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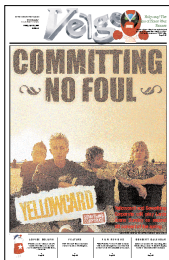
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Concert card colored Yellow

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Corporate get ready for Eastern

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STUDENT GOV. ELECTIONS

Election turnout drops by about 500

◆ *Nearly a third fewer voters than
last year’s election participated*

By **Brian O’Malley**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Government elections had 1,310 students vote, which is about 500 fewer votes than last year’s turnout.

Last year, there were six areas on campus with polling tables and 1,843 students voted. The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, the Student Recreation Center and Carman, Coleman and Taylor halls were the five spots on campus students could go to and cast their votes.

Only the Union, Coleman and Taylor halls were used as polling areas this year.

Nachel Glynn, president of the Residence Hall Association, said last year the RHA was asked by the Student Government to help out in the polls.

“The RHA gave at least 10 people last year,” Glynn said. “If they’re going to have only three (tables) they should at least space them out.”

Glynn said the reason the number of voters decreased this year is because Carman Hall wasn’t a polling area.

“Carman alone has about 750 students in it, not to mention the people in Greek Court,” she said.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said he appreciates Glynn voicing her opinion, but he wishes she chose a different venue than Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting.

“I would prefer she came to talk personally about it,” Judy said.

Judy said getting 2,000 students to vote might mean many of them are uneducated on who they are voting for.

“Basically giving candy to students is attracting uneducated voters,” Judy said. “Not uneducated in general, uneducated about the issues (voters) are coming to the polls about.”

Judy said the number of polling stations doesn’t matter unless students are interested.

“I think two is fine, even one is fine,” he said. “If people aren’t interested, they’re not interested. If it means having 500 fewer uneducated voters, then it’s fine.”

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Man drowns in Embarras River

By **Jessica Youngs**
CITY EDITOR

One Charleston-area man drowned while another swam to safety Thursday after their small fishing boat capsized on the Embarras River, Fire Captain Richard Edwards said.

Although their names have not yet been released, Edwards described the men as “two elderly gentlemen” who “lived in rural Charleston.”

The two men were boating on the north side of the Charleston Stone Quarry when their boat hit some rocks or limbs on the bottom of the river, causing the boat to take on water, Edwards said.

One of the individuals was able to swim to the bank, and call emergency services at 9:20 a.m. from the Stone Quarry office. When the Coles County Sheriff’s Department and the Charleston Fire Department Rescue/Ambulance responded, they found the other man floating face down in the middle of the water.

Edwards said although he was presumed dead when discovered, after being removed from the water emergency teams continued advanced life support on the way to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center where he was pronounced dead at 10:24 a.m.

The surviving man refused medical transport to the hospital, Edwards said.

The incident is still under investigation by the Coles County Sheriff’s Department, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police and the Coles County Coroner’s Office.

“The interior part of any building on campus away from windows – a bathroom for example – is the best place for shelter during a tornado.”

—Gary Hanebrink, safety officer for Eastern’s Environmental Health and Safety department



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

J.C. Fultz, a senior speech communication major and broadcast meteorology minor, looks at weather radar images in the production room of WEIU-TV Thursday night in Buzzard Hall. “Tornadoes can touch down in a matter of seconds,” Fultz said. “By the time you get a warning out, sometimes it’s too late.” Fultz is the chief local forecaster for WEIU.

Avoiding the storm

By **Julie Bourque**
CAMPUS EDITOR

‘Tis the season for tornadoes.

Winter’s cold air is moving out and spring’s warm air is moving in, but when the two collide, disastrous tornadoes can strike.

“Tornadoes can occur anytime of the year, but because of the clash in cold and warm air from the change in weather patterns, spring tends to be the most common season for them,” Gary Hanebrink, safety officer for Eastern’s Environmental Health and Safety department, said.

This week’s tornadoes in Tuscola and northern Illinois have raised some eyebrows around Eastern’s Environmental Health and Safety department, and Hanebrink has taken action to prepare both faculty and students if a twister should head Eastern’s way.

Hanebrink posted tornado procedures and a link providing a list of emergency shelter areas on campus on Eastern’s Web site in the University Newsletter.

“The interior part of any building on campus away from windows – a bathroom for example – is the best place for shelter during a tornado,” Hanebrink said.

Though this season tends to bring many tornadoes, Charleston has been fortunate and hasn’t experienced many, Tom Watson, Coles County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency coordinator, said.

Watson said the reason for Charleston’s escape from tornadoes is because it is located on the southern border of “tornado alley.”

“We’re kind of on the southern border of what they call ‘tornado alley,’” Watson said. “(The tornadoes) either go just north of us or just south of us. We’ve just been really fortunate.”

Emergency Shelter Areas On Campus

Andrews Hall	Basement Lounge
Blair Hall	First floor hallway near room 109
Booth Library	North: Media Services/Cataloging hallway rooms 1170, 1140,1430,1804,1609,1705
Buzzard Hall	Basement areas
Carman Hall	Near rooms 101, 114, 201, 211, 219, 228, 301, 311, 319, 336
Coleman Hall	Basement hallway and areas
Douglas Hall	Basement lounge area
Ford Hall	First floor hallways
Greek Court	Hallway near room 110-112
Klehm Hall	Lower level hallways corridors 185, 169, 151, 124
Lantz Building	Basement Lounge area
Lawson Hall	Lower level hallways
Life Science Building	Lower level lounge and hallways
Lincoln Hall	Basement hallway near room 15
Lumpkin Hall	Basement: East and West hallways near room 22
McAfee Gymnasium	Basement Lounge
McKinney Hall	Seventh Street Underground
MLK University Union	First floor hallway outside room 112
Old Main	First floor hallway outside room 121
Pemberton Hall	Hallway near room 112
Physical Science Building	Basement lounge area
Stevenson Hall	Aerobics area
Student Recreation Center	Basement areas
Taylor Hall	Basement areas
Thomas Hall	Basement hallway
University Court	Apartment area (away from windows)
University Apartments	Basement lounge
Weller Hall	

Charleston’s R.R. Donnelly Manufacturing plant did have a tornado encounter last year, but before that, Watson said the last tornado that touched down in Charleston was in the mid-1970s.

“Last year a tornado touched down and tore off a portion of the R.R. Donnelly Manufacturing plant roof, but the last tornado before that was in the mid-1970s,” Watson said. “The tornado in the 1970s hit the north side of the city and did damage in the trailer park and industrial area.”

The tornadoes this week did enough damage in the LaSalle, Putnam, Will and Kankakee counties that Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared them disaster areas.

According to a press release, “the gov-

ernor toured the devastated areas and committed significant state funds and resources for recovery efforts.”

Charleston has never been declared a disaster area for tornadoes, Watson said, but was declared a disaster area several years ago from severe flooding.

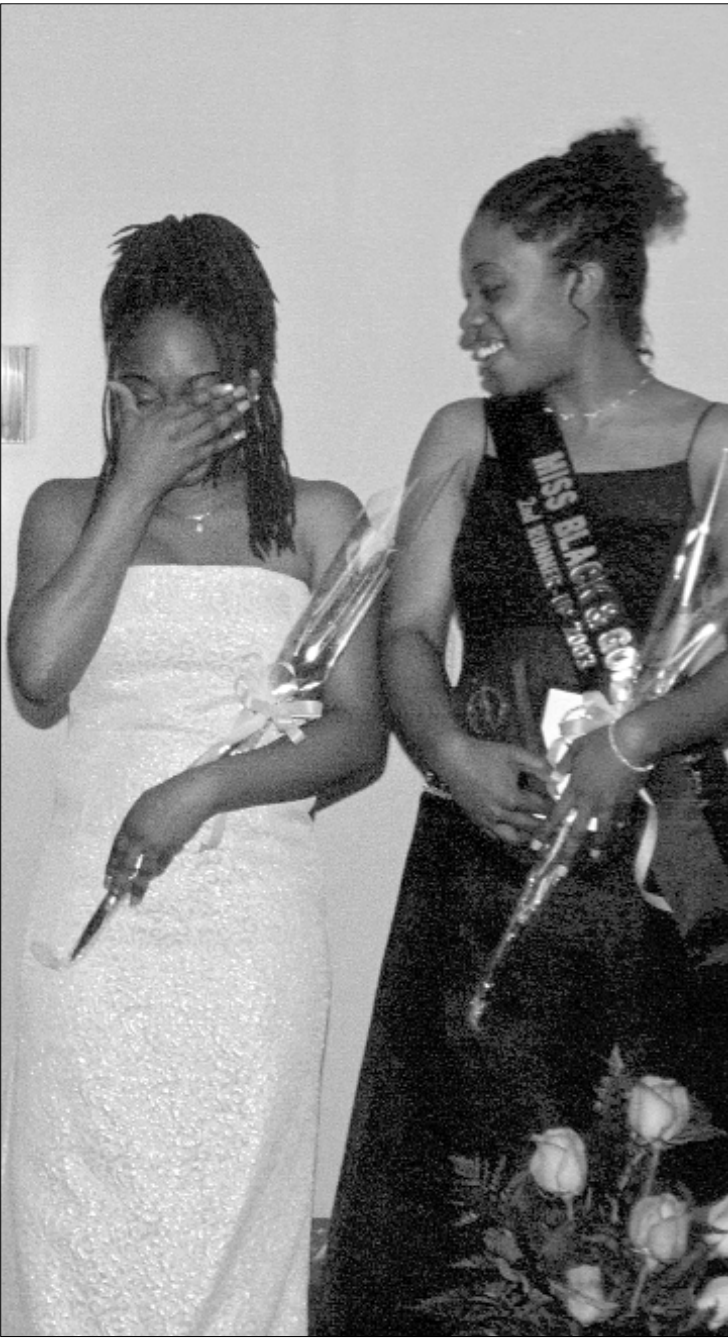
Dalias Price, former Eastern science professor and local weather observer, said Charleston’s warning system is developing as time goes on.

“We have a much better warning system as time goes by, but we aren’t able to predict the occurrence of the tornado no more than 15 to 20 minutes before it touches the ground,” Price said. “That is not much time to take shelter.”

To view all of the shelter areas on campus, visit www.eiu.edu/enviro/bldgame.htm.

City blotter

- ◆ Thomas W. Joy, 19, Burbank, was arrested Sunday for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor and the possession of a false ID.
- ◆ Nathanael D. Murphy, 21, 911 1/2 C St., was arrested Wednesday for the possession of cannabis and the possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ◆ Jarrett S. Stanfield, 20, 1012 Greek Room #254 Court, was arrested Saturday for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor and obscene conduct.
- ◆ Daniel T. Carne, 20, 1012 Greek Room #53 Court, was arrested Saturday for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.
- ◆ Daniel J. Errichello, 21, 1410 Sixth St., was arrested Monday for aggravated battery. Brian M. Harrison, 22, 1331 Seventh St., was arrested Saturday for obscene conduct.
- ◆ Scott I. Parrish, 22, 14080 E County Rd. 1120 N, was arrested Sunday for obscene conduct.
- ◆ Kyle A. Fischer, 26, 2818 Fourth St., was arrested April 14 for the discharge of a BB gun within the city.
- ◆ Jason R. Fugua, 22, 820 First St., was arrested April 14 for the discharge of a BB gun within the city.
- ◆ James L. Schultz, 24, Woodstock, was arrested Sunday for disturbing the peace.
- ◆ Lauren E. Barrett, 19, Chicago, was arrested Friday, for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.
- ◆ Brittany N. Ledford, 18, Palentine, was arrested Friday for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.
- ◆ Paul J. Childers, 18, was arrested Friday for the purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor.
- ◆ Matthew J. Waggoner, 23, 1601 Marion Ave., was arrested April 14 for domestic battery, criminal trespass to residence, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.
- ◆ Erin E. Anderson, 23, Mahomet, was arrested Saturday for criminal damage to property.



Goldia Haynes reacts to being named 2003 Miss Black and Gold last spring, at the Worthington Inn.

Stepping in the name of unity

By Eboni Neely
STAFF WRITER

Eastern’s chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity is bringing together campus groups for a pageant and step show Friday.

The Ms. Black and Gold Pageant will open with the Ebony and Ivory Step Show on the dance floor with a step performance by the experienced Alphas and guest fraternities and sororities. Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority will be guests at the event.

Ricky Jean-Pierre, event coordinator and economics graduate student, said these guest greeks were taught new steps by Alpha Phi Alpha and will show their talents at the Ms. Black and Gold Pageant and Ebony and Ivory Step show.

Jean-Pierre said the pageant started with approximately 10 girls at an informational in late February held by Alpha Phi Alpha. Jean-Pierre said the contestants had to have more than a 2.0 grade point average, and raise a minimum of \$300 in ads from businesses of their choice, family and friends. There was also a \$30 application fee for all the contestants as well.

The pageant will have four different categories, including business-wear, swimwear, talent and evening wear. The pageant will also include an impromptu question that the contestants each have to answer, Jean-Pierre said.

There will be four contestants Crystal Verdun, graduate student and assistant resident director of Andrews Hall; freshman Valerie Rogers, senior Raquel Clayton and freshman Dominique Moses.

“The girls worked very hard at this pageant and will result in the triumphant crowning of the new 2004 Ms. Black and Gold, along with the crowning of Ms. Congeniality, Ms. Enterprise, and Ms. Scholarship,” Jean-Pierre said.

“It was harder than I expected, but it was well worth it,” Rogers said. “The informational was very helpful to me, and the Alphas were very supportive to all of the contestants.”

Admission to the event is \$10 and the show starts starts at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

This week’s activities

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The Minority Teachers Education Association will hold a conference from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Freddie A. Banks, Jr., a member of Eastern’s faculty, and a group of minority students at Eastern founded the Minority Teacher Education Association to address the problems and concerns they face in the pursuit of their career goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The Coles County Extension Master Gardeners will participate in the annual Mattoon Herb Fest this weekend. Herbs, flowers, vegetables, bulbs and grasses will be among the spring plants available at their booth located at the corner of Ninth St. and Broadway. This fundraising opportunity supports the University of Illinois Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources program in Coles County. The booth will be set up from 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.◆ The first Shannon McNamara 4K run/walk, sponsored by the Physical Education Honors Club, will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Panther Trail. Check-in time is 1 p.m. and the walk will begin at 2 p.m. Participants need to check in at the Campus Pond pavilion. The cost for the run is \$12 for preregistration and \$15 for registration on the day of the run. McNamara was an Eastern student who was murdered in her apartment in Charleston in 2001.◆ University Board is bringing guitarist Ronald Radford to Eastern at 7 p.m. Saturday night at the 7th Street Underground. Radford, a flamenco guitarist, is bringing flamenco dancers with him. He has been described as being a “brilliant American Flamenco virtuoso.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ University Board’s concert committee will bring Yellowcard, Something Corporate and The Format to Eastern at 7 p.m. Sunday at Lantz Arena. Tickets are still available and cost \$8 for students and \$15 for the public.◆ Young Democrats Kick-offs is from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Roc’s Black Front. People can meet State Representative Brandon Phelps and other local democrats. The event is free but suggested donations are \$5 for students, \$10 for the public and \$20 for local leaders.

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EDITORIAL

Departments need equal regulations

Eastern’s athletics department has a pretty good deal. It receives state appropriated dollars, a majority of grant and aid goes to its student athletes and it doesn’t have to pay as much of a service charge when alumni services finds someone who wants to donate to the department.

Other departments on campus have to pay a 33 percent service charge to alumni services every time a donation is solicited for the department. If alumni services gets a history alumnus to donate \$100 to his former department, the history department will only see about \$66 of that money.

If the same history alumnus also says he wants to give \$100 to the athletic department, the department gets \$90. This is because athletics solicits its own donations. If a donor wishes to donate to athletics through alumni services, the donation is not refused and the athletics department only pays \$5 for donations ranging from \$26-\$50 and \$10 for any donation over \$50. The most athletics pays alumni services is 20 percent for a donation.

Some may wonder if the system is so illogical, why don’t the other departments on campus solicit donations privately like the athletic department. The simple answer is, they can’t.

“No, that’s not an option,” said Jonathan McKenzie, assistant director of alumni services, about the prospect of other departments soliciting their own funds.

The athletics department has shown in recent years it can drum up funds better than any other organization on campus. When Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie wanted to install an artificial surface at O’Brien Stadium, the department was able to raise enough money through donations and government grants to install the new surface less than a year after the idea was proposed.

The athletic department will also readily admit having football coach Bob Spoo call a former football player will get the department more money than someone from alumni services. This would work the same for a professor from the history department or any other department.

Every department on campus should be able to solicit its own donations from alumni and alumni services should charge every department on campus the same for their efforts.

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

At issue
The athletics department does not pay as large of a service charge for alumni donations.

Our stance
All departments on campus should be permitted to solicit its own funds from alumni and be charged equally for their efforts.

OPINION

Paying high price of convenience



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I will be the first to admit it; I am an unabashed creature of convenience.

I can honestly say many of the decisions I make on a daily basis are based solely on what’s either convenient at the time or in the immediate future. If it’s quick, easy and painless, I’m far more apt to do something than if it requires forethought, planning and effort. This convenience credo largely determines facets of my life ranging from how much sleep I get at night to my personal habits and what I might eat for lunch or dinner on any given day.

Sadly, I’m neither an aberration or anomaly, and my actions merely stand as a testament to entire industries built around the goal of making life simpler, easier and more efficient. There’s a price to be paid for many human conveniences, however, and it’s only after years of ignorant bliss that many corporations, and the people buying into them, are beginning to see this.

After years of offering questionable burgers, greasy fries and whatever the hell a McNugget might be made from, McDonald’s has started scaling back its “food” in an attempt to combat widespread obesity. Instead of supersized fries, customers can now supplement otherwise atrociously unhealthy meals with an apple or munch a salad in place of a burger.

This is all well and good

“You can’t expect to cut a corner without a consequence, and you can’t blame personal sloth on the creators of beloved conveniences. We’ve all brought this on ourselves.”

except the only real virtue of McDonald’s, and the entire fast food industry for that matter, is its convenience. People aren’t eating in any of the world’s billions of McDonald’s restaurants for the quality of service, the exquisite taste of the food or the winning décor. They’re there because McDonald’s is quick, easy and convenient if you don’t have the time or fortitude to cook a meal that isn’t built upon the nutritional pillars of salt and fat; and that’s not a bad reason to be there either.

Fast food is a convenience, just like many others created to make life simpler and easier. And no one should be able to blame the creators a said convenience for any damage incurred. There’s a price to be paid, large or small, for every convenience incurred in life. You can’t expect to cut a

corner without a consequence, and you can’t blame personal sloth on the creators of beloved conveniences. We’ve all brought this on ourselves... or maybe it’s just me.

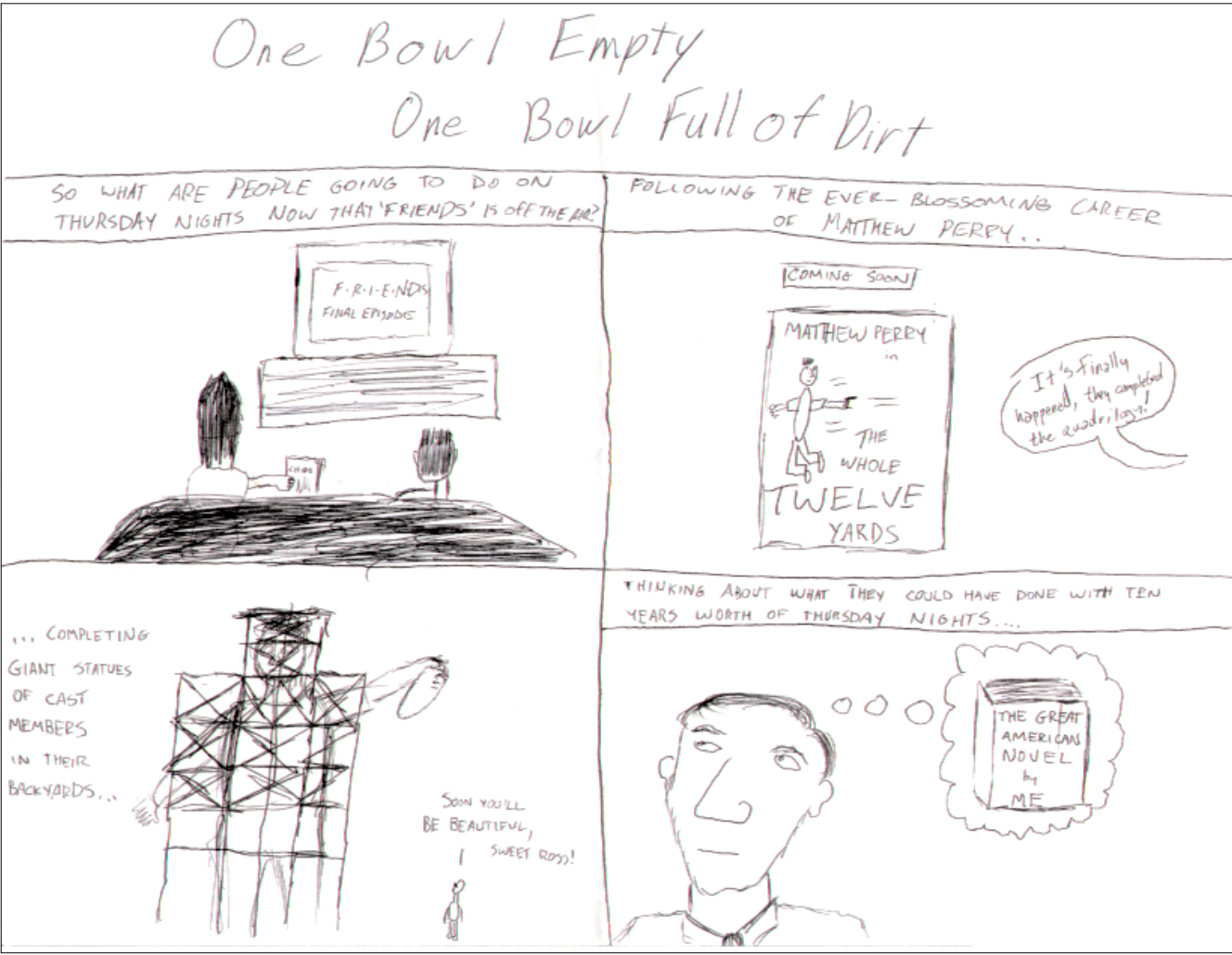
Fast food is only the proverbial tip of the iceberg, however. If you want to get a jump on your day, you can now use soap with caffeine already in it that can absorb into your skin as you wash to give a morning shower a little extra kick. If you need a caffeine fix but don’t want the calories from a soda, you can now get extra energy from caffeineated water. It’s even possible to fix sugar cravings with a shampoo currently in development that, when used, sends chemicals to your brain similar to that of a sugar rush.

The list of personal conveniences is endless and it’s not simply food or drink. I’m sure it’s only a matter of time before Philip Morris finds a way to put vitamin C or calcium in cigarettes so you’re killing yourself while getting your vitamins as well.

There is a price to be paid for all of life’s conveniences from getting fat off fast food to developing a caffeine addiction or simply getting lazy.

It’s unfair to blame anyone but yourself from these side effects and the products themselves shouldn’t change simply because those who use them aren’t responsible with them.

Cartoon by Ben Marcy and Jeff Beal



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Both genders responsible for sexual equality

This letter is in response to Greg Lyons article “objectification of women will not end.”

The premise of his argument is that it is men’s fault women are greatly objectified. To this I will agree; we certainly do live in a male-imposed society.

The part I’m disagreeing with is that he seems to feel that the responsibility for achieving equality between sexes lies in women’s ability to stand up to the oppressive male gender.

Lyons feels that if women

are not willing to empower themselves through activism, they should “bend over, shut up and take what we (men) give you.”

I agree that when you are being wronged by society it is partly your responsibility to stand up to those wrongs, but shouldn’t men also recognize their wrongful outlook and hold themselves responsible for this wrongful outlook on women?

Yes, it is natural for men to look at women sexually, but can they not learn to distinguish a purely sexual out-

look on women from the fact these thoughts are being stimulated by a real, living, breathing human being?

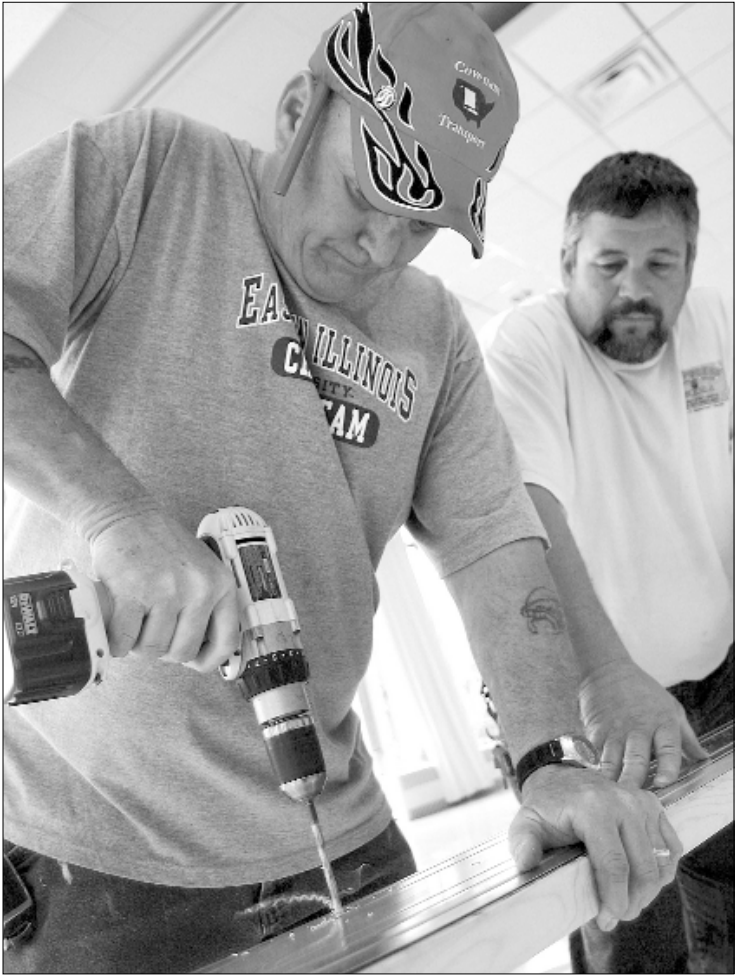
It is not just the job of women to end the objectification, it also is the job of men and society in general.

So, Lyons, why don’t you ponder what you as a man can do to change your and

your friends perspectives on women rather than telling these women to “bend over, shut up and take what we give you,” which to me is a degrading statement toward women in itself.

*Andrew Zeiger,
senior English major*

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Men at work

Joe Beals, of R & A Carpentry, drills holes in siding for the perimeter of the window trim in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as Keith Williamson looks on Thursday afternoon.

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Council approves program revisions, title change

◆ *Bachelor of Arts Degree title revision and other program revisions made*

By Jennifer Peryam
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs approved a title revision for the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree, a physical education review, a study abroad program, the revision and addition of music courses and a music program revision.

“We are changing the degree title to the Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Program to represent the title and program more effectively,” said Kaye Woodward, director of the board of trustees degree program.

“The title has been taken to the advisory board, school of education and the provost and all of these bodies thought the title change to be of benefit to students and the program,” said William Hine, dean of the school of continuing education.

The revised title will make it easier for Eastern to report data for the program in a manner more consistent with other programs at the university and in the state, Hine said.

A physical education program review was also approved.

“The physical education department’s teacher certification program received full compliance with Eastern’s initial teacher program and guidelines by the National Association for Sports and Physical Education,” said Phoebe Church, chair of the athletic department.

Enrollment in Eastern’s physical education undergraduate program has increased in majors

from 339 in 1999 to 524 in 2004, Church said.

The council also passed a study abroad course called STA 3960/3961 Study Abroad Exchange.

“Our students studying abroad have barriers by not being able to have access to features at Eastern and this course would serve students with placeholders to insure that students remain currently enrolled at Eastern while participating in the study abroad program,” said Staci Provezis, interim coordinator for Eastern’s study abroad program.

The council also passed seven revised music courses, three new courses and a music program revision.

“These courses are being revised and added to bring them up to date and in line as courses that are part of our revised teacher certificate degree,” said Music Professor Parker Melvin. Music 3531 “Jazz Improvisation” and Music 4861 “Jazz Pedagogy” are revised and new courses that will bolster content and streamline changes for a concentration in the degree of jazz studies, Melvin said.

Four “History and Literature of Music” revised courses and two honors versions of the course were approved.

“There is not enough time to adequately address this course subject in just one semester,” Melvin said. “The course is covered more in-depth at the upper-division level when students better understand the material.”

A music program revision and current catalog copy was also approved.

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

RHA sponsors Kid’s Weekend, at least 50 children expected to visit Eastern

By Nicole Nicolas
FEATURES REPORTER

Students at Eastern will be “Splishin’ and a-Splashin’” with their siblings during Kids’ weekend from April 23 to April 25. Residence Hall Association (RHA) is sponsoring Kids’ Weekend.

“The weekend offers an opportunity for siblings of Eastern students to see what college life is really like,” said Matt Bollini, an RHA coordinator for Kids’ Weekend.

RHA is expecting at least 50 children and more are signing up everyday, he said.

For the first time, Friday night from 6-8:30 p.m. there will be a luau at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The beach-inspired event is titled:

“The weekend offers an opportunity for siblings of Eastern students to see what college life is really like.”

—Matt Bollini, RHA coordinator

“Splishin’ and a-Splashin’ at EIU.”

RHA decided on a beach theme so they could do more outdoor activities said Lindsay DiPietro, an RHA coordinator for Kids’ Weekend.

Dancing and games, such as the ring

toss, limbo and a fishing game, will be going on. RHA will host a picnic for students and their families as well.

“It’s a fairly popular event,” DiPietro said. “It gives the family another gathering in the spring.”

Most of the residence halls will be coordinating events all throughout the campus. Andrews Hall is having face painting. “Kicking it,” a kickball event, is planned for McKinney Hall. Carman Hall will be having a duck pond game and blow up tree. A miniature golf game will be set up at Taylor Hall as well.

Thomas Hall will host Family Fun Night with carnival games, such as musical chairs, “Bozo’s” buckets and a fishing game at night.

Bollini said Kids’ Weekend has been going on for at least 20 years.



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Children enjoy a game during last year’s Kids Weekend.

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Top ranks

Panther Battalion ROTC Cadet Thad Wescott receives the National Defense Industrial Association Award from Lieutenant Cornell Lorenzo Smith at the Eastern Illinois University ROTC Spring 2004 Awards Ceremony Thursday afternoon in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Sciences Building. Wescott ranked in the top 2 percent of 6,000 officers at the National Advanced Leadership Camp in Fort Lewis in Washington.

Music to fill McAfee

By Bryan Marchione
STAFF WRITER

Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" will be performed in McAfee Auditorium this weekend.

The Oratorio Society will be performing with the University Mixed Chorus and will be accompanied by the Eastern Symphony Orchestra. The Oratorio Society is made up of community members as well as students. The University Mixed Choir will also be performing, consisting of both music majors and non-music majors.

"This will be the first time that we will be doing something of Haydn's here at Eastern. We have performed artists such as Mozart and Beethoven, so it should be a great performance," Richard Robert Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activity said.

Featured in performances this weekend will be solos from some professors from Eastern as well as other Illinois Universities. Sherezade Panthaki, who currently teaches at Milliken University, will be a featured soloist as

well as Ronald Hedlund of the University of Illinois at Champaign, who is a professor of voice and also chair of the voice division.

Eastern faculty Marilyn Joy Coles and Jerry Daniels will be featured in this weekends performances.

Marilyn Coles, mezzo soprano, is a professor of voice at Eastern, where she has taught since 1988. Tenor Jerry Daniels, who has been a professor here at Eastern for 18 years, is currently professor of voice and coordinator of the performance area.

"The Mass," as it is commonly known, was written in the summer of 1798 just before bad health forced Haydn to end his writing of compositions. Haydn, born in 1732, had a 54 year composing career in which he not only composed vocal arrangements but also produced keyboard and miscellaneous concert pieces.

The performances will be Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. in the McAfee South Auditorium. General admission will be \$8, and students will be admitted for \$5 at the door.

Spring theatre production is 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night, William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", the university's spring theater production, opened at the Village Theatre.

The main plot of "Midsummer" is a complex contraption that involves two sets of couples (Hermia & Lysander and Helena & Demetrius) whose romantic lives are complicated by their entrance into the fairyland woods where the King and Queen of the Fairies (Oberon & Titania) preside.

Playing the part of Hermia, Amber Wagner

demonstrates an almost childlike quality while being both hopelessly in love with Lysander and fearful of the forces that may drive them apart.

She utilizes the role to show women were second-class citizens in the past, yet capable of having the strength to feel an unconditional love.

Aaron Lawson, in the role of Lysander, is a charming figure on the stage and capable of displaying a wide range of emotions.

The love he shares with Hermia allows him to demonstrate an exuberant quality. He consistently amazes the audience with his boyish appeal and youthful innocence.

McClain makes Helena come across as a

sneaky woman who will go to any lengths to get what she desires. Leyden portrays Demetrius as the unlikable character he is written to be.

As the suitor to Hermia, Leyden is cast as the adversary to the charming Lysander. He is a natural foil and fills his role with enough emotion to draw the proper response from the audience.

Vince Dill and Stephanie Leasure, cast as Oberon and Titania, lend inspired performances to the production. The couple is often at odds with one another and their wicked ways are quick to come out.

Both are capable of tricking and deceiving, and Dill and Leasure know how to bring out

the best in themselves and each other. They let the audience see just how incredibly conniving they can be, but also how fast they can turn on each other.

Tonight and Saturday, there will be a performance at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee as the final performance.

The cost is \$3.50 for students, \$6 for faculty and senior citizens and \$8 for other adults. The show is being performed at The Village Theatre on 18th Street north of Lincoln Avenue.

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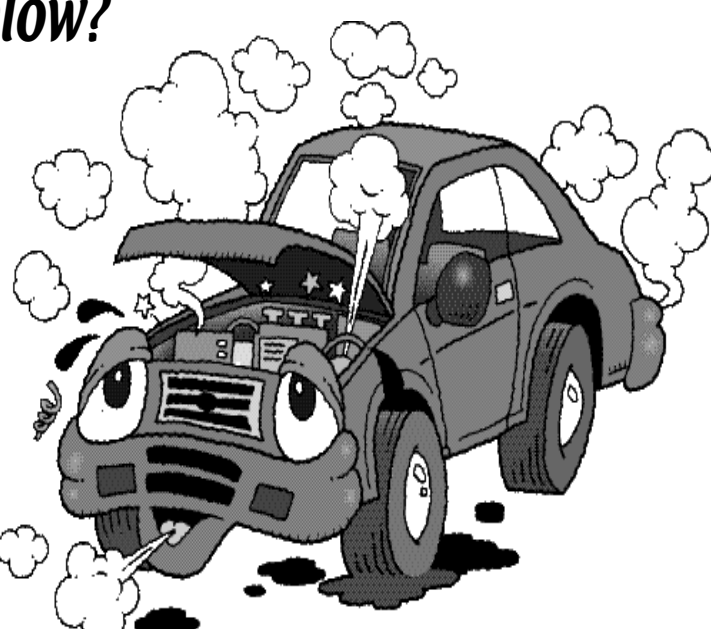
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The Daily Eastern News selects fall staff

STAFF REPORT

The *Daily Eastern News* has selected its staff for the fall semester. The new staff members will take their positions Monday.

The fall staff's editorial board members include editor in chief Matt Meinheit, managing editor Joaquin Ochoa, assistant managing editor Matt Williams, news editor Kevin Sampier, associate news editor Tim Martin, editorial page editor Jennifer Chiariello and sports editor Aaron Seidlitz.

Meinheit, a junior journalism major from Peotone, was managing editor this spring.

Ochoa, a senior journalism major from Chicago, was editor in chief of *Diverse* this past year.

Williams, a junior journalism major from Roscoe, was news editor this spring.

Sampier, a junior journalism major from Peoria, was administration editor this spring.

Martin, a sophomore journalism major from Crescent City, was senior reporter this spring.

Chiariello, a junior journalism and marketing major from Chicago, is returning to the position she held this spring.

Seidlitz, a junior journalism major from Newark, was sports reporter this spring.

Carly Mullady, a junior journalism major from Kankakee, will be senior reporter. Mullady was associate news editor this spring.

David Thill, a freshman journalism major from Charleston, will be activities editor in the fall. Thill was a staff writer and copy editor in the spring. Lindsey Dunton, a sophomore journalism major from Vernon Hills,



Matt Meinheit

will be activities reporter. Dunton was a staff writer this spring.

Brian P. O'Malley, a junior journalism major from Chicago, will be administration editor. O'Malley was student government editor this spring.

Julie Bourque, a sophomore journalism major from Kewanee, will be campus editor. Bourque was campus reporter this spring. Brittany Robson, a freshman journalism major from Glen Ellyn, will be campus reporter. Robson was activities editor this spring.

Jessica Youngs, a junior journalism major from Mount Carmel, will return to the position as city editor. Mike Schroeder, a junior history education major from Naperville, will return to his position this spring as city reporter.

Jennifer Peryam, a junior journalism major from East Peoria, will be student government editor. Peryam was a staff writer

this semester.

Dan Renick, a sophomore journalism major from Peoria, will be associate sports editor. Renick was a staff writer this spring. Matthew Stevens, a sophomore journalism major from Oconomowoc, Wis., and John Hohenadel, a junior journalism major from Chicago, will both be sports reporters. Stevens was sports editor this spring and Hohenadel will return as a sports reporter.

Evan Hill, a sophomore journalism major from Sterling, will be *Verge* editor. Hill was campus editor this spring. April McLaren, a junior journalism major from Bradley, will be associate *Verge* editor. McLaren was a staff writer this spring. Megan Jurinek, a freshman journalism major from Mokena, will be *Verge* reporter. Jurinek was activities reporter this spring.

Nicole Nicolas, a freshman journalism major from Oswego, will return to her position this spring as features reporter.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

◆ *The Residence Hall Association approves recycling program*

By John Jasper
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association approved a proposal Thursday to improve the campus housing's recycling program.

National Residence Hall Association's President Kevin Leverence proposed the recycling be controlled by a member or members of each residence hall who will be appointed by the RHA. In exchange for their services, a \$2,000 grant from the NRHA will be made to Eastern's RHA.

As of now, there is no formal contract with the residence halls for anyone to take care of the recycling, Leverence said.

There is also a shortage of recycling bins on campus. There are several problems occurring as a result of this. The recycling bins that do exist in the residence halls get filled quickly. When this occurs and the bins do not get

dumped, someone just drags the bins into an office until they are cleaned out and replaced in the halls. At times there are no bins for recycling available, Leverence said.

The recycling bins get dirty over time. Because it is no one's job in particular to deal with the bins, the bins continue to get dirtier, Leverence said.

Under the new plan, the RHA will assign someone to watch over the bins. When they get full, someone will dump them; when they get dirty, someone will clean them.

"This will result in a more efficient system as well as more recycling from the residence halls," Leverence said.

The approval will also increase the number of areas for recycling.

"The program is going to add a lot more aluminum and plastic recycling bins," Leverence said.

The \$2,000 donated to the RHA will be going to the Brad Wright and Sean McKinney Scholarship funds. If the program is renewed next year, the RHA will receive more money for the scholarships.

The Residence Hall Association will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

University Board still has three positions available

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

University Board is still looking to fill three positions for next year. Maria Santoyo, UB chair, said the public relations position has been filled but comedy coordinator, mainstage and cultural arts coordinator positions have yet to be filled.

"People can pick up applications in the Shelbyville Room in the (Martin Luther King Jr. University) Union and return them to the chair's mail box," Santoyo said.

Comedy coordinator will be in charge of bringing quality

comedians to campus every week. Mainstage coordinator will be in charge of bringing diverse acts to campus along with being in charge of open mic night. The cultural arts coordinator will bring culture to Eastern's campus through theater, jazz and more. Santoyo said the cultural arts coordinator needs to be creative.

As a coordinator, people receive a \$50 a month stipend and needs to attend executive board meetings every Tuesday night, Santoyo said.

She said coordinators are in charge of bringing life to Eastern's community and also need to exemplify leadership.

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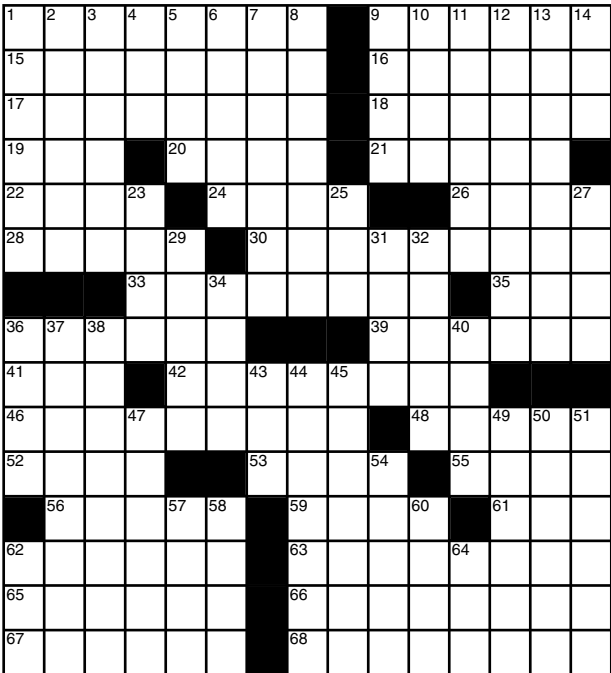
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Study: Do your boss a favor, call in sick

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — American workers should stop trying to be heroes and just stay home when they're sick—it could be cheaper for their employers, according to a study.

Workers who come in sick cost their employers an average of \$255 each per year, according to Cornell University labor researchers.

Sick employees have difficulty concentrating, work more slowly and have to repeat tasks, bogging down productivity, according to the study. (They also get their co-workers sick, but those costs

were not counted in the study.)

Economists refer to slack productivity from ailing workers as “presenteeism,” and the Cornell study said it may cost employers even more than absenteeism due to illness.

Other studies have suggested that presenteeism costs U.S. businesses \$180 billion annually in lost productivity.

“The study doesn't mean people should stay home sick at every sniffle,” said Ron Goetzel, director of Cornell's Institute for Health and Productivity Studies in Washington, which conducted

the research.

“It says this is a very large category of expenses, even exceeding the costs of absenteeism and medical and disability benefits, and part of the problem is that employers have not yet fully recognized the financial impact it can have on their business.”

The impact of employee absenteeism is well documented. Figuring out how much it costs to come to work sick, however, has been more elusive, because of a lack of accepted measurement standards.

Microsoft helping close windows on child pornographers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. and Interpol are joining in a program to train law enforcement officers around the world to use technology to catch child pornographers.

About 300 police officers from 90 countries have already gathered in Costa Rica, Brazil and other countries for training in the “Global Campaign Against Child Pornography,” sponsored by the International Centre for Missing &

Exploited Children. The group plans to host as many as 10 sessions a year.

The campaign is funded by donations of \$500,000 each from Microsoft Corp. and Sheila C. Johnson, a member of the center's board and co-founder of Black Entertainment Television. Microsoft and Interpol, the international police organization, will spearhead the training of officers, said Interpol Chief Ronald Noble.

“Let them look at the crime differently

and also learn how technology can let them investigate a crime locally and globally as well,” Noble said.

He described how police officers in Sweden had obtained a video of a child being abused by a man. Through identifying the man's Spanish-speaking accent and singling out a radio broadcast in the background, authorities were able to locate the man in Connecticut and eventually prosecute him.



Woman gets 20 years for role in botched robbery, fatal shooting

MURPHYSBORO (AP) – A former Southern Illinois University student has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for her role in a botched robbery where her brother was shot to death.

Prosecutors have said Taffia Cunningham, 26, planned the robbery because she was angry that Prentice Washington of Murphysboro would not include her in his drug business.

Taffia Cunningham, who was sentenced Wednesday, faced up to 30 years in prison after being convicted last month of armed violence, home invasion and residential burglary. She was acquitted of first-degree murder.

“It's a fair sentence,” said Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec. “She was convicted of Class X felonies, not first-degree murder.”

But Cunningham's defense attorney, Paul Christenson, called the sentence “repugnant.”

Others accomplices have pleaded guilty or been convicted in connection with the case.

Prosecutors have said Tyree Cunningham entered Washington's home with a shotgun in September 2001. Tyree Cunningham intended to rob Washington, but Washington shot and killed him during the robbery.

Elections:

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He said he wants next year's Student Government to work on keeping students interested and informed.

“I'm tired of holding people's hands to help them keep student interest,” he said.

Seven of the 12 students running for Student Government were members of greek organizations, which is why the greek voter turnout was

successful.

Last year, all three candidates for student body president were non-greek students.

Four of the five students elected Wednesday for the executive positions are members of a greek organization.

Chris Getty, a junior speech communication major and member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, was elected student body president and he said many greeks supported him in his campaign.

“I've gotten a lot of backing from greek students,” Getty said. “I've also received backing from students I met at different meetings I've attended.”

Getty said he thinks he was elected because the students saw a better leader in him than other candidates.

“I feel they wanted a better leader,” he said. “I was better than the competition. I'm going to do my best definitely to prove I am.”

Lisa Flam, a senior speech communication and journalism major,

received the second most votes of 446 to Getty's 551.

Flam was unavailable for comment.

Dirk Muffler, a junior marketing major and member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, was elected student vice president for academic affairs.

“We (the United Campus Party) really put together a strong campaign,” Muffler said. “We didn't hound people for votes.”

Muffler defeated Alecia Robinson, a senior marketing major,

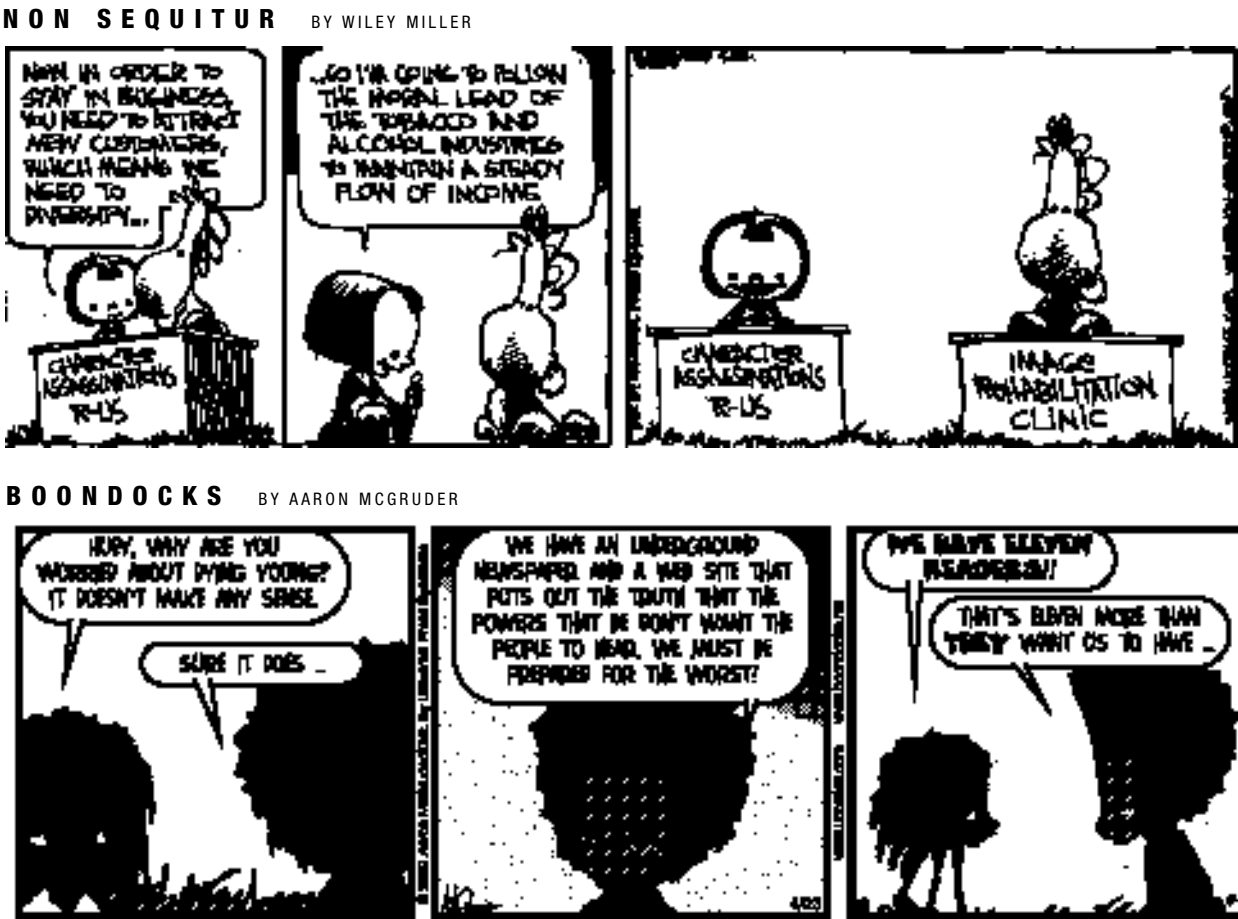
and JC Miller, a freshman political science major. Muffler received 515 votes to Robinson's 443 and Miller's 287.

“I think JC and Alecia took votes away from each other, which helped me out,” Muffler said.

Adam Howell, a junior speech communication major, was elected student executive vice president over Kyle Donash, a sophomore political science major, by the largest margin in the elections of 113 votes.

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“I was very surprised by how well we played in the OVC tournament,” Freeman said. “It was a great upset over EKU, and we had some other near upsets in the first two matches.”

Freeman also said she is going to miss both seniors Becky Brunner and Amber Lenfert.

“I plan on taking everything I learned from them and applying it to my game,” Freeman said. “A lot of people tell you about your style of play, but Becky and Amber know what they’re talking about.”

Lenfert expressed that she was relieved by the end of the season because it brought closure, but also said she would miss playing tennis for Eastern.

“It was a long season, but a good season,” Lenfert said. “All of us girls pulled together and overall, had a solid finish.”

Lenfert will be going to Western Illinois University to play one more year of tennis, and will be taking some great memories with her.

“The team trips were always fun,” Lenfert said. “I’ve made friends for the rest of my life, and as much as I’ll miss them, I’m ready to move on to something different.”

Freeman said with both Brunner and Lenfert leaving, she is looking forward to the challenge of being a leader next season for the Panthers.

“With a bunch of girls riding together, squabbles happen,” Freeman said. “Those girls always

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--Amber Lenfert , senior

tried to show everyone’s perspective, and their leadership is what helped us come together in the tournament. I will take that with me next year.”

Holzgrafe thinks Freeman is ready for the challenge ahead of her.

“I think Sarah will be an absolutely fabulous leader next season,” Weber said.

The men’s team also had a year filled with memories including team captain C.J. Weber winning the OVC Player of the Year award.

“It was the perfect way for him to end the season,” Holzgrafe said of Weber’s accomplishment.

Weber said he was ecstatic with C.J.’s performances all season, but is really looking forward to next season when Weber will become an assistant coach.

“He has a coach’s mentality,” Holzgrafe said. “I look for him to surpass any of the success I have had at Eastern, because he has enough heart to change the world.”

Also, Holzgrafe said that even though Weber was ranked number one this season, he shared that

spot with Brandon Blankenkaker.

“What can I say about Brandon,” Holzgrafe said. “He is an unbelievable success, and was a great leader for the freshmen to follow.”

Holzgrafe also gave praise to all of the freshmen on the men’s team, saying that he expects big things from younger of the Blankenkakers, Ryan, and from stand-out Chuck LeVaque.

“Chuck LeVaque, write that name down,” Holzgrafe exclaimed. “In fact, all of the freshmen make this team a class with a bright future.”

LeVaque was a little humbled by Holzgrafe’s praise, especially with Weber and Blankenkaker leaving the team.

“I didn’t know what college tennis was all about until they showed me,” LeVaque said. “They were a bulk of the team, and they were always positive.”

LeVaque, like most of the players, looks back fondly on the road trips this season.

“It was fun traveling because it gave us team spirit,” LeVaque said. “Coach Holzgrafe was very good with team spirit, and that helped us.”

Even when speaking about the exciting future ahead of Eastern tennis, Holzgrafe still can’t help but reminisce on this past season.

“I am so proud of the accountability of both the men’s and women’s teams this year,” Holzgrafe said. “We handled nationally ranked teams, top teams, unbelievable well. And with players like Madina (Mambetova) and Chuck on both squads it makes you look forward to the future.”

Hockey player finds trouble away from rink

ST. LOUIS (AP) — NHL tough guy Mike Danton relishes his role as the mouthy player who gets under his opponents’ skin, racking up 141 minutes in the penalty box this season with the St. Louis Blues.

But now he is behind bars, accused of trying to get someone to kill his agent, a man with a sinister reputation as a hockey-world Svengali.

The arrest last week has raised disturbing questions about both Danton and his agent, David Frost. Frost insists Danton never wanted him dead and is in dire need of counseling. Danton’s estranged father blames Frost for his son’s emotional problems.

The FBI brought the charges last Friday in East St. Louis, Ill., accusing Danton, 23, of trying to hire a hit man for \$10,000 to kill someone at the suburban St. Louis apartment he and Frost shared. The intended victim was not identified in court papers, but news reports citing unidentified law enforcement sources have said Frost was the target.

Danton wanted him dead because he feared Frost would ruin his career by telling the Blues front office about Danton’s supposed “promiscuity and use of alcohol,” according to the FBI.

Cubs, Pirates rained out

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Just what Corey Patterson and the Chicago Cubs didn’t want after scoring 21 runs in two games in Pittsburgh: a rainout.

The Cubs-Pirates game was washed out Thursday night by a steady rain and rescheduled as part of a May 28 doubleheader starting at 5:05 p.m. The Cubs won the first two games of the series, 9-1 Tuesday and 12-1 Wednesday while getting a combined 26 hits.

Patterson was a catalyst in both victories, hitting a two-run homer Tuesday before enjoying his first five-hit game Wednesday. He had three extra-base hits in the two games while jumping his average from the mid .200s to .311.

“It’s still early, it’s a long year and the at-bats aren’t starting to pile up, so if you get three or four hits, your average goes up 200 points,” Patterson said, smiling, on Thursday.

Still, the center fielder’s fast start is much welcomed by the Cubs after he sat out the second half of last season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in his left knee.

So far, Patterson has been everything he was last season, when he hit .298 with 13 homers, 17 doubles and 55 RBIs before injuring his left knee July 6 while stepping awkwardly on first base in St. Louis.

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Schmitz doesn’t fear a rainout against Illinois-Chicago last Tuesday will affect how sharp the team performs and, according to Campbell, the Panthers are ready for this key series against Southeast Missouri.

“The team feels pretty confident,” Campbell said. “If we swing the bats like we did against Saint Louis and get good pitching, we’ll get it done.”

The series begins with a doubleheader on Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

Sifford first black chosen for World Golf Hall of Fame

By The Associated Press

Charlie Sifford broke another barrier Thursday.

Sifford, who cracked the PGA Tour’s Caucasian-only clause in 1961 and was the first black member to win on tour, is the first black chosen for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Sifford will be inducted Nov. 15, along with 1992 U.S. Open champion Tom Kite, Japanese star Isao Aoki and Canadian amateur Marlene Stewart Streit.

“This is very wonderful,” Sifford said from the ceremony in Savannah, Ga. “I thank all these wonderful players for

accepting me. I know I had some bad days and tough days. But it looks like everything worked out fine.”

Streit is the first Canadian in the Hall of Fame. She won the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur title last year at 69, her sixth decade of winning an elite amateur title.

Kite, a 19-time winner and seven-time Ryder Cup player, was elected through the PGA Tour ballot. Aoki was elected through the International ballot.

That brings membership in the World Golf Hall of Fame to 104. No one from the LPGA Tour will be inducted unless Laura Davies wins two tournaments or a major this year.

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Freshman catcher Sandyn Short dives for second on a pick off attempt against Western Illinois University April 15. Short was safe.

Team prepares for offensive OVC battle

By Jenni Teresi
STAFF WRITER

This weekend is certainly an offensive battle of the catchers as Eastern will take on the Gamecocks of Jacksonville State for a double header on Saturday and a single game Sunday.

The Panthers, currently ranked seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference are led by freshman co-OVC Player of the Week, Sandyn Short, a California native who leads the conference in batting average (.448), on base percentage (.490), and doubles (18).

The Gamecocks, ranked fourth in the OVC, are led by junior catcher Melinda McDonald who leads the team in batting average (.443), on base percentage (.494), runs (47), hits (67), and doubles (16). McDonald is second in the conference in overall batting average, trailing Short by a

mere .005.

“Jacksonville State is a great team. They shutout many teams in conference,” said head coach Lloydene Searle. “We just have to go after them. We have to show up and play solid.”

The Panthers (18-27, 6-10) are looking to keep their undefeated record at home (6-0) rolling this weekend as they come off two losses at Tennessee-Martin.

Another key for the series will be the players throwing to the pair of possible all-conference catchers.

Hailing from Rock Island, freshman Andrea Darnell (7-8) will be the probable starter for the Panthers. Darnell comes of a disappointing loss to Tennessee-Martin, giving up seven runs in three innings last Wednesday.

Junior Heather Hoeschen (6-8), will most likely get the nod for game two. Despite

strong pitching, Hoeschen also fell to Tennessee-Martin in a 2-1 loss.

“It’s great to be home,” Searle said. “The kids really enjoy it. Combine that with their athletic ability and it gives us a great opportunity.”

The Gamecocks’ junior pitcher Breanne Oleman (7-4) and freshman pitcher Katy White (12-9) look to snap the Panthers home winning streak.

In between games on Saturday afternoon, the newly renovated John and Joan Williams Field will be rededicated in their honor in a short ceremony. The Williams family has been longtime benefactors of Eastern Illinois intercollegiate women’s athletics. They will make the journey from Colorado to be present as well as over 60 softball alumni. Eastern has added several more seats down the base lines to fit capacity for the series this weekend.

Tennessee Martin halts Eastern winning trend

◆ *Doubleheader loss ended pattern of wins eight out of nine last games*

Staff report

Eastern's hot streak ended with a thud with a doubleheader loss to Tennessee Martin on Wednesday.

The two games halted an Eastern winning trend that had resulted in eight victories out of their last nine games. But the success the Panthers had found at home, over that time, disappeared as the Panthers went on the road.

The first game of the doubleheader was lost by the score of 9-2, as the Skyhawks' offense started early and stayed solid throughout.

Eastern starting pitcher Andrea Darnell had a rough outing and only lasted 3 1/3 innings, and gave up seven runs over that time.

She was relieved by Heather Hoeschen who pitched the final 2 2/3 innings, while giving up two runs on five hits.

While UT-Martin jumped out to those nine runs, Eastern was only able to put up two runs during the last two innings.

Up until then, Skyhawk pitcher Nicole Davis pitched a complete game against Eastern. In the process she stuck out five while only walking one, also only one of the runs she allowed was earned.

For the Skyhawks, Brady Whalen, Kristin Runyan and Davis all were major contributors to their attack offensively.

The one, two and three hitters, respectively went 5-8, with two RBI apiece.

In the second game, Hoeschen pitched again effectively this time against Allison Buckley, Buckley won this matchup as well for the Skyhawks as she only gave up one unearned run, compared to Hoeschen who gave up two earned runs.

Again Davis and Runyan were the contributors to the Skyhawk offense, as they were responsible for driving in both of the runs.

The bright spot for the Panther attack with two hits and one run driven in was leadoff hitter Rachel Karos.

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TWO-POINT CONVERSION

Dan Renick
SPORTS REPORTER

If others win, why not Eastern?

When most coaches are applying for a position to take over a team that went 8-19 the season before they won't mention the words "national championship" or even "Ohio Valley Conference championship." Normally, head coaching candidates will try and potential bosses with talk about "rebuilding years" and "adjusting to new systems."

But not Blair Savage-Landsen, assistant coach at Belmont and the newest candidate for Eastern's women's basketball head coaching position. She came right out and boldly proclaimed her plan for success if she is chosen as the Panther head coach. Win.

And why not? Any team that stepping on the floor has an equal shot at taking home a prize so let's bring that mentality to Eastern. In fact, that could be just what the doctor ordered for a Panther squad that is only losing two players to graduate and returning four starters, including second-team OVC selection Pam O'Connor and all-freshmen OVC team selection Megan Casad.

There is no reason why a team with the talent and experience, despite youth, can't have a winning season or an OVC championship or, dare I say, a national title. O.K. maybe Savage-Landsen is getting a little ahead of herself when she said she would approach future recruits with this statement, "We are going to win a national championship here and you have a choice. You can win it with us or get beat by us."

But that's the kind of attitude we need at Eastern. Just because we're not in any major sports conferences, don't have the athletic resources other schools have or get coverage on a national level that's no reason we can't win. Hey, Southern Illinois' men's basketball team has made a well felt presence in the NCAA tournament the last three years and, dang it, I want our turn to celebrate in March.

We need to give something for students to be excited about in the Eastern athletic program. No doubt, Eastern has had successful seasons in several sports this year but I want to see a program that the whole school is behind. Something that every student is glued to the TV for when the team is on the road and lined up a mile back waiting for the doors to open when they're at home. And maybe this could be it. Maybe Savage-Landsen's rallying cry of "win" will sweep across all sports and take Eastern to new levels. Then again maybe she won't get hired.

Either way Eastern needs something to get excited about. I understand that building a winning program doesn't always happen in one day, a one month or one year, but that doesn't mean it can't.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Tennis coach Brian Holzgrafe gives advice to Madina Mambetova Sept. 3 during a practice at Darling Courts.

BASEBALL

Panthers face OVC three-game series

By Michael Gilbert

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern baseball team will host Southeast Missouri State this weekend in a three-game series that may start to separate the crowded Ohio Valley Conference.

Both Eastern and Southeast Missouri are two of a handful of teams contending for the OVC crown. The Panthers, at 8-4 in the OVC, currently sit in a tie for second place alongside Eastern Kentucky while the Indians are right behind the Panthers at 7-5 and in a three-way tie for third place.

Assuming his offense continues to score runs like it did against Saint Louis University last Wednesday, Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz believes the Panthers should be successful starting this Saturday.

"Well, the way we're swinging the bats you've got to be pleased with this team," Schmitz said. "Kevin (Carkeek) has been hot and was named Co-OVC 'Player of the Week' and after a little bit of an off week against Samford Ryan (Campbell) seems to be back in form so we're happy with those two players."

Carkeek, a freshman first baseman, is hitting just over .340 and is second on the team with eight doubles. He is also in the top five statistically in hits, RBI and total

bases and was named Co-OVC 'Player of the Week' after hitting .667 with eight runs scored and two RBI. Carkeek also banded out five doubles and posted a .905 slugging and .708 on-base percentage while leading Eastern to a 3-2 record last week.

Campbell won the 'OVC Player of the Week' award three weeks ago. After struggling at the plate against Samford last weekend, the freshman from Sandburg was back to his normal ways with a 4-for-5 effort against Saint Louis on Wednesday. For the year, Campbell is tops in almost every statistical category including batting average (.364), hits (48) and RBI (26).

An area Schmitz is looking for more production is in his one-two hitters in the lineup, seniors Chris Uhle and Kyle Haines. Uhle is hitting right around .300 while Haines' batting average is .315. For the Panthers this season, Uhle and Haines have been the table setters in the lineup and if these two produce, usually, so do the rest of the Panther club.

"We got to get the one-two swinging the bats well," Schmitz said. "If that happens with Kyle and Chris then I think we'll be real happy this weekend."

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TENNIS

An emotional finish

♦ *Bittersweet season ends with women in seventh and men finishing third*

By Kurtis Allen

STAFF WRITER

It was both an emotional and special season for the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams, culminating in memorable conference play that saw the women finish in seventh and the men finish in third.

"I'm heartbroken because I am losing some fabulous kids," Eastern tennis coach Brian Holzgrafe said. "The kids don't know the impact they have on my life."

Both teams began the season with a level of uncertainty about where they were headed, but when both teams played in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament it all came together.

For the women, it was a season that started on a low note as one of their teammates quit, leaving some of the ladies a little down and confused.

Holzgrafe said he was proud the ladies didn't let one bad apple ruin the whole bunch, and was utterly impressed with their composure down the stretch of the season.

"It's very bittersweet," Holzgrafe said. "I couldn't possibly fathom this type of success for the women's team."

Junior Sarah Freeman said considering the early season problems she was also very proud of the way the women's team turned things around.

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"I was very surprised by how



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Sophomore outfielder Pete Stone swings when the Panthers played Saint Louis University Wednesday at Coaches Stadium.



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ADVICE COLUMN

Eviction impossible

Benjamin Erwin
STAFF WRITER

Dear Verge—

I've been living with three friends of mine all year and we tentatively have a house next year. But the problem is that I don't think I can live with them another year. They're my friends and all, but I really need to concentrate on my own thing next year. And the atmosphere of partying, drinking and not going to class isn't conducive to that.

I don't have the heart to say I don't want to live with them because they are my friends, but I don't know what I can do. I'm also worried about screwing them out of a roommate even though we've yet to actually sign our lease. The best option I can think of is trying to get them to not want me as a roommate, but I don't know quite how to turn their opinion without being a complete jerk.

How can I get them to not want to live with me, but still remain as relatively close as we already are? I need to get evicted from my own house.

— Sans Home

He said:

While honesty would certainly be the best policy here, I understand not wanting to hurt the feelings of your current roommates. Is it a bit presumptuous of you, however, to assume they'll really be that torn up about it? Maybe if you just tell them you won't be able to live there, they'll simply find another roommate on a campus packed with thousands of people all seeking residence off campus.

Who am I kidding? This is the perfect opportunity to do any weird, crazy or deranged thing you've ever wanted.

If you want them to discard you as a future roommate, the first thing you might want to try is a moratorium on bathing and personal hygiene, in general. This will take a lot of commitment, especially if you plan to venture out in public in the next two weeks, but it's your best bet at turning people away from you. Even though it's getting warm, stop bathing.

For that matter, stop wearing deodorant, brushing your teeth or cutting your hair. They may be your friends, but chances are they don't want to live with "the dirty kid." Note: this will only work if the level of your hygiene drastically drops below that of your current roommates. If your friends are already a bunch of filthy bastards without any regard for personal hygiene they might just start to love you even more.

If that doesn't work, consider becoming a nudist. Again, this will take a level of personal commitment you may not be prepared

to give, but I'm sure your friends will be creeped out if you start becoming known as "weird naked guy."

Just lounge around the house naked and act as if nothing has changed. If your friends ask for an explanation, just say you feel the need to be free and that this is the new you. If the new naked you is merely accepted, start getting a little huggy. If your roommates are tolerant enough to accept their newly naked friend being overly affectionate, they're sure to understand something as trivial as you not wanting to live with them or your need for them to start toning down personal behavior.

If all else fails just start acting crazy. Not crazy bad, necessarily, but crazy in a "what the hell is wrong with this guy" kind of way.

Try becoming nocturnal for a few weeks. Start basing your diet solely around pudding. Try building a sandbox in your living room a la' Brian Wilson and explain it's helping your creativity as an artist. Start speaking and acting in a character other than yourself, or begin talking to yourself incessantly. If all else fails, buy some cardboard, build yourself a replica Pope hat and proclaim yourself the religious ruler of the house. If the "house Pope" illicit little reaction, propose an inquisition on the neighbors.

You can try any of these suggestions or simply suck it up and be honest with your friends.

She said:

Hey, here's a concept: tell your roommates the truth. As much as you enjoy their company, you really need to get down to business. As the old saying goes, you're in college to get an education. Assure them you will still be available to hang out and be wild and crazy guys together, but you just can't do it all the time. You didn't sign a lease, so you're not in any legal violation. But tell them, and tell them now, or they may be angry you didn't give them enough time to search for another roommate.

If you can't tell them you don't want to live in a drunken haze next semester, start acting rather bookish. Wear a smoking jacket around the house, and insist they "keep it down to a dull roar" so you can finish your leisure reading before polo practice. When they suggest a liquor run, tell them to get you a bottle of merlot. They will realize you are worlds apart and be excited when you opt out of cohabiting with them. Kudos for wanting to "concentrate on your own thing" and leave the world of co-ed inebriation.

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Something old, something new

First someone made the Grey Album—The Beatles White Album mixed with Jay-Z's "Black Album." Then along came Jay-Zeezer—Weezer's Blue Album mixed with Jay-Z's Black Album. Though we at The Verge think this trend is both alarming and wrong, we can't help but wonder "What will come next?" This week with 12 predictions instead of the standard eight.

1. "Gabba Gabba Hey Ya!"
Ramones meets Outkast.
Magic 8-Ball says: All signs point to yes

2. "Paid Tha Cost to be The Boss"—Snoop Dogg meets Bruce Springsteen
Magic 8-Ball says: No

3. "Washing Machine and Da Derty Versions" Sonic Youth meets Nelly.
Magic 8-Ball says: My sources say no

4. "Metal Sunday" Metallica's "Black Album" and Cypress Hill's "Black Sunday."
Magic 8-Ball says: Yes

5. "London Calling for the Kids" The Clash's "London Calling" meets Yellowcard's "One for the

Kids."
Magic 8-Ball says: All signs point to yes

6. "Pet Sounds Just Like You" The Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds" meet Keb' Mo's "Just Like You."
Magic 8-Ball says: No

7. "Eaten Back to Life after Death" Cannibal Corpse's "Eaten Back to Life" meets the Notorious B.I.G.'s "Life After Death."
Magic 8-Ball says: Not a chance in Hell

8. "Mama Said Knock You Out" LL Cool J's "Mama Said Knock you Out" meets the Allman Brothers' "One Way Out."
Magic 8-Ball says: Maybe later

9. "Heavy Petting Zoo-ropa" NOFX's "Heavy Petting Zoo"

meets U2's "Zooropa."
Magic 8-Ball says: Definitely

10. "Castaways and Cutouts of Paper Monsters" The Decemberists' "Castaways and Cutouts" meet's Dave Gahan's "Paper Monsters."
Magic 8Ball says: No

11. "Pretty on the Inside Wants Out" Hole's "Pretty on the Inside" meets John Mayer's "Inside Wants Out."
Magic 8-Ball says: Definitely

12. "Milo Goes to College Dropout" The Descendents' "Milo Goes to College" meets Kanye West's "College Dropout."
Magic 8-Ball says: Not a chance in Hell

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The members of the Orange County California group Something Corporate pose in front a brick wall. Their once-ironic name took on new meaning with distribution from Geffen Records.

Something Corporate, Yellowcard co-headline Sunday

By Ben Erwin
STAFF WRITER

University Board is bringing a Sunshine State-cum-California transplant and an Orange County native in the form of Yellowcard and Something Corporate, respectively, for the second spring concert of the year Sunday.

Both bands have been blithely placed in the pantheon of punk and modern rock, but Yellowcard and Something Corporate eschew traditional conventions through style and unique instrumentation. Yellowcard might sound like a cadre of other punk acts if not for the band's intricate arrangements and the presence of Sean Mackin, who adds melody and flavor to the band's sound via violin. Likewise, Something Corporate, whose balance of guitar and piano drives most tunes, offers far more sonically than typical rock fare.

Although both bands have been around since the late 90s and have almost 10 albums and EPs between each other, it is only in the last year that both Yellowcard and Something Corporate have seen their musical stock rise so dramatically with television and radio spots as well as their current tour.

From the classroom to the stage

For the members of Yellowcard, careers in music began at Jacksonville Florida's Douglas Anderson School for the Arts, a most unrocking environment in which the five friends quickly began cultivating a mix of punk music with introspective lyrics. Despite the staunch school environment, Yellowcard guitarist Ben Harper said the school bred a very musical atmosphere where students often practiced classical arrangements by day and started rock bands by night.

"The art school was a thing that created an environment that made you want to form a band," he said during a break while on the road in California. "You were so into all these creative outlets you wanted to start a garage band."

While attending the arts school in 1997, Harper said the idea for the then unnamed Yellowcard was hatched. Drawing from influences like NOFX, Bad Religion and a host of other conscious, intelligent punk outfits, Yellowcard was born out of a love of melodic punk.

The group's name, however, referred to the soccer penalty, although Harper said the moniker was coined while partying instead of on the soccer field.

"When we were in high school, we would go to parties," Harper said while laughing, "and if someone spills a beer or something, they get a yellow card. If they get one more they're out of the party for good."

Although Yellowcard's lineup has seen some changes since forming in 1997, the group seems to have found solidity with Ryan Key on vocals and guitars, Mackin on violin and vocals, Harper on lead guitar, Longineu Parsons on drums and former then current member Peter Mosely on bass after

Although Something Corporate and Yellowcard have recently experienced widespread success, both bands have released a string of albums before producing breakout hits "North" and "Ocean Avenue," respectively.

SOMETHING CORPORATE:



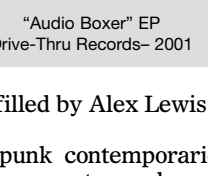
"Songs for Silent Movies" (Import)
Universal Records- 2003



"North"
Geffen Records- 2003



"Leaving Through the Window"
Drive-Thru Records- 2002



"Audio Boxer" EP
Drive-Thru Records- 2001

the spot was filled by Alex Lewis for a brief period.

Other pop-punk contemporaries rely on simple arrangements and rudimentary chord structures, but Harper said the band's musical tutelage helped each member develop more sophisticated chops than are commonly found in the genre.

"(It made a difference) in just how much we practiced," he said of Yellowcard's early development. "I'd play three hours of guitar a day or practice scales, and it also taught Ryan (Key) how to really sing and develop personality and characters on stage."

Aside from the level of each member's musical development, the obvious element separating Yellowcard from its contemporaries is the presence of Mackin on violin. Although Yellowcard has garnered attention for integrating violin into its music, Harper said Mackin's introduction to the band was easier than most might imagine.

"The band had started and he loved that type of music," Harper said of Mackin. "We first brought him in on a slower song and we thought (his violin) was cool sounding next to crunchy guitars."

Harper also said Mackin adds a lot to the melodies and harmonies within Yellowcard's

YELLOWCARD:



"Ocean Avenue"
Capitol Records- 2003



"The Underdog E.P."
Fueled By Ramen Records- 2002



"One For The Kids"
Lobster Records- 2001



"Where We Stand"
Out of Print

music, as his violin riffs often mirror or accompany an existing guitar line or play off a vocal line.

"He's all over the place," Harper said. He's so creative and such a good songwriter that he can do everything. ... He'll do all sorts of layering and counter melodies and all sorts of stuff."

Entering the majors

After forming, the band recorded a string of EPs, including the now out-of-print discs "Midget Tossing" and "Still Standing" before getting signed to Lobster Records and releasing "One for the Kids." It was the aforementioned "Kids" that first caught the eye of Capitol and eventually landed the band a deal on the major label.

With the deal for Capitol inked, Harper said the band was holed up in hotel rooms and studios, writing new material naturally rather than rushing songs the way Yellowcard had been forced to in the past.

"We didn't have days jobs, and we weren't living out of a van anymore," he said of the changes brought by the Capitol deal. "We wrote, and wrote, and wrote and had the natural process of making a real record."

Harper explained the lengthened writing process gave the band the opportunity to fully flesh out song ideas and ensure each song's lyrics matched the music and each element fit perfectly.

"It all depends on the theme (of the song)," he said of the writing process. "It's all about writing a riff and having it be thematic or slow, or intricate or rocking, or a ballad... and then going from there."

Success can't change a thing

The band's debut for Capitol, "Ocean Avenue," was recently certified gold, and the video for the title-track single is receiving heavy rotation on music networks Fuse and MTV. The band's profile has risen, but Harper said he's more content to write songs than worry about the pressures of success. Harper did say, however, Yellowcard's current tour with Something Corporate and recent success has afforded the band a number of perks.

"We have lighting and semis and our own monitors and boards, and it's a whole other world for us," he said with an air of excitement creeping into his voice. "There's pressure, but it's fun, man."

Along with Yellowcard's current tour with Something Corporate, the band has plans of touring in Europe after May then joining the Vans Warped Tour. Then, they will tour in Australia and Japan and record a followup to "Ocean Avenue." The daunting schedule, however, is par for the course according to Harper.

"We like to work hard," he said. "We might all burn out someday, but we gotta do this while we still can."

Yellowcard's tour mates Something Corporate will co-headline Sunday's show with duo The Format opening.

The Santa Monica, Calif. natives - Andrew McMahon on piano/vocals, Josh Partington and William Tell on guitar, Clutch on bass and Brian Ireland on drums - made a name for themselves with their Drive Thru/MCA Records release "Leaving Through the Window" and a rigorous touring schedule. The band's followup, "North," is largely about living on the road and being away from home.

Although the band prominently features piano, McMahon has insisted in the past that Something Corporate is not a "piano band," but a rock band.

Yellowcard and Something Corporate have been touring all spring, and the pair's tour runs through May.

Something Corporate/Yellowcard tickets went on sale March 22 and initially sold more than 250 tickets the first day of availability.

"Both bands did really well on our surveys. Yellowcard had a lot of write-ins," UB Concerts Coordinator Joe Atamian said previously.

The show begins at 7 p.m. Sunday night at Lantz Arena. Tickets are still available and cost \$8 for students with a Panther Card and \$15 for non-students.

'Holy crap'

With the always cynical Strongbad leading a cast of bizarre characters, Homestar Runner.com and its obscure humor has found its niche on the Internet

By Matt Meinheit
MANAGING EDITOR

When the residents on the seventh floor of Stevenson Hall returned for the spring semester, an odd, shirtless man wearing a Mexican wrestling mask and a pair of boxing gloves awaited them.

The shirtless character was not there to frighten or rob the residents, but to make them laugh.

His name? Strong Bad; a cartoon character brought to life on Mike, 30, and Matt, 27, Chapman's Web site www.homestarrunner.com.

Cara Moran, the resident assistant of the seventh floor, decorated the hallway walls with the Homestar Runner theme. She is just one of the thousands of people who have already become intense fans of the site and continue to spread the word about Homestar Runner, Strong Bad and the rest of the cast of bizarre characters.

"It's just one of those sites you find and instantly it's e-mailed to you six times because everyone has found it and it spreads like wildfire," Moran said.

Moran, a junior elementary education major, said she spent a couple days turning the hallway on the seventh floor into "Strongbadia," the country over which Strong Bad claims to reign. The hallway had an uncanny attention to detail featuring a tree, a stop sign and The Cheat's light switch, all elements any Homestar Runner fan would instantly recognize. When she was done, residents had varying emotions about the floor's new decor.

"I got mixed reviews," Moran said. "Some people were like 'what is Cara smoking?' and other people were really excited about it. Some people who didn't live on my floor would knock on my door and say 'that's so cool.'"

One of the seventh floor's residents, senior finance major Sean Cusack, had never heard of the site before this semester. When he first saw the new decorations he was a little confused.

"I thought it was weird and somewhat childish, but I enjoyed it," Cusack said.

The response to "Strongbadia" is a testament to the "love it if you get it, hate it if you don't" sense of humor the Chapman brothers use on their site.

Childish beginnings

Homestar Runner can trace his origins to the summer of 1996. While working as a lighting technician for an Australian television crew during the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Mike Chapman started a children's book titled "Homestar Runner Enters the Strongest Man in the World Contest." The book introduced Homestar Runner, who

got his name from a friend of the Chapmans' that mixed up his sports vernacular.

"He just ran together these slew of words that sounded like sports terms and we thought it was a funny phrase and decided to use it," Mike Chapman said.

The book also introduced Strong Bad—the aforementioned masked man—and his furry, yellow sidekick The Cheat as the villains of the story.

Mike Chapman only made a few copies of the book for friends and family and didn't intend to do much else with the characters.

"We wrote another story for another book, but we never made it into a book," Mike Chapman said.

Homestar and Strongbad would not make another appearance until 1999 when Mike Chapman made the short "Where My Hat is At."

Shortly afterward, the brothers created the Web site so their friends and family could watch the cartoons the pair was creating. The site started to travel by word of mouth and was receiving thousands of hits a day two years later.

"I thought it was pretty cool (when they started the site)," said Don Chapman, Mike and Matt's father. "I was amazed when it really took off."

The real star

It is Strong Bad, not the sites namesake Homestar Runner, who sets the tone for the site. Thousands of visitors return to the site each Monday for Strong Bad's latest reply to real fan mail.

After Strong Bad mocks and ridicules everything in the e-mail, including spelling and grammatical errors and usually the fan's name, he proceeds to answer whatever question the fan poses, from help with a research paper to his thoughts on techno music.

Strong Bad's trademark insults—directed at his fans and the other characters on the site—have only endeared him more to fans' hearts.

"Comedians have been doing that for ages and ages," Don Chapman said. "Everybody likes a cynical guy."

It was obvious to the Chapman brothers early on that Strong Bad was the star of the site.

"I think it was the first Halloween episode, the one where

"... Strong Bad was dressed up as Carmen Miranda, that's when I first started to realize how popular a character Strong Bad was."

— Mike Chapman, co-creator of Homestar Runner.com

Strong Bad was dressed up as Carmen Miranda, that's when I first started to realize how popular a character

Strong Bad was," Mike Chapman said. "I kind of knew he was the funniest, but he is everyone's favorite."

The question surrounding Strong Bad is where did the Chapman Brothers come up with the inspiration for such a delightfully cynical character?

"He's the bully that's kind of your friend that you would hang out with after school, but in school he would make fun of you," Mike Chapman said.

Giving characters voices

Matt Chapman gives Strong Bad his distinctively low, muddled voice. Matt Chapman also lends his voice talents to every other character on the site except for one—Homestar Runner's girlfriend Marzipan, who is based on and voiced by Melissa Palmer, who married Mike Chapman in February of this year.

Matt Chapman's real voice in no way resembles any of the voices of the characters on the site, however. "None of them are even close to his ordinary voice," Don Chapman said. "He is very soft spoken. If you would see him walking down the street, you would think he is just an ordinary guy."

Coming up with outlandish voices is something Matt Chapman has been doing since he was in elementary school when he would make home movies with his friends.

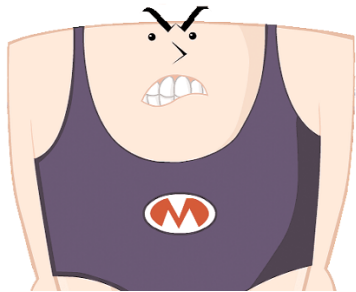
"When I would get a new video camera, (Matt) would ask me for the old one," Don Chapman said. "He and his friends would make movies and take on different personas."

One persona in particular still stands out in Don Chapman's mind.

"One that Matt did was based on those late-night car salesmen called 'Crazy Manny,'" Don Chapman said. "I still beg him to do 'Crazy Manny.' He might do it every once in while on my birthday or something like that."

Mike Chapman said there is no method he and his brother use to come up with the voices for their characters. Most of the voices come from kidding around and finding something the Chapman brothers find funny, he said.

Wholesome entertainment



Strong Bad's most memorable moments



Strong Bad as a turkey in "Some Stupid Turkey"



Strong Bad lost a bet, your mom wins in "Mothers Day"



The Japanese cartoon version of Strong Bad in the Strong Bad e-mail "Japanese Cartoon"



Strong Bad as Carmen Miranda in "Homestarlween Party"

Besides obscure references to the indie rock scene and old Nintendo games, one of the most defining aspects of Homestar Runner cartoons is its lack of expletives, nudity and vulgar topics. The language doesn't get much worse than Strong Bad's random use of the expression "Holy crap!" A character called "The Poopsmith," who shovels poop for a living, is the site's only use of low-brow humor.

"Its just kind of our sense of humor," Mike Chapman said. "It's not like if you hung out with us we are opposed to foul language, but with the site we choose not to do that."

Keeping the site's humor is something in which the Chapman brothers' father takes pride.

"I'm very pleased that they did that with everything as raunchy as it is today," Don Chapman said.

"That type of humor is better, longer lasting.

As a parent I'm proud they're doing it that way—the clean way."

Don Chapman, a catholic, said he and his wife Harriet, a methodist, instilled good values in their children.

"They were raised in a religious family and have stock in good moral values, but that hasn't stopped them from being uproarious," Don Chapman said.

When it comes down to what goes on the site, Don Chapman said his sons have a very simple motto, "It's not illegal if it's hilarious."

Making a living

When the Chapman brothers started homestarrunner.com in 1999, they decided not to have any banner or pop-up advertisements on the site.

"From day one it's been a conscious decision (not to have ads on the site)," Mike Chapman said. "It just makes the experience that much better because there are no distractions to take you away from that."

Even as the site's popularity grew, the brothers resisted the desire to have ads on the site.

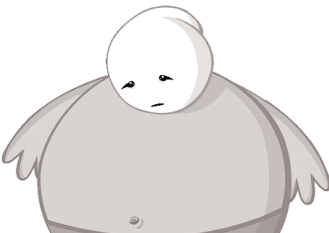
"I had been wrong minded about it the whole time," Don Chapman said. "When they started getting more people to the site, I told Mike 'You need to sell some pop-up ads and make some money off it,' but they wanted to keep the site clean."

The Chapman brothers found another way to make money off the site. Fans started e-mailing them asking for T-shirts and other merchandise.

"Mike bought about \$1,800 worth of T-shirts and stickers," Don Chapman said. "They lasted about four months."

Don Chapman let his two

Strong Mad and Strong Sad



The rest of the Homestar Runner gang

“Check it out.
Check it out.”
—Bubs

“Great
jaerobb,
Homestar”
—Coach Z

“I hate peas.”
—The King of Town

The Poopsmith
has taken a vow of
silence.

Pom Pom doesn’t
really talk, he
makes bubble
noises.

“Hello, this is Marzipanio,
leave a message-eo, after
the beepe-o, alrighty-o.”
—Marzipan



youngest, of five children, set up shop in his basement to mail merchandise to fans.

By the end of 2001, business was getting too big for the Chapman family to keep up with demand.

“Around Christmas time in 2001, they started getting about 20 orders a day and we thought, ‘Man this is wild,’” Don Chapman said. “By mid 2002, I knew we had to do

something other than push everything out of our basement.”

By 2002, the Chapman brothers were making enough money off merchandise sales to quit their day jobs and work full time on the Web site.

Running into the future

Almost everything in entertainment has a limited shelf life.

Most television sitcoms are lucky to last five years, which is how long Homestar Runner has been on the Web. Don Chapman isn’t worried and doesn’t even think of Homestar Runner in the same category as sitcoms.

“I think of it like a weekly comic strip,” Don Chapman said. “Some comic strips I read as a kid, I still read 50 years

later. As long as they keep their fingers on the pulse of their culture, they will continue to be popular.”

The Chapman brothers also have an advantage over sitcoms. Because they run the site themselves, they don’t have to worry about a network executive cutting the show. Success doesn’t really matter to the

Chapman brothers. They just want to make their friends laugh.

“One reason it’s successful is they don’t really care about the success. They care about the viewers,” Melissa Palmer said. “They’re just doing it because its fun. So as long as they are doing it because it is fun, it will last”



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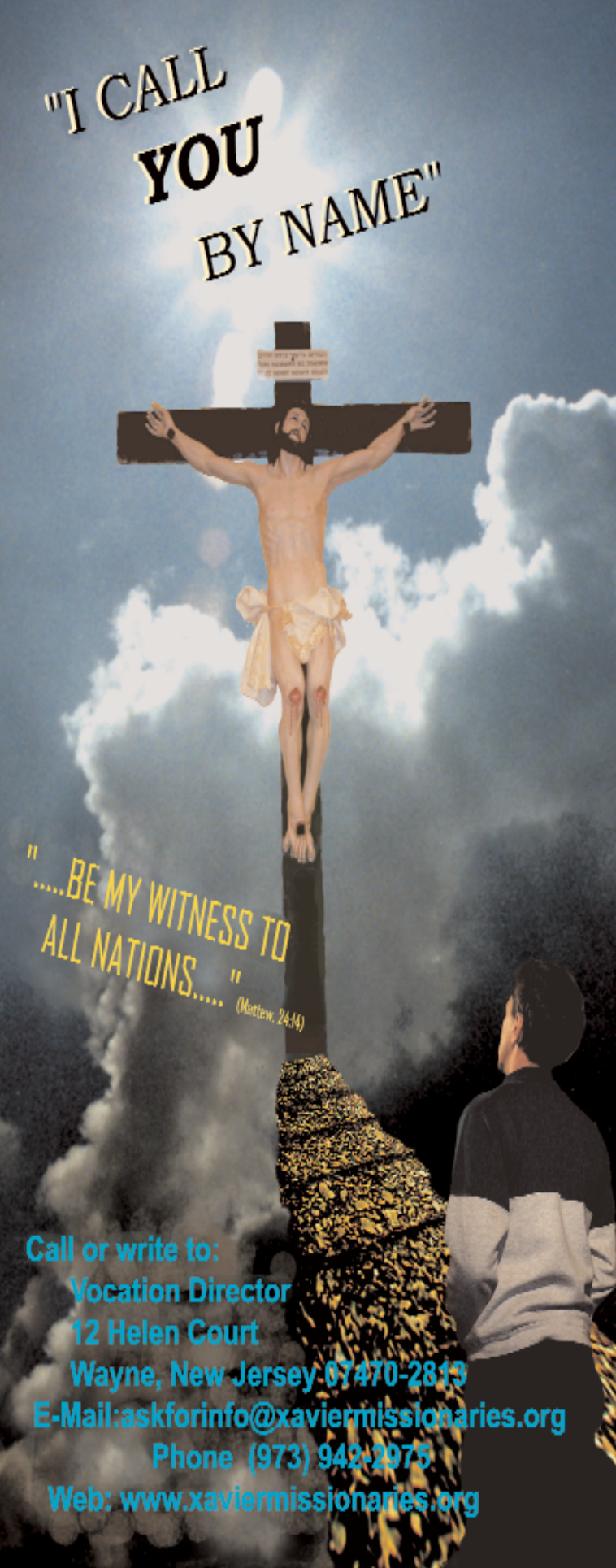
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RSO, other students to march on Capitol for women’s lives

By Holly Henschen
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

A group of Eastern women will travel to the nation’s capital to march for women’s rights issues this weekend.

Registered Student Organization Women’s Empowerment organized the trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Women’s Lives.

The march is “designed to motivate Americans to stand up to policies that endanger women’s lives and health,” according to marchfor-women.org. Organizers plan for hundreds of thousands of women and men of all ages, races, incomes, faiths and ethnicities to converge on the capital. Their presence will signify the belief “that *all* women worldwide have equal access to critical reproductive and pre-natal health-care, for women and their children, birth control, access to safe abortions, safe delivery and accurate sex education,” the Web site said.

Group members have different expectations of the event.

“I’m really looking forward to my mind being expanded and how diverse the topic is,” said Women’s Empowerment member Rachel Buck. The sophomore undecided major said the issues can be interpreted religiously, spiritually and in “body politics.”

Junior sociology major Shanna Wieneke said she expects to see action during her first participaton in an event of this nature.

“Afterwards, I’m hoping I can expand my mind so that I can take in all these new things,” she said. “Just being around so many different people, that’s what I’m looking forward to.”

Concerns about media coverage of the event are an issue as well. Senior sociology major Lindsay Embree said the media gives a bad image to feminists.

“They think you are un-American if you stand up for what you believe in,” she said. Her point of view stems partly from previous participation in an anti-war protest in Washington D.C.

Topics to be addressed at the event include national policies such as the partial birth abortion ban, which was signed by President George W. Bush in November 2003. The law makes it illegal for doctors to abort the fetus of a pregnant woman in her second or third trimester. The bill makes no exceptions for women whose health is at risk or for a fetuses that will be born with birth defects.

Embree said she was afraid “ultra-conservative Supreme Court Justices appointed by the Bush administration” will overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision

that make abortion a legal medical procedure.

International policies, such as the Global Gag Rule will also be addressed. The rule restricts the activities of foreign non-governmental organizations receiving U.S. family-planning funding. Under the rule, these groups cannot use their own money to provide abortion-related services, including advocating for abortion law reform, the march Web site said.

Women’s Empowerment said a pro-choice stance does not necessarily advocate abortion.

“It just means you think women should have the right to choose,” Embree said.

Abortion laws are unfair to women, the group said.

“It puts us as producers, as surplus values, not independent thinking beings,” Buck, who organized the trip to Washington, said.

“I think going to the march and conciousness raising in that way will add responsibility to being sexually active,” Buck said, “and add an awareness of education that needs to happen from K-12 instead of this slippery slope that’s being offered by our opposition, saying we just want to kill babies.”

Breaking a feminist stereotype

Women’s Empowerment became

a Registered Student Organization in Fall 2003.

“We’re not a huge group of feminists,” said Women’s Empowerment president Jessica Riner.

She has dealt firsthand with people who expect the organization to be man-haters.

“The stereotype is unreal,” said Riner, a sophomore international business major who also plays soccer for Eastern.

Women’s Empowerment began as a group formed by the Panhellenic Council, which asked two members of every house to attend each meeting, Riner said.

Riner began attending meetings out of interest and eventually was elected to lead the group when it was restructured as an RSO.

Women’s Empowerment holds meetings every other Tuesday in the lounge of Stevenson Hall. Each week, the group discusses a topic, such as perception of women around the world or perception of women in the media.

“It’s so laid back, it’s just like a group of friends,” Riner said.

Women’s Empowerment also donates money to female causes.

“It’s not just about abortion,” Riner said.

The group donated boxes of toiletries to Women’s Hope Foundation of Charleston and also raised

money to fund mammograms for uninsured women. Women’s Empowerment works with the Women’s Resource Center and S.A.C.I.S on campus as well.

The phrase “women’s empowerment” means different things to each of the members.

“It’s really tricky defining what a woman is. How people react to me because I’m a woman – that’s how I can claim women’s empowerment,” Buck said.

Riner said she was from a very traditional family. Her mother made her promise not to follow directly in her footsteps of settling down and having children.

“I want to get involved and be a diverse individual,” Riner said. “Not just a woman, but an individual.”

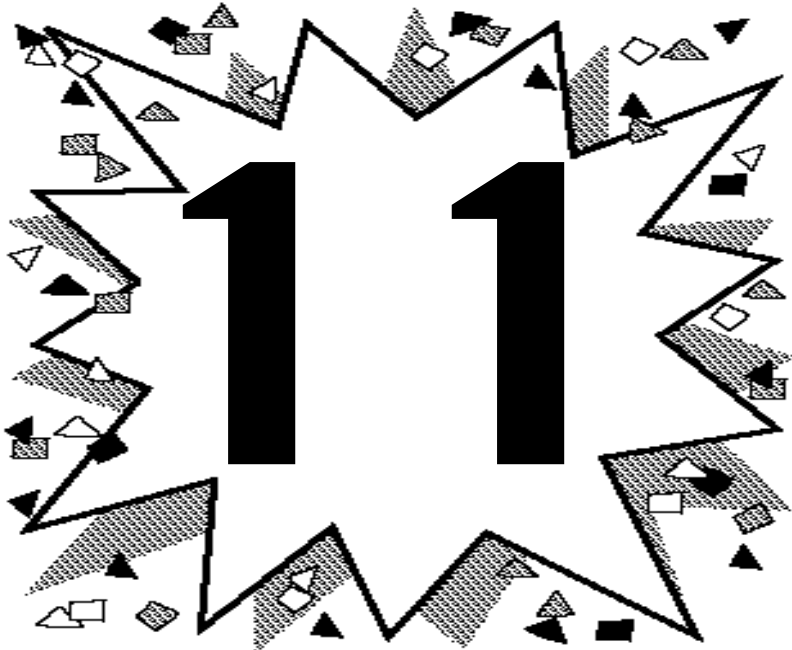
“I’m getting a truer sense of what it is to really be a woman,” said Shanna Wieneke, “how to take steps to organize with other women and just voice your opinion and take political action of some kind.”

The group will leave Friday and return Sunday everning. A rally before the event begins Sunday at 10 a.m. on the national mall. The two-mile march begins at noon.

Organizers of the march include: The American Civil Liberties Union, Feminist Majority, National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

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Graduation Countdown



‘Punisher’ exudes violent horror, humor



By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

Gore-tastic. Kill-diculous. These are just a few of the words that can best describe the level of excellence that exudes from the newest comic-to-movie conversion, “The Punisher.”

The film starring Thomas Jane, follows FBI agent Frank Castle, a deep undercover agent who finds himself responsible for the death of a son of Tampa Bay crime boss, Robert Saint (John Travolta). Saint, as any good villain would do, instantly demands retribution for the loss of his son.

After an illegal arms bust, Castle retires and jets off to a family reunion in Puerto Rico where Saints’ men find him and kill his entire family (extended and all).

Saints’ men attempt to murder Castle, but three bullets and an exploding boat dock are not enough to exterminate the Punisher.

After recovering from his wounds, Castle makes an oath to chastise the men responsible for his family’s deaths.

Castle moves to Tampa and sets up shop in a decrepit apartment building, which is full of neighbors drawn up specifically for comic relief. Castle then begins to work out his plans to make his enemies pay; and oh does he.

Thomas Jane does an excellent job of bringing the gritty hero to life, blurring the line between good and evil to a beautiful shade of gray. He does for “The Punisher” what Hugh Jackman did for Wolverine

“The Punisher”
Jonathan Hensleigh, director
Michael France, writer

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that, unlike other comic book movies, “The Punisher” is rated R, which allows for added language and violence – unnecessary at times, but essential at others.

Is the movie a bit cheesy? Yes. But being cheesy is key to certain movies of this nature because comic books themselves are cheesy at their core.

The film does a nice job of blending the cheese with the quality acting and dialogue.

The strength of “The Punisher” comes in its true-to-comic format. It stays consistent, for the most part, with the book.

In this era of comic book movie extravaganzas, “The Punisher” is a dark, gritty accomplishment that is worthy of the violent its name bears.

Supagroup, Christpuncher provide ear-splitting night

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In one of the loudest, if not best, nights of the past year in local music, Supagroup, Christpuncher and Hot Iron Skillet all damned trends, while bringing a night of rock and metal to Friends & Co. last Saturday.

Opening the show was Pana’s Hot Iron Skillet, who had played ECHOfest earlier in the night. If the band was tired, however, it didn’t show in the group’s all-too-short half-hour set.

Skillet singer John Hicks quickly proclaimed himself John the Baptist and began baptizing the uninitiated in the audience. While Hicks may not hold as prestigious a place in the books of Matthew or Luke as his namesake that night, his wide-eyed, manic delivery had as much fire as any Pentecostal revivalist. The rest of the band steamrolled through the set without showing any evidence of playing merely hours earlier.

Christpuncher followed by careening through a drum-tight set of speedmetal accented by staccato guitar solos and guttural vocals. The band rolled from one tune to the next, typically without stopping as the chugging power chords and double-bass drum kick bled together in a cacophony of

Supagroup, Christpuncher, Hot Iron Skillet at Friends & Co.

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loud guitar and pounding rhythms.

Friends & Co. may not be the optimum place to see metal that extreme, but Christpuncher pulled it off with tight arrangements and the musicianship of its members.

Headlining the show was New Orleans transplants Supagroup, who ripped through a set anchored by the group’s self-titled Foodchain Records release.

While the band is energetic but tight on record, the group’s live show is truly indicative of the fun Supagroup has on stage. With a sneer and a smile, singer/guitarist Chris Lee belted out self-explanatory tunes like “Rock And Roll Tried To Ruin My Life” and “One Better.” Likewise, Lee’s younger brother Benji is a freewheeling, modern adaptation of AC/DC’s Angus Young, complete with histrionic guitar solos and a well-crafted stage presence that belies his age.

If Benji Lee’s goal is to revive the concept of a guitar hero with equal parts bravado and chops, he’s well on his way to bringing a former musical staple back to rock.

To put it mildly, Supagroup is simple, straightforward rock. To some, such a statement might be tantamount to an insult, but it’s the highest compliment I can pay a band that simply plays undiluted rock and roll.

Tunes like “Woulda Been Nice,” “Rock And Roll Star” and “Down To The Letter” are all no-nonsense rockers, and the band pulled such songs off with an aplomb rarely seen by bands without major label record deals and too much money in central Illinois.

Slower numbers like “I Need A Drink” and “Murder, Suicide, Death” were matched with a bluesier flare rather than bludgeoning Les Paul crunch. It is on these softer tunes – without the Lees’ bludgeoning guitar assault – that bassist Leif Swift and drummer Michael Bruggen shine, as the tunes become as much about rock-steady rhythm as a hook and a guitar riff.

Although this was Supagroup’s second appearance in Charleston this school year, I have a sneaking suspicion the band may be about to break beyond playing small, smokey bars. While most rising band’s make their living off touring and playing live, Supagroup and company accomplished a rare feat; they not only played, but actually put on a show.



Partaking in the joy of stress

Stress-it’s good for you, they say. As the semester winds down, the mounting pile of responsibilities and loose ends that teeter precariously overhead may seem about to come crashing down on you. It probably will soon, so when this happens, you can be ultra-prepared like a freaked out, overage boy scout or girl scout.

This guide will successfully see you through the end of the year. *Disclaimer: I may be too stressed out to be funny. Read at your own risk. For entertainment purposes only.*

- ♦ **Keep a clear head**
Yes, it’s tempting to get all wasted, but you can do that when school is out. Instead, continuously imbibe coffee. Don’t like coffee? Try soda, or pop, if you will. You’ll have plenty of extra time to study, because you won’t have to sleep. After a few days you’ll be shaking and hallucinating like a jacked-up meth head, but hey, *school is just that important.*
- ♦ **Eating is unnecessary**
Think of all the starving people in Africa. They don’t have finals and papers to write. They also don’t have much food to eat. But if they did have finals and papers, chances are they could pull it off without food. Live by their example and save time and money. You can use that extra cash after school’s out. As an added

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- bonus, by then you’ll have the Holocaust victim-inspired physique of Paris Hilton that is currently en vogue.
- ♦ **Don’t waste time on details**
Every second is of the essence at this point in the semester. To save time, give up personal hygiene for a week. You really don’t need to bathe or brush your teeth every day. Another quick timesaver is wearing the same clothes for a week or two. Sure, you’ll come off like a cartoon character, but soon those jeans and that hoodie will feel like a grimy second skin.
Your stankiness will unwittingly assist you in avoiding the temptation of social interaction. People will avoid you, instead of vice-versa.
 - ♦ **Solitary confinement**
It’s super-tempting to just chuck it all and party like there’s no tomorrow when the pressure hits. Well, I say do it. Drink one for me!
But really, if you want to get some stuff done, lock yourself in a room, turn off the phone and handcuff yourself to a desk. But don’t lose that key. You won’t

- be able to reach the phone and no one will ever hear from you again. Think of those serious students in Japan who commit suicide when their less-than-perfect grades disgrace their families. Pretend you are one, minus the killing yourself part.
- ♦ **Avoid the home front**
There is an abundance of temptation to distract you in your living environment. An afternoon that begins with getting to work on a project can easily turn into a all-night CD organizing extravaganza or clean out your closet-athon.
The library, however, is full of books and computers to keep you on task. Plus it’s open extended hours during finals week. When they kick you out of Booth at closing time, take refuge in the insomniac scholar’s dream: the study area in the Union or the triad computer lab. The din of fluorescent bulbs will be your study buddy. For outdoors types, campus has a vast array of big, bright lights on poles. Just seek out an area with many insects for the best spot. Bugs know where it’s at.
 - ♦ **If all else fails...**
Sell your soul to Satan for good grades, but before you sign your name in blood, include a clause about how he has to pay your college loans, too.

CONCERT CALENDAR		
April 23 ♦ Trombone Battle Royale Jackson Avenue Coffee	♦ The Strokes Aragon Ballroom Chicago	Avenue Coffee
♦ The Blackouts The Greatest Hits Friends & Co.	♦ Indigo Girls Vic Theatre Chicago	♦ Bad Plus Martyrs Chicago
♦ Slipknot, Fear Factory and Chimaria 7 p.m. Congress Theatre Chicago	♦ Crystal Method House of Blues Chicago	April 25 ♦ Six Feet Under Soilent Green Oasis One Sixty Chicago Heights
	April 24 ♦ Homegrown Music Jackson	

