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## Unity Week spotlighted

The need for student leaders, Museum of Oppression addressed in today's Diverse edition.

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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY

One of many signs illegally posted around campus, this one was located in the basement of Carman Hall. It was affixed to a pillar with duct tape, a practice not used by the Hall Secretary who must approve postings in Carman Hall.

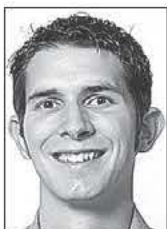
Election  
winners:  
Spring 2004



Christopher Getty



Adam Howell



Dirk Muffler



Nicole Kull



Matthew Kulp

## Getty elected student body president

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The results for the Student Government Elections were announced Wednesday after 1,310 students voted Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christopher Getty, junior speech communication major of the United Campus Party, was elected student body president with 551 votes. Getty defeated Lisa Flam, senior speech communication and journalism major of the Campus Connected Party, Kevin Leverage, junior psychology major of an independent party and Kevin Coulton, sophomore computer sciences major of the independent United Student-Union Reform Party.

"I'm ecstatic," Getty said. "I want to thank everybody who supported me from the bottom of my heart."

"I feel it was a clean race and I respect all of the candidates."

Flam received the second highest votes with 446.

Adam Howell, junior political science major of the United Campus Party, was elected student executive vice president over Kyle Donash, sophomore political science major of the Campus Connected Party.

"I feel excellent. This is one of the best days of my life," Howell said. "I'm not going to let anybody down."

Howell said he thought the race was clean and every candidate should be commended.

"(Donash) put up a good fight and I wish him the best," he said.

Howell received 666 votes, which was more than 100 beyond those Donash received.

Dirk Muffler, junior marketing major of United Campus, was elected student vice president for aca-

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## Jitter-free ways you can study

By Julie Bourque  
CAMPUS REPORTER

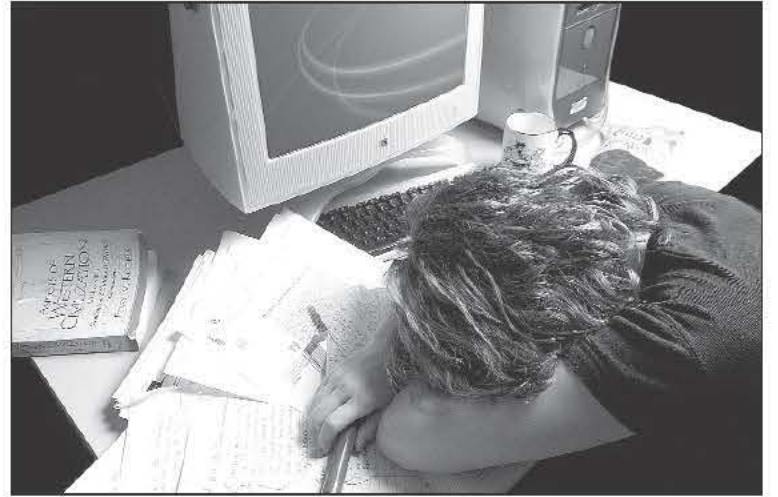
Finals are a week and a half away and some students may already be preparing for them. But for students who choose to study last minute late nights are, without a doubt, in store.

With late nights, however, come tired eyes and a tired brain.

There are healthy ways, though, to fight and overcome tired eyes and a tired brain.

"In all honesty, the best thing a student can do if they want to stay up and study longer is eat a balanced diet," Traci Freiling, a family and consumer science graduate student and Health Education Resource Center worker, said. "Caffeine will give you a boost of energy, but when it is gone, your body crashes."

Freiling said eating things with protein and complex carbohydrates, such as whole wheat



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Fruits, veggies and other health foods are more beneficial than foods containing an ample amount of sodium. Abstaining from caffeine also will help students avoid the 'crashing' associated with intake.

bread and oatmeal cookies, helps the body feel more awake.

"Protein and complex carbohydrates get your digestive system going and make you feel more alert," Freiling said.

"Also, fruits and veggies and other crunchy foods are always good choices. These things take more effort to consume and keep you more alert because you are doing something while studying."

Caffeine is a common alterna-

tive for students wanting to stay up later, but, Freiling said, depending on the amount of caffeine and the individual, it can cause nervousness, shakiness and a lack of focus.

"A little bit of caffeine isn't necessarily going to hurt; there are many foods and drinks that naturally contain caffeine," Freiling said.

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### There's no pain in Campaign

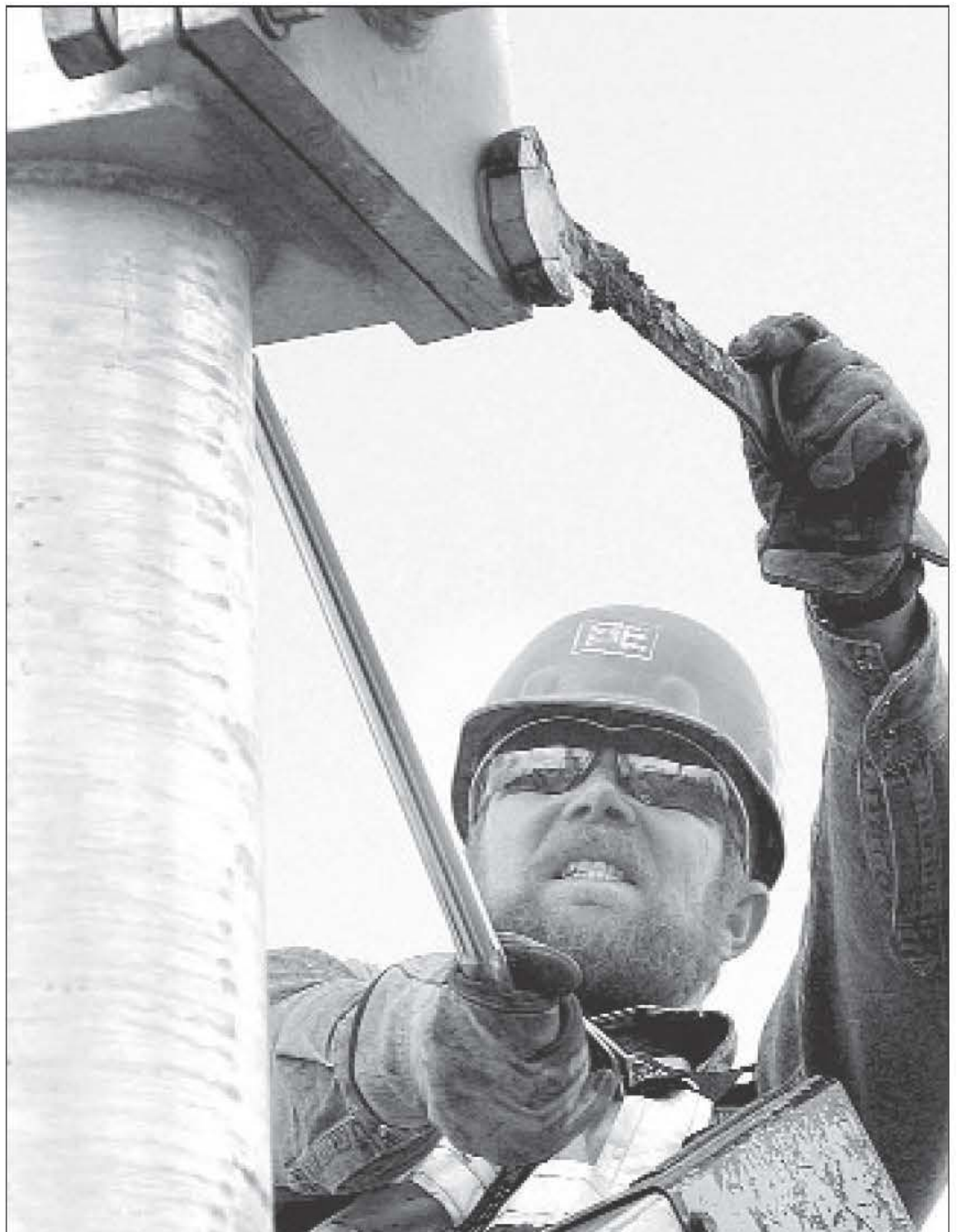
By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

According to the Elections Reform Act, there are several campaign rules candidates must abide by during elections.

The reform act doesn't allow flyers to be placed on trees, poles, fences and sidewalks on campus. The act also doesn't allow flyers on glass or paneled areas on campus and more than one flyer in classroom buildings.

The polling areas were near the Food Court in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union and

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## Lights coming soon

A worker with Bodine Electric's Traffic Control Division tightens a bolt on the signal arm for eastbound traffic Wednesday morning at the intersection of Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue. The workers finish with installation this week, but the lights will not be turned on until May 10.



## UNITY WEEK EVENTS

# Students invited to game night tonight

By Chris Kee  
STAFF WRITER

All of Charleston is invited to take part in Thursday's game night sponsored by EUnity and Eastern's Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The event is part of Student Government's Unity Week and starts at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

It is a game night, but students should not expect board games like Scrabble, Monopoly and Clue. Instead, the sponsors are taking their cue from the current popularity of television reality shows like Survivor and Real World/Road Rules Challenge.

"People should expect games like the ones they've seen on MTV shows," Willie Bess, president of Alpha Phi Alpha said. "We'll have games like who can eat the most marshmallows, and other games like that."

The game night comes near the close of Unity Week, which

was created to promote diversity on Eastern's campus.

Admission is free and several prizes will be given away, Bess said.

"We'll have electronics like radios and DVD players for prizes and gift certificates too," Bess said.

At least one student said he's considering playing the games since he's heard about the prizes.

"It would be fun to do," James Fultz, senior communication studies major said.

"If there are prizes, that's incentive for anyone to go."

This is not a charity event, but Bess said his fraternity still has goals for the night.

"We want to give students a venue to meet other students and have fun," Bess said.

But, he stressed the event is not only open to Eastern students.

"Students, faculty and the community - they are all welcome on Thursday night," Bess said.

# Students discuss diversity issues

◆ 30 Panelists talk of experience at Clark Atlanta University

By Kathrine Roche  
STAFF WRITER

Thirty Eastern students who took a trip to Atlanta nearly two months ago joined together in a panel discussion Wednesday night to share their experience.

As part of Unity Week's events, the panelists talked of their experience at Clark Atlanta University meeting with other student leaders and talking about diversity issues.

"The trip was completely worthwhile," said Jeff Collier, junior political science major and chair of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

"There were students from all walks of life on the trip and it didn't matter if you didn't know them, by the end of the trip everyone was friends."

To start off their trip, the group watched a race relations movie to motivate and break the ice for the rest of the week-end.

"Once we started to learn where we were all coming from, we all forgot about any race issues," Collier said. "We all bonded."

The good thing about the trip, Collier added, was that the experience didn't stop at the end of the day, they were forced to hang out, sleep and eat together all the time.

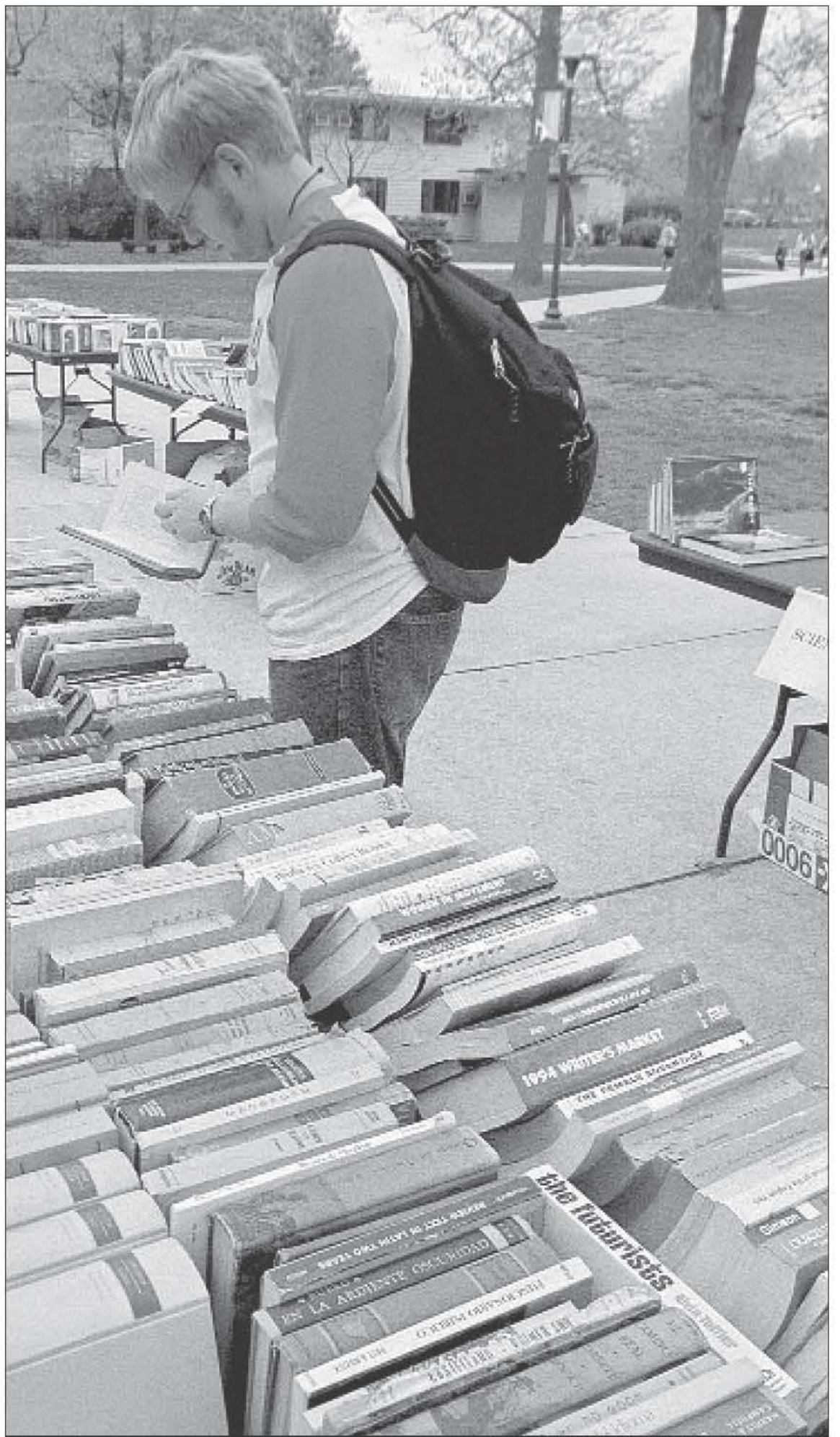
"The reason something like this couldn't happen at Eastern is because people go home at the end of the day—back to their apartments or dorms," Collier said.

"People expect some big party to discuss race relations. People need to understand that getting over prejudice doesn't happen overnight."

The group was able to see handwritten scriptures, lectures and sit-ins on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Collier also emphasized that the Civil Rights Movement was not just blacks vs. whites; the movement was for all races.

"We definitely need more representation from all races, religions, etc.," Collier said. "We need more diversity!"



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## Book smart

Jeff Black, a senior computer management major, looks through the fiction section at the Booth Book Sale Wednesday afternoon.

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## CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was reported that Lauren Kluge is chair of the Student Senate External Relations Committee. She is the chair of the Internal Relations Committee. The *News* regrets the error.

## SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions or ideas for articles you would like to see in *The News*, feel free to contact us at 581-2812 or jpchambers@eiu.edu



# Other colleges see book price rise, Eastern relaxes

By Brittany Whyte  
STAFF WRITER



Gov. Blagojevich

College textbook prices have risen 17 percent higher than regular book costs, Gov. Rod Blagojevich said.

He said he is demanding the Illinois Board of Higher Education investigate the issue.

"Why are students and their parents being slapped with enormous book bills when the tab for pleasure reading is 17 percent cheaper?" Blagojevich said. "If these prices keep rising, our students are going to be forced out of the classroom."

Although Eastern students rent their textbooks for a flat fee, students at most other Illinois schools must buy their books.

Estimated costs of textbooks and other school supplies for an undergraduate student each year at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana is set at \$820, according to their Web site, <http://www.uiuc.edu>. Similarly, Western Illinois University expects their students to spend \$800 a year on books.

Through the textbook rental system at Eastern, students pay \$7.95 for each semester hour taken, said Carol Miller, interim director of the Textbook Rental Service.

That means a student taking 15 semester hours will spend \$119.25 per semester on books, which equals \$238.50 each year.

"I think (renting books) is one of the greatest perks here at Eastern," said Sarah Kokaitis, a freshman speech communication major. "I hear it is too stressful having to buy your books."

Eastern students also get the option to buy their books if they choose. October and March are the sales periods for each semester, Miller said.

"Don't wait until the end of the semester to buy your books," she said because the books are not available for sale at that time.

Blagojevich said, according to the National Association of College Stores, the wholesale price for new college textbooks rose 35 percent since 1998, averaging 5.9 percent annually.

The cost is set by the publishers and the college bookstores do not increase the price.

Publishers are increasing the cost in a number of ways. One is to add additional materials not used by the university as a package with the book, but not giving the students options to buy just the books, he said. Also publishers are constantly releasing new editions on textbooks by making little changes and inflating the price.

"College is the time for our young people to explore those subjects that spark their interests, but that journey could come to a screeching halt due to what looks like price-gouging," Blagojevich said. "The battle over these books has just begun."

### Costly words

- ◆ The University of Illinois: expects students to spend \$820 each year on textbooks.
- ◆ Western Illinois University: says students spend \$800 a year.
- ◆ Eastern: students now pay \$7.95 per semester hour to rent books. If students take 15 credit hours, a full year would cost \$238.50.

# Large crowd views oppression museum

◆ Three-day event included more than 10 experiences of discrimination throughout history

By Brittany Robson  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The third-annual Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression wrapped up its three day event Wednesday.

"We are very pleased with everyone's efforts," said Bill Kolacek Resident Director of Taylor Hall. "Attendance has been very good."

This year's museum had more than 10 different experiences of oppression. There were experiences depicted from Latinos, Afghanis, Native Americans, different religions, HIV/AIDS sufferers, the homeless and more.

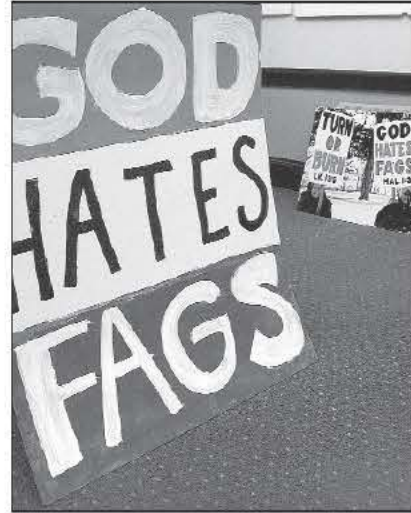
Kolacek said he "could not be more pleased" with the turn out and it that it was a "successful year."

The Holocaust experience was the first room people walked into. The room was set up like a living room torn apart by Nazi soldiers. Furniture was overturned and plates and cups were broken. Groups of jewelry and shoes and eye glasses that represented all the personal belongings taken away from the Jewish and other prosecuted people were on display.

The room also had facts about the experience with a slide show playing containing pictures and stories of oppressed people along with the movie "Schindler's List" playing to one side.

One other major experience was the women's experience. There was information on domestic violence and sexual assault. A time line about women and their rights, along with a poster board titled "Why Women Need to Vote in 2004," were on display.

The board gave some important



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One of the exhibits at the Beyond Words Museum of Oppression.

issues surrounding oppression that face the two main presidential candidates, President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry.

One of the more moving parts of the women's experience is the clothesline project. This nationwide project takes women's shirts that were worn during a rape from the hospital or police station following the sexual assault and uses them to create a close-to-home image. Eastern looked at and talked to women who were raped or were victims of sexual assault and wrote their stories on shirts.

One story of an Eastern student went like this, "My freshman year, I took my Panther Card ID picture. In the picture, the shirt is nondescript, plain and gray. But four months after that photo was taken, I was RAPED, wearing that shirt. Now every time I swipe for a meal, get a library book or want a discount at the movies, I have to look at that picture

and remember. Some people say they have a bad ID picture, I really do."

The woman's experience said only 61 percent of teens that are raped report it to the police. Eleven percent of women who are raped are raped by their boyfriends.

Another experience is body image, which dealt with bulimia, anorexia and society's obsession with weight. There was a makeshift toilet with the lid up and facts and sayings posted all over the outside, seat and inside of the toilet. They also had a timeline of the ideal image from 1930-2004.

The African-American experience featured a makeshift cotton field along with pictures of bricks of famous names that have helped pave the way in the struggle for equal rights. Some names included, W.E.B. Dubois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Jackson, Malcolm X, The Rainbow Push Coalition, NAACP and more.

The gay and lesbian experience featured a display similar to where slain college student Matthew Sheppard was found. There were also some posters highlighting some of the more brutal attacks.

Matthew Sheppard was a student at the University of Wyoming who was killed because he was gay. One teenager was killed on Christmas day in 1992 because he was a transsexual. Shakia Gunn was killed for being honest with some men that she was gay. Private First Class Barry Windell was beaten and killed with a baseball bat in his barracks because he was gay.

Nick Lange, senior physiology major said he heard about Beyond Words in a class and the experience was a good reminder that oppression is not just about a few select groups.

"This event is a big eye opener, oppression is not just one group," Ellie Williams, senior physiology major, said.

# Senate changes own attendance policy

By Jennifer Peryam  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate Wednesday passed a motion and bylaw change that will require senate members to give prior notification of absences to the chairperson of the committee allowing members three absences per semester.

"It is not gracious allowing senators to miss five weeks of meetings," said Bill Davidson, student executive vice president. "About a third of the meetings should not be allowed as a leave of absence, I think it is a step backward."

Under the new bylaw change, a leave of absence will be accepted under six requirements. A meeting is set up with the Student Senate speaker and a date of return must be set in writing.

The leave of absence must be for academic, personal or health reasons and will not exceed three weeks. Each senator is allowed only one leave of absence per semester and if they return canceling the leave of absence, they can't return to leave status.

If a speaker is requesting a leave of absence and the senator is the chair of the committee, then the Student Senate speaker must appoint a member of that committee to be an acting chair until the speaker with the leave of absence returns.

"To me this seems like a tightened regulation," said Ryan Berger, senate member. "At least now it's somewhat regulated and members are not allowed to do whatever they want."

Student Senate member Ryan Herdes said this cleans up a lot of errors and is favorable for the senate. Four student senate members gave a presentation on their attendance at the Conference on Student Government Associations. The COSGA was held at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, earlier in the semester.

"Non-profit organization speakers come to the college and swap information about what is being done through their student government organizations," said Kyle Donash, chair of the senate External Relations Committee.

Students attend workshops and roundtable discussions to learn about how other colleges run their Student Government.

"I learned about a program called Swap Shop at Auburn University where freshmen are encouraged to get involved in Student Government," Donash said.

Adam Howell, chair of the senate Shuttle Bus Committee, was interested in a carpool and safe ride program.

"This program reduces instances of drinking and driving and would be a very doable program at Eastern to safely and conveniently get students home," Howell said.

Other sources at the conference include how to improve on voting elections.

"We have a lot of growing to do in the election process," said Student Senate Speaker George Lesica. Other schools talked about how mural posters were posted and on-line voting were options as well. The senate members voiced the importance of attending the conference.



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### EDITORIAL

## Golden apple core of luring more educators

Dear Gov. Rod Blagojevich,

You have continued to be apathetic toward education in the state with budget cuts to one of the state's top educational programs.

Your office has blamed the No Child Left Behind Act for its need to cut programs, according to a statement issued by the office last month, however, education at all levels and programs to enhance education should be priorities to our state.

In March, you cut 92 percent of a budget that funded one of the state's prestigious education programs. The Golden Apple Scholar Program selects Illinois' top scholars interested in education and molds them into great teachers throughout their post-high school education.

The competitive program admits high school seniors and college sophomores who are willing to commit five years to teaching at Illinois' at-risk schools. Golden Apple scholars are then issued \$5,000 tuition assistance per year to attend Illinois colleges/universities and \$2,000 stipends for summer internship programs.

More than half of the Golden Apple scholars are from low-income families and 50 percent are minorities, all of whom carry excellent academic standing and dedicate themselves to futures teaching at needy Illinois schools.

Your cut removed all \$3.8 million in state appropriations for the Golden Apple program, leaving only 8 percent of its budget for further use. These students, some of whom attend or planned to attend Eastern, are being denied what they have committed themselves to because of these cuts.

A report issued by Dominic Belmonte, Golden Apple Foundation's director of teacher preparation, said the group has money to fund its summer programs, but without restoration by fall, the 11-year-old program will fail.

Statewide, 380 undergraduates would be denied the tuition assistance, 300 teachers would be denied their mentoring and 400 will miss out on the summer 2005's continuing education programs, Belmonte said.

Despite the state's promises of financial assistance to students committed to the state's needy schools, the valuable training of the Golden Apple program may be left behind. The state needs to prioritize such programs. Currently, an online petition is available in support of the Golden Apple scholar program. The petition can be accessed at:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/GoldAppl/petition.html>

Gov. Blagojevich, consider what your priorities mean to education and future state leaders.

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

### At issue

Gov. Rod Blagojevich cut education program funding in March.

### Our stance

The cut indicates Blagojevich's priorities are again not in the right place.

### OPINION

## Newspaper teaches more than journalism



**John Chambers**  
Editor in chief and semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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This semester, I gave up talking to Buddha and started praying to *The Daily Eastern News*.

Since I transferred here almost two years ago, I've called the newspaper home. I didn't mean for it to be that way, but before I knew it, I was worshipping the newspaper like I had seen the inky light, treating it like the next great world religion.

I became a slave to the newsroom, writing and editing by day and dreaming about the steady hum of computers at night. I learned an equal amount about life and journalism, and now I see the world like a true newspaper freak addicted to halogen lighting.

Here are tales from the inside as well as life's lessons I knew I had to find outside of the newsroom:

1. A serious environment does not always have to stay that way. Have fun with it. Even though *The News* is a college newspaper, I've seen professional moments in the newsroom when everyone's diligently typing stories in time to meet deadline and the phones are alive with hungry college journalists interviewing sources.

Maybe it's for sanity reasons or because every student needs a release from the grind of classes, but the newsroom can quickly spiral into a chaotic preschool battle.

There's food fights, stripping, jumping on tables and rude

*"It showed me how passion can sometimes take you farther than most emotions. It opened me up to just how unpredictable life can be."*

jokes. I'd like to think that's not too far removed from some professional environments where it's good to remove the pressure for a while.

2. If you work for a newspaper, you can treat the Associated Press wire service like a guide to "adult" life.

Most newspapers will subscribe to the service so they can receive news stories they don't have the resources to localize, providing readers with the top local, national and international stories every day.

Pursuing the server's contents, one can find everything from reports of storm warnings to news of new drug dangers and suggestions on what to wear.

Curious about the international space station or what's really in brand-name peanut butter? The wire service can help.

3. Joining a group in college can be the path to enlightenment. *The News* showed me responsibility and the joy of

working with others who have common interests. It showed me how passion can sometimes take you farther than most emotions. It opened me up to just how unpredictable life can be.

It led me to friends who have been there for me more than anyone ever has been before. Most groups would do some of those same things for anyone.

If you transfer in and skip residence hall life, joining one of more than 140 campus recognized student organizations can allow you to meet lasting friends, a special someone or those you know you can be thankful you won't have to see again after graduation.

4. Your job can't give you everything. You can't have had Mexican in a cheesy restaurant, walk barefoot, volunteer for a marathon or win a Black Jack tournament if you never leave a place like *The News*. Almost all news happens outside of a newsroom anyway.

If I had to go through college all over again, I would have gone to more RSO meetings, listened longer to strangers, made sure I drank more on Sundays and spent more time in meditation, a little less time in the newsroom.

*The News* taught me how far I could push myself, how both incredibly beautiful and harmful human actions can be and that simple encouragement can go a long way. I know I learned at least a few things in college I couldn't record on a Scantron.

Cartoon by Derek Clem and Aaron Ganci



### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fundraiser to unite community

Never has there been a better time for the community to come together. For too long, the students of Eastern and the Charleston general public have worked separately in their pursuit of a better quality of life. Now is the time to develop that cohesive relationship. Now is the time to act.

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# Streetlights purchase brings Square construction closer

By Michael Schroeder  
CITY REPORTER

Refurbishing the Courthouse Square took one more step toward completion with the council's purchase of decorative streetlights at Tuesday's meeting.

The renovations, which the city council approved over spring break, are underway and on time, said Public Works Director Curt Buescher.

The goal is to have the renovations completed in time for the beginning of Charleston's Farmers' Market Season in June.

The renovations will repair the concrete wall around the courthouse and put in new decorative street lights.

Buescher said the new street lights will be decorated in a way that better reflects the aura and atmosphere of The Square than the present, basic electric company street lights.

The city ordered 20 of the lights, 12 of which will be placed around the courthouse soon. Buescher said the other eight lights will be placed by the the-

ater on Monroe Avenue sometime in the next year. There are already several of these street lights on Jackson Avenue.

"We saved a lot of money by ordering all 20 lights at once," he said.

The concrete retaining wall around the courthouse has already seen quite a bit of construction.

"We've repaired some of the rotten parts in the wall... we put in an electrical conduit for electricity throughout the wall," he said.

They also have filled behind the wall with pea gravel in order to keep moisture off the wall in order to prevent deterioration, he said.

Buescher said the next step is to remove and replace the sidewalk, curb and gutter around the courthouse.

"We will eventually resurface the asphalt around the square in the late summer," he added.

He said all of the renovations will be completed by the time students return to Charleston for the fall semester.



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Scott Ballard and Paul Buerster (not pictured), of the Charleston Street Department, work on covering up new electrical conduit installed around the Coles County Circuit Courthouse on the Square last week.

# Minority affairs, admissions directors to be named soon

By Ryan Terrell  
STAFF WRITER

The successors for three administration positions at Eastern could be decided sometime this week.

The decisions will be made after recommendations from search committees are reviewed by two Eastern administrators.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, is currently reviewing candidates for the director of minority affairs and the director of admissions. Lord will make the final decision on which candidate gets hired soon.

"For the two which I am responsible, I am hoping to make the decision within a matter of days," Lord said. "It may take a bit longer to get all the formal paperwork completed, however."

The search committees review applications, conduct interviews and provide feedback about applicants to the administrators.

"Following the interviewing process, the committee will generally provide a summary of candidate strengths and limitations to the person who will make the final hiring decision," said Martha Brown, chair of the search committee for

director of admissions.

"There were a total of 20 completed applications for the position," Brown said.

Besides being chair of the search committee, Brown is also the associate dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Of the 20 applicants for director of admissions, only four were chosen to be interviewed, one of which is currently an Eastern employee.

The current director of admissions, Dale Wolf, plans to retire July 31, which means the new director should take over Aug. 1.

"It will depend on my coming to

a mutual agreement with the candidate selected," Lord said. "In general, the goal is to make the transition to new leadership this coming summer."

"Both of these positions are very important to the university; hence, they will require careful consideration and thought," Lord said. "Selecting our academic leaders is one of my most important duties."

Lord said he looks for certain qualities in candidates, but they can vary depending on the position.

"Before I even start the search, I determine some of the skills I need in the next leader. The search

process then seeks to identify candidates who will provide the best match," Lord said. "Ultimately, these decisions are highly subjective, and they are not easy to make."

The third position, assistant director of the academic advising center, will be filled after current assistant director Fraun Lewis retires.

Four candidates have been brought in and interviewed for the job and Karla Sanders, director for the center for academic support/achievement, is responsible for hiring a new assistant director.

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# Area children's festival celebration of youth

By Michael Schroeder  
CITY REPORTER

In order to celebrate the learning opportunities of young children, Spirit of Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children will host the Festival of the Young Child at Cross County Mall in Mattoon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festival will include many free games and activities for parents and their children, Spirit of Illinois Co-Chair Michelle Mathews said.

She described the event as "a way to honor young children, families and parents who help children learn and develop."

Jackie Swango, co-president of Spirit of Illinois Association, said, "(The event) can bring attention to the importance of the early learning years."

Several departments at Eastern will be there, including the Child Care Resource and Referral Van which will read stories to children and WEIU will bring a special guest, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Swango said.

Eastern's health department will be educating children on the importance of eating fruits and vegetables, Mathews said.

"It will be like 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey,' but 'Pin the Fruit and Vegetable on the Child,'" she explained.

Several other area businesses and community leaders will provide activities for the children and their parents.

*"(The event) can bring attention to the importance of the early learning years."*

—Jackie Swango,  
Spirit of Illinois Association

She said there will be shaving cream art consisting of a shaving cream-covered table on which children can draw in addition to a room with a large sensory maze, said Swango, who is also the assistant director of Eastern's child care resource and referral department.

Entertainment, such as dance and martial arts groups, will also be included in the events, she said.

The event is scheduled to coincide with the national "Week of the Young Child," which runs from April 18-24.

Swango said she has been associated with the week and the festival for the last 15 years, each of which had the festival at Cross County Mall. The past several years' events have brought between 300-500 people to the weekend activities and Mathews is expecting the same this year.

"Everything is free," Mathews said. "We really strive to keep things free to prove there are quality things you can do with your children for free."



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## Fair Romeo

Students from Dr. Bredesen's English 1092 class out on the South Quad practicing "A MidSummer Nights Dream," a play by William Shakespeare, Wednesday afternoon, while enjoying the warm weather.

# Consolidated buying Texas company

By Blake Boldt  
STAFF WRITER

Consolidated Communications recently announced its purchase of TXU Communications of Texas, making the combined company one of the largest local telephone companies in the United States.

In January, Consolidated Communications announced that it would acquire TXU Communications, a telecommunications provider.

The company was owned by the energy services company TXU Corporation and had nearly 172,000 access lines, a press release said.

The new firm will continue to serve East Central Illinois and will expand its services to communities in east and southeast Texas.

"We're pleased to bring the Consolidated Communications name to Texas and remain committed to preserving high-quality customer service in the communities we serve both in Illinois and Texas," said Bob Currey, Consolidated Communications president and

CEO.

Laura ZuHone, senior manager of corporate communications, said the two companies had many similarities that made the acquisition viable.

"It is our strategy to grow our business through acquisitions," ZuHone said, noting that the company was immediately interested when TXU Communications became available for purchase.

She said the purchase allows for a higher concentration of lines and added that the services provided to Illinois customers would not change.

"The company has well-maintained plants, solid employees and an experienced management team," ZuHone said.

The new, combined company offers voice and data communications services to both business and residential customers, Currey said. These services include local and long distance, Internet, business systems, retail and wholesale operator services, public services and fully integrated telemarketing and fulfillment services.

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COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

# Music classes sing division

By Jennifer Peryam  
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday will act on a revised title for the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree, a physical education program review and the revision and addition of music courses and a music program revision.

"The degree title is being changed to the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Program to represent the program more effectively to employers and external audiences," Kaye Woodward, director of the board of trustees program, said.

According to the rationale, the title change would have positive consequences and would make the degree title more consistent with similar adult nontraditional degree titles at other colleges. The revised title would also make it easier for Eastern to report data for the program in a manner more consistent with other programs at the university and in the state.

The council will also act on a program review for the physical education department at Eastern and on a new course proposal title STA 3960/3961 Study Abroad Exchange.

The course is a mandated enrollment requirement for students participating in all-semester or year-long Eastern or externally arranged exchange programs. During this course, students will develop a depth of knowledge on international culture through semester-long or yearlong study at an international site.

Seven music courses will be revised during the council meeting.

"These courses are the department's technique courses and are being revised to bring them up to date and in line as courses that are part of our revised teacher certificate degree," said English Professor Parker Melvin said.

Melvin said the revision for the degrees was an option last year, but the department was not ready to make the revisions. Several jazz classes have been revised for a degree in jazz studies.

There is a performance degree in jazz; so it is logical to have a concentration in jazz, Melvin said.

A music program revision and current catalog copy for the music department will also be acted on.

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

# RHA plans to remove recyclable

By Samantha Humphris  
STAFF WRITER

A recycling program will take them one step closer as the Residence Hall Association plans to sign a proposal to remove all recyclable in the halls.

The removal could be a couple times a week depending on the amount of recyclable the hall collects.

A \$2,000 check will be made out to the RHA from the National Residence Hall Association, which will be put toward the Brad Wright and Sean McKinney scholarships.

RHA President Nachel Glynn said, "This is an absolutely fabulous program, the best solution for this problem. It helps student leaders and the Earth at the same time. We are very excited about it."

In January, RHA members went around to residence hall rooms, taking pictures for the Cribs Contest.

Because of technological problems, they have been unable to declare a winner, but they will announce the winner at the end of this week.

Kids weekend will be celebrate the coming weekend with several child-friendly events planned. Splishin'-and-a- Splashin' at Eastern encourages kids from the community, siblings of students and children of the faculty and staff members to enjoy a fun weekend. The weekend will be packed with entertainment including food, games and prizes.

RHA also will award "President of the Year," and "Rookie of the Year" for Hall Council. Bids are due Thursday at noon. President of the year is elected based on their impact on the council and hall. Rookie of the year is elected based on the member's first year involvement with the hall, how well they have excelled and their potential to become an outstanding leader.

Also, RHA members can write a letter to the association explaining why they have made an outstanding contribution to RHA, and will be awarded for that as well. Finally, RHA will be acknowledging those members who have invested their time and effort in the association. Members who have attended every meeting will receive an award for their commitment. Committee chairpersons also will receive appreciation gifts for their hard work and effort.

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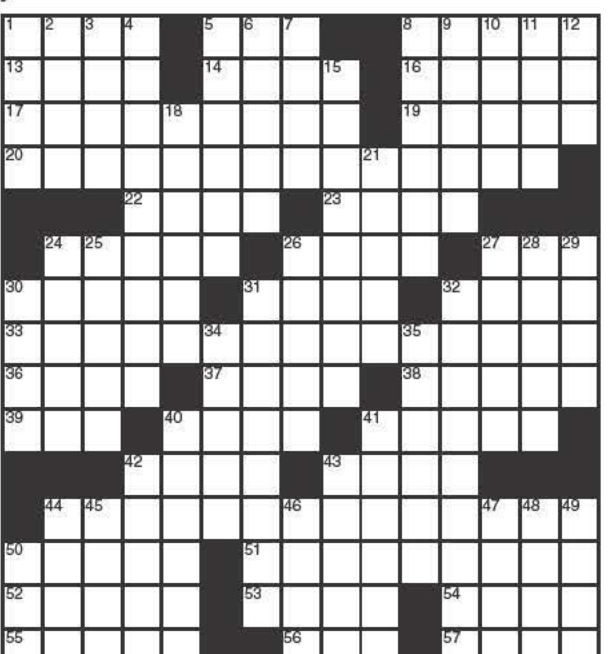
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- Unfamiliar
- Cartoonist Drake
- Whence the line "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet"
- Blues
- 1984 Peace Nobel
- 44 Make attractive requests?
- 50 Region famous for the blues
- 51 Infinite
- 52 Oil holder
- 53 Miss. neighbor
- 54 Writer Murdoch
- 55 Dentist's advice
- 56 Understand
- 57 Word in many business names
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- 30 Group known for pranks, in short
- 31 Steer elsewhere
- 32 Showy bloom
- 34 Cyclist
- 35 Give a waiver
- 40 Floral envelope parts
- 41 "The Scarlet Letter" woman
- 42 Digital data
- 43 Carry \_\_\_ (sing on pitch)
- 44 Stamp
- 45 Additionally
- 46 Low digits
- 47 Architect Saarinen
- 48 A \_\_\_ apple
- 49 Flat tire indicator
- 50 Telephone trio

**ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE**



No. 0311



Puzzle by Jeremy Thomas Paine

Study: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"You just don't want to go and drink cup of coffee after cup of coffee or pop after pop. Anything in an excess amount is not good."

Freiling said an alternative to coffee and energy drinks is green tea, which contains a very little amount of caffeine and a high amount of beneficial anti-oxidants.

The herbal teas, however, may make students feel sleepy because they are more soothing, but Freiling said the different varieties of black and green teas are good alternatives to other highly caffeinated drinks.

Patrick Simms, freshman construction major, said caffeine does not usually affect him.

"I really don't take anything to try and stay up," Simms said. "If I do drink anything, it would just be a 20-ounce Pepsi, but that really doesn't affect me too much."

If a student has a goal time to get to bed, Freiling said they should stop drinking anything containing caffeine three hours before they want to fall asleep, but, once again, Freiling said it all depends on the individual and how much caffeine is already in their system.

Another healthy alternative to staying up later is light exercise, Freiling said.

"For students who haven't been exercising regularly, a vigorous workout isn't a good idea," Freiling said. "A light, five to 10 minute walk will give them some extra energy and take their mind off of studying for a little while."

For students who have been on a regular workout schedule, Freiling said continued exercise is recommended to keep a balanced energy level.

"Usually when students get busy, their workout is the first thing to go," Freiling said. "It is more beneficial to students if they keep their workout schedule up. If it is taken completely out, they will feel less energized."

Erin Wakeford, freshman art studio major, said she will just go to bed if she feels too tired to study.

"If I feel like I am not coherent enough to study and I can't keep my eyes open, I will just go to bed and get up early and study," Wakeford said. "I usually get five to six hours of sleep, or I will just be right where I was the night before."

Nhil de Chaves, freshman biological science major, is a student who claims he does not need sleep to perform well.

"I am like an insomniac or something," Chaves said. "I sleep at weird times, but I could go without sleep for like three days."

If someone is not a fortunate student as Chaves and cannot stay up all night, Freiling strongly recommends these healthy study habits.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

SIU bans Pi Kappa Alpha after death

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — Southern Illinois University has ousted the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, citing the drowning of one of its pledges earlier this month and a history of alcohol-related infractions.

It's the first time the Carbondale campus

has permanently banned a fraternity or sorority. The fraternity has until April 30 to appeal the decision. Fraternity members declined to comment on the sanctions.

Katie Sermersheim, the director of SIU's development office, announced the decision Tuesday. She said the April 4

death of freshman Brent Johnson, 19, of Seymour during a fraternity camping trip at Cedar Lake was among a series of school rule infractions. Because the camping trip involved alcohol, the fraternity was required to notify the Inter-Greek Council's risk manager.

Campaign:

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Taylor and Coleman halls. Candidates are not allowed to campaign within 100 feet of the polling areas.

There are also about 50 bulletin boards on campus where candidates are allowed to post flyers and other campaign materials.

Margie Tucker, graduate adviser with the Student Life Office, said this year there have been several cases where the Elections Reform Act has been violated, but not as much as past years.

"It's a lot better than last year," Tucker said. "We're regulating it as much as we can."

Tucker said the most common violation this year was that some parties have posted too many flyers in one building.

"We either inform them and have them take it down, or we take it down ourselves," she said. "There is a certain number allowed in each building."

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica said he found several flyers yesterday that were in illegal areas.

Lesica said he would like to see next year's Student Government pass a motion to inform all candidates about the campaign rules.

"All candidates should have to attend a seminar where they are told the campaigning rules," he said.

Lesica said Student Government should keep students informed so they don't have to depend on flyers to make voting decisions.

"It's unfortunate that students fail to keep themselves informed," he said. "It should not be based on who puts up the most posters."

"(The Student Government) should educate students on what exactly the Student Government does for them. They should work harder for the students."

The Campus Connected Party had several flyers posted on glass doors, windows and multiple flyers on one bulletin board on Lumpkin Hall.

The United Campus Party had multiple flyers on one bulletin board as well.

Staff photographer Josh Reeley contributed to this story.

Elections:

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demic affairs over Alecia Robinson, senior marketing major of Campus Connected and JC Miller, freshman political science major of the independent Higher Education Action Team Party.

Muffler said he was happy to be elected, despite not feeling well.

"I'm nervous and I feel like I'm going to puke," Muffler

said. "I think all three candidates were worthy."

Miller said she learned a lot from the experience and would like to work with Muffler in the future.

"I'm flattered I received as many votes as I did," Miller said. "I'm looking forward to working with (Muffler) next year." Muffler received 515 votes to Robinson's 443 and Miller's 287.

Nikki Kull, junior marketing major of Campus

Connected, was elected student vice president of financial affairs over Jared DeHority, junior accounting major of United Campus.

"It's awesome and I'm going to take it very seriously," Kull said. "It's kind of bittersweet because my party members weren't elected with me."

Kull said she will be happy to give DeHority a position on the senate Tuition and Fee Review Committee and the

Apportionment Board next semester.

"He's welcome to come on the Tuition and Fee Committee and AB next year," she said.

Matt Kulp, junior speech communication major of the Campus Connected Party, ran unopposed and received 1,024 votes, which was the most of the election.

"I was so worried about it, I didn't think anybody was going to vote for me," Kulp said. "But, it was reassuring."

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*"I'm kind of disappointed with the pitching."*

—Jimmy Schmitz, baseball coach

**Marathon:**

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seven runs (five earned) on six hits while striking out two. Jason Pinnell fared little better as he entered the ballgame in the fifth and gave up a pair of runs in one inning of work. Vaculik (3-1) picked up the win, but was hit hard allowing four earned runs in 2 1/3 innings.

"I'm kind of a little disappointed with the pitching," Schmitz said. "We need Huber to get us those three or four innings, because we can't be stuck using three or four pitchers."

The Panthers continued their solid play defensively with only two errors and both came on throwing miscues from catchers Jason Cobb and Joe Hernandez. Campbell looked extremely sharp in the field making two nice running plays and Kyle Haines made a diving stop on a ball to keep it in the infield.

"We played well defensively and the errors didn't come back to hurt us," Schmitz said. "Campbell made a great play on the back hand and he made another where he had to come up and get the ball. Haines made a crucial play over the middle and while our team's fielding percentage isn't all that good, we've really played good defense and haven't given away games."

The 16-15 win avenges a 19-10 loss the Panthers suffered against Saint Louis on March 30 and, according to Campbell, revenge was sweet for the Panthers.

"Definitely, it's always nice to come back and beat a team the second time around," Campbell said.

**BASEBALL**



Junior outfielder David Chacon celebrates and is congratulated by his teammates after his game-winning home run in extra innings against Saint Louis at Coaches Stadium Wednesday afternoon.

# Switch hitting outfielder hits walk-off home run in extra innings

By Dan Renick  
STAFF WRITER

Junior outfielder David Chacon helped push Eastern past St. Louis with a big offensive day, hitting home runs from both sides of the plate in the process.

Chacon went 3-5 on the day driving in six runs for the Panthers on the way to a 16-15 victory over the Billikens. Chacon's six RBI tie a season high for him.

Chacon, who is playing in his first season at Eastern, has had a career week for the Panthers hitting three of his five home runs

this year in the last seven days, including a grand slam Saturday against Samford.

"I've been doing the same thing the whole year," Chacon said. "I'm just going up trying to make contact."

Chacon's first home-run came in the Panthers biggest inning of the day. Going into the third trailing by eight, Eastern fought back to cut the lead to five with Chacon stepping up to the plate. With two men on, Chacon hit from the left side of the plate and drove a ball that just

had enough to get out as it bounced off the top of the fence before leav-

ing the field.

The Panthers put up three more runs in the third to take the lead 9-8.

"I don't think we got down after being behind. We just knew we had to work hard," Chacon said. "When I was up I just wanted to keep the rally going."

In the next inning Chacon came up with a runner in scoring position and roped a double to extend the Panther lead another run.

In Chacon's next plate appearance, he put the Panthers atop the Billiken's once again. With the game tied at 10 and a runner on first, Chacon stepped into the box,

**Game breakdown**



**15** Saint Louis (11-27, 8-4) **at** **16** Eastern Illinois (14-20, 1-11)

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AWAY:	341	002	113	-	15	19	3
HOME:	009	102	031	-	16	22	2

**Batters**

Away: Eder, Drew (5 AB, 3 H, 3 R, 5 RBI), Valdes, Patrick (5 AB, 3 H, 3 R, 1 RBI 3 LOB).  
Home: Chacon, Mark (5 AB, 3 H, 2 R, 6 RBI), Stone, Pete (6 AB, 4 H, 3 R, 5 RBI).

LOB: Away 9, Home 17. HR: Eder 2(3), Greenwich (6), Valdez (2), Stone (3), Chacon 2(5). SB: Steinhoff 2(8), Wort (6), Valdez (7) Hernandez (1), Chagnon (3)

Away walks: 7. Away strikeouts: 5, Home walks: 1. Home strikeouts: 8

**Pitchers**

Away: Weber, K. (2.1 INN, 8 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 3 BB, 1 SO), Schroeder, A (3.0 INN, 7 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO).  
Home: Huber, E. (1.1 INN, 6 H, 7 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 2 SO), Long B. (3.0 INN, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 SO).  
WP: Vaculik (3-1). HLD: None. SV: None. LP: Struckhoff (1-4).

**Game Notes:**

- ◆ Carkeek (EIU) 12-game hitting streak GW RBI single in 9th INN.
- ◆ Chagnon (EIU) homered from both sides of the plate, equaled career-high six RBI

on the right side this time, and drove the ball over the left-center field fence.

Going into Wednesday's game Chacon was batting .278 and on the year has hit five home-runs, tied for first on the team and is third on the team in RBI's with 26.

Eastern manager Jimmy Schmitz commends Chacon on the improvements he's made this year.

"We picked up on some things he was doing wrong mechanically on tape," Schmitz said. "The nicest thing is that he got things done on his own."

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Savage-Lansden's style compared to men's coach Rick Samuels

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be able to relate to the players now," Savage-Lansden said. "My door will always be open to them because this age is always difficult."

Savage-Lansden has a style of play that is very familiar to Panther fans by watching men's basketball and head coach Rick Samuels' style.

"I like to focus on defense which will be half court man-to-man," Savage-Lansden said. "Our defense will generate our offense which will be the motion-style but I can guarantee that it won't be like watching that paint dry."

After finishing with a disappointing season under former head coach Linda Wunder, Savage-Lansden made very sure that her team would have a completely different mindset by next season.

"I can tell confidence is an issue with this team and the mentality of winning needs to happen immediately," Savage-Lansden said.

The only problem that Eastern's third candidate admitted she has could still be interpreted as a positive.

"I have a fear of failure, that has made me a perfectionist which is the attitude I would bring to this position," Savage-Lansden said.

Posada leads Yankees with HR over White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Rodriguez homered and Jorge Posada hit a tiebreaking shot in the seventh inning, leading the New York Yankees past the Chicago White Sox 3-1 Wednesday night.

Javier Vazquez (2-1) allowed five hits in eight innings — retiring his final 10 batters. After losing three of four at Fenway Park, New York has won the first two games in Chicago.

Rodriguez's second homer with the Yankees tied it at 1 in the sixth. Posada's seventh homer of the season, a two-run shot, made it 3-1. Mariano Rivera worked a hitless ninth for his fifth save in five chances.

Gary Sheffield singled in the seventh off Jon Garland (1-1) before Posada drove a pitch high and far over the fence in right-center, increasing his team-leading RBI total to 18. It was his second homer in two nights.

Garland allowed just two hits in the first five innings — a bunt single to leadoff hitter Bubba Crosby and another single to Sheffield when Carlos Lee trapped his fly ball in left.

Garland struck out the first two batters in the sixth and had Rodriguez in an 0-2 hole before the AL MVP drove the next pitch over the fence in right.

He seemed to be unsure where the ball went after making contact, looking around as if he had fouled it off.

WEDNESDAY NBA PLAYOFFS

Heat take sting from Hornets

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat had no need for another last-second hero Wednesday night — not the way the New Orleans Hornets missed shots at a near-record rate.

New Orleans shot 24.4 percent to tie for the second-lowest playoff point total since the shot clock was introduced in 1954, and the Heat won 93-63 for a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

The hapless Hornets finished 20-for-82. They sank seven meaningless baskets in the fourth quarter to avoid breaking the record for playoff shooting futility of 23.3 percent by Golden State in 1973.

Utah holds the playoff record for fewest points with 54 in 1998.

The best-of-seven series moves to New Orleans for the next two games, with Game 3 on Saturday. The Heat have won 14 in a row at home, but they're 13-28 on the road this season.

Bucks tie series with Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Michael Redd scored a career playoff high of 26 points as Milwaukee evened their series. It was the first win by a road team in this year's playoffs.

The Bucks led 87-72 with 3:13 left before Detroit made a frantic comeback. With a chance to tie or take the lead, Rasheed Wallace took a pass in the corner and the ball slipped out of his hands and went out of bounds with 4.1 seconds left.

Redd then made two free throws to seal the win.

Chauncey Billups led Detroit with 20 points before fouling out, and Richard Hamilton had 18 points before being ejected with a second technical foul with 4:58 left.

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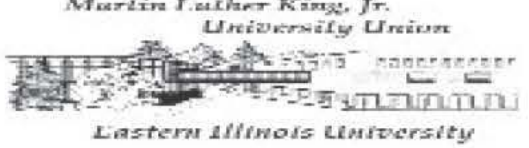
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## THROW DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Road woes cured at home field

Now that the softball team has started to roll, its about time the beginning of its season was addressed.

Very few teams, if any, have gone through a beginning to their year like Eastern did this season. It is a feat for the Panthers to overcome a start in which they went 10-24, but even more amazing is the fact that all 34 of those games were played on the road.

What a stretch to the season, not only was the team scuffling but they barely got to see their own rooms during that stretch.

This also came during a year in which the softball team was showcasing a newly remodeled ballpark, that they weren't able to open until March 9.

The kind of impact this had on the team was harsh because the team got off to the kind of bad start that also carried over to the beginning of Ohio Valley Conference play.

Because the first eight OVC games were on the road as well for Eastern, their poor play continued. In these eight games, there was only one game that Eastern ended up on the good end of the ball game.

That kind of start still has the Panthers playing within their conference even though they have started to play better softball now that they are playing at home more regularly.

Since they opened Williams Field in March, the Panthers have played six games on their home turf and have won all six of those games.

That has vaulted the Panthers back into the thick of the conference standings. But would such solid play at home be necessary if the Panthers had some home games sprinkled into that whopping number of 34 road games at the beginning of the season?

In fact after 34 games, that shouldn't be considered a start to the season. That is at least reaching into the middle of the season and is entirely too much time to spend on the road.

One more factor, besides just the way they played, is that they couldn't possibly gain any recognition on campus because they were never here.

I wouldn't blame anybody on campus if they didn't know that there even was a softball team that represented Eastern from the beginning of their season on February 28 until that opening weekend towards the beginning of March.

Now that they do play here at Williams Field it is easy to notice the days that they play. This is partially because of the new additions to the stadium. Mostly, it seems that the sound system installed on the ball park easily booms the action of the game over to at least Coleman Hall. When that happens it's easy to realize that there is a game going on.

But kudos to this Panther squad for overcoming that kind of start on the road. I couldn't imagine spending that much time on the road, and now they have come back playing solidly.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ♦ HEAD COACH SEARCH



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS  
Women's head coach candidate Blair Savage-Lansden from Belmont University in Tennessee speaks at a press conference in the Club Room of Lantz Arena.

## Focused on the win

♦ Former player Blair Savage-Lansden confident she can recruit a winner for Eastern

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's newest head coaching candidate only has one definition of success.

"Win," Blair Savage-Lansden, assistant women's basketball coach at Belmont said. "Winning could happen here next year."

Savage-Lansden made many promises to the highly-attended open meeting as she talked about the importance of combining academic success with wins on the Lantz Arena floor.

"We will graduate every player that comes through the program," Savage-Lansden said. "With the players we have we can vie for an Ohio Valley Conference Championship."

Savage-Lansden spent last season as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator with Belmont University located in Tennessee, a state which has four schools in the OVC. She maintained her belief that she could recruit in the Volunteer State for the Eastern program.

"I'd like to get into there and snake some kids out of there with those contacts I have in Tennessee because those small towns there have a lot of good players," Savage-Lansden said.

When asked about her recruiting tactics, she used a bold example of what she might say to that potential recruit.

"I would like to look that young lady in the eyes and say, we are going to win a national championship here and you have a choice. You can either win it with us or get beat by us and have your season end," Savage-Lansden said.

Savage-Lansden is still considered arguably one of the best players in Arkansas women's basketball history as her name can be found in the record books in that state. Prior to the 2003-2004 season, she still ranked among the Razorbacks all-time leaders in four categories (17th in points, third in rebounds, 11th in assists and 10th in blocked shots). Also, in 2001, she was named to the Lady Razorback Silver Anniversary Team. She stated that her playing career might be essentially helpful to her as a head coach at Eastern.

"I think that being a player before, I will

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## BASEBALL



Freshman outfielder Mark Chagnon beats the tag after the first baseman fails to hold on to the ball Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

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## Panthers walk-off after marathon game

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It may have taken nearly four hours but Saint Louis' reign over Eastern is finally over.

When Kevin Carkeek's seeing-eye single found the right field grass at Coaches Stadium to score Mark Chagnon breaking a ninth inning 15-15 tie, the ballgame and Saint Louis' eight game winning streak over the Panthers were both over.

Carkeek's game winner capped off a back and forth contest that saw Saint Louis open up an eight-run lead after 2 1/2 innings only to have the Panthers come back with nine runs of their own in the bottom of the third.

After Eastern and Saint Louis traded runs the teams were knotted at 12 heading into the bottom of the eighth. Freshman Ryan

Campbell led off the eighth with a solid single to the right and after pinch hitter Paul Dean reached base on a fielder's choice ground out the stage was set for designated hitter Pete Stone. The sophomore sent Saint Louis reliever Kurt Struckhoff's offering over the left-center wall to give Eastern their biggest lead of the day at 15-12.

However, the victory would have to wait as Eastern-right hander Chris Vaculik ran into trouble in the ninth. With two runners on and two outs, Vaculik fired a knee-high fast to Saint Louis first baseman Drew Eder who stunned the Panthers and the fans at Coaches Stadium with a mammoth home run to center field tying the game at 15.

But the Panthers were only momentarily dazed. Chagnon led

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off the ninth with a surprise bunt that hugged the third base line allowing him to reach first without a play. Second baseman Chris Uhle followed with a sacrifice bunt moving Chagnon to second. Campbell stepped up to the plate next and roped a single past shortstop Pat Steinhoff, but the ball was hit and Panthers third base coach Mitch Rosenthal held Chagnon at the bag. The move paid off and set the stage for Carkeek's heroics and a Panther win, their 11th in the last 14 ball games.

Although Eastern's head coach

Jimmy Schmitz could have done without so many twists and turns he was still pleased with the Panthers comeback.

"It was nice to come back from an 8-0 deficit," Schmitz said. "I use funny words like 'passion' and 'caring' and after we're down by eight it's just boom, boom, boom and it seemed like we were going to do it. I'm really happy with the comeback in terms of getting back into the game and obviously in the end they put their better guys in and we put our better players and we got great hits by Pete Stone and Kevin Carkeek."

As the case with any high scoring game both teams pitchers struggled. Erik Huber started the game for the Panthers, but went only 1 1/3 innings surrendering

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# RSOs crave student leaders

By Kelly Richards  
Staff writer

### Student organizations find it difficult to recruit leaders, especially those who are minorities

Students are too focused on their education. That's why less students are joining organizations and it's becoming harder to find student leaders, said Isabel Castro, an advisor for the Latin American Student Organization. "I've found a lot of students just want a degree," she said. Nachel Glynn, president of the Resident Hall Association, is one exception. Student leaders in RHA combine their efforts to better the campus environment, Glynn said. They have the power to change policies and procedures

and give students opportunities. "They are the voice of the students," she said. Student leaders in RHA combine their efforts to better the campus environment, Glynn said. They have the power to change policies and procedures and give students opportunities. "They are the voice of the students," she said. Student leaders have a more hands on experience with the campus, said Erika Robinson, former president of the Black

Student Union (BSU). This experience gives students a social connection to the campus and leads to positive self development, said Jesse Wu, president of the Asian American Association (AAA). "They are the backbone of the campus," said Bob Dudolski, Director of Greek Life. There wouldn't be any major organizations or celebrations without student leaders to put them together, he said. Some organizations, however,

have trouble recruiting and maintaining student leaders and members; especially minority organizations. Out of the four positions offered in the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), only the secretary position is filled, said Isabel Castro, an advisor for the organization. "Students commit and don't understand what the position is," Castro said. "They say it wasn't what they thought it would be." Robert Turk, secretary of

LASO, attributes it to lack of motivation. Students may care about an organization, but lack the motivation to become active participants, he said. Robinson said it might be fear of responsibility. "It's a big responsibility, and it's not something to be stepped into lightly," she said. The fact that minority enrollment on campus is at 9.3 percent could be the cause, Wu said. "We literally are a minority on campus," he said. Robinson disagrees. "I think it depends on the stu-

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## UNITY WEEK

# Sprinkles has left the building

By Darnell Jordan  
Staff writer



DIVERSE PHOTO BY COLIN McAULIFFE

Jonathan Sprinkles asks students to raise their hands if they are a good liar, as part of his speech as part of Unity Week Tuesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Motivational speaker Jonathan Sprinkles left Eastern staff and students clamoring for more after an inspirational lecture Tuesday night. After the lecture, Sprinkles sold all 30 total copies of his three books, which forced many others to sign a waiting list for extra copies to be shipped Wednesday. Sprinkles presented "Why Settle?...Be The Best You Can Be," an inspirational speech, in the Grand Ball Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Throughout the presentation, Sprinkles touched on various topics that affects today's society, such as stereotyping and self respect. His main message was to be all you can be, you must look within yourself and realize your flaws. "An original is not someone who imitates nobody, but someone who nobody can imitate," he said. The event was sponsored by EIUnity as part of Unity Week's events that were designed to promote diversity throughout the campus. Full of audience participation, the presentation also elaborated on the fears of diversity. Audience members were asked to write a list of reasons they felt people strayed away from integration. Responses included "fear, prejudice, and differences". Members of the audience were impressed by Sprinkles' approach to such serious topics. "I felt his presentation was excellent. I knew that he would be able to reach all types of students, and that's why we really pushed to get him here. I was truly amazed at his talent, and

how down to earth he was. I definitely recommend him coming to speak again next year," said Kila Lacy, a member of EIUnity. "He did a really good job at reaching the entire student body as a whole. He said a lot of things that fellow leaders on the campus subconsciously thought," said Erika Robinson, a senior business management major. Originally from Houston, Texas,

Sprinkles used to work for Dell, but decided to become a motivational speaker after realizing the passion he had for enlightening people. As a young adult, Sprinkles dealt with low self-esteem and compromising his true feelings for acceptance from his peers. "I feel its important for people going through hard times to realize that they aren't the first or the last to go through it. No one

# Funds find way toward Unity Week

By Jessica Jarrett  
Staff writer

Unity Week, April 19-24, is underway after various organizations found money to donate for the week of diversity and awareness. Because of several problems finding funds, the events were postponed one week to coincide with events planned by several university organizations. Lisa Flam, Student Vice-President for Student Affairs, said, "I wanted to make sure unity week would continue because of the strong student support from last year." Lisa said that the reasons for the delay in events were because more time was needed to find alternative resources. Flam said that numerous organizations found ways to show support by donating money so the events could be carried out. Some of those organizations include: Housing and Dining, The Office of the Vice President of Student

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is perfect. We all go through the same things," said Sprinkles. When asked what keeps him inspired to deliver his positive message, he said: "I'm a curious person, and I'm always excited to see the outcome of enlightening people. Seeing people get the A-ha moment is the greatest reward." He has written three self-help books, and regularly speaks at universities throughout the country.

# New BSU president desires more visibility

By Kate Henderson  
Staff writer

to continue to build membership." Erika Robinson, management major and former BSU president, said she accomplished all of her goals last semester. Those goals included increased membership, producing a newsletter and planning for the Mahogany Awards, an awards program that recognizes black students in the BSU and the National Pan Hellenic Council. Robinson said membership has increased from only 10 paid members since she joined the BSU.

Robinson said the BSU also did a Mother's Drive and a fashion show last semester, along with volunteering with Teen Reach in Charleston. "The Mother's Drive collected food and anything that would help a mother raise her children," Robinson said. Half the proceeds from the fashion show will go toward that drive this semester, she said. Robinson said she plans to continue to be active with the BSU and thinks that Collier is on the

right track with trying to make the organization more visible. BSU also hosts the Miss Black EIU pageant along with union parties and membership socials. The new officers this semester are Angela Beard, communication disorders major as vice president; Amanda Jackson, biological sciences major as treasurer; Andrea Hudson, marketing major as secretary and Jeffery Collier, president. The position as parliamentarian has yet to be filled.

## Black Student Union

Next year BSU meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday night in the Effingham room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



Jeff Collier  
BSU President



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BSU Vice-President

# Living the week out loud

## Offering a forum for gay marriage debate

By Jami Arceneaux  
Staff writer

Current issues dealing with amending same sex marriages hit Eastern's campus last week during Pride week.

A panel discussion was held on Monday, April 12, dealing with the latest issues of same sex marriages and civil unions. Led by Maurice Tracy, a political science major and action director of Eastern's Pride week. The panel touched all subjects related to same sex marriages from political, personal and religious standpoints.

The panel discussion was just one in a series of scheduled events planned in celebration, appreciation and recognition of Eastern's homosexual population, including a petition for same sex marriages to be sent to the state's legislature.

Pride is an organization that deals with the rights and equal opportunities of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender and their allies. Panelist spoke about the difference between civil unions and same sex marriages, the catholic church's refusal to recognize same sex marriages and the possibilities that same sex marriages will be amended in the future.

The panelists included Jamie Fetty, student journalism major, Karen Swenson of the political science department and Roy Lanham, Director at the Newman Catholic Center.

The Catholic Church, represented by Lanham, held traditional views against the union of gays

and lesbians. "Marriage is not defined by state or church, but by God," began Lanham. He went on to explain that from a religious perspective, marriage is an institution recognized by God, while civil unions are an institution recognized by the state. Lanham said these are laws that were created by God not by The Church itself. "...marriage was given to us by God for two purposes—the unity of the couple and the procreation and education of offspring. Lanham explained further that it doesn't mean a gay couple cannot love each other, but it does mean the gays cannot enter into a marriage covenant, because they cannot procreate."

To those that may think that Christianity's teachings on homosexuality are insensitive and harsh, Lanham offered that it may be true in some cases however, those are not necessarily the feelings associated with the Catholic Church.

In an e-mail interview, Lanham said marriage is a privilege, not a right, and can be denied to homosexuals as well as heterosexuals.

Tracy disagrees. Tracy believes marriage is a right and should not be denied to anyone seeking it. "It should be my right to make that choice," he says, furthermore "Marriage is a big issue for everyone. Most see marriage as a heterosexual institution, and that we [homosexuals] are infringing upon it."

Currently, same sex marriages are only recognized in the state of Massachusetts. It is a marriage recognized by the state as a legal con-



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Karen Swenson, political science faculty member, offers a political view in the debate between same sex marriage and those who support marriage as a heterosexual union in the Effingham room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union April 12.

tract between two people of the same gender. Civil unions, however, are only acknowledged by the state of Vermont.

The fight for civil unions and same sex marriages is often compared to the Plessy vs Ferguson, where segregated schooling was challenged as not being equal. DOMA, however, "is an federal statute that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman for federal purposes, dispensing federal benefits and allowing states to refuse or recognize same-sex marriages entered into in

other states," explained Swenson in an e-mail interview. "The government can amend the constitution concerning what ever subject they choose," explains Swenson, "...the government can regulate the civil [or] legal status of marriage without regulating its religious status, which is all the marriage amendment proposes to do." She went on to clarify that the government is not forcing [churches to anything].

There are churches that do perform same sex weddings, it is virtually up to the state to recognize

them as legal. "In Vermont, a civil union has all the benefits and burdens of marriage," says Swenson, "In some localities, it has only some. And, of course, if it can't be called "marriage," its not the equivalent."

During the panel on Monday Swenson explained that same sex marriages may not be amended into the federal constitution but will be left up to the states to make that decision. Some are optimistic that the government will make it possible for gays and lesbians to enter into marriage legally.

## Groups work together for comedy

By Kelly Richards  
Staff writer

Homosexuals live 10 years longer than heterosexuals.

That is what sophomore english major Ben Marcy said in the final sketch of the Lunchbox Voodoo show Friday April 16.

The sketch comedy group performed for Pride Week.

Pride was originally going to create a Rainbow Lounge at 7th Street Underground, where there would be an open mic to perform music or read poetry, said Maurice Tracy, Action Director for Pride.

But Lunchbox Voodoo had already booked the venue so they decided to incorporate the show into Pride Week.

The final sketch was the only one the group planned on being totally gay themed, said Taylor Dall, Lunchbox Voodoo president.

"We might do a couple things a little more flamboyantly," said Marcy, a Lunchbox Voodoo performer, before the show.

And they did. At one point Marcy pulled out a frilly pink handkerchief to wipe his brow in the middle of a skit about a businessman going to the bank.

However, the group was a little

cautious about the content of their show.

"We're avoiding anything that would be offensive," Dall said before the show.

The group talked with Pride members and asked if they thought the material was funny, Marcy said.

"We're not going to go skit by skit and analyze if it's going to be offensive or not," he said. "We don't like to compromise our comedy."



Ben Marcy  
Lunchbox Voodoo

The show won't be much different than usual, Dall said. It will just have all new material. Dall, Marcy and Tracy said they hoped the audience would enjoy the show and not take offense. "We realize at times we do things that are offensive," Marcy said. "But we do them humorously."

The group usually has gay themes in some of their sketches anyway, said Mallory McCumber, a Lunchbox Voodoo performer.

Before the show, Tracy said he hoped the group would incorporate some gay themes into the show. He also hoped the audience would have a positive reaction.

"We don't want people walking out," Tracy said. Dall thought the audience reaction would be no different than at any of their shows.

"All audience reactions vary," he said. "Half find a joke funny, half don't."

"I just hope they laugh," Marcy said.

McCumber was a little worried beforehand.

"We did some more risqué sketches than usual," she said. "But the audience took them humorously."

"I thought it was hilarious," said Vince Donlon, co-president of Pride. When it comes to humor being classified as gay, Dall said there's really no definition.

"Humor is humor," he said.

Tracy agreed, but believes there are gay sensibilities. If he had to define gay humor, he said it would be humor that was targeted specifically towards the gay culture.

"It would be something that people outside of gay culture wouldn't necessarily get," he said.

Homosexuality is a situation our culture is trying to deal with, said Marcy. "A lot of the time we express our fears through humor," he said.

Tracy thinks such fears are absurd. He likes it when comedians take serious issues, such as homosexuality, and make fun of them to show how ridiculous people can be.

Donlon thinks it's great when allies of the gay community are willing to show their support.

"I hope we work together in the future," he said.

## Pride petitions for change

### ERA will also send petition to Illinois General Assembly

By Michael Habschmidt  
Staff writer

More than 300 signatures have been signed for the same-sex marriage petition, and more than 500 more signatures are to be expected. Maurice Tracy, coordinator of Pride Week celebrations, has headed a petition to allow same-sex marriages in Illinois.

"Basically," Maurice said, "as of [Wednesday], there has been more than 300 signatures, and we will be holding the petition until this Friday or Monday at 8 p.m. We will draft a letter [with the signatures] and will send it to Gov... Rod Blagojevich." Upon receiving so much support, however, he decided to extend the petition until Wednesday night.

This is their first time Pride has tried such a petition, and they have a mostly "impromptu staff," consisting of some volunteers and Maurice.

They also asked people to sign the petition at the Museum of

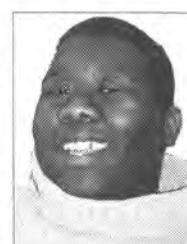
Oppression that occurred at Pemberton Hall Wednesday night.

"Next year," Maurice said, "we hope to make it a national thing or a statewide Illinois thing." He plans to send the letter to Blagojevich next Monday. The letter will include all of the signatures that Blagojevich know that "not everyone in Illinois is against it and thinks it's illegal."

"It's a very difficult topic to change people's minds about," Maurice said, "but I'm an optimist about it."

The same-sex marriage petition was not the only awareness event going on last week. There was also a petition to get the Equal Rights Amendment passed in the U. S. Constitution. Miranda Nalls, one of the students asking for signatures, said that the "Equal Rights Amendment gives equal rights to women, just like the Illinois one does. We only need three more states to get it ratified."

The ERA has already been passed in the Illinois constitution. This petition was organized by the Women's Resource Study and they plan on sending the signatures to the Illinois General Assembly.



Maurice Tracy  
Pride action director

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# Village celebrates graduating class

By Matt Maples  
Staff writer

"It takes a village to raise a child," said Joycelynn Phillips. "Now it is time for the village to celebrate." And celebrate they will. For the 10th annual Minority Graduation Banquet is being held at the end of the year to congratulate Eastern's graduating minority students.

The Minority Graduation Banquet is a family celebration honoring the graduating minority students. It is a big deal, for many of the graduates are first generation college graduates. This year, the banquet is coordinated by Joycelynn Phillips. She is the academic advisor for the Gateway program. This year is her second time working with the event.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at following at 7 p.m. Friday May 7 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Nate Anderson, president of the Board of Trustees, is this year's featured guest speaker. Anderson is also superintendent of St. Louis Schools. Master of Ceremonies is Jose Deustua, assistant professor in history. Eastern president Lou Hencken will also be present to hand out certificates to graduates.

The dinner features a buffet of chicken cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, pork roast, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, olive garden salads, and an ice cream sundae bar with white chocolate sheet cake. Best of all, its all you-can-eat.

Phillips expects 200 hundred people to attend, a number comparable to last years event. She encourages non-minority students to attend this and other minority events held throughout the year.

"It is important for young people to know about their culture and other cultures," said Phillips. "At the university, it is a grand opportunity for this."

"You're going to be in a position while working, where you are going to be working with people who are different," Phillips said.

The banquet costs \$35 for a ticket to the minority graduates, included is dinner, a special graduation stole, certificate and picture. Parents of minority students pay \$13.50 to get dinner. Children age 5-12 can attend for \$8 a ticket. Any student can attend for \$10 a ticket.

# Ebony and Ivory Step Show and pageant scheduled for Unity Week

By Eun-yong Park  
Staff writer

The Miss Black and Gold Ebony and Ivory Step Show will be held at 8 p.m. Friday. The show is organized by black fraternities and sororities in conjunction with EUnity, as part of Unity Week.

The sponsors of the step show decided to collaborate with the theme of ethnic diversity and to show the serious involvement of the black greeks on campus.

"We try to show involvement because of the need of blacks and diversity on campus," said Willie Bess, president of the fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha.

The step show Friday will include a beauty pageant and coronation for those competing for the title of this year's "Spirit of Power and Beauty."

The competitors of the Miss Black and Gold will next to having the honor of winning this year's beauty contest to additionally prizes like televisions, necklaces and a Sony Playstation 2.

"It is a good opportunity to make new friends," said Raquel Clayton, a senior chemistry major who will compete this Friday at the pageant.

"I was in many other beauty pageants like this in the past and I saw a flier of the pageant here on Eastern so I was confident to win this contest, but mainly to meet new friends," said Clayton.

The Miss Black and Gold beauty pageant will include a business-wear show, in which the contestants show their dressing skills as business women, a swimsuit portion, a talent portion and an evening wear/improptu question portion.

"It is the first time since the early nineties that such an event is coming up and we welcome everybody," said Willie Bass.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha said the cost for all the events in an all-access pass can be e bought for \$25 in the Union and in Taylor Hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day this week.



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Kevin Whitlock, junior speech communication major, and Michelle Hallock, junior psychology major, look at a gender-related exhibit at the Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression display Monday night in Pemberton Hall.

# Museum of oppression remembers

By Alicia Spates  
Staff writer

Eastern's third annual "Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression" advertised with the simple, captivating words of "See it. Hear it. Feel it," encouraging the campus to attend the event.

The event was held April 19-21 in Pemberton Hall. It was open to all students, faculty and to the Charleston community.

The Multicultural Education Committee, as well as various student groups including the Minority in Communications Association, helped in putting the Museum together with its maze of 14 exhibits.

Bill Kolacek, chair of MEC for housing, said the reasoning behind the Museum of Oppression was to bring about an awareness of issues of oppression, as well as privileges one takes for granted.

"If we neglect issues, we tend to forget they exist," said Kolacek.

Nick Sanders, junior speech communication major and member of MICA, said the museum shows the struggle of different cultures trying to assimilate into American society.

The journey began with a quote above head from Martin Luther King Jr. saying, "And you know my friends, there comes a time when people get tired of being trampled over by the iron feet of oppression."

Moving on, the hallway included a map indicating Illinois hate crimes within the state that was reported from 1998 to 2002.

A separate room was focused on the Holocaust, where the movie "Schindler's List" was playing. The room included a Nazi flag and a picture of Adolf Hitler. Another quote was found on the back of a door from

Anne Frank reading, "I still believe in spite of everything that people are really good at heart."

There were various other exhibits that were based on racial, religious, gender, ethnic and sexual orientation culture.

The museum then went on to women's rights with T-shirts displaying poetry from Maya Angelou. The exhibit reflected when women could vote and women as victims of domestic abuse.

Elizabeth Evans, sophomore elementary education major, said, "I didn't know the numbers were so high as far as domestic violence."

There was also an exhibit of not only women's body image, but also men's body image. It displayed "the ideal image" for both genders, and it included a playing of the video "Still Killing Us Softly," which discusses "the ideal image" and the objectification of women in advertis-

ing. Other exhibits included issues about the disabled, rainforest destruction, fair trade coffee and HIV/AIDS.

The HIV/AIDS exhibit listed statistics, for instance the fact that African-American males are almost nine times more likely to be infected with AIDS than white males. The exhibit also encouraged safe sex.

At the end, the museum was set off with the "Beyond Words 2004 Wall of Reflection," which allowed people to write freely about their thoughts of the museum and/or their own opinions of oppression in American society.

Heather Smigel, senior elementary education major, said, "Having been through it for the second year, it really makes you want to work harder to be more conscience about and to do something about the issues at hand."

# Panel discusses Taiwan's struggles with China

By Lea Erwin  
In focus editor

Taiwan's problems and relations with the U.S. and mainland China were talked about at a panel discussion entitled "Taiwan Views China and the U.S. with presentation by Thomas Cheng, the consul general of Taiwan in Chicago."

The panel discussion, at 7 p.m. in Roberson Auditorium of Lumpkin Hall at Wednesday, April 7, was lead by David Smith, chairperson and member of the Department of History.

The panel spoke about Taiwan's status in world affairs since 1949 through the 1990s and the economic ties between (Taiwan and the Chinese mainland). The panel also discussed Taiwan's plans to resolve the long simmering conflict with China and eventually determining its own identity.

"This topic is a serious topic, I cannot speak freely and I have no jokes for you," said Cheng.

Cheng talked about the many challenges Taiwanese people have faced through the years and how Taiwan has isolated itself internationally, but how their military is continuing to expand. He

also remarked on the voter turnout in Taiwan. Cheng said that 80.2 percent of eligible voters, voted last year for the Democratic Progress Party, one of the party's in Taiwan led by the president Chen Shui-bian.

China is a communist country and Taiwan is struggling to break free and become independent and eventually becoming a democracy. There is much disorder on the eastern Asian coast, Cheng said.

Cheng then quoted the President of Taiwan, Chen Shui-bian, saying, "Taiwan must consider walking it's own road." He then went onto to say Taiwan couldn't be localized or treated like a local government of another country.

Edmund Wehrle, assistant history professor said that Taiwan has a population of 23 million in about one-quarter size of Illinois. He also said Taiwan has gone out of it's way to invest heavily in mainland China.

The discussion was then followed by a question and answer session, and Smith opened up with saying that 80 percent of Taiwan's population voted, remarking to the audience, he said the lowest block of voting range is among young people.

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Affairs, The Office of Minority Affairs and Alpha Phi Alpha. Flam said that many places in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union decided to make donations as well. Copy Xpress, the bowling alley, the university bookstore and Panther Pantry will also provide items for the week.

Cathy Engelkes, Assistant Director of the Union's General Operations, said assistant directors got together and decided to donate items for Unity Week.

Flam said that many of these events are being co-sponsored, allowing for an assortment of organizations to be involved. University Board sponsored Spring Fling, student government's trip to Atlanta will be a panel discussion, The Museum of Oppression is being held in Pemberton Hall by Housing and Dining's Multicultural Education Committee and EUnity provided a speaker on Tuesday.

Last year, however, most of the funding was from the Apportionment Board. Flam said she didn't ask for more funds because she knew it wasn't available from AB due to renovations in the Student Activities Center, Student Government's trip to Atlanta and allocations for new equipment in the Student Recreation Center.

"Next year the money is in the Student Government's budget so we won't have to worry about it," Flam said. "It will automatically be there."

The lack of funding and delay in events may have seemed like a big problem but it allowed many organizations to work together and build a unity week collectively. Mona Davenport, advisor for EUnity and Interim Director of Minority Affairs, said that this years unity week, "unified several organizations and that's what it's all about."



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# Sick of girls' mastery of manipulative arts

Jennifer Chiariello Opinions Editor

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Girls gossip. It's an acquired skill progressing to an art form and often displayed like a trophy.

Everything spins so wildly out of control and far beyond the truth like a nursery school game of telephone.

Girls manipulate, connive and persuade until members of the gender divide into groups or sides somewhat like soldiers ready for catty battle with the deep down underlying unspoken distinction that in reality it is every girl for herself. Girls aren't friends, they are just competition striving for survival by an anthem of "keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

Perhaps this bitter anger toward the ritual female behavior was provoked by my numerous encounters with the slumlords of Charleston recently as I embark on a search for single living, but I think every girl subconsciously acknowledges this prevalent female trait exists.

Upon embarking on the college journey everyone starts out with this preconceived notion that this materialistic, judgmental competitiveness between girls does not exist past high school, but as the journey comes full circle and senior year of college approaches, the revelation that it does exist somehow creeps up and the issue has only gone undetected.

Coming to school freshman year open-minded, my new found group of friends was diverse. The group of eight of us at Carman Hall were the best of friends and felt that though it had only been a year, a bond was made that could never be broken, each of us with different backgrounds, personalities and behaviors. Looking back, our differences were irrelevant and made life more interesting and fun. The typical categories we would have type casted each other into in high school simply did not exist. But the group has dismembered entirely over the years and it amazes me that as quickly we dished out trust, we have scraped to grasp it from each others clothes

and run. Over boys, over sororities, over the addition of different friends, transfers and moves, the tight friendships are gone. All that is left of the memories is a dusty old scrapbook which masks the passing by looks of disgust for one another exchanged and rumors spread now in its place.

As I stare down at a photo of the group I have in a silver frame, engraved with "One Big Happy Family" I can't help but laugh at the situational irony.

I know it is naive to believe "friends forever" and dramatize the broken friendships like an afterschool special, but being in college, will girls ever gain a decent level of maturity, or more importantly the confidence to stand up for one another or simply themselves and say what is on their mind instead of cowardly hiding behind secrecy and gossip?

It is ironic how girls frequently define friendship as this "I got your back" mentality; it is almost code for admitting war is just around the corner with other females.

Girls fight so hard to overcome objectifications, why not start with first respecting each other, before conquering the male species?

As we get older we lose our innocent mentality in multiple measures and the childhood rule of "play nice with others" diminishes. Just as quickly as one becomes the latest addition to a girl group, even quicker do they become last week's news and are tossed out to be replaced by the next victim.

All girls behave this way, the rich, the poor, the smart, the stupid, the Greek, the non-Greek, the old and the young. It doesn't matter if you have mixed drinks or cures for diseases for a living, if you are a girl, at some point in time you have, will or still backstab or gossip about your best girlfriends.

My main problem with girls has always been they talk too much, but I am begin-

ning to realize that, in fact, they do the opposite. There is a significant difference between talking, which is speaking words and communicating, which is expressing thoughts, concerns and ideas.

However, I must admit, after research, I am not the first to discover this revelation. Girl "bashing" behavior is actually defined as "relational aggression," which includes both overt name-calling and verbal attacks and such indirect strategies as spreading gossip and rumors, manipulating friendships, or intentionally excluding or isolating someone, as defined by Nancy Mullin-Rindler in the Sept. 2003 edition of Education Digest. It is characterized by a power imbalance involving a combination of direct and indirect methods to damage someone's reputation, relationships, or sense of inclusion in a peer group. Students may use direct confrontation or involve emissaries to do this.

Groups of students may gang up against others and use this form of bullying to establish social rank or reinforce their position of power within a peer group, she said.

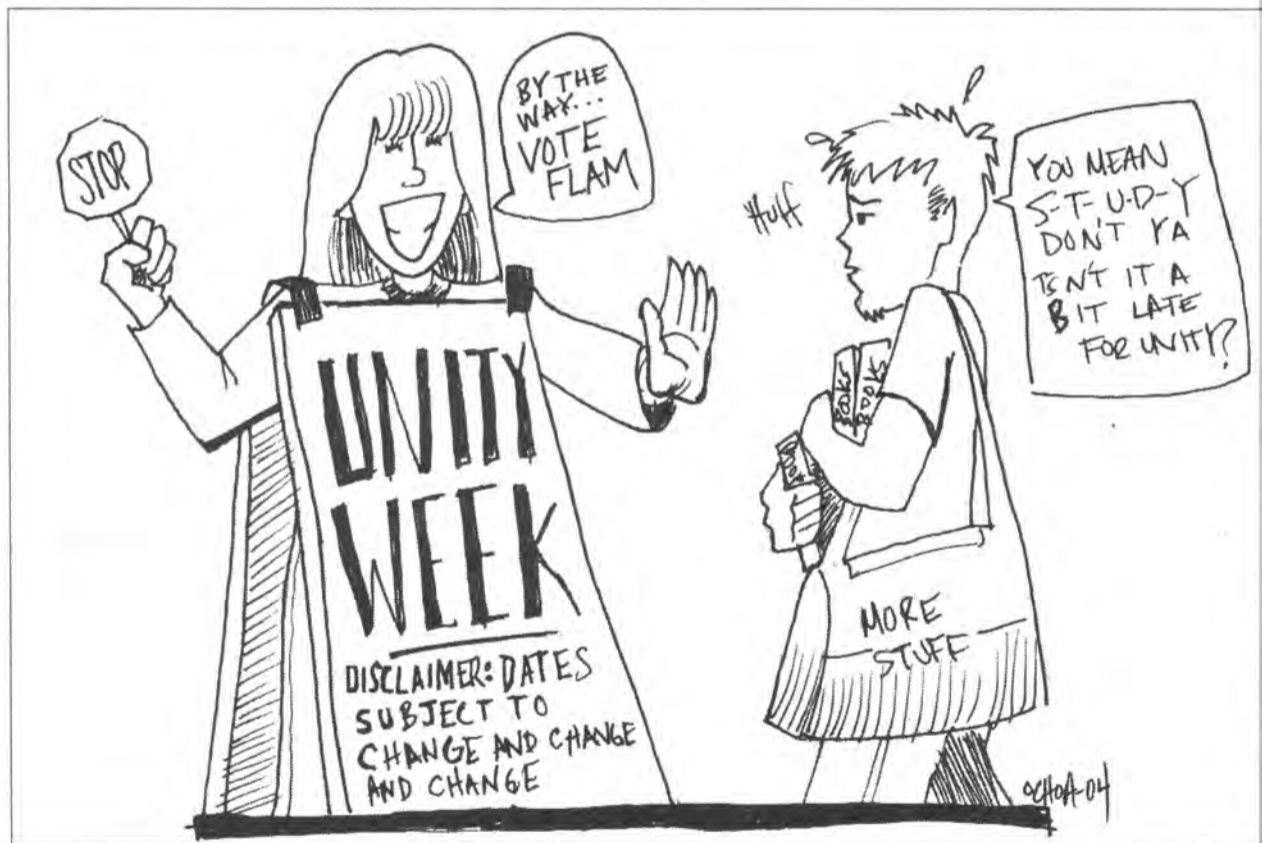
Sound familiar? Also, though many believe guys take out their anger in the worst way, girls demonstrate behavior that psychologists brand equal, if not worse.

I am not suggesting girls strap on a pair of boxing gloves and handle matters with their fists; guys definitely have a better perception of resolution through confrontation.

Maybe this is incurable, maybe it is behavior that will never change, maybe it is uncontrollable and impossible to stop, and maybe it does not lessen a friendship.

And maybe we should accept it. Obviously, I am a girl and obviously I don't know how to change things, because if I did, I would not be pleading with my father to permit living in a house with either, one three or seven of my male friends over my current situation ... three girls.

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# Apprentice an insightful view of battle of sexes

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I have to admit I was a little glad when Bill won The Apprentice. After all, he is from Orland Park, which is practically my home town.

However, I was disappointed, not because Bill beat Kwame, but because a woman did not win. When the show started and it was women against men with the women winning for the first month, I expected one of the women would eventually become the winner.

Having no women even compete in the last episodes brings up an interesting point of women in the workplace. Not a single woman was kicked off the show until the teams were mixed. Then women were consistently fired. The May 5 USA

Today explains the reality show really does mirror reality, stating the following statistics: "About 50% of law school graduates are women, but they represent less than 17% of partners in the major law firms. Women have comprised more than 30% of MBA graduates for more than 20 years, but women make up only 2.7% of the top earners in Fortune 500 companies and just 1% of Forbes 500 companies' CEO positions."

Whether or not The Apprentice women ran into a glass ceiling, the reality of double standards for women, in and out of the workplace, is very real. The women in the show were criticized in the same way many women are criticized off the screen. They were berated for using their sexuali-

ty for business benefits and then for being overly emotional. These are things that women must face everyday. But the bottom line is that even when women are competent and capable of executing a job, they have trouble working with men.

The way women communicate and relate to others is drastically different from how men interact. This makes it difficult for women to succeed in a male dominated environment because many of their motives and actions are misinterpreted. If a woman is overly cordial, it may be seen as being flirty and sexual. If they avoid friendly behavior, acting in ways seen as "manly," they are seen as rude and mean. Recently, my mission has been to act

more like a man. My logic is that anything a man can do, I should be able to do as well. But that's not true, for two reasons. The way I, and any woman, is viewed is different, so our consequences are different. Also, there are things that men shouldn't be able to get away with. Just because they can behave in certain ways does not mean that they should, and neither should women.

So my advice to women, especially with graduation coming, is to not try to be a man, but don't be constrained by rules dictated to women. Of course, this requires thinking about your actions and making wise decisions. Then follow through and don't apologize.



## Bush, USA should mind their own business

Adam Little Guest columnist

No one has benefited from this money/oil based war that republicans and their Commander in Chief George Bush has led the world into.

Before I begin to rant and rave and critically dissect our president and his legislation, I must admit that something needed to be done about the oppressed people in the Iraqi borders. But then again, something must be done about oppressed people throughout the world.

What many of us don't know is that the American government is doing most of the oppressing. Our strict economic sanctions and mass manipulation of resources in that region have left the people in such a dire state that they hate the U.S. and its allies.

Have any of us really thought about why some Iraqi people hate us so much? Are these people that are willing to give their lives all just mad terrorists?

According to an article in the Final Call Newspaper experts believe that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction were destroyed as far back as 1991. That raises the specter that the United States knowingly continued sanctions, which UNICEF estimated cost the lives of some 500,000 Iraqi children by 1998. No wonder there is such resistance against our presence.

Before all you republican, George Bush advocates start talking about what is in the best interest of the world, let's take a look at what's going on right now. The Shiite Muslims are now attacking the U.S. and its

allies that still reside in that region. These same people that we condemned Saddam Hussein for viciously murdering when they threatened his reign are far worse and more uncontrollable than any of Saddam's forces.

I am in no way condoning the methods in which Sadaam and the Baath party ran their government, but by upsetting the balance over there we might be doing more harm than good.

Recently we have witnessed car bombs, train bombs, kidnappings and mutilations. If our presence is so needed and appreciated, why is there such anti-U.S. resentment month after Saddam has been captured? Nothing is even mentioned about Iraqi civilians that continue to get struck down.

The fact is neither country is benefiting from this. America has wasted billions of tax dollars, lost too many soldiers, and we still have not found weapons of mass destruction. Am I the only one who feels that this is a major problem?

If we are so concerned about everyone else's problem then let's pay attention to the AIDS epidemic in Africa that wouldn't take half as much money or troops to solve. But that's an entirely different Anti-Bush topic.

It's obvious this whole Iraq ordeal was stupid. I encourage all of us 'free' thinkers out here to vote and make sure the people you know vote. Maybe we can at least change the people who have been making all these decisions that are changing all our lives.



## Operation Iraqi Freedom justified for saving lives

Michael Schroeder Guest columnist

The war in Iraq has resulted in a better life for the people of Iraq. No longer are do the people of Iraq have to worry about Saddam Hussein's torture chambers or Uday's rape rooms.

Human rights groups have estimated that Saddam has killed at least 290,000 Iraq citizens during his reign. Although this is no where near the millions his idol, Joseph Stalin, killed, Saddam still ranks as one of the most brutal dictators in history. That number does not include the number of people (the whole country) he starved and had living in deplorable conditions while he relaxed in his 50 different mansions.

Despite what Sen. Hillary Clinton may think, the women of Iraq in particular are in much better shape now. Maha Hussain in an ABC interview in March said "If a man is a dissident . . . authorities would rape his wife or female relatives in front him."

Uday Hussein had no problem plucking women off the streets for no reason at all other than him needing pleasure and having his way with them. I can't imagine an act more degrading and violating than what Uday did to these women. This year for the first time the Iraq will have athletes competing in the sport they love without having to worry about torture due to the failure to win.

The Miami Herald ran a story on April 6, 2003 about a soccer athlete named Haydar. He described the horrible torture he endured after losing to Jordan 2-0 and then suggesting he may not be able to play due to a bleeding ulcer. After spending several day in jail, being

barely fed and whipped daily Haydar described the final punishment to a Miami Herald reporter.

"They took my clothes off, laid me down on my back and dragged me by my legs across hot pavement until my back was a bloody mess. Then they made me roll in the sand. And just to make sure that the wounds got infected, I had to climb a 15-foot ladder and jump repeatedly into a pit of sewage water filled with blood and who knows what else. All because I wanted to stop playing soccer."

Call me an optimist and sucker for the "conservative right wing media," but I think we are treating the Iraqi's far better than that.

There is absolutely no reason anybody can say that the Iraqi's are not and will not be better off. Unfortunately, yes, some Iraqi's did die in the process; however, it was far fewer than the hundreds of thousands that Saddam had killed and sometime buried alive in mass graves.

Although the case is not as easy, the people of America are better off now too. We no longer have a brutal dictator in power, who has used WMD. Whether he had them a year ago or not, he has used them. We are also more safe because Saddam may not have directly helped Al-Qaeda, but he did support terrorist acts towards the United States and was a safe haven for terrorists. Having a democratic ally in the Middle East will be a huge benefit towards American Safety and the safety of all countries around the world.

I don't know if people just ignore the facts



## Where have all the yellow ribbons gone?

Lea Erwin In focus editor

Nearly 700 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq since the beginning of the war and more are dying everyday, according to Fox News.

This is a fact.

"BAGHDAD- Insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter Sunday, during its two crew members, during a struggle along a stretch of highway just north of Baghdad that has been the scene of several ambushes and kidnappings," according to the front page of the Chicago Tribune.

Stories of troops dying while in Iraq are on the front pages of every newspaper in the country, they are the lead stories of every television news station and the topic of conversations of people all over the world.

This is a fact.

Before 9/11 everything was different there was no war, no terrorism (that we were aware of) and no Patriot Act. But most of all people were not as afraid as they are today. After 9/11 the United States changed and the world changed.

With these changes came a different attitude about the world and in my opinion I think this brought fear into the homes of U.S. citizens. The question of war soon became the answer and the fears are now becoming reality.

I disagree with the war in Iraq. The Bush Administration believes we should be over there to make Iraq a better place, democratic presidential candidate John Kerry believes that we should not be over there but yet he believes that we should also not leave right away. And Ted Kennedy is calling the war in Iraq "President Bush's Vietnam."

With the 9/11 commission hearings of Clark versus Rice and the accusations of who is to blame and who knew what before 9/11 even happened makes me kind of worried as to what is priority in this war, is there ultimately just one person guilty for 9/11 or is there more than one person? I don't know and I don't know if we will have someone to

blame or ever even have an answer that satisfies everyone.

Either way I just want to know the facts.

Recently Spain announced it's over 1,000 Spanish troops in Iraq will be with drawled as soon as possible, this was announced Sunday because Spain's newly elected president promised to Spain in his campaign after which he was elected last month.

The question that comes to my mind is will more U.S. troops be sent over to Iraq sooner than planned and who and will other countries come to our aid in replacement of Spain? Do we even have allies in this war?

One question in defense of the war in Iraq is; If we were in Iraq's shoes wouldn't we want other countries to come to our defense and help us against a dictator and tyrannical government. My answer to this is yes.

And the follow-up to this would be, to what end?

I cannot say that the war in Iraq is "Bush's Vietnam" or that we are over there because President Bush is getting revenge on what ever happened when his father was in office, or that there really were chemical weapons in Iraq, or that Saddam Hussein's tyrannical reign needed to be stopped. I cannot say what is true and what is false, can anyone?

On the other hand maybe if we had a good reason for this war, for war. But is there ever a good reason, for war? That is the conundrum.

But these are not the facts.

The questions of whether the cause for the war is justified, or the reasoning behind the means is clarified, in my opinion, is not the issue. I don't think we should cry over spilt milk, the war has happened and people have died. The issue to me is the cold-hard truth that our U.S. troops, troops from other countries and innocent people are being taken captive and being killed everyday and this cannot be good for us or for them.

This is a fact.

## What do you think?



Kendra Arney

"I'm a peaceful person. I'm not for war."

Freshman Business Major



Chris Heckman

"I think it has been bad because we have been spending more on education in Iraq than we do for ourselves and that's bullshit. It's great for the Iraqi people because they are seeing the benefits of our money."

Junior Finance Major



Jessica Lionhood

"I think it has been bad for both."

Freshman Special Education Major

# 'Citizens of the world'

## Dance, music fills the air

By Jaclyn Gorski  
Staff writer

Flamenco dancers pounded their heels into the stage, throwing their arms in the air, while dancing in pairs to Spanish music April 5.

The International Dance performance, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, was just one of the events held during International Week, April 5 - April 10.

Bobby Sharma, president of the Association of International Students, the RSO sponsoring the event, said the goal of the performance was to bring the international community together. Piali Moitra, liaison for AIS, wanted to make international students citizens of the world.

Along with Flamenco, Spiral Seisum, an Irish band, and a duo comprised of Shourie Lahiri and Advayanand Shirsalken also took the stage.

Political science professor Lillian Barria the group flamenco, that included EIU Dancers and other students. The dancers wore knee-length dresses with straps that matched the dark-blue curtains of their dresses.

However, Spiral Seisium, comprised of University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign students, was most of the night's entertainment. The group played an hour of marches, polkas, slides reels and jigs as they sat in a half-circle facing the



Shourie Lahiri (drums) and Advayanand Shirsalken, University of Illinois students perform in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr Union.

audience. Spirl Seisium instruments consisted of the tune whistle, violin, flutes, an Irish drum and Irish bagpipes. The music, lively and energetic, was enjoyed by the audience that clapped and stomped their feet in tune with the band.

Lahri and Shirsalken, the duo from U of I, performed in traditional Indian

clothing to close the event.

Miljan Markus, vice-president of the AIS said this was the duo's second appearance at International Week. They played that Shirsalken described as "an Indian music rooted in spirituality and religion to some extent" that was a "meditative artform but is not translated to a performance

artform."

Shirsalken used exaggerated hand movements while hitting a variety of notes, while Lahiri played two Indian drums as they sat on a beige rug that layed on the floor.

Sharma said the audience was much better than in previous years. This year 50 to 60 attended the event.

## Do YOU want to be a Global Citizen?

(Questions from International Quiz Show, answers at the end)

1. This major river runs through Egypt
2. Earth is divided into this many hemispheres
3. The capital of South Korea is this city
4. This country's flag has green, white, and orange stripes
5. This is the Spanish word for water
6. Mongolia is located between these two countries
7. This country has the most mobile phones at 69.209 million
8. The name of the Cape at the bottom of South America is
9. Sri Lanka was formally known as
10. The largest building in the world is in

Answers: 1. Nile 2. Four 3. Seoul 4. Ireland 5. Agua 6. China & Russia 7. United States 8. Cape Horn 9. Ceylon 10. Taipei, Taiwan

compiled by Brandy Headley

# Potluck 'bangs' end of week with the sounds of Karaoke

By Brandy Headley  
Staff writer

"She bangs she bangs, Oh baby, she moves, she moves, I go crazy" sang sophomore pre-engineering major Kenny Bae with pelvic thrusts and microphone in hand to Ricky Martin's "She Bangs, She Bangs."

Bae was the first of five contestants who sang during a potluck for international students at the Christian Campus House, April 10. The potluck concluded the International Week planned by the Association of International Students.

"We're glad that it's ending on a good note," said Krishna Machiraju, a technology graduate student. "It was more than what we expected."

A variety of foods, clothing and about 60 people were present at the potluck.

Machiraju brought a famous dish of India, sambhar, made with peas, cilantro, spices and vegetables. It goes well with rice he said.

Reema Paudel, a political science graduate student from Nepal, brought a famous native dish, momo, made of steamed vegetables wrapped in flour spring rolls.

Several women wore traditional garments. A silk dark purple and lavender scarf, called a chunni, draped the neck of chemistry graduate student Suneetha Ramanujapuram from India. A small circular jewel, called a bindhi, rested between her two eyebrows. The chunni and bindhi, along with her handmade beaded purple shirt and lavender pants sym-

bolized her Indian culture.

Anu Pradhan, a political science graduate student from Nepal, also wore her country's native dress. Her green long-sleeved dress laid underneath her 6-meter-long green and silver scarf. Several small squares with diamond shaped inlays embroidered her dress. Pradhan said women in India dress more traditionally when they are married. When women are younger, they wear jeans and skirts more often than dresses.

## Quiz Show

About 35 people attended the "Who Wants to be a Global Citizen" quiz show Thursday, April 8 in the Phipps Auditorium.

Senior English major Jennifer Bryant creat-

ed a PowerPoint Presentation for the questions and answers.

"The questions came from general facts we knew and any book we could find that had to do with other cultures and our own culture," she said. "The game is adapted to Who Wants to be a Millionaire with six different levels, ranging from village citizen to global citizen."

"They asked me to spell Lickdenstein (Liechtenstein)," said sophomore Journalism major Teague Molloy. "I couldn't do it so I didn't win a candy bar."

The winning team for "Who Want to be a Global Citizen," are: junior history major Nicole Azana, freshman business major, Bill Graf, and senior political science major Krishna Ignalaga won white AIS T-shirts with world flags and bags of candy.

## LEADERS

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dents," she said.

BSU might still only have 10 members whether there are 10 or 1,000 black students on campus, Robinson said.

A lot of second and third generation minorities don't feel the need to organize themselves by ethnicity anymore, Castro said.

"I've found they would rather join organizations that meet their other interests," she said.

Pride has had similar problems attracting student leaders and members.

Maurice Tracy, Action Director of Pride, attributes the problem to fear in general.

"It's a big thing coming to our meetings whether you're gay or straight," he said.

Most people come out right after high school, Tracy said. Some rush to join any cause of activism while others don't want people to think that being gay is all there is to them.

"There's always the fear you might be stigmatized," he said. Heterosexual allies are hesi-

tant to join because others might assume they're gay, Tracy said.

"Wherever we are now, we just want to grow," he said.

Growth has been a problem for all these organizations. It's hard to get the name of their organizations out to students to recruit members.

Tracy hopes students will see them doing Pride Week. Pride also has a glass display case in the Union advertising for their organization.

"It's mainly been a lot of flyers," Tracy said.

Both the LASO and AAA are able to mail flyers through the Minority Affairs office to their specific ethnic groups.

BSU hands out pamphlets during orientation.

"We try to get the freshmen," said Robinson.

All the minority organizations hold fundraisers as well.

The AAA holds the same fundraiser every year.

"Consistency is key to building identity," said Wu.

Some of the organizations are seeing results.

Robinson expects all the posi-

tions in the BSU to be filled by the beginning of next year.

When the AAA was first founded, there were only two positions, said Wu. Four more were created this semester.

"I go to RSO meetings to learn ways to get LASO's name out there," Turk said.

These meetings are courtesy of the Student Leadership Council.

"The council was designed to bring RSOs together and provide support and structure," said Lisa Flam, chair of the council.

The council holds weekly meetings where it encourages networking between the RSOs to help get each others' names out on campus.

"We provide opportunities to get additional support," she said.

Workshops are also held where RSOs can learn how to design websites to advertise.

How to handle changing leaders and how to motivate members are other workshop subjects, Flam said.

Some organizations don't have trouble recruiting leaders and members.

The RHA advertises in the stu-

dent handbook, on the table tops at dining centers, and on the campus announcement channel, Glynn said.

"Most of the time we have three people running for each position," she said.

The Student Government offers about 35 positions and they don't have a problem filling all of them, said Jeffrey Collier, Chair of Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee.

"People come to us," he said.

There are 12 to 50 positions offered within the Greek Life Organization, said Dudolski. All of them are usually filled.

"People who join are already committed," he said

Dudolski said that's because the recruitment involves a membership education process as well as a leadership program.

Despite their success, these organizations and the minority organizations have a common problem: time.

Time that could be used to focus on education. "Senators tend to drop out towards the end of the year," Collier said. "School work is the typical excuse."

Robinson and Castro both said students say they leave their leadership positions to focus more on grades.

"I wish I could dedicate more time to school," Wu said.

Krishna Ignalaga, former president of the AAA, looked at it from a different angle. "At times you feel as if you're not giving all you can to the organization."

Extra curricular activities are just as demanding as school work, Tracy said.

"You learn how to juggle after awhile," Glynn said. "Just get a big note book and carry it around everywhere."

Time management is another skill the Student Leadership Council wants to help RSOs with, Flam said.

"Every leader should have good time management skills," Robinson said. Robinson also said they have to be dedicated.

"It's hard work, but it's rewarding," she said.

A good leader is someone who will step back while others find their potential, Glynn said.

They need to have a good integrity level, Turk said

# Poverty and war plagues Haiti

By Eun-yong Park  
Staff writer

Haiti will continue to struggle, said the guest speaker during Haiti Connection's Haiti Solidarity Week's first event.

The speaker, Roy Lanham, Haiti Connection advisor and campus minister at the Newman Catholic Center, discussed issues of war and poverty today and of the past at 8:30 p.m. in the Effingham room in the Martin Luther King Union, Monday.

"The Haitian people just want education, jobs, health care and and especially clean water to drink," Lanham said.

Lanham informed the students who attended about the many dictatorships, like Jean-Claude "Papa Doc" Duvalier, whom in 1971 as a nineteen-year-old, announced himself as Haiti's ninth president-for-life.

Lanham talked about the issues that were conflicted by the U.S. government like the \$ 500 million funding cut and the history of

Haiti's one dictatorship overthrowing the other.

"Haitians will continue to struggle," Lanham said opposing the chaos since Jean-Bertrand Aristide's exile by a military coup seven months after he took office.

"Democracy was the best thing ever happened to the Haitian people," Lanham said, " but they don't have much to celebrate."

Lanham explained the educational barriers in schools, severe health-care problems, and the radical deforestation of the tropical rainforest in Haiti.

The deforestation, said Lanham, was affecting the soil grounds that were washed away by the rain into the ocean were the coral reef systems, the shelter of many fish, are destroyed and this geological disaster makes it hard for fishers to survive.

At the end of Lanham's speech he showed some slides of one of his 24 visits with the Haiti Connection students since 1989.

The pictures of a neighborhood in Porto Prince showed the stu-



DIVERSE PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Roy Lanham, campus minister at Newman Catholic Center, shows a slide presentation Monday evening while talking in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Lanham spoke about the history and issues of Haiti to kick off Haiti Solidarity Week.

dents one of the nicer places where the audience guessed it a slum.

Lanham then showed a picture of the worst slum in Bidden Ville a town in which 250,000 people were housing far under the poverty line.

The Haiti Connection visited Haiti last June to build new water filters and help the Haitian people to at least have water resources.

By December 2004 Lanham said that 150,000 gallon tanks to catch rainwater and filter and store in

each household 750 gallons of water that is cleaned by 95 percent from bacteria.

"We want to work as one force and people to make a difference in the world," Lanham said

# Connecting through food

By Ryan Felkamp  
Staff writer

Eastern students were treated Tuesday to some of Haiti's finest cuisine at the Newman Catholic Center.

Haiti Connection, a recognized student organization on campus was pleased to offer some new tastes to go along with Haitian Solidarity Week, which is going on this week.

Senior journalism major Kerry-Ann Malcolm said "I just wanted people to become more aware of another country's [Haiti] culture." Malcolm is co-chair along with along with Courtney Jenkins in charge of setting up the dinner.

The meal itself included "Poule en Sauce" that is chicken in sauce as well as fried plan-

tains, rice and beans, Haitian Masques and lemonade.

"it was interesting to see what others eat," said Amineh Wilson, a senior health studies major. "It is mostly the same food that we eat, but is prepared differently, and a little bland for my taste," said Wilson.

Shovonne Woods, a junior pre-nursing major also felt the food had a different taste to it. "The beans are really sweet, much different than how my mom prepares them," said Woods.

Malcolm, whom was pleased with the turnout has been involved with the Haiti Connection since fall 2003. "The connection tries to get people involved," said Malcolm. The group has about 20 members and is always looking for more volunteers. "There is no charge to be a member; participation is what we look for."

## This week's Haitian Solidarity highlight

**Thru the week:**  
Clothing and Food Drive.  
Boxes are located in the residence halls and in the Newman Center.



DIVERSE PHOTO BY COLIN McCAULIFFE

Kerry-Ann Malcolm, a senior journalism, prepares a Haitian meal Tuesday evening in Newman Catholic Center.

# Walk for nonviolence

By Ryan Felkamp  
Staff writer

Haiti Connection is preparing for its eighth annual Run/Walk for Nonviolence.

The walk will take place at 10 a.m. at the Newman Catholic Center on Saturday, April 24.

Those participating will run or walk for approximately 3.1 miles with the route going from the Newman Center, through Greek Court and to the Heritage Woods, then back to the Newman Center.

There are many ways for people to get involved with the walk. "Students can participate in the walk itself, or try to get donations. Or they can drop a donation off or participate in the walk itself," said Emily Dettro, a senior finance major.

80 percent of the donations will go to the Haiti Connection in Clearwater, and the remaining 20 percent goes to the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service.

"It's hard to get people to give donations to a nonviolence walk, since so many people give donations to other fundraisers," Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Center, as well as advisor of Eastern's Haiti Connection.

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out apparel and jerseys from the University Bookstore, everyday outfits, bathing suits and formal clothes from Deb's and leather and fur coats from Wilsons. Different fraternities and sororities also lent accessories and greek-wear for modeling.

All scenes were complimented from music edited by Caleb Searcy, that included, Chicagoan Kayne West, Janet Jackson, Usher and Twista.

Sylvia Donald And Ledena Edwards were asked last minute to the Martin King Jr. University Union's Grand Ballroom to host the fashion show and did mostly improv between scenes while the models were getting ready.

Donald and Edwards made several announcements pertaining to BSU and chatted amongst themselves over the microphone making for a comical distraction.

"We had a lot of fun with it and we are best friends so we had a lot of chemistry to go off of," said Donald who admitted she was a little nervous but with the help of her friend was able to do the favor for the BSU with ease.

Monique Cook-Bey an alumna and assistant director of Student Life was the head of the event and oversaw the fashion show. She believed the show would bring a lot of attitude and hoped to bring the community and campus together.



DIVERSE PHOTO BY JOAQUIN OCHOA

A model walks down the runway during a fashion show Thursday April 15, in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Jr. University Union.

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way of life and is unsettled by what is happening with the house.

The cast is strong, and carries a somewhat questionable plot throughout the movie. Connelly plays a woman looking for redemption but so close to losing everything. Kingsley, always a firm presence in movies, does so much more with unspoken emotion than the sometimes clumsy dialog.

Also you can see newcomer Aghdashloo deal with holding a family

together in a place far from her homeland.

But overall, this movie stands out for being original. In the sequel saturated cinaplex we live, an original movie, though adapted from the book, is always welcome. Throw in Oscar winners and beautiful cinematography, and you get a movie that stays with you after you stop the VCR.

So as the school year ends, I hope you were able to see at least one movie that made you think, and as the summer blockbusters vie for your attention, do not forget other, smaller films. Although they are not screaming for you to see them, most say much more than the average superhero movie.

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it has been state mandated in 2000.

"We are not recycling everything that is recyclable on campus," said Rathe

He said there is still a lot more that should be recycled that simply isn't. He said the items that are not most commonly found that are recyclable are newspapers, soda pop bottles, and aluminum cans.

Other demonstrations included Roy Lanham, from the Newman Catholic Center he spoke about changing money priorities from military expenses to things such as health care and insurance for those in need. Lanham included spanning garbage bags from one end of the union to the other to demonstrate money

expenses and their expansion to eventually not being able to see where the money is going.

Jodi Barnhill, a volunteer at a Ten Thousand Villages store in Champaign spoke about other products that are offered through Fair Trade and she spoke about what the Ten Thousand Villages store is.

"There are more products available and Fair Trade has a much bigger market than coffee," said Barnhill. Some products she demonstrated were a Singing Tibetan Bowl and goat toes.

Local bands the performed Saturday included, Labeled, Hot Iron Skillet, RumbleShack Orchestra, and Loki. Also some recognized student organizations such as Equal Rights Amendment, the Haiti-Connection, Ten Thousand Villages and even Dr. David Gill, democrat running for congress also set up booths at the festival.



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A different perspective on entertainment

## International goodness

Association of International Students offers music, lectures and food with International flavor during International Week

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Jory McMillian, a junior pre-med major walks, down the runway at Black Student Union sponsored Change Clothes and Go. The fashion show was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday April 15.

### BLACK STUDENT UNION ♦ FASHION SHOW

# Charity is fashionable

Single mothers the beneficiary of proceeds

By Jaclyn Malek  
Managing editor

Models and dancers came, went and changed clothes to raise money for single mothers Thursday April 15.

The charity spring fashion show, Change Clothes and Go, was sponsored by the Black Student Union. BSU, along with Jolee and Rhythm and X-tacy, raised \$225 for The Mother's Drive. The money will go towards essentials for single mothers.

In previous years, the money raised went partially to a different charity and the rest to the BSU funds. This year, BSU decided to donate all the money to one charity, and to continue giving to the same charity in the future.

The fashion show opened with models coming to the stage with clothes designed by sociology student Marquita McGee.

The models danced to different hip hop songs on stage as they

strutted their stuff, showing clothes from the University Bookstore, Wilson's Leather and Deb's.

Dominique Brown, sophomore broadcast journalism major, was one of the models in the show. Brown said she had a lot of fun with it and that she and the other models had been practicing since Monday, April 12 and believed the show would come together well.

Amanda Jackson, biology sciences major, (school year??) served as the fashion coordinator for the show, picking out scenes and all of the apparel that was shown. Jackson was happy with the audience turn-out and said she was excited they would be giving the money to such a good cause. Jackson is also the newly elected treasurer of BSU.

The show presented a variety of clothing in seven different scenes. The scenes included clothes designed by hand, Eastern work-

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# ECHO heard in weekend fest

By Lea Erwin  
In focus editor

The festival was described as the first of its kind by its organizers, the Fair Trade Coalition. Holly Henschen, co-chair said Fair Trade created the event to raise awareness and interest among people on campus of the world outside of Charleston.

"I wanted to find a way to make people care," she said.

Everyone Can Help Out or ECHO Fest featured presentation booths, bands, speakers, and demonstrations of all kinds Saturday, April 17 at Library Quad.

The idea for the title sprang from the belief that, "even the small things they (students, faculty, etc.) can do can have a big impact."

Henschen said preparation for the festival began in the beginning of the semester and was, "the labor of love."

"I wanted to do this so badly, it was worth it."

Missy Shanley, member of the Fair-Trade coalition since it was founded in 2002, said, "It's something that is close to my heart."

It was a trip to Haiti, through the recognized student organization Haiti Connection, last spring that affected her feelings about Fair Trade.

She said recycling, organic products, and products that are either environmentally friendly or labor friendly are some of the issue she feels strongly about.

A "Dumpster Dive" Demonstration was put on by the Recycling Department on campus that included about 6-8 people dressed in white overalls that got into dumpsters and sorted through the trash throwing out things that were thrown away that could have been recycled. The dumpsters used were taken from Booth Library and residence halls in the Triad.

Allan Rathe, Recycling Coordinator said the recycling department recycles over 40 percent of Eastern's trash and they have been doing this since



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Junior Justin Cummings, co-chair of Fair Trade Coalition, plays at ECHO Fest Saturday afternoon on the Library Quad.

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### MOVIE REVIEW ♦ HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG

# 'Sand and fog' pulls at viewer's heartstrings

By Rachel Dent  
Contributor

House of Sand and Fog is an emotional piece starring an unbelievable cast considering it sleeper status at the box office last year. Jennifer Connelly stars as Kathy, a recovering alcoholic and recent divorcee living in the house that her deceased father left her. Out of the blue, an eviction notice is posted on her door because Kathy owes \$500 due to a clerical error on her taxes. Even though she protests, her house is quickly put up for sale before any legal action can be taken, the main fault of the movie.

From there, the story only gains more emotion, as Ben Kingsley, Oscar nominated as Iranian immigrant Massoud Amir Behrani, buys the house hoping to fix it up and resell it for a profit. He is doing so to please his wife, Oscar nominated Shohreh Aghdashloo, and her need for material things, as well as to pay for his daughter's wedding and son's education.

Both sides pull at the heartstrings with their hard work, Kathy as a housecleaner living out of her car and Massoud as a former Colonel in the Iranian army. Meanwhile, Kathy has the added pressure of an impending visit from her mother, whom is aware of neither the divorce nor the loss of her late hus-



band's house.

An interesting twist to the movie involves the subplot of Iranian tradition, something Massoud holds dearly to, despite living in America. In fact, he feels that such a lack of tradition in this country is the cause for its problems, including women like Kathy who cannot afford to pay for her house. But Massoud is not the only prejudiced person in the movie, as Kathy's acquaintance, Lester (Ron Eldard) has just as much passion for the American

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