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Democrats threaten to stall Alito

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Die-hard critics of Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito threatened on Thursday to block a vote on his confirmation, and Republicans countered with a move designed to force his approval by early next week.

"It is time to establish an end point" in the debate over President Bush's selection to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said he and other Democrats had refused to agree to a timetable for ending debate. "There's some division in our caucus," he conceded.

Democratic Leader Harry Reid signaled as much in remarks on the Senate floor. He offered no support for Kennedy, John Kerry and others whose filibuster represents a last stand against Alito's confirmation.

"There's been adequate time for people to debate," Reid said.

Alito, 55 and a 15-year veteran of the federal appeals court, has well over 50 votes for confirmation. He gained the support of Democrats Tim Johnson of South Dakota and Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia during the day, and has the backing of at least 52 of the Senate's 55 Republicans.

The Senate will vote Monday on cutting off debate. If Alito's supporters get 60 votes in the 100-member body, the confirmation vote will follow on Tuesday.

White House spokesman Stephen Schmidt predicted the Republicans would easily win. "More than 60 senators have signaled their intentions to vote against the filibuster and give Judge Alito the up-or-down vote that he deserves," he said.

Frist said he had been unable to win a commitment from all senators on a time for a final vote. Instead, he set the stage for cutting off debate Monday with what is known as a cloture vote.

Democrats' concern over Alito's nomination has been heightened because he would replace O'Connor, who has been the swing vote on 5-4 rulings that maintained abortion rights, preserved affirmative action and limited the application of the death penalty.

Conservatives agree that Alito could push the court to the right, but they welcome the prospect.

Kennedy said, "The nominee is deficient in his commitment ... to individual rights, individual liberties, women's rights and racial equality."

The senator conceded he faced an "uphill climb" in the effort to block confirmation but said it was possible.

Asked to name other Democrats siding with him, he cited Dick Durbin of Illinois, the second-ranking Senate Democrat.



HOLLIE DOHERTY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tad Schroeder, an instructor at the Illinois Fire Service Institute, cautiously approaches a training blaze at the University of Illinois Fire Institute Thursday afternoon in Champaign.

Trial by fire in search for new chief

BY HOLLIE DOHERTY
STAFF REPORTER

The process to find a new chief of the Charleston Fire Department is under way after the retirement of Fire Chief Darrell Nees.

Applications were due Wednesday, and the candidates will go through a telephone interviewing process and then finalists will be selected with formal interviews.

"The process will take to the middle of March of this year," said city manager Scott Smith.

The firefighters of Charleston help support the city by putting their hearts and hard work into their jobs. From saving cats that are stuck in between walls to saving the Blair Hall building here at Eastern, the firefighters are always on the job and willing to help others out.

"The days are never the same," said James Calvert, who has 12 years of fire fighting experience.

Calvert has been with the Charleston department for five years. Calvert's father was a firefighter for 30 years and his brother was on the depart-

ment for 20 years. Calvert has grown up around the environment and used to go on calls with his father when he was a kid.

Todd Foster, who has been a firefighter for 17 years, has also grown up in the environment.

"It's family oriented and goes down from generations," Foster said.

Charleston has 3,400 to 3,500 calls a year, which makes roughly eight calls a day, Foster said.

SEE FIRE PAGE 9A

Honors College funds student research

BY KRISTY MELLENDORF
STAFF REPORTER

Student researchers such as Kristina Allen will soon face a deadline outside of class, the turn-in date for undergraduate research grant applications.

For 15 years, the Honors College has provided grants to undergraduates who have a 3.0 grade-point average along with a faculty member to monitor their research, said Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honor's College.

"Any department on campus can apply for the grants," Irwin said. "We enjoy seeing a variety in the students."

On the application, students are required to describe the purpose of their research, the process of their research, how they plan to implement it, what background they have in research, and how they plan to publicize it.

"We give out probably 24 (grants) per year," Irwin said.

Allen, a senior communication disorders and sciences major, received a grant in fall 2005 to research how the articulation theory affects

Grant Application Deadline

♦ **What:** Undergraduate research grants are available.

♦ **Who:** All undergraduates can apply.

♦ **When:** Applications are due March 8.

♦ **Where:** Turn applications into the Honors College.

school-aged children. Assistant professor Rebecca Throneburg and associate professor Lynn Calvert helped Allen conduct the study on four first-graders in Shelbyville.

"I would say that it has been a unique experience," Allen said. "It has definitely been worth it." Allen arrived at the idea for her research through an Honor's Council Meeting.

"I think it's good to have an open mind about what you're doing with your research," Allen said.

Throneburg and Allen met weekly to discuss the progress of the research, and to brainstorm any new ideas or to solve any problems they might have.

"I would say to try to find the balance of letting the student take the lead; just to give insights along the way," Throneburg said.

The end results of Allen's research will be presented at a state speech pathology convention in Chicago this February as well as a national convention in March.

"As the student's thesis, this goes a little further," she said. "It doesn't just sit on a shelf somewhere, that only Mom and Dad can be proud of."

Right now, Throneburg is in the process of overseeing eight different students.

"Faculty members work as a team, and we see what is working and what is not working," she said. "Since it's a small department, there tends to be a lot of teamwork. Students need to be organized and show leadership, so it is truly their project and not ours."

Applications are due on March 8, and the recipients of the grants will be announced in April.

Students wishing to apply for the grants can pick up applications at the Honors College Office in Booth House.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Entries accepted in cultural art show

Artistic students and faculty can showcase their work in the African-American Heritage Art Contest as a part of Black History Month.

The competition is open to all faculty, staff and students on campus who can enter as individuals or as part of a group.

Each entry must be turned in with an application and a brief description.

Applications can be picked up at all residence halls, the Table Arts Center or at the Minority

Affairs Office.

The winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the African American Heritage Month Banquet at 5 p.m. on Feb. 3 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Entries will only be accepted from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Afro-American Culture Center at 1525 Seventh St. No late entries will be accepted.

'Rent' comes to Buzzard

University Board will sponsor the showing of "Rent" on Saturday. Starring Rosario Dawson and Anthony Rapp, this Tony Award-winning musical is about Bohemians in the East Village of New York City struggling with life, love and AIDS, and the impacts they have on America. This Broadway musical turned into a motion picture will show at 5 and 8 p.m. on Saturday in Buzzard Hall.

HOME MOVING DAY



SETH MILLER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Workers attach a house that was previously located at 1614 10th St. to a specialized flatbed trailer on Thursday afternoon.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Bondage group moves toward official organization status

By ALIA ORRA
THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGIAN (U. TOLEDO)

TOLEDO, Ohio - In the farthest corner of a sixth-floor stable of cubicles at the University of Toledo, a running conversation on the virtues of whips, ropes and nipple clamps is filling an otherwise dull workspace.

Explaining the basics of such equipment may tend to elicit school-girl laughter or vulgar intensity, but Sean Shannon is exhibiting neither.

Shannon is in the later stages of organizing an official university group

to be called UT Un/Gagged, one that socially and politically advocates for practitioners of BDSM sex.

The bondage safety demonstration that Shannon has given on campus in the past is perhaps one of the only things that will make the transition from bedroom to university.

Researchers study global warming in deep ocean

KA LEO O HAWAII (U. HAWAII)

HONOLULU - Tiny ocean plants called phytoplankton can be affected

by climate change, according to a study in this week's "Nature" magazine.

The team includes microbial biologist and oceanographer, David M. Karl from the University of Hawaii School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology and his colleagues.

The researchers used climate models to correlate observations at Station Aloha, a site 100 km north of the state of Hawaii, where physical, biological and chemical measurements of the water column have been taken for the past 20 years.

WTF?

Teacher shows class '40-Year-Old Virgin'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Showing the R-rated movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" during high school Spanish class this week resulted in suspension for the teacher.

Fernando Del Pino was suspended with pay Tuesday for showing the movie to students at Lexington's Tates

Creek High School a day earlier, said Lisa Deffendall, spokeswoman for Fayette County Public Schools.

Del Pino, who was hired in August, could not be reached for comment.

The movie is about a 40-year-old single man whose friends try to help him gain experience in sex.

R-rated movies are not to be shown to anyone younger than 17 without a

parent or guardian. The movie was rated R for pervasive, explicit and crude sexual content and drug use.

Del Pino's suspension letter said his suspension is for up to 20 work days while the incident is investigated.

Parents of Tates Creek students must give written permission for their children to watch an R-rated movie according to the school's video policy.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Dreamweaver session

9 a.m. | Follow-up session for anyone who has further questions about Macromedia Dreamweaver.CATS Training Lab, McAfee Rm. 1214

Technology Events

2 p.m. | Seven tips to use in ordinary conversations
CATS Training Lab, McAfee Rm. 1214

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers what is the worst part about the first week of school.

- A) The moving in process
- B) Stepping foot in the classroom again
- C) Dealing with all the drunk people
- D) Nothing, the first week of school is the easiest

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CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's issue of The Daily Eastern News, information regarding upcoming residence hall tournaments was incorrect. The cost of participation is a donation of \$15 per person. One team will consist of five players for a total of \$75. Players are encouraged to raise more money, but \$15 per person is the minimum amount. Prizes will be given out to the team that donates the most money.



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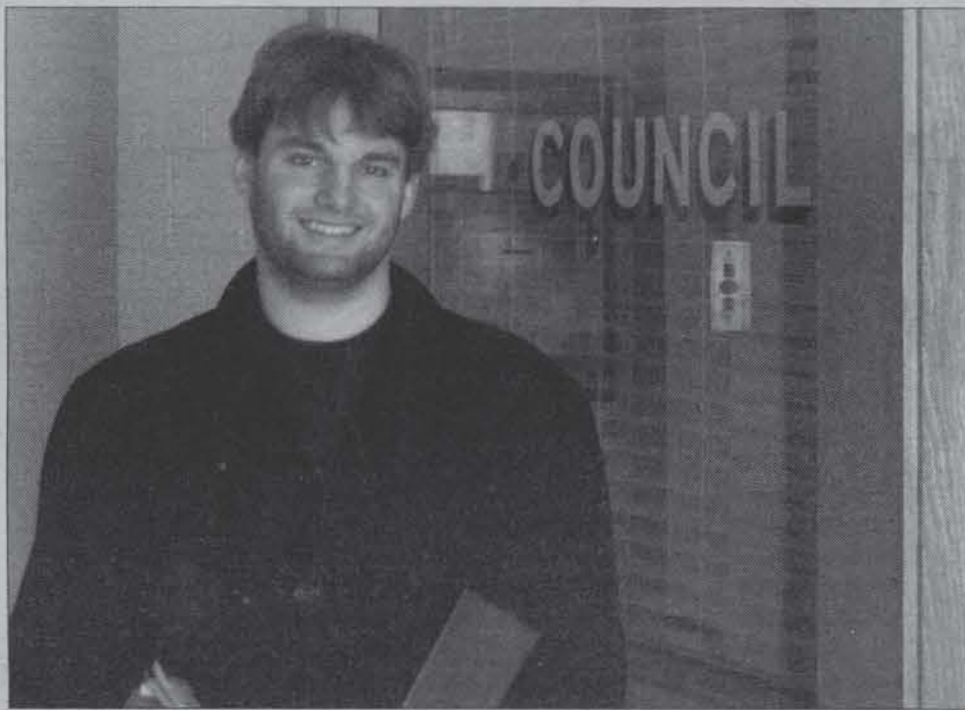
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Marcy looks to unite students and citizens of Charleston

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR



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Junior English major Ben Marcy stands in front of the council chamber in Charleston City Hall. As a senate member, part of Marcy's job is to be a liaison between Eastern and the City of Charleston.

A good debate is what Ben Marcy is all about. "Getting to argue is my favorite thing about Student Government," said Marcy, Student Senate's chair of external relations.

Although this is Marcy's first year on senate, he had been interested in being a part of the organization since 2004, but lost in his first election experience.

"I was approached by (Student Body President) Ryan Berger, and I appreciated what his campaign was about," Marcy said.

He also said he admired the commitment to campus the students on the senate had and wanted to be involved.

Marcy said he has been working with student relations chair Cole Rogers on community service-related projects, such as setting up a Web site for students to find information on volunteer opportunities at Eastern.

"We don't have a volunteer center that is specific to Eastern," Marcy said. "It's a long process because we're working with administration at every step."

Student Senate Speaker Sean Anderson said Marcy's contributions to the senate have been helpful with bring the residents of Charleston and the students together.

"He is an awesome senator because he cares about the city and students alike," Anderson

said. "Next Wednesday, he's working on a resolution to thank the City Council for their decision to install lights on campus."

He said even if Marcy wasn't on the External Relations committee, Marcy would still promote the relationship between students and the

residents of the city.

Marcy is also active with the College Democrats, the band Lunchbox Voodoo, Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Psi Omega.

He said in the past he has contributed to the Fair Trade Coalition, but is unable to attend the

meetings as they are the same night as Student Senate meetings.

As president of the College Democrats, Marcy works to "promote issues related to the Democratic party at the state, local and national levels," Marcy said.

Describing Lunchbox Voodoo as an "SNL-style comedy group," Marcy is able to apply his acting skills with this organization.

"It's a sketch-comedy group," Marcy said. "We use rehearsed scripts, and I was one of the founding members of the organization in 2002."

Bernie Sanders, Dick Durbin and Marcy's father top the list of people who serve as his role models.

Marcy said he looks up to his father for his work as an educator and a union negotiator for the Teachers Union and for his "diplomatic nature."

Marcy was able to land an internship with Durbin, a U.S. senator from Illinois, last summer, an experience Marcy described as unforgettable.

"I interned with Dick Durbin over the past summer in his office," Marcy said. "It was one of the best experiences I've ever had and may be the best I'll ever have."

Sanders, a representative from Vermont, is a person Marcy describes as "one of the most passionate and dedicated individuals for the well-being of humanity."

Stats show breakfast keeps grades up and weight down

BY TABITHA MILLER
STAFF REPORTER

College students who regularly eat breakfast will reap more benefits than those who don't.

"Studies show that students who eat breakfast regularly perform better on tests," said Melissa Vogel, a registered nurse at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Valerie Starkweather, a senior biology major, said she doesn't have time for breakfast.

"I don't like to fix anything in the morning because I'd rather sleep in," she said.

Several students agree with Starkweather, including Josephine Robinson, a graduate student majoring in student affairs. Robinson said she only eats breakfast when she doesn't have to get up early.

"Today I had to get up at 11 so I had the time (for breakfast), but when I have to be at work at 8 (a.m.) I just wait until lunch to eat," Robinson said.

Breakfast actually breaks the food fast from the previous day and provides carbohydrates for the body and brain, Vogel said.

"Consider that you haven't eaten since the prior dinner or prior to bedtime the night before," Vogel said. "That's a long time to go

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MELISSA VOGEL, SARAH BUSCH LINCOLN NURSE

without fuel for your body and brain."

Some students, like sophomore Colby Isaak, said he would not have enough swipes on his meal plan for other meals in the week if he ate breakfast every day.

"I just prefer to use my swipes on other meals besides breakfast because I'm not even hungry in the morning, and I can just wait until lunch," he said.

While some students skip breakfast, others eat their morning meal everyday.

"I'm really hungry in the morning," said Michelle Evankoe, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major.

Evankoe said she gets out of bed around 8 a.m. to go to breakfast and fuel her brain for the day.

Breakfast not only jumpstarts a student's day, Vogel said, but it also increases metabo-



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Luis Polo, a junior business administration major, and Carrie Berland, a senior family and consumer sciences major, pay for their Chick-Fil-A breakfast Thursday morning to Rachel Richelons, a senior geology and earth sciences major. Richelons says it usually gets busy around 9:30.

lism. Statistics show that people who eat breakfast tend to be leaner versus people who don't.

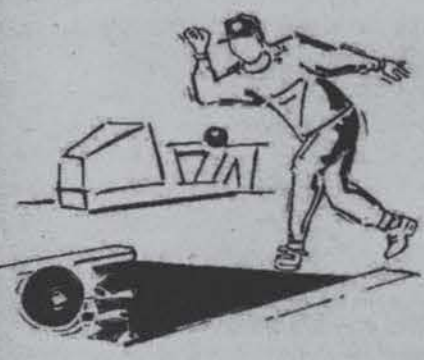
Recently, the Charleston Market in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union has started serving breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Jana Gidewell, the food service area supervisor, said the Charleston Market has had a good response to the breakfast option.

"If more people keep coming for breakfast, there is a good possibility breakfast can be served everyday sometime in the future," Gidewell said.

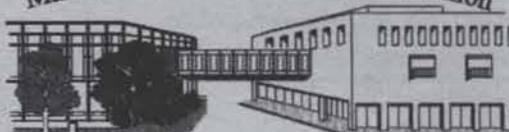
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DEN COLUMNIST

WALKING UP A HILL AND SKIING DOWN A MOUNTAIN

My family recently went on a ski trip to Alpine Valley. (When I say my family went on a ski trip, that means my brother, uncle and I skied while the majority of my relatives sat in the lodge and did God knows what.) My uncle could barely conquer the bunny slope, so my brother and I had to leave him for the majority of the day. My brother's theory was that if we weren't falling down every once in a while, we weren't challenging ourselves enough.

I like his theory. Granted, that same theory convinced me to try and maneuver the moguls on a black diamond slope (which not only challenged my skill but also left my tailbone sore for two weeks). But I like the idea. After my first try at the slope, which went very badly (picture skis and poles flying every which way and a complete stranger helping me collect them and put them back on while a line formed at the top of the slope), I was determined to try again ... and again.

But no matter how obsessed I became with conquering that slope, my brother never let me attempt it more than twice in a row. He kept making me break and ski some other slopes so I could stay on my feet long enough to get my confidence back.

I think his theory sets the perfect pace at which to live my life (something I frequently have trouble figuring out,

"Every day was the same slope and the same obstacles, but I never just took time out to divide things up or try it a different way."

which leaves me running around like a chicken with my head cut off). I should be challenging myself enough that I have bumps on the slope every so often, but not so much that I can't stay on my feet

(or keep my skis attached to them) alone for a while.

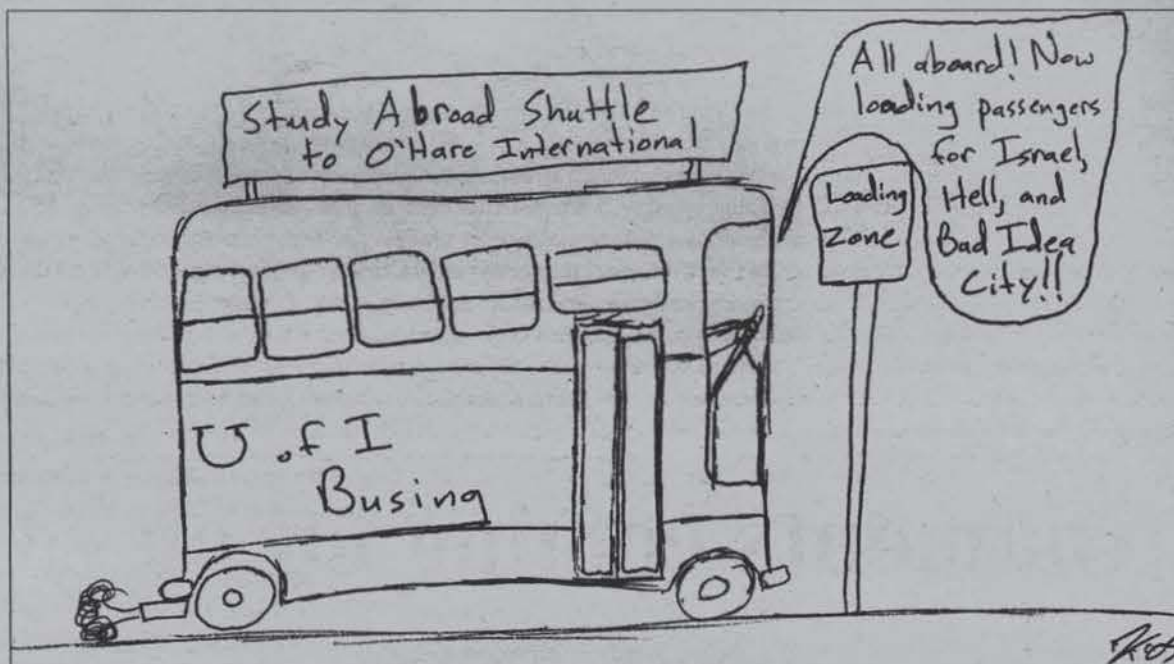
Last semester, I drove myself crazy. I overworked, overplayed, underschooled and flat out overlooked a lot of things I shouldn't have. It left very little time for my exhausted self and very little time to genuinely hang out with or talk to the people I care about most. I didn't see my roommate for days at a time, and neglected to hang out with some good friends for weeks at a time. I even forgot to call home during a couple of weeks, something my family just does not do. The more I tried to fit everything in, the, more frustrated I got and less energy I had. Every day was the same slope and the same obstacles, but I never just took time out to divide things up or try it a different way.

My brother's theory has been helping me out a lot the past couple of weeks, since we've started the new semester. I am trying enough hard things to give myself obstacles and room to grow, while keeping time for familiar things and people I love to balance the load.

By the end of our ski trip, I hadn't made it through the moguls and down the black diamond slope without falling (I'm still a little bitter about that). I had, however, made it through the moguls and down the slope individually (my brother made me split them up after another tough fall; I think he was getting embarrassed). He only fell one time the entire trip; while he was trying to help me he tumbled in the process. But I think that's OK. He was just more advanced and had fewer obstacles. He still challenged himself by helping and encouraging me.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



EDITORIAL

Study abroad options limited

The U.S. State Department made a list of 26 countries college students aren't allowed to travel to when studying abroad. On Jan. 18, officials at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign removed Israel, Kenya and other countries off the list of 25 countries students can't travel to. Trips to Israel will now be treated on an individual basis according to an article in the Jan. 19 issue of the *Chicago Tribune*.

Study abroad programs are an important part of every university and if U of I officials find it appropriate to allow students to visit a country that was formerly banned, then that is their decision.

The ban on the 26 countries was made in September of 2003, after the war in Iraq began. In a Jan. 18 Associated Press article, U of I Study Abroad director Jeremy Geller said the new policy will allow students who have compelling reasons for studying in a dangerous area to make their case to university officials.

In the *Tribune* article, Geller said several students a month request to visit one of the countries on the warning list, but he reserves the right to say no.

"We don't want students to go flippantly," he said.

About 1,900 of the 40,000 students at U of I study abroad each year.

Currently, Eastern doesn't allow any student to travel to any of the 26 countries and no exceptions are taken. Over the sum-

At issue

The U.S. State Department's list of 26 countries that students studying abroad can't travel to.

Our stance

Studying abroad is a great opportunity for students, but they should consider going to safer and more common locations. Every university has a different plan on how to deal with students who want to travel to those countries and saying no is the best idea.

mer, about 200 Eastern students studies abroad, according to the Jan. 25 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*.

If Israel or Kenya was on the list to begin with, then it's probably a place to keep students away from. Since U of I students are now allowed to go there, university officials must have their reasons for giving students the chance to travel to these places.

While some universities are considering allowing students to visit several of the banned countries, the fact that the countries were banned is reason enough to not let students go there.

Along with Eastern, Northwestern University, Northern Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago also ban all 26 countries. Like the U of I, Southern Illinois at Carbondale decides on a case-to-case basis, according to the

AP article.

If students wish to study abroad, then they should stick to destinations like Australia, Italy, Great Britain, Ireland and Spain. Students can also pay less to study in places like Costa Rica.

Going to a foreign country to continue education is certainly a good idea, but students should consider their allowed options before considering any of the countries on the warn-

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLOOD DONORS GIVE MORE THAN BLOOD

It couldn't have come at a better time, with the blood shortages within our region; we had more than 100 blood products on back orders for our hospitals. Tuesday at the University Ballroom, Phi Kappa Theta sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive and collected 154 usable units of life saving blood. Almost 170 people came out to try to give. And one of the

most exciting things ... there were 60 first-time donors! I hope all of them decide to make blood donating a habit for the rest of their lives. In my opinion, it is a truly selfless and humanitarian act, which enables us to help keep the blood supply safe.

I wanted to give a special thanks to Matt O'Malley of Phi Kappa Theta (and our EIU Blood Drive Committee president) and the volunteers of those organizations. Also Bryan Miller, our EIU Blood Drive Committee Adviser, EIU Scheduling

Department, EIU Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and Panther Catering also helped to make this event possible. And a special thanks to those donors that decided to make a difference by giving the gift of life!

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Acoustic performer comes to Jackson Avenue Coffee

BY KRISTINA PETERS
STAFF REPORTER

Students and residents interested in doubling their musical experience will be able to do just that this weekend.

Jaik Willis, who plays acoustic guitar, will be performing in both Mattoon and Charleston. He is no stranger to Charleston after playing at Jackson Avenue Coffee last September.

He had good stage presence and lots of energy, said Chris Lempa, 25, from Charleston, who was responsible for booking Willis for both shows at the coffee shop.

"I think he has a really unique style," Lempa said.

Willis was convinced by a friend at Eastern to perform at the coffee shop.

"It was a great old time," Willis said about his last Charleston performance. "Everyone that came out were nice folks."

The back room, where the performance was

held, was almost completely filled, Lempa said.

Willis gave a two-hour performance that night, without any breaks.

"He really maximizes his voice," Lempa said. "You can feel his soul in his music."

Willis, who has been performing for 17 years, got a lot of his musical influence during college.

He studied all types of music while at college in Illinois, Massachusetts, and California.

Willis incorporates many varieties of music in his performances, some of which are jazz, scat, classical and rock.

"It's kind of a high-energy solo show," Willis said.

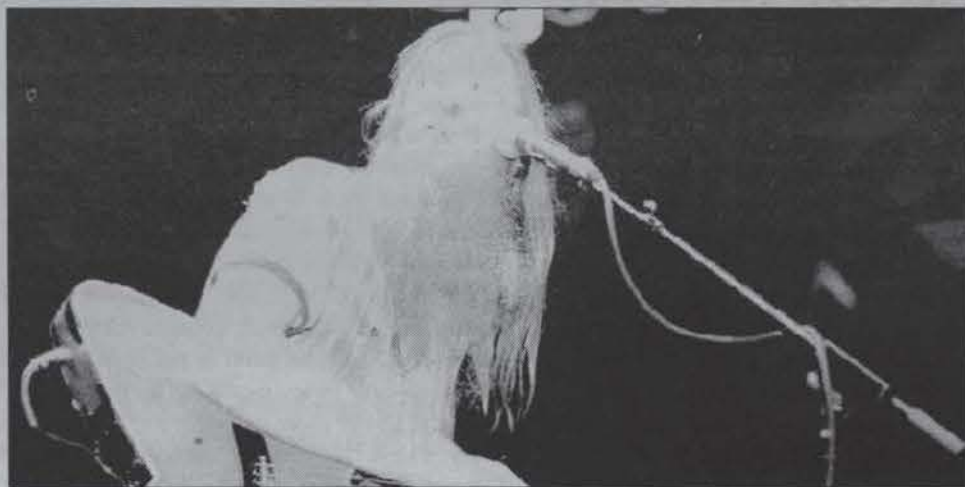
He has been touring all over the country performing in many different arenas, festivals and even on the streets.

"I take whatever I can get," Willis said.

Ever since he was little, Willis always knew he wanted to be a musician.

"I plunged in and started practicing intensively," he said. "Sometimes 16 hours a day."

Both Friday and Saturday night, Willis will



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY JAIK WILLIS

Acoustic guitarist Jaik Willis plays at a previous gig. Willis will be playing at two local businesses this weekend.

perform original songs in addition to a few cover songs. Cody Diekhoff, another musician from Chicago, will be opening for Willis at Common

Grounds in Mattoon.

More information about Jaik Willis can be found on his Web sites www.jaikwillis.com.

Tournaments coming for on-campus residents

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Eastern's residence halls will hit the lanes to raise money for the Vaccine Fund for children in third-world countries.

Blake Boldt, McKinney Hall president, informed the Residence Hall Association of the hall's upcoming bowling tournament.

"We're planning on having one team from each hall participate," Boldt said. "With teams of five people from each residence hall and Greek community, we hope they can bring \$75 to donate as a whole (team)."

Boldt said he encourages the teams to bring more than the required amount, and the team with the most money will be awarded a prize.

"We are also looking into having door prizes, such as gift certificates to Wendy's and Wal-Mart," Boldt said.

The money raised from the event will go to

the Vaccine Fund, which works to give children in third-world countries access to vaccines they wouldn't receive without this money.

The bowling tournament will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on March 5 at Charleston Lanes.

Thomas Hall President Lance Ellington provided information on the poker tournament to be held next month.

Each hall is having its own poker games in efforts to obtain a group of five residents from each hall.

A group from the Greek community will participate as well.

Because it ran late last year, Ellington decided to have the event at an earlier time.

"This year we're having it at 11 a.m. because last year it lasted five or six hours," Ellington said.

The poker tournament will be held Feb. 25 in the basement of Thomas Hall.

"We're planning on having one team from each hall participate."

BLAKE BOLDT, MCKINNEY HALL PRESIDENT

To help RHA members learn the process of the way meetings are run, RHA president Elizabeth Gergits organized a "mock business."

"The main reason we're doing this is for people to feel more comfortable with talking during meetings and how we run things," Gergits said.

Laine Sylvester, RHA liaison for Greek Court Council, first participated by trying to convince members of RHA that they should have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Gergits warned members that the topics might be a little ridiculous, but the activity's main purpose was to make members more comfortable and to understand the process of the meetings.

Sylvester, a sophomore communication studies major, said she knew a little about the procedures because she served last semester, but the activity helped.

"I was a little confused as to what we were doing during the activity, but now I understand it more," Sylvester said. "It was just a fun way to learn the procedures."

Gergits said she felt the "mock business" turned out well.

"I'm glad everyone was excited," Gergits said. "It brought a little humor to the group because usually things are more business-like here."

RHA meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

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Tarble session provides feedback for the Illinois Arts Council

By SARA DEMARTINO
STAFF REPORTER

The Strategic Force Chairman for Illinois Arts Council listened and asked questions as members and representatives of Illinois art communities participated in an open forum session Thursday night.

One of the main reasons for these information gathering sessions is the avid interest the Illinois Arts Council has in the challenges art communities are facing in Illinois, said one of the panelists. The organization said they want to face these issues and find ways to improve conditions and ease concerns.

"We need the help of the public to ensure the Illinois Arts Council addresses their needs and aspirations," said Harper Montgomery, the

Strategic Force chairman for Illinois Arts Council.

Held in the Tarble Arts Center Thursday, the forum attracted nearly 20 participants who had five minutes each to express their views on issues in their communities and possible answers to future concerns.

Representing The Little Theater on the Square located in Sullivan, Leonard Anderson summed up the main point of the representatives as a whole by saying, "Keep up the good work and give us more money."

Joy Pratte represented both the Coles County Art Center and the Embarras Arts Center, neither of which have a central meeting location.

She said these groups have a desperate need for a "home" and also said there are several

organizations with problems in the surrounding areas.

"(We) operate out of the Tarble Arts Center and commute needed supplies daily from our homes," Pratte said.

She also had several other ideas ranging from an emergency art fund to extending art to the developmentally disabled in Coles County.

Robin and Michael Jordan stood for The Phoenix Theatre in Marshall.

The theater offers a wide artistic variety spanning from plays to music lessons and vocal lessons.

"We were asked to speak because we represent one of the rural communities and have been involved in all aspects of theater for quite some time," said Robin Jordan.

Michael Jordan noted that the Illinois Arts

Council is involved in all fine arts from music to dance to fine art.

Anderson spoke about the successes his theater has had in the past and praised the accomplishments of the Illinois Arts Council.

He has worked in all facets of the theater for the past 18 years and now holds the position of executive director.

He works on bringing artists together and spreading The Little Theater's audience throughout Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

"It's important to make our theater's voice heard in the fine arts area and promote healthy and live theater for all," said Laurie Harbough, Anderson's co-worker.

For more information about any art community or for the Illinois Arts Center, contact strategic@arts.state.il.us or call 312-814-6750.

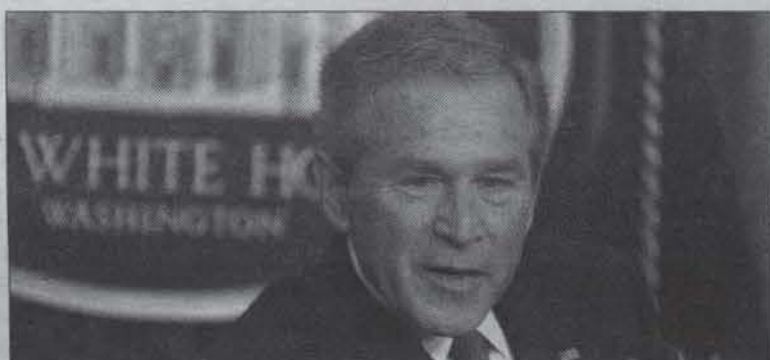
Bush reacts to Hamas win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— After making democracy a defining marker for American foreign policy, President Bush got a jolting message from Palestinian voters: Be careful what you wish for.

The United States promoted the democratic Palestinian election that now has produced an upset victory for the militant Islamic group Hamas.

The election could install an organization the United States considers terrorist in place of a Palestinian leadership that, while weak, was pledged to work with Israel and with Washington.



CHUCK KENNEDY/APT

President Bush answers questions, Thursday, January 26, 2006, during a news conference in the Brady Press Room at the White House in Washington, D.C.

between Bush's clarion rhetoric about spreading liberty even in unlikely places and the reality that self-determination can yield results that appear

counter to U.S. interests. That's a challenge the United States may have to confront someday in other places as well, including Iraq and Egypt.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Orders for big-ticket factory goods post solid gain

WASHINGTON— Orders to American factories for big-ticket goods posted a solid gain in December, propelled by strong demand for autos and machinery, as manufacturers closed out a record year.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that orders for durable goods rose by 1.3 percent in December, the third straight monthly increase, to a monthly record of \$228.1 billion.

8.2 percent to an all-time high of \$2.51 trillion. Orders for durable goods had risen by 10 percent in 2004 and 4.2 percent in 2003 after declines in 2002 and 2001, when the country was in recession.

Bush plans to start nuclear waste reprocessing

WASHINGTON— The Bush administration is making plans to revive nuclear fuel reprocessing, including a long-term proposal to provide reactor fuel to foreign countries if they return it to the United States to be recycled.

President Bush will include a request for \$250 million in his budget to be released next week as a first step toward reversing a decades long U.S. policy against nuclear reprocessing, congressional and administration officials said Thursday.

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Judge plans to let jury hear body temp testimony

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CLINTON—Jurors will be allowed to hear from a doctor who has told investigators he believes a 23-month-old girl who drowned in Clinton Lake 2 1/2 years ago was in the water much longer than authorities were told, a judge decided Thursday.

DeWitt County Circuit Judge Stephen H. Peters denied a request from attorneys representing Maurice LaGrone Jr. to bar the doctor's opinion from LaGrone's upcoming trial. LaGrone, 30, is charged with murder in the deaths of Kyleigh Hamm and her half-brothers, 6-year-old Christopher Hamm and 3-year-old

Austin Brown.

The children were inside their mother's car when it sank into Clinton Lake on Sept. 2, 2003. The mother, Amanda Hamm, also is charged with murder and is scheduled to stand trial after LaGrone.

Prosecutors contend Hamm, 29, and Lagrone conspired to kill the children. They told authorities the car sank by accident and they were unable to rescue the children.

School mourns victims of crash in southern Illinois

MARION—Two adults and three children killed when a semitrailer ran head-on into their pickup truck were

STATE BRIEFS

headed home from a trip to celebrate one of the girl's birthdays, officials at the girl's school said Thursday.

The crash on I-57 in southern Illinois on Wednesday night came one day after Ashley Ruzich of West Frankfort turned 11, said officials at Our Lady of Mount Carmel school in Herrin.

Also killed were her sister, Jessica, 8; her father, Raymond Ruzich, 43; his girlfriend, Shelly L. Bonney, 29, also of West Frankfort; and Bonney's

daughter, 10-year-old Kaylynn, authorities said.

"It's a tragedy, it's devastating," Tricia Doughty, Ashley's fifth-grade teacher, said Thursday.

The semitrailer's driver, Jimmy Joe Storm, 52, of Union City, Tenn., was pronounced dead after the accident, which happened around 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, authorities said.

SIU restores original Web descriptions of fellowships

CARBONDALE—Southern Illinois University has restored on its Web site the original descriptions of graduate fellowships the government considers discriminatory after officials

said the listings had been mistakenly revised.

The site again shows the fellowships as targeting minorities or "underrepresented groups."

Earlier this week, the site was changed to list the programs as seeking to help "underserved" populations.

The revisions were made as SIU administrators weigh a Justice Department proposal that would head off a lawsuit threatened by the government, which is demanding that SIU discontinue three fellowship programs it says amounts to "intentional discrimination against whites, non-preferred minorities and males."

Couple testifies that state trooper forced them to strip

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO—A woman and her fiance say an Illinois state trooper demanded they take off their clothes to avoid getting a ticket after he found them in a car parked along a suburban highway last June.

The couple testified Wednesday at the trial of

trooper Jeremy Dozier, 32, who has pleaded not guilty to 22 felony charges stemming from the incident in Northbrook.

The woman, now 19, testified that Dozier gave them Breathalyzer tests and then ordered the couple to disrobe and urinate in a roadside ditch. She said they took off their clothes but fled when Dozier stepped away from the car.

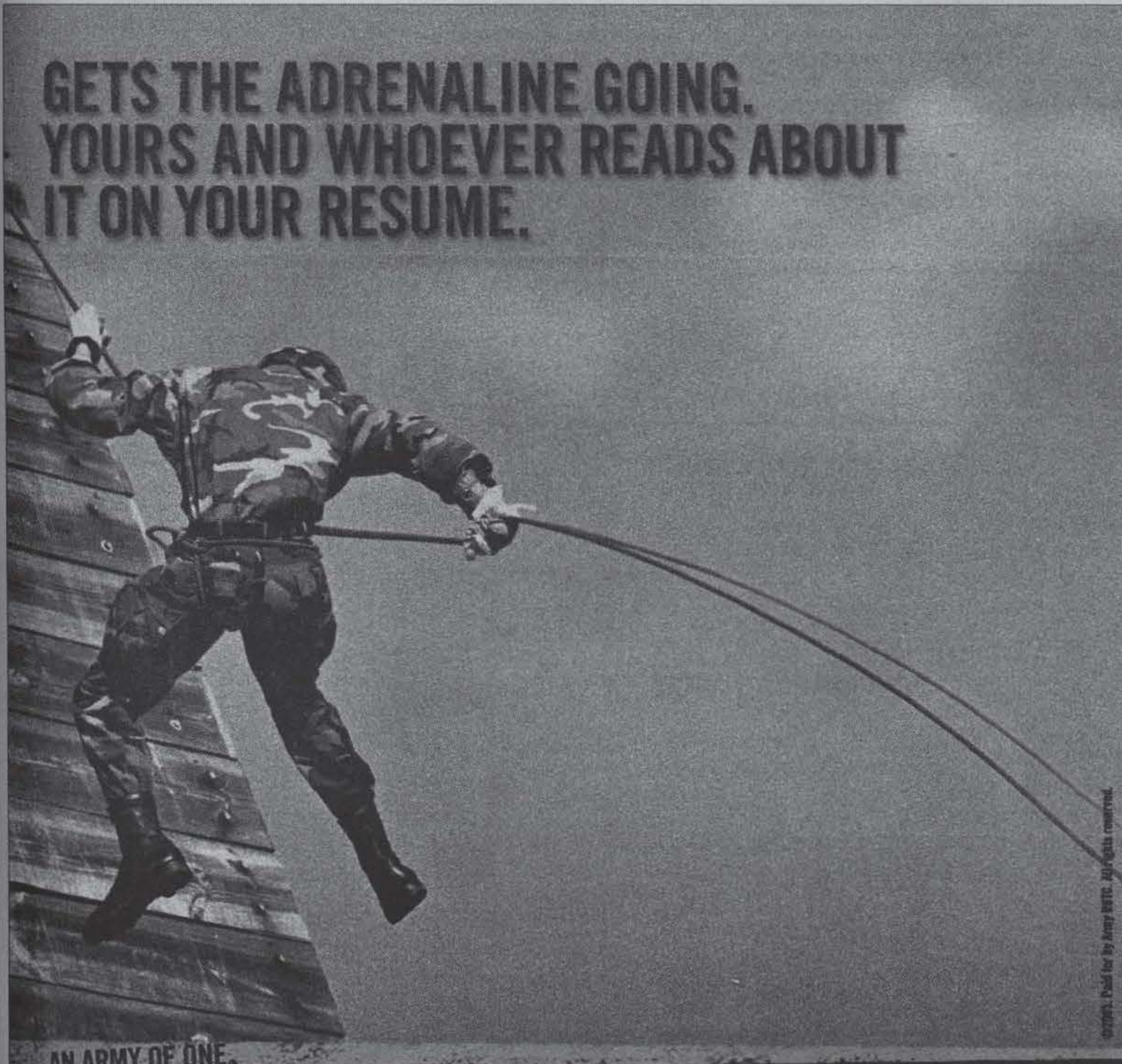
Dozier's attorney, Ralph Meczyk, called the allegations "a pack of lies." He suggested the couple concocted the story because they had been drinking.

"You made the whole thing up because you didn't want to get caught?" Meczyk asked the 23-year-old man.

"Absolutely not," he said.

Dozier, who has been suspended from his job, faces up to five years in prison on the charges, which include official misconduct, bribery and aggravated unlawful restraint.

Dozier also faces felony charges in Lake County related to a similar incident April 29 in Gurnee, when he allegedly confronted a couple in a parked car and told them strip.



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Rob Doyle is a volunteer fire-

fighter for the Charleston department and went through a four- or five-month long schooling, which included three to four hours a night two nights a week. Not only is he a volunteer firefighter, he has also earned his Ph.D. and has taught at Eastern in the physical education department for 28 years.

The career firefighters have 1,000-gallon fire tanks that they have on their fire truck; however, the volunteer firefighters have big tank trucks with 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of water with them. The volunteer firefighters need the tank trucks because they are in rural areas where there are no fire hydrants available.



HOLLIE DOHERTY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brad Bone, an instructor at the Champaign Fire Institute, oversees his partner extinguish a fire using the hose at the University of Illinois Fire Institute Thursday afternoon.

There are two stations in Charleston because of insurance reasons and Charleston's size.

"We do very little rescue," Doyle said.

"The Blair Hall building would have burned down, however, if

there was no help with the fire stations of Charleston."

Doyle was involved in the Blair Hall fire and says it is an event he will not forget. He said he finds the job and the day-to-day work as a volunteer firefighter satisfying.

Hamas shocks world with win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank— Islamic militant Hamas' landslide victory in Palestinian elections unnerved the world Thursday, darkening prospects for Mideast peace and ending four decades of rule by the corruption-riddled Fatah Party.

The parliamentary victory stunned even Hamas leaders, who mounted a well-organized campaign but have no experience in government. They offered to share power with President Mahmoud Abbas, the Fatah chief, who said he may go around the new government to talk peace with Israel.

Underscoring the tensions between the secular Fatah and fundamentalist Hamas, some 3,000 supporters of the militant group marched through Ramallah and raised their party's green flag over the Palestinian parliament.

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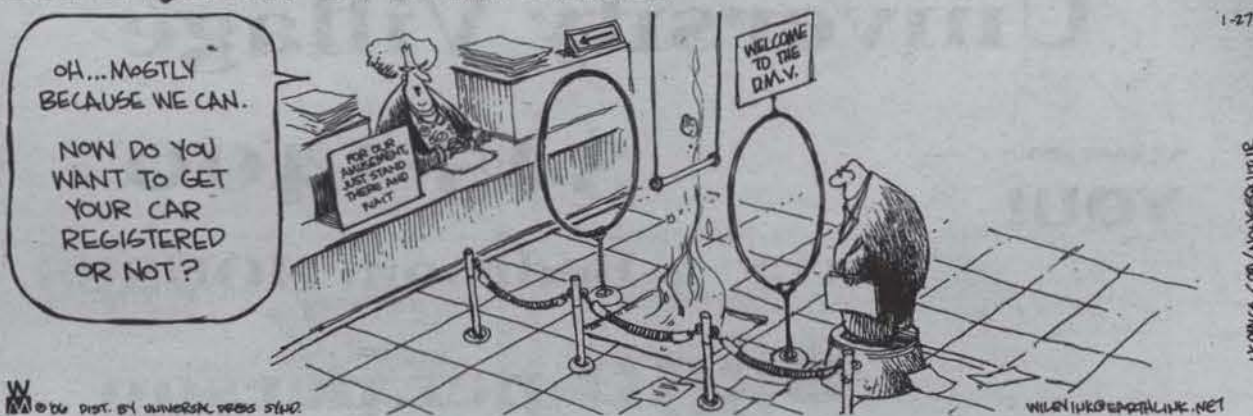
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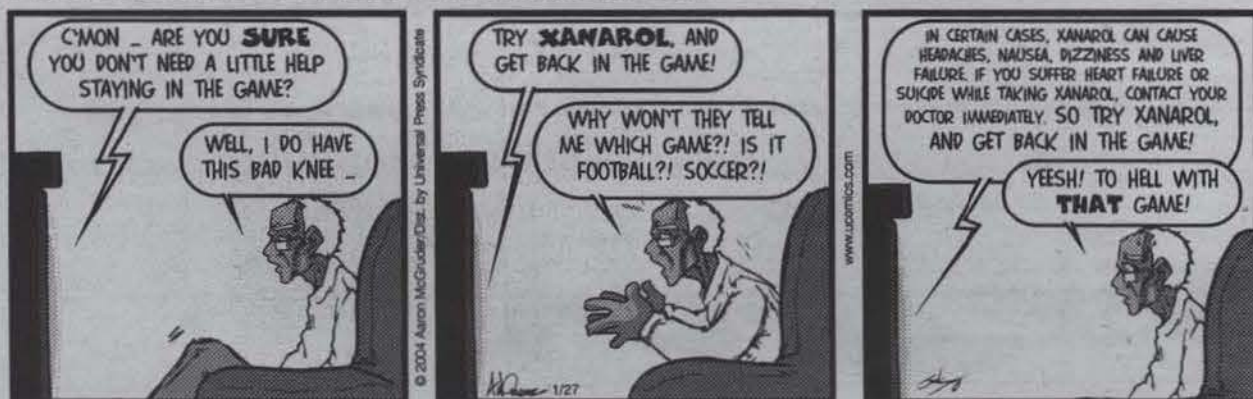
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Thomas hurt by White Sox's actions

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OAKLAND, Calif.— As determined as Frank Thomas is to move forward with his new team in Oakland, there's still some lingering frustration about how he parted ways with the Chicago White Sox.

Thomas claims he never received a courtesy call from team officials to tell him he was no longer in their plans after 16 seasons. Not to mention no end-of-the-season physical to evaluate his health.

And Thomas, the Athletics' new designated hitter, seriously doubts he'll make the trip to Washington for Chicago's celebratory White House visit with President Bush — because that would just be too awkward.

During last month's winter meetings in Dallas, the White Sox declined to offer him salary arbitration, ending a 16-year relationship between Thomas and his only major league team.

"I was shocked," said Thomas, formally introduced Thursday by the Athletics a day after he agreed to a \$500,000, one-year contract. "It wouldn't have been about money with me this year. It would have been about closure in Chicago. ... They brought in Jim Thome, and he was more injured than I was last year."

A call to White Sox general manager Kenny Williams wasn't immediately returned Thursday evening.

Now, Thomas is just trying to look ahead to what he can do to help the A's get back to the playoffs

after missing the postseason the past two years following four straight trips.

Dressed in a gray suit and sporting a sparkling diamond stud in his left ear, the two-time MVP smiled as he held up his new No. 35 jersey and pulled on his green and yellow A's cap — adjusting the brim slightly.

Thomas brings the powerful right-handed bat the A's were looking for to round out the heart of their order, and he is excited to be a pseudo hitting coach for his teammates, too.

"This guy probably represents nirvana for us from an offensive standpoint," A's general manager Billy Beane said. "We see him as an incredible acquisition."

It's been since Jason Giambi last played for Oakland in 2001 that you could say the word slugger and A's in the same breath. Thomas needs 52 home runs to reach the 500-mark, though he believes he has already built a Hall of Fame resume.

"It's very important," Thomas said. "I can't lie, 500 is somewhere I wanted to be when I started this journey 15 years ago. It's easier to get to 500 playing for a winning ballclub."

Thomas' deal includes up to \$2.6 million in incentives based on plate appearances and not hurting his troublesome left ankle. He hopes to be in the lineup opening day, though he has yet to run.

Thomas began last season on the disabled list following surgery, played for the first time on May 31, then went back on the DL on July 21 with another left ankle fracture. He did not play again and could

only watch as the White Sox swept Houston to win the World Series for the first time since 1917.

When the 37-year-old Thomas did play, he was productive. He batted .219 with 12 homers and 26 RBIs in 34 games in 2005. He played only 74 games in 2004 following a 42-homer season the previous year.

He has lost more than 10 pounds and weighs around 270 — 10 pounds lighter than his typical playing weight the past five years. His improved physique is a result of rigorous sessions of spinning on a stationary bike in the steam room.

When things didn't work out with the White Sox, the A's became Thomas' top choice. He met with Beane at last month's winter meetings in Dallas and they hit it off.

He also ran into Jerry Reinsdorf at that time and said the White Sox owner told him he would call. Thomas never heard from him.

"They made their decision," Thomas said. "I'm not going to be bitter, just disappointed. ... It was very surprising to never get a call especially what I gave the organization for 15 years. ... After a while, I did so much there, people expected more."

Thomas took a walk outside Oakland's clubhouse to check out what will by early April be a baseball field but for now is all dirt with a bulldozer crew in preparation for an upcoming international soccer match.

Thomas has always hit well in Oakland, and said he enjoyed this stop on the schedule whether the seats were filled or empty.

Blackhawks shutout Flames

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO— Rookie goalie Adam Munro stopped 26 shots to earn his first NHL shutout and the Chicago Blackhawks defeated the Calgary Flames 2-0 on Thursday night.

Martin Lapointe's power-play goal with 6:11 left in the third period snapped a scoreless tie. Following Mark Bell's shot from the point, Lapointe managed to whack the puck between the pads of Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff with his second try.

Kyle Calder pounced on a turnover by Calgary defenseman Roman Hamrlik and scored a shorthanded insurance goal with 4:48 left.

Kiprusoff finished with 18 saves. Chicago has won just four of its last 19 games overall and three of its last 14 at home.

The Flames have lost two straight following a four-game winning streak. The Flames lead the Northwest Division and have allowed the fewest goals of any team in the Western Conference.

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Panther try to avoid upset against Eagles

Morehead, said head coach Kyle Macy.

Macy has started 11 different players this year and all five freshman are seeing significant playing time.

"We may not be as talented as a lot of teams, and we definitely don't have the experience, but if our guys work hard and do what they're supposed to do, the results will come," Macy said.

Having so many young players has led to a difficult season for the Eagles, with blowout losses to Connecticut (129-61), Murray State (92-40) and Jacksonville State (88-65).

SATURDAY'S GAME



Morehead State
(2-16, 1-10)



Eastern Illinois
(4-14, 3-9)

Last game(match)
60-55 W
Southeast Missouri

Standing
Last place - 8 back
(OVC)

Last game(match)
73-57 L
Tennessee State

Standing
10th place - 6.5 back
(OVC)

That 23-point loss to the Gamecocks comes following a late collapse to Samford on Jan. 19. With the Eagles leading 63-52 with one minute, 31 seconds left, Morehead allowed the Bulldogs to come back and claim a 65-64 win.

"When we play on our heels, we're not very good," Macy said. "When we stay aggressive and attack, we're a lot better basketball

team."

One area that the Panthers need to take care of against Morehead is making sure the Eagles aren't able to score much inside.

"We have to guard the paint because they are going to drive it and they are going to rebound it," Miller said.

Morehead is currently 10th in the conference in three-point field goal percentage, as the Eagles use their quickness and athleticism to their advantage.

Morehead uses that same athleticism on the defensive end, as they are fourth in the conference with 56 blocked shots on the year.

In the first game between the two teams, Morehead blocked 12 shots, including four by Williams.

"They're not really a big team but they've got real athletic players," Gomes said.

Tip-off is set for 3:05 p.m.

EAGLES:

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Eastern hopes to contain size of Morehead State

"Short of a 6-foot-6-inch kid walking into my office (Friday) and being ready to play, the biggest thing that we have to do is just understand that with every shot that goes up, we have to put a body on (Brown) and absolutely not let her get anywhere near the ball," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said.

Brown hurt Eastern earlier in the year at Morehead, grabbing a game-high 15 rebounds, including six on the offensive end. Sallee thinks rebounding played a big part in the Panthers' 56-55 loss to the Eagles, as Morehead corralled 59 compared to Eastern's 32.

Freshman forward Rachel Galligan said that she thinks the team needs to have a more determined and conscious effort in

terms of rebounding.

"I didn't really know exactly what to expect," said Galligan of the first time against Morehead. "Now I know what it's going to be like and it's going to be really rough."

"Going against players like (Brown) is only going to help me in my development for the rest of this year, as well as the next three years."

Another Eagle that caused Eastern trouble earlier this season is sophomore guard Megan Gearhart.

Gearhart scored 13 points on Jan. 9 and has been averaging around 13 points per game since then.

"The thing that Gearhart brings is she can really shoot it, but if we get on her, she can take it right past you," Sallee said. "She's one of those kids that really understands how to play."

Even with eight conference games left after Morehead, Sallee said a win over the Eagles would be beneficial.

"It just comes down to a win over them would create us some space (in terms of the OVC race)," Sallee said.

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WRESTLING

Panthers look for first win in four meets

Forfeits at 125-pound continue to pile up

By PATRICK VITT
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers wrestling team has started every meet this season with at least one forfeit loss, and this weekend will not be any different with at least one forfeit expected.

Eastern (1-4) has not had a wrestler in the 125-pound bracket since the Nov. 20 Missouri Open. Since then, they have started every meet with at least a six-point deficit.

Last weekend's 33-19 loss at Eastern Michigan was made worse by the fact that Eastern gave up 12 points in forfeits before the meet began.

Sophomore 141-pounder Chase Beebe won his second match of the season at EMU but still realized the meet was an uphill battle.

"That kills giving up 12 points before we step on the mat," he said. "I thought we fought back well and were in a position to get a win at the end."

The Panthers will have a chance this weekend to make up for three straight dual-meet losses when they travel to Warrensburg, Mo., for the Central Missouri Dual Jamboree.

This meet was not originally on Eastern's schedule.

The Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb., was originally scheduled for this weekend but a date change conflicted with Eastern's Jan. 4 home meet with Northern Iowa and Wyoming.

Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland would like to leave this weekend with some team wins but knows the team's usual start makes winning difficult.

"I would like to take a couple wins this weekend but we are still unknown at 197-pounds and 125-pounds is the obvious deficit we have been fighting all year," he said. "If that is the case then individually we need everyone to step up."

Freshman 197-pounder Terron Williams is a promising wrestler the Panthers cannot wait to get back after his near-defeat of Northwestern's Matt Delguyd, who is currently ranked No. 11 in the nation.

Williams ended up forfeiting to Delguyd due to injuring a knee during the match. This drawback might keep Williams out of this weekend's match, forcing another two-forfeit meet for the Panthers.

Junior 174-pounder Kenny Robertson realizes that if the Panthers begin the weekend with two forfeits, the responsibility is placed on those who will wrestle to pick up the slack.

"We should pick up some team wins, but if Terron is not wrestling then we might have to give up another 12 points to start again," Robertson said. "We should still get some wins against these teams."

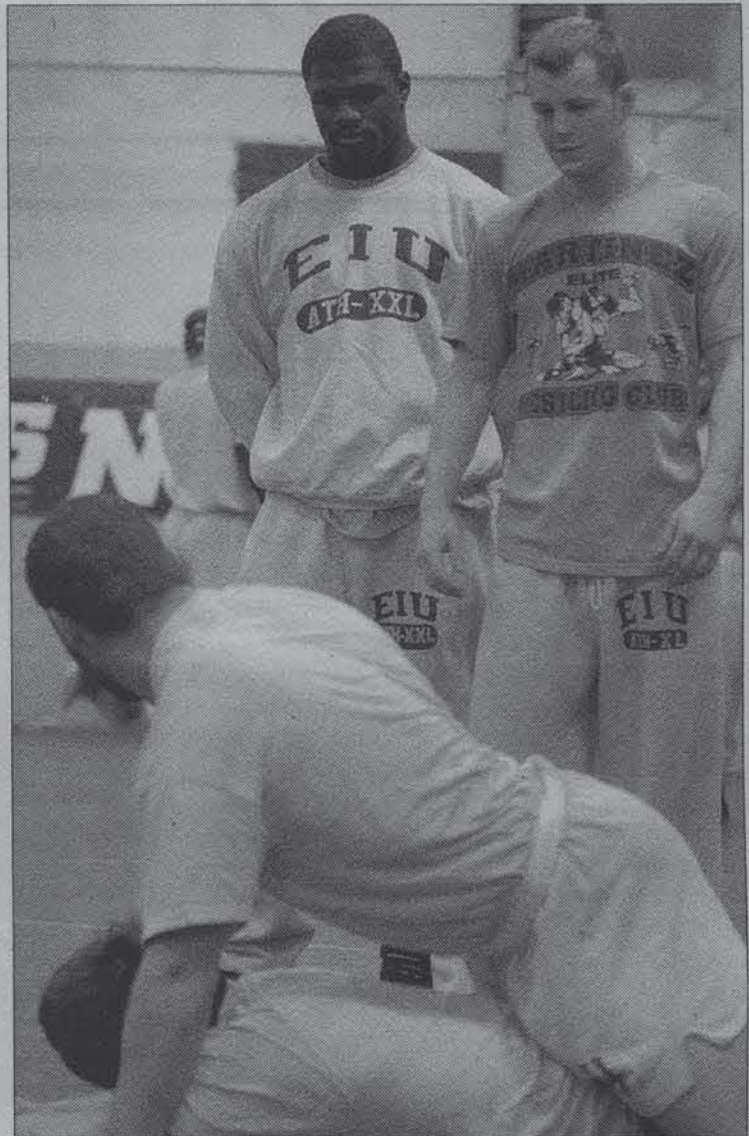
Of the seven teams at the Jamboree, Eastern has faced only Central Missouri, which was on Nov. 13 at the Central Missouri Open.

McCausland wants to go into this weekend visualizing winning and not to be discouraged by the possibility of another deficit to defeat.

"Sometimes it is better going into a meet not having any preconceived notions," he said. "Let's just go show our abilities, wrestle and win some matches."

Teams at Cental Missouri Jamboree

- ◆ Cental Missouri
- ◆ Missouri Valley College
- ◆ Moorhead State (Minn.)
- ◆ San Fransico State
- ◆ Southwest State (Minn.)
- ◆ Truman State



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Freshman Terron Williams and sophomore Chase Beebe watch teammates practice Sunday afternoon in Lantz.

Panther track and field team limps into Wisconsin meet

By DERRICK JOHNSON
STAFF REPORTER

Each week, the members of Eastern's track and field team fight a constant war to stay healthy as well as win. This weekend, the battleground will be at the University of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin will be hosting the Wisconsin Elite Invitational this weekend at the Camp Randell Memorial Sports Center, more commonly known as "The Shell".

Injuries are something that has constantly plagued the Panthers this season.

The team has been slowed down all season by several different types of injuries.

Junior Obe Eruteya has recently returned to competition after stressing a nerve in his right leg. Eruteya, who participates in the high jump and triple jump, is glad to compete after having to sit out for an extended amount of time, he said.

"It feels good, because for a whole year I wasn't able to compete; I was just watching," Eruteya said. "It feels good to know that all my hard work and rehabilitation to get back paid off."

Eruteya is not the only Panther with leg problems. Sophomore Brent Pegues is suffering from tendonitis and will attempt to compete in three different events this weekend. The pain Pegues experiences is something he trains himself for, he said.

"I have tendonitis in both of my knees and other medical problems with my stomach, but I've been doing alright," Pegues said.

"In the past it has been affecting my performance. I try to teach myself to run through the pain and tough it out."

Injuries can be especially difficult

for athletes like Pegues who compete in multiple events. Remaining competitive and being successful requires the athlete's individual attention on the task at hand, Pegues said.

"You've gotta concentrate for one event at a time," Pegues said. "You've got to focus on one event then after that's over take time to clear your mind and go on to the next one."

Sprinters and jumpers are not the only athletes inflicted by injuries.

Dan Strackeljahn is recovering from an injury as well.

The senior distance runner has a

foot injury and will compete in the mile run and the 800 meter run.

Injuries can be especially hard for distance runners to recover from due to the constant strain and mileage that they put on their bodies each week. Strackeljahn's injury will keep him from training excessively this week, which might be to his benefit, he said.

"This week's been a little down for me," Strackeljahn said. "I had a little something tweak up, but I did some cross training and took it easy this week. It's going to help me in the long run because I'll be fresh for the meet."

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	WRESTLING AT CENT. MISSOURI DUAL JAMBOREE	ALL DAY
	M-BASKETBALL VS. MOREHEAD ST.	3:05 P.M.
	W-BASKETBALL VS. MOREHEAD ST.	6:05 P.M.
SUNDAY	W-BASKETBALL AT JACKSONVILLE ST.	5 P.M.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern faces much-improved Morehead

Crucial road trip for Eagles starts in Lantz

By MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

In women's basketball head coach Matthew Mitchell's first season, he has already doubled the number of wins for the Morehead State Eagles over last year.

"I've just tried to bring some enthusiasm and tried to let the girls know that we have some talent," said the former assistant at Kentucky. "We've tried to bring a change in the girls' mentality."

A year ago, Eastern and Morehead finished tenth and eleventh, respectively, in the Ohio Valley Conference. This year, Eastern is in fourth and Morehead is in fifth place.

Morehead is 10-7 after losing to Southeast Missouri State. Its record is a vast improvement from last year's team that finished 5-22 (3-13 OVC).

"This road trip that we're on this weekend is a really important trip," Mitchell said. "The standings right now are log-jammed and a lot's going to be told with what happens this weekend."

Senior guard Megan Sparks, who has never been on a team that has finished higher than seventh in her career at Eastern, said the team needs to start beating teams below them in the standings. She also has noticed a difference in Morehead State this year than in years past.

"[Morehead State is] very athletic



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Senior Guard Megan Sparks defends freshman guard Kara Kramer in defensive drills Wednesday at Lantz Arena.

this year, more so than in recent years," senior guard Megan Sparks said. "I think their coach has done a good job with them. They're a lot more disciplined than they've ever

been." Senior center Lakrisha Brown has shined in her only year of action at Morehead. The 6-foot-3 transfer from St. Louis University is compiling dou-

ble digit averages in both scoring (15.2) and rebounding (10.6). Both lead the team.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

OVC cellar teams meet in Lantz

By MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

In the Dec. 21 game against Morehead State, Eastern picked up their first win of the season with a 57-56 victory thanks to sophomore George Tandy's tip-in with 2.4 seconds left on the clock.

More than a month later, the Panthers have added three wins to their record, while the Eagles are still stuck on the one win they picked up in their season opener.

"It'd be a real upset," said sophomore center George Tandy about losing to Morehead this Saturday.

While Morehead has not won an Ohio Valley Conference game entering Thursday night, and sits last in the conference, tenth-place Eastern (4-14, 3-9 OVC) is in a tight race with Southeast Missouri and Tennessee-Martin for the eighth spot in the OVC Tournament.

"Coming down to the last five, six weeks, every day is going to count," said senior guard Josh Gomes. "I think everybody finally realizes that if we can get the snowball going and get to the tournament, anything can happen."

Head coach Mike Miller is too busy with preparation for the Eagles to look down the road to the OVC tournament.

"I'm just worried about us and what we're going to bring," he said. "We need to play more consistent - that's what I'm worried about."

One player that should worry Miller is Eagle forward Shaun Williams. The 6-foot-6-inch junior is leading the team in scoring (16.9 points per game) and rebounding



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore center George Tandy waits for an open player during drills at practice on Thursday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Tandy leads Eastern in blocks (21).

(5.9 per game).

"I think he's an athletic, versatile player," Miller said. "He's been able to get to the foul line because he's aggressive. He's capable of having a really big night by himself."

Youth and inexperience have brought problems to

Urgent time for Eastern

Twelve games into the Ohio Valley Conference season and two words have become very important for the Panther men's basketball team.

No, the words aren't "more" and "baskets."

Actually, the two words are "momentum" and "urgency."

Currently, Eastern (4-14, 3-9 OVC) is in 10th place in the conference, two places out of the final play-off spot.

"We intend to be a part of the play-offs," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said.

For that to happen, the Panthers need wins — and fast.

It starts Saturday, when the Panthers face Morehead State (1-15, 0-10) at 3:05 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

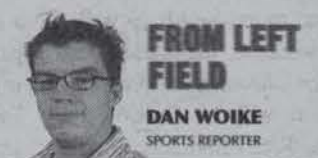
With eight games remaining on the OVC schedule for the Panthers, it's too early to call this a must-win game. But, if the Panthers want to spend time in the postseason Saturday's game is a you-better-win game.

After playing Morehead State, things will get much tougher.

First, the Panthers head to Alabama to take on Jacksonville State (7-9, 5-5) and Samford (12-5, 8-2) for the first time this season. Then, Eastern hosts Austin Peay (11-8, 6-4) before traveling to Tennessee-Martin (7-10, 4-7) and SEMO (6-11, 3-8).

Then, completing the circle of life, Jacksonville State and Samford come to Lantz Arena to close out the OVC season.

A Panther win on Saturday doesn't mean the Panthers will take any



FROM LEFT FIELD

DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

momentum into Alabama. Eastern has yet to spark a winning streak this season and lacks consistency.

Miller said the Panthers played their best basketball of the season between Jan. 7 and Jan. 12 when they were at Austin Peay and Murray State before hosting Tennessee-Martin.

The Panthers did play well over the three-game stretch, but they could only win one of the games (against Tennessee-Martin). This isn't the mark of an even-leveled team.

But this could be the time for Eastern to morph into one.

The hardest part of the Panthers' schedule is behind them (all of it, to date), and a winning streak could be on the horizon.

Samford looks scary in second place in the OVC, but because of its offensive style, the Bulldogs are a bad-shooting night away from being victims of a Panther upset — just like they were in 2005, when they came into Lantz undefeated and left with a loss.

But, to build momentum, the Panthers need to win.

And, they better do it soon — starting Saturday.

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HE SAID/SHE SAID

Battle over the bill:

Times have changed. Some ladies would rather pay for their meals during a night out with their man. And some appreciate the unwritten rules of chivalry.

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Scraping along:

We've got another commentary about a student's shortage of money. Splitting burritos and picking out discount booze, Greg explains how to get by.

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Beer and gear:

Eastern ladies explain when, where and how to glam up for a night out in Charleston's finest bars and hangouts.

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Kurt strikes back:

Vonnegut serves up chuckles and left-wing perspective with his latest collection of commentary. Reviewer, Kyle, could be happier but only a little.

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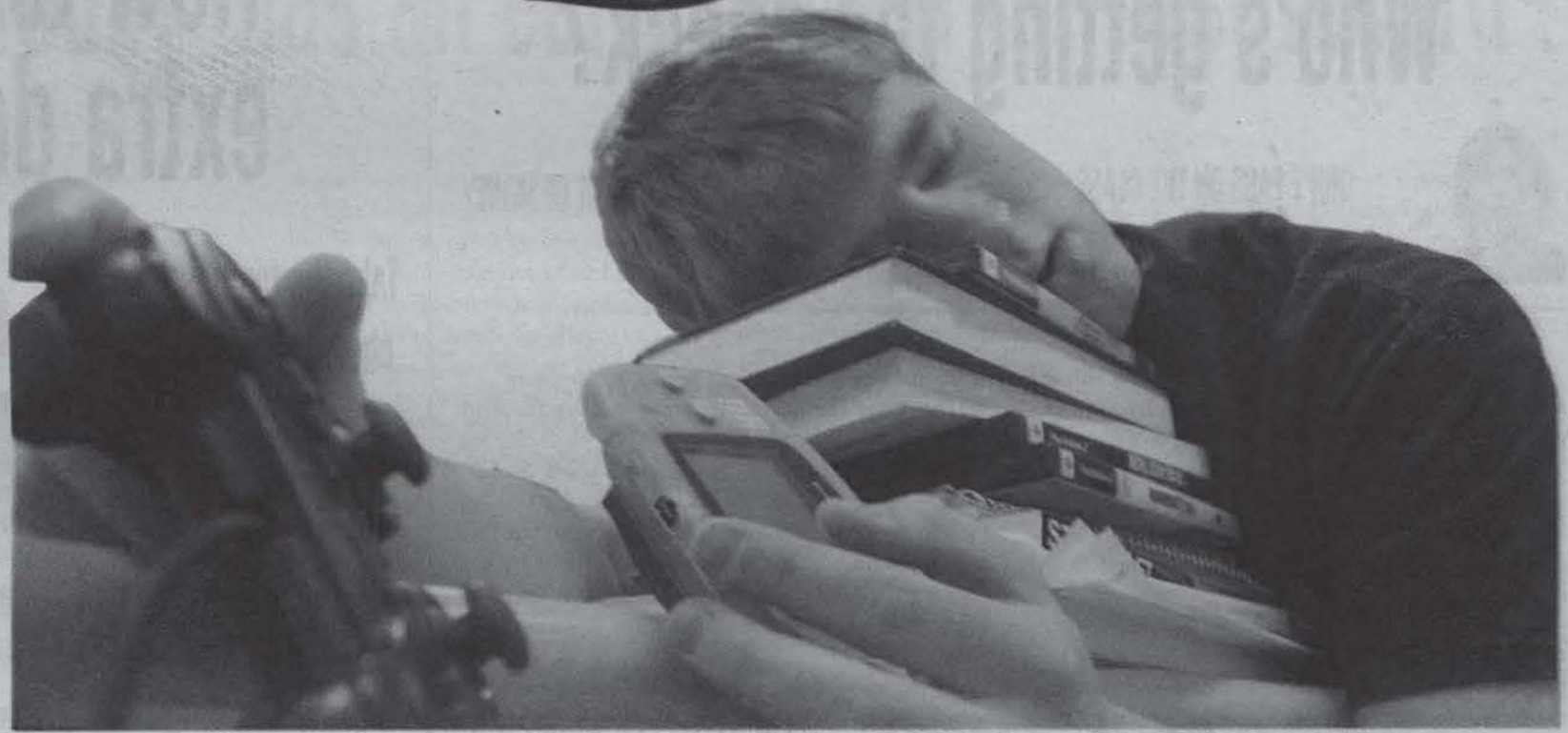
Finally, a movie with Glenn Close that doesn't suck or scare men off. Ok. Maybe that was a little mean. But the latest CGI flick puts a spin on the tale of "Little Red Riding Hood." Page 3

SPORTS

Men on ice:

Eastern has a hockey team. We hear they're super fantastic. Check 'em out.

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A new world of addiction

Like a phoenix from the ashes of "Everquest," "World of Warcraft" has arisen and given birth to a whole new era of online gaming addiction

By MICHAEL PETERSON | VERGE REPORTER

A lone night elf runs across the pixelated hilltops only to be confronted by a disfigured, green orc. Both stare at each other momentarily until they unsheathe their weapons and attack. Metal and flesh collide as the two entities fight for their survival. The orc, emerging as the victor, puts his weapons away and then runs off into the wilderness searching for his next challenge.

No, this isn't a tale from "Lord of the Rings" or "Harry Potter"; this is a normal occurrence in the everyday "World of Warcraft," the wildly popular PC MMORPG (Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game) that has taken the world by storm ever since it was released in 2004. In fact,

"World of Warcraft" enjoys a population of over 5.5 million users worldwide.

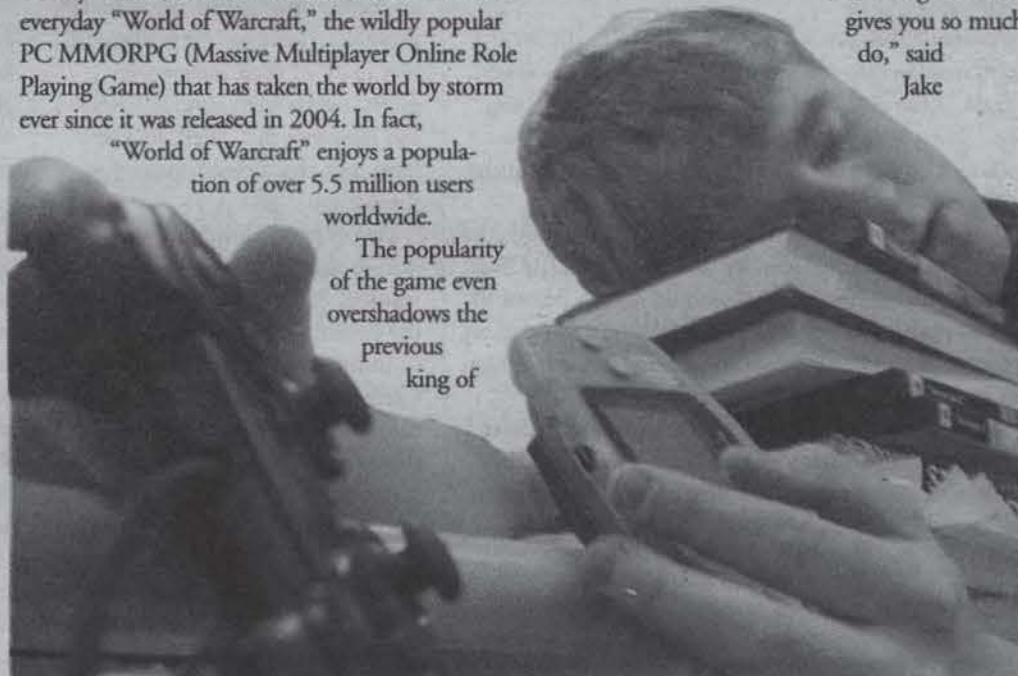
The popularity of the game even overshadows the previous king of

troll, undead or a tauren (a bull-like creature).

Interestingly enough, people new to the game have the misconception that the Alliance is the "good guys" and the Horde is the "bad guys." Veterans of the "Warcraft" series - there were three previous "Warcraft" games before "World of Warcraft" - say that the plot is not so black and white.

The game's mythology is a very complex and intricate story that has even spawned six novels. But it's not just the plot that draws people into the game.

"I like the game because it gives you so much to do," said Jake



MMORPG's, "Everquest," or dubbed "Evercrack" by gamers for its addictive nature.

Blizzard Entertainment's "World of Warcraft" throws players from all over the globe into the mystical land of Azeroth where the player has the choice of playing in one of the two warring factions: The Alliance or the Horde.

If you choose to be on the side of the Alliance you can be a human, night elf, dwarf or a gnome. But if players decide to be on the side of the Horde, they could be an orc,

Hickenbottem, a senior communication major at Eastern. "It is very addictive."

Daneen Deptula, assistant professor of psychology, explained that currently, in the field of psychology, video-game addiction hasn't really been explored.

"The problem when you are talking about video-game addiction is that in psychology we don't really have anything for that," Deptula said. "What people are doing is taking this criteria for substance abuse and dependence and moving it over to other characteristics. Deptula also explained that there are two types of thoughts when pertaining to how the inter-

net and online gaming affects people's social lives.

"One is that if you are engaging in a lot of these behaviors, it cuts you off from a lot of other social activities...it leaves you disconnected from the emotional world," she said. "However, sometimes people who are more lonely to begin with are more likely to use these types of internet to help alleviate their loneliness."

But Hickenbottem is not the only person that finds the game addictive. Most players seem to find it so enticing that it becomes more than just a game to them. It becomes a hobby.

Kevin Tish, a senior psychology major, has been playing the game since it came out and currently three level 60 characters (the highest level you can attain). Tish says even though he plays the game at least 20 hours a week, he feels that he isn't addicted to the game.

"I would have no problem stopping," Tish said. "I never put the game over my friends and family...If my girlfriend is in town I don't even touch the game. She's way more important to me."

But not everyone who plays the game feels the same way. Stu Purcell, a sophomore accounting major, said he recently decided to cut down about four months ago.

"I used to play the game over going out with friends, to movies, parties..." Purcell said. "I realized that I was picking the game over my friends."

So what makes the game so addicting? Purcell believes it is because of the immersive aspect.

"It really puts another person in a different world," he said. "It has a sense of accomplishment to it."

Hickenbottem, on the other hand, feels that it is the competitive nature of the game that makes it so addictive.

"[The game's creators] just give you so much to do and you want to be better than everyone else," Hickenbottem said. "You want to be the best on your server."

But whatever the reason for playing, it can be almost guaranteed that "World of Warcraft" will suck you in and it won't let go of you easily.

"You have to make the game a part of you're life. That's one reason that I decided to quit,"

HE SAID SHE SAID

Who's getting the check?



MATT LYTHBERG
VERGE REPORTER

DON'T PASS ON THE CLASS

I'm sure a lot of the guys who are reading this are scratching their heads and wondering why I'm campaigning against getting a free dinner, so I'll spell it out for the cheapskates you're not going to get anywhere by freeloading, and if you're not willing to fork out some money for a nice dinner then you probably don't deserve to be taking a girl out in the first place.

In the ideal situation, guys should always pay for dinner on the first date. It's a no-brainer. But the hard part comes during the dates that follow and even in the early stages of a relationship. Should men pay? Should they compromise and split the bill? It's a complex issue, no doubt about it, so in order to understand it we must first dissect it.

The sequence of events following a typical dinner is fairly predictable: The check is placed on the table, resulting in a few seconds of awkward eye contact. The girl then extends her hand across the table, attempting to give the impression that she would like to pay, a move I like to refer to as the "pump fake."

It is merely a posturing move on the girl's part, since she clearly has no intentions of paying but is rather trying to get the defense to bite on the fake. The key is for her to reach at a slow enough pace so that the guy will realize what she is appearing to do and will still have enough time to snatch the check away from her even though he secretly doesn't want to. And for those who think it's a smart idea to call the girl's bluff on the pump fake, you'll be kicking yourself when you try to take a trip to Pleasuretown or Make Out City and get rejected.

While most would assume that the "pump fake" is a sign of selfishness, it is actually fairly effective in helping the girl determine how much of a gentleman the guy truly is. The fact of the matter is that generosity is sexy, and I say this with a solid record of staunch heterosexuality.

Women like to be taken care of and it is the man's primal instinct to take care of them. That's why men hunt and the women nest, according to Jerry Seinfeld. This is why the art of picking up the check is key. No matter how much you screw up at any other period of time throughout the dinner, you can always gain ground through a solid dose of charity. It's obviously important to shy away from spoiling a girl and paying for everything, for the same obvious reasons that you shouldn't wear the same pair of underwear everyday; things are just going to get messy.

The idea is to pick your spots and be genuine about it. No girl wants to be blindly pampered, they want to feel like they deserve what you're doing for them. Relationships are about compromise, and guys paying for dinner is just part of the package deal.



MEGAN JURINEK
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HE BETTER HAVE A LOT OF MONEY

In the beginning, I was yelled at for even reaching for the check, let alone paying for dinner.

According to Seinfeld, "the reach" is good. And I gave ... I gave all I had. I even got as close as putting cash in the book that the waitress gives you, but I was told, "No, no, no" and the money went right back into my wallet. I would just like to say that after about three months of reaching, I am throwing in the towel.

Of the two of us, I am the only one with a job, be it a meager pay. I am still the "bread winner" of this relationship, and Matt will admit that. So what it all comes down to is, who should pay?

Does chivalry beat out bringing home the bacon?

Nope.

Matt is the kind of guy who has these types of morals. Not only do I not pay for meals, but also he drives everywhere, and can order my iced tea for me sometimes as well. I guess that's what I get for dating a conservative.

I, myself, being a liberal, find this to be a traditional idea that should be kept around. I'm not cheap, if that's what you are thinking - remember, I am the one with the job. I just think that it is common courtesy for guys to pick up the check. If you are going to take a girl out, a girl that you have feelings for, you better be bringing money for two.

Now girls out there, guys like "the reach" and I think it is necessary.

But if he lets you actually pay, bad news.

However, there are clauses that appeal this rule.

For example: if you offer to pay, ladies, you better have that credit card ready. Now, a good guy will tell you to put it away, and fight you for it, but we have to make the honest effort to say, "I can pay," but then eventually give in.

Claus two: If you ask a guy to go out to dinner, good manners should tell you that your excuse is no longer "I can pay," but now is "I offered to take you out." Then we are still going to wait for the guy to pick up the check, but at least we put the offer on the table.

As much as we want to be equal, and even with the growing rate of feminism, we still appreciate the little things. Picking up the check should always be one of a guy's means to impress a girl. It will be a sad day for women when chivalry does in fact die, but until then, get in all the good times you can.

But make sure not to take advantage of the "datee." They want "the reach", so give them something they want. Remember: when reaching, make the common effort and be a good actress.

How to save extra dollars

Take the top tips from the cheapest of cheapskates



GUIDE TO
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GREG WALKER
VERGE REPORTER

As hard as it is for some to just get good grades, saving money in college can be even harder. Unless you are a prince/princess from some small country in Europe and you are attending Eastern for whatever reason, you probably don't have that much money to throw around.

You're in luck, though, as usual when I write my hard-hitting columns. Over the years I have amassed ways to save money; since I won't be at EIU much longer, I feel that I can share them. Be aware, though, some of these tips are just plain dirty and really shouldn't be followed.

I haven't even employed all of them, and you will risk the chance of being labeled a cheap-ass by your friends, so use in moderation.

Food

A vital part of life is food. Damn food, taking your money at least three times a day. But there are ways around being taken advantage of by eateries in Charleston.

You would have to be an idiot to not be aware of the Great Value products at Wal-mart. Take advantage of this!

When you have finally succumbed to the truth that you can no longer afford your name brand products, these will be waiting for you in all of their inexpensive glory. Twelve-cent Ramen - who can pass that up? Well, maybe I have, but that doesn't mean you should too.

People go to dining halls and just go through their eat-and-leave routine. Sadly, most do not realize the potential for free food surrounding them. In places like Carman, students have the opportunity to stock up on all the yogurt they want. Sure, you're not supposed to, but when has that ever stopped you?

Restaurants can get somewhat expensive and most students aren't willing to pay much. Does it really surprise you that Michael Domani's is the only restaurant of its kind in Charleston? Besides clipping out coupons for restaurants, you can also take advantage of a few other deals. At Joey's it is 50 cents more for cheese on a burger.

Save the 50 cents and just add the cheese later when you get back to your place. The monstrously huge super burrito at La Bamba is \$6. Split it with someone and you get the equivalent of a regular burrito for two people, a savings of \$3

"It's time to graduate and go to cheaper alcohol selling establishments."

for each person.

Alcohol

Why spend countless amounts of money needlessly at liquor dispensaries? It is time to graduate and go on to the cheaper alcohol selling establishments. Wal-mart and Osco sell their booze at such a lower price than other libation locations that it is just plain ridiculous.

A 30-pack of "Natty" Light for \$10 at Wal-mart? Yes, it is true. Unless you really need a foreign beer that Gateway and Rabbit Hole sells, you really have no excuse for blowing your money. Wal-mart doesn't have the harder stuff, but Osco does, so there really is no argument. I cannot stress the pluses of these two places enough.

Another tip is to check the paper for drink specials at bars. 50-cent drink night may be gone, but there are still plenty of dollar draft nights to be found.

ETC.

There are an abundance of more ideas that I could come up with. Some are common knowledge, while others are illegal - like stealing the huge roll of garbage bags from the janitor. For example, if you live off campus and are that cheap, you could sneak on campus to dry your clothes for free.

Check out the return policies at stores. Supposedly there is a store around the area that will let you return goods, regardless of a receipt and whether you actually bought it there. With return policies you could even "borrow" goods and then return them at no cost to you. OK, this is getting way too shifty now. You probably better forget that one.

I hope I got you started on the right path towards savings. I'm sure you could come up with more ideas, some even more disturbing than mine. If so, good job, cheap-ass.

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'It Dies Today' has an early funeral for first record

By CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

IT DIES TODAY
"FOREVER SCORNE"
★★
out of
★★★★★

I think it would be impossible to not use the word "quintessential" in this review. If you know someone looking for a definition for the rising trend of hardcore music, buy this album and play it for them. They'll understand.

While it may seem in vain to start out so harshly, with this re-release one thing stands out about them: at least they know what they're doing. For being their virgin record, things could have headed downhill fast. Fortunately, as you will soon find out, they only build upon their sound and

branch out from here. But when it comes to this record...

Like I said, this is hardcore in the more pure sense of the word. Everything's here: the vocals: the cheesy, hopeless, romantic lyrics: the lack of real riffs, the double bass drumming and what there hoping you'll define as brutal vocals. It's obvious to everyone that they're creating typical hardcore music and maybe they just don't care. That would also explain why they picked "It Dies Today" as their band name; a name that's so generic it makes me want to puke.

To make matters worse, lead singer Nicholas Brooks isn't much of a writer. He tries so desperately hard to be interesting and intellectual, but it just doesn't work. If you're going to lean toward the brutal side of hardcore, you have to be blunt and in their face. Unless you're a poet, don't try to be. Brooks isn't a poet. You can imagine the outcome.

Who does shine, however, is the drummer Nick Mirusso.

His drumming is so heavy and so brutal, you'll wonder if it's just him causing all the commotion. He makes you want to see them just in the hopes that he will whip out a solo or two through the show. Without him, the band thing really wouldn't have worked out.

This album, fortunately, is a stepping stone of sorts since as their newest release "The Caitiff Choir" is much improved. The band lost its pure hardcore sound and relies more on their metal side. This is an obviously good thing until you actually read what Brooks is saying. "Forever Scorned" sounds like Shakespeare compared to "The Caitiff Choir."

All in all, it could have been a lot worse, especially for their first CD, but it could have been so much better, too. Like I said, they're heading in the right direction, they just need to be more to the point and try not to overwhelm us with their brilliance, because, sorry guys, you aren't.

Vonnegut not done yet, latest book a hit

By KYLE MAYHUGH | VERGE REPORTER

"A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY"
BY KURT VONNEGUT
★★★
out of
★★★★★

Kurt Vonnegut writing is a lesson in paradoxes, and his latest work is no exception.

"A Man Without A Country" was published last fall. This latest book, from the man who swore he was done writing, also mentions a novel he is working on. This makes perfect sense in Vonnegut's world, a man who once wrote of a religion based on the necessity and impossibility of lying to oneself about reality.

This book is a collection of short personal essays and reflections, rather than a novel. This creates a streamlined effort that packs all of the usual humor into just under 140 pages. Vonnegut hits his points with quick comments rather than characters and plots, but the basic idea remains the same:

There is a lot of bad stuff in the world, but it's still possible to be happy, the book reads. We could be a lot happier if we would stop being so mean to each other.

This collection gives us further insight into the mind and life one of America's most unique writers,

thanks to such stories like one about the post office clerk he secretly loves and his preferred method for buying envelopes (one at a time, with a good reason).

Vonnegut comes from the political left, but not with the acrimoniousness and self-righteousness of the moveon.org crowd. Anyone can enjoy his sense of humor regardless of whether or not they agree that socialism might be worth a shot. Sometimes he'll just go for the cheap laugh without the social commentary.

For example, Vonnegut talks of suing Pall Mall for failing to kill him after all these years of smoking.

"I never wanted to be alive when the three most powerful people in the world were named Bush, Dick, and Colon," he writes.

This book is far from perfect, and it is better for people who are already Vonnegut fans. People looking to get started on his works should start with the classics such as "Slaughterhouse-5" and "Player Piano."

His insistence that the world is coming to an end is a little grating. He constantly insists that global warming, other man-made disasters and the end are just around the corner. It could be that at age 82 Vonnegut is dwelling on his own end a little more than the rest of the world.

But when that end comes, America will be a little bit poorer, and "Country" is just another piece of evidence to prove that.

Red Riding Hood? Red Riding Good!

By DAVID THILL | VERGE EDITOR

"HOODWINKED"
DIRECTED BY CORY AND TODD EDWARDS
STARRING PATRICK WARBURTON AND GLENN CLOSE
★★★★★
out of
★★★★★

At a certain point, it becomes difficult, nay, impossible to recycle a concept any further.

One would assume the tale of "Little Red Riding Hood" has reached that stage, having been used, re-used and re-reused, even. Of course, that was before "Hoodwinked" came along.

The film, produced by Kanbar Entertainment, may not have caught viewer's eyes as of yet, but it's worth a look. The film puts a new spin on the fairy tale, which, until now, was looking like a tired top sitting on the floor.

The film opens with the final scene of the tale. The wolf, apparently preparing to pounce on Red Riding Hood, is stopped by the lumberjack leaping through the window and Granny jumping out from the closet.

The movie then goes on to be told from the viewpoints of the four main characters, each describing the sequence of events all from their eyes. The film has a

larger underlying plot, but for posterity's sake, I won't ruin it.

At first, the almost Playstation-quality graphics (original Playstation, mind you) are annoying, even to the point of distraction. Perhaps it is just too much to ask that a digitally animated film at least look as good as "Toy Story," which, let's not forget, came out over a decade ago.

However, the reason for that lack of visual quality is because the movie is part of the "independent" animation craze. Come on, the movie was animated in the Philippines.

Not that there's anything wrong with that. It's just that the Philippines don't immediately scream "animation capital of the world," but I could be wrong.

More than making up for the graphic disappointment is the incredibly witty dialogue and adult-oriented humor.

Patrick Warburton (Dr. David Putty, "Seinfeld") takes monotone, sardonic wit to new heights, never failing to draw a laugh without his character, the Wolf, not even cracking a smile.

Children will find the movie funny and fun; while older audiences will be pleasantly surprised by the hilarity and fresh take on the old classic. Easily better than most movies with three times the production cost, "Hoodwinked" is a must-rent, to say the least.



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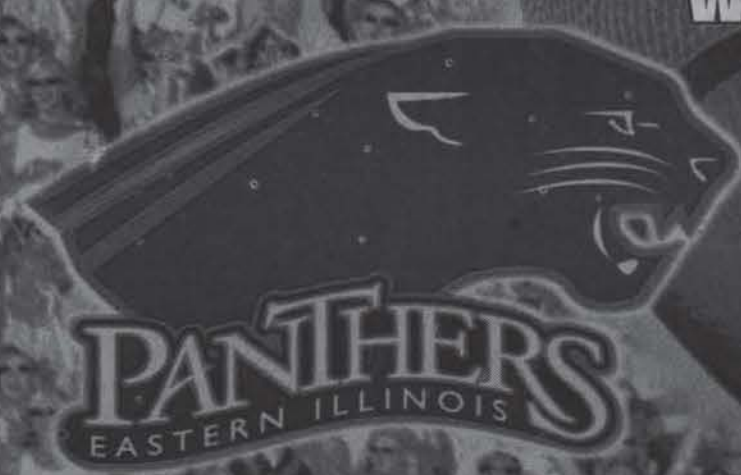
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Samford	_____
WOMEN'S	W / L
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Samford	_____

Champaign offers entertaining options

By HOLLY MOHR | ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

As exciting as Charleston is, sometimes it's nice to take a little road trip up to Champaign and check out the nightlife the city offers. Many bars in Champaign have an age limit of 19 unlike Charleston where 21 is the magic number always. If you haven't yet reached the ripe age of 21 take notes.

Concert venues fill the city. The infamous "House of Paign" (otherwise known as the Assembly Hall) brings in the most popular musicians, but the Canopy Club, Tommy G's and Highdive rock the city as well. The Canopy Club hosts underrated, inspiring bands making their way to the top. Such bands as the Smashing Pumpkins and Incubus got their start touring to the Canopy Club, which can be found on campus. Seth Fien, director of marketing and promotions for the Canopy Club, said it's always better to call ahead or order tickets before a show.

"It's cheaper and you're guaranteed admission," he said. "Some of our shows sell out fast." Hawthorne Heights will be playing on Feb. 11.

Many local bands with a goodsize following play at Tommy G's and Highdive. Genres of every kind come to both bars.

Anything from country to "screaming rock 'n' roll" can be heard at Tommy G's, said

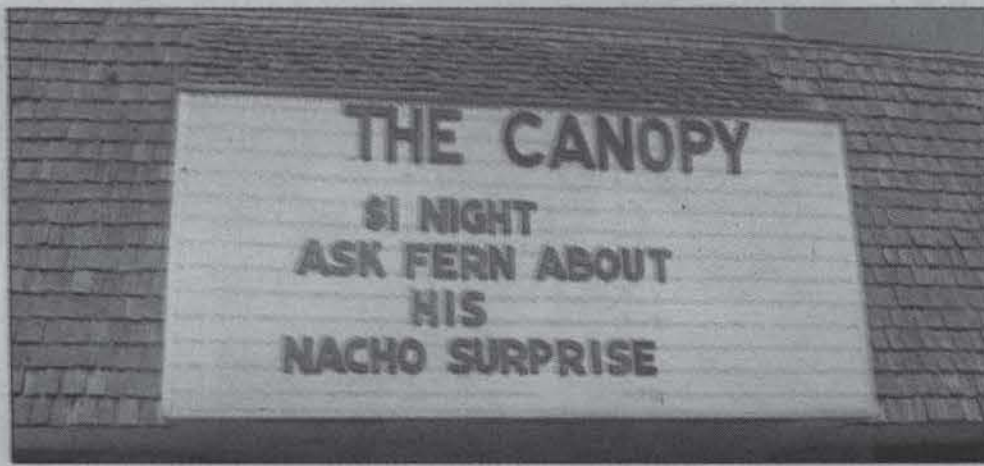


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The Canopy Club is just one of many options for students to explore north of Charleston.

Brad Yohnka, manager of Tommy G's.

The bar or "rock club" as it's referred to, hosts at least three (sometimes even seven) concerts each week.

The Highdive mixes its nights with DJs and live music. Expect to dance on Friday and Saturday nights with DJs spinning anything from techno to house and may be even some disco here and there.

The bar devotes the rest of its nights to live music. Rock bands such as Queens of the Stone Age, Flaming Lips and Modest Mouse grace their presence at the Highdive. Other

past performances include Blacked Eyed Peas, Death Cab for Cutie and Sleater-Kinney.

Concerts aren't all that go on in Champaign. The campus and downtown bars rule the streets on any given night.

The campus bars are categorized as either fraternity or non-fraternity bars. For the confused, frat bars are defined as bars packed to the extreme with fraternity members. A contradicting name because non-frat members overflow those bars as well in Champaign.

C O Daniels, better known as COs, Kam's and Station 211 (until I fact checked I never

knew about the 211 and I don't believe anyone who drinks there does either, call it Station) are three of the top frat bars.

Take note of such non-frat bars as Clybourne and Nargiles. Clybournes is the place to go for dancing on Friday nights, while Tuesday ranks high with the ever-so-popular "Wine Night." The bar has \$8 wine and champagne bottles, great for those who want a break from beer.

When the mood calls for a chill night, Nargiles is the best way to go. The bar hosts shows as well as their notorious hookah bar. Smoke (tobacco) to a show. Ah relaxing!

Helpful hint: the Fighting Illini men's basketball team favors Clybournes, COs and Kams. The athletes are renowned for making appearances on a regular basis at these bars.

The bars that lay on or are walking distance from Neil Street are considered downtown bars. These bars can be categorized into two prestigious groups: over 21 and under 21. Amazingly enough Champaign does have some bars with an age limit of 21. Guido's, a more sophisticated bar, falls under this category. Grad students flood this bar. Guido's is known for their excellent food and reasonable drink specials.

Barfly, a bar with an age limit of 19, has a futuristic look to it. A fun atmosphere and a big beer garden make this bar a hot spot.

Chili and music to the rescue

Roc's Blackfront to host music festival to raise money

By GREG WALKER | VERGE REPORTER

David Gill, along with five live bands, will host the Dr. Gill's Chili Jam for Healthcare. Elsinore, Elder, Reverend Robert, Three Lost Fish and Motherlode will be present at the show, not to mention all the chili you can eat. Gill is a Democratic nominee for the Illinois 15 district of Congress.

There will also be a silent auction where items such as an hour-long massage, artistic woodwork, ceramics, wooden clocks, pearl earrings and more will be up for grabs, said Becky Spoon, an Eastern alumnus and friend of David Gill. Prizes, such as an iPod and gift certificates to Charleston restaurants will be given away. Along with the prizes and auction items there will be baked goods for sale. All proceeds at the event will be going to Friends of David Gill, which is also sponsoring the event.

Gill, a central Illinois resident for the past 25 years, said he is putting an emphasis on healthcare in his campaign. As an emergency room doctor in Clinton, Gill said he has seen people struggle with healthcare. If he were elected, he said one of his main goals would be to make healthcare more affordable for people.

What sets Gill apart from most politicians is his lack of political experience. Many people want to make a difference in this world; Gill said he is one of the few that actually means it when he says it. When Democratic senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota died in a plane crash in 2002 it motivated Gill to run for Congress. Gill was a fan of Wellstone's stance on healthcare and decided that there needed to be someone to "work for the things he (Wellstone) believed in."

Gill, who previously ran for Congress, said that running for Congress so far has been a tremendous experience and that he has met so many wonderful people.

A lot of those "wonderful people" might be Eastern students, seeing as how many Gill t-shirts can be spotted around campus. Gill said he feels that a lot of Eastern students have warmed up to his campaign because he is an "outsider." Gill feels that to some he represents change, and that is just what some students

"I had zero name exposure before. I need people to get to know who David Gill is."

-David Gill, Democratic nominee for state congress

are looking for.

Gill said he has learned a lot from his last campaign, and from his previous experience comes the idea of events like the Chili Jam. With the Chili Jam, Gill is setting out to achieve two things: increased exposure and raising funds.

"I had zero name exposure before," Gill remarked. "I need to get people to know who David Gill is,"

And as bad as it sounds, to have a successful campaign, candidates are going to need a good amount of money. Gill is attempting to double the campaign funds he had before and is also hoping to get more TV time.

When questioned what band Gill would have play at his Chili Jam if he could choose anyone, Gill quickly thought of U2. Gill says he has been a fan of the band from the beginning and recalls seeing them in a half-empty auditorium at the University of Illinois back in the day. Little did Gill know that Bono would become as "socially aware" as he is today.

The Chili Jam is from 3 to 7 p.m. this Sunday at Roc's Blackfront. The event costs \$10 for adults and

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The EIU hockey team celebrates after scoring a goal against the Robert Morris College team.

Eastern hockey: aiming to please and looking to score

You may not have even known it, but Eastern has a hockey club and it seems to be a pretty darn good show.

By CHRIS ESSIG | SENIOR VERGE REPORTER

Anybody who has seen a hockey game live knows that it is hard to compare to any other sport. The fans consistently have a hell of a time. How couldn't they with their eyes glowing like they just laid them upon a Thanksgiving dinner, their ligaments consistently flailing and their voices going more hoarse by the second?

"It was an incredible show, everybody was into it," said freshman Lauren Davidson. "You don't even notice how quickly the game goes."

Davidson attended an Eastern game earlier in December when the team played Purdue. She immediately praised the players, noting how well they all seemed to work together. They won that night 10-2.

Davidson rode the fan bus to see Eastern play in the David S. Palmer Arena at Illinois State University. While it was a two-hour trip, it hardly seemed to drag on.

"It was not very long at all and fun as hell," Davidson said.

Games typically start at 7 p.m. with the bus leaving at 5 p.m. Eastern's next game is this weekend where they will be taking on Palmer College, away, at an undetermined venue. Eastern's next

"We have some games coming up that have the potential to sell out."

TONY HEREDIA, GROUP SALES EXECUTIVE FOR THE PEORIA CIVIC CENTER

two home games are Feb. 3-4 against Northwestern. Bus at 5 p.m., game at 7 p.m., just like usual.

For Davidson, there will be another time, maybe even next time.

The University of Illinois also has a hockey club, their next home game being tonight and tomorrow against St. Louis University. Both games start at 7 p.m.

Students looking for a good ole' fashioned road trip to watch some hockey don't have to travel too far to watch some of the best around. The American Hockey League's Peoria Rivermen play at Peoria's Civic Center located two hours away. The NHL owns the AHL and players are called

up on a regular basis.

In fact, Chris Beckford, who played just six games with the Rivermen last year, is now on the St. Louis Blues' roster.

"Everybody is just waiting for that call up," said Tony Heredia, group sales executive for the Peoria Civic Center.

In theory, any one of the Rivermen could be in Beckford's position at any time.

The Rivermen also have an 80-game schedule, only a couple short of the NHL, so students will have plenty of opportunities to check them out.

While students could just get the tickets at the door, Heredia encourages students to get them beforehand.

"We have some games coming up that have the potential to sell out," Heredia said.

Plus, the earlier you get the tickets the better your seats.

Tickets, especially when compared to the NHL are dirt cheap. Ranging anywhere between \$10.50 to \$17.50 depending on how good one's seat is. Groups also get discounts and are, of course, encouraged.

Games usually begin around 7 to 8 p.m. on weekends. The next game is Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. against the Grand Rapids Griffins. The teams will play at Carver Arena, located within the Civic Center.

Celebrities raise eating disorder issues

By Audrey Agahan | THE POLY POST (CAL POLY-POMONA)

POMONA, Calif. — Whether it is working out or plastic surgery, people look to Hollywood stars for inspiration in attaining the perfect body.

With this pressure, many celebrities have been obsessed with losing weight, such as Jamie-Lynn DiScala, and have confessed to suffering from bulimia.

Although recently denying she was bulimic, Lindsay Lohan admitted she was making herself sick in a recent "Vanity Fair" interview.

"I think everyone knew Lindsay Lohan had some kind of eating disorder," said Stephanie Kawamura, a fourth-year bio-technology student at Cal Poly-Pomona. "I mean if you just looked at the tabloids, she looked disgustingly skinny and it seemed to have happened overnight."

Lohan credited "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels and head writer Tina Fey with helping her solve her weight problem. They staged an intervention and sat her down before she was going to do the show.

"I started bawling. I knew I had a problem and I couldn't admit it. I saw that 'SNL' after I did it. My arms were disgusting. I had no arms," said Lohan in her interview.

According to www.4women.gov, bulimia nervosa is an emotional disorder that consists of episodes of binge eating followed by some form of purging and/or severe dietary restraint. A "binge" is secretly eating large food amounts in short periods of time.

Most bulimics purge by making themselves vomit, but they can also use laxatives, abuse diuretics, fast, take diet pills or exercise strenuously. This binge-purge cycle is normally accompanied by self-deprecating thoughts, depressed mood and awareness that their eating behavior is abnormal and out of control, according to the 4 Women Web site.

"I wouldn't be surprised if some of my own friends were anorexic or bulimic to some degree," said Kawamura. "I mean, come on, honestly, everywhere you look there are these hot stars and models. It's hard not to get depressed that you don't look the least bit like them."

Unlike anorexics, bulimics do not avoid eating. People

with bulimia can be hard to pick out because their weight may be average or above average.

Bulimics and anorexics share an obsessive concern with body size, fear of weight gain, guilt, poor self-image and eating in secrecy. Some people have both anorexia and bulimia. About 50 percent of anorexics develop bulimia.

"Being an athlete, I know the pressures of having a perfect athletic body and I also know the consequences," said junior international business student Christina Jimenez. "All you need is a little exercise and a diet fit specially for you."

According to kidshealth.org, some signs of bulimia, aside from the obvious, are unusual swelling of the cheeks or jaw area, frequent complaints of constipation and bloating, calluses on fingers from inducing vomiting, loss of menstrual cycle and discoloration or deterioration of tooth enamel.

There are also emotional signs such as withdrawal from usual friends and activities, depression, mood swings, extreme guilt or impulsive behavior like spending sprees or drug and alcohol abuse and severe self-criticism.

U. Michigan alum urges appreciation of indie films

By Amanda Andrade | MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Maybe it's the endless (and mindless) media coverage of the glitzy parties, extravagant gift bags and supple starlets decked out like ski bunnies, but many critics have accused the Sundance Film Festival of losing its indie edge.

What began as a project to bring attention to filmmakers outside the mainstream has become, during the past 25 years, a world-famous event for big-studio bidding and celebrity showcasing. But this year, Sundance organizers have developed "The Art House Project," a program intending to spotlight the work of theaters across the country that exhibit films outside the mainstream -- the films Sundance was founded to promote. Ann Arbor's historic Michigan Theater is one of 14 art house theaters cho-

sen to participate, with Executive Director Russ Collins serving on a panel discussion Wednesday in Park City, Utah.

"(Sundance organizers) see that their 'brand' is of value," Collins said, explaining the art-house focus. "They're trying to think of a way to associate that 'brand' with people who are in the trenches -- the people who aren't in New York and Los Angeles."

Sundance Programming Director John Cooper agreed. In a statement, Cooper said, "For 25 years, Sundance has been committed to building audiences for independent film, and the art-house cinemas carry on our work day in and day out at the local level."

For Collins, local is imperative. An Ann Arbor, Mich., native, he received both his B.G.S. and a masters in Arts Administration from the University of Michigan. He has served as CEO of the Michigan Theater since 1982, and has a clear vision for the theater's purpose.

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"We're an organization that has an artistic mission, our most important role is to make the theater available to the community," he said.

The Michigan Theater is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to showcasing specialty films outside the mainstream.

In an essay he wrote for the Sundance Film Festival Daily Insider, Collins said, "Art house movies tend to behave as the high-end, prestige wing of the media arts (such as) the opera or the symphony of the performing arts because, as well all know, it is television that is the real mainstream of the media arts."

And it's that continuous struggle to look beyond the mainstream that Collins shares with the Sundance Film Festival. He appreciates what the festival has done over the years to keep its independent spirit and mission, and attributes increasing commercialization

to changing perceptions. "What was an art film last year is mainstream this year.

Miramax used to be the great hero, now they're the evil empire," he said.

But Collins seemed unperturbed by criticisms of Sundance, brushing them off as a natural byproduct of the festival's success. Indeed, the Michigan Theater itself strives to find a balance between exhibiting the more mainstream art-house features, for example, the currently showing "Brokeback Mountain" and those films far below the radar of most casual theater-goers, such as the forthcoming "Naked in Ashes," a documentary about Indian yogis that opens Sunday.

The theater, which sees more than a quarter million patrons every year, has nothing but a bright future, Collins said. "A year ago there was an article in the New York Times about us," he said.

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What to do... what to wear?

By LINDSEY DUNTON | VERGE REPORTER

It's Friday night, classes are finally over for the week and that stressful assignment is complete. Eastern students (who have proper identification), will most likely be forgetting about the past school-week chaos and going out for a night on the town.

Among the most popular bars with Eastern students are Marty's and the Panther Paw, formerly known as Stix. Bars like Mom's, Roc's, Jerry's and Mad Hatters get a good number of attendees on specific nights as well.

"It seems like every time someone discusses their weekend, they talk about how they went to the Paw or Marty's," said Alison Cordes, a junior nursing major.

Wednesday through Saturday are the bars' busiest nights and those who come during those nights are dressed well, said Billie Adamick, Panther Paw employee and freshman.

"I would consider the bar to be pretty dressy," Adamick said. "The most common clothes I see are dressy tank tops, black pants or gauchos for girls, and guys are usually dressed in a nice shirt and jeans."

Wearing a T-shirt and sweatpants to the bar isn't a problem because the Panther Paw does not have a dress code, but chances are that attire won't get you a drunk very fast.

Kathy Jurgens, a senior marketing major, says her favorite Charleston bars are the Panther Paw and Marty's.

She considered the fashions at those two bars to be similar.

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BILLIE ADAMICK, PANTHER PAW EMPLOYEE

shrug," Jurgens said. "I never have shown up wearing a hoodie or anything along those lines."

Jurgens said both bars thinks are dressy, but she would rank Mom's as the dressiest bar attended by Eastern students.

"At Mom's, girls dress more revealing and wear nice black pants instead of jeans," she said.

In addition to the highly fashioned Mom's on the square, Roc's draws a large number of Eastern students too.

Thursday evenings are the bar's biggest crowd, said Alison Warner, a Roc's waitress. Like the Panther Paw, there is not a dress code, but Warner said she sees a large number of girls wear jeans and a tank top.

Fashion for certain bars does not just pertain to females, but to males as well.

Dale Subaitis, a senior middle-level education science major, said he wears somewhat of the

same clothes each time he goes out to his favorite Charleston bars, which are Marty's and the Panther Paw. "My typical attire is usually cargo pants or corduroys and a button-down shirt with a hat," Subaitis said.

Many girls think the button-shirt and jeans look is more attractive than last decade's baggy phenomenon on guys.

"Clean jeans, a collared dress shirt or a nice t-shirt is a good style to see guys dressed in," Jurgens said. "I am not a fan of guys wearing big, oversized clothes."

For those students who aren't too keen on putting their most fashionable outfit on to go out, Jerry's and Mad Hatters are the places to go.

"I don't feel as if people are dressing to impress at establishments like Jerry's and Mad Hatters," said Russell Brown, a senior family and consumer science major. "It has a very relaxed atmosphere so most people wear comfortable clothes."

Brown said he would consider the popular attire at both places to be a basic pair of jeans and a hoodie.

It doesn't matter what students wear to a bar, but showing up in attire completely different than everyone else could be a little embarrassing and might possibly take the focus away from having a good time.

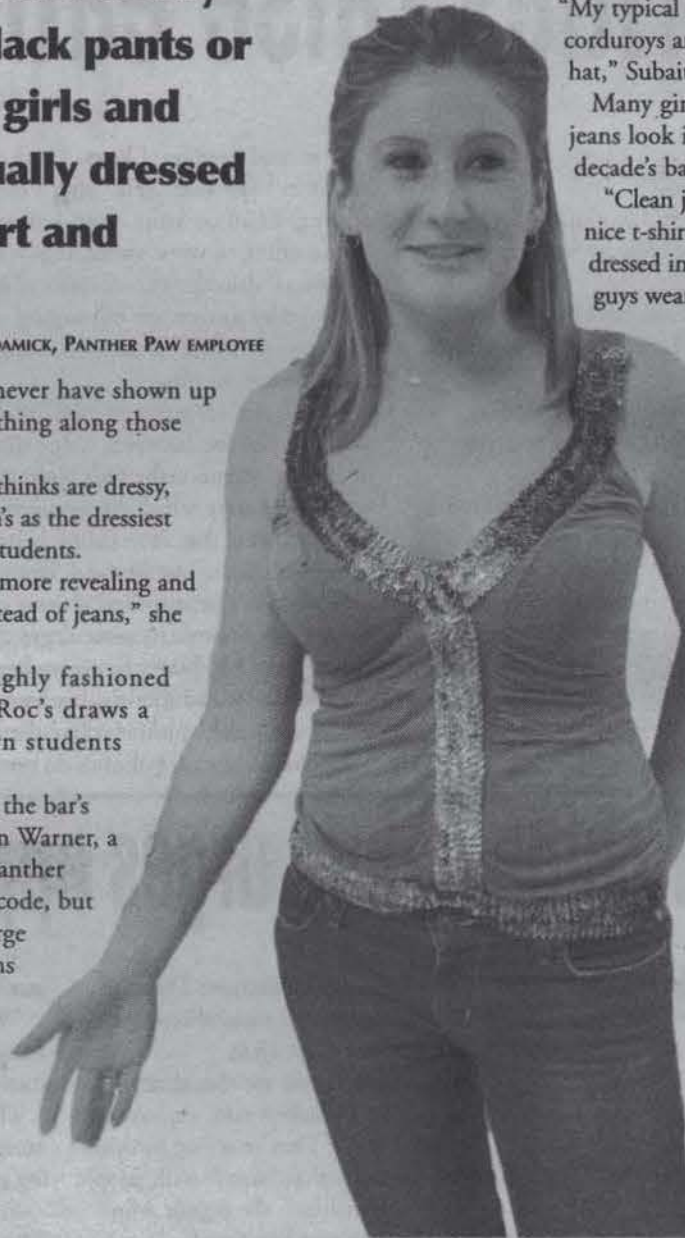


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Fashion isn't everything, but could use attention

By STACY SMITH | VERGE REPORTER

I'm going to be honest; I think people from urban areas have a better sense of fashion than those from rural areas.

Now, I'm not trying to offend anyone, but let's be real.

It's understandable that it is more difficult to buy fashionable clothing when the closest store is 45 minutes away. Plus, not everyone has that extra \$1,500 to spare on a new Louis Vuitton bag. I'm not saying everyone living in urban areas is wealthy, but it is usually easier for them to find a bargain store that will carry trendy styles.

It is easy to find recent fashion tips by scanning magazines, noticing fashion trends or window-shopping.

There are lots of other ways to be fashionable without spending a lot of money. For example, accessorize simple outfits with nice jewelry, a large belt or a trendy purse. Men can be more fashionable by wearing T-shirts or sweatshirts without rips or stains. Clean shoes and a nice hair-do is also a plus.

Let's look at Charleston. Have you ever walked down the street and noticed some of the hideous things people wear? Sometimes I wonder if they even look at what they are putting on that day.

My favorite is the woman wearing a jumpsuit with too-tight black tights and snow boots. Another winner is the man that wears nothing but flannel. Even if Al Borland from "Home Improvement" is their idol, they don't have to impersonate him.

People should feel comfortable with their appearance and not have to spend an outrageous amount of money on designer brands, but maybe put some effort into finding fashionable clothes at second-hand stores or the clearance rack.

I like when people start new fashion trends or wear something different because they like it, which is perfectly acceptable since it does get kind of boring to see the same fashionable outfit, just on a different person.

But at least stay somewhat updated with the fashions going on this century.

Personally, I don't like when men are metro-sexual or



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Students can go to department stores and thrift shops for clothing options.

women that use Cosmo as their daily guidance of what to wear that month. But your own appearance should be taken into consideration when you wake up in the morning.

Don't you feel sexy when you take the time to get ready? And when you feel sexy doesn't your confidence build making you happier and more productive?

You never know whom you might meet or what opportunity may arise. Which is reason enough to make the best

impression.

Now, I'm not saying that either town- or city-fashion is wrong. I'm just saying that maybe they could learn from each other.

For instance, people from urban areas don't need to be so high-maintenance. There is a lot more to life than worrying about your hair; and those from rural areas could be a little more creative when it comes to their own sense of style.