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 Sorority rallies to register  
 remaining absentee voters.  
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Thursday, October 22, 1992

The Daily **Eastern News**

Eastern Illinois University  
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

# Homosexuals find home at Eastern

## Union passes with little opposition

## Full house witnesses passage

By DAVID M. PUTNEY  
 and JOHN FERAK  
 Staff writers

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 Staff writer

Eastern's Student Senate approved the official recognition of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union by a 21-3 vote.

The Senate and the Gay union met some opposition at the meeting. A standing room only crowd packed the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

In attendance was a representative from Ford Hall who spoke in opposition of the union. Ford Hall's representative was not the only one to oppose the union. Three senate members opposed the union by voting no to the formal organization of the union.

Members of the union were given the opportunity to address senate members on the purpose of the union and present some of the groups goals.

"We're doing this for educational purposes to dispel myths and rumors concerning homosexuality while trying to combat and fight against homophobia," said Seth Rodgers, speaking on behalf of the Gay union.

"The gay student union should help to increase the awareness and put a damper on homophobia," said Luke Neumann, speaker of the senate.

Those senate members opposing the union were out numbered by fellow senate members.

"Basically, the reason I voted against the union was because of my religious beliefs. It was nothing against them (the group) personally," said senate member Matt Greider.

In additional business, the senate



MARI OGAWA/Photo editor

A Student Senate member addresses a question to junior Seth Rodgers who was representing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union, to consider the approval of the union Wednesday night at Arcola-Tuscola room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

will crack down on members chronically absent from hall council meetings, Neumann announced Wednesday night at the group's regular meeting.

During the student participation

period of the meeting Jeff Waldoff, a resident assistant in Taylor Hall, came forward to request senate members, some of which live in Taylor, attend regularly scheduled hall council meetings.

"I have been dismayed with the lack of senators that attend our hall council meetings," Waldoff said. "Quite frankly, I think a better effort could be made."

Neumann reminded members they are required to attend the meetings and said the senate constitution allows for a senate member to be ostracized and removed from their hall council obligations if they miss more than three meetings.

"I'll give you fair warning," Neumann said. "Three accumulated absences and I'll take action on you."

In other business Tuesday:

- The senate recognized the Eastern Cycling Club/Intermural Team. Club organizer Moses Mousessian said the club will organize recreation rides and hopes to begin participating in intercollegiate racing with other university and college club teams by spring.

- Senate Chief of Staff Dana Wulff announced petitions for 14 student senate seats open for the Nov 11 election can be picked up in Room 201 in the Union beginning Oct 23.

- The senate congratulated Dan Byer for a successful campaign to have a four-way stop installed at the corner of Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue, but Byer said students will have to do their part to make the signs work.

"It's great the city helped us in this," he said "To keep that we have to do our part to stay within the state laws. I would be very upset if a 20-year-old can't stay within the crosswalks."

Byer said he and other senate members will be at the intersection to remind students to use the crosswalks on Oct. 26, 27 and 28.

The closet door swung open Wednesday night and supporters of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuals and Allies Union took dead aim at the final hurdle to getting their group established on Eastern's campus.

"We hope to ensure the environment for homosexual students will not have their rights threatened," said junior Seth Rodgers, a heterosexual supporter of the organization. "We're doing this for educational purposes to dispel myths and rumors concerning homosexuality while trying to combat and fight against homophobia. Lastly, to make Charleston residents aware of the gay culture."

But far from a dead issue, student senators and members of the audience at the evening's senate meeting were refusing to close their eyes and give the petitioners an easy route to forming the new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuals and Allies Union.

"Will you (the group) accept responsibility if members participate in another (episode such as this)?" asked senate member Dan Fultz. "(Chalking) is a violation of the university conduct code."

Unlike two weeks ago when pro-gay chalk graffiti blanketed the entire campus, the union's future was not clearly written on the sidewalks.

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# Education amendment provides fund boost

Editor's note: The following is the first in a three-part series examining the issues behind referendums voters will find on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

By DAVID M. PUTNEY  
 Staff writer

Supporters of the Illinois Constitution Education amendment found on the general election ballot next month say it will provide a much needed boost in school income and property tax relief for struggling districts, but opponents contend it will just lead to higher state taxes.

The amendment is essentially a rewrite of Article 10, Section 1 of the Illinois Constitution. Among the main changes are:

- Education becomes a right for all persons, not a state goal.
  - The state's paramount duty is to provide education.
  - The state has the primary financial responsibility in paying for education.
- People on both sides of the issue say if the

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amendment passes it will make the state responsible for at least 51 percent of local school budgets. Illinois currently funds schools at around 30 percent while the other 70 percent comes from other sources, mainly local property taxes.

For that reason, local school districts in financial trouble are looking at the amendment as a potential boon because voters will not allow them to raise property taxes any more.

"Many school districts in the state of Illinois, including our own are getting into financial trouble and need some additional funding," said Bill Hill, Charleston Community School District 1 superintendent.

State Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, said he favors the measure and fears without it the percentage of state funding provided to schools will continue to erode.

"If it fails to pass, the downstate school districts will be in trouble," Weaver said. "There's no guarantee the money will not be jerked out of the (school funding) formula."

However, passage of the amendment doesn't necessarily mean funding problems will be solved.

"There's no guarantee it will increase funding," Hill said. "There is no guarantee it will increase state taxes as the opposition has said. There is no guarantee it will lower property taxes."

Although the intent of the amendment is correct, if it passes the severe financial restrictions placed on the state by the amendment could cause a budget fight similar to the one in California earlier this year in which the state legislature lingered for weeks over tight budget numbers, said Boro Reljic, Illinois Manufacturer's Association director of gov-

ernmental affairs.

"We would all agree we would like to see education spending (as a) priority," he said. "(The amendment) is going to call for a \$1.5 billion to \$3 billion tax increase."

Weaver estimates the amendment will cost \$1.8 million, which can only be raised by a tax increase.

Discussion in the legislature when the amendment was written indicates its language is aimed at primary and secondary schools and not higher education. However the wording of the amendment does not exclude higher education, said Deb Smitley, Illinois Board of Higher Education spokeswoman. It is unlikely the amendment would be interpreted in such a way as to include higher education, she added.

The IBHE and the Board of Governors, Eastern's governing body, have not taken a formal position on the amendment because they do not know what effect it might have, if any, on higher education, said Michelle

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## Full house

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But as the meeting went on, the doubt began to wash away and the senate eventually voted its approval for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies Union by a 21-3 margin.

Although three senators at first decided to abstain their vote, they later voted in support of the union.

"I'm very happy," Rodgers said. "I have to applaud the senate for its approval. This is a controversial group somewhat and they (senate members) deserve a lot of credit for the decision."

Group member Paul Cortese said he was also satisfied with the accomplishment but was not surprised by those who opposed the union.

"This has been long overdue," Cortese said. "You'll always get (opposition) like that with any minority group. There was a little backlash but a ton of approval."

"Our goal is to educate people," Cortese added. "We're not

diseased. It's a fact that one in 10 people are gay. That means there are probably 1,000 gay people at Eastern. Based on that if we could get 500 of those students to become aware of our organization that'd be great."

However, three senate members voted against the union's request, citing doubts about the group's conduct and agenda.

"I voted against the union based on their past conduct (chalking)," senate member John Kohl said. "I have grave doubts on the future conduct of this organization."

Rodgers and Sarah Patience, another supporter of the student union, both stated a chalking incident will not occur again while reiterating the point that it was not a group-sponsored event.

"We're out to educate people, we're not out to recruit people," Patience said.

Senate member Matt Greider cast another vote opposing the union.

"Basically, the reason (for the dissenting vote) was because of

my religious beliefs. It was nothing against them (group members) personally," Greider said. "Plus, I have a responsibility to the people who elected me. The response I received from those students was an opposition to the (gay union)."

Senate Speaker Luke Neumann said he was pleased with the senate's acceptance of the organization.

"The gay union should help to increase the awareness and put a damper on homophobia," Neumann said.

"I was also pleased and encouraged by the audience that showed up. The audience was well-spoken, even those who spoke against the union," he added.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies Union adviser Paul Putman said he found the vote encouraging.

"I was very impressed with the senate's handling of the issue," Putman said, adding the group has already been contacted to address classes and residence halls.

## Education

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Brazell BOG spokeswoman.

"We don't know if a constitutional amendment is the way to go," she said. "Right now (the legislature) has the power to increase education (funding) and they don't do it. We are hard-pressed to see how this could benefit higher education at all."

Because the amendment benefits schools, education groups such as the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the University Professionals of Illinois have come out in favor of it. But because of the implications of higher taxes, groups such as the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Manufacturer's Association and the Illinois Taxpayer's Federation have come out against it.

Opponents also say although the issue of school funding is important, it is not important enough to tinker with the state Constitution.

Bob Beckwith, director of education for the

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, said revisions cannot be changed easily if they don't work out, and the amendments vague wording takes power from the legislature.

"We must distinguish between funding issues and constitutional issues," he said. "It will provide a blank check to needs of education without the general assembly deciding how valid it is. It will not promote fiscal responsibility for schools."

Weaver said the change is necessary because passing a law mandating increased funding is simply not enough.

"The people have every right to to change the constitution," he said. "We can pass statutes every year, but they can be repealed as fast as they are passed."

Both sides say whether the amendment passes or fails, it will send a message to legislators.

"My greatest fear is, as a teacher, if this does not pass that education at all levels is in for a decade of darkness," Weaver said.



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# Stop sign causes concern

By SHERRY SIDWELL  
Staff writer

Response was positive Wednesday to the approval of a new stop sign, although many people expressed concern that students would continue to cross in the middle of the street.

"I believe it was a good decision," said Commissioner Jim Dunn. "I think (the stop sign) will be beneficial once we get the crosswalk clearly marked and students get in the habit of using it."

After months of lobbying by members of Student Government, the city council voted unanimously Tuesday to place a four-way stop at the intersection of Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue.

Council members agreed that the stop sign is needed to protect student safety. Charleston Police Chief Herb Steidinger said at Tuesday's city council meeting that tickets will be issued to those who violate the new policies.

Commissioner Bruce Scism said that while he thinks the stop sign is a good decision, he is concerned the intersection will remain dangerous.

"I have long maintained that something needed to be done there," Scism said. "But the city council and the senate have expressed concern about whether students will actually use the crosswalk, now that the stop will be in place, or continue to

cross the street in shotgun fashion."

Scism said that he feels educating the students about properly using the cross walk is important to the success of the stop sign.

Student Senate members said they are also pleased by the decision.

"I think it was an excellent decision," said Brian Riordan, student body president. "We had some problems and got off to a rough start, but both organizations acted maturely and cooperated to do what was best for the students to ensure their safety."

Riordan said there is concern among senate members that drivers will now pay more attention to the stop sign and cross walk and be less alert for students crossing in the middle of the street.

"We now have to make sure the students cooperate and cross in the cross walk," Riordan said. "But some won't, and drivers still need to watch out for them."

Senate member Audrey McKenna said she was not surprised by the decision.

"We did expect it," McKenna said. "Because putting the stop in wasn't that big a deal, but we were very pleased because we did a lot of lobbying for it."

Student reaction to the stop sign was mixed. While students said they think the stop sign was a good idea, many felt it may not be effective.

"I don't think it will be partic-

ularly effective because students still aren't going to use the cross walk," said Lynn Caplinger, freshman and Carman resident - one of many students who use the intersection on a regular basis. "But it probably will control traffic more."

Caplinger said cars in that area, especially those driven by students, do not always stop for students crossing the street.

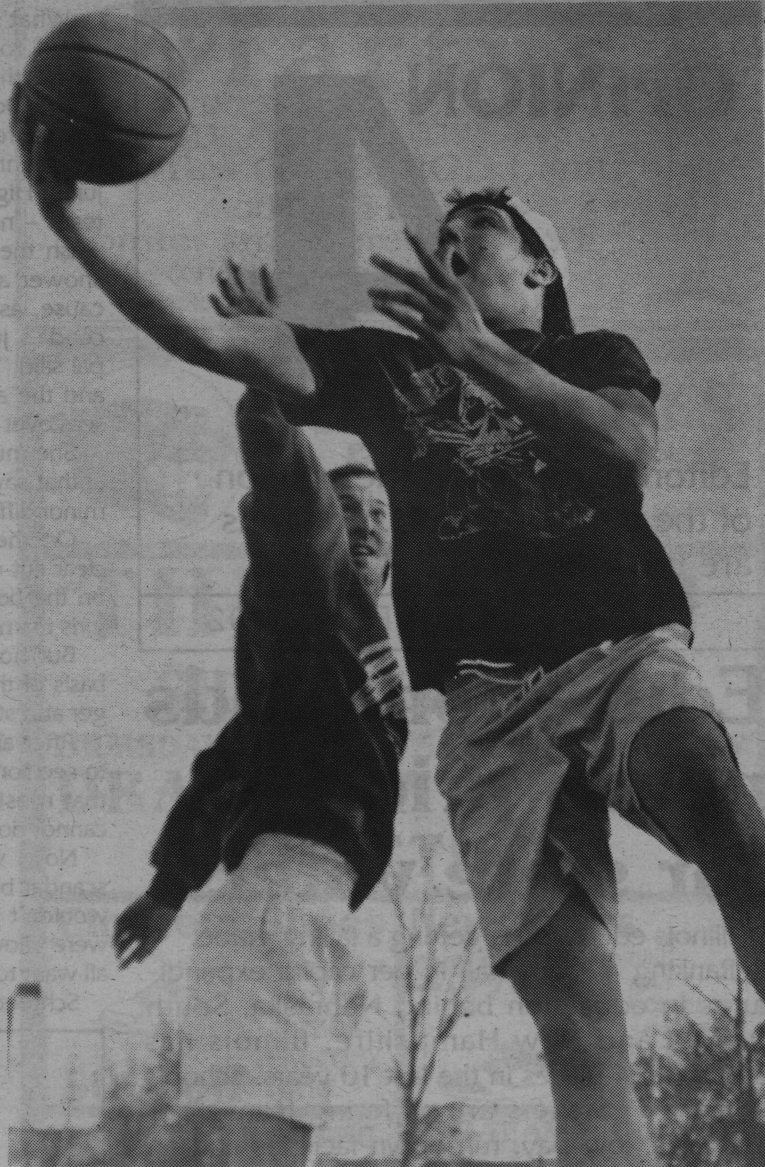
"I think it probably will be effective," junior Shane Maden said. "I don't ever walk over there because I don't live in that area, but I heard about people getting hit by cars there in the beginning of the year so I think (the stop sign) is a good thing."

Freshman Janet Simons said she also thinks the stop sign is a good idea.

"Crossing the street from Carman at eight in the morning can be a real pain because everybody's trying to get to class," Simons said. "Cars are always trying to squeeze their way through (pedestrians)."

Freshman Barbara Burns said that while she thinks the stop sign is a good idea, it doesn't go far enough in protecting students.

"I think it's very necessary because most of the time, cars don't even slow down for pedestrians," she said. "But something else is still needed there, maybe even a policeman to make sure cars stop. Even when people use the crosswalk, cars still seem to zoom right through there."



KEVIN KILLHOFFER/Staff photographer

## In your face

Andy Goff, a senior physical education major, drills past Ed Lynch, also senior physical education major, while playing basketball Wednesday afternoon on the courts near the University Apartments.

# Alcohol awareness project stirs up emotions in union

By MICHELLE R. HOKE  
Staff writer

Alcohol Awareness Week's mission continued in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union walkway Wednesday with a coffin display, again attempting to inform and educate students about the devastating effects of alcohol.

"Standing at the display is as if you are paying respect to all who have died in alcohol related accidents," said Sue Schnarre, employee of the University Housing Office. "An overwhelming feeling comes over you."

Trying to force Eastern students to be aware of the negative problems of alcohol, the coffin display grabbed the attention of many union-goers throughout the day.

*If the coffin touches one person in one night then it helped.*

**Terry Tumbarello**  
Office of Orientation

A part of the coffin display told a story about "Terry," a student who died in a drinking and driving accident. Committee members said they wanted to bring across morbidity and realism in showing that alcohol can kill.

"The coffin will bring up some memories

for people who have lost someone to an alcohol related accident and make them more aware of the fact that it happens," said Cash Boyd, Alcohol Awareness Committee member.

"If the coffin touches one person in one night then it helped," said Terry Tumbarello,

assistant to the coordinator of the Office of Orientation, AIDS, alcohol and drug information.

Lynette Drake, director of Orientation and coordinator for the office of AIDS, alcohol and drug information, said the successfulness of the week has been evident in the conversations with students in the food services and on campus.

According to Drake, nearly 4000 items have been collected by students from the alcohol information table in the Union within the last three days. Everyone involved in the awareness effort has high hopes concerning the success of the program.

Boyd added Alcohol Awareness Week will boost consciousness because there are many events occurring this week such as Thursday's "Dead Day."

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1992

Education funds needs priority for state voters

Illinois education is getting a failing grade. Ranking 47th overall in per capita expenditures in education behind Nebraska, South Dakota and New Hampshire, Illinois has dropped 14 places in the last 10 years.

That is why voters must pass the education amendment on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The amendment states that it is the state's responsibility to provide a quality education and an efficient educational system, providing a minimum 51 percent for schools throughout the state.

In the proposed amendment it states, "The state has the preponderant financial responsibility for financing the system of public education." Currently, Illinois falls far short of the proposed 51 percent, managing to pay one-third.

Illinois' system currently leaves some public schools riding high with state funds and others scraping the bottom of the barrel. While some schools spend up to \$14,000 per pupil, other schools spend \$2,250 a student.

It will be very difficult for the state to allocate funds for this amendment, but the state has gone long enough without real educational advancement - actually moving backwards in funding.

The amendment says nothing about how the money would be raised or how the state would reallocate their budget to produce the funds.

Opponent's claims that the amendment would force a \$2.9 billion boost in taxes are nothing but scare tactics to keep voters from choosing in favor of the amendment.

Demands will be difficult on the General Assembly and Gov. Jim Edgar, but this has been a congressional requirement that should have been followed long ago.

TODAY'S QUOTE

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.

H.G. Wells

Military equality deserves to be spiked

What's good for the goose is good for the gander, but not always the other way around.

The Oct. 7 issue of The Chicago Tribune reported a 13-year-old boy was banned from the Wauconda Junior High School's girls volleyball team - not because he wanted to wash the girl's backs in the team shower after the game - but because, as Christine Golden, Wauconda's Junior High School principal said, "He is physically stronger and the advantage he would possess over the girls in the conference would be unfair."



David M. Putney

She must have missed the page in the feminist manual that says men and women are the same - save a few minor differences here, there and you know where.

On the surface this looks like nothing more than a clear cut case of reverse discrimination. If a girl can play on the boys team then a boy should be allowed on the girls team, or so the logic would go.

But how can it be reverse discrimination when the basis of the decision - men are generally physically bigger and stronger than women - is absolutely correct?

After all these years of feminist propaganda, it is nice to see someone admit to a few things - albeit very few - that most women and most men, for that matter, just cannot do.

Now, with the Tailhook unlawful grope and seizure scandal brewing and U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder saying it wouldn't have happened if the sexually assaulted pilots were allowed to actually kill things with their F-16s, we all want to pretend that gender inequality isn't the case.

Schroeder says women should be given the option to

go into combat - not just flying planes, she's talking fox-holes too - against what would most likely be bigger, tougher and occasionally meaner men. After that, she says, men will respect women.

Obviously Golden has no interest in improving this young male volleyball player's respect of women. Using Schroeder's logic, the fact the boy is stronger than the female players he is facing is unimportant because the bigger issue at stake is opportunity and respect.

That would mean the opposing girls volleyball teams are being discriminated against. I didn't see anyone solving the problem by giving the girls an option of going into games against the boys.

In essence, the principal, by focusing on physical differences, is depriving the girls of their chance to build respect in the young male.

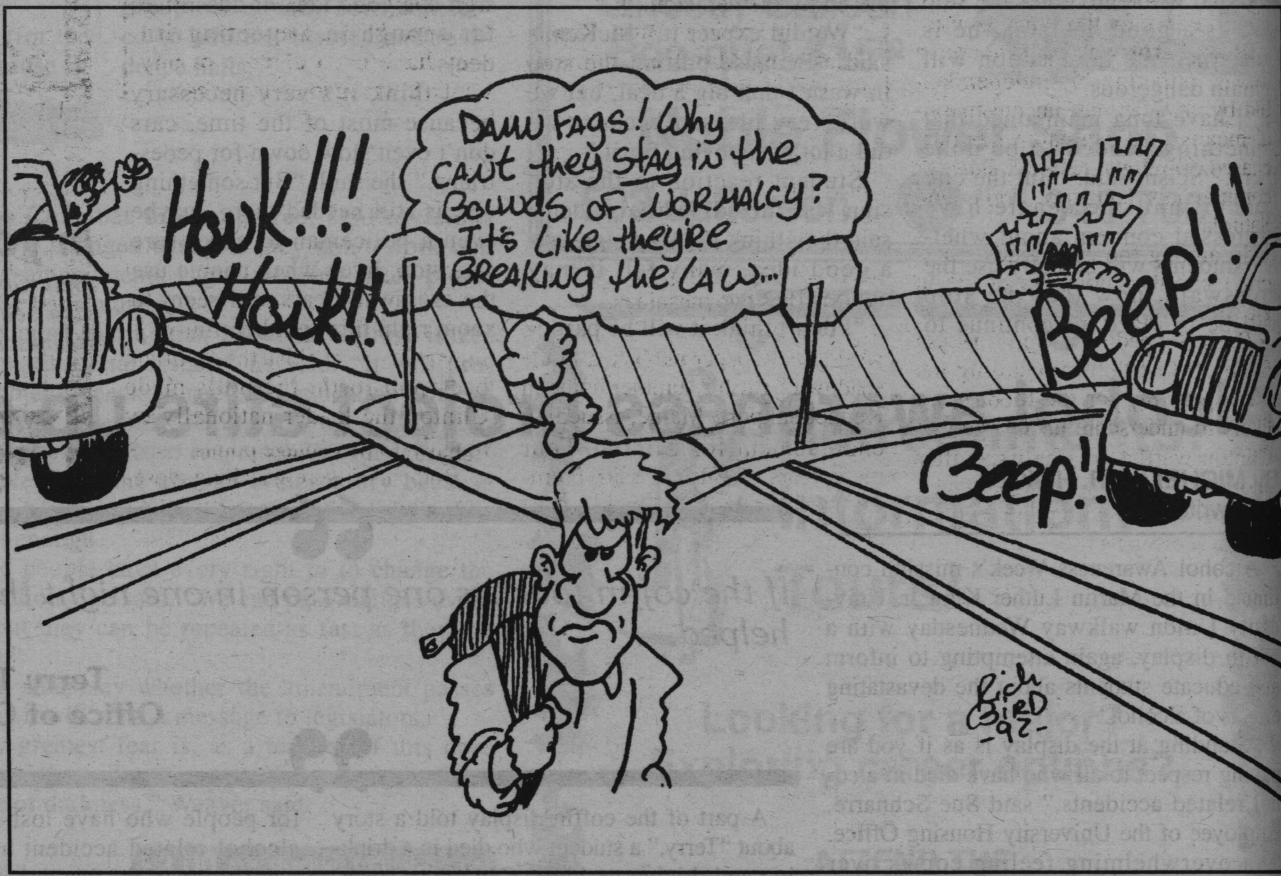
Armies exist to kill each other and not to advance feminist agendas, which is the only purpose for Schroeder wanting women in combat roles. Schroeder is using the issue of sexual harassment - which has no place in any situation - to advance a feminist agenda that is out of touch with the true needs of American women.

She sings the equality song, even though this isn't a case of true wanting to attain sexual equality because Schroeder wants to give women the option of skipping combat - an option men never have had.

War isn't a volleyball game and much more is at stake than phony displays of fairness. Women as a group should not be allowed into combat roles if they can't physically handle it.

It isn't a question of equality. It is a matter of an army being able to do its job.

- David M. Putney is a staff writer and guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Your turn...

Homosexuals must shed veil of anonymity

Dear editor:

For the past week or so, there has been a lot of views spread throughout the campus about a possible homosexual student union.

I have nothing against gay people personally. I have known people who are gay. I may not agree with their beliefs at all, but they are very courageous - or are they?

This past article about gay students expressing their views ("Gay students voice their concerns," The Daily Eastern News, Oct. 15) proved me wrong. Much of the graffiti stated, "Gay and proud." How can you say that you are proud when you can't reveal your name?

I'm sure the main reason for the false names was to keep from being teased, harassed and being the center of a joke. It's time to face the music. Blacks, Jews and even Polish

people were the center of jokes in society for years and somewhat still today. But, they stuck their chins out and took the heat while ignoring it at the same time.

You homosexuals are definitely different, but using false names is the biggest example of cowardice possible. Did Martin Luther King Jr. call himself "Phillip" when he was standing up for his beliefs? No!

Until you reveal yourself as "yourself," you will remain in the closet and your Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuals and Allies Union will never happen.

Kent Aberle

Gay bashers taste their own harsh medicine

Dear editor:

I'm writing in response to the letter by Raymond Serbick and Brady Miller entitled, "Homosexuality devoid of all basic decency" in the Oct. 14 "Your turn..." section. It's quite obvious this letter represents the views of two ignorant, pea-brained individuals who need to grow out of their Dick, Jane and Spot world of the 1950s and get in touch

with reality. We are not all "straight," white, Protestant Christians - and thank God for that. What makes this society great is the fact that it's made up of a patchwork of lifestyles - none of which should be criticized as abnormal or against God.

I'm not sure if these two see themselves as Moses, puking out the word of God, or if they're just hateful, narrow-minded hayseeds. In any case, their letter saddens me more than anything else.

How is it that one can set up their own personal view of sin and force feed it to everyone else? If this letter were written a couple decades ago, would these two be lambasting African Americans and their struggle against the so-called "separate but equal" laws?

It is now politically correct (for anal-retentive Republicans) to verbally gay bash. Who will be next? Do you think that our society will strike out against the "straight," white, Anglo Saxon Protestants who have been the cause of so much hatred? Just something to think about.

Michael A. O'Donnell

# Bush hangs tough in race

By the Associated Press

Bill Clinton panned for electoral gold in the West on Wednesday, offering traditionally Republican voters a "new Democratic party" rather than the tax-and-spend habits of the past. President Bush likened his young rival to a "struggling Little League manager" not ready for the Oval Office.

His presidency in peril, Bush was asked point blank if anyone had told him his re-election race was already lost. "Not anybody I trust," he replied to his CNN interviewer.

"Not anyone I trust," he added with emphasis.

With less than two weeks remaining until Election Day, it wasn't so much what the candidates said that counted; it was where they said it.

Clinton's chartered jet was touching down in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana as he bid for victory in a region of the country that has voted Republican each year since 1964.

By contrast, Bush had his ticket punched aboard a chartered train across North Carolina, a state Republicans usually have locked up in the race for the White House.

Ross Perot was back home in Texas, pursuing his independent bid by now-familiar unconventional means. His campaign has purchased 30-minute network slots for commercials Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In among the candidates' rhetoric came the curiosities of life in the stretch run:

- Bush stopped by a Waffle House for breakfast before boarding his train, possibly for the food, more likely to underscore his charge that Clinton waffles on one issue after another. The local diners engaged the president in a game of riddles, and he was ready with a joke.

"Did you hear the one about the duck that went into the bar?" asked

## Troubles in Congress make for wild election

WASHINGTON (AP) - The congressional scandals that dot the political landscape this year are saddling scores of incumbents with an unwanted burden and adding uncertainty to the Nov. 3 election.

From the "Keating Five" case to overdrafts at the House bank, the reputation of Congress has been tarnished and an unprecedented turnover is possible. The freshman class of the 103rd Congress that takes office in January could easily surpass the post-World War II record of 118 set in 1948.

A record number of incumbents was defeated in the primaries - 19 in the House and one in the Senate. In another record, 65 House members and seven senators decided not to seek re-election.

The scandals cut across partisan lines, and it is unclear whether their impact overall will benefit Democrats or Republicans.

Led by President Bush, Republicans charge the abuses primarily are the responsibility of Dem-

ocrats who control Congress.

Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton, the front-runner with a double-digit lead in the polls, has sought to capitalize on the nation's presumed anti-incumbent mood by running as the candidate of change. But in his campaign there is no bashing Congress for any of its peccadillos.

Perhaps the most publicized attack on the integrity of Congress focused on the generous overdraft policy of the House bank. Even though taxpayer funds were not used directly to underwrite the spending of members, the scandal dominated the radio talk shows before the bank was shut down late last year.

The House ethics committee found 325 current and former House members had overdrafts at the bank.

With less than two weeks remaining before Election Day, more than 220 House members said they have received notice from the Justice Department that they have been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing in the case.

the president of the United States. "Bartender looked at the duck and said, 'Your pants are down.'" When his audience didn't immediately get it, he pointed out that "down" has two meanings.

- The York County Coast Star, a weekly newspaper published in the shadow of Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, issued an endorsement for Clinton. Four more years of Bush, it said, promise "well meaning but timid" policies.

- The Democratic Party previewed 30-second commercials aimed at weaning young voters

from the GOP. "When I was in junior high school I was waiting tables just so I would have extra spending money," says a waitress in one of the ads. "And now here I am 12 years later with a degree in my back pocket and I'm still waiting tables." Amidst the political back and forth, the polls made Clinton the leader nationally by roughly 15 percentage points.

Both sides were watching closely for new figures to see whether Bush had gained from his aggressive performance in the third and final presidential debate Monday night.

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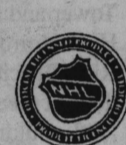
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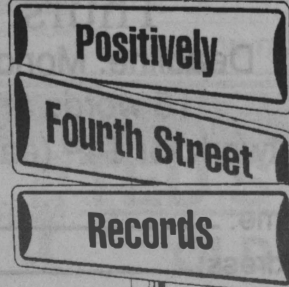
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# Absentee ballots available

By JOHN FERAK  
Staff writer

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority are sponsoring an absentee ballot voter registration drive aimed at students from the Chicagoland area.

"Our goal is to register as many Eastern students as we can to vote absentee," said Tiffany Jackson, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

"We're trying to register absentee voters from Cook County and also register students to vote in Coles County as well."

Jackson is an Eastern deputy register and said she has spent a sizeable portion of her time involved in the registration process.

"During my internship I did for NBC involving community affairs, I went through different places in

Chicago registering lots of people to vote," Jackson said.

"I've also worked with Commissioner Arnette Hubbard from the Chicago Board of Elections. She's helped out considerably with the registration forms."

Jackson said the process of becoming enrolled absentee is not as difficult as students might think.

"All students have to do is fill out the absentee voter's ballot and send it to the Board of Election Commissioners in Chicago (for Cook County)," she said. "If (the board) has any questions concerning the ballot, they will contact the student."

Jackson said any student who is at least 18 years of age but has not registered to vote before can still vote absentee. Although the voter registration deadline of Oct. 5 has passed, the deadline to vote by absentee ballot is Oct. 30.

# City limits Halloween treat hours

Charleston Police Chief Herb Steidinger said the city has set official trick-or-treating hours from 5 to approximately 10 p.m. Oct. 31.

The Charleston City Council voted Tuesday night to close portions of four streets for the annual Halloween parade, slated for 4 p.m. Oct. 31.

The following streets will be closed for the duration of the parade:

- Monroe Avenue from Sixth to Eighth streets
- Jackson Avenue from Sixth to Seventh streets
- 20Seventh Street from Jackson to Monroe avenues
- Sixth Street from Monroe to Jackson avenues

- Staff report

# RHA exceeds fund goal for United Way

By JENNIFER KROGH  
Staff writer

The Residence Hall Association will discuss its recent success in raising money for United Way at its meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Stevenson lobby.

So far RHA has raised \$505 through fund drives and donations. The donations came from Thomas Hall, Andrews Hall, Douglas Hall, Weller Hall, Carman Hall, Taylor Hall, Stevenson Tower and the National Residence Hall Honorary. RHA President Rich Ruscitti expects more donations at the meeting.

"I couldn't be happier that we have surpassed our challenge and raised this much money," Ruscitti said. "I am totally ecstatic that

(RHA members) are so enthusiastic about raising money for such a good cause."

In other business, mens head basketball coach Rick Samuels will come to the meeting to give the members of RHA a "pep talk" concerning the upcoming season. Ruscitti said since RHA is such a large, enthusiastic group that gave support at the homecoming game, Samuels would like his team to see the same support that RHA gave the football team.

Also, RHA is preparing for the Great Lakes Affiliate for College and University Residence Halls conference in central Michigan. Eastern's chapter is sending 10 delegates, five alternates and two advisers to the conference that will be held from Nov. 20 to 22.

# Clocks, batteries need changing

By BART WALK  
Staff writer

The Charleston Fire Department will be among the thousands of fire departments across the country participating in the nation's first national fire safety drill, "Operation Check and Change."

To reduce and prevent home fire tragedies in the community, the Charleston Fire Department has joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the Energizer battery company for a national home fire safety campaign called "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery," Charleston

Fire Chief Tom Watson said.

"Our message is simple and potentially lifesaving," Watson said. "Change the batteries in your smoke detector when you change your clock back from daylight-saving time."

Watson said at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, the fire department will activate emergency sirens of all sorts throughout the community to help citizens remember to change their smoke alarm batteries.

"When you hear the sirens, check and change the batteries in your smoke detector," Watson said. "Also, take a few other fire

safety prevention measures, such as checking your smoke detector itself by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing these escape routes with your family," Watson added.

Watson explained that thousands of people die or are injured in home fires each year. However, many of them would be alive or unharmed today had their homes been equipped with a working smoke detector.

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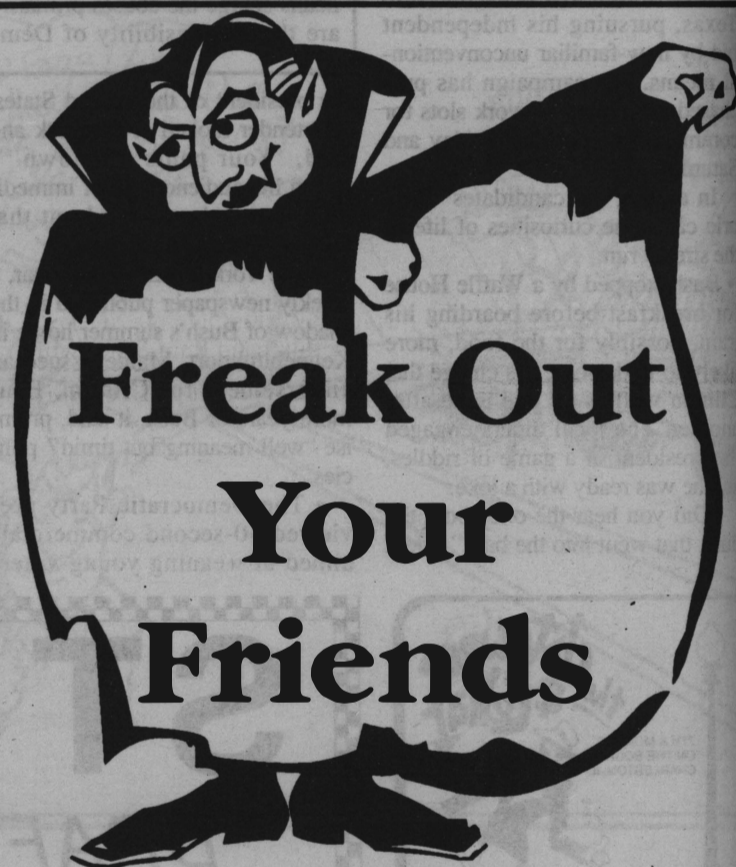
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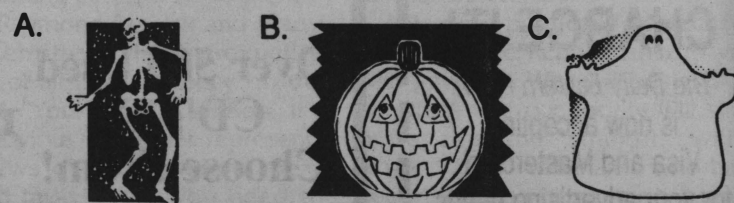
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# 'Sir Gawain' to highlight conference

By EDWARD DOMAN  
Staff writer

The medieval poem "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" will be the topic of a conference held from 4 to 8 p.m. Oct. 29 in the University Ballroom located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The purpose of this conference is to enlighten people to the most exciting poem ever written," said David Raybin, professor of English. "The conference will not only deal with the literature, but it will also deal with morality."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Friday in the University Ballroom.

Thursday night's opening of the exhibit "The Legends of King Arthur: Selections From Area Collections" will conclude the conference's first session.

The conference will resume at 8 a.m. Oct. 30 and end with a reception at 3:30 p.m., focusing on addressing the many aspects and structure of the medieval poem.

The conference will include many speakers from universities to speak on behalf of the various poetic and social aspects of "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight."

"Love and Romance in Medieval Ivories" will be discussed at 7 p.m. by Anne D. Hedeman from the University of Illinois.

Also included in the conference will be short presentations of different parts of the poem and video presentations.

"It is nice to see literature from more than one angle," said Audrey Edwards, associate professor of secondary education and foundations.

The conference is being supported by the Illinois Humanities Council, Phi Delta Kappa and the Office of Faculty Development.

# Journalism review tops CAA agenda

By TERESA JOHNSON  
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs will continue its series on the Review of the Major, concentrating on the major in journalism, at its 2 p.m. Thursday meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

John Reed, chair of the journalism department, and Mary Wohlrahe, associate professor in journalism, will answer three questions according to CAA's review format of the major.

According to the CAA framework of reviewing a major, objectives of the department should be specified and a system should be developed for how well the department is achieving those objectives, said CAA chair Kathleen Shank.

The council will also receive a memo that was sent from Robert Pringle, vice chancellor of the Board of Governors, to Acting President of Eastern Barbara Hill.

"The memo is regarding the 120 semester hour limit on undergraduate programs," Shank said. "On Feb. 13, CAA sent a letter to the Board of Governors expressing concern with 120 hour limit."

Shank added the Council on Teacher Education also sent a letter on March 10. The letter Pringle sent to Hill is in response to those two letters.

Shank said she will suggest the appointing of a subcommittee to respond to various points made in the letter.

After last week's discussion of the university's mission and goals relative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education draft, CAA sent a letter to Hill.

The letter states that the council's major concern is that IBHE's description for Eastern ends on a negative statement and no other institution statement ends on the negative.

The council made four suggestions to Hill and mainly emphasized the replacing of the last sentence of the IBHE's goal statement to: "Scholarly activities and faculty development which have traditionally enhanced learning and instruction at Eastern should be encouraged and supported."

The IBHE's current draft states: "To retain and strengthen its unique character, Eastern Illinois University's mission should not be extended to providing more comprehensive graduate education, research or public programs."

# WEIU hosts live folk music

Folk music lovers can listen to live performances on Thursday evening as WEIU's Mystery Train pulls into the Folk Station.

The folk band Rain Sister will perform live on WEIU-FM, 88.9, starting at 9 p.m. as part of WEIU's Mystery Train program.

Craig Schwab, music director of WEIU, said the Folk Station's purpose is "to bring listeners the widest variety of folk programming in the area."

The Mystery Train, Schwab said, is a weekly program where the radio station plays country, bluegrass or folk music every Thursday evening at 9 p.m.

"(WEIU) plays a wider variety of these styles of music than you can hear anywhere," he said.

Schwab said live performances, such as the performance to be given by Rain Sister, are given whenever the bands can come to the radio station.

"(We) welcome any band who wants to get in contact with us and play," Schwab said. "(We want to) hear from bands from the area to play for the folk show."

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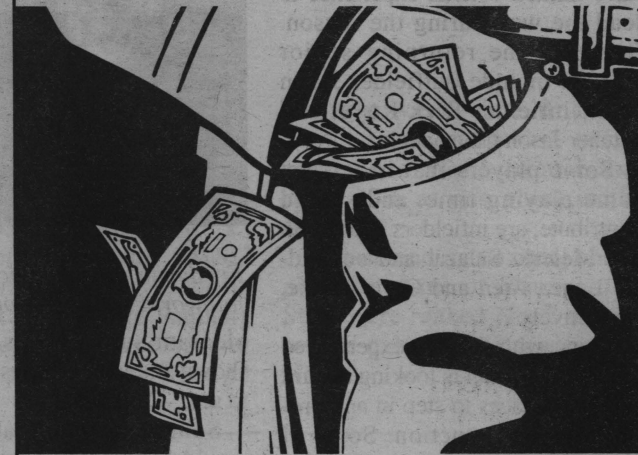
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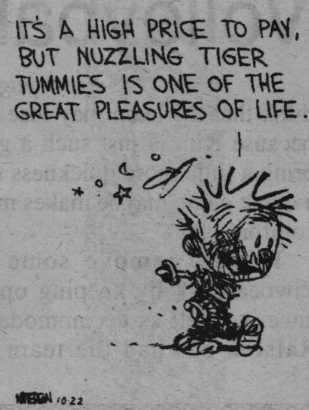
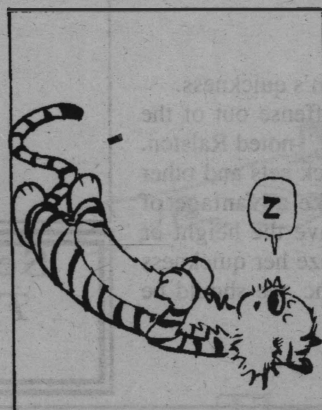
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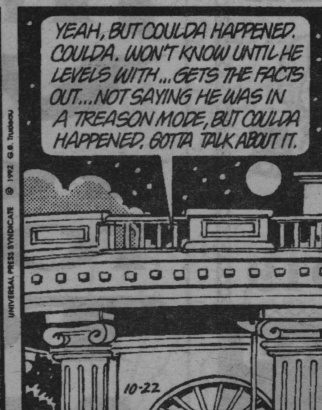
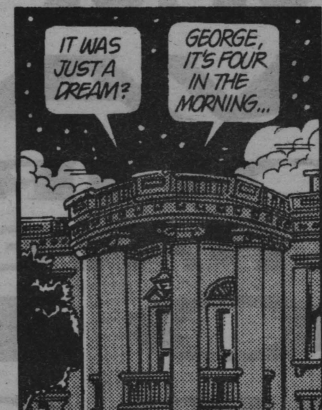
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## Baseball team ends fall practice

By **MATT LEGASPI**  
Staff writer

The Toronto Blue Jays and the Atlanta Braves have completed four games of the 1992 World Series. The Eastern Illinois baseball team has completed three games of its own world series this fall.

The tradition of the fall world series is a battle among the team members who are divided into two teams and coached by a senior player. This tradition started when Dan Callahan took over as head coach five years ago.

"It helps the guys stay excited for the last week of fall practice, especially those who have been playing since January," Callahan said.

Once the team completes the fall practices, it will have a little more than two months before winter practice begins.

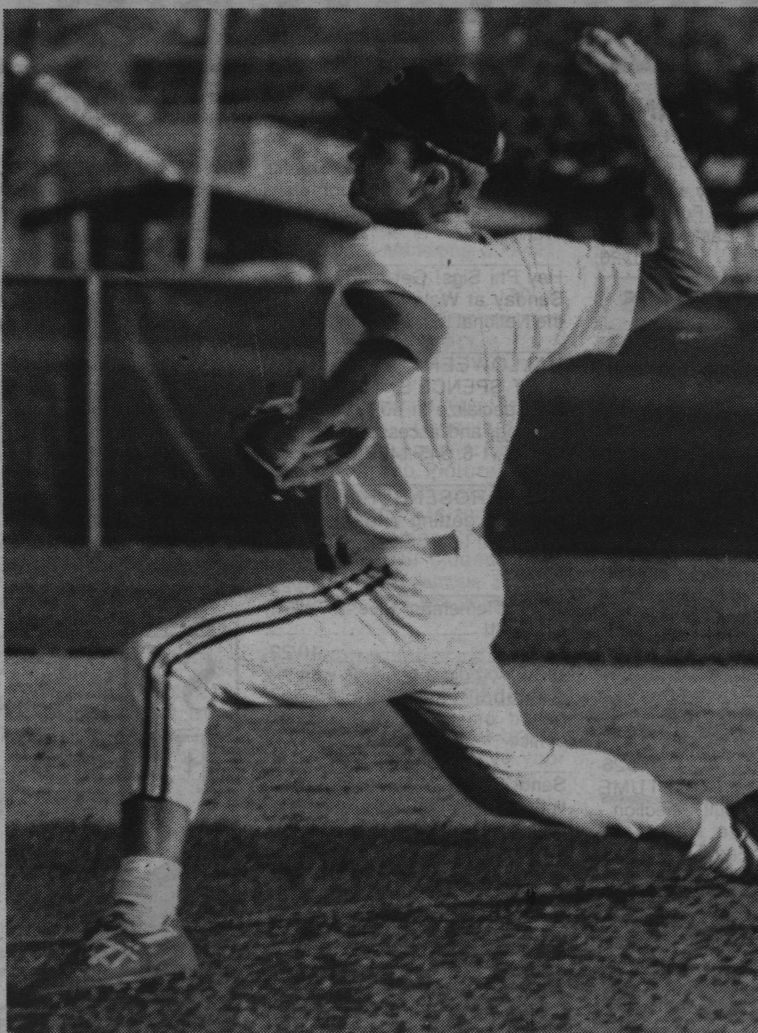
The 1993 baseball Panthers will have limited veteran experience to lead the way during the season. Some of the returning senior starters include outfielder Jason Jetel; infielder Rick Royer and catcher Jason Cavanaugh.

Some players that have seen some playing time, and should contribute, are infielders Tad Smith and Melesio Salazar and outfielders Lance Aten and Chris Clarke, respectively.

Along with the few experienced players, Callahan is looking toward some new faces to step in and provide some production. Some of those players include outfielders Bret Crawford, Billy Hurm and Steve Kimble and pitchers Basil Clausen, Joe Keusch, Derek Johnson and Rob Walters.

Although most of the players Callahan is looking to for production are upperclassmen, freshman Steve Dunlop has held his own among the big boys.

"He (Dunlop) has been a real



**KEN RYAN**/Staff photographer

*Freshman pitcher Eric Murphy delivers a pitch during the Panthers fall world series at Monier Field Wednesday.*

pleasant surprise this fall. He's shown me some things that I like to see," Callahan said.

Something else that Callahan would like to see is improvement on defense, especially in the infield.

"We literally lost some close games last season because we couldn't make the play in the infield when we needed it most. With the schedule that we've been playing that past several years, and including this year, we have to start making the plays. We have to start

beating some of the better teams instead of just playing against them," Callahan said.

Some of the better teams that the Panthers will be up against in the 1993 season will be Arkansas, Indiana State, Illinois and North Carolina.

Callahan said the Panther pitching is expected to do the job and that the team should score some runs. With the help of some new faces, Callahan said he feels confident about the upcoming season.

## Volleyball

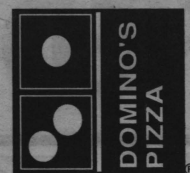
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think that the team may lose a little bit of blocking, because Kim is just such a good blocker, but I can bring a little more quickness to the position. Playing a quick game maybe makes me feel a little more comfortable."

To help remove some of the pressure on Piwoearczyk by keeping opposing teams off balance, as well as accommodating her style of play, Ralston has had the team working on a faster

offense and trying to utilize the team's quickness.

"We are trying to quicken the offense out of the set and receive portion of our game," noted Ralston. "We've been working more on quick sets and other quick paced moves to try and take advantage of Sherri's quickness. She doesn't have the height or strength of Kim, but if we can utilize her quickness and keep the other team out of sync, we should be OK."



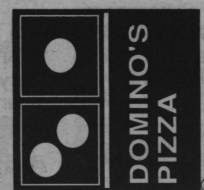
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# 13-1-1 Phoenix ranked 16th

The Phoenix continue to rise in the Mid-Continent conference.

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay soccer team has upped its record to 13-1-1 under first-year coach Dave Poggi and for the first time this year, cracked the Top 25 in the nation.

The Gatorade National Soccer Rankings has the Phoenix ranked No. 16 in the country after not being ranked at all last week. Helping Wisconsin-Green Bay achieve this was a pair of conference victories over Illinois-Chicago and Western Illinois.

The Phoenix are paced by conference scoring leader Daren Moore who has tallied eight goals and 18 points in 15 games. Moore is a sophomore forward from Scarborough, England and transferred from Northeast Missouri State to continue playing with Poggi, who also made the switch last year.

Senior defender Mark Schlenker, from Palatine, has added five goals and three assists to put him among the league leaders in scoring.

But Wisconsin-Green Bay's strength continues to be its defense. When Western Illinois scored a goal on the Phoenix last week, it ended an 11-game scoreless streak UWGB had posted. Goalkeepers Michael Demchenko and Paul Schmidt have combined to hold teams to a 0.70 goals against average.

Another factor in the stingy defense is sophomore sweeper Tim Dunne from York, England. Dunne was named Rawlings/Mid-Con Soccer Athlete of the Week this past week.

## Soccer

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Mosnia did say, however, that playing at that level will help his younger players.

"It's great playing against them," Mosnia said "It gives the younger guys the perspective of what it's like. They are now aware of where they should be. I don't think we're that far

"Tim has had an All-American performance so far this year," Poggi said. "He is deserving of the recognition."

In other notes from the Mid-Con:

- Wright State sophomore goalkeeper John Mers is currently ranked second in the Great Lakes Region with a 0.73 goals against average. The Raiders are ranked seventh in the region with a 10-2-2 record but are third in the Mid-Con at 4-2.

- Northern Illinois University is finally back on track. After starting out the season with only two wins in their first 11 games, the Huskies won three straight last week to improve to 5-8-1 on the season.

In the process, Northern won back-to-back games for the first time and also recorded its first shutout of the year.

The Huskies beat Valparaiso and Wright State last week for their first two conference wins of the year. The Huskies are in fifth place in the Mid-Con at 2-3.

- Cleveland State broke a seven-game losing streak last Tuesday with a 2-2 tie against Marquette. The Vikings have gone nine games without a victory and have dropped to 2-10-1 overall. A win over Valparaiso is their sole conference victory.

- Valparaiso continues to struggle, losing two more conference games last week. That makes the Crusaders 0-15 on the season and 0-7 in the Mid-Con. The reason for the suffering lies behind the fact the Crusaders have managed to score only eight goals this year while giving up 48.

away."

- The Panthers will have to head down the stretch without two key players. Junior fullback Brian Gregory and freshman forward Steve Van Dyke will both miss the remainder of the season with knee injuries.

# NFL owners address stashing players on IR

CHICAGO (AP) - NFL owners made another attempt Wednesday to crack down on a long-term problem, the stashing of players on injured reserve.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league was stepping up enforcement of its anti-stashing rules by spot checking practices to ensure that injured players are not involved in the workouts.

Also, there has been an increase in verification exams by independent doctors.

Still, Tagliabue and other league officials conceded that there is no foolproof way of keeping teams from placing promising players on injured reserve to let them develop - in effect, red-shirting instead of releasing them for other teams to sign.

"What we are trying to do is to provide dis-incentives to stash,"

Tagliabue said.

The league wound up its day-and-a-half fall meeting with a discussion of its relationships with colleges, who are protesting the NFL's drafting of underclassmen. There also was discussion of a crowd noise that coaches feel has inhibited scoring by visiting teams.

Those issues, as well as the stalemated labor situation, involve continuing studies.

The crackdown on injured reserve was the key issue Wednesday, and it was not without a comical side.

For example, the problem is within the province of the league's competition committee, which regulates rules and other playing procedures. Yet, some committee members have been suspected of stashing.

## Football

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W.Va., Sept. 12 during a 63-28 loss to Marshall's Thundering Herd. At the time, Marshall was ranked No. 1 and is now No. 3.

Northern Iowa and SMSU have been rising in the polls each week. The purple Panthers of Northern Iowa are sitting atop the poll for the second

straight week. The Bears of Southwest Missouri have steadily made a move from being rated 20th at one point in the season.

The defending national champion Penguins of Youngstown State were ranked No. 2 in pre-season polls before dropping to No. 12.

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## Booters clinging to 1st-place hopes

By RYAN GIUSTI  
Staff writer

Sitting in second place in the Mid-Continent Conference, the Eastern soccer team faces what coach Cizo Mosnia said is the most important part of the season.

The Panthers have only five games remaining on their schedule and two of them are against conference opponents. In the Panthers' favor is the fact that four of the final five games are at the friendly confines of Eastern's Lakeside Field.

With a conference mark of 3-1-1, the Panthers are clinging to second place behind the nationally ranked Phoenix of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The No. 16 Phoenix are perched atop the Mid-Con with a perfect 5-0 record. For Eastern to win the conference title outright, the Phoenix have to lose to 2-10-1 Cleveland State Friday and then the Panthers have to beat UWGB in the conference finale on Nov. 1.

"All the games we play are very important right now," Mosnia said. "These next few in particular because we're in second place right now."

Eastern has a game Sunday with the University of Cincinnati sandwiched between Mid-Con matchups with Illinois-Chicago on Friday and Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Panthers finish the sea-

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son with two non-conference games. They are at Quincy College on Nov. 4 and wrap up the season at home Nov. 7 against Southern Indiana.

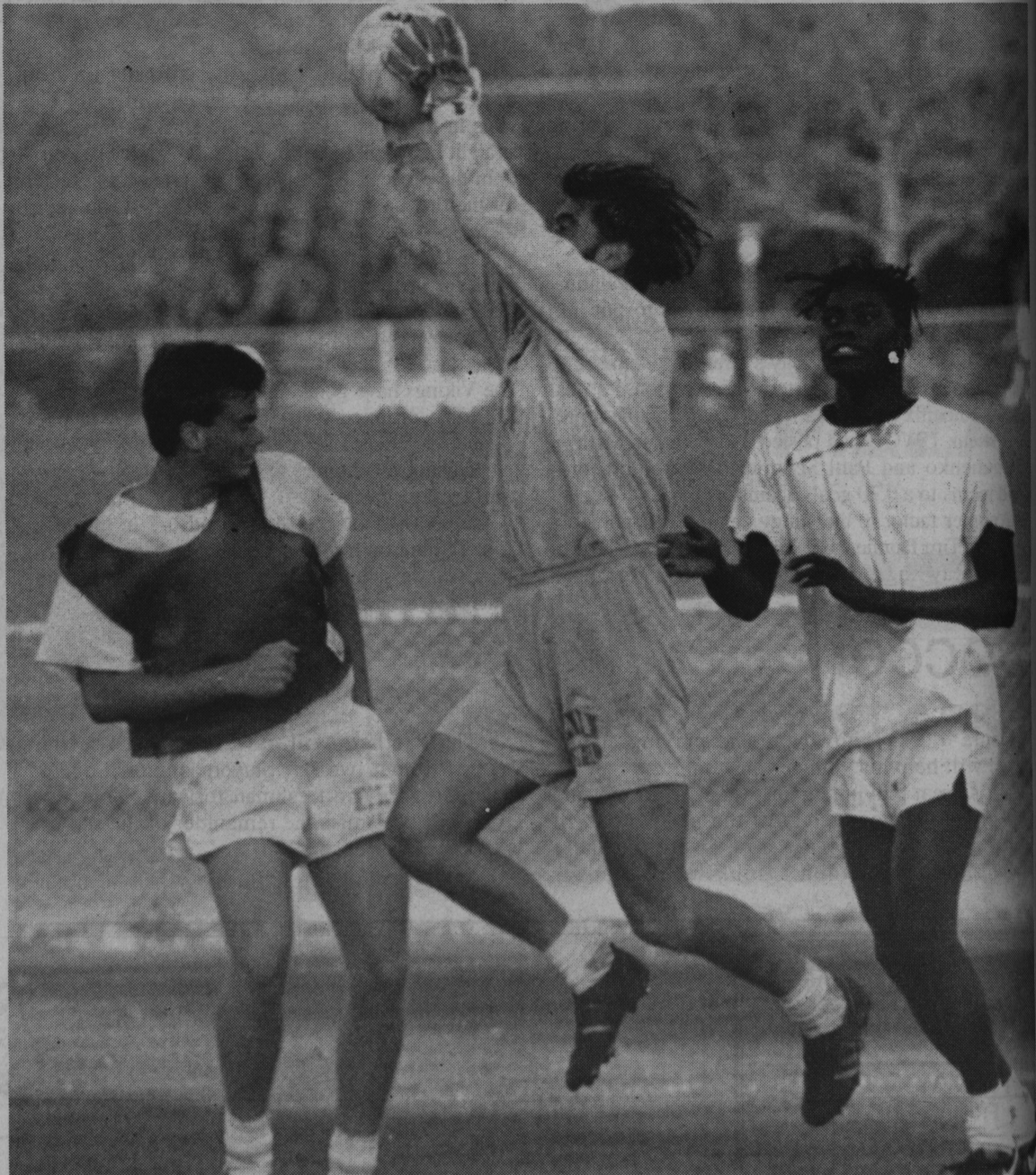
"Our goal is to play the best we can and finish the season as strong as possible," Mosnia said.

If strength of schedule means anything, the Panthers are sitting pretty. Looking at the current Gatorade National Soccer Rankings, five opponents on Eastern's schedule are ranked in the Top 25 in the nation. Included on this list is No. 2 North Carolina-Charlotte, No. 8 St. Louis, No. 13 Southern Methodist, No. 16 Wisconsin-Green Bay and No. 24 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. The Panthers are 0-4 against these teams with UWGB still to play.

Despite the strength of these teams Eastern has or will play, Mosnia said it has not been as beneficial as he hoped.

"Mentally, playing those teams did not help us because we lost to them," Mosnia said. "If we would have beaten them or even been close, we would have felt a lot better."

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KEN RYAN/Staff photographer

Eastern goalie John Gouriotis makes a save during practice Wednesday as Matt Cook (left) and Paul Agyeman look on. The Panthers take on Mid-Continent Conference foe UIC Friday at Lakeside Field.

## Toronto 1 win away from title

TORONTO (AP) — Jimmy Key put a lock on Atlanta bats and the Toronto Blue Jays moved within a game of bringing the first World Series title to Canada.

Key, passed over in Toronto's playoff rotation, pitched as though he hadn't missed a start. He blanked the Braves until the eighth inning, and led the Blue Jays to a 2-1 victory Wednesday night for a 3-1 Series lead.

Of the 34 teams to take 3-1 leads in the World Series, 28 have gone on to win. Toronto will try to do it Thursday night when Jack Morris, the MVP of last year's World Series, starts against Atlanta's John Smoltz.

Pat Borders put Toronto ahead with a solo homer in third inning off Game 1 winner Tom Glavine. Key made it stand up until relievers Duane Ward and Tom Henke closed it out for the save.

The Blue Jays' bullpen has allowed one hit in nine scoreless innings.

For the ninth time in the last 10 Series games, it was a one-run decision. And, for the 10th time in 10 Series games, a non-dome team lost indoors.

## Piwowarczyk to step in for Traub

By JEFF GLADE  
Staff writer

Injuries can decimate a team in any sport. Sophomore Sherri Piwowarczyk wants to make certain they don't do it to the Eastern volleyball squad.

Piwowarczyk is being asked to fill in at middle-hitter for the injured Kim Traub, September's Rawlings/Mid-Continent Player of the Month, despite not having really played the position consistently since high school. The timing also makes it critical in terms of the team's postseason tournament aspirations, as the Lady Panthers will play at least three conference foes before Traub's return from a sprained thumb, and



Sherri Piwowarczyk coach Betty Ralston said her team

needs at least four more wins to secure a tournament berth.

"These games are very important for us, because I feel we need 12 wins to guarantee a spot in the tournament, and right now we only have eight," said Ralston. "Sherri has some experience at middle-hitter, though most of her time here we've had her playing outside. She played middle in high school though, and even though it's slower than the college game, she knows what is going on."

"The key is that we have to work on her not being faked, and we need her to block well. She has to get to the point where she doesn't have to guess what's going to happen, because if you

guess wrong in the middle, there won't be anyone there to block at all."

Piwowarczyk said she does feel some of the extra pressure being placed on her this weekend, but also knows the other side of the equation — missing all of last spring due to a wrist injury that forced her to undergo surgery. Fortunately, the wrist is back to 100 percent, although she does admit to feeling some pain after games and having lost a little movement.

"These games are very important to the team because we don't have second place wrapped up yet, so I do feel a little bit of extra pressure," said Piwowarczyk. "I

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## Tough road ahead Football team's next 3 foes ranked in Top 20

By KEITH FARROLL  
Associate sports editor

Eastern's football team has its work cut out for it for the next three weekends when it plays three programs that are in the Top 20 in Division I-AA.

This is by far toughest part of the schedule, which was rated as the fifth toughest in Division I-AA by the NCAA. The Panthers, who are 3-4 overall and 1-3 in the Gateway Football Conference, will go up against No. 14 Southwest Missouri State at 2 p.m.

Saturday in Springfield, Mo., No. 13 Youngstown State Oct. 31 in Youngstown, Ohio, and No. 1 Northern Iowa Nov. 7 at O'Brien Stadium.

"I think it is a great opportunity to prove to people that if we play with the same intensity, then we have a chance," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said.

Spoo said if his team puts out the same kind of effort as it did against Western Illinois (a 28-24 loss last Saturday in Macomb), he believes his team has a shot at knocking off those schools.

"It's definitely a challenging stretch of games," Spoo said in released statement. "We've played better the last couple weeks, particularly on defense. So if we can continue to play with the intensity we displayed at Western Illinois, then we'll be in the right frame of mind to give it our best shot."

In addition to the top-rated schools which the Panthers will play, they have already been challenged by one of the better I-AA programs in the nation earlier this year. The Panthers got blown out at Huntington,

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