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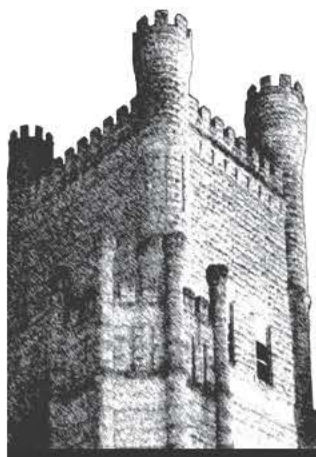
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## CITY ELECTIONS

# Got voice?

♦ Forum to allow students to meet city council candidates

BY HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

As the general election approaches, Charleston City Council candidates are eager to voice campaign goals, and students will have a chance to hear those goals Wednesday night at a forum targeted toward student interests.

In an effort to better educate students and community members, Student Government will be hosting a candidate forum, which all city council candidates and the sole mayoral candidate have agreed to attend, said Adam Howell, a junior political science major and executive vice president of the student body.

"I think the student body out there has a voice," said city council candidate Bob Murphy. "I think we can do a lot of things around here together."

Ever since scheduling the forum, Howell said he has been in constant contact with the candidates, who are looking forward to the event.

"They are all incredibly excited that Eastern and its students are getting more involved this year (in the election); they're incredibly happy that this is happening," he said.

Mayoral candidate John Inyart will begin the forum with a small speech so students can familiarize themselves with him, and then questions for the council candidates will begin.

City council candidates include Brent Byrd, Jim Dunn, Jeff Lahr, Murphy, Thomas Watson and incum-

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# ONE MAN'S WASTE,



Kristin Platt, lab director at the Charleston waste water treatment plant, tests samples of water for oxygen levels. Water goes through the treatment plant, and once cleaned, then gets pumped into Cassell Creek.

STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

# ANOTHER MAN'S WATER

## Charleston waste water treatment plant cooks up a strange stew

BY KEVIN SAMPIER  
SENIOR REPORTER

The journey begins when a toilet is flushed. Before waste water in a bowl returns as drinking water in a glass, it goes through an elaborate system of cleaning and filtering, and garbage removal is playing a bigger role than ever.

A lot of the garbage is feminine hygiene products, such as used tampons and applicators, and also many used condoms, said Kevin Diekroeger, superintendent of Charleston's waste water treatment plant.

"We get a lot of Ramen noodle bags. I don't know what's up with that," Diekroeger said.

During his 17 years at the plant, Diekroeger has seen almost everything come down the pipe.

**"We get a lot of Ramen noodle bags. I don't know what's up with that."**

KEVIN DIEKROEGER, WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

"There's people that have lost their dentures and have called up wanting them," he said.

He's also seen paint cans, used tires and two-by-fours, which were probably shoved down a manhole cover, dead snakes, muskrats and live turtles.

He's even heard of waste water workers in another town finding a diamond ring, but the

closest he's ever come to finding gold in a virtual sea of brown was a Timex watch that was flushed about four years ago.

"I've got it at home. I'm using it. I took it to Wal-Mart and got a new battery for it."

Aside from the occasional watch or ring, things that aren't supposed to be flushed down a toilet cost taxpayers money.

The plant is designed to filter out garbage while letting natural waste move through, where it gets digested by microorganisms. The garbage has to be collected and driven to the landfill at the taxpayers' expense. It costs more for the plant to remove the garbage than it does for the public to throw it away in the first place,

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University workers put up "Do Not Enter" and "Road Closed" signs March 15 on Hayes Street just east of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Some students found the construction fences to be an inconvenience while others said it is well worth it.

# Doudna construction inconvenient but good

BY HEATHER LONG  
STAFF WRITER

Many Eastern students returning from Spring Break have noticed a significant area of campus around the Doudna Fine Arts Center has been fenced off because of construction.

Much of the fenced-off area includes the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union parking lot, the walkway running along the north side of Booth Library and a portion of Seventh Street.

Even with the inconveniences of the fences, many educational departments, including the art department, theater department and music department, are

happy to see the construction finally begin.

Richard Barta, a professor of music, said he was glad to see the construction making progress.

"The sooner the building is completed, the easier it will be to recruit students to the school," Barta said.

Doudna has been closed since 2002. The departments normally housed in Doudna have been moved throughout campus, and the art department has moved off campus to Art Park West, which is located off Lincoln Avenue near Osco Drug.

Art professor Denise Rehm-Mott, along with other professors who have been moved to temporary locations, are ecstatic about the construction's progress.

"I was surprised to see the gates up and construction beginning after Spring Break," Rehm-Mott said.

Many students are also happy to see some work getting done on the building.

Erin McGovern, a sophomore sociology major, said she was glad to see the construction beginning but wishes the fences were not in the way.

Other students feel the same way.

"It's an inconvenience, but if it means that there is actually work being done, I think it's okay," said Meredyth Lovell, a senior biological sciences and pre-medicine major.

Doudna is scheduled to be completed in the next 30 months, Barta said.

## FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY**  
**44**  
40  
Rain

**WEDNESDAY**  
**44**  
34  
Showers

**THURSDAY**  
**50**  
44  
Isolated T Storms

**FRIDAY**  
**55**  
43  
Showers

**SATURDAY**  
**55**  
39  
Partly cloudy

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

All day *Transfer Debut* beginning at Old Main. Debut is designed to give incoming students an orientation at the campus and to meet with an academic adviser to register for classes.

9 to 11 a.m. *WebCT Gradebook* in CATS Training Lab, McAfee Gym Room 1214. This workshop will focus on how to work within the Manage Students (Gradebook) portion of WebCT. Topics that are covered include: adding students, selecting and modifying student listings, delete groups of students, reviewing student information, creating student presentation groups and uploading presentation files, and backing up a course.

2 to 3 p.m. *Turnitin Training* in CATS Training Lab, McAfee Gym Room 1214. For participants who want assistance adding their courses and assignments using the Turnitin software tool. Topics that will be covered include a quick overview of Turnitin, how to add courses, how to add assignments and how to submit files.

## CITY BRIEFS

◆ The Charleston High School Class of 2006 will be hosting a fundraiser to help sponsor prom 2006.

When people order from Monical's Pizza today, 20 percent of Monical's proceeds will be donated to the CHS class of 2006.

Donations will be made on orders throughout the day for carry out and dine in orders, but a buyer must mention the promotional offer or bring in a flier, which can be picked up at the CHS office, County Market on East Street, the BP Amoco gas station at 419 W. Lincoln Ave. and the VFW on 20th Street.

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA No more textbook taxes?

By IRIS SELA  
THE ORACLE

A bill filed last week in the Florida House of Representatives proposes a tax exemption to Florida students for textbooks and other school supplies. The bill will affect all students of universities and community colleges in Florida. Students will receive 7 percent off of all textbooks and materials required by the courses they attend.

Representative Anitere Flores filed the bill last week. If passed, Bill 891 will take effect on July 1.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Bijal Chhadva, student body president.

## CLARIFICATION

A photo in Monday's edition portrayed the east side of Campus Pointe apartments as the site for the proposed University Village near Wal-Mart. The site is actually to the south of Campus Pointe, and construction has not begun on University Village. *The News* regrets this error.

## BATTER UP



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Elmer Monaca, freshman corporate communications major, bats for the Shanigans Monday during their game against the Rockford Peaches. Monday was the opening day for softball intramurals.**

## ONLINE POLL

**How far will the University of Illinois men's basketball team go in the NCAA Tournament?**

- A) Illinois will lose to UW Milwaukee in the Sweet 16.
- B) They will lose in the Elite Eight.
- C) They will lose in the final.
- D) They will win it all.

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## WTF?

### No sign of wayward pet on doggie death row

MIDDLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — Zippy the pit bull is on the run. At least, that's according to animal control officers who must find the dog and its owner, Austin Zipp, after a judge ordered the animal destroyed on Friday after months of legal wrangling, dog-nappings, and other intrigue, *The Enterprise* of Brockton reported.

"Zipp has again skipped town," said Timothy Houlihan, the animal control officer in Sandwich where Zippy and Zipp last lived. "We will find that dog if it takes several years. We won't give up and we'll bring Zipp to justice."

On May 4, Zippy attacked Middleboro Animal Control Officer William Wyatt as he was writing out a leash law citation. Wyatt had spotted Zippy and another dog running loose outside Zipp's used car dealership, and was bitten as he was writing the ticket.

Both dogs were taken to the shelter and quarantined. Three weeks later, selectmen approved Wyatt's recommendation that the dog be destroyed. Zipp appealed, claiming the dog would never bite anyone.

Before Zip's fate could be sorted out in court, thieves broke into the pound and stole Zippy - twice. Zippy turned up after both times, the first time on a doorstep and the second time injured and chained to a tree.

## PEOPLE

### Jackson feebly arrives late to court

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A feeble-looking Michael Jackson arrived late again Monday to his child molestation trial, but the judge took no apparent action - and the star sat through testimony from a psychologist who asserted few child sex abuse allegations turn out to be false.

Jackson, who is said to have back problems, trembled and wept at the defense table as lawyers and a doctor who came to court in hospital scrubs conferred in chambers with Judge Rodney S. Melville.

The judge, who previously threatened to arrest Jackson and revoke his bail when he was late on March 10, gave no explanation of what was discussed and ordered testimony to resume.

Jackson spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain said she spoke with the singer late Sunday and he told her he was having severe and sometimes excruciating back pain. "He said his back was killing him," she said in a telephone interview from Washington.

Jackson, 46, arrived just minutes late, unlike the March 10 incident, when he turned up more than hour late in pajama bottoms and slippers.

This time Jackson was fully dressed, wearing a black suit, brocade vest and a blue armband.

## COUNTING DOWN 10

Days until deadline to withdraw a class with WP/AF.

## WORD DU JOUR conduit

1. a pipe or channel for conveying fluids, such as water.
2. a tube or duct for enclosing electric wires or cable.
3. a means by which something is transmitted.
4. a fountain.

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# Finding out where your money goes

## Apportionment Board distributes student fee money to campus organizations

BY ASHLEY MORELAND  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Apportionment Board allocated an additional \$560 to Student Senate last month to send a fourth member to the Conference on Student Government Affairs (COSGA).

That was just one of the financial

decisions the Apportionment Board has made this semester.

Students pay various fees at the beginning of each semester, but some do not know where these funds go. Maggie Hamper, a freshman undeclared major, said she is interested in where her money goes, but had no idea where it went or that Apportionment Board existed on campus.

"Yeah, I suppose (not knowing where fee money goes) does (bother me), but is it my fault?" Hamper asked. "Should I have researched it? Is there someone I can ask to find out, or are (members) just not telling us?"

Nikki Schultz, a freshman psycholo-

gy major, said she had never thought about where her money went, but once the issue was brought to her attention, she became curious.

The Apportionment Board is a committee at Eastern that distributes student activity fees to university-funded organizations and supervises each group's expenses. The board consists of eight voting student members; three voting staff members, including Jeff Snell, John Stimac and Robert Peterson and four non-voting student members, said Apportionment Board Chairwomen Nikki Kull.

Kull said she is very disappointed no one outside the board and the recipi-

ents of the funds know what the Apportionment Board is and what it does.

"We spend thousands of student dollars," Kull said.

The student activity fees generate anywhere from \$510,000-\$515,000 a year, depending on the number of full-time students and how many credit hours part-time students are taking, Kull said. The funds are then allocated to the Student Senate, University Board, Athletic Department, Student Recreation Center and Apportionment Board.

In order for an organization to receive funds from the board, it must

present a proposal at the beginning of the semester. After approval from Student Senate, the Apportionment Board then allocates money to each organization.

"Many budget cuts are made," Kull said. "Not all (organizations) can get the money they ask for because there isn't very much money in the fund."

Additional allocations can be made throughout the semester, Kull said. Organizations must send a memorandum to Kull at least two weeks in advance, stating its case.

Apportionment Board meetings are open to the public, and are at 7 p.m. March 24, March 31 and April 7 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## Faculty question class methods

BY JACLYN GORSKI  
STAFF WRITER

About 15 faculty members attended a workshop Monday that allowed them to learn about questioning methods in the classroom.

The workshop was titled "A New Look At Questioning" and was sponsored by Faculty Development.

Judy Barbour, associate professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education, led the workshop.

One of the questioning methods Barbour shared was encouraging students to think and solve problems by asking a variety of levels of questions, such as why and when a particular event happened and what happened because of it.

"It gives the students a chances to think out (the question)," Barbour said.

Other faculty members spoke about the questioning method.

The method helps students absorb the material instead of memorizing the material and forgetting it in the short term, said Alan Baharlou, chair of the geology and geography department.

The questioning technique has several different sequential hierarchies of questioning that teachers can use, but the one Barbour presented was the sequential hierarchy developed by Benjamin Bloom.

This hierarchy is made up of six levels of questioning: knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation questions.

Knowledge and comprehension questions are considered convergent questions.

"(They are) questions that encourage student responses to converge or focus on a special theme," Barbour said.

Special themes have short, factual answers, such as when a specific event happened.

Application and analysis questions are considered divergent questions, which may get a variety of answers, such as why something happened and what happened because of a historical event.

Baharlou uses synthesis questioning in his Spaceship Earth classes to help students absorb the information, such as asking his students what country used the nuclear bomb first and what its justification for using it was.

"By the end of the class, I feel confident I have helped students internalize the information," Baharlou said.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Judy Barbour, of the early childhood and elementary education department, talks to teachers about different methods of asking and answering questions in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday afternoon.

Baharlou said he gives his students short answer quizzes on an overhead projector, gives them time to think about the answer and picks out students, especially quiet students.

"It prepares them to participate," Baharlou said. "I'm not insulting them; I'm not hitting them over the head. I'm challenging their minds."

Barbour said teachers should use positive reinforcement in teaching.

"Questions should not be used as a punitive means," Barbour said.

Barbour recommended faculty to not ask the same students questions and to find something right in the student's answer.

"It's okay to make mistakes," Barbour said.

## Hearing held for December accident

STAFF REPORT

Pete Ward, 22, of Darien, appeared in court Monday with his attorney for a hearing at 1 p.m.

Ward has been charged with obstructing justice after he allegedly provided "misleading information to officers about the details of the accident," according to the police report filed by David Dunning of the Charleston Police Department.

The accident, which left Eastern student Charice M. Guman, 22, of Charleston, with a broken vertebra, occurred Dec. 3, 2004.

Ward is scheduled to appear in court for another hearing at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Coles County Courthouse.

## Employee charged for Eastern theft

STAFF REPORT

After allegedly stealing \$14,630 from Eastern, a former employee appeared in court for a hearing Tuesday.

Teresa Carpenter allegedly stole the money during a two-year period, between the dates of July 26, 2001, and Sept. 29, 2003, said Assistant State's Attorney John E. Longwell in a past interview.

Carpenter, who is being charged by the state of Illinois for theft, will appear in court again at 9 a.m. May 2 at the Coles County Courthouse.

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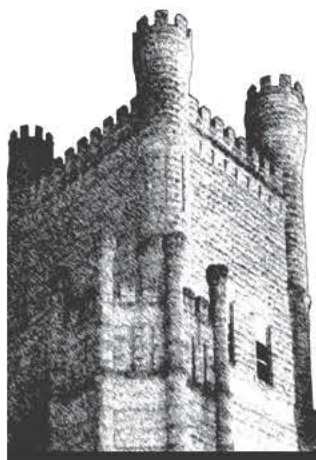
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### COLUMN

## 'Ring, ring' John Steinbeck is calling



AARON SEIDLITZ  
SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

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Oh, how American culture looks even more stupid when compared with foreign countries such as Japan.

Take, for example, the cell phone craze that has swept not only this country but many others, including the technology-enhanced country of Japan. Not only have cell phones become an integral facet of the communication, but they have also become fashion statements and toys.

Where the focus for cell phones in America seems to have gone toward the fashion and entertainment needs of children of all ages, there are other purposes that should make Americans feel a little less proud of how they use their cell phones.

Instead of playing the newest version of a golf game or downloading a new rap song to place as their ring tones, numerous Japanese cell phone users have begun using their hand held do-it-all devices to read novels.

In their free time, instead of picking up a book at the local library or Borders, if they have those stores over there, cell phone users are hanging up on their friends and beginning to read the latest classic novels they have gained interest in.

Further explaining America's depleting interest in all levels of reading, the lead for a story about this that came from the Associated Press, complained about how those who read novels on a cell phone screen must have some pain involved with their eyeballs because they would have to squint to read the writing.

Heaven forbid that we have to squint when we read. Actually, heaven forbid we have to read at all when we can download a new song or have a new game to play.

So while the Japanese get further ahead on the latest classic novels and spend their free time catching up on reading, we here in America complain that the

small writing might cause a little eye pain.

But please, who really has time to read a novel on the cell phone anyway?

This is not a realistic idea considering the amount of time we spend talking on that same phone.

But seriously, we also have more important things to take care of than reading. We have to ... ah, I don't know, I lost my train of thought. I mean, to read a novel takes a lot of time and focus, and all I'm trying to say is that I don't have the time or the energy.

But congratulations to those ferocious readers in Japan who now can take their novels with them into the tiniest of spaces. They can read and get smarter all the time now, as long as their cell phones do not leave their sides, and that is a fantastic thing.

But if you'll excuse me, I have to get back to the bottom of the ninth inning in MVP Baseball 2005. After winning two in a row, if I finish this inning off right, I'll have started a winning streak. Talk about a storybook ending.

I had some homework to do, but it really is a shame that I couldn't read the textbook on my cell phone.

Maybe then I could get a little more work done. I wouldn't even have to open up a book, and with a push of a button I can flip the page. Boy, it doesn't get much easier than that.

But the whole idea still seems a little lazy to me. Anyway, I really do have to get back to the seriousness of this baseball game.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



### EDITORIAL

## City forum beneficial event

The Student Government is hosting a forum 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union where the sole Charleston mayoral candidate and all Charleston City Council candidates will share their goals and answer any questions students and Charleston residents may have.

This forum will be very beneficial for all who attend, especially students. The forum's convenient location is simply catering to students and only one reason why students should attend.

While issues pertaining directly to students such as the building of the University Village housing development and bar hour extensions are currently or have been discussed with the council, hearing the council candidates' stances

on these issues will be very beneficial when choosing whom to vote for.

Though the deadline to register to vote in the city elections has passed, those who are registered are strongly encouraged to do so. Students do not need to re-register if they registered in Charleston for the 2004 presidential election.

As reported earlier, Eastern's 2000 enrollment of 10,637 made up more than half of Charleston's 2000

#### At issue

The city council candidate forum on Wednesday

#### Our stance

Being that the forum is geared toward students and that students possess such a large voting block, students should attend the convenient forum.

population of 21,039.

Again, if the majority of students vote in the city elections, we could have quite a bit of say in what decisions are made. For example, when concerning the building of the University Village housing development, only council member Lorelei Sims voted against it in the most recent council meeting, stopping the Village from being built.

The proposed development could be very beneficial to students, and if we want it built bad enough, we can elect council members and a mayor who will let it happen.

Though it is open to all, the forum is geared directly to the needs of students. The Student Government has done an excellent job putting

together this very beneficial program.

Not attending the forum, even if you aren't registered to vote, would only be denying yourself the ability to gain knowledge about your surroundings and how they may drastically change.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RICK SAMUELS RAN A QUALITY PROGRAM

While we don't know Rick Samuels personally, we both have had his players in our classes at Eastern for many years. It is evident from them that Samuels did more than teach basketball to these young men.

They left his program, not only

the best ballplayers they could be, but also men of character who finished their degrees.

We appreciated Samuels' ethics regarding academics. Most students don't become professional basketball players. Some of his players did. Most of them completed their educations.

What they all learned under his leadership was how to be men of

integrity on and off the court. It will be difficult to find that kind of mentor in another coach.

Thanks to Rick Samuels for dedicating 25 years of life to his players and to Eastern.

TIM MILLS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

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COMMUNICATION STUDIES PROFESSOR

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# Faculty Senate addresses day care ... again

By JENNIFER PERHAM  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's future and a campus day care are on the Faculty Senate's agenda today.

Senate member Bud Fischer recommended the senate look into discussing a vision for the university.

"I think the discussion on the vision is an important discussion that the deans have already had and will aid the university in determining concerns and establishing priorities for the future," Fischer said.

Fischer said the discussion will offer the faculty an opportunity to discuss its concerns and ideas about the future direction of Eastern in an open forum that offers all constituents the opportunity to participate.

The senate will use a document approved by the Council on University Planning and Budget titled SWOT to outline the university's vision for the future. The document addresses Eastern's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Fischer said this document contains a set of ideas that will allow the senate to set a priority list as to which ideas

they would like to discuss in more depth.

The senate will also discuss a campus day care.

The Faculty and Student senates have been working together to see if there is a need for day care on campus. The Student Senate has created a survey regarding child-care issues. Some of the questions on the survey inquire to see if the surveyor notices a need for day care and how much he or she would be willing to pay for services.

"We plan to have the survey out this week," said John Pommier, chair of the Day Care Search Committee.

The Faculty Senate has set up a list-serve that allows Eastern students who are parents to attain the survey to assess their day care needs.

Pommier said he put flyers up off campus with contact information to attain the survey during Spring Break.

"We want to make sure we get a decent representation of interest for child care from this survey," Pommier said.

The Faculty Senate will meet today from 2-4 p.m. in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Howell said he is expecting a good turnout at the forum. There will be 500 seats available, and he's hoping at least half are filled.

After a low voter turnout in the primary election, Howell said he is hoping the forum boosts student voting in the general election on April 5.

"I think there's been a trend over the past several years of low voter turnout in the primaries," Watson said. "I hope we have a much better turnout for the general election."

Student Government is cosponsoring the forum with the Interfraternity Council and Council.

The forum will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and is expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

## VOICE:

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bents Larry Rennels, Lorelei Sims and John Winnett.

The forum will be held in town hall-style where audience members can write down questions and turn them in to be read aloud. There will be some questions precomposed by Student Government in case students are apprehensive about asking questions, Howell said. These questions will probably include topics of student interest such as bar hours, the police force and student housing, he said.

"This is geared completely around the students asking questions," he said. "We are trying to sponsor a sense of community from the students of Eastern, so that is the main focus of the event."



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"A lot of it is feminine hygiene products," said Kevin Diekroeger, superintendent of the waste water treatment plant. "And we get a lot of ramen noodle bags. I don't know what's up with that."

## WASTE:

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Diekroeger said, and about one dumpster of garbage is hauled out each week.

At the head of the plant sits a 5-foot wide "channel monster" with sharp, interlocking teeth made of hardened steel that smash and cut garbage and debris. Some garbage slips by and can cause large water pumps to clog and lead to expensive shut downs, equipment damage and repairs.

Built in 1971 and housed in 2 feet of water at the bottom of a 25-foot shaft, the aging machine needed a \$13,000 rebuild this year because grit wore it down, Diekroeger said.

There are plans to purchase a similar machine that would chop all debris into quarter-inch pieces and compact it into a small bag.

Diekroeger hopes the new \$111,000 machine will be in place by June 2006. But until then, plant employees will still have to deal with the problems created by flushed garbage.

Armed with latex gloves and work boots, Lab Director Kristin Platt skims a thick layer of brown scum off a water clarifying tank. The excess scum isn't typical and

could have been caused by fast food restaurants illegally dumping grease, she said.

"There are a lot of days out here that aren't typical," she said as she worked in the lab with samples of the 3.3 million gallons of water processed at the plant each day.

"The worst job out here is going in some confined space and cleaning them out," she said. "I've not had to do that."

After the garbage is removed and the water has been filtered on by the organisms, it goes through a final sand-filtration process before it's pumped into Charleston's Cassell Creek, where towns south of Charleston, like

Greenup and Newton, pump it into their water treatment plant for drinking water.

Similarly, Charleston gets its drinking water from towns up-stream that have pumped it out of

**"The worst job out here is going in some confined space and cleaning them out."**

KRISTIN PLATT, LAB DIRECTOR

their waste water treatment plants.

Dealing with human waste each day and contending with smells that rival an outhouse in the summer, Diekroeger said the odor doesn't really bother him and he still drinks a lot of water.

The inter-office jokes at the plant are different than most workplaces, and one of the most popular, Diekroeger said, is "It may be shit to you, but it's bread and butter to us."

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# Celebrated cabaret singer Bobby Short dies of leukemia

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NEW YORK — Bobby Short, the suave, tuxedoed cabaret singer who epitomized Manhattan glamour and sophistication with renderings of the great American songbook, died of leukemia Monday at 80.

Calling Short "an American treasure," Cafe Carlyle, the nightclub at the Carlyle Hotel where Short was an institution since 1968, said it would close Monday in homage to the musician who helped make it famous.

Over the years, Short withstood constant changes in popular music tastes, from Sinatra to Springsteen to

Snoop Dogg, drawing in old fans and making new ones with his repertoire of Broadway, Tin Pan Alley and jazz tunes by Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, the Gershwins, Billy Strayhorn, Harold Arlen.

"My audience expects a certain amount of sophistication when they are coming to hear me," Short, who was born in Danville, Ill., and taught himself the piano as a boy, once said.

Despite his age, Short — who died at New York Presbyterian Hospital — was far from retiring, said Los Angeles-based publicist Virginia Wicks, who announced his death. He was scheduled to open the cafe's 50th anniversary

season May 3, and perform again in the fall. But he wanted to make it his last year so he could travel and perform around the world, she said.

"The drill of five nights a week for 12 weeks at a time is something that no longer appeals to me. It's too much," he told The Associated Press last year.

With his classic songs and suave presence, he entertained thousands over the years at the Carlyle. In 2003, he celebrated his 35th anniversary there, as familiar a New York landmark as the Empire State Building or Central Park.

His fans inevitably included the rich

and famous: Norman Mailer and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in the '70s, Barbara Walters and Dominick Dunne in the new millennium.

Short hobnobbed with the upper crust, most notably with designer Gloria Vanderbilt. He was one of only a handful of blacks to make it onto the elite Social Register.

"I think it's an expression of democracy at work. I don't come from a high society background. I'm not even a college graduate," he told the AP in 2000.

Former first lady Nancy Reagan fondly remembered Short, saying: "I'll never forget the last time I saw him, when he joined some friends and me

for dinner recently in Los Angeles. He sang just for us, and that evening will remain a cherished memory."

As an ambassador of vintage songs, Short played the White House for presidents Nixon, Carter, Reagan and Clinton.

"I go back to what I heard Marian Anderson say once: 'First a song has to be beautiful,'" Short told The New York Times in 2002. "However, 'beautiful' covers a wide range of things. I have to admire a song's structure and what it's about. But I also have to determine how I can transfer my affection for a song to an audience; I have to decide whether I can put it across."

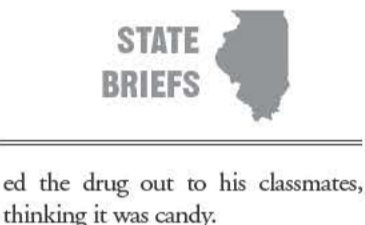
## STATE TREASURER MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR

CHICAGO — State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka said Monday she is talking to state and national Republican leaders, raising money and polling voters as she considers a run for governor.

Topinka, a frequent critic of Democrat Gov. Rod Blagojevich, is the first statewide officeholder to announce a potential run for the state's top post.

## FIRST-GRADER HANDS OUT CRACK COCAINE

CHICAGO HEIGHTS — School authorities say they don't expect to discipline a first-grader who found 40 small bags of crack cocaine in his school book bag and allegedly hand-



ed the drug out to his classmates, thinking it was candy.

"He was a darling little child; he had no idea of what he had," said Chicago Heights District 170 Supt. Dollie Helsel.

Chicago Heights Deputy Police Chief Michael Camilli said the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services had been contacted about the incident Friday at the Lincoln School, and the child's guardians were being sought.

## EX-GOVERNOR PINS HOPE ON FARM DAYS

CHICAGO — Facing racketeering

charges that could send him to prison for years, former Gov. George Ryan is pinning his future on a onetime Illinois farm boy who dreamed of becoming a lawyer as he watched Perry Mason's exploits on television.

Dan K. Webb once baled hay on his grandfather's farm near Bushnell, but these days he's one of the legal world's biggest guns, defending corporations and politicians in trouble with the feds and untangling the messy divorces of the high and the mighty.

"He's an aw, shucks guy from Bushnell, Illinois, but in a courtroom he's deadly," chortles former Gov. James R. Thompson, who runs Chicago's Winston & Strawn law firm.

General Electric, Microsoft and Philip Morris have all sought out the firm to pay Webb's \$700-an-hour fee

to fight off U.S. Justice Department lawsuits.

## POLICE DEPARTMENTS DROP OUT OF LAWSUIT

CHICAGO — Police departments across Illinois that joined a class-action lawsuit against Ford Motor Co. alleging the company's Crown Victoria Interceptors were unsafe are now dropping out of the suit after the automaker told them that was the only way it would keep selling them the cars.

The departments say the move makes sense — in part because switching to another make of vehicle would cost them tens of thousands of dollars and because they want to keep driving the vehicle favored by an overwhelming number of law enforcement agencies across the country.

"Ford has people on the ropes on this issue," said Richard Flood, an attorney representing eight departments in McHenry County and one in Kane County that want out of the lawsuit.

## JUDGE ALLOWS DISPUTED TEENAGE TESTIMONY

CLINTON — Prosecutors say testimony from two teenagers is crucial to their case against a mother and her former boyfriend charged with drowning three children in Clinton Lake, and a DeWitt County judge ruled Monday to allow it at trial.

Attorneys did not detail the testimony during a hearing Monday because of Judge Stephen H. Peters' ban on discussing evidence that could influence potential jurors in the case.

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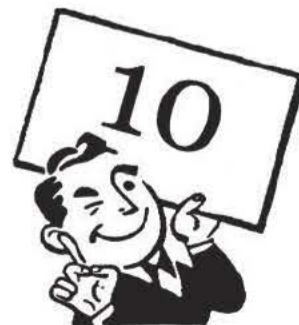
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# Schiavo case judge seems reluctant to re-insert feeding tube

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TAMPA, Fla. — Armed with a new law rushed through Congress, the attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents pleaded with a judge Monday to order the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube re-inserted. But the judge appeared cool to the argument.

U.S. District Judge James Whittemore did not immediately make a ruling after the two-hour hearing, and he gave no indication on when he might act on the request.

The hearing came three days after the feeding tube was removed. Doctors have said Schiavo, 41, could survive one to two weeks without the tube.

The courtroom showdown, the latest in what has become a legal cliffhanger captivating the nation, followed an extraordinary political fight over the weekend that consumed both chambers of Congress and

prompted the president to rush back to the White House.

Congress passed a law that allowed Schiavo's parents to argue their case before a federal court, bringing the intense legal battle to Whittemore's Tampa courtroom.

"We are rushed and we are somewhat desperate," the parents' attorney, David Gibbs III, told the judge. "Terri may die as I speak." The attorney said that forcing Schiavo to die by starvation and dehydration would be "a mortal sin" under her Roman Catholic beliefs.

"It is a complete violation to her rights and to her religious liberty, to force her in a position of refusing nutrition," Gibbs said.

But the judge told Gibbs that he was not completely sold on the argument. "I think you'd be hard-pressed to convince me that you have a substantial likelihood" of the parents' lawsuit succeeding, said Whittemore,

nominated by former President Clinton in 1999.

George Felos, representing husband Michael Schiavo, told Whittemore that the case has been aired thoroughly in state courts and that forcing the 41-year-old severely brain damaged woman to endure another reinsertion of the tube would violate her civil rights.

"Every possible issue has been raised and re-raised, litigated and re-litigated," Felos said. "It's the elongation of these proceedings that have violated Mrs. Schiavo's due process rights."

Felos praised Whittemore's careful deliberation as political pressure mounts for the tube to be reinserted.

"Yes, life is sacred," Felos said as he argued that restarting artificial feedings would be a violation of Schiavo's rights. "So is liberty, particularly in this country."

Terri Schiavo's father, Bob

Schindler, who had been upbeat about the prospects of his daughter remaining alive, grimly left the courthouse as family friends crowded near him for support.

Terri Schiavo's feeding tube was removed at 1:45 p.m. Friday, the third such time it has been disconnected. On both previous occasions the tube was re-inserted, once on order of a judge, once on order of the governor.

Michael Schiavo contends he is carrying out his wife's wishes not to be kept alive artificially. He said he was outraged that lawmakers and the president were intervening in the bitter right-to-die battle. He has fought for years with his wife's parents over whether she should be permitted to die or kept alive through the feeding tube.

"There is no happy ending," Michael Schiavo said on CNN's "Larry King Live" late Monday.

"When Terri's wishes are carried out, it will be her wish. She will be at peace. She will be with the Lord."

The family's lawsuit alleges a series of rights violations, including that Terri Schiavo's religious beliefs were being infringed upon, that the removal of the feeding tube violated her rights and that she was not provided an independent attorney to represent her interests.

President Bush applauded the dramatic legislative maneuver by Congress to get the case before a federal court.

"Democrats and Republicans in Congress came together last night to give Terri Schiavo's parents another opportunity to save their daughter's life," Bush said at an event on Social Security in Arizona. "This is a complex case with serious issues, but in extraordinary circumstances like this, it is wise to always err on the side of life."

## GUNMAN KILLS SEVEN PEOPLE, GRANDPARENTS

RED LAKE, Minn. — A high school student went on a shooting rampage on this Indian reservation Monday, killing his grandparents at their home and then seven people at his school, "grinning and waving" as he fired, authorities and witnesses said. The gunman was later found shot to death.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since the Columbine massacre in 1999.

## AILING REHNQUIST RETURNS TO BENCH

WASHINGTON — After a five-month absence, ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist made his extraordinary return to the Supreme Court bench as close to ordinary as he could. His unspoken message: It's business as usual.

Rehnquist, who has thyroid cancer, said nothing about his illness Monday and made no note of his long absence. He convened the session promptly at 10 a.m. and extended a welcome to new members of the Supreme Court Bar.

During arguments, he took his

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usual few minutes' break from the bench to stretch his back. And he sternly kept lawyers on schedule.

## BUSH, CHENEY TAKE CAMPAIGN TO WEST

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Prodding Congress to start revising Social Security, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney pitched their ideas for change to the constituents of key Republican lawmakers in the West on Monday.

Cheney visited the hometown of Rep. Bill Thomas, the GOP lawmaker in charge of writing a House bill, and called Social Security a "financial train wreck" destined for insolvency if it is not overhauled.

## COURT-MARTIAL FOR NAVY SEAL POSTPONED

SAN DIEGO — Court-martial proceedings were postponed Monday for a Navy SEAL accused of prisoner abuse in a case that implicates the CIA in a gruesome death at Abu Ghraib.

The SEAL lieutenant is accused of punching an Iraqi detainee in the arm and allowing his men to abuse the prisoner, who later died during CIA interrogation at the prison in Iraq.

The trial was postponed to give attorneys time to resolve several issues, including how they will use classified material and witnesses. A new trial date was expected to be scheduled for May or June.

## FIRE, EXPLOSION INJURES 12 AT STEEL COMPLEX

DEARBORN, Mich. — Spilled molten steel caused a fire and explosion Monday at a Michigan steel plant, injuring 12 people, officials said.

A transport vehicle that can carry up to 400 tons of molten steel was backing into a building at the sprawling River Rouge industrial complex when some of its high-temperature cargo sloshed out, said William Hornberger, a spokesman for Severstal, the Russian company that owns the plant.

The molten steel hit two of the vehicle's 8-foot tires, setting them afire and causing them to explode minutes later while Dearborn fire-

fighters were battling the flames, Hornberger said. The explosion blew out part of the building's steel sheet siding and caused electrical damage, he said.

Three were hospitalized in stable condition Monday afternoon; the other injured people were treated and released at hospitals.

## JURY DELIBERATES FATE OF DRIVER CHARGED

HOUSTON — Jurors in the trial of a man accused of driving and abandoning an unventilated trailer packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants deliberated about seven hours Monday before recessing for the day without a verdict.

Deliberations will resume on Tuesday in the trial of Tyrone Williams, who faces the death penalty if convicted for his role in the May 2003 smuggling attempt in which 19 of the passengers died. It was nation's deadliest smuggling attempt.

## TIME WARNER SETTLES SEC FRAUD CHARGES

NEW YORK — Closing a difficult chapter, Time Warner Inc. said

March 31 it would pay \$300 million and restate three years of financial results to settle civil fraud charges stemming from its accounting of online advertising revenues and subscriber counts at its AOL unit.

The settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission also calls for the world's largest media company to open its books to an independent examiner, which could result in additional restatements.

## GRACO AGREES TO PAY \$4 MILLION SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON — Graco Children's Products Inc. has agreed to pay a record \$4 million to settle charges that it belatedly reported problems with car seats, high chairs, strollers and other products that resulted in hundreds of injuries and at least six deaths.

The company also is recalling 1.2 million Graco Toddler Beds sold nationwide from 1994 to 2001. The beds are linked to scores of injuries, including more than a dozen broken bones, caused when children's limbs were trapped in the bed's guard rails or footboard.

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# Palestinians try to impose limits on weapons use by militants

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) – Palestinian officials took a tentative first step toward disarming militants, banning them from carrying guns in public and requiring all weapons to be registered, according to a new directive.

According to senior Palestinian security officials, the Interior Ministry distributed letters outlining weapons restrictions to militants in the West Bank. The AP obtained a copy of the letter Monday.

Militants said they would not comply until Israel completes a promised withdrawal from West Bank towns.

The move was seen as a concession to the United States and Israel, who have long demanded the Palestinians crack down on militant groups. Palestinians leader Mahmoud Abbas has preferred to use persuasion to get the gunmen to lay down their arms.

Israel welcomed the move. After four years of bloodshed, Israel has made disarming of militants and dismantling violent groups like Hamas a precondition for progress along the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan toward a Palestinian state.

The directive limits militants to a single

weapon and bars them from loading the weapons or carrying them in public. It also obligates militants to license the weapons with the ministry and forbids them to change the serial numbers on the guns.

Many militants possess more than one weapon, and gunmen have become folk heroes by brandishing their arms openly on the streets and firing in the air at marches and funerals.

The Palestinian Interior Ministry has asked militants to sign the letter and commit to the process.

Leaders of the al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades con-

firmed they had received the document and said they were considering the offer.

However, Kamel Ghannam, an al Aqsa leader in Ramallah, said militants would not sign the pledge until Israel carries out a planned military withdrawal from five West Bank cities.

"Once Israel withdraws, we'll be able to sign it," Ghannam said.

Sharon and Abbas agreed on Feb. 8 that Israel would withdraw from five West Bank towns it entered after the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian violence in September 2000: Ramallah, Qalqiliya, Tulkarem, Jericho and Bethlehem.

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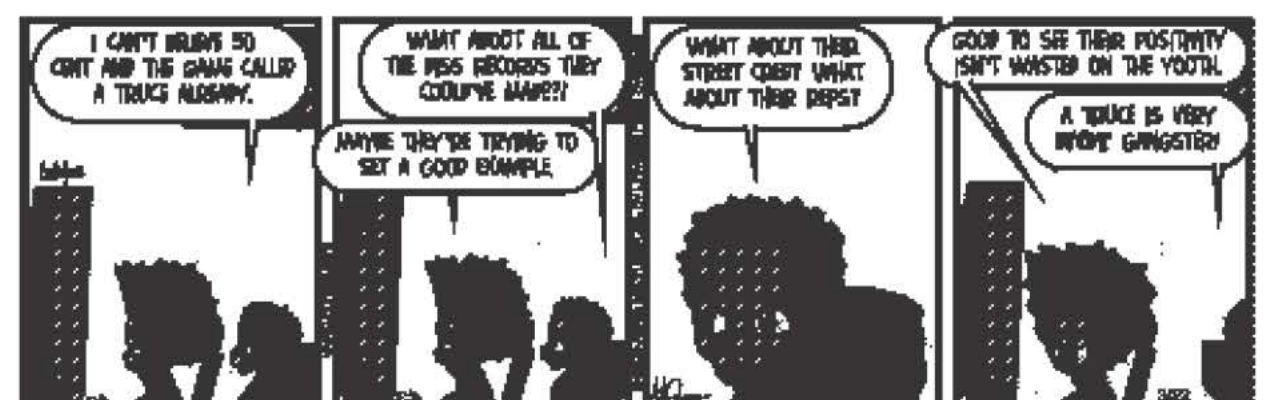
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## CHICAGO BULLS

# Curry comes back for win



Curry scored 24 points in his return to Chicago's lineup and Ben Gordon added 17 in the Bulls' 105-91 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

Curry, the 6-foot-11 center who missed the Bulls' previous three games with a strained left hamstring, was 8-of-13 from the field and 8-of-9 from the line.

"It felt good just to be back," said Curry. "I decided to take a little time off and get my leg right so when I came out there it wasn't (any) kind of a handicap.

"It's pretty sore right now, I know I have still a little ways to go before I get to where I want to be, but for the most part I felt pretty good," Curry said.

Kirk Hinrich added 12 points and 10 assists for Chicago, and Othella Harrington had 10 points.

The Bulls, who are in their first playoff race since 1998, also got Luol Deng back from the injured list. He missed 10 games with a sprained right ankle.

"It was big to just to have those guys back," said Hinrich. "We need those two guys if we are going to make the playoffs."

Josh Smith led the Hawks with 16 points, Al Harrington had 15, and Tyronn Lue added 14 points and eight assists. The Hawks, an NBA-worst 11-55, have lost five straight and 18 of their last 19 games.

Chicago led for most of the game, but Atlanta stayed within single digits until Curry and the Bulls pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Leading 86-79 with 9:05 left in the game, the Bulls went on an 8-0 run. Curry scored six points in the stretch, including a layup that made it 94-79 with 5:27 left.

"We couldn't get the lid off the basket for a minute until later in the fourth quarter and it hurt us," said Smith.

The Bulls led 55-44 at the half, with Curry scoring 12 points and Hinrich adding 10.

## CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

## Struggling Cavaliers fire Silas as coach

CLEVELAND (AP) - Paul Silas was fired as coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday, his team fighting for a playoff spot after leading its division earlier this year. Longtime NBA assistant Brendan Malone was appointed interim coach.

Silas told The Associated Press he was informed at a morning meeting with general manager Jim Paxson and new owner Dan Gilbert. Silas' son, assistant Stephen Silas, also was fired.

"They didn't think the team was performing as well as it should be and they wanted to make a change," Paul Silas said.

Malone's first game as the Cavaliers' head coach will be Tuesday night at home against Detroit.

Despite superstar LeBron James, fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas and a veteran bench, the Cavaliers have struggled since the All-Star break. They have lost nine of 12 and nine straight road games, including Sunday's 105-98 loss to Toronto when James scored a franchise-record 56.

"We believe in our players, and that progress just wasn't being made," Paxson said at a news conference Monday. "We have 18 games left in this season. We're fifth in the Eastern Conference right now, and we felt that if we didn't make this decision that we were jeopardizing our ability to be a playoff team this year."

The Cavaliers entered the All-Star break at 30-21, then went into a slide, the decline marked by personnel issues.

The trouble may have culminated Sunday when Silas benched starting guard Jeff McInnis and replaced him with Eric Snow. Snow did not score in Cleveland's loss at Toronto and McInnis, despite dressed and available, didn't play.

Earlier this season, Silas threw Snow off the bench after the two exchanged words during the first quarter at Detroit, a move that stunned the team because of Snow's reputation as a leader.

Last week, Silas was fined \$10,000 by the team for a derogatory comment he made about Utah forward Carlos Boozer.

Silas made the remark to reporters a day before Boozer was to return to Cleveland after leaving the Cavaliers as a free agent last summer. Boozer didn't travel with the Jazz because of a foot injury. Silas later apologized.

The 61-year-old Silas joined Cleveland in June 2003 after being fired by the New Orleans Hornets, having led them to the playoffs four straight times.

Malone, in his first season with the Cavaliers, was the first coach of the expansion Toronto Raptors, spending one season with the team. He's been an assistant with New York, Indiana, Seattle and Detroit in 19 years of NBA coaching.

"We felt the change today was necessary. It's going to put us in a better position to win," Gilbert said.

The Cavaliers are ninth team to

make a coaching change since the start of the season, nearly one-third of the league. They join Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles Lakers, Memphis, Minnesota, New York Knicks, Orlando and Portland.

Silas and James made for a formidable duo last season, leading the Cavaliers to a 35-47 record last season — an 18-game turnaround. He seemed to have the respect of his players, who played hard for him and were improving.

However, in the offseason, the club lost Boozer after allowing him to become a free agent. It was the first sign of real trouble.

The Cavaliers started this season strong, staying in first place for most of the first two months of the season, but injuries and inconsistency led to the recent losing streak.

Silas was hired to be James' first professional coach and to mentor the 18-year-old star. James has soared from rookie of the year last season to All-Star this year, but the rest of the team has struggled.

During 16 seasons as an NBA player, Silas was fierce under the boards and on defense. He was twice selected as an All-Star and won three NBA championships — two with Boston, one with Seattle.

As a coach, he had a record of 355-400 with the Clippers, Hornets and Cavaliers. His Hornets teams (both in Charlotte and New Orleans) went 13-16 the playoffs.

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

## Weber wants Illini focus to remain on game, not history

CHAMPAIGN (AP) - Illinois coach Bruce Weber knows well the acrimony many Illini fans still feel toward Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl, who, as an Iowa assistant in 1989, sparked an NCAA investigation of the Illinois basketball program.

"I've heard some things I can't even say in the press conference," Weber said during his weekly meeting with reporters Monday.

But most of Weber's players weren't yet in grade school when Pearl's secretly recorded conversation with Illini recruit Deon Thomas led to the investigation and eventual sanctions.

Weber doesn't want the episode to disrupt preparations for Thursday's NCAA regional semifinal game against Pearl's Panthers in Rosemont, Ill.

"I understand it and I'm not downplaying it," he said. "But at the same time, we need to beat them to advance. And our kids have to understand how good (the Panthers) are and

**"One of the things that would bother me would be if this becomes a story line, because there are so many story lines that are new."**

BRUCE WEBER, ILLINOIS COACH

they've got to focus on the game. That's the most important thing."

The recording Pearl made without Thomas' knowledge led to allegations that Thomas was offered money and a car to play at Illinois. Thomas has always denied the allegations and the school was cleared of them, but the 16-month investigation found several other infractions and Illinois was barred from postseason play in 1991.

The NCAA also put the school on probation for three years, banned off-campus recruiting for one year and limited scholarships for two

years.

Hardcore Illini fans have never forgiven Pearl, and he's likely to hear a chorus of boos when he walks into the Allstate Arena, likely to be filled with Illinois fans, on Thursday.

"I don't blame them for not liking me," Pearl said. "Their job is to root for their team and to support their team."

"One of the things that would bother me would be if this becomes a story line, because there are so many story lines that are new," Pearl said before rolling off a list of things, including his team's wins over Alabama and Boston

College and that a 12th-seeded team has never defeated a No. 1-seeded team in the regional semifinals.

Pearl did say he has had second thoughts about 1989.

"It was a very difficult thing to go through for everybody, but it's just part of the process of intercollegiate athletics," he said. "I regret some of the methodology, but not the intent."

Illinois players say they couldn't care less about Pearl's history with Illinois.

"Bruce Pearl has had no effect on my career, so I have paid him no mind," said Dee Brown, who was 5 years old in 1989.

Still, reporters ask questions, and Weber doesn't want his team distracted.

"For our fans and everyone that has hard feelings, the worst thing that could happen is we lose," Weber said. "So we need to focus on being prepared for them and be ready for a slugfest."

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## TENNIS

# Panther roadtrips are double fault

## Men's and Women's teams lose ground in matches over break

BY MATT DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

With more than two weeks worth of competition under their belts, the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams have come to the midway point of their seasons.

The women have an overall record of 4-6, while the men sport a 3-10 record overall.

"This has been a very humbling season so far," head coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

Prior to Spring Break, the women's team dropped a match to Mid-Continent foe Indiana University Purdue - Indianapolis 5-2.

Picking up victories in the singles matches were sophomores Madina Mambetova, with a 6-2, 6-3 victory at No. 3 singles, and Jill Wirtz, who picked up another win by the same score, 6-2, 6-3, at No. 4 singles.

Eastern was already at a disadvantage as it had to forfeit the number six singles match and number three doubles because it was shorthanded with only five players available for the match.

The weekend of March 13-14, the women traveled to Columbia, Mo., to take on the nationally ranked host Missouri Tigers, as well as Air Force.

Missouri, who is ranked No. 55 by College Tennis Online, defeated Eastern by a team score of 7-0. All matches were close and competitive, with Mambetova having the closest match at No. 3 singles, losing 6-4, 7-5.

The next day Eastern battled Air Force, only to come away with a 4-0 defeat. Air Force picked up victories at No. 1 and No. 4 singles, with Panther freshman Sandra Sasidharan losing 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 and Wirtz falling at No. 4, 6-0, 6-0.

Air Force also won all three doubles matches, with the No. 3 doubles match won by default.

Sasidharan and Wirtz were the only Eastern players to participate in singles matches, because three singles matches did not finish, and the No. 6 singles match was won by default for Air Force.

"We will hopefully have a sixth player by next week. Hopefully by next Tuesday," Holzgrafe said in reference to next week's match at Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee-Martin.

Both teams ventured down to Pensacola, Fla., the week of Spring Break.

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BRIAN HOLZGRAFE, MEN'S AND  
WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

The women took on the University of Illinois-Springfield and defeated it 6-1. The match was a replacement for an earlier match that had been rained out.

"Florida was not a nice place to be last week at all, with rain almost every day," Holzgrafe said.

Even with the weather not cooperating 100 percent, Holzgrafe says both teams got in quality work with practices everyday.

The men took on two opponents while in Florida, Youngstown State and Wisconsin - Green Bay.

Both matches resulted in losses for Eastern, with a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Youngstown State. Sophomore Chuck LeVaque continued his stellar play, coming up with a 6-4, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles.

"(LeVaque) is doing things as a sophomore that aren't normally being done until someone is a senior," Holzgrafe said.

In the match against Wisconsin-Green Bay, the men lost by the team score of 6-1.

Various ailments have plagued the men all year long, with the men having to forfeit a match at No. 6 singles and at No. 3 doubles in their last three matches.

Sophomore Brandon Lenfert is battling mononucleosis, while fellow sophomore Ryan Blankenbaker is still struggling with kidney stones.

"Despite all the men's injuries and struggles this year, the team morale is still very positive," Holzgrafe said.

The most recent match for both teams came this past Sunday at Darling Courts, the first home match for both teams this spring season.

However, being on familiar territory did nothing to end both teams' struggles. The women lost by a score of 6-1, with Sasidharan picking up the team's point with a win at No. 1 singles.

On the men's side, LeVaque picked up another victory at No. 1 singles, while freshman Kevin Arndt showed superb play and picked up a win at No. 5 singles.

The women get back into action Saturday when they travel to Dekalb to take on Northern Illinois, while the men are off two weeks until April 3, when they take on Morehead State at home.

In the second game, I saw Kentucky get by Cincinnati in one of the best games of the tournament so far.

Finally it was back to reality, and, by reality, I mean Charleston.

My excitement this week will not be limited to seeing whether or not the Panther baseball team can put up 20-plus runs on Chicago State; the real excitement lies in seeing whether or not 20 runs will be enough.

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# White Sox Mark Buehrle to have MRI on left foot

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Chicago White Sox ace Mark Buehrle could miss one spring start after tests Monday showed he injured his foot shagging fly balls over the weekend.

White Sox head trainer Herm Schneider described the injury as a "stress reaction" but not a fracture.

Buehrle, the team's scheduled opening day starter, underwent an MRI Monday morning but when that was inconclusive, he had a CT scan. Buehrle apparently irritated a previous injury unknown to the Chicago starter.

"Considering I can stand and walk on it, it is 120 percent better. I couldn't do that yesterday," Buehrle said after the White Sox lost 5-4 to Arizona. "I came in today and everything was fine. I couldn't even tell there was anything wrong with my foot."

Both Buehrle and the White Sox initially feared he might miss four to six weeks after getting the X-rays.

Buehrle, who is taking anti-inflammatory medicine, will wear a boot and not participate in baseball workouts for the next couple of days to see if

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MARK BUEHRLE, WHITE SOX PITCHER

symptoms increase.

"We will see how he is tomorrow. If he keeps getting better than we will let him go," Schneider said. "If everything goes well, he might miss one (spring) start and then go back to work."

Buehrle was shagging fly balls for extra conditioning on Sunday when he heard a pop in his foot. He did not report to trainers afterward, opting to go home instead. After getting up from a nap, Buehrle said he could hardly walk and came back to the White Sox clubhouse, where X-rays were taken.

Buehrle has won at least 14 games four straight seasons. He was 16-10 with a 3.89 ERA last season.

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on the roster and 23 of those players have started at least one game.

It's not like the Panthers have anything to brag about because when they lose, chances are it's by 6.6 runs. At least that's what their average would suggest. But Eastern just played Arkansas, the 8th ranked team in the nation. Eastern has also played Mississippi State and Oklahoma who are not ranked in the top 25 but are ranked in the top 40. Who has Chicago State played?

Well, the Trojans lost by 28 runs to New Mexico State, but New Mexico State is not ranked. It lost 26-0 at Fresno State earlier this season, but Fresno is not ranked either.

Jackson said by no stretch of the imagination did his Trojans think they were going to get an at large bid to the NCAA tournament, so he and his team know they have to focus on its conference season.

But again, the Panthers haven't won since splitting a double header with Olivet Nazarene on March 5 at Coaches Stadium so their morale isn't top notch right now either.

"We're coming off a hard 11-day road trip, and our guys need some positive reinforcements," head coach Jimmy Schmitz said.

But Schmitz said losing on these early road trips isn't something strange

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JIMMY SCHMITZ, HEAD COACH

for the Panthers. Considering the competition they play and the length of time they are away from home, Schmitz said the Panthers usually come out of these trips 1-8 or 2-7.

But Schmitz said no matter whom you lose to, when the losses start to pile up it's hard on everybody.

"When you start winning, morale changes," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said at times the Panthers swung the bat well, but they never were solid one through nine. He said once they establish some consistency with the bats they will be headed toward conference wins.

Schmitz said senior Kyle Widegren will start at pitcher for the Panthers and throw a couple innings after "throwing phenomenal at Little Rock." After that, four or five relievers will get a much-needed inning to keep their arms fresh.

The Trojans will counter with senior Adam Salli if he's okay to pitch. If not, it will be freshman Robert Vargas.

## BOOZE:

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national powerhouse.

OK, that's not likely, but it is nice to dream.

Saturday, I went back east on I-74, back to the Circle City, to watch the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

This time, the Illini took care of business pretty handily, and the orange-clad fans went home breathing a little easier.

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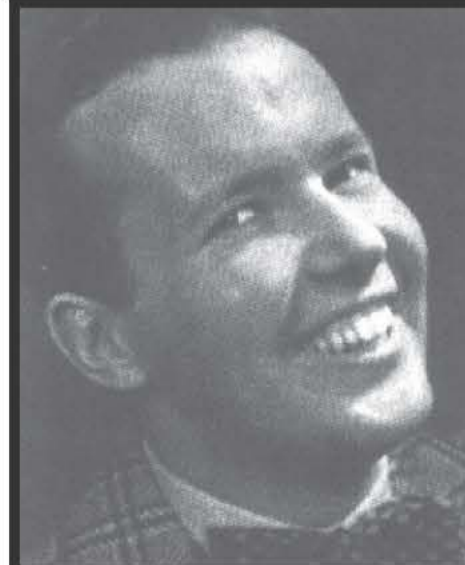
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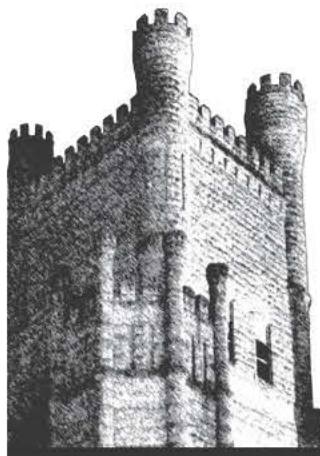
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### DIGGING IN

**MARCUS JACKSON**  
STAFF WRITER

## Trading booze for balls over break

Normally during Spring Break, I'm traveling around the country on a bus playing baseball.

But with my four years of eligibility up, I flirted with the idea of doing the traditional Spring Break stuff - drinking, partying, beaches, etc.

After some consideration, I opted to take a different approach with my week off.

I traveled the country watching various sporting events, and while it doesn't really compare with playing baseball, I had fun doing something different.

Monday, I drove up to the United Center and watched Thornton beat Homewood-Flossmoor and Kansas-bound Julian Wright at the Class AA Super-sectional in front of close to 9,000 fans.

And despite all the rumors you may have heard, no, I did not start the brawl that sent three people to the hospital including a security guard that suffered a heart attack trying to stop the fight.

Tuesday, it was off to Kissimmee, Fla., to visit my old roommate and former Eastern second baseman, Chris Uhle, at the Houston Astros' spring training.

I had a chance to watch a Major League team work out and got a tour of the Astros' top-notch facilities.

Thursday, I was back in the Midwest. This time I drove south on Interstate-65 to Indianapolis to see the first round of the NCAA Tournament and arrived in time to see Nevada beat Texas in a mild upset.

The next game, I saw the No. 1 Fighting Illini of Illinois squeak by Fairleigh-Dickinson in a closer than expected opening game.

Friday, I headed west on I-74 to Peoria, where I watched the quarterfinal round of the IHSA Class AA state tournament, where Glenbrook North eventually won the title.

Maybe Eastern can hire Glenbrook North head coach Dave Weber, brother of Illini head coach Bruce, and rebuild the program with tournament MVP Jon Scheyer, making the Panthers a

### SOFTBALL

## Panthers get *leid* out in Hawaii

BY MARCUS JACKSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther softball team dropped five games at the Bank of Hawaii Invitational March 17-20 in Honolulu.

On the first day of the tournament, the Panthers fell to Loyola Marymount 9-2. Freshman outfielder Robyn Mackie and sophomores Katy Steele and Chelsea Adams all had two hits each for the Panthers in the loss.

The Panthers (3-10) dropped a pair of games on day two of the tournament, losing 6-3 to San Diego before getting shutout by Hawaii 6-0.

Against San Diego, Adams drove in all three Panther runs with a bases-loaded double.

In the nightcap against Hawaii, the Panthers were held to just four hits, with four different Panthers getting one hit apiece.

Hawaii senior pitcher Shannon Taboin went the distance against the Panthers, allowing just four hits and striking out seven, while walking just one.

Sophomore pitcher Andrea Darnell pitched two innings, allowing one run and striking out two.

On the final day of the tournament, the Panthers dropped a pair of games, losing to Miami - Ohio 4-1 and Winthrop 8-1.

Adams went 2-for-3 and drove in the lone Panther run against Miami.

Steele and Mackie had both of the Panthers' hits against Winthrop, with Steele driving in the only Panther run.

Adams led the Panthers at the plate during the tournament, going 8-18 (.444,) driving in four of the Panthers' eight runs during the five games.

North (4-for-14) and Mackie (5-for-18) were the Panthers' other top hitters on the trip.

The Panthers return to Illinois this week and will be in Macomb Wednesday to face the Western Illinois Westerwinds at 3 p.m.

Western comes in 4-10 overall, led offensively by senior outfielder Jess Stanforth.

Stanforth was just named Mid-Continent Conference player-of-the-week for the second straight week. She hit .476 (10-for-21) last week, with seven RBI's, six runs and three homeruns. For the season, she is hitting .275 and leads the team with nine RBI's.



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Sophomore pitcher Andrea Darnell pitches in the first game of the doubleheader against Indiana State March 9 at Williams Field. The Panthers lost all five of their games at the Bank of Hawaii Invitational March 17-20 in Honolulu.

### BASEBALL

## Nowhere to take record but up

### Panthers hope to improve losing record against winless Trojans

BY JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther baseball team is 1-14. With a 1-14 record, it's hard to find a team lower on the totem pole, but that's exactly where the Chicago State Trojans are with a 0-19 record.

The Trojans will try to get their first win of the season at Coaches Stadium today at 2 p.m.

Some teams can filter the reality of a bad record by looking at the competition they have faced or by blaming the record on lack of experience, but when a team is losing by an average of 9.2 runs per game, like Chicago State, what's the excuse?



JIMMY SCHMITZ

Trojans head coach Terrence Jackson said there are numerous reasons why they're 0-19 but the biggest reason is displacement.

"Everywhere we go we travel," Jackson said. "We don't have a home field."

To make matters worse, Chicago State doesn't have a practice facility. Jackson said this displacement doesn't allow him to evaluate his players. He still is trying to figure out who fits where.

The Trojans have 35 players listed

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