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Sophomore jokes way to comedy crown

By CHRIS DAVIS
Staff writer

Laughs, giggles and chuckles echoed off the walls of the Union addition Rathskeller Wednesday night as students took a break from their studies to listen to nine would-be comedians.

About 150 students were on hand as the comedians cracked their jokes, did their gags, and gave it their best shot in an all-out fight to be better than the rest.

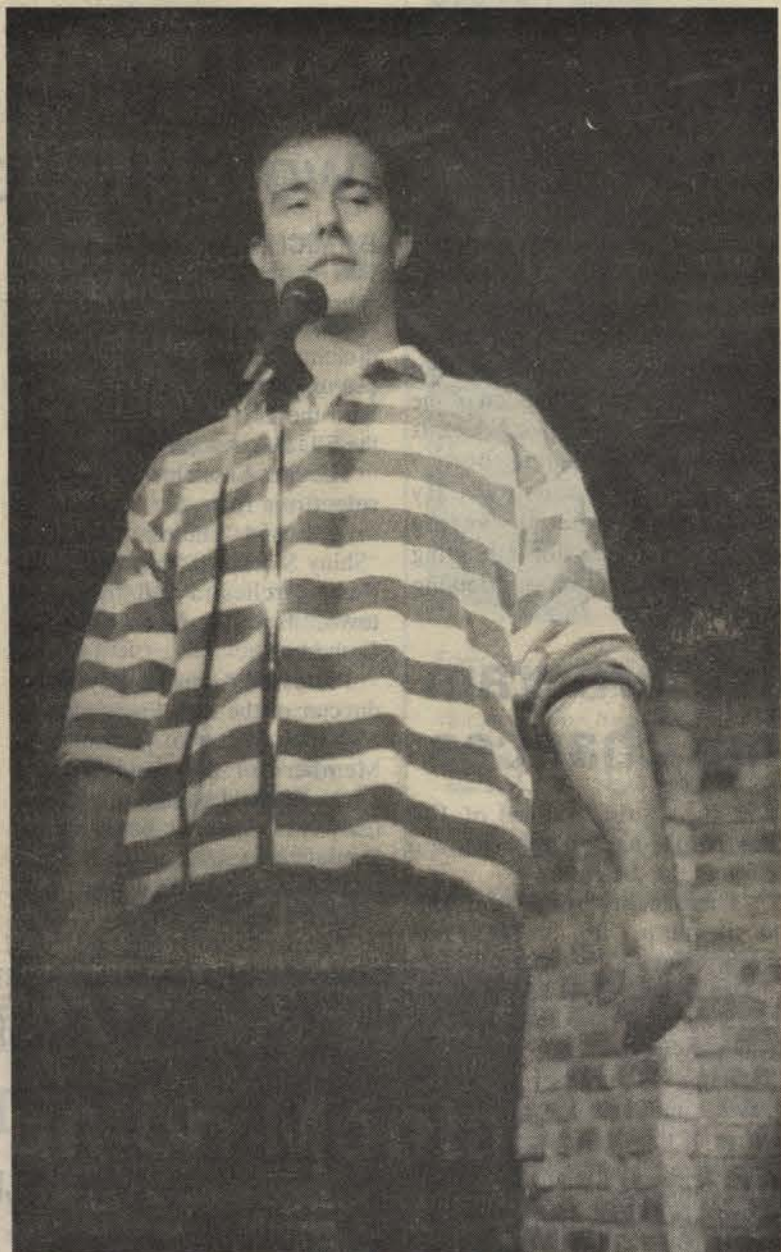
The five-minute performances touched base with everything from Thanksgiving memories, movie sequels, roommates and a guitar solo about college life.

Once the spotlight dimmed and the ballots were totalled, sophomore Chris Roller walked away with a plaque for first place and a chance to perform with professional comedians during an upcoming Comedy Night at E.L. Krackers.

"After you get that first laugh, it loosens you up," Roller said after winning the One Night Stand comedy competition.

The winners were judged by a panel made up of students and instructors.

Before Roller received his plaque and other prizes, runner up Kevin Dunham, a freshman, and third place winner Steve Baldwin, a senior, were recognized for their performances as well.



MARK BRILLHART/Staff photographer

Sophomore Chris Roller cracks a few jokes as part of his stand-up routine Wednesday evening in the Subway. Roller won the competition from a field of nine competitors.

Watson: Arson not ruled out

By BOB McKEE
City editor

The damage from Tuesday's night fire at Mike's Tree Service, 43 Jackson Ave., has been estimated at \$42,000, said Charleston Fire Chief Tom Watson.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined, and arson has not been ruled out as a possible cause, Watson said.

"The cause of the fire is still

under investigation," Watson said of the fire which caused no injuries.

On Tuesday, Mike Veach entered his two-story brick building approximately at 9:45 p.m. to retrieve battery jumper cables when he discovered the fire.

A witness to the fire, Betty Roper, told *The Daily Eastern News* she had heard an explosion from within the building.

A Charleston firefighter said at

the scene of the fire the building contained unknown chemicals, but Veach could not verify what type of explosive chemicals could have been in the building.

Veach could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

Central Illinois Public Service District Superintendent Norm Spear said Wednesday the fire affected one transformer, leaving three customers without electrical service for 23 minutes.

Dump hearings set for January

By KIM MIKUS
Senior reporter

The official investigation into the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety's two-year selection process for a pair of proposed low-level nuclear waste facilities has been rescheduled for the week of Jan. 15.

Pat McGuckin, press secretary for Sen. Jerome Joyce, D-Essex, said the dates for the hearing, previously scheduled for Dec. 11-12, were changed because an annual nuclear safety conference will be held in Chicago at that time.

The exact dates for the hearing will be determined depending on when all the investigators can attend the hearings to be held in Fairfield and Martinsville.

The investigation team organized by the Senate Executive Committee will be hearing witness testimony and viewing data to determine any misconduct by IDNS during the site selection process.

Sites in Martinsville in Clark County and Geff, near Fairfield, in Wayne County have been undergoing tests for the nearly 1,000-acre proposed facility.

The jury will consist of Democratic senators Vince Demuzio and Dawn Netsch and Republicans Doris Karpel and Calvin Schuneman, McGuckin said. He added that senators Harry "Babe" Woodyard and Patrick Welch also may act as ex-officio members at the hearing.

The senators will listen to testimonies from contractors and concerned citizen groups who have been researching the proposed waste facility sites.

He said the hearings will be very "organized" compared to the Oct. 31 hearing in which the state Senate Executive Committee decided to conduct the investigation into IDNS' conduct after reports of altering documents and misinformation about the site-selection process.

Former worker says IDNS has conflict problem

FAIRFIELD (AP) - The state Nuclear Safety Department has an inherent conflict of interest when picking a low-level radioactive waste-disposal site, a former agency employee said Wednesday.

And state and federal lawmakers have made "colossal mistakes" in setting policies for site selection for the dumps mandated by the U.S. Department of Energy, said Richard Walker, a former senior policy analyst in the department's office of facility safety.

Walker, who resigned from his post in September after 41 years because he liked "neither the policies, practices or management style of the agency," now works for the state Department of Education.

He is scheduled to address a Wayne County citizens group on the topic of low-level nuclear-waste Thursday night.

A site near the Wayne County community of Geff and another near Martinsville in Clark County are being considered for the low-level radioactive waste dump Illinois is to share with Kentucky. A U.S. Energy Department mandate requires all states to provide for disposal of the waste.

tection process.

"We don't want the same type of thing we had at the Halloween hearing," Joyce said. Unlike the previous hearing which was cut short because of time restrictions, contractors and members of the concerned citizens groups who have been following the investigation are expected to testify.

Savings on closing Chanute misjudged, Pentagon says

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Pentagon commission overestimated the annual savings of closing two Illinois military bases by \$31.9 million, according to a congressional audit released today.

The General Accounting Office, however, did not dispute that the overall costs of closing Fort Sheridan and Chanute Air Force Base would be recovered quickly.

The government will save \$22.5 million a year by closing

Fort Sheridan, north of Chicago, and \$55.1 million by locking the gates at Chanute in Champaign County, according to estimates by the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress.

The commission that recommended closing Fort Sheridan and Chanute had said the annual savings would be \$40.8 million and \$68.7 million, respectively.

The GAO audit also details what Illinois lawmakers have

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Service for student Thursday

By DAVID LINDQUIST
News editor

A memorial service has been scheduled Thursday evening for Ronnie Rehkemper, an Eastern student killed near his hometown during Thanksgiving recess.

The 6 p.m. service will be held at Newman Community Center, 909 Lincoln Ave.

Rehkemper, 20, was slain last Friday evening when a deer crashed through the windshield of the car he was driving five miles from Highland, a community approximately 45 minutes east of St. Louis. The junior marketing major sus-

tained fatal injuries after a car traveling the opposite direction on Illinois Route 143 hit the deer, which was then propelled into Rehkemper's car.

Roy Lanham, director of the Newman center, said a number of Eastern students who knew Rehkemper agreed a memorial service in Charleston would be appropriate.

"We thought it was a good idea," said Brad Iftner, a Highland native and roommate of Rehkemper's. "The service will be for Eastern students who didn't know about the accident or couldn't go to the funeral."

In addition to remembering Rehkemper, Lanham said those in attendance Thursday evening will also pray for Kent Kampwerth, another roommate of Rehkemper's injured in the accident while sitting in the car's back seat.

Kampwerth, also 20, has been upgraded from critical condition at St. Louis University Hospital to satisfactory with a closed head injury.

"(Kampwerth) is remembering people and talking a lot better than before," said Iftner, who added Kampwerth was moved from an intensive care unit on Monday. "He'll probably be in the hospital for two to three weeks."

Red Cross prepares for city blood drive

By CHARLA BRAUTIGAM
Campus editor

The American Red Cross is gearing up for its December blood drive scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at Ninth and Madison streets.

The one-day drive is an important one, said Red Cross volunteer Ann Pagliai. The recent earthquake in California and hurricane in South Carolina have left the Red Cross with a blood shortage.

In addition, more automobile accidents occur during winter and Christmas time, accounting for an additional need for blood donors, said Mary Ellen Bryden, another Red Cross volunteer.

"Any kind of holiday (calls for an additional supply of blood)," Pagliai added.

The theme for the upcoming blood drive is "Give the Gift of Life," which harmonizes with the Christmas season.

Blood collected in Charleston blood drives is sent to the regional office in St. Louis where

it is typed and tested for diseases such as AIDS, syphilis and hepatitis.

December's blood drive marks the second drive to be held in Charleston this semester.

The first blood drive, a four-day event in September at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, collected 1,452 pints of blood, surpassing its goal by 52 pints.

However, since December's blood drive is only a one-day event, Pagliai and Bryden do not expect to see as many donors as

for the one held on Eastern's campus.

Approximately 175 community members and students attend the drive held at the Catholic church, Bryden said, adding the number of donors is "not enough."

Pagliai and Bryden hope to increase the number of student participation by distributing posters and literature throughout campus. But with finals fast approaching, students often don't take the time to donate.

Students who participated in

September's blood drive on campus are eligible to donate during December's drive, Pagliai said. Eight weeks must elapse between donations to allow the body's blood supply to replenish.

In addition, blood donors must be at least 17 years old, in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds, Bryden said.

Pagliai suggests donors eat a good breakfast or lunch before coming to donate blood. "Don't come in (to donate blood) without eating anything," she said.

Senate votes to maintain student voice

By ANITA MAIELLA
Staff writer

Student Senate approved a recommendation Wednesday stating student members of the Council of Academic Affairs should have a vote.

A guest speaker, CAA student member Brian Moushon, came before senate to present information on the recommendation by Eastern's Faculty Senate on Tuesday to eliminate student voting power on CAA.

The CAA currently consists of

nine faculty members and three student members, Moushon said.

Moushon added the CAA is responsible for making the decisions regarding Eastern's Course Catalog.

"The students play an important part in the process," Moushon added, "If they take away our vote, our voice will be abolished."

Senate Speaker Brett Gerber said senate's recommendation will be presented to Faculty Senate chair Anthony Schaeffer, Eastern President Stan Rives

and Glenn Williams, Eastern's vice president for student affairs.

CAA student member Milena Radjenovich said, "I think it is a very hypocritical view point of Faculty Senate to want to include a member from each college, but yet eliminate representation of the largest body of campus, which is student the student body."

Radjenovich added, "By eliminating student voting privileges, we are not improving representation but rather crippling it."

Ensembles to perform two nights of jazz

By MICHELLE GARREY
Staff writer

Eastern's jazz department has drummed up two nights of jazz and percussion for Thursday and Friday with the EIU Jazz Ensemble and the EIU Percussion Ensemble.

The Jazz Ensemble will perform selections from the libraries of several bands Thursday, including "Shiny Stocking," from the Count Basie Orchestra and "Mellowtown," from the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

Professor Allen Horney is the director of the Jazz Ensemble and also the director of jazz studies. Members of the band include James Warfield on alto saxophone, Carl Hose on trombone, Doug Daniels on tenor saxophone and Scott Heese on guitar, who will play an arrangement of "Jive at

Five" by Rob McConnell, as a solo.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall; admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

The EIU Percussion Ensemble will also appear in concert in the Dvorak Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The ensemble, directed by Johnny Lane, a music professor, will perform "Crescendo for Percussion Ensemble," "Canzona," "Holiday Special for Percussion Sextet," "Sleigh Ride," "Theme for Baretta" and many others. Soloist Steve "Stevie" Wunder will perform on tenor saxophone.

"I think it's going to be a very exciting treat for everyone and it's worth a chance to come," Lane said.

No admission will be charged.

Media seminar focuses on TV production

By VALENCIA JONES
Staff writer

A media services workshop focusing on television production techniques will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Booth Library.

Topics to be covered will include development of storyboard, lighting and camera techniques.

Larry Woods, assistant director of Booth Library's media services said, "We will be planning for video productions and then we'll show how a camera or a camcorder works."

The audience will be divided into three basic groups according to experience and aptitude.

The groups will be classified as Beginners Basic, Intermediate Camera Use and Advance Users.

The workshop is open to anyone. The instructors will be library professors Gene Scholes and John Looby.

Political Science program offers internship chances

By VINCE HODGES
Staff Writer

Eastern's political science department is sponsoring a speech on the Michael Curry Internship Program at 3:15 p.m. Thursday in Coleman Hall room 205.

According to political science professor Richard Wandling, the program awards paying internships in state offices to juniors, seniors, and graduate students for the summer months.

Last year, 15 Eastern students were selected for the program and worked out of the Chicago and Springfield offices,

Wandling said. A total of 140 positions had been offered through the program.

"These internships are available to all majors, not just political science majors," Wandling said.

Dan Dring, of the Office of the Governor in Illinois, will speak at Thursday's event.

Dring is replacing Susan Downer and Jeff Davis, also of the Office of the Governor in Illinois, who were scheduled to speak at the event originally.

Dring will discuss how the program works and the entire application process at the speech, Wandling said.

Chanute

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been saying for months: the panel misjudged Chanute's importance as an Air Force technical training base.

The Commission on Base Closure and Realignment ranked Chanute fifth among five training centers in the category of

"mission suitability." But the GAO put Chanute in second place.

"The ranking did not adequately account for facilities deficiencies because it used measures that were too broad," the audit said, referring to the commission's conclusion.



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For the Gipper

Teacher uses sports films in physical education classes

By CHARLA BRAUTIGAM
Campus editor

Scott Crawford, associate professor of Eastern's college of health, physical education and recreation, takes an unusual approach to teaching physical education.

Crawford, who has a doctorate in sports history from the University of Queensland in Australia, uses movies to teach friendship, sportsmanship and cooperation to future elementary school educators.

"I firmly believe (showing film clips) makes learning and thinking a lot more fun for students," Crawford said. "I am using a prism that students understand and identify with."

In the three months Crawford has been at Eastern, he has shown clips from such movies as *Chariots of Fire*, *Spartacus*, *Breaking Away* and *Rocky I, II, III and IV*.

Crawford never shows the films in their entirety but, rather in small sections to "try to whet students' appetite."

The films are "used as illustrations about human movement," Crawford said, adding the films "should promote higher standards of health and fitness."

One problem encountered with showing movies in the classroom is that many people have the preconceived notion that they can sit back and relax, Crawford said, adding films are seen as a form of entertainment.

However, there are two levels to movies, Crawford said. One level is just entertainment. The other level is the story line, the director's thesis.

Crawford said he hopes students will be vitalized by the films and "sit forward and feel really involved." He wants the students to ask, "What is Steven Spielberg or George Lucas trying

to do? What is the ideology?"

Despite the unusual format of the class, students usually "find it worthwhile," Crawford said, adding "I hope they are encouraged to use films (when they become teachers) and analyze them and exercise their critical judgment on what a film really is."

Unlike many critics who point out the falsehoods presented in movies, Crawford focuses on the message of film.

"Films are frequently re-creating myths. They're an illusion," Crawford said. "But they also provide a reflecting sort of pool of values which are there in culture right now. They are reflecting and revealing one in the same time."

"The way in which we look at our own world is a mixture of fact and fiction, reality and fantasy."

Crawford added he hopes students can "strip away the layers (of fiction) and get an insight of why a film is created."

In the future, Crawford said he hopes to create a small institute at Eastern that would study and analyze sports films. He plans to "explore ways of generating external funds" from either sponsors or through a research grant.

In the meantime, Crawford is busy researching material on contemporary Canadian sports films for a paper he is presenting at the 1990 Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association in March in Toronto, Canada.

Crawford presents three to four papers dealing with sports a year to students and teachers around the country.

In November, he presented a paper on post-World War II boxing movies in Peoria and a paper on contemporary American sports movies in Washington, D.C. In December, he will return to New Zealand to present another paper.

Barbershop chorus set for annual show

By LORI HIGGINS
Staff writer

The Coles County Barbershop Chorus will hold its annual winter show at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 2200 S. Fourth St.

Tom Woodall, the music director for the chorus, said the first portion of the program will consist of traditional barbershop songs written in the early 1900s. In the second portion of the hour-long program, the chorus will sing Christmas songs.

Barbershop choruses were started around the turn of the century, Woodall said. Woodall went on to explain that at that time, men used to go to the barbershop to socialize.

"They would talk and tell stories, and then maybe a song would come on the radio, and they would start singing. That's how the style got started."

What is unusual about barbershop choruses are that they sing without the accompaniment of any type of musical instrument, Woodall said. Woodall added when the choruses first started

they did sing along with music, but as time went on, the music was dropped.

The Coles County chapter of the barbershop chorus is made up of about 25-30 men in professions ranging from farmers and undertakers to doctors. Eastern is also well-represented in the chorus.

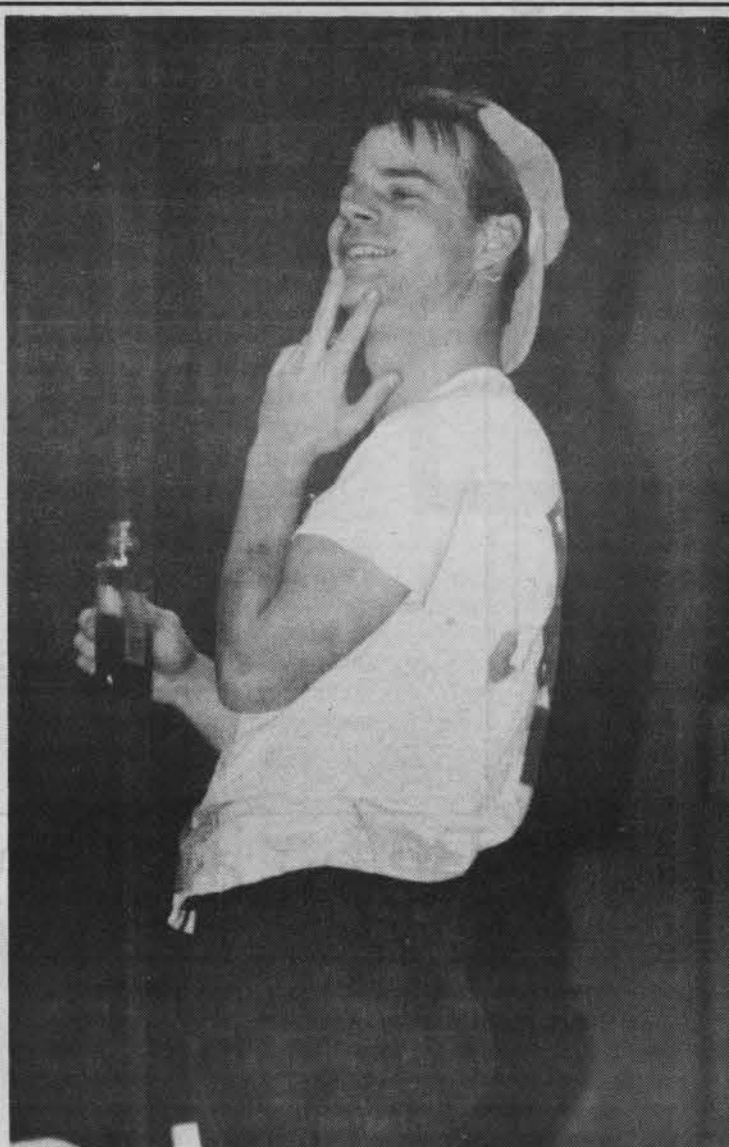
"Forty percent of our chorus is EIU faculty and staff," Woodall said, adding there are also a couple of students.

The chorus does a lot of singing around Illinois during the year. "We probably sing 20 times a year," Woodall said.

The group will sing Christmas songs in Shelbyville at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clarion Inn. They will also sing a few songs at 6:30 p.m. Friday when Eastern has its annual Christmas party in Booth Library.

The chorus also participates in a competition held every September for Illinois barbershop choruses.

Although the chorus has never won the competition, it has finished as high as fourth place, and this past September, the group placed eighth overall. Woodall said.



KEN TREVARTHAN Staff photographer
Eddy, performed by David Leschke, tells a joke during his performance Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom. The performance was sponsored by BACCHUS.

'Eddy' chides college crowd for irresponsible drinking

By SANDY SKADAUSKI
Staff writer

A typical college student in a U2 t-shirt, dark pants and a green baseball cap walked onstage. "Hi, I'm Eddy Thompson," he said. "I've got it all together."

David Leschke performed his characterization of "Eddy" for more than 300 students Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Eddy is someone I know," said Leschke. "He's just a character because he could be a typical person who has it all together but by the end of the show, you see that he doesn't."

Leschke draws his routines from memories of his own personal life and remembers the issues he was concerned with in college. "It is more effective to

talk about things people can relate to. It doesn't matter if what you are talking about, if it is boring, then people will not listen to you. The jokes are a vehicle to get the message across."

Leschke's main message was about alcohol. "It is not my job to stand here and tell you *don't drink* because you wouldn't listen," he said to the audience. "It's exciting to see people make a decision to not let alcohol get in the way of friends, life, or their future," he said.

"But sometimes you give that person credit and then they think well, I guess this isn't so bad because no one has said anything. 'You drove your car across someone's lawn' - as if that was really difficult," said Leschke. "No one has the right to live unchallenged... don't be silent."

Vigil planned for women murdered in El Salvador

By CATHY PODWOJSKI
Associate news editor

Death in the war-torn country of El Salvador is almost a way of life to the people there, but occasionally the aftereffects touch the United States, as they did in 1980.

Nine years ago Dec. 2, news of the murders of four American women missionaries in El Salvador rippled through the United States, but time hasn't faded the memory, at least not for three Eastern groups.

Students in Solidarity with the People of Central America, Pax Christi and the Newman Community Center have combined to sponsor a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Thursday to remember those women and bring attention to the death in that country.

But the vigil won't simply be in

memory of the four women. Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Center where the vigil will be held, cited the killings less than a month ago of about seven priests in the country.

"We seem to focus on the headlines and it's not just them," Lanham said. "You don't hear about the 450 other people killed and buried in mass graves."

The Catholic missionaries - Jean Donovan, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kasel - were actually killed Dec. 2, but Lanham said the groups thought more people would attend Thursday than on a Saturday.

"They were martyred for what they believed," Lanham said.

The participants will light candles and listen to a letter written from Jean Donovan to her niece only weeks before her death.

CAA to consider stricter language requirements

By PHILLIP LAIRD
Administration editor

Future students may face stricter foreign language requirements to attend Eastern after the Council on Academic Affairs votes on the changes at its Thursday meeting.

Students entering Eastern for the first time are not currently required to have any foreign language credit to be admitted to the university, and do not have to fulfill any requirements once they are here.

CAA chair Terry Weidner said the CAA could assign a six-credit hour foreign language requirement, though, which would have to be met either during high school or once at Eastern.

The foreign language core is the final element of the proposed changes for general education currently being reviewed by the CAA. Changes in credit hour assignments were recommended as part of the Study of Undergraduate Education which the CAA is studying to make its course requirements.

The council meets at 2 p.m. in the Union Addition Arcola-Tuscola Room.

The council has already approved more than 40 hours for general education and the total could exceed 46 hours after the CAA assigns hours for foreign language requirements.

Students who have taken foreign language in high school could qualify for certain exemptions to the requirements, though.

"Those students who have completed three years of a single foreign language in high school with a grade of 'C' or better will have satisfied this requirement," Weidner said. "Those students who have completed two years of a single foreign language in high school with a grade of 'C' or better would have to complete the second three-hour course."

The foreign language proposal would be phased in during a three-year period beginning in the fall of 1991.

Freshmen entering that term would have to complete only one year of high school foreign language to satisfy the requirement at Eastern. Students entering in the fall term of 1992 would be required to have completed two years of a single high school foreign language, and in 1993 students would have to meet all the requirements of the language element.

Also up for consideration by the council is an even stricter amended credit hour proposal, which was submitted by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Although it is similar to the existing proposal before the council, it would require all incoming students to have completed two years of a single foreign language in high school with a grade of "C" or better to meet foreign language requirements.

Weidner said the amendment will probably come up for vote during Thursday's meeting. If the amended version fails to pass then the council will consider the original proposal currently on the floor.

The CAA will also consider a proposed revision in the Theater Arts major and minor. The revision asks the CAA to drop two required one-hour practicums because two new courses introduced this year make the old courses redundant.

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Survey may aid effort to switch textbook policy

The Textbook Rental Service is bound to be the subject of a great deal of criticism next semester, since its validity is the subject of a survey conducted within the Faculty Senate.

Eastern is unique as far as textbooks are concerned. It is one of 22 universities in the nation where students rent their books as opposed to purchasing them.

Faculty members maintain the Textbook Rental Service is inadequate academically, since it limits their choice of textbooks for classes and furthermore requires textbooks be used for three calendar years.

Currently, the Textbook Rental Service Advisory Committee is considering a proposal to switch from the current three-year system, to a two-year system, thus allowing faculty members more flexibility in the textbooks used for their respective classes.

The primary argument for the switch is by keeping textbooks for three calendar years, some classes, which base their curriculum on our modern and technological society, need to keep pace with a quickly changing world.

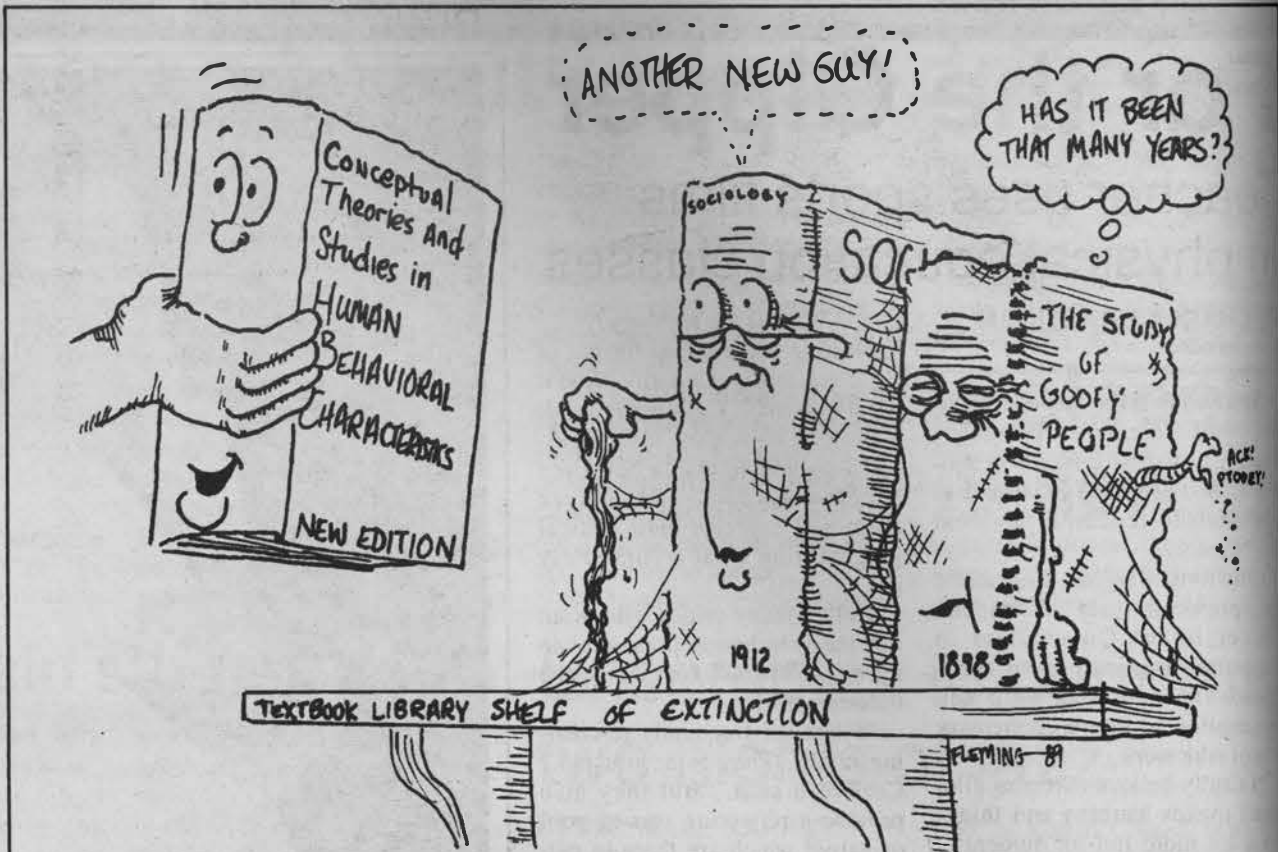
And by teaching students "new" material that in actuality may be more than three years old, students may actually lose focus on the shape our modern society is taking.

Therefore, we suggest the implementation of a survey to identify which academic departments are in greatest need of current editions of textbooks essential to course curricula. Obviously, some departments will be in greater need of newer textbooks than others.

Textbook Rental Service Director Monty Bennett has already indicated that taking a comprehensive look at the advantages of a two-year system compared to a three-year system would take a significant amount of time. We then, suggest that students, since they are the direct benefactors of education here, be the authors of this survey.

For one, faculty should not be the sole determinants of the education of students here at Eastern.

And secondly, it may prove to be an educational experience for everyone.



Being a martyr for good reasons

"Peter" the voice said on the other end of the phone.

(Yes, that is my name, named for the Apostle of the Indies, the great saint Peter Claver, S.J., a Jesuit who devoted his whole adult life to the physical care and spiritual tutoring of the black slaves from Africa brought to the port of Cartagena in Colombia, from where they were shipped throughout the Spanish colonies in South and Central America.)

"We have received a complaint about the demonstration last week in front of the library," the voice said.

(In trouble again, I thought. "I do not worry about the Jesuits who get into trouble," the former General of the Jesuits, Father Pedro Arrupe, now slowly dying from a stroke, was fond of saying, "but rather about those who do not.")

"You mean the demonstration about El Salvador," I asked innocently.

(Six Jesuits had been assassinated by the right-wing military death squads in El Salvador the week before on Nov. 16. Eastern's students group SISPCA, Students in Solidarity with the People of Central America, had organized a demonstration on the library quad on Nov. 20, planting six tiny crosses in the sod with the names of the six martyred priests on them, passing out leaflets to some 600 students who hadn't left for Thanksgiving break yet, and taping several posters to the library bricks.)

"You are the faculty adviser of SISPCA, however you say it?" the voice asked.

(America Magazine, published by Jesuits, reminded me of the poet Hopkin's line: "What I do is me: for that I came." Then it added its comments on the six priests: We grieved "not so much for the death of these brothers as for the meagerness of our sacrifices.")

"Yes" I said, knowing the admission would not cost me my life here, though it probably would in El Salvador, the place we have poured \$4 billion the past 10 years, almost all for guns, mortars, bombs, rockets - and the bullets that killed the priests and over 60,000 other El Salvadorans in that period.

(I pause to watch CNN. There is our Secretary of State, James Baker, crying crocodile tears about the rebel "terrorists" in El Salvador. It doesn't hurt much to call them "communists" anymore in this week of Bush meeting Gorbachev, Gorbachev meeting the Pope, and Eastern Europe peacefully, bloodlessly becoming democratic.)

"Well, I don't think you guys did anything wrong, really," the voice said. "Of course I had to write a note to the vice president about it, but he agrees with me."

(I had just bought the video "Mission" about the Jesuits in Paraguay in the 17th century for use by our Catholic Youth Organization we started in my parish this fall. Coincidentally the six Jesuits killed in El



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Salvador died on the feast of Saints Rogue Gonzalez, Juan del Castillo and Alonso Rodriguez, the three Jesuits martyred in the movie by the Portuguese death squads of that century that enslaved the poor Indians of the region.)

"I don't remember the name of the Student Senate member who complained about the demonstration," the voice lied conveniently, "But I suspect it was just politics."

("The movie the ~'Killing Fields' was very dramatically moving," one of my journalism students writes in her essay I corrected this morning. I guess I am really naive and have been secluded from what was actually going on in this world . . . This movie made me realize that not everyone is as content as I am here in the U.S . . . It was hard to visualize all those people suffering when I have complete freedom and don't have to worry about too much of anything.")

We have to protect democracy in El Salvador, President Bush tells us - he who still chooses not to confess his own involvement in the Iran-Contra Scandal nor allow all those precious CIA "national security" secrets to be used in the culprits' trials, allowing some, like CIA chief for Costa Rica, Joseph Fernandez last week, to go free.

(It is, of course, the Salvadoran people who are being martyred most of all by their own government-sponsored death squads which have killed their archbishop - the new Paulist Fathers' movie "Romero" tells the sad tale - have killed American nuns - shown to us in Melissa Gilbert's moving TV special "Choices of the Heart" and in Oliver Stone's horrifying movie "Salvador" - along with so many thousands of religious lay people before and now as the military terrorizes Protestant and Catholic churches.)

"From now on, though, could you get our permission before holding such a demonstration?" the voice said.

("Young people have learned only half of America's story," David Broder, our top political columnist, writes in Wednesday's Chicago Tribune. "We have to find a way to teach this generation the other half of democracy's story: the experience of civic involvement and citizenship obligation." Our youth are all for freedom and license for themselves, Broder points out, but "almost to the complete exclusion of service or participation.")

"OK," I answer, "I'll pass the word along to the group's leaders."

(I can still see Antoinette, SISPCA's president, looking so sad when I had to tell and Father Bob Meyer, pastor of St. Charles Church in Charleston, that there was not much point in speaking without students there to hear at Monday's demonstration.)

"Goodbye," the voice said.

"Adios," I replied. "To God" in Spanish. Yes, that's where the martyrs go.

-Peter Voelz is the faculty adviser for Students in Solidarity with the People of Central America and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.

TODAY'S

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QUOTE

My students use the textbook as a life jacket.

Al Dichiara
Sociology instructor

Letter policy

The Daily Eastern News welcomes letters to the editor from any reader addressing issues relating to the campus community, local, state, national and international affairs.

The name and telephone number of at least one author must be submitted with each letter to the

editor.

Letters generally should be restricted to 250 words in length.

Only the first three names from letters containing more than three authors will be published unless further specified.



Rebels bring war to wealthy suburbs

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) Rebels invaded parts of the city's most affluent neighborhoods before dawn Wednesday and dug in after often fierce combat.

Heavy and sustained fire was reported blocks from the residence of U.S. Ambassador William Walker. Embassy spokesperson Jeff Brown said Walker was "fine ... working in his office at the embassy." Brown did not say when Walker went to the embassy. The ambassador has been spending nights at his home.

Many of the U.S. diplomats and embassy employees who live in the comfortable neighborhoods of western San Salvador did not make it to work Wednesday. The embassy's switchboard telephone was not answered.

In Washington, Secretary of State James A. Baker III said guerrillas "briefly overran" at least one embassy officer's home, and added: "We are taking steps to assure the safety of embassy personnel." Administration officials said no Americans were injured.

A statement from the leftist

guerrillas said their fighters had been told not to attack Americans.

American sources said privately the embassy told employees "who feel insecure" to take enough food and clothing for two days and nights and go either to the embassy or the headquarters of the U.S. Agency for International Development, which are in more tranquil sectors of the capital.

They said the embassy was arranging charter flights to evacuate dependents who wanted to leave, and that those who planned to go home for Christmas were told to move up their departure dates.

A home about a half-mile from Walker's house was burned after having been taken over by rebels, and unconfirmed reports said a U.S. Embassy employee lived in it.

Whether rebels burned the house or it caught fire as a result of fighting was not clear.

The guerrillas attacked working-class districts earlier this month in their biggest offensive of a 10-year-old civil war that has killed more than 71,000 people.

Bush, Gorbachev preparing for weekend summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's weekend summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev should leave the superpowers "better prepared to make substantial progress" on a treaty to slash long-range nuclear weapons, Secretary of State James Baker said Wednesday.

However, he emphasized anew that no such agreement would be reached during the two-day meeting.

In a pre-summit news conference at the White House, Baker also said the democratic reforms that are bringing down Eastern Europe's hard-line communist regimes are "the only path to long-term legitimacy and stability in the region," and he warned against any crack-down by authorities.

While saying Moscow has not stood in the way of the stunning changes, Baker declared, "We firmly believe that any attempts to forcibly intervene and prevent continued reform will be extremely destabilizing and dangerous." He made a clear distinction between "forcibly suppressing peaceful dissent" and intervention by authorities to restore order, such as in possible ethnic violence in the Soviet Union.

"I see those as two distinctly different things," Baker said.

The secretary spoke on the eve of the president's departure for the Mediterranean island of Malta. Bush and Gorbachev will hold talks Saturday and Sunday on U.S. and Soviet warships anchored in Malta's Marsaxlokk Bay.

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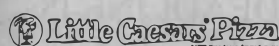
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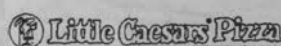


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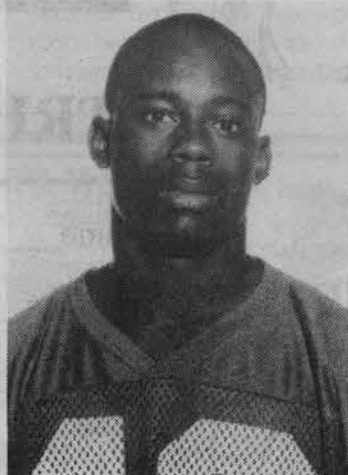
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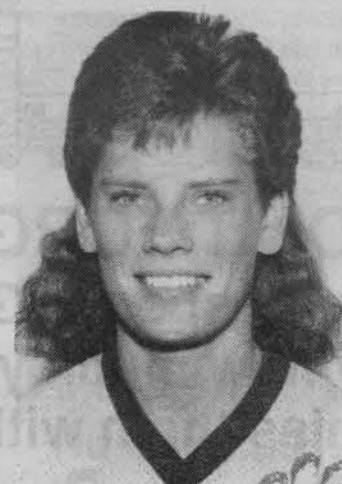
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Jamie Jones

(Kevill, KY-West Paducah Heath HS). sophomore tail-back, had 233 all-purpose yards to lead the football Panthers to a 38-21 victory over Idaho in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs at Moscow, Idaho.



Barb Perkes

(Trenton-Breese Mater Die HS) senior guard, led the basketball Lady Panthers with team highs of 20 points and four assists against UCLA and 24 points and nine rebounds against Loyola Marymount.

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Museums plan AIDS memorial day

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of museums, galleries and other institutions plan to observe "A Day Without Art" on Friday to mourn artists who have died of AIDS and for the art that might have been.

Plans include darkening galleries and removing or covering artwork. Some organizations will mount special exhibitions or hold seminars or memorial services. Others will close for the day.

"Our aims are to honor and recog-

nize friends and colleagues who have died or are dying, and to seek greater support and understanding from an ill-informed and sometimes hostile public," said Thomas W. Sokolowski, director of the Grey Art Gallery and a member of Visual AIDS, a group of art professionals who organized the event to coincide with the World Health Organization's second "AIDS Awareness Day."

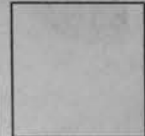
The group also hopes to use the prestige of arts organizations to add weight to calls for more AIDS services and research, said another

Visual AIDS member, Philip Yenawine, who also is director of education at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

"The real tragedy is not that we have lost people who everybody knows," Yenawine said. "For every Rock Hudson, there's been 500 or 5,000 maybe that have died young enough in their lives that their careers have not come to public attention." More than 600 art institutions take part in the observance, including about 150 in New York.

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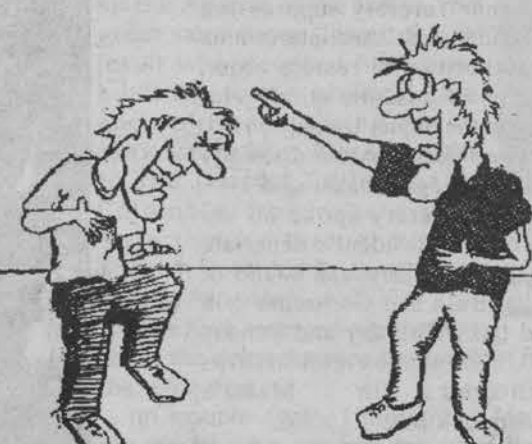
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Learning the rules of teaching

Story by Jennifer Krulac • Photo by Terri McMillan

When senior Diane McDougall gets up in the morning, she gets ready for class like any other student at Eastern.

But McDougall doesn't go to the same kinds of classes that other Eastern students go to. She goes to a classroom full of 7-year-olds in Arcola. McDougall is one of more than 320 Eastern seniors student teaching this fall.

McDougall's day begins early, at 8 a.m., as she begins preparing for her day with the 25 second-graders who will occupy the room in just 20 minutes.

When the students do arrive — a few are inevitably late — it's time for teaching. Getting down to business, McDougall's first subject is to teach reading, her favorite because it's "something that everyone has to know how to do" and she gets the most satisfaction from seeing kids progress in their writing skills.

Reading is over, and it's time for math as McDougall stands at the bulletin board with a "helper." The class moves over to the calendar, counting even and odd numbers, looking at colors and patterns, even talking about the weather.

It's now 10 a.m. and time for what one student, Sarah, says "is the goodest part," PE. McDougall leads the class in games "Sew the Circle" and "Uncle Sam." Four children fall down and scrape their hands and knees, but this doesn't faze McDougall at all. She walks up to each of them with a smile, looks at their injuries and takes appropriate measures; she sends one inside to wash off her wounds and pats the other three on the head and sends them back into action.

At 10:25 a.m. it's time to go back inside, go to the restroom and get a drink of water. The kids are a little noisy so McDougall simply says the loudest one's names and gives them "the look." She says, "It's amazing how fast they straighten up with just 'the look.'"

The kids then go quietly down the hall back to the classroom in one of those great grade school traditions, the single file line. McDougall is ready to begin another bit of math. Math takes time.

McDougall brings the kids in groups to the front of the room and has them make patterns with chairs. This is part of a new math teaching technique which McDougall says she is fortunate to learn.

"We have only had the kids do a couple of math worksheets. The rest has all been in classwork making patterns. The kids really seem to enjoy it; they're learning math without even realizing they're doing it," she says.

It's 11 a.m. and time for the kids to go



Diane McDougall helps one of her students with the computer and writing at Arcola Grade School. McDougall is one of 320 Eastern students who are student teaching this semester.

to lunch. McDougall has her first and sometimes only break of the day.

Over the past 20 years, studies have proven consistently that teachers believe the student teaching experience is the most important part of a teacher's education, said Francis Summers, director of Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences.

Summers said Eastern student teachers have contracts with 175 school districts in the state.

After at least six semesters of taking classes, the true test of a student's ability to teach comes when he or she enters a classroom as a student teacher.

The student teaching experience lasts one semester all day every day, and consists of taking over for a certified teacher.

McDougall said she sees student teaching as a job. "It's more work than taking classes. I'm preparing all day and night for the kids; I can't get away from it."

Still, Summers said there are two main problems that the student teacher may run into. The first is the student teacher may not get along with his or her supervising teacher. He said the education department loses two or three student teachers per semester because of personality clashes.

McDougall said she's lucky because her supervising teacher is great. "She lets me plan things on my own and then gives me advice on how to improve it."

The second problem Summers said student teachers face is "managing classroom behavior," which includes being able to keep the student's attention, being able

to have patience and ability to discipline.

McDougall said she can relate to managing problems. "They (the kids) listen to me, but they don't see me as a real teacher."

The only other problem that McDougall has is getting her lesson to go as planned. "Sometimes it takes the kids longer to catch on than I had anticipated and I have to adapt to that."

Lunch is over, and it's time for McDougall to adapt. Teaching from a spelling workook, she trots around the desks making sure the kids put "ck" at the end of "crack," or only one "g" at the end of "drag." She also asks the kids to define the words they spell, often with amusing and time-consuming results. One girl defined "drag" as, "when mom and dad want you to go somewhere and they have to pull you."

McDougall smiles and says, "Yeah, I guess you can drag people."

But every afternoon, McDougall takes the kids to that barometer of modernity, the computer lab. And every day, the students compose stories on the computer as McDougall walks around, helping the kids with spelling and punctuation. She says, adding many educators believe the computer in the classroom soon will be as commonplace as pencils and paper.

Whatever time is left in the day, the students catch up on any work they or McDougall have fallen behind in. Some days, there is even time for a story.

Before being admitted to the Teacher Education program, an Eastern student must have completed 60 credit hours and received at least a "C" in English 1001 and 1002, and Speech 1310.

Once in the program, a student must get Health Service and Speech and Hearing Clinic clearance. Students also must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

McDougall, an elementary education major, will graduate in May, and she hopes to teach second, third or fourth grade in Missouri or Texas. "I've known forever that I wanted to be a teacher because I've always loved teaching kids to read and write."

It's 3 p.m. and McDougall's 25 second-graders head for home, yet her day is not finished. McDougall has papers to grade, straightening up to do and preparation for the next day's class to complete. She rarely leaves before 4:30 p.m.

When she gets back to Charleston, McDougall heads for her room and continues to plan for the next day. One year from now, she will be in her own classroom, putting into practice all she has learned at Eastern and at the Arcola Grade School student teaching.

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11/30
DAN WHITWELL- you are a great big brother. Keep giving me helpful hints at the bars! Love, your Delta Chi lil' sis, Nancy.

11/30
RICK PIERSON: Congratulations on being Alpha Phi's New Bordeaux Beau! You're wife and kids are very proud! We love you: DEBBIE, MARJIE AND REBECCA

11/30
TKE PLEDGES: Congratulations on going into I-Week! I'm really proud of you. Love, Whit

11/30
Candle light Vigil for the people who have died in El Salvador. Tonight: 7:00 p.m. Newman Center. Co-Sponsored by SISP-CA, Pax Christi, Newman. Corner of 9th and Lincoln.

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KRISTI EVERTT- Congratulations! See, it wasn't SO bad! Also, I have a feeling that congratulations are also in order for something else (or will be soon) —am I right Mike? Love, Lori

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Send a friend an announcement in the Classifieds of the Daily Eastern News!!

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Campus Clips

Law Club is having a meeting Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. in Coleman room 203. Elections are today. Bring in raffle ticket money and remember Dec. 6 banquet tickets.

Phi Gamma Nu is having a meeting Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arcola Room. Initiation of our new officers is tonight.

Unity Gospel Choir is having elections Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building basement #013. This is your chance to become an active force in Unity! Positions open are Pres., Vice-Pres., Secretary, Treasurer and assistant Choir Director. All members please attend.

Pax Christi is having a candlelight Vigil Nov. 30 at 7 in the Newman Chapel. Pax Christi invites you to commemorate the anniversary of the death of four American church women in El Salvador and to pray for that war-torn country at 7 p.m. in the Newman Chapel.

Eastern Gaming group is having a meeting Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenup Room in the Union. Bring your own game.

OASIS is having Shirley Stewart speak on the services offered by the Career Planning & Placement Center from 12-1 p.m. on Nov. 30 in the Panther Lair Rm. in the Union McDonald's. This event is open to all adult students.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is having a group meeting Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room. Don't miss the movie Stained Images. We will take a look beyond the Christian Stereotypes. Everyone is welcome. Hotline at 6:00.

Residence Hall Association is having a meeting Nov. 30 at 5. Early dinner is at 4:20 in Stevenson Hall.

PRSSA: Those going to Springfield should meet in front of Buzzard at 3:45 p.m. Please bring checks.

Students in Solidarity with the People of Central America is having a meeting Nov. 30 at 6 in Coleman Hall 229. This is the last meeting of the semester. Updates of El Salvador.

Newman Catholic Community is having Basic Catholicism Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Shelbyville Room in the Union. Topic will be The season of Advent. Find out what it is and how we can celebrate! Bring a friend.

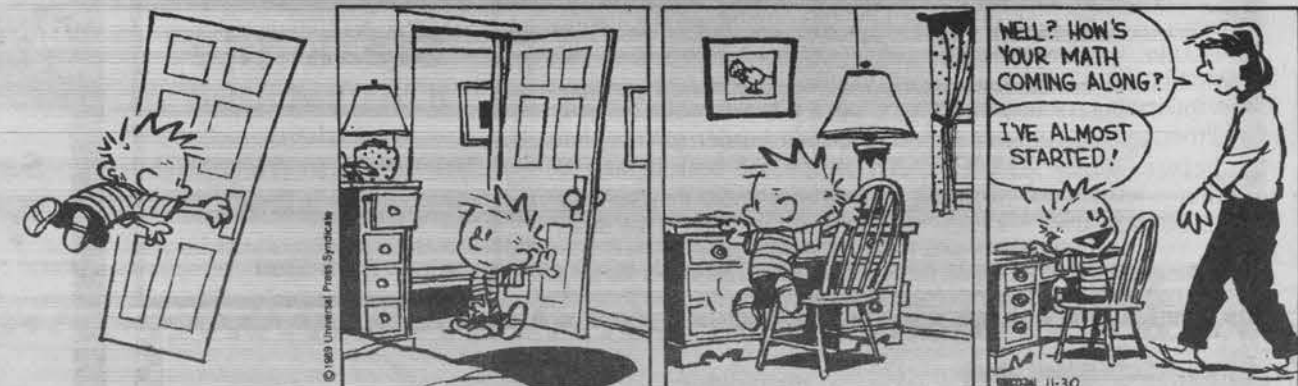
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Ditka will honor contract

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka, who had hinted at calling it quits after this season, said Wednesday he planned to keep coaching the team — at least through the end of his contract next season.

"I would consider it not only something I want to do, but I would consider that a great honor," Ditka said, responding to whether he would honor his three-year contract.

"The people who like me will see me again, and the people who don't have to put up with me," Ditka told reporters at a news conference in Madison, where the Bears are training.

Earlier this month, apparently frustrated with the Bears' lackluster performance this year, Ditka hinted he was ready to throw in the towel. The team's record stands at 6-6.

"Football has been my life for 29 years," Ditka said. "If it continues for 29 more years I'll be the luckiest person in the world, but realistically you've got to look at everything. It's not going to continue that long." Ditka's contract is due to expire at the end of the 1990-91 season.

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"I think the players expected him back because he did have a three-year contract," Bears spokesman John Bostrom said. "That's not to say he's going to retire" when his contract is up.

On Sunday, the Bears took a 38-14 beating at the hands of the Washington Redskins.

All-Big Ten team chosen

CHICAGO (AP) — Indiana's Anthony Thompson, the nation's leading rusher, and defensive stars Percy Snow of Michigan State and Moe Gardner of Illinois were unanimous selections on the 1989 Associated Press All-Big Ten football team announced Wednesday.

All three were repeaters from last year's team, along with linebackers Darrick Brownlow of Illinois and Brad Quast of Iowa, and tailback Tony Boles of Michigan.

Thompson was named the league's Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row.

Quarterback Eric Hunter of Purdue was selected Freshman of the Year.

Illinois led the way in the rankings with six players, all of them juniors, named to the team. Champion Michigan landed five spots, as did Michigan State. Ohio State, Indiana and Iowa each had two players listed, and Northwestern and Purdue had one each.

Minnesota and Wisconsin were shut out on the first team.

The team was chosen by a panel of 19 sportswriters and sportscasters covering the Big Ten.

Nadia Comaneci defects to Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Nadia Comaneci, the Romanian gymnast whose unprecedented perfect scores in the 1976 Olympics made sports history, has fled to Hungary, the state-run MTI news agency reported today.

The report, which quoted Hungarian radio, said Comaneci asked for temporary settlement after crossing into Hungary by car before dawn Tuesday together with six other Romanians, who were not identified.

Earlier, MTI reported that Comaneci applied for political asylum.

However, in a later dispatch, the news agency said she had only applied for a temporary settlement permit, valid for three days at the police station in Szeged, 15 miles from the Romanian border.

She reportedly told Hungarian border guards that her escape had been organized "in advance under the guidance of a Romanian man," the news agency said.



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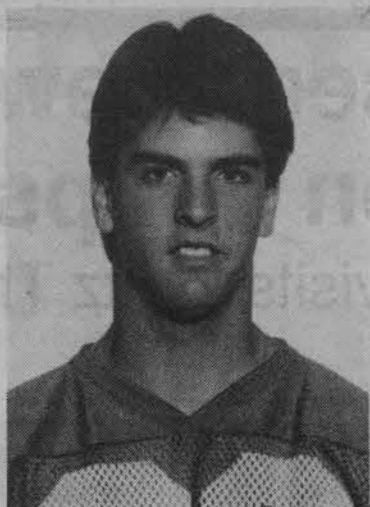
Arnold named to All-Academic team

Eastern quarterback Eric Arnold has been named to the District 5 All-Academic Team selected by the nation's sports information directors.

Arnold, a junior from Pekin, has led the 9-3 Panthers into the AA playoffs.

A finance/accounting major, Arnold has a 3.79 cumulative grade point average. Last year he was chosen to the Gateway Conference Presidents's Award for academic excellence.

His name will now appear on the national ballot, making him eligible to earn academic All-American honors.



Eric Arnold

Craddock in hospital for treatment

Western Illinois coach Bruce Craddock has taken a turn for the worse in his battle with terminal stomach cancer.

At the quarterback club luncheon at Boomer's w/a Twist Wednesday, Eastern coach Bob Spoo said that Craddock had to be opened up again and "it doesn't look good."

Western Illinois sports information director Larry Heimburger confirmed that Craddock had been admitted to McDonough District hospital in Macomb.

Bonner

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"I'm just playing basketball this year. I'm having a lot of fun and I'm just going out and letting the game come to me."

Bonner is likely set to explode as one of the Midwest's top players this season. He is already averaging 28.5 points and 12.5 rebounds in just two games this season in blossoming into one of the best 6-8 players in the country.

"I think the best tip on Anthony is what your guard Gerald Jones said about him in the media guide," said St. Louis coach Rich Grawer.

Jones, Eastern's star point guard and a high school teammate

of Bonner's at prep power St. Louis Vashon where they teamed for the 1986 Missouri state championship, says he "admires" Bonner.

"When a kid who goes to a different school says that about an opponent, that says it all," Grawer said.

But Jones sees Bonner as more than a hero. They're simply good friends.

"Gerald is a great friend of mine," Bonner said. "We spent a lot of time together over the Thanksgiving holiday. He's been thrown into the same role that I have over here, trying to replace a great player (Jay Taylor)."

And Bonner is also making

acquaintances with NBA scouts, many of whom are projecting him as a first-round draft pick. But Bonner says he doesn't think as much about the NBA.

"Right now all I'm worried about is this season," Bonner said. "The task at hand is this season and making it to the NCAA tournament. I realize I've accomplished a lot here, but I've never been to the NCAA."

Bonner also thinks beyond his basketball career — one where he is a color commentator.

"I've had a couple of internships," said Bonner, an advertising major. "Hopefully once I'm done playing I'll be able to do that."

Eastern to face St. Louis

• From page 12A

Eastern-esque" force in the middle, according to head coach Rich Grawer. "I liken him to a Kevin Duckworth," the former Eastern star and current multi-millionaire Portland Trailblazer All-Star. "He could be a player like him down the road."

However, Grawer warned, he's a freshman, and acts like a freshman. Case in point: the seven-footer has grabbed only one rebound in two games.

Newberry, the senior playmaker, has bloomed at the right time

for St. Louis, Grawer said. "He played extremely well for us late last season," he said. "In fact, if we had won the NIT, I think he would have been the MVP."

Samuels mapped out a simple three-part strategy for the Panthers, though he noted, "You've got to realize there are about 10 other keys that I haven't even mentioned."

In brief, Eastern needs to 1) offset the Billikens on the boards; 2) control tempo and 3) adjust to St. Louis's switching defenses,

Samuels said.

The Billikens play a much more aggressive defense than the Panthers' season-opening opponent, Indiana State, Samuels said. "I think St. Louis will pressure us more defensively, not so much in terms of a press, but I think they'll be stronger in contesting the ball," he said.

St. Louis leads the series 2-1, and won last year's meeting 64-60 at home in Kiel Auditorium. The game is the first of a four-game-home stretch.



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Skyscrapers Imposing Billikens set to invade Eastern

By **JEFF SMITH**
Sports editor

St. Louis senior All-American candidate Anthony Bonner is coming to town. And, he's bringing some tall friends with him.

"We can't do much because we can't put that kind of size on them," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said of the Billikens, the Panthers' (1-0) home-opening foe at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Gym.

St. Louis, which lost to St. John's in the National Invitation Tournament finals last March, sports the following sky-line: 7-0, 240-pound Melvin Robinson, 6-10, 240-pound Travis Tadyak and 6-9 Mike Ivester at center and 6-8 Bonner, 6-8 Don Braun and 6-7 Carlos Skinner at forward.

In contrast, Eastern's two tallest players are both 6-9, starting sophomore center Jeff Mironcow and junior Steve Nicholson. "We'll put as many of our big people on the court in combination to match up with their size," Samuels said.

Size, though, may not be the Panthers' biggest worry; Bonner is on fire (28.5 points, 12.5 rebounds and 4.5 steals per game in two contests).

So, what's the plan to try to contain him? "We'll play him

head-up and get support from other parts of our defense," Samuels said of Eastern's sole defense, the man-to-man. "I don't think we can afford at this point in the season to change our defense to just key on one player."

Two of the Panthers' stronger defenders will most likely return to the lineup. Sophomore guard Steve Rowe has recovered from an ankle injury, while sophomore forward Barry Johnson "should" play after sitting out Eastern's 60-58 win over Indiana State because he showed up 15 minutes late for shooting practice, "a problem with Barry," Samuels said.

Too much attention paid to Bonner would free other Billikens, most notably double-figure scorers forward Kevin Footes (15 ppg), guard John Duff (14 ppg), guard Charles Newberry (13 ppg) and Robinson (10 ppg). Overall, St. Louis, 1-1, has averaged 96 points per game.

"I think they'll look to be more of a transition team, and we'll have to get back quickly on defense," Samuels said.

Robinson, a freshman from Missouri runner-up Vashon High School, gives the Billikens an

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Bonner sees new role as Billiken hoops leader St. Louis star visits Lantz Thursday

By **DAVID BRUMMER**
Staff writer

Anthony Bonner has a new role this season.

In the past the 6-8, 215-pound senior was the powerful inside threat for St. Louis University's basketball team, while the reliably talented guard tandem of Roland Gray and Monroe Douglass handled the outside shooting and leadership.

But now that Gray and Douglass have graduated from last season's National Invitational Tournament finalist team, Bonner will take on new responsibilities, including a new position, which Eastern will see Thursday night when the two squads meet.

Obviously, Bonner will accept the leadership assignment, as he's the Billiken's most experienced senior. But the change that appeals most to him is the chance to play more in the open court at forward.

"My role has changed," said Bonner, who averaged 15 points and nine rebounds last season playing mostly the post. "There will still be a few times when I have to play underneath, but I'll bet to play a little more on the wing this year which will help me utilize my skills."

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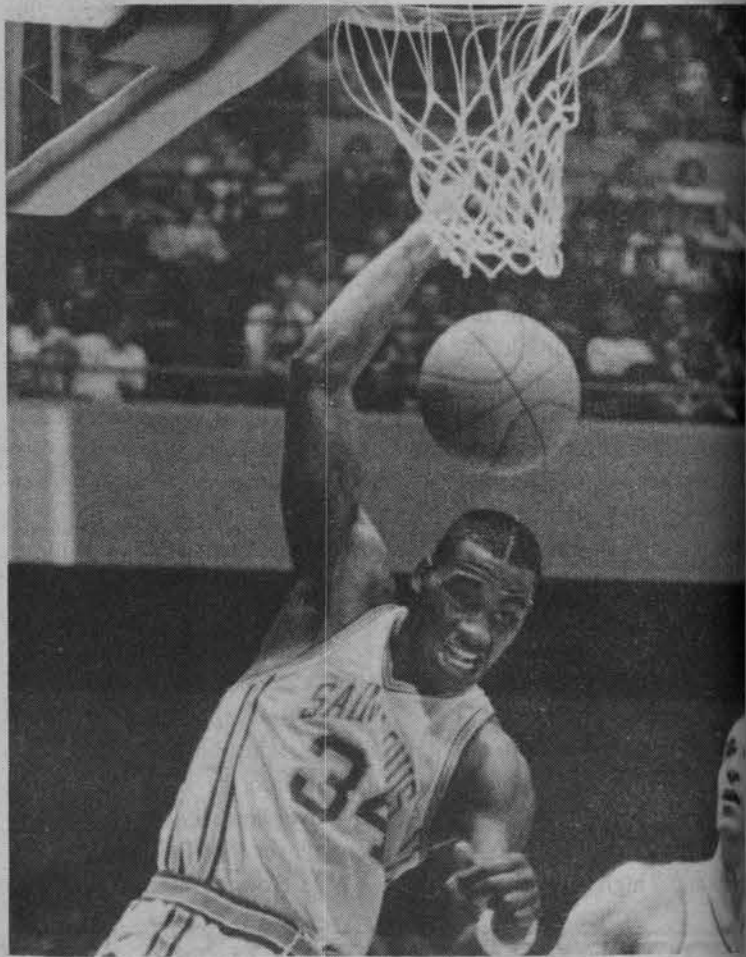


Photo courtesy St. Louis University Sports Information
St. Louis All-American candidate Anthony Bonner will lead the Billikens against Eastern Thursday night at Lantz Gym.

Spoo looks for way to run on Montana

By **AL LAGATTOLLA**
Associate sports editor

Eastern coach Bob Spoo is looking for another barrier to smash through.

They said you couldn't win at Idaho and you couldn't stop Vandal quarterback John Friesz, but the Panthers did. And now the Panthers will face a rushing defense that yields just 70.2 yards per game when they square off against Montana Saturday at Missoula, Mont. Saturday in a Division I-AA quarterfinal game.

But you can count on Eastern at least trying to run the ball, as they did when they ran on Southwest Missouri State's Gateway Conference leading rushing defense.

"The other end is pass-defense wise, where it appears they've been hurt a little bit," Spoo said.

The Grizzlies have given up 284.3 passing yards per game, an indication that Montana has either faced opponents that are geared toward the passing game, or that their rushing defense is more effective.

Either way, Eastern will most likely try to find some room for tailback Jamie Jones, who was named the Division I-AA player of the week by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Spoo will have concerns on defense, as the Grizzlies have averaged 33 points per game.

"They've rushed the ball successively," said Spoo of an offense that gains 112 yards per game on the ground. "Their offen-

sive line is much bigger, averaging 6-6, 275 pounds. They've got some big kids."

And the defense will most likely have to get the job done without standout nickelback Tim Lance, who suffered an ankle injury in the Idaho win.

"If anyone would be willing to play, it would be Tim, but right now, it looks, I would say, doubtful," Spoo said. "But he will make the trip with us and if he can play, he'll play. But right now, it's very doubtful."

If Lance can't go, he will most likely be replaced by defensive backs Rod Heard and Tony Farrell and safety Daryl Holcombe.

Farrell said he would be equal to the challenge.

"I love the game of football, and if I have a chance to play the game, I will," said Farrell, who has sat out two seasons with injuries. Farrell currently is playing with fractured ribs.

Spoo doesn't question the desire of whoever would step in, but he said he would miss Lance's experience.

"There's no question that whoever is in there will give a great deal of effort like Tim," Spoo. "But there are little nuances to the position. One interception Tim Lance had in the game could only have fooled the quarterback because of his experience."

Grady Bennett is the quarterback that the Panthers will be trying to fool this Saturday. Bennett throws for 298.3 yards per game.

Playoff game may not be televised

By **AL LAGATTOLLA**
Associate sports editor

The possibility that Saturday's NCAA Division I-AA playoff game between Eastern and Montana would be televised in Charleston was greatly reduced Wednesday, when it was learned that the process would cost approximately \$6,000.

"The NCAA has to approve all telecasts. With the approval of the University of Montana, it was willing to grant the telecast rights to WPAX (the station that will telecast the game in Montana)," said Eastern sports information director David Kidwell. "The NCAA also said that there would not be a rights fee for WEIU-TV, because it is a non-commercial, educational station. This encouraged us because we thought that it would be the only fee."

Unfortunately for Eastern, WPAX decided to switch its telecast from satellite to microwave, which would make it necessary for a satellite hook-up to Eastern. WPAX wanted Eastern to help pay for the satellite installation, which Kidwell said is more expensive than the microwave hook-up. In addition, WPAX requested that Eastern share the production costs.



THOM RAKESTRAW/Associate photo editor

Eastern running back Edson Castillo catches a pass Wednesday at O'Brien practice field.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

P R E V I E W

Some bright ideas for holiday gift giving

BY TIM SHELLBERG and SANDY SKADAUSKI

Long before Christmas morning when families gather around the tree to share a host of surprises, people everywhere scamper to find the perfect assortment of goodies, and sometimes oddities, to give as gifts.

And for many college students – after begging mom and dad for money – Christmas break provides an opportune time to join the shuffle of the shopping season.

However, the holiday break provides little time to play Santa and get all the shopping done, especially for the people on everyone's shopping list who are extremely difficult to buy for because they have many tastes or by some opinions, no taste at all.

The Cross County Mall in Mattoon has a few solutions to your shopping quandries, though, and maybe some of these suggestions will ease last minute

decisions and put a rein on shopping adventures.

For those who want to purchase a Christmas album and still keep up with the times, "Merry, Merry Christmas" by New Kids on the Block is a must. One of last year's popular Christmas albums, "A Very Special Christmas," featuring U2, Sting, the Pretenders and many more is also a possibility.

A few popular contemporary Christmas albums include: "Christmas Portrait" by the Carpenters, "Christmas Wishes" by Anne Murray, and "Steamroller Christmas" by Manheim Steamroller.

"We sell many old standards as well as a lot of contemporary (Christmas recordings)," said Kevin Triestram, manager of Mister Music in Mattoon Cross County Mall. He added that Christmas albums by country musicians such as Randy Travis, Kenny Rogers, Alabama and the Judds are big sellers, too.

Triestram predicted hits such as: "Girl You Know It's True" by Milli Vanilli, "Dr. Feelgood" by Motley Crue, "Steel Wheels" by the Rolling Stones, and "Appetite for Destruction"

and "G&R Lies" by Guns & Roses will sell well over the holiday season.

"You'd think that everyone would have both Guns and Roses albums already," Triestram said.

Triestram noted record sales in general have decreased since compact discs were introduced and the popularity of the cassette tape grew. "The (records) are not there, and they are being replaced with compact discs," Triestram said. "We've made up for lost L.P. sales with CDs."

Brand name receivers, cassette decks, compact disc players, speakers and car stereos can be found at Mister Music as well.

"There are always people who like to buy books as presents," offered Kent Shehorn, manager of Waldenbooks also in the Mattoon mall.

"We sell a lot more kids' books (during the shopping season), but we sell more of everything at Christmas," Shehorn said.

According to Shehorn, some of the more popular Christmas books include "Norman Rockwell's Christmas Book" which is a popular compilation of Rockwell's best works of art, and "Where The Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein, a collection of poetry that can be "read and enjoyed at all ages," Shehorn said.

Shelhorn also noted "The Far Side," "Calvin & Hobbes" and "Bloom County" comic strip books have been selling well.

One of the biggest comebacks in the fashion trend for women has been the skirt. "Last year they were wearing them (skirts) low, this year they are wearing them

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Natural Christmas tree sales growing

By **CARL WALK**
Staff writer

As the Christmas season nears, college students and Charleston residents may soon find a need to purchase a Christmas tree, a main component of the holiday's decorations.

While some may opt for the man-made tree's, a growing number of people are reverting back to the old days - when Christmas trees were real. The Charleston area has many Christmas tree farms where people can select the perfect pine. Two of the largest tree farms are Sturgeon's Tree Farm and Walters Christmas Tree Farm.

Christmas tree sales have been faster than normal for the Charleston area at Sturgeon's Tree Farm, located east of Eastern on Rt. 16, which has been experiencing bigger rushes for Christmas trees than in past years.

At Walter's Christmas Tree Farm, tree sales have been good for the first week, said W.A. Walters, who is part owner of the farm and has been in business for about 35 years.

Walter's farm sells Scots and White pines, as well as wreaths, roping and greenery for the Christmas season.

Steve Sturgeon, owner of Sturgeons farm, and dedicated to producing pine trees for the holidays, said that after the nine-month job he takes on every year to grow the trees, he sells about 1,000 trees per year, starting the day after Thanksgiving.

"We get our fair share of college students," Sturgeon said. "We sell the bulk of the trees in four days. This weekend and next weekend will be the big rush."

"We have had quite a few college students in the past, but no students have come out yet this year," said Walters, adding



From left: Michel Morgan, fundraising co-chair, Greek Court Counselor Michel Morgan and Dawn Weaver, fundraising co-chair select four christmas trees at Sturgeon's Tree Farm. The trees will be placed in Greek Court.

that it is still early in the season. He also said that from now until the week before Christmas is when he sells the bulk of his trees.

Sturgeon, who has been in business for four years, said that there are two types of pine trees that he sells and that are suitable for the land in Charleston, the Scots pine and the White pine.

The soil content effects what type of tree will grow well. "In this area, it's a tight clay," Sturgeon said.

The White pine is a five-needle pine compared to the Scots pine, which has more of a stiffer needle, Sturgeon said. He used to deal with Austrian pine as well, when he sold his biggest tree, a 14-foot Austrian pine.

The pines take about seven or eight years to mature, at a growth rate of approximately one foot per year. Sturgeon said that he uses a rotation system when growing the trees meaning that he replants three to four acres every year so that he always has an ample

amount of trees to sell around Christmas time.

During the process of growing the trees, Sturgeon said he first plants the pines, then uses herbicides to kill the weeds and then follows a routine which involves mowing between the pines regularly.

Before taking the trees from the ground, Sturgeon engages in the sharing process, when he must employ about 15 people temporarily to help deal with the harvest.

Finally, Sturgeon is able to

remove the trees from the ground. The trees are cut using a special mower in the field and then taken to the farm for sale.

"We use a weed mower with a carbide tip blade on it and ease those into the tree and knocks them down," Sturgeon said.

Sturgeon then uses a product that helps keep the trees green. "People don't like it when it starts to turn brown," he said.

Some of the trees are bundled so people may fit them easily into their vehicles.

There are many little problems associated with planting and growing the pines, Sturgeon noted, like, the bird problem and the insect pest problem.

Sturgeon also said a large sum of money goes directly into the maintenance of the trees during the growing season.

Sturgeon said that he makes "about \$4.50 after all the costs from that tree, wholesale. It takes about 15 years to see a decent return."

He said, "When I first got into it, I thought that it would be very profitable."

In addition to the tree sales, Sturgeon's wife also helps with the family owned business by providing wreaths and roping made out of Scots pine.

At Sturgeon's Tree Farm, the trees are sold by the foot. The cost of a 5 foot tree is \$16.50, a 6 foot tree is \$19.50 and a 7 foot tree is \$22.50.

Sturgeon works for the Agricultural Department along with running his tree farm.

Sturgeon said he believed many people have decided to purchase natural trees because they are a change from the artificial models, which are the same every year. "You get something different every year," he said.

And although a natural tree may seem expensive to some, Sturgeon said many of the artificial trees are around \$75.

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Area stores prepare for holiday shoppers

BY DEBBIE CARLSON
Staff writer

While most people are relaxing during Christmas, some are at their busiest. And it's not just the Christmas shoppers who fall prey to the hustle and bustle, but often the people who work in the stores, catering to Christmas shoppers' every purchasing whim, are the most harried.

Glenn Stenholm, store manager at the Mattoon K-Mart, said although he has never broken down exactly which items sell the most during the Christmas rush, toys or clothes probably top the list. "The toy department makes three-fourths of its sales in November and

December," Stenholm said.

Judy Winn, assistant manager at Charleston's Wal-Mart on Lincoln Avenue, said the bulk of this season's sales goes to toys and clothes, also. The store also sells many more appliances during this time than during the rest of the year, she added.

To meet the increase in sales, both stores stock up on inventory. K-Mart's inventory increases by at least 25 percent, Stenholm said. And although Winn could not give a specific amount, she said Wal-Mart's is up quite a bit, too. "If you don't have it, you can't sell it," she said.

Stenholm said layaway at Christmas

is more popular than other times of the year. "During the rest of the year, people put large ticket items on layaway. But around October, (layaway) is an easy place to hide things from kids," he said.

To handle the increased inventory and layaway usage, both stores employ added people during the "shopping season."

At Wal-Mart, about 20 to 25 extra people are hired to help out the regular sales clerks. "We start around October so everyone is trained by Christmas time," Winn said. All the people hired cannot be kept, but Wal-Mart tries to keep most of them.

Stenholm said about 10 percent more people are hired to help with K-

Mart's rush. The majority of that extra help is just seasonal, though; people who are looking for a job for Christmas.

Even with the extra help things get a little hectic. "There's a lot of stress at Christmas time so the demand to get done quickly and to help customers and keep shelves stocked (is greater)," Winn said.

The same feeling on Christmas stress applied with Stenholm. "It's a little harder because customers (depend on sales clerks) more and it's a lot more busier. Plus it takes time to train the help so it's initially harder," he said. "Once people are trained there is more help."

Bright ideas for Christmas

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higher," according to Esther Wagner, assistant manager of Stuarts, also in Cross County Mall. Besides formal holiday dresses, Wagner also noted split skirts and sweaters "Always sell well."

Gentleman seem to receive more formal articles of clothing than women, or at least that's what Clint Nichols, department manager of mens clothing at Meis Department store, noted. "A lot of double-breasted suit jackets in dark navy or charcoal colors are bought," he said. "There are girlfriends buying overcoats for their boyfriends."

Nichols credits the fact that more suits and formal clothing are being bought for reasons other than Christmas wear. He gave examples such as business purposes and formals. "Most of the business generates from the college students," he said.

Always a charm and in the Christmas spirit are toys. However, some of the toys that are in demand now are quite different from the traditional.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles dolls, based on the cartoon, seem to be the big item this holiday season. "Parents will be ecstatic if they can come across them," said Cindy Brubaker, toy merchandiser at K-Mart, also located at the mall. "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are plasma that turned into humanoids and are crime-fighters," Brubaker said.

Brubaker noticed college students have been buying Ouija boards during the course of the holiday season.

Kim Kimball, toy department manager at Wal-Mart, 510 W. Lincoln Ave., in Charleston, said the Upsie Daisy Doll and the Rocking Pony also will be big sellers this holiday season. Both



Mark Althoff, left, and Karen Nikolas stock the shelves at Wal-Mart with Christmas decorations.

Brubaker and Kimball agree that Barbie dolls, Hot Wheels and G.I. Joe will sell big or as Brubaker puts it, "will be around until the end of time."

One of the hottest movies of the summer has predictably turned into one of the popular gift ideas of the season. The *Batman* video will most likely

be a target for last minute shoppers.

"We have ordered 50 copies of *Batman*," said Karen Armstrong, assistant manager of the Video Shop, 207 Lincoln Ave. Right now, the newly released copies are being sold for \$19.95 but after a period of time, the price will be reduced to \$10. "After so long, we don't need that many copies," Armstrong said. "So, we sell them afterwards so people can buy them cheaper."

C&M Video, located at 428 W. Lincoln Ave., ordered 50 copies for the store and 30 copies have been ordered for purchase by customers, said Gale Smith, manager of C&M.

"A lot of standard Christmas movies such as *Jack Frost*, *White Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street* and *It's A Wonderful Life* are rented over the holidays," Smith said.



Ten-year-old Todd Wohlrabe examines the newest toys for the holiday season during a recent visit to Wal-Mart.

Town sprays trees to halt evergreen thieves

MONROE, Conn. (AP) - Chopping down a Christmas tree from Monroe's town parks is a foul idea, and town officials plan to make sure everyone agrees.

All the evergreens in the town's three parks are being sprayed with a foul-smelling mixture to dissuade people from robbing the parks for Christmas trees.

"You can't smell it outdoors, but when you bring the tree

inside and it warms up, bang. You have a pungent, stinky odor," said park ranger David Solek.

Parks director Ron Walissa said even trees too tall for use as Christmas trees are vandalized when thieves cut off the tops.

Solek said anyone caught stealing a tree will be fined \$25 to \$30 per foot of tree.

"Taking one of these trees is a horrible thing," he said.

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'Nutcracker' to entertain children

By VALENCIA JONES
Staff writer

Christmas time away from home can be hard without special things like the sound of soothing Christmas music or special events such as the traditional holiday fantasy, the "Nutcracker."

The "Nutcracker," published in 1819, is one of the world's most famous plays. During the play, the story of a group of toys that come to life when a little girl is given a toy nutcracker for Christmas unfolds in a ballet of music and dance.

Phoebe Church, the chair of Eastern's physical education department, said, "The 'Nutcracker' is when toys come alive in a Christmas fantasy of children's dreams."

Eastern audiences will be treated to two performances of the "Nutcracker." The first is a matinee sponsored by the Tarble Arts Center and the physical education department. This performance was set aside strictly for the pilot program, in which Tarble and the physical education department gathered most of the area children grades three to eight from Mattoon, Lerna, Charleston and Ashmore to view the play firsthand.

Church said the play will utilize a lecture format incorporated into the first act of dance, hopefully making it both informative and enjoyable for the children. The matinee is Tuesday and free to the public.

This is the first year the Tarble Arts Center and the physical education department have joined to sponsor a free matinee for the children.

The second Tuesday performance, open to students and the public is at 7:30 p.m., and is sponsored by the University Board. The cost for floor seats for the public are \$7, for Eastern students, \$4; public bleacher seats are \$5 and bleacher seats for Eastern students are \$2. Both performances will be held in South McAfee Gymnasium.

The "Nutcracker" is being performed by The Indianapolis Ballet Theater, which formed in 1973. It is the only professional touring ballet company that has toured more than 55 cities, 17 states and even Canada, while reaching audiences of more than 65,000 each touring season.

This season they have presented the "Nutcracker" in Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Music is one of the magical components of the "Nutcracker," but Christmas time is not limited to that play, alone.

Eastern Music Professor Johnny Lane said, "Christmas music originates from anything centered around the birth of Jesus Christ."

Christmas songs never go out of style and it shows in old favorites such as "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night," but there are often remakes of these songs, he said.

Lane said he prefers any Christmas music with a sacred message.

He added he agrees with Duke Ellington's famous quote, "Good music is music that sounds good."

Foreign student plans trip home

For one Eastern junior, the ride board's no help

By STEPHANIE CARNES
Activities editor

To most Eastern students, going home for the holidays involves hopping into the car, bus or train and riding out a one to four-hour drive to see family and old friends for three glorious weeks.

And of course, Santa Claus, presents and food are all part of the Christmas vacation, not to mention the freedom from books, teachers, speeches and computers.

However, for approximately 80 students on Eastern's campus, going home for the joyous season involves a lot more hassle.

Take for instance, Montserrat (Montse) Font, a junior foreign student from Barcelona, Spain. She has been at Eastern for three years and has been a resident assistant in Andrews Hall for two years.

During Font's freshman year at Eastern she spent Christmas in Chicago, but last year and this year she had and will spend the time with her family in Spain.

It will take approximately 10 hours to get home, but the plane ride will be worth it and she's very excited, she said.

"I'm very lucky that I get to go home. Most of the foreign students here at Eastern don't get to go home," Font said. "Half of my airplane ticket is being paid by grandparents and the other half is being paid by my mom and dad."

"The cost of my plane ticket is only \$600, whereas for some students it can cost around \$1,000," Font added. "My ticket is part of my Christmas gift."

In Spain the people celebrate Christmas a little differently than the Americans do. "We don't get the Christmas

presents on the 24th of December, like you do," Font explained. "We get them on the sixth of January."

This ritual follows the real Christmas story of the Christ Child, in which Jesus Christ was born on Dec. 25 and received his presents from the three wise men 17 days later on Jan. 6.

"Instead of a Santa Claus bringing gifts to kids, three wise men bring them." The names of the three wise men are Melchor, Gaspar and Baltasar.

"We know who Santa Claus is here, but in Spain he is just a Christmas character, a funny guy, but he's not the one who brings the presents."

Even though the people of Spain wait to open gifts in January, Font's family will be making an exception. "My family will open our presents on the 25th, because I have to leave for Eastern again on the sixth."

"(On December 24) we have dinner before midnight mass, and then on Christmas Day when Jesus was born we have another big meal around 3 p.m."

When asked about the commercialization of Christmas in Spain, Montse said Christmas seemed to be a lot more meaningful there.

"That (commercialization) is what I don't like here. You go to a store now (before Thanksgiving) and all you see is Christmas decorations and trees. In Spain we give more importance to the meaning of the holiday and not to the commercial effect," Font said.

But Christmas trees in the houses are becoming more popular in Spain. "Every house has a nativity scene, but not a Christmas tree."



TERRI McMILLAN/Photo editor

Junior Monsterrat Font — not in her home in Spain, but on campus. Font will join the mass exodus of Eastern students going home for the holidays.

Putting up Christmas trees is becoming an annual custom because of the influence of the surrounding country's customs, Font said.

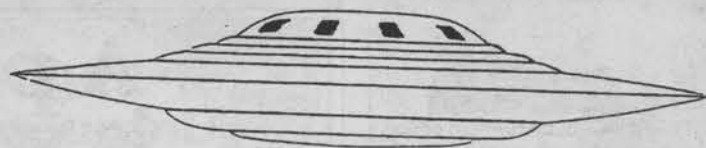
On New Year's Eve the natives of Spain celebrate with big parties and "lots and lots of champagne," Font said.

"Everytime the clock strikes on the countdown (to New Year's Day) we eat a grape. And if we don't eat them all,

we will have bad luck."

Font believes Christmas is a time to spend with family. "It (Christmas time) is so special. When I go home for Christmas, I basically spend most of my time with my family. Christmas is not where you spend it, it's who you spend it with."

"Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo;" just another way to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

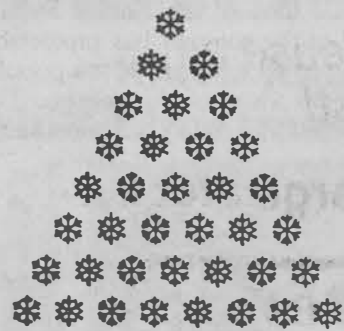


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Christmas spirit gets lost in the shuffle

Some people believe Christmas time is the best time of the year. Their reasons range from the act of receiving presents to establishing peace and harmony throughout their family and friends.

I used to think that. In the past I have always been in the Christmas spirit by October, seeing the Christmas tree lights in stores and getting Christmas wishbooks in the mail. I started my shopping in November and had it completed by Thanksgiving so I could enjoy the Christmas fun and activities in December.

But this year was a little different than it ever has been, because I had less time on my hands.

Bah Humbug!

I really am not a scrooge this year by any means. But I have realized that Christmas, like any other holiday, has a time and place to be celebrated. No one celebrates Halloween in August and Thanksgiving is never recognized in September. Why do we hear Christmas

bells in July?

One reason my Christmas spirit has been delayed this year is because I have had other things to do in my life. I now have this job at the newsroom, my classes are extremely tough and I'm running low on money.

I will definitely enjoy the gift giving and receiving this year at Christmas. My entire family will be home at the same time for the first time in a long time. We have never had any major problems within the immediate family, and so establishing peace and harmony will be no problem.

But before when I was so into the Christmas spirit and Dec. 25 finally came around, I was so burned out on



Stephanie Carnes

green and red wrapping paper and bows and Santa Claus and Christmas songs, I didn't really care what went on. I was happy with my presents and the food, but Christmas day just seemed like any other day and I wasn't any happier than I should have been.

This year I expect to be among the crowd of last minute shoppers in the malls and mail orders. But when I am, my classes will be over with and the newspaper job will be put off at least for a few weeks. Even with pushy shoppers and salesmen all around me, I will still be able to enjoy myself with such big loads off my mind.

I will be able to enjoy Christmas Eve and Day because I will realize that it only comes around once a year for me. I will be able to relax doing the things I want to do spontaneously. No one will be around to remind me about deadlines and possible story topics to research. There won't be anyone around to inform me of a test during the next class

meeting.

However, knowing how hyper I get when I have nothing at all to do, I will probably find several things to keep me busy. I will have a job but it only lasts until 2:30 p.m. everyday. Maybe I'll work overtime or clean the house or maybe even spend some peaceful time with my boyfriend and family.

Whatever I do I'm certain I will enjoy my time off and what it has to offer. I love Christmas as much as the next person, and this year I will truly be in the spirit when the time comes, because I will be celebrating Christmas when it is supposed to be celebrated.

I know not everyone in the world will be able to enjoy Christmas this year as much as I will, but I do hope these people will be as happy as they themselves can be in their situation.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

-Stephanie Carnes is the activities editor for The Daily Eastern News.

It's a wonderful life-so I have been told

Christmas is the greatest time of the year. It's a time for families to get together and enjoy each other's company.

But, the Christmas season brings with it a list of gripes and annoyances from everyone, including myself, that seem a little strange if analyzed.

For example, I have found that there are four very popular gripes about Christmas every year. They include that Christmas is too commercialized, the stores are too crowded, the problems of finding a gift for a person that has everything and the fact that it never snows on Christmas.

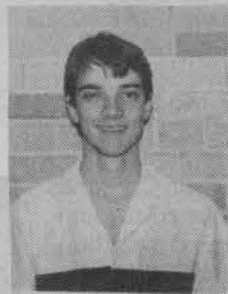
Christmas is very commercialized, but name another holiday that isn't? Well, I guess there isn't much hype for Washington or Lincoln's birthday, but Easter, Halloween and the Fourth of July all are advertised heavily.

Anyway, I'd rather see a commercial about a Christmas album packed with Bing Crosby tunes rather than another "Freedom Rock" plug. At least you can tell

yourself that, after December, you won't see the Christmas album commercials for about seven months.

And when you're watching a sporting event with your friends and they're mentioning all the famous athletes who graduated from their university, you can point to the TV screen as the Christmas album commercial roles by and say "Burl Ives, he went to Eastern!"

Anyway, it's always fun to watch the strategies of advertisers unfold as they try to find ways to lure people, especially children, to buy their products. My favorite so far this year is an ad for a peanut company. It shows Santa Claus biting into a cookie left for him by a



Tony Campbell

thoughtful child. He notices that the certain brand of nut isn't in the cookie, and the next scene shows Santa putting the presents left for the family back into his sack. Now tell me that isn't aimed at influencing the children.

The fact that the stores are crowded with anxious shoppers comes with the territory. Every year I make a trip to the mall near my house on the first day after Thanksgiving, just so I can complain about the crowds. It always amazes me that every parking place, and there are thousands of them, are filled.

And everyone driving around, searching for a parking place, is filled with the holiday spirit. More curse words are probably said on that day than any other in the year.

And for those people who have everything, buy them a box of candy and don't worry about it. A person can always eat candy, and if they don't like candy, they can shovel it off to their friends - which may include you.

And finally, the people who insist that it must snow on Christmas to truly be Christmas. I understand that if a person likes snow all the time, that's fine, but people who hate snow except on Christmas amaze me. Why would anyone like the cold, white mess on only one day a year? Is snow on Christmas any different than snow on another day? At some point does this wonderful Christmas snow become a nuisance?

These are just a few of the complaints people have about Christmas, and there are many more. Although I tend to gripe about the same things, I have tried to not be bothered by the little inconveniences and hassles of Christmas and remember the good things about the holiday.

The giving, sharing and caring that follows along with the holiday really make it a special day.

-Tony Campbell is the features editor for The Daily Eastern News.

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Santa blazes into Charleston on fire truck

By TONY CAMPBELL
Features editor

All children seem to be born with an internal clock that counts down the approach to Christmas and the moments until their eyes first spy the presents under the tree.

For about 100 children, the time clock was moved up almost a month as Santa Claus made his first appearance in Charleston Monday. The famous fat man in the red suit made a triumphant appearance on Charleston's Square, led in not by his faithful fleet of reindeer, though, but by a fire truck. As Santa first came into view, the children erupted into joyful chaos.

Santa was quickly mobbed by the youngsters as members of the Charleston High School band performed Christmas favorites. And although the crowd enjoyed the unseasonably warm but windy evening, Santa was another story.

"I'd rather have the snow," Santa said as he handed a candy cane to a small girl. He has undaunted, however, and stayed to hand candy canes out to the rest of the youngsters.

Santa didn't need any help from the weather, though, as he took Charleston by storm about 7 p.m. Charleston time, in contrast to time at the North Pole. "I arrived on a volunteer fire truck," he said. "My sled crashed outside of town."

Santa said most of the children were happy to see him, but a few were frightened by his red suit and his beard. "Some were shocked, others were scared, but most of them were ready to cash in on the candy," he said.

He said the toy most requested has been the Nintendo game system.

Santa is preparing for the Christmas season and has made several appearances to meet with children and to take down a list of presents. "I've made several stops around the country," he said.

Santa said many children are amazed at the fact that he can travel around the world and supply gifts in only one night. "I wiggle my nose," Santa said. "It makes me extra light - that's



Santa Claus gets a high five from a child outside the Charleston City Hall Monday. Santa's appearance was his first of the year in Charleston.

CARL WALK/Staff photographer

how my reindeer do it. Rudolph just wiggles his nose and we're off."

As Santa walked across the road toward the shops on the Square, he looked into his bag and said, "I started out with 96 of them (candy canes)." Santa disappeared into Campus Dog, probably filling his sled for the long ride home.

A small child viewed Santa entering the restaurant and began yelling enthusiastically. But by the time the child dragged his mother to the window, he was gone. "Where did he go," the child questioned. "I don't know, he's magic," the mother said.

Most of the children were enthusiastic to meet the lauded but rarely seen Santa. Tammy Jones brought her three children, Tianna, 7; Ashley, 5; and Jeremiah, 3; to meet Santa.

"He's been around Santa before," Tammy said of Jeremiah, "but this is the first time he hasn't cried." Both Tianna and Ashley were leaning toward Barbie doll accessories for

the gifts topping their Christmas lists. Jeremiah refused to comment on his favored selection, but his mother disclosed he likes Donald Duck.

Eastern graduate Kathy Hale and her daughter, Nicole, took time out from their vacation to meet Santa. Kathy, who lives in Florida, was visiting her grandmother who lives in Charleston.

Nicole told Santa she'd like to see spots - a Dalmation, that is, under the tree on Christmas morning.

"Christmas is a lot different (in Florida)," she said. "Some people go water skiing on Christmas."

Angela Boeck, a Charleston High School student and an exchange student from West Germany, also took the chance to meet Santa. She said she has noticed the Christmas season begins much earlier in the United States than in her country.

"It doesn't start until the middle of December," she said of the television advertisements that have already flooded the television markets.



A group of lucky Charleston children grab at the chance for a few minutes with Santa as he hands out candy canes.

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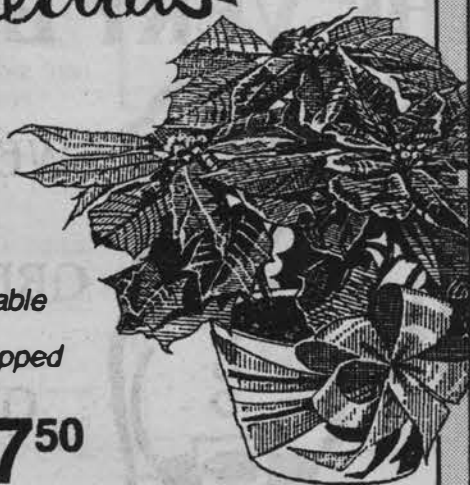
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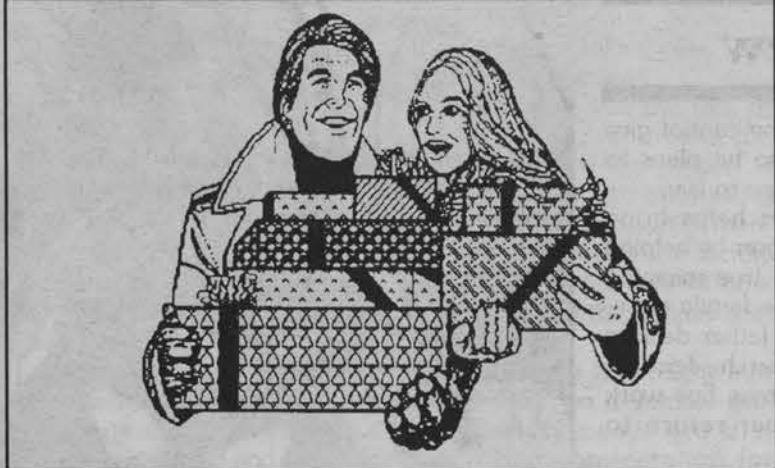
As students are preparing for final exams and the end of the semester, Eastern's residence halls are putting together Christmas programs to take the pressure off the students.

Of course, not everything being done in the Christmas spirit is for the residence hall students.

Susan Klemme, president of Taylor Hall's council, said the council members are planning a special dinner for senior citizens in the Charleston area.

"We feel it is a good thing to do for some type of community service project," Klemme said. Taylor Hall sponsored the special dinner last year also, she added.

The dinner for the senior citizens is scheduled for Tuesday in Taylor's food service. "Afterwards, we'd like to have



someone come in and perform for them," Klemme added.

For the residents in Taylor Hall, the hall council is planning a decorating contest for all the floors in the hall, Klemme said.

Pemberton Hall has a whole week planned out for Christmas and winter activities.

Mary Wilson, president of

Pemberton's hall council, said the week will kick off Friday when the hall residents decorate the Christmas tree in the main lounge.

On Saturday, Pemberton Hall will sponsor a semi-formal in the hall's lounge, Wilson said.

For those with not much to spend for Christmas gifts,

Wilson said the hall also is sponsoring a calligraphy program. The program will take place at 8 p.m. Monday in the hall lounge. "They (residents) will learn how to do calligraphy for Christmas gifts and cards," Wilson said.

Pemberton also will have a Christmas caroling contest on Tuesday where the goal is to see which floor can sing the most carols for longest time, Wilson said.

A tradition in Pemberton Hall is the vesper service. Building service workers, food service workers and residents are invited to Wednesday's mass-like ceremony, Wilson said. She said the participants will sing songs and dance and present gifts to all of the workers, counselors and to the hall, itself.

In addition to those halls, the rest of the campus also has caught the Christmas spirit.

Lawson Hall's government, Lawson Inc., is sponsoring a semi-formal with the hall council from Thomas Hall, said associate counselor Kellie Cox.

The semi-formal will take place 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rathskeller, Cox said.

She added Lawson also will have a program where residents may get their picture taken with Santa Claus.

Lawson Hall usually doesn't do too much programming for Christmas because "residents are busy studying for finals," said hall executive Jill Lindsey.

Stevenson is also in the Christmas spirit. In fact, the hall will be decorated through a Christmas party where residents deck the lobby in Christmas red and green, said Greg Smith, president of Stevenson's hall council. A tentative date has not been set for the program.

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Prancer gets an early start on the big screen

By ANITA MAIELLA
Staff writer

Movie review

Mystical!
"Prancer," the most recent addition to the endless list of Christmas movies, captures the heart of everyone.

In the movie, a youthful Jennifer Riggs finds a reindeer who she believes is Prancer, one of Santa's famous flying reindeer.

Through this adventurous film, Jennifer hides away Prancer from her family in a shed until she can return him back to Santa on Christmas Eve.

Throughout the movie, Jennifer's hopes of helping Prancer are destroyed when her father, financially troubled and suffering emotionally from the death of his wife, and the town find out about the reindeer. Jennifer attempts to keep Prancer hidden from view and allows only her friends to see the reindeer.

At the conclusion of the film, Jennifer's image of seeing Prancer riding through the night with Santa and the other eight reindeer keeps Jennifer determined to succeed in her Christmas adventure.

The setting of the movie takes place in a small, close-knit town in Michigan where Jennifer lives on a farm with her father and brother.

The father is faced with harsh finan-

cial troubles and realizes he cannot give Jennifer the right care, so he plans to send her to her aunt's house to live.

In the movie, Prancer helps bring Jennifer and her father closer by helping them realize family is the true meaning of Christmas, which is the family closeness of the holiday. The father decides to help prancer in his search. Jennifer and the father on Christmas Eve work together to help Prancer return to Santa.

"Prancer" will make everyone laugh and cry as the movie is entertaining for both young and old viewers. Rebecca Harrell lights up the screen in her excellent performance as Jennifer.

Jennifer's dad, played by Sam Elliott, works well with Harrell to create a special bonding between the father and daughter in the movie.

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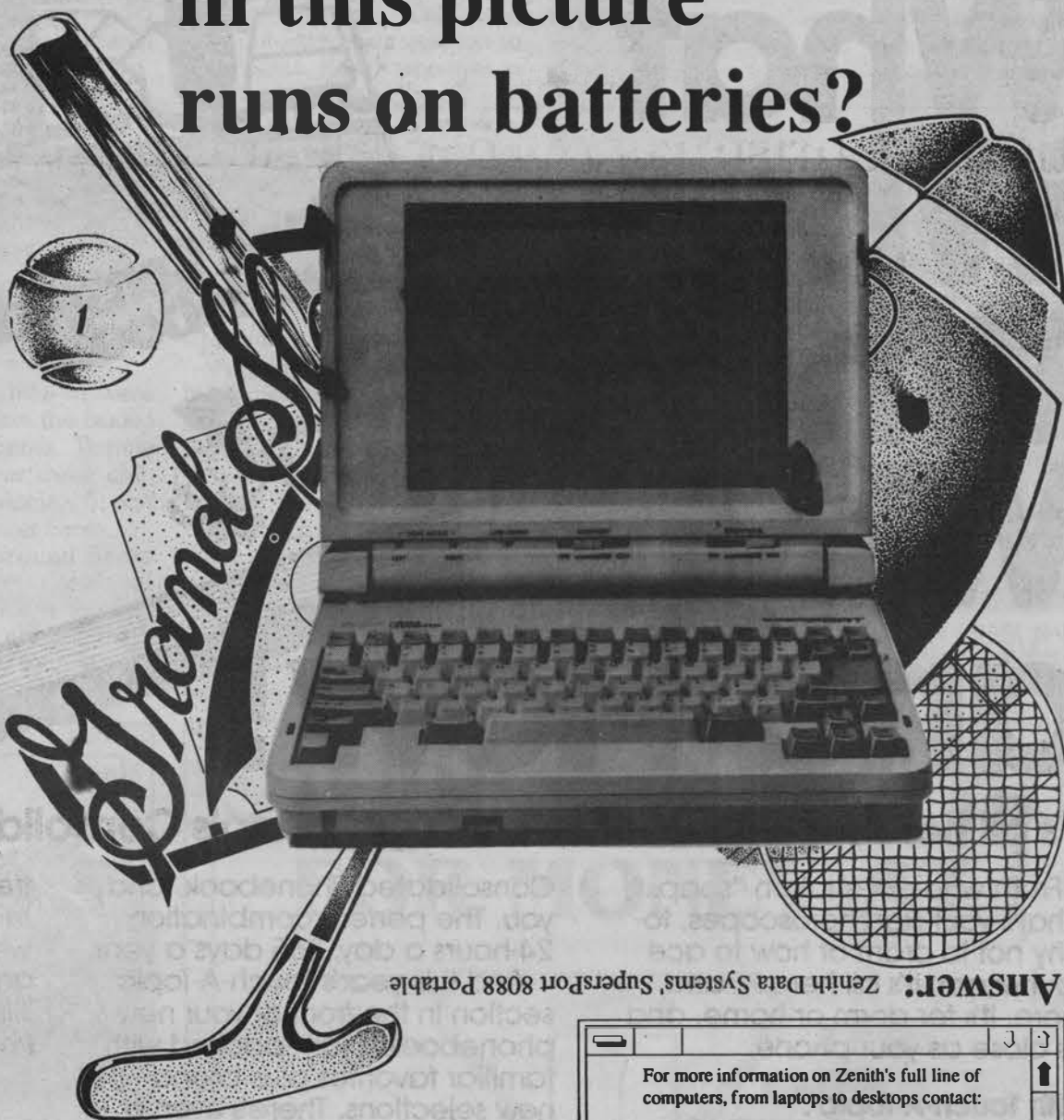
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Holidays not festive for some

By MICHELLE GARREY
Staff writer

Christmas is a happy and festive occasion for most people, but for others the holiday season only brings a feeling of depression.

Depression is a reaction to a real or perceived loss; a feeling of loneliness, sadness or lethargic, agreed an Eastern counselor and registered nurse.

Patsy Willoughby, a registered nurse at the Carle Pavilion in Champaign, said holiday depression is simply a feeling of "depression that comes around the holidays."

According to Bud Sanders, a counselor at Eastern, there are two emotional extremes people experience around the holidays, both top and bottom. The first is the "top," which is where a person is happy and joyful around Christmas, and the second is the "bottom." At the bottom, a person is feeling unhappy because of a loss of a loved one, a friend, boyfriend or girlfriend or because there is no one to spend the holidays with.

The holidays provide such a "family festive occasion and the person feels depressed because there is no one to spend the holidays with," said a registered nurse at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. "There is that feeling of failure

as a human being," she added.

Holiday depression is caused by a collection of feelings such as loss of a loved one, the breakup of a relationship or family or the ending of the semester and final exams. On top of this, all of a sudden being alone for the holidays is just the icing on the cake, the nurse said.

To recognize the signs of depression, the person or a friend should be aware of a change in eating and sleeping habits, taking more effort to do things then is necessary, complaints of physical pain such as stomachache or headache and even the loss of "zest" for life.

Depression has three levels, mild, modern and severe. "Modern and severe depression will intensify and deepen," Sanders said.

A typical case of someone who is feeling depressed, Willoughby said, is a person who is less productive in his or her lifestyle, has a feeling of not caring, has changes in eating and sleeping habits or even contemplates committing suicide.

During the holidays, the nurse said people are brought in who are so severely depressed that suicide seems the only option. "They (a loved one or friend) bring them in on a suicidal gesture when they are voicing suicide, cutting

their wrists or taking pills," the registered nurse said.

Willoughby said the rate of suicide can go up around the holidays and if the person is showing sign of committing suicide, family support is more prevalent because the family spends a greater deal of time together during the holiday season.

If a person is brought into the hospital on a suicidal gesture, safety needs are first taken into consideration for both the patient and hospital staff members. A doctor then examines the situation to find out the cause of the depression.

The hospital takes care of stress, anxiety, sadness, loneliness and other feelings of depression. To help a person deal with depression, the hospital uses relaxation techniques, the staff also talks with the person to find out what they can change and what they can't change and then change the negatives to the positive. By doing this, the doctors use coping skills, identify the problem and find ways to solve the problem.

When the depression isn't so severe, the person may simply need help to talk to a counselor, physician, clergyman or someone whose opinion they can respect, Sanders said.

Patriots to distribute food baskets to needy veterans in the area

By CANDICE HOFFMAN
Staff writer

The Patriots, an organization dedicated to helping veterans and their families, has once again gathered to distribute food baskets to those veterans and their families in need in Coles County.

"Food baskets will be given out around the weekend before Christmas for the second consecutive year," First Sergeant Lee Oakley said.

While Christmas is a time to enjoy the togetherness of family and friends, the families of many Korean and Vietnam war veterans are together in spirit only.

"We want to make people aware of the soldiers that are still listed as missing in action (MIA) or prisoners of war (POW), not only from the Vietnam War, but also from the Korean War and World War II," Oakley added.

Active member John Edwards said the organization "hopes to exceed last year's total and distribute more than 23 food baskets."

"We are a closely knit group, and we do our best to help needy veterans," Oakley said.

The Patriots held a tree trimming ceremony in Mattoon's Cross County Mall last weekend for the Illinois POW's and MIA's.

The trees were trimmed with ornaments, ribbons, and dog tags with the name, branch of service, and country in which the soldier was last seen, Mathias said.

The organization strives to increase public awareness that there are still living POW's and MIA's who need help, Mathias added.

"There are over 2,331 soldiers that aren't here for

Christmas from Vietnam alone," said Jim Hite, Mattoon Company clerk. "That isn't counting the more than 8,100 soldiers still unaccounted for from the Korean War and the several thousand soldiers from World War II."

"This is why we help veterans and their families, march in parades, hold candlelights, and urge people to write their congressmen," Hite added.

The local outfit in Mattoon boasts of a membership of more than 300, with 20-40 active members. Two of the other Patriot companies are in Jacksonville and Murphysboro.

"Most of the money the organization receives is donated," said Bob Mathias, operations officer and historian of the group, "though hats, pins, buttons, and t-shirts are sold to help raise money."

The Patriots receive no federal funding, so those donations and volunteers keep the organization going, active John Edwards said.

Candlelight displays are done upon the request of an organization or family. For these, a 4-foot by 8-foot display with candles forming the letters "MIA" and "POW" is designed. Each candle stands for a soldier from Illinois. As names are read, people attending the service light the candle. The ceremony then closes with a prayer, Hite added.

The Patriots support the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, 1001 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C., 20036-5504.

Donations or questions about the Patriots should be directed to the Patriots, P.O. Box 1332, Mattoon.

Traditional Christmas dinner planned

By TONY CAMPBELL
Features editor

Students living in the residence halls will be treated to a special Christmas dinner Wednesday evening.

Beverly Sterling, director of residence hall food services, said the traditional dinner will feature turkey and homemade Christmas cookies, along with the usual salad bar selections.

"We've been trying to change the salad bar contents, but the students all want their turkey dinner," she said.

Sterling said all of the residence halls will be decorating the dining rooms for the Christmas season. And some halls will use linen table cloths and candles for the special meal.

While there is no official party planned for the food service workers, the afternoon

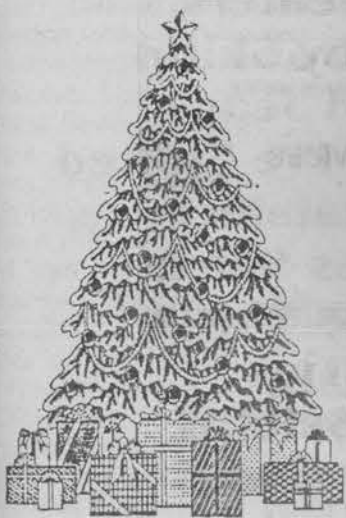
civil service workers are invited back to the food service in the evening for the meal. For the student workers, several of the facilities have their own Christmas parties. "Some of the cooks make candy to bring in for the workers; we have some great cooks here," she said.

Sterling also said there will be a special chili dinner on the Sunday before finals.

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Hoopsters had Hawaii heyday

By JEFF SMITH
Sports editor

Imagine sinking your teeth into a juicy cut of prime rib in a quaint restaurant on a sweeping, long-stretching beach in Honolulu, Hawaii, while gazing dreamily at a bright-orange sky-line as the waters of the Pacific Ocean ripple gently against the shore — on Christmas Day.

Who had the pleasure of living this slightly exaggerated experience? Eastern's men's basketball team did last season while playing in the Chaminade University Christmas Classic.

"Not much is open on Christmas Day, (so) we ate at Denny's," head coach Rick Samuels said of the team's make-shift holiday meal. "We had our regular team meal.

"The difference was we ate at an open-air Denny's right on the beach. It overlooked the ocean; it was beautiful."

The Panthers spent three days, Dec. 23-25, in Honolulu, and played one game each day. The team finished the tourney 1-2, beating host Chaminade in unmerry fashion, 74-52.

Chaminade played Scrooge in the early years of the tournament. The Division II Silverswords beat annual NCAA heavy Louisville twice, in 1983 and '84, and top-ranked Southern Methodist in 1984.

For the players as a whole, the holiday trip was anything but Christmas-like. "The overall attitude of the players was they were excited to be in Hawaii," Samuels said. "It being Christmas didn't matter. It could have been Jan. 15 to them."

Some of the players, along with



Samuels, still practiced one traditional Christmas ritual: church, he said. "We don't want to take family values away (on a trip like this) ... I went to midnight service on Christmas morning, and several players and I went to church that morning," Samuels said.

"It's a time to reflect from a religious standpoint," he added.

And Chaminade, which has hosted the holiday tourney as an eight-team event since 1986 and as a four-team tourney since 1983, offers visiting teams another traditional Christmas staple — gifts. "We have a hospitality suite, give the kids gifts (candy, Hawaiian-grown fruit, etc.) and let them loose," Chaminade Athletic Director Mike Vasconcellos said.

But, the biggest stocking-stuffer of all is Honolulu itself, Vasconcellos said. "(Coaches) allow them to enjoy Hawaii, get out in the sun, see the sites — and play some basketball," he joked.

Keeping both eyes on the ball in the midst of balmy weather can prove a strain for teams unaccustomed to Hawaii's brand of holiday spirit, Vasconcellos said. "The mind can wander," he said. "The sun, surf and wahine (women) on the beach — there's so

many distractions when playing here."

And, for the mainlanders, leaving post-card heaven is hard to do, Vasconcellos said. "They don't have time to see all that Hawaii can offer," he said. "These poor guys, they wish they could stay an extra day."

Enticements like the aforementioned distinguish the Aloha State's Christmas from most other states' festivities, as Samuels learned. "Because of the environment and the climate, it's much different," he said. "Spending Christmas Day there was unusual."

Hawaiians do celebrate the holiday, however, just in their own distinct style, Vasconcellos said. "We have Christmas trees and exchange gifts. We're family-oriented," Vasconcellos said. "We go on picnics, get together with the family, but are very laid back. It's not as commercialized as on the mainland."

"We're very mellow during Christmas; we wait to party and go wild on New Year's."

The trip to our bountiful 50th state was anything but mellow for the Panthers, Samuels said; it drew the team together as a unit and was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. "It's a time to come together as a team before the conference season," he said.

Plus, "Some kids might never have the chance to visit a place like Hawaii," he noted. "As we told our players, that's one of the rewards of being blessed with a lot of talent."

The Illinois-Hawaii connection continues this Christmas: both Southern Illinois and Western Illinois play in the tournament next month.

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California Bowl

Fresno State vs. Ball State
Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
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Independence Bowl

Tulsa vs. Oregon
Dec. 16, 7 p.m. (Mizlou)

Aloha Bowl *

Michigan State vs. Hawaii
Dec. 25, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

All-American Bowl

Duke vs. Texas Tech.
Dec. 28, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Liberty Bowl *

Air Force vs. Mississippi
Dec. 28, 7 p.m. (Raycom)

Holiday Bowl *

Penn State vs. Brigham Young
Dec. 29, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

John Hancock Bowl

Pittsburg vs. Texas A&M
Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)

Freedom Bowl

Washington vs. Florida
Dec. 30, 1 p.m. (NBC)

Peach Bowl

Georgia vs. Syracuse
Dec. 30, 1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Gator Bowl

West Virginia vs. Clemson
Dec. 30, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Copper Bowl

N.C. State vs. Arizona
Dec. 31, 7 p.m. (TBS)

Hall of Fame Bowl *

Auburn vs. Ohio State
Jan 1, noon (NBC)

Citrus Bowl

Illinois vs. Virginia
Jan 1, noon (ABC)

Cotton Bowl *

Arkansas vs. Tennessee
Jan 1, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Fiesta Bowl

Nebraska vs. Florida State
Jan 1, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl

Michigan vs. Southern Cal
Jan 1, 4 p.m. (ABC)

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Firefighters warn of danger

By **ROCHELLE ELLIOTT**
Staff writer

While many students and residents will be looking forward to a white Christmas, the Charleston firefighters are hoping it's a red one.

At least red as far as Charleston Fire Department's safety wreath goes, because that will mean there were no incidents of fire caused by Christmas decorations.

The fire stations in the city of Charleston have participated in a "Keep the Wreaths Red" project for the past two years to bring attention to fire safety over the holiday season.

A large green wreath with 10 red light bulbs on it is mounted to the outside of each of the fire stations. When a fire anywhere in the area is caused by Christmas decorations, a red bulb is replaced by a white one.

In the past two years, they have only had to change one light bulb.

Bill Bradley, battalion chief of the "A" Street fire station, said, "Everyone gets caught up in the festive mood and forgets

about safety.

"This is a way to focus people's attention on what can happen. It ruins everyone's holiday" to have fire destroy and kill.

The project originated 27 years ago at the Naperville Fire Department by Fire Chief Paul Boecker because the time of the year that brings the most joy to many people can unfortunately also be the most dangerous.

Therefore, safety should be the first thing to consider when buying Christmas decorations. And to ensure that safety, the firefighters have made a list of safety tips for buying and decorating during the Christmas season.

- When selecting a natural tree, only choose a fresh one with deep green color, strong pine scent, a sticky tree butt and needles that do not readily fall off. Place the tree away from heat sources and don't rely on chemical sprays to make it flame resistant.

- Artificial trees should be

purchased only if they have a safety-approved label. Also, never use electrical decorations on a metallic tree.

- The decorations should not be made of paper, fabric or glass.

- When picking lights, use only laboratory approved lights and discard any lights you may have with frayed or worn cords, broken sockets or bare wires.

- Bradley, who is in charge of fire prevention programs, also warned to never use indoor lights outside or try to plug more than three sets of lights into a single extension.

- Decorating with candles is the most hazardous. They should be held by glass, metal or other non-flammable candle holders. Candle safety can be maintained if the candles are placed away from decorations and in a place where they won't easily be knocked over.

The most fatal fires happen during the Christmas holidays, he said.

Holiday videotapes entertain

By **CANDICE HOFFMAN**
Staff writer

Charleston area video stores have a number of special videos available this holiday season.

If a person is wondering what to get that relative or friend that has everything, a home video can be the perfect gift. In the past few years, home videos have become one of the most popular gift items — whether it's a musical, comedy or mystery.

"Though we do not stock videos for purchase, we can order movies for our customers," said Will Rogers Video Store manager Tracy Gilbert.

Along with video sales, rentals also increase during holiday seasons and academic breaks as children search for a way to occupy their evenings.

"Video rentals usually increase when school is out," said Lane McGinness, a Carousel Video Store employee.

McGinness said the purchasing price of a movie varies greatly. The cost of the movies range from \$15 to over \$65, depending on the manufacturer, he added.

After talking with five Charleston video store owners and managers, they predicted the movies "Scrooged" and "Earnest Saves Christmas" to be the most popular new releases for the holiday season.

Children's movies, just released this holiday season, could also be popular video rentals, said Gale Smith, C & M Video Store manager. These movies include "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman" and "Little Drummer Boy."

As for the most popular Christmas classics for older viewers, most everyone agrees upon "It's A Wonderful Life," "Miracle of 34th Street," "A Christmas Story" and "White Christmas."

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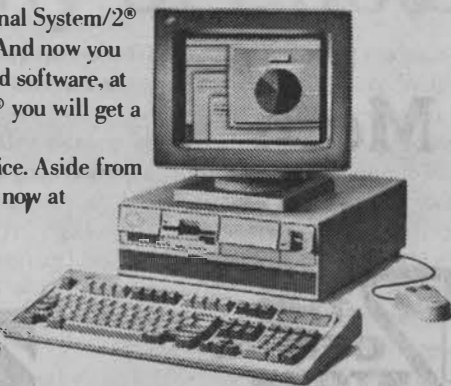
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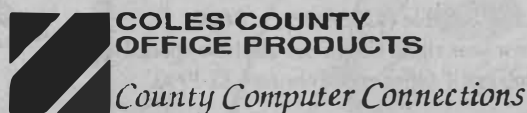


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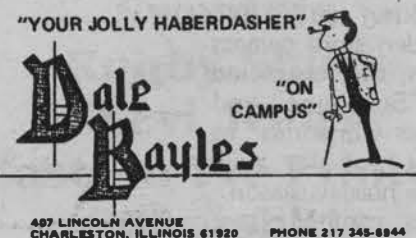
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