Chicago White Sox would draw 20,000 fans in their ball park, but the Chicago American Giants would draw 40,000 fans in the White Sox ball park, Biddle said.

This problem of Negro League success left one solution for Major League Baseball - integrate baseball. The integration of baseball and the signing of Jackie Robinson in a way killed the NBL, Biddle said, but baseball is thankful for Jackie Robinson.

Biddle also talked about the sacrifices of Jackie Robinson. Teammates wouldn't sit with him, eat with him or even stay in the same hotel, Biddle said.

Jackie Robinson was called names and spit on, but "he didn't do it for Jackie Robinson; he did it for the ball players you know today - Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds and Frank Thomas," Biddle said.

Jackie Robinson wasn't the greatest player in the NBL, Biddle said, but he was educated and was

the greatest human being. "The man caught hell."

Biddle now is president of the Negro League Baseball Players Association. He speaks and raises money to help pay for the living Negro Baseball League players medical insurance.

Biddle left the audience with one last statistic hidden from Americans. From 1920 to 1947, 84 all-star games were played between the conflicting leagues. The Negro League won all but four games.

Parent's Weekend reservations lost at local hotel

Computer hard drive problem causes Worthington Inn to lose some reservations for next year

Christy Kilgore
City editor

Some reservations made at Best Western Worthington Inn for Parent's Weekend and Homecoming weekend next year were lost because of a computer problem.

Individuals who had reservations are encouraged to call and confirm their reservations and have them reentered into Worthington Inn's computer system, said David Kirsch, general manager of Worthington Inn.

"Basically, we had a hard drive problem," Kirsch said. "And the back-up was not working properly."

Many of the reservations were not lost at all, Kirsch said.

"Realistically, there weren't a number of reservations lost," he said.

Reservations made last year are still in the system and were not lost for those dates. Also, reservations in the Best Western international reservation system were not lost.

Kirsch said Worthington Inn does not have the names of individuals who have made reservations,

but they do have the prefixes for the confirmation numbers, and those people who call will have rooms.

"We are not giving those rooms to anyone," Kirsch said. "We aren't concerned that were not going to be able to get people in a room."

Many people have already reconfirmed their reservations, Kirsch said.

For those people who have lost or forgotten their confirmation numbers, Kirsch said they will do anything they can to get them a room.

Kirsch said those people who go

to Worthington Inn on the actual dates of their reservation without their confirmation number may not have rooms. The Worthington Inn will hold rooms about a week before the reservation dates, but if someone calls or comes in without a confirmation number, they will try to get them a room.

"We will do anything in our power to get them in a room," he said.

Kirsch said it is unlikely people, with or without confirmation numbers, will not find out about the problem. He said Worthington Inn

ran notification ads in the Daily Eastern News last week and they will be running notifications once a week in March.

"It's a very difficult situation to be in," Kirsch said. "We have pretty much apologized for the inconvenience."

For those individuals calling Worthington Inn about their reservations, Kirsch said they should speak to either himself or the front desk manager.

Kirsch said Worthington Inn has installed a new hard drive and a 100 megabyte disk back-up.



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Senate opposed to donation

Motion vetoed because it did not want to set a precedent

By Chris Sievers
Student government editor

Student Senate Speaker Bill Gruen said the reason senate members did not give the African-American Heritage Month Committee \$150 Wednesday was because they did not want to set a precedent.

Senate members Wednesday vetoed a motion to give the African-American Heritage Month Committee \$150 because they felt they would be setting a precedent to other recognized student organizations.

The money to sponsor the committee's advertising cost for the last week of the Month would have come from the \$150 the Student

Senate received from passing out Campus Cards.

"We did not want to single out one organization and make the others feel left out," Gruen said.

Gruen said another school's student government was sued because they gave money to a religious organization and members of the student body demanded their money back.

Gruen said Lisa Houston, Eastern's legal council said senate members need to watch what they are doing or the same thing could happen to them.

The Student Senate's budget already gives money to the blood drive committee.

"(The Student Senate) already gives money to the blood drive and

they are their own RSO," Gruen said. "It's a little ironic."

Gruen said the Student Senate has given the blood drive committee money for so long, it could possibly harm the committee to stop now.

"To take away the money from the committee would be detrimental," Gruen said.

Gruen said if the senate's budget needs money he would recommend cutting the money given to the blood drive.

"My first suggestion would be to take out the money (that sponsors the blood drive)," he said.

Gruen said he believed if the senate gave the \$150 to the African-American Heritage Month Committee it would be setting a

precedent for other RSO's to come and ask for money.

"There's no question it is a good cause," he said. "We don't ever have an income (to give RSO's money).

Gruen said senate members do sponsor RSO's by funding a banquet for them at the end of the year.

Gruen said a piece of legislation has been drafted to use the \$150 to purchase the Commemorative Court Yard Paver.

Senate members already have vetoed a motion to use \$250 to purchase a brick that would read "EIU Student Government: Students Dedicated to Students."

Gruen said he would be in favor of using the money to help purchase the brick.

Senate finalizes forum

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate today will discuss and finalize plans for the spring forum on quality in academics.

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

Faculty Senate Chair James Tidwell said senate members will finalize a format for the forum and decide when and where the forum will be held.

"We're going to finalize a format or a theme and then determine when and where (the forum will be)," Tidwell said.

The senate also will discuss the Distinguished Faculty Award, he said.

He said the Distinguished Faculty Award is an award that honors one faculty member each year at the graduation ceremony.

A committee consisting of members from various constituencies throughout the campus is responsible for selecting the recipient, Tidwell said.

"We're just going to get the process going," Tidwell said.

The senate also will discuss a motion that was tabled at the Oct. 27 meeting, according to the agenda.

The motion states the Faculty Senate will endorse three recommendations to address threats of quality to education. The recommendations are "to increase the percentage of the budget for Academic Affairs, increase the proportion of Unit A faculty and more direction and guidance from the Academic Affairs in the formulation of enrollment management policies."

Indigo to present play on friendships

'Long Time Since Yesterday' returns after being performed two years ago

By Dan Ochwat
Activities editor

The Indigo Student Theater will be presenting a dessert theater production of P.J. Gibson's "Long Time Since Yesterday," a play on reemerging friendships.

The play will begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in the Library Lecture Hall of Booth Library, said Christopher Lewis, director of the play.

Lewis, a senior education major, said the play is about nine women who were college friends, but they had a falling out and went their separate ways.

The women did not see each

other for 13 years until they all attended a close friend's funeral.

The friend who committed suicide reveals some truths about the nine women and why she committed suicide in a "surprising end," Lewis said.

"(The play) is very sad, and it is very surprising," he said.

This is the second time Indigo will perform "Long Time Since Yesterday," since first performing it two years ago. Lewis said it was difficult to direct because of low funding and one actor had a family problem which resulted in some delays.

Lewis said all of the actors put a tremendous amount of time into

the production, and "(audiences) should expect a great show."

Lewis said he thinks there will be a great turnout for the production because of a recent short play performed at the "Profile of Shades: Culture of Diverse Colors Student Variety Show."

Freshmen Chris Eatmon and Andre Henderson performed a part of "A Colored Museum," by George C. Wolfe, that received an excellent response, Lewis said.

This is Lewis' first major directing opportunity; he has previously directed the short skit for the variety show and was the assistant director of two of "The Tyrone Mohammed Show" productions.

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Presentation sheds light on hate crimes

Exercise used to lead students through pressures and emotions of being a homosexual

By Matt Neistein
Staff writer

About 60 people Monday were given a unique look inside the life of a homosexual through an exercise called "A Different Life."

"Every diverse group needs as many allies as it can possibly get," Dan Weber, Eastern admissions counselor, told students at the "Issues of Sexual Orientation and Hate Crimes on Campus" presentation.

Weber along with Tom Schnarre, professor of English, discussed hate crimes against gays, lesbians and bisexuals and

some of the pressures and emotions felt when someone "comes out."

Audience members were asked to fill out six index cards, each with something personal such as childhood friends, valued possessions and life goals. Schnarre and Weber incorporated each of these cards into a hypothetical story in which each audience member lost these precious things as a result of being homosexual.

Weber then discussed statistics and surveys regarding homophobia in society. For example, a 1983 survey found that over 50 percent of college students inter-

viewed believed homosexuals were more deviant than murderers or drug addicts.

A more recent study found that 80 percent of prospective teachers report negative attitudes against gays and 77 percent would not encourage a discussion about homosexuality in their classrooms.

Schnarre noted some teachers are limited by school districts or administration.

"They're not allowed to discuss it," he said.

Yet, in a 1998 Time/CNN poll, 51 percent of people surveyed favored letting gays and lesbians

teach.

"Obviously, we've come a long way, but we've still got a long way to go," Weber said.

Schnarre then explained hate crimes against homosexuals. He defined the term and gave some statistics, such as only one-third of homosexuals that are assaulted because of their sexual orientation report homosexuality as the cause.

Schnarre also gave a profile of a typical attacker in a hate crime. Most are usually not criminals and the violence of an assault increases with the more attackers that are involved.

A recent "Dateline" interview was shown as well. The parents of Matthew Shepard, a homosexual student who was killed last October in Wyoming, talked about the impact the tragedy had on their lives.

The presentation ended on a positive note, with prevention and understanding of hate crimes stressed by both men.

"Prevention is essential," Weber said.

Students who are looking for someone to talk to can go to the Eastern Counseling Center, he said.

New lab added to department

Psychology lab remodeled to include two labs and more research space

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

Eastern's psychology department Friday hosted a dedication ceremony for a new section built in the Physical Science building.

Genie Lenihan, professor of psychology, said currently a small space is used informally to do research and the new facility will be larger.

The section, which is in Room 329 of the Physical Science Building, will feature two laboratories, one office and a clinical research and training space.

"This expands our capacity to do practical kinds of activities," Lenihan said.

Plans for the new laboratory have been in the works for about three years and the remodeling has taken several months to complete.

"It's been quite a while in the

planning," Lenihan said.

Mike Havey, professor of psychology, said the laboratory will be used primarily by psychology graduate students for assessment and testing. Members of the community can volunteer to participate in some of the programs.

Currently the laboratory will be used for assessment and may expand eventually.

"We may expand to include counseling," Havey said.

Havey said there are about 30 or 35 on-campus graduate students studying psychology.

Havey said he is happy with the facility.

"It's going to expand what we can do," he said.

The laboratory remodeling was funded by the College of Sciences funds.

"This is a significant remodeling job for the department," Lenihan said.

England study abroad trip focuses on literary works

By Laura Irvine
Campus editor

A study abroad program in England will be offered this summer to students interested in studying poetry.

"Locating Literary Masterworks" will be held from June 21 to July 23 at Harlaxton College in England.

Gregg Hecimovich, assistant professor of English, will lead the trip.

"This trip will give students the chance to explore poetry in a new way by entering the works," he said.

Students will stay at Harlaxton College, which is a 100-room Victorian manor house, for the duration of the trip.

During the trip, various trips will be taken to sites where authors of the poems students will study actually wrote the poems.

Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and weekend trips will be taken Thursday night through Sunday.

The day trip will be to the Bronte Parsonage, which is the site where "Wuthering Heights" was written.

Overnight trips include trips to Stratford-Upon-Avon, Lake

Country, London, Dorset and Higher Brockhampton.

"This will add a new way of entering the works," Hecimovich said.

Hecimovich said much of the trip will include walking tours through the sites. During the walks, the group will be stopping to read poems.

"This trip will give students the chance to explore poetry in a new way by entering the works."

Gregg Hecimovich,
assistant professor of English

"This will put an emphasis on literature in a way that can only be understood once we are there," he said. "We will also look at how the literature alters the sites."

During the trip, students will be required to keep a journal to record their impressions of the sites.

Hecimovich said the trip will not be all work, though.

"(The students) will have a lot

of free time to themselves," he said.

An informative meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Hecimovich will be at the meeting to answer question about the trip as well as three other professors.

Thomas Hawkins, director of continuing education, will answer questions about credit hours and costs.

Michele Tartar, associate professor of English, and Richard Sylvia, professor of English, will present a slide show about their experiences on past trips.

Students who have taken the trip also will be available to answer any questions students have about the trip and to talk about their experiences.

The cost of the trip is \$3,409, which includes room and board, tuition and fees and estimated airfare.

Students also can get credit for the study abroad trip. It can be substituted as English 3010 or as an independent study course.

Hecimovich said he would like to take between 15 and 20 students on the trip.

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Professor 'confident' during discrimination suit

Joan Schmidt says she has no regrets about her decision to file suit against Eastern

By Meghan McMahon
Administration editor

Joan Schmidt said she filed a suit against the university to stand up for what she believes in.

Schmidt, an assistant professor of physical education, filed a lawsuit against Eastern in 1994 on the basis of gender discrimination after she was reassigned as a professor after serving as associate athletic director since 1977.

An eight-member U.S. District Court jury ruled in favor of the university Feb. 10.

Schmidt said she feels strongly about her decision to file suit against the university and has no regrets about her decision.

"I feel real strongly about what I did," she said. "It's easy to walk away when things get tough."

"As you look at the whole process, if you don't do something, if you don't stand up for what you believe, in many ways you're going to lose," she said.

Sometimes people do not realize they are being discriminated against because of gender because people have come to accept it, Schmidt said.

"There's a lot of subtle things that occur with gender discrimination that people just kind of expect, but it is discrimination," she said.

The decision to file a lawsuit was something Schmidt said she thought about very carefully before acting.

"When I do something, I think it through pretty carefully. I don't just react," Schmidt said. "I knew from the start that it would be a long process and I also knew gender discrimination is sometimes difficult to prove."

Schmidt said during the past five years, she has had to remain strong and confident.

"You have to have a strong feeling about who you are," she said. "During the process there were just unbelievable things that

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Joan Schmidt,
assistant professor of physical
education

were done to try and weaken me. It's just amazing people would go to that extreme to try and discredit somebody.”

Schmidt said she was discriminated against on the basis of gender because she was reassigned and a man with fewer qualifications had taken on her job responsibilities.

"As you look at the whole process, I was replaced by a male who was less qualified," Schmidt

said.

Throughout the process, Schmidt said people in the physical education department have supported her.

"None of the people in this building have turned their backs," she said.

She said she tried not to get athletic coaches involved in the lawsuit but some coaches were called on to testify in the trial.

The jury ruled her reassignment was not an issue of gender discrimination, Schmidt said.

"I think that (the jury) felt they didn't feel the decision was based on gender," she said.

Schmidt said being a member of the athletic department had little to do with her reassignment.

"I suppose if there had been someone in another department that wanted to be an administrator and they knew the right people it could have happened in any department," she said.

She said she wants to make it

clear that Bob McBee, the former athletic director, had nothing to do with her reassignment.

"McBee took the fall," she said.

The university was still interviewing candidates for the athletic director position when the process began, Schmidt said.

"McBee was told I would be out (of the position) by the time he took the position June 1," she said.

Schmidt was told it is "time to go back to your academic discipline," she said.

Schmidt has worked at Eastern since 1970 and has coached track, volleyball, field hockey and cross country prior to being reassigned.

The trial lasted three days, from Feb. 8 to Feb. 10, and the jury deliberated for about 15 minutes before returning a decision, she said.

She said at this time she has no plans to appeal the jury's decision or request a retrial.

Turkey hints military force could answer Greek aid to Kurds

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey asserted Monday it has a "right to self-defense" if Greece provides support to separatist Kurds — a thinly veiled threat of military force against its neighbor and rival.

The warning came as a Turkish newspaper reported that imprisoned rebel warlord Abdullah Ocalan had told interrogators that Greece gave his fighters weapons and training, claims Greece has rejected in the past.

Ocalan, captured in Kenya a week ago, is expected to stand trial for waging a nearly 15-year insurrection in Turkey's predominantly Kurdish southeast that has claimed an estimated 37,000 lives. He could face the death penalty.

A judge is expected to bring for-

mal charges against Ocalan on Tuesday, after the end of the seven-day period in which a suspect can be held without charges.

The hearing, expected in a state security court at the island prison where Ocalan is being held, would be closed to the press and the public.

Ocalan has not had access to an attorney, which has drawn criticism from international human rights groups. On Monday, a group of 15 lawyers — including several from Turkey's independent Human Rights Association — told the court they were prepared to represent him.

"We are members of a human rights organization and believe that everyone has the right to a

defense," said one of the lawyers, Eren Keskin.

She said Ocalan's family had asked the lawyers to defend him. The Ocalan affair has inflamed tensions between Greece and Turkey, both members of NATO but also neighboring rivals that have nearly gone to war several times over territorial disputes.

President Suleyman Demirel warned Greece on Monday that assistance to Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, could trigger a military response.

"If Greece chooses to continue with its illegal actions, we retain our right to take the necessary precautions for our right to self-defense," the semi-official Anatolia news agency quoted him as saying

during a visit to Manila.

The national daily Hurriyet claimed Ocalan had told interrogators that Greece provided the PKK with weapons and training at a U.N. refugee center east of Athens in Lavrion, Greece, which mostly houses Kurds.

"They even gave us arms and rockets. Greek officers gave guerrilla training and explosives training to our militants," the newspaper quoted Ocalan as saying.

It did not say how it had obtained the statements, and the account could not be independently verified. Turkey has frequently alleged in the past that Greece provides military backing to the rebels. There was no immediate response to the latest allegations in

Greece, where Monday was a public holiday.

In response to past Turkish allegations, the Lavrion camp has been examined repeatedly by international observers, who were unable to substantiate charges that it served as a military training center for the PKK.

Greece, however, was caught red-handed sheltering Ocalan. Just prior to his arrest he was staying at the Greek ambassador's residence in Nairobi, and he had spent some days in Greece before that.

Turkey has insisted that Ocalan's trial will be fair and told outsiders not to interfere. On Monday, the European Union urged Turkey to strictly safeguard Ocalan's rights.

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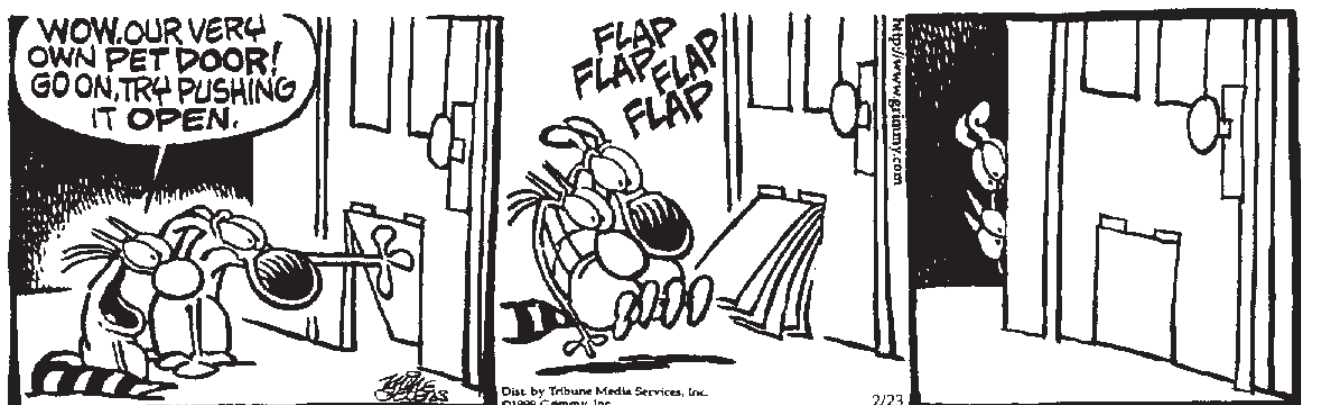
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Brown's surgery a success

Two-sport athlete now begins rehabilitation

By Jason Randall
Staff writer

Monday marked the beginning of the rehab program for freshman wrestler/football player Wayne Brown after undergoing surgery last Thursday to repair an AC separation of his shoulder.

Brown was completely put under during the 45 minute procedure that was said to be a success.

"Everything went really well in the surgery," offensive coordinator Roy Wittke said. "Our trainers have done a great job getting him ready to start the rehab program."

Brown said his shoulder is not giving him as much pain as he thought it would and said the main focus is to get the full range of motion back before building the strength.

"The first thing we are going to work on is a circular motion exercise," Brown said. "After that we are going to get into some light lifting and work our way up to heavier weights."

On the down side, the injury will keep Brown from participating in spring football practice.

"It is unfortunate that (Brown) will miss an opportunity to get some reps during the spring," Wittke said. "The tradeoff to that is that he has got the shoulder corrected and that will be better for him in the long run."

Brown was not too thrilled that he would have to miss the spring season.

"I'm upset that I can't get out there and hit with the rest of the guys," he said. "I'm still going to be there at the practices and will be learning, I just won't be able to actually run the drills."

With missing spring ball, Brown said that he knows he will have to work even harder to establish his role on the team.

"Wayne did a fine job for us last season and there is no question he is in the mix with our other talented backs," Wittke said. "The important thing is for him to work hard to get back to 100 percent and be ready in the fall."

Brown said he is going to step up the intensity of his workout sessions to get caught up.

"I am going to have to workout harder than before to not only strengthen my shoulder to get it back to the way it was, but to also get strong enough to be in top shape for the season," Brown said. "I am also going to do more running to make up for not being able to go in the spring."

The tailback from Titusville, Fla., had an outstanding freshman football season with 631 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns in 10 games for Bob Spoo's squad. He was going through a rough 1-9 wrestling season after a one-year hiatus from the sport before deciding to go ahead with the operation.

Brown, who prefers football over wrestling, said he is still undecided on his future as a wrestler.

"Right now I am undecided about wrestling next year," Brown said. "The main thing I am focusing on is getting back into the swing of things over the spring and summer, and helping out the football team in the fall."

Emotion dictated outcomes

With OVC meet past, teams look ahead to outdoor season

By David Pump
Staff writer

The importance that emotion plays in sports may be underestimated, but it was prevalent at the Ohio Valley Conference Track and Field Indoor Championships over the weekend.

After the first day, Eastern was sitting in first place on both the men's and women's sides.

But on the second day, two totally opposite things happened. The men, continued it winning ways – and won the meet.

"It sent a message to the other teams that we will perform up to our capabilities," men's coach Tom Akers said of the first day's performance.

Whereas the women fell considerably – to a fourth place finish.

"We were pumped up for (the opening night)," women's coach Tom Craft said. "We had good momentum going into the second day, as Catara Mabry (200m-dash) and Lisa Klingler (800m-dash) qualified in events we needed them too."

Junior Justin Young got the ball rolling for Eastern, winning the high jump (the first event) with a career best 6-foot-11 after entering the meet fourth in the conference.

"I have been jumping good, but I have just been missing," Young said. "I guess I just saved it for the big meet."

"It was good to win the first (night). The other teams saw that we could dominate the first event, and we kept rolling from there, we wanted to keep the title here."

The high jump was an event in which Eastern could have easily taken the top three spots, but Ruffner Francis finished third and Michael White a disappointing fifth.

"We scored 20 points, but we hoped for 24 points," Young said.

But the emotional high didn't come until the 800-meter dash late Saturday when transfer Larry Abrams pushed for-



David Pump / Staff photographer
Eastern's Ruffner Francis makes an attempt in the high jump Saturday during the Ohio Valley Conference meet.

ward with 55 meters left to win at the finish.

"I felt like an outsider, and it has been hard to transfer," Abrams said. "Everyone told me to go for it and that's what I did – I was going to do everything that I could to be ahead at the finish."

The women opened the meet with the long jump, an event that freshman Shavon Alexander was the conference leader going into. The freshman had what appeared to be the longest jump of the evening, but she scratched, and finished second.

Junior Candi Phillips was expected to win the high jump for the women, but finished second to Tennessee State's Tremaine Wortham.

"They just came out and wanted it," Craft said of Tennessee State.

But the team's emotion may have hit an all-time low, when Phillips was pulled back by a falling competitor in the 55-meter hurdles.

With an apparent victory in sight,

Phillips had to settle for third place.

"We only mentioned it once in the meeting," Craft said of the incident. "These things happen in a race that is as volatile as that. She should be commended for finishing in third."

Now the women's team will prepare for the outdoor season and for a better finish at the OVC outdoor championships, similar to what happened last season when they finished fourth indoor, and improved to third outside.

"We want to do well in the OVC," Craft said. "We came up a little short, not because we didn't compete well, but because the others competed better."

"We had the mode going," Craft said. "But it is one of those things, and (the team) is not satisfied."

Akers said the men can not get complacent, just because they won.

"Losing makes (the other teams in the conference) that much hungrier," Akers said. "We need to get back and start laying the foundation for outdoors."

Midnight tailgate party in works

Next year's football game in Hawaii may be on television

By Kyle Bauer
Associate sports editor

Die hard Panther fans who do not have the resources to travel to Honolulu to see the Eastern football team play the University of Hawaii in September will now have another way to see the game.

The Athletic Department is in the early stages of planning a midnight-tailgate party for the game.

"We have every intent of making that evening happen, but before we totally commit, we want to see what the costs

are," Athletics Director Rich McDuffie said.

Kick-off for the game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Honolulu time. With the time difference, kickoff in Charleston will be at midnight.

Early plans are to have a band play in the tailgating area beginning at about 9 p.m. Several big screens will be rented and the game will be broadcast as soon as the satellite feed of the game can be picked up, McDuffie said.

Other promotions for the game include the sale of raffle tickets for two

people, hotel accommodations and transportation to the game.

Tickets will be available until late August. Student athletes, the Pink Panthers, the cheer team and the athletic office will be selling tickets. All tickets sold by the Pink Panthers will be used to help pay travel expenses to the game.

The Pink Panthers will also host a golf tournament over the summer to raise money for the trip. Money from the Pink Panthers' budget and an Athletic Department supplement will also help pay the team's expenses.

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This time, a loss ends the season

SEMO tries to learn from Eastern's past

By Matt Wilson
Staff writer

Southeast Missouri is in the same situation Eastern was in last season – the Indians have already beaten their opponent twice, and are hosting a first-round home game.

But things did not go as expected last year, as No. 7 seed Tennessee State came in and upset No. 2 Eastern in Charleston to end the Panther season.

Garner said Eastern's experience last year is just another example of how the home court is not a big advantage in the playoffs.

"When you get to the playoffs, home court is not as big as in the regular season because everybody is playing with intensity," Garner said. "The players know that whoever loses, their season ends, so that takes the home court out of it."

If Eastern is able to come away with the upset victory, the Panthers will take on the winner of No. 3 Middle Tennessee and No. 6 Tennessee State Saturday in Nashville.

Eastern has never made it to Nashville Arena, as the last time the Panthers won a first-round game was in 1995-96 when they defeated Buffalo in the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament.

The only player from the Eastern squad that has played in Nashville is Owens, who went there his freshman year when he was at Murray State.

"This is my last go around and I've been to Nashville once, but I want to go back and win the whole thing," he said.

In other action Tuesday night, No. 1 seed Murray State entertains No. 8 seed Tennessee Tech and No. 4 seed Austin Peay hosts No. 5 seed Morehead State.



Chad Merda / Staff photographer

Eastern's Merve Joseph drives the lane against Middle Tennessee on Feb. 6. The Panthers travel to Southeast Missouri tonight for a first-round Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game. Eastern has dropped its two previous meetings with the Indians this season, with the latest one a 92-70 loss Saturday night.

After dropping both regular season games to SEMO, Panthers need win in OVC Tourney to stay alive

By Matt Wilson
Staff writer

The Panther men's basketball team is making a return trip to Cape Girardeau, Mo. for the opening round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament tonight, just days after ending the season with a 22-point loss to the Indians.

"I don't know what to expect," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said. "We could go back determined and show that was not our typical game. Or we could go back and see an overconfident SEMO team."

Senior guard Jack Owens said he is positive Eastern will put out a better showing than Saturday's loss.

"I know we can play better than Saturday," Owens said. "We just

have to execute on our part."

The Panthers (13-15, 8-10), who are on a three-game losing streak, nabbed the No. 7 seed in the OVC tournament, while the Indians are the No. 2 seed. Saturday's victory was the second time Southeast Missouri (18-8, 15-3) has beaten

Eastern this season.

Indian head coach Gary Garner said this will not work to his team's advantage, and all records can be thrown away when the playoffs come around.

"It's hard to beat a team three times, and in the playoffs both

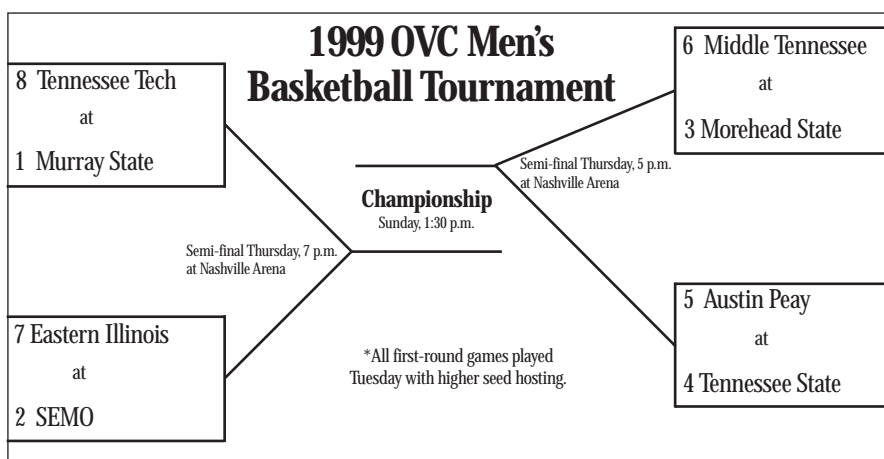
teams are playing determined," Garner said. "All players are excited about the playoffs."

Eastern has also had plenty of time to prepare for tonight's showdown against the Indians. Eastern did not have to turn around and prepare to play a different team this week, and Monday it worked on solidifying areas worked on last week.

"I hope that bodes well for us," Samuels said. "We're not going to change a lot, it was not our game plan that went wrong on Saturday, it was things outside of our offense."

One thing Eastern has been able to do in the team's first two meetings was to get Indian star center

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It's not a watered-down midget water polo schedule

Even with a 4-8 dual meet record, postseason expectations are still high for wrestling coach Ralph McCausland.

Yes, these are legitimate expectations – not just ones you hear coaches talking about in hopes of keeping some fans, or better yet, their jobs.

After all, Ralph has no reason to lie.

The team has never had many fans and in his 16th year, the coach has job security.

For the skeptics, it would be easy to discount any chances of success after quickly looking at the record. Surprisingly, though, it's even easier to talk about how bright the outlook is heading into the East Regional and ultimately the NCAA Championships.

McCausland has always been a believer in having a difficult regular season schedule to challenge his team. As he always says, 'you get better by wrestling the best.'

Following that statement, these Panthers should be pretty darn good.

Three of the eight dual meet losses came at the hands of nationally-ranked Big 10

schools.

The latest one closed out the season Sunday, in the form of a 26-15 defeat by No. 24 Indiana. On the last day in January, the Panthers dropped a 31-13

decision to Central Michigan, which was ranked No. 10 at the time.

Those teams, coupled with tournaments such as the Northern Iowa Open and the Midlands Tournament, have put Eastern up against some of the best competition in the country on a regular basis – something that doesn't give the team anything extra in the win/loss column.

"That's the give and take," McCausland said. "I can schedule a bit weaker schedule, but then you don't have the head to head competition.



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"One dual meet we had three matches with different ranked guys wrestling against each other," he said. "That is very, very important when it comes down to the national tournament."

After making the national tournament last year, Tom Combes (125, 24-5) and Mike Russow (Hwt., 21-3) are favorites to return. Russow is currently ranked No. 9 while Combes is No. 17.

While he hasn't torn it up on the mat, Don Pool (141, 17-10) seeks a return trip and Zach Derrico (197) has a shot. Derrico also has a 17-10 record – but amazingly, has faced seven wrestlers ranked in the top 10, where he's gone 1-6 against them.

Once again, following the logic of getting better by wrestling the best, Derrico should be in pretty good shape.

If Kelly Revells (133) can return from a shoulder injury in time for the regional and possibly qualify again for nationals, he can also help Eastern earn some team points.

"It might just be mind over matter," McCausland said. "A third degree separation

is painful, yet he can't do any more damage to it. I'm not banking anything on it now. It's got to be up to Kelly, whether he thinks he can go."

McCausland anticipates the team finishing second at the regional, but is unsure about nationals.

However, looking at past performances, we can get an idea of where the team is headed.

A watered-down schedule last year had the team finish 10-2 in the regular season. Watered-down thanks in part to a triangular meet with Chicago State and UW-Parkside – two schools that are about as competitive as midgets playing water polo against the US Olympic team. In any case, Eastern finished 53rd nationally.

During the 1996-97 season, with an equally tough schedule as this year, the team went 5-5 – and then had its best finish ever, coming in at 26th in Division I. The year before that, the team had another tough schedule, was 5-6, and placed 32nd nationally.

Right now, 4-8 doesn't look all that bad.

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Miss Black EIU 1999 to be crowned

Four contestants – Banks, Crowder, Wilson and Halbert – prepare for the annual pageant



DeAnna Banks

"Live for today yet, prepare for tomorrow; love yourself and your expression – you can't go wrong."



Meghann Crowder

"Life is what you make of it and only you hold your future."



Liz Halbert

No comment.



Aisha Wilson

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me."



Lacey Buidosik / Staff photographer

Liz Halbert, a junior speech communications major, practices the talent she is using in the Miss Black EIU pageant on Saturday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union. Halbert is just one of four contestants competing for the title.

By Kimberly Hermon
Staff writer

It is time again for Eastern's African American women to display their talent, pride and culture at this year's Miss Black EIU Pageant 1999.

The pageant contestants are DeAnna Banks, a sophomore business management major from Chicago; Meghann Crowder, a freshman business management major from Lockport; Liz Halbert, a junior speech communications major from Bloomington and Aisha Wilson, a sophomore psychology major from Orland Hills.

The four women had a variety

of reasons why they chose to enter the pageant from wanting more exposure of events offered to African Americans to wanting to display their talents and have fun doing it.

The contestants also have diverse hobbies and commitments such as reading, dancing, shopping, sports and community service.

Crowder displayed an outstanding knowledge of her faith by offering a special quote from the Bible that she lives by, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not into thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowl-

edge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

The women will be competing for scholarships, prizes and special awards on the categories of creative expression, African garment, talent and evening wear, as well as impromptu questioning.

Contestants will also be eligible to receive special recognition awards for Miss Congeniality, Miss Ebony, Miss Enterprise and Miss Together.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Admission is \$6 in advance and

\$8 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the University Union Ticket Office.

The 1999 pageant judging panel includes, John Coffey, academic advisor for the College of Education, Lolita Jordan, owner of MaMa Lo's Ethnic Beauty Supply, Don Dawson, academic advisor in the Office of Minority Affairs, Jim Jones, WEIU Radio and TV Program and Chicago elementary school teacher and Miss Black EIU 1997 Tawanda Lawrence.

A coronation dance in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom will immediately follow the pageant.

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Latinos join greeks

By Elizabeth Bold
Staff writer

Eastern's greek system has just gotten stronger with the addition of a new sorority and fraternity on campus and we have the Latino students to thank.

After much determination, the Latinos have established Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity and Alpha Sigma Omega Sorority. These two organizations are the first Latino Greek organizations to be founded at Eastern.

The founding brothers of the Lambda Theta Phi, Alpha Phi chapter include Alejandro Martinez (President), Emanuel Preciado, Gustavo Garcia, Erami Izquierdo and Jose Ochoa.

The men of this organization strive to promote the image of Latinos as role models by their community service projects. They have participated in anti-drug rallies, fund-raising efforts for the American Red Cross, educational events, Hispanic College Days and sponsoring speakers to colleges nationwide. The fraternity has received recommendations from state legislatures, congress and community service organizations.

The goals of Lambda Theta Phi are to promote scholarship, Latin unity, respect for all cultures and brotherhood. Lambda Theta Phi was founded Dec. 1, 1975 at Keans College in Union, NJ. Their mascot is the Conquistador who represents

the journey of conquering new lands.

The founding sisters of Alpha Sigma Omega, Epsilon chapter include Nancy Ortiz (President), Lisa Lopez, Nicole Salas, Xochitl Rodriguez, Santa Rosa and Kelly Tull. Alpha Sigma Omega is the first chapter to be founded in Illinois.

The women of Alpha Sigma Omega stand for the promotion of sisterhood, the empowerment of all women, academic excellence and solidarity, and the relinquishment of all prejudices.

Alpha Sigma Omega tries to provide other Latinas with mentors while promoting Latino culture and awareness. Their philanthropies include Head Start programs, fund-raising for Outreach programs, Crop Walks for Breast Cancer and AIDS Awareness, March of Dimes, Toys for Tots Campaign and Multiple Sclerosis walk.

The Latino Greeks are proud to have their organization represent their culture. Latinos have taken huge strides through the bond of unity and common thread of their culture. They have gathered and spent over a year researching various organizations and figuring out how to bring them here.

"It is something we can call our own and bring more diversity and awareness to campus and share our culture with the others," said Nancy Ortiz, President of Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter.

Cultures communicate

By Chris Eatmon
Editor in chief

In an attempt to help close the gap between Interfraternal Council and Panhellenic Council with the Black Greek Council Organizations, Rachel Smith organized the My Culture/Your Culture program.

Smith, who serves as the liaison for IFC and BGC, held the program after realizing the separation between the two organizations. Smith said she wanted to make an effort toward the familiarization of the two organizations with one another.

Representatives from 13 IFC, Panhellenic organizations and seven BGC organizations were present. Representatives gave details regarding their organization at the forum. Details exchanged included informa-

tion regarding fraternity and sorority colors, symbols, dates of the organization and mottos.

Following the exchange of formal information, questions were asked by the members of the panel as well as the audience. Questions were asked regarding greek organization's calls, pride and discipline of the organizations, pledging and rushing procedures and many other issues.

Smith said she thought the program went very well and looks forward to doing the program again in the fall semester.

Based on the crowd's wide array of applause, Jean Pailler, a black member of Phi Delta Theta, an IFC organization, made the best comment of the evening. "We've come to the realization that we're all the same but have a different bond."

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Panelists inspire a positive future

Phi Beta Sigma holds a forum addressing societal issues common to black men today

By Lesley R. Chinn
News Editor

We know that African American men have their share of problems in society. But what we don't realize is there are solutions out there for African American men so they will not remain in the so-called crisis they face today.

The men of Phi Beta Sigma held a forum. They not only informed African American men of the problems they face, but also informed them that they can overcome the stereotypes they face in society by becoming positive role models for their families and communities.

The panel discussion group consisted of members of African-American staff and faculty of Eastern: Michael Stokes, assistant director of housing; Chuck Phillips, director of human resources; Brian Jenkins, assistant football coach; Norman Greer, associate professor of speech communications; Teshome Abebe, vice-president of academic affairs; and Jerome Rogers, director of compliance and student affairs for athletics.

The audience and members of the panel addressed their questions and comments on a variety of topics that included self-motivation, importance of getting a college degree and the exploitation of women.

Regarding motivation of African Americans, Stokes said that it comes from the individual. He said there are programs on campus geared to help students stay motivated.

"It's not good if you don't want to do it," he said.

Speaking from an athletic point of view, Jenkins said athletics is secondary while education has to be the first priority. "If your mind is not focused, it can take you on a lot of bad turns ... Athletics is a crime because it robs students of their future," he said.

"Athletes put a lot of energy into athletics but not academics," he said. "You have to put in the same kind of energy for learning as you would for practicing the various defenses and strategies for athletics."

Jerome Rogers said, "You must overcome that excuse, 'the system is holding me back,'" he said. "It's all about what you want to do."

The panelists also explained their views on how important it is to get an education. Greer said education does three basic things: it shows that you have the ability to take information with accuracy, process it and apply it to everyday living.

Phillips said technology is changing and certain jobs will require you to have a college degree.

"Having a college degree will serve as a calling card for job opportunities. There are jobs (such as those in the aviation field) out there that will require you to have a college degree regardless of whatever it is," he said.

The more college degrees you have, the better. Abebe said you will need a college degree to pro-

vide a competitive edge to getting and keeping certain jobs.

"At one time, a high school degree was enough but as times and technology changed, then came the bachelor's degree," he said, "and now, it's the master's degree plus the bachelor's degree."

Another topic discussed at the forum was about the reasons concerning the topic of the exploitation of women. The panelists not only discussed their views on why women are exploited but also ways to respect them.

Some women will allow themselves to be exploited. Greer said there is a flipside to this. "Some men are tricked into being exploited," he said. "If you're going in for a good time, you end up with a family."

Jenkins said some young men know the importance of a woman but not the true value of them. He said it is not until later that we learn the value.

"You can't do anything to a woman that she would not allow you to do," he said. "A woman is just as strong as a man because they stem from the same ingredient."

"It's the little things such as opening doors, pulling out chairs and respecting them (women) in public that help enhance the relationship between men and women," he said.

"We have to start with ourselves in order to relate with others," he said. "Once that is established, then the program can expand to include other perspectives."

African-American History Month web sites to explore

Web site information

Web site addresses

A Black History Treasure Hunt

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/less052.shtml

Black History Month

<http://www.gale.com/gale/bhm/blackhm.html>

The Civil Rights Movement

<http://www.fred.net/nhhs/project/civrts.htm>

Explore African-American Issues

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/AfroAm.html>

I'll Make Me a World

<http://www2.blackside.com/immaw/>

Library of Congress Resource Guide for the study of Black History and Culture

<http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

Poets of the Harlem Renaissance and After

<http://www.poets.org/lit/EXH/ex006fst.htm>

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<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/special/kay/afro.html>

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A taste of African culture on display



Lacey Buidosik/Staff photographer

Kit Morice, five year curator of education at the Tarble Arts Center, sets up a display for the Sankofa: African Art exhibit. The art exhibit has been featured throughout February in honor of African-American Heritage Month. Sunday is the last day this exhibit will be featured.

Authentic African art is showcased this month in the Tarble Arts Center to reflect upon spiritual identity discovered from the soul

By Elizabeth Bold
Staff writer

As part of Eastern's celebration of African Heritage month, the Tarble Arts Center has an exhibit of African art featuring over 300 pieces from west, central, and southern Africa that will be on display until Sunday.

The "Sankofa African Art from Public and Private Collections" exhibit has hundreds of art objects that represent more than 30 different African peoples from various cultures.

Literally translated, Sankofa means "turn back and fetch it." More commonly translated, it means to look to the past and learn from the ancestors. "Sankofa represents the popular African tradition of learning from the lessons of the past while honoring their ancestors. It is sometimes symbolized by an image of a bird with its head turned back."

Kit Morice, exhibit coordinator, said the beauty of many of the art pieces is they are everyday objects used in everyday life.

"There is no separation between art and life. In Western culture, art is made for galleries. But this (African) art is made for everyday functions," Morice said.

The vast majority of the objects are contemporary pieces from the 20th century. This is because much of African art includes objects made of wood, which simply does not survive more than one hundred year because of the climate.

The exhibit does have some ancient pieces. The oldest piece is from the Nok culture in Northern Nigeria. It is a ceramic head that dates back from 500 B.C. to 300 A.D. and was used as a burial object. Another ancient piece is a large ceramic pot from the Djenné culture in Mali that dates back to 1250 A.D.

Although most of the art includes objects used in daily activities, the exhibit also includes several objects that were used in spiritual, ceremonial or religious activities.

Some spiritual features are the masks from a number of African peoples including the Dan, Dogon, Fang, Ibo, Lega, Mossi, Ogoni, and Yoruba. Masks are used for a variety of activities and often represent the spiritual world. A mask that is white often represents death because the color has left the face.

Another spiritual piece of art is the Divination Board from the Yoruba people. The

Divination Board looks like a wooden plate with intricate carving around its border. At the top is a deity. The Yoruba spread seeds or nuts on the board and the pattern it forms can be used to predict the future.

"It is a way to consult the deity about governance, war or other things," Morice said.

A ceremonial object on display is a rare skirt from Iraq or Tanzania. The skirt is made of hide and is beautifully designed with colorful glass beads and metal bells. It was once used in a dance ceremony for a woman's initiation.

Objects of status and prestige are featured at the exhibit as well. A chair carved from one solid piece of wood once belonged to a powerful ruler of Cameroon from Bamileke or Tikar. The chair was a chief's stool and is ornate with cowrie shells and coins, which represents very high status. Leopards and other strong animals and patterns are carved around the base, legs and arms of the chair to depict the chief's strength.

Another object of status and prestige is the Asante Royal Male Stool with silver repousse decoration. The stool once belonged to an important chief, which is recognized by its intri-

“There is no separation between art and life. In Western culture art is made for galleries. But this (African) art is made for everyday functions.”

Kit Morice
Exhibit coordinator

cate design and carvings. Only very important rulers have a stool and when a ruler dies, his stool is still honored.

"If the ruler was a good ruler, he would be honored when he passed by having his stool blackened and turned over on its side to form the base of a shrine. His stool would be retired and would embody the ruler's spirit," Morice said.

The exhibition features many more pieces with descriptions or function codes to help interpret the history or significance of each piece. The pieces are loaned from Erlich, Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences in Peoria and The University Museum of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. For more information contact Morice in the Tarble Arts Center.

Editorial

A freshman perspective on diversity

By Kenyatta Brookins
Staff writer

Does Eastern's campus have enough cultural diversity? After asking myself that question for three months, I would have to say no. To be perfectly honest, my high school of about 1,500 people was more diverse.

My expectation of being on a diverse campus was shattered once I came to Eastern. I was under the impression college would be different, especially at a university. I don't think I've seen more than 10 Hispanics or Asians in one place or at one time. One would have to admit it becomes a bit redundant looking at the same people all the time.

The majority of people on this campus are white. Is something wrong with that? Yes. If the university's motivations are supposed to be equally fair, then that's what they should strive for. More cultural diversity would be better because people learn from each other, and their differences can be shared.

Encourage minority involvement

By Chris Eatmon
Editor in chief

As a minority freshman at Eastern, I've come to the realization that until minority students show the initiative to develop and support minority related programs, the university will not do the same for our programs.

Countless times I've heard minority students complain about the lack of things to do. By the same token, it is those very same students that do not attend the minority related or focused activities that are already being held. It is true that the programs may not be the ideal form of "kickin' it," but at this stage in our lives "kickin it," should not be our priority. The programs we have should be utilized for our betterment as a community, as well as individuals.

For those who say there aren't programs that even inspire us, I acknowledge these two programs: The Alpha Phi Alpha sponsored, "Martin Luther King Jr. March" and the "What's Happening to Our Black Men" forum, sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma. Neither of these programs should have had standing room available. Unfortunately, both events had sitting room available.

Perhaps it is our own lack of support that lead the Student Senate to deny a \$150 fund to support African-American History Month activities.

I hope our lack of attendance does not result in the ruin of our programs. Until we become involved and show we care about what we already have, we won't be granted any more.

My point is this: anyone can be a critic, but only a select few will inspire a change. You should take the initiative to change instead of whining about things that you won't.

WEIU DJ gives musical advice on preferred listening quality

Chris Lewis reviews three hip-hop CDs: Lattimore, R.Kelly and Slam

By Chris "Lion King" Lewis
Staff writer

This music review is presented by Chris Lewis. If you've seen Chris, you'll know him by his distinguished dread-locks, which inspired his nickname, Lion King. The Lion King works at WEIU, presenting Outlaw Radio every Friday from 5 until 9 p.m. Lewis uses the following system to rate music:

■ **Scalding Hot** – Go out and purchase it (must have)

■ **Hot** – Full price purchase

■ **Luke Warm** – Buy if \$10.99 or less

■ **Cold** – Leave it on the shelf



R. Kelly has really outdone himself with this double album. Just about everybody makes a cameo on this album, not that R. Kelly needed any help. One of the cameos that really make their presence felt is Chicago's very own Crucial Conflict on "Ghetto Queen." There are a lot of tight cuts, so I am not going to name them all, but definitely go out and cop. R. Kelly is really representing Chicago to the utmost, and he gets a rating of Scalding Hot.

R. Kelly
R.

– SCALDING HOT –



A truly great CD: It's been a while since I have heard a male R & B artist with such soul and class. This is definitely a CD you'll play from beginning to end without hitting the fast forward button. This self-produced album is what you will call superior. Songs that are on it are "Days Like This," "If I Lose My Woman" and "Love Will Find A Way" (from Disney's "The Lion King II: Simba's Pride"). This album gets a rating of Hot.

Kenny Lattimore
from the Soul of Man

– HOT –



This album starts off with a lot of potential in the collaboration of Big Pun and Next with the cut "Sex, Money, and Thugs." Goodie Mobb and Mobb Deep had slammin' cuts, but other than that the album is mediocre. One big mistake is the tag-team of Big Baby Jesus and Coolio – pure trash. Overall, the Slam Soundtrack gets a rating of luke warm.

Various Artists
Slam The Soundtrack

– LUKEWARM –

Are you culturally aware? Test your knowledge on the African-American quiz

Carter G. Woodson, a black historian known as the father of black history, devoted his life to making "the world see the Negro as a participant rather than as a lay figure in history." Try your hand at identifying those African Americans who have been, and continue to be, participants in the history of the world.

Part 1

- In 1956, he hosted the first black prime-time variety show. He was _____.
- He made television history as the first black to star in a dramatic series (I SPY-1965) and went on to win three Emmy Awards for his role in the show. He was _____.
- She was the first black woman to fly in outer space. She was _____.
- _____ (1817-1895) became the first black American to receive a major U.S. Government appointment in the United States when he was named U.S. Marshall of Washington, D.C., March 18, 1877.
- He was the first black in Congress and the first black U.S. Senator. He was _____.
- _____ (1924-) was elected to the 91st Congress from Brooklyn, N.Y., on November 5, 1968 and was the first black woman in Congress.
- _____ became the nation's first black four star general in 1975.
- _____, in 1989, became the nation's first black elected governor in Virginia.
- _____, (1908-1972) was the first black Congressman from the East and the first black chairman of a major Congressional committee.
- _____ became the first black to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for the successful mediation of the Palestine Conflict.

Part 2

- The first black player to join major league baseball on April 15, 1947, with the Brooklyn Dodgers was _____.
- Superstar _____ joined the Boston Braves in 1954. He established himself as the National League's heaviest hitter. April 8, 1974, he broke Babe Ruth's record of 714 homeruns.
- _____ is considered to be the best all-around player in history, the first major leaguer to hit 30 home-runs and steal 30 bases in the same season.
- _____ became the first American to collect three gold medals in track and field at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. In 1961, she became the first black woman to win the James E. Sullivan Award, the highest award in amateur athletics.
- In 1956, she became the first black female to win a Grand Slam tennis title at the French Open. She won back-to-back Wimbledon singles championships in 1957 and 1958. In 1963, she became the first black professional golfer after retiring from tennis. She was a Harlem teenager named _____.

Part 3

- _____ (1867-1823), the first person to discover that insects could hear and that bees are attracted to flowers with the brightest colors and the sweetest smell. He developed the "Turner's Circling," a way of watching and recording the habits of insects and their reactions to each other. He was an entomologist.
- _____ (1951-) is a famous pediatric neurosurgeon. He is best known for the operations where he separated a set of siamese twins that were joined at the back of their heads. He received a full scholarship from Yale, graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. At 33, he was named Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, Md.
- In 1958, _____, invented the smokerama, an automatic barbecue smoker and cooker that is still being used today in fast food chains.
- _____ (1906 -) was the first black officer on the Civil Air Patrol. In 1939, the Civil Aeronautic Authority appointed her Coordinator of Pilot Training in Chicago. She co-founded the National Airman's Association of America and was a pioneer member of the Women Flyers of America.
- _____ (1900-1979), a housewife, invented during World War II, a torpedo discharge system that allowed torpedoes to be discharged below the surface of the water.

Answers:

Part 1:	1. Jackie Robinson	1. Nat "King" Cole
Part 2:	2. Hank Aaron	2. Bill Cosby
	3. Willie Mays	3. Dr. Mae Jemison
	4. Wilma Rudolph	4. Frederick Douglass
	5. Althea Gibson	5. Hiram R. Revels
		6. Shirley Chisholm
		7. Major Daniel (Chappie) James
		8. Douglas Wilder
		9. Adam Clayton Powell
		10. Ralph Bunche
Part 3:	1. Charles Turner	
	2. Benjamin Carson	
	3. Maurice Lee, Sr.	
	4. Willa Brown Chappell	
	5. Henrietta M. Bradberry	

The 'Dark Angel' of love is out of his game

By Dark Angel
"Never Knew"

The times I've hurt
You turned away

The nights I cried
You were never here by my side

When I needed you to hear me

You only listened
Lusting for my body is what you wished.
Understanding my mind
would have given you great divine

Now you sit and wonder
why we're falling apart
Yet you never took the initiative from the start

To take this relationship seriously is what you forgot to do
Striving for my friendship would have been so wonderful and true

Now I am heading out of the door
My time you have wasted enough of, and I want you no more

I need a man with understanding and trust
Hear what I am saying and tell me how you feel

Telling me lies to fill my loving inside
Never did you know, this not the route to go

My mind and body is pure and clear

You trying to destruct it. . . that game you'll never win
Giving you another try won't do
Trying to change you I will only see straight through

Loving you always, you know I will
Being your lady is totally out of the deal.