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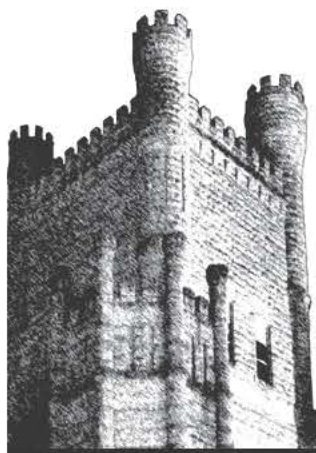
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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

## Eastern feels burden of inflation

BY KRISTIN BORN  
STAFF WRITER

The current high gas prices are affecting Eastern's budget.

The additional costs in fuel are reducing the available funding for other university expenditures, said Gary Reed, acting director of facilities planning and management.

"We had anticipated some fuel price increases in the current fiscal year's budget, but any increases are painful," Reed said. "We feel the hit on increasing gasoline prices just like the consumer."

The price of gas went up 20 cents per gallon in a three-week period, said JoAnne Thill, staff clerk in central stores area.

Each fiscal year, a budget is set for gas, Thill said. Eastern tries to budget and account for market price escalations within the budget while estimating the annual amount for fuel.

"We are in a tough situation with the budget crunches and getting less money from the state," she said. "It puts an additional hardship on all departments on campus. When the gas spikes, it takes a bite out of the budget."

The fuel budget is dependent upon fleet usage within any given period of time, Reed said.

Each unit that has a vehicle, facilities planning and management, for

example, must budget for the cost of operation, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

The cost of the fleet vehicles are regained by charging departments rate-per-mile, which is currently 37.5 cents per mile, Cooley said.

"If these prices remain in effect, the motor pool will certainly have to raise the prices it charges for vehicle use," he said.

Facilities planning and management's operating budget pays for the Eastern maintenance vehicles fuel.

Currently, there are approximately 185 university vehicles on campus, 30 of which are in the fleet that faculty and staff use for official university travel.

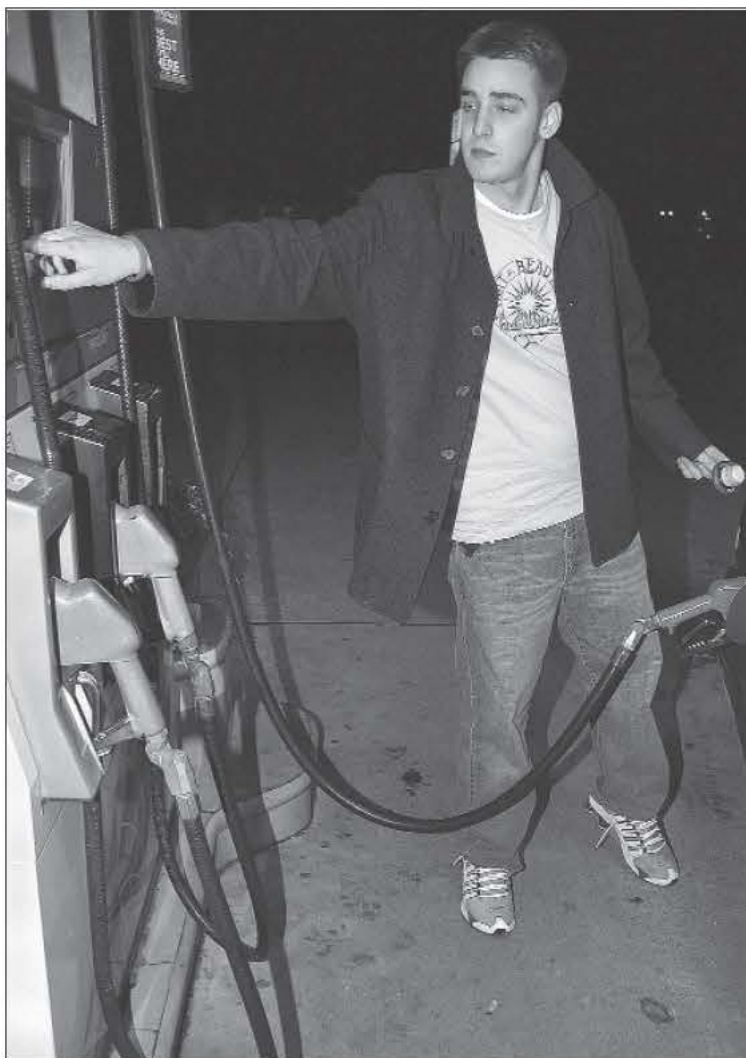
Nearly 155 vehicles are assigned for specific use, such as facilities planning and management, *The Daily Eastern News* and WEIU-TV, Cooley said.

Eastern is trying to acquire smaller, more fuel-efficient maintenance vehicles as they are replaced.

There is a gas pump used to fill university vehicles on campus at facilities planning and management that is maintained by the university. Any vehicle with university plates can use the pump.

In general, Reed said, all energy prices are on the rise.

"This will be a continuing area of concern to not only the university but all of us as consumers," he said.



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Brad Messinger, a junior communication studies major, pumps gas at the BP station on Lincoln Avenue in Charleston where the price for regular unleaded gasoline was \$2.03.

## Businesses affected by fuel prices

BY JESSICA YOUNGS  
STAFF WRITER

The recent surge in gas prices is the biggest and hardest-hitting that Larry McGrath has seen since entering the waste management business more than 20 years ago.

"At one point in time, diesel was just the junk fuel, and it didn't take near the refining, and it was a great deal cheaper than gasoline," said McGrath, vice president of Coles County Sanitation. "But now it's more expensive than gasoline, and I don't understand it."

Like McGrath, many businesses in the area are hurting because of the increase in gasoline and diesel-fuel prices during the last year, and all have been forced to deal with the extra expenditure whether by absorbing the costs or passing them along to customers.

While many businesses are not yet passing along the costs to customers, McGrath said he has already been forced to, increasing residential pick-up costs by \$1. If the cost increases do not stop, he fears he will also have to increase commercial rates.

Although customers may not yet be noticing extra costs from many businesses, those costs might occur during the next few years when they are absorbed through budgets, balanced and finally are passed along.

For every penny that fuel increases, it costs the U.S. Postal Service a million dollars each day nation wide, said Butch Hackett, acting Charleston postmaster.

The Charleston Post Office has been forced to absorb the increases while going over its budget for the year because before the Post Office can increase prices, it has to go through a complicated process that could take up to 18 months, he said.

An application has already been filled to increase 2006 stamp rates an additional 4 cents in order to compensate in part for increased fuel costs, but the end result could be less.

As for the city of Charleston itself, the results of the fuel increase have been small for residents. The fuel increases are being absorbed through the 2005-2006 budget, which has a planned 15 percent increase, starting May 1. The 15 percent increase will occur by drawing extra money from the general fund and cutting other places to keep it balanced, said Superintendent of Streets Quincy Combs.

"The gas prices effect everybody, and the city's no different than anybody else," Combs said. "You have to adjust your budget to cover the increase in (fuel) costs, whether it's here, in the city or at home."

## Eastern's fund raising efforts being stepped up

BY JENNIFER PERHAM  
ADMINISTRATION  
EDITOR

Eastern has brought in \$7.42 million in gifts through fund raising, and

administrators are confident the university has the ability to reach the projected \$10 million goal by June 2006.

The funds have been used to build a physics observatory, fund a musical competition, establish scholarships and support existing educational programming.

Funds have increased in areas such as annual giving, endowment funds and special projects.

"When we set the goal at \$10 million, we realized it was an extremely ambitious goal, and we thought we were setting the sights really high," said Eastern President Lou Hencken.

Hencken said after hard work and seeing the numbers, he is confident the university will meet the \$10 million goal.

Hencken and other administrators attribute these donations to faithful alumni.



STEVEN RICH



JILL NILSEN



ADAM HOWELL

"I think our graduates are pleased with the status of the university and that is reflected in contributions to their alma mater," said Director of Alumni Services Steven Rich.

Nine percent of alumni are giving to the university, a 14.5 percent increase from the previous year. The goal is to raise alumni participation to 12 percent by the end of the campaign.

"The tremendous response we're seeing to this campaign is an indication of how special Eastern is to so many people," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

Nilsen said she looks forward to seeing the campaign goal realized because she feels the effects will benefit Eastern and its alumni for years to come.

Administrators and Student Senate's Student Action Team are also

## Summit to discuss ways to decrease traffic accidents

BY DAVID THILL  
STAFF WRITER

Traffic deaths in Illinois reached a 61-year low in 2004 with 1,341 fatalities. But that number still isn't low enough for Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who hopes to decrease traffic deaths to fewer than 1,000 by 2008, according to the Associated Press.

On March 7, the first of a two-part summit took place in order to create a comprehensive safety plan, said Matt Vanover, communications manager for the Department of Transportation. The second summit will be held today.

The summits are more of a brainstorming process, Vanover said. Several groups, including AAA and the Illinois Association Chiefs of Police, will be present to supply ideas and discuss different ways to cut down on the number of deaths on Illinois roadways, he said.

Safety engineers will then take that information and create a document that will then be submitted for review by state officials. Reducing traffic deaths in Illinois by more than one quarter

over the next three years is possible, but will take hard work, Vanover said.

"What we want to do is bring together an umbrella of organizations so that there is no repetition and duplication of ideas," Vanover said.

The emphasis of the summits will be alcohol, which was involved in 40 percent of traffic fatalities in Illinois, as well as intersection safety and enforcement and compliance of the safety belt initiative enacted in 2003, Vanover said.

Increasing and improving safety at intersections as well as regulatory signs along roadways is important, said Darrel Cox, chief deputy of Coles County Sheriff's Department.

Last year, Tanya and Leonard Wood, owners of Lincoln Book Shop on the square, were killed in an accident at the intersection of East Harrison Avenue and Route 16, east of Charleston. That intersection is known not only for the amount of accidents that occur there, but also the severity of them, Cox said.



## FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY

**50**

38

Few showers

SATURDAY

**49**

36

Cloudy

SUNDAY

**47**

33

Showers

MONDAY

**54**

41

Partly cloudy

TUESDAY

**61**

48

Partly cloudy

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Friday all day online survey for all faculty. Andrew Robinson, an instructor with the Department of Communication Studies at Eastern, is asking all faculty to take a survey which will help him complete his dissertation research for his Ph.D. from Capella University. The dissertation title is "Motivating and Inhibiting Factors which Influence Faculty Participation in Online Learning at a Midwestern University." The survey takes only about 10-15 minutes to complete and is available at <http://cats.eiu.edu/robinson/survey.asp> anytime before April 8.

Friday 9 to 11 a.m. Camtasia in CATS Training Lab, McAfee Gym Room 1214. For participants who are looking for a good solution for preparing video tutorials for software programs, the Internet, etc., this is a must-take course. Camtasia is screen-capture software, especially designed for capturing all on-screen movement on the user's computer screen. After a little bit of editing and exporting, the user can produce their own video tutorial and distribute it via CD or Streaming. Prerequisites: Familiarity with Windows. As always, advanced registration is required to attend all TECnet training events. To register, go online to <http://cats.eiu.edu/training/registration/workshops.asp>.

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. eGallery at Tarble Arts Center. Artist Conrad Bakker is presenting two of his Untitled Projects. Bakker will talk about his interactive art exhibition at a free lecture on April 7. The Tuesday gallery talk starts at 7 p.m. The public is invited but space will be limited. An informal reception will follow the talk.

Monday 7 p.m. Lizzie Simon speech about bipolar disorder in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union. Simon is the author of a memoir, "Detour: My Bipolar Road Trip In 4-D." It is a memoir in which she not only tells her own story about her diagnosis of bipolar mood disorder (formerly called manic depressive illness) at the age of 17, but describes the lives of other young bipolar people who have received appropriate treatment and are in the process of developing successful careers, relationships and lives. Simon has spoken at universities all over the country including Penn State and Barnard College. She and her memoir have been featured on CNN, The Connie Chung Show, NPR, Time Magazine, and many other radio, television, print and Web outlets. In addition, she developed a one-hour documentary based on "Detour" for MTV.

## ONLINE POLL

**How far will the University of Illinois men's basketball team go in the NCAA Tournament?**

- A) Illinois will lose to UW Milwaukee in the Sweet 16. 6%
- B) They will lose in the Elite Eight. 12%
- C) They will lose in the final. 12%
- D) They will win it all. 70%

## PREPARING FOR GREEK WEEK



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Kristy Gilliland, a sophomore marketing major and member of Delta Delta Delta, paints letters of fraternities on a banner for Greek Week Thursday afternoon in Buzzard Hall. Greek Week events start next week.

## AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES



### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## Professors derail restructuring

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE— A plan to consolidate the Southern Illinois University College of Education's eight schools into four has been put on hold as administrators regroup to find out why faculty voted overwhelmingly against it, union officials said. Keith Hillkirk, dean of the College of Education, who was leading the University's effort to streamline the university, said during a February interview that the school will begin a series of meetings with the affected faculty in the future.

The restructuring plan proposed after the state's budgetary crisis of 2001 prompted many schools across the campus to reevaluate how they operate.

The Budget and Planning Task Force released recommendations in the summer of 2003, which highlighted the need for restructuring colleges across campus. Dunn asked administrators in some colleges to factor in proposed cuts for coming years. Administrators had planned to combat a relatively weak research infrastructure, as described in a 2004 consultant report, by adding more faculty to produce more research.

## WTF?

## Woman finds finger in Wendy's bowl of chili

SAN HOSE— A woman bit into a partial finger served in a bowl of chili at a Wendy's restaurant, leading authorities to a fingerprint database Thursday to determine who lost the digit.

The incident occurred Tuesday night at a San Jose Wendy's restaurant and left the customer ill and distraught, said Joy Alexiou, a spokesperson for the Santa Clara County Health Department.

"She was so emotionally upset once she found out what it was," Alexiou said. "She was vomiting."

Employees at the Wendy's store were asked to show investigators their fingers after the Tuesday night incident. All employees' digits were accounted for, officials said, adding that the well-cooked finger may have come from a food processing plant that supplies the company.

## PEOPLE

## Paula Abdul fined after hit-and-run accident

LOS ANGELES (AP)— "American Idol" judge Paula Abdul was fined and placed on probation Thursday after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor charge of hit-and-run driving stemming from an accident last December in which her Mercedes clipped a car on a San Fernando Valley freeway.

Abdul was not in court as her attorney entered the plea, city attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan said.

Superior Court Commissioner Patricia Schwartz sentenced Abdul to 24 months of informal probation. She also was ordered to pay about \$900 in fines and penalties and to reimburse the other motorist \$775 for the car damage, Mateljan said.

The charge carried a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

## COUNTING DOWN

**10**

Days until men's college basketball championship game.

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# Booth builds up book collection



**Megan Roberts, sophomore special education major, studies Tuesday afternoon in a quiet spot of Booth Library. The library's collection is always expanding to accommodate to the students.**

BY LAURA GRIFFITH  
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

Booth Library brings in thousands of books a month to accommodate students at Eastern.

During February, Booth acquired 2,355 new titles, said Karen Whisler, head of Booth's collection development.

On average, the library receives an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 titles a month to support Eastern's curriculum, she said.

"Our (book) budget is based on our annual budget," said Allen Lanham, dean of library services. "Booth Library continually has new materials coming in."

Roughly \$1.5 million dollars per year is spent on electronic resources, books, periodicals, microforms and other media collections, Lanham said.

Although most materials purchased by the library are for class supplements, some materials are for leisure reading and entertainment for students. Best sellers and popular magazines are somewhat available. The money used to purchase the materials comes from the university's budget, part of which comes from the state and part of which comes from student tuition.

"We buy books with grant moneys, also," Lanham said.

Currently, the library has an education project going, he said. The library received \$4,000 in fed-

eral funds to purchase books on education for the campus.

In order to make sure the materials the library purchases are relevant to student courses, the library has bibliographers who specialize in specific academic areas. Each of the bibliographers has a master's degree in a subject outside of his library science degree.

"We have 12 (bibliographers), and they do a variety of subjects," Whisler said.

Each department has a library liaison who works with his department and a specific bibliographer to come up with materials that professors need for their classes.

Carlos Amaya, assistant Spanish professor, is the library liaison for the foreign language department.

"What I do is usually ask (faculty) what kind of books or videos or DVDs they would like to use in their classes," Amaya said.

He compiles a list of books the foreign language department would like to have and sends the list to foreign language bibliographer Pam Ortega.

"She is a wonderful person because she gets almost everything we suggest," Amaya said.

The bibliographers look through book reviews and purchase the requested books, Whisler said.

"The bibliographers know during the year when they should be buying and when new things come out," Lanham said.

Amaya was appointed to be a library liaison five years ago when he came to work at Eastern. As a liaison and a professor, Amaya thinks the library's method of collection development works well.

"It works with us because we usually get what we ask for," Amaya said. "Our collection of videos and DVDs is wonderful. We have almost everything we need for our classes."

The library relies heavily on students and faculty to request materials for purchase, he said. Booth's Web site, <http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/>, contains a link to a requests page where students and faculty can fill out a materials purchase suggestion form and send it to the library electronically.

Most often, faculty take advantage of the request form, so the library will purchase books they can use year after year, Lanham said. Each request form is then sent to the bibliographer that handles that particular subject.

## Planning for things to come

BY KYLE MAYHUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's director of planning and institutional studies will be giving a report Friday on the university's future plans.

Julia Abell will give the report at the meeting of the Council on University Planning and Budget.

Abell will be reporting on how far along the university is in the yearly planning process.

"It's the yearly planning update for every area of the university," said council chair Mary Anne Hanner.

The planning process goes from top to bottom through the university's administration, Abell said.

"The president comes up with some goals for the university, which are approved by the board (of trustees)," Abell said.

Those goals are then passed down to the vice presidents, then to the directors and department chairs. Initiatives, missions and goals are created by those administrators to help create the university's overall plans.

This March is the deadline for many of those initiatives for the fiscal year 2007.

Also at the meeting, the council will hear updates from a member of the President's office on the fiscal year 2006 budget. The budget is scheduled to be decided by the state legislature in June.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal sets Eastern's state funding level at the same as last year's, but Eastern President Lou Hencken has said he hopes to reinstate a small increase recommended by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, will report to the council on the status of the Banner project. The Banner project, which has begun this spring, will eventually replace all of Eastern's academic and administrative computer systems with SCT Banner software.

The council meets 3 p.m. Friday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

## Senate suggests solution to advising problem

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTER

Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday to present changes in the advising process to the Council on Academic Affairs.

The resolution is designed to help students by implementing a more structured academic advising system. The resolution says students are expressing concerns about an "unstructured and non-unified" academic advising system throughout university departments.

"Students have approached me with situations where their advisers have them (enrolled) in classes they do not need for their degree," said Senate Member Jeff Collier.

The resolution from Student Government recommends that the Council of Academic Affairs, after a student declares his major, is transferred to an assigned academic adviser. The adviser on the first required appointment must create an eight-semester degree plan with the aid of the student.

"This is just a suggestion we are making; it's nothing official yet," said Chelsea

Frederick, chair of Academic Affairs.

However, Collier said the opinion of campus advising should not have too much of an effect just yet.

"If we compromise in our minds, we will take a compromise to (campus advising) to be compromised," Collier said. "Whatever (campus advising) wants to do with it, they will do with it. We are just saying this is what we stand behind."

The eight-semester plan will be printed with one copy for the adviser and one carbon copy for the student. Both parties' signatures are required to

indicate understanding and acknowledgment, according to the resolution.

"This will keep students from falsely accusing their advisers of putting them in the wrong class," Collier said. "It will also stop advisers from irresponsibly putting students in the wrong class."

The senate also discussed the resolution in committee for the on-campus day care. There is currently a survey available on Eastern's Web site.

"(The day care program) is not something I can get done, but it is something I can start," said Dirk Muffler, student vice president of academic affairs.

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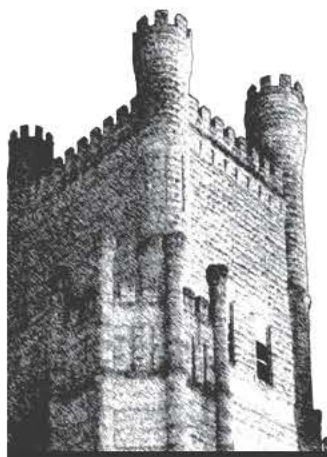
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### COLUMN

## My trip to the big city



DAVID  
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Thill is a monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.

Each year without fail, they come.

Down Route 16, making their way across the rolling fields that don't so much roll as just lie there, students make their way to Eastern and, inevitably, Charleston.

Some come with excitement and great expectations of what college life will bring them. Others who have been down this road before merely dread the return to boredom and blandness.

The slower pace of life and obvious lack of certain sources of entertainment that can be found in larger cities serves as a blunt reminder to most of Eastern's students that they are not at home anymore.

It doesn't take long, usually a few weeks, days even, before the lack of entertainment begins to take its toll.

I know it happens every year; I've seen it. As a product of the mean streets of Charleston, I have watched for 19 years as a constant flow of bored and whiny students served as the backdrop to my adolescence.

For a long time I merely thought city folk must just be whiny. They couldn't possibly appreciate the finer aspects of growing up and living in a town like Charleston. The slower pace of life is a stark contrast to the seemingly constant hustle and bustle of everyday life in the city, or at least the suburbs.

That being said, I could always understand the continuous flow of whining about boredom from freshmen. After all, they have just gotten here and are just getting used to the community. However, I always imagined that after the first year or two the whining would stop. Yet, as I near the end of my second year at Eastern, the sound of whining hasn't gotten softer, but louder.

I didn't understand it until last month when I took a trip up to Chicago for a few days. It was the first time I had been to Chicago since my freshman year in high school and the longest time I had spent within the actual city of Chicago. Ever.

As I strolled down the sidewalk on Ohio Avenue, my group of friends, all from in or around the city of Chicago, couldn't help but get a kick out of watching me.

While most people would just go about their business, I was far too concerned with staring up at the concrete jungle surrounding me. I craned my neck back to look up the side of one particularly large building just to see if I could spot where it ended. I couldn't.

My amazement only magnified when I got to my hotel and found I was staying on the 17th floor (five stories taller than the largest building in Charleston).

So much light, sound, music, entertainment, people everywhere. At one point I stood at the window and realized that taking into account buildings and vehicles, I was probably staring at more people at that moment than there were the entire city of Charleston.

The sense of wonder didn't fade over the weekend either. The city just kept finding ways to amaze me.

That is when I realized the students that attend Eastern and have to suffer through the boredom of Charleston aren't just whining incessantly.

When I went to Chicago, it was a culture shock. I was not used to pigeons as big as my thigh, taxis honking and driving up and onto curbs, and the obvious lack of Southern hospitality. Although, as Charleston isn't really in the south, one could make the argument that there is a lack of that same hospitality here. But that's not the point.

The point is: it's all relative.

As I was not prepared for the vibrant, non-stop pace of the city (I swear, there were more cars driving around at 1 a.m. than during rush hour here), so are students from the city not prepared for Charleston. It's as though they had lived there lives on fast forward and then, all of a sudden, they were living in slow motion.

So, I guess what I'm trying to say is that I understand the shock and amazement at the boredom, just so long as nobody laughs the next time I stop to gaze up the side of

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MICHAEL ABERNATHY



### EDITORIAL

## Taking care of business(es)

For four years, the Hardee's building located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Fourth Street has been an eyesore.

Being straight across from the campus and a focal point of late-night life for students, the property the old Hardee's building was located on is prime property. The demolition of this provides many positives both economically and aesthetically to the community and university.

Lincoln Avenue is the first sight many people see when coming to Charleston, and for some passing through, it is the only sight.

Demolishing a boarded-up building will improve the overall look of the community and bring business to Charleston.

Larry Rennels, owner of a business just two blocks from the old Hardee's site and a city councilman, previously said that some customers of local establishments complain about closed businesses. The addition of new businesses will improve business for everyone.

At the Hardee's site, the Jimmy John's company plans to build a shopping center with possibly a new Jimmy

#### At issue

The demolition of the old Hardee's building

#### Our stance

The demolition and proposed construction is good for Charleston. Hopefully the other vacant building that litter Lincoln Avenue will follow suit.

John's, Starbuck's or Chipotle Mexican Restaurant.

A new restaurant would be great for both the community and Eastern students. More businesses in Charleston give residents and students more options for their dining and shopping. This would also provide more conveniences for more crowded occasions on campus such as Eastern's family weekend.

This single endeavor is a stepping-stone toward the demolition of other vacant properties on Lincoln Avenue and addition of new businesses.

Since Hardee's property is in a prime location now that it is sold for \$400,000, it will be something to compare against and set some of the other property values.

Hopefully, vacant properties such as Long John Silvers and How Y'all Are, both Lincoln Avenue eyesores, will soon meet their fate with the wrecking ball, making way for new buildings and economic opportunities.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MANY WOMEN ALSO READ THE SPORTS PAGE FIRST

As I sit in class and read the paper instead of listen, I came across John Hohenadel's article "Summit doesn't compare."

I think it is a joke that the editors of *The Daily Eastern News* actually printed this article. I'm amazed that some guys still haven't come to grasp with the fact that a good portion of the women out there can actually hold a conversation about sports.

The problem is that 90 percent of

the time guys won't even give us the chance to prove it.

Pat Summit has accomplished something that no one else has, including men. As the writer of the article points out, she gets no credit because she is a girl.

WAKE UP! Get over your big heads and realize that most girls know more about sports than some of the guys out there. And yes, I read the sports section before anything else in the paper, and I watch "Sportscenter" each night.

Hohenadel should focus on getting a life more than putting down women and sports.

I hope people realize that if there can be male cheerleaders there is a chance that some girls might actually know something about sports.

The sports reporter for this paper is ignorant and I hope all the girls out there realize this and stop reading his articles as I plan to do.

AMY CLYMER

SOPHOMORE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

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# Raising the bar (admittance age) is out of the question



Chris DeRosa, sophomore marketing major, checks Charleston resident Brooks Ballman's ID Wednesday night at Six off of 4th Street.

JOSH REELEY / THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The proposed tavern bill did not make it out of committee

BY SCOTT BANOVIC  
STAFF WRITER

The minimum bar entry age will remain 19 in some areas of Illinois for at least another year. Although the current bar entry age is 21 in Charleston, other cities with a 19 entry age, such as Champaign and Carbondale, are no longer threatened by the bill that was being proposed by state legislators. The bill, which would have required all establishments where alcohol is sold in Illinois to have the minimum entry age of 21, did not even make it out of committee, Rep. Paul Froehlich, R-Schaumburg, said. "It is not going to get passed," he said. "The bill was not

brought out of committee by the deadline." Froehlich thought the proposed bill would have eased the process of finding people in violation of the law. "The police could just walk (into a bar) and fine everyone that's underage (if the bill was passed)," he said. "With pitchers and cups everywhere, it can (currently) be hard to spot who is drinking underage." Last year Froehlich proposed a similar bill; however, it did not make it through the legislative process then, either, he said. Since the bill is dead, some students in Charleston are hopeful entry age in Charleston may also soon be lowered to 19. "I think that it would be good to lower the age to 19 in Charleston," said Kim Green, a freshman special education major. "Since going out to the bars is a large part of college, I don't think it is fair to exclude so many students." Many Eastern students drive to Champaign on weekends because

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REP. PAUL FROELICH, COMMITTEE MEMBER

of the lower entry age for bars. "Even though I cannot drink alcohol at the bars (in Champaign), I still enjoy being there for the atmosphere," said Kyle Papp, a sophomore education major.

# The Economics of Life applies to everything, everyday

Speaker brings economics down to earth

BY STACY SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

In 400 years, with the continuous rate of savings and technological advances, everyone will be earning \$1 million dollars a day, said Steven Landsburg, associate professor at Rochester University. "That sounds impossible, but just think about the way we live would sound to people 400 years ago," he said. Last night, Lumpkin auditorium was almost filled to capacity with students and faculty to listen to Landsburg's lecture about eco-

nomics, "How much is enough, and how much is too much? Lessons from economics." The audience was given the chance to ask questions about the lecture afterward. Landsburg was asked to give a lecture because of the way he brings economics down to everyday life, which most economists do not dare to, said Linda Ghent, associate economics professor. Landsburg's lecture was sponsored by the College of Sciences and was part of the department of economic visiting scholar series. Landsburg wrote "The Armchair Economist: Economics and Everyday Life" and "Fair Play: What Your Child Can Teach You About Economics, Values, and the Meaning of Life." He also writes a monthly column for Slate magazine.

**"How much is enough, and how much is too much? ... The cost (of too much sex) is terrible diseases, and the benefits... I don't need to explain the benefits to college students."**

STEVEN LANDBURG, SPEAKER AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Landsburg related economics to everyday-life topics such as smoking, raising children, sex, drinking ages and child labor.

After studying math in college and developing an interest in economics, Landsburg said he had never actually taken an economics class in his life. Landsburg made charts on a blackboard of cost and benefits in decisions. He broke the cost-and-benefit chart into two sections, private and external. Private cost and benefits are based upon what the decision maker thinks and wants. The external cost and benefits are what will turn out from the ending decision. Landsburg spent the majority of the lecture relating economics to sex. He said there are cost and benefits to too much sex. "The cost is terrible diseases and the benefits...I don't need to explain the benefits to college students," Landsburg said. "If a new

partner is unsure of your past history and feels hesitant to have sex with you, you're going to have to buy more dinners." Christina Fletcher, a junior economics major, said although she may not have agreed with everything Landsburg said, for instance the "sex talk", she thought the presentation was very interesting. When deciding to take a new sex partner, Landsburg said, a person will weigh the cost and benefits. After deciding on one partner, the cost and benefits either are equal or the benefits are higher. Overall, he said, everyone should start applying economics to everyday life. For example, he explained people may spot bad arguments, which people can then "have a lot of fun with."

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# Some clues from a Congressman

Senator Dale Righter gives pointers on how to speak to the legislature

By JESS KINSELLA  
STAFF WRITER

Illinois State Senator Dale Righter, from Mattoon, talked to members of the Student Action Team on Thursday while an expected representative, Chapin Rose, couldn't make it because he was attending another conference.

Righter focused mainly on how to talk to legislators about higher education for Eastern.

"Presentation and introduction are very important when talking to a legislator," Righter said.

Righter also told the team to talk about how Eastern provides certain quality services and to focus on the outstanding things Eastern does for its students because that's what the legislators want to hear. Righter expressed



DALE RIGHTER  
STATE SENATOR -  
MATTOON

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the importance of sending an optimistic message to legislators.

The senator said that the Student Action Team should promote Eastern's Teacher Education program.

"He gave us new ideas on how to communicate, like (by emphasizing) the education program," said Kara Shively, a legislative action committee board member.

Mark Bates, a legislative research committee member, agreed with Shively and also said he believes Student Action Team will connect better with the legislators after hearing what Righter had to say.

Not only did Senator Righter talk about how to communicate better but also about how important it is to get letters to Springfield.

**"The bigger the network you build, the more successful you will be."**

DALE RIGHTER, ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR

"The bigger the network you build, the more successful you will be," Righter said.

Righter said to get as many teachers, students and members of the community as possible to contact state officials on Eastern's behalf. Every year the Student Action Team's goal should be to get more letters sent to the Capitol, Righter said.

Adam Howell, chair of the Student Action Team, said that they have seen a lot of speakers, but hearing it from Righter was very beneficial; so much so that Howell asked the members to turn in a copy of their notes taken while the senator spoke.

The Student Action Team will take its next trip to the state Capitol April 13th.

# Baby cleared to return to Illinois while legal questions linger

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY— Baby Tamia, the child at the center of an interstate custody battle, was on an airplane bound for Chicago to be reunited with her birth mother Thursday night after jurisdictional issues in the case were resolved.

Tamia was bundled in a pink blanket as she was carried through Salt Lake City International Airport by officials from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

A custody battle over Tamia persisted until this week when an adoption agency in suburban Salt Lake City declined to place the girl with prospective parents in Utah after they were arrested on drug possession charges.

Tamia's birth mother, 20-year-old Carmen McDonald and her mother, Maria McDonald, sued the adoption agency in January to get Tamia back, claiming the agency pressured Carmen McDonald into giving up the child.



## TEACHER IN COURT FOR ABUSE CHARGES

MAYWOOD— A band teacher accused of sexually abusing 20 female students in Berwyn appeared in court Thursday and pleaded not guilty to a group of new indictments against him.

Robert Sperlik Jr. was first accused of abusing five girls in January. The number grew to 16 in February, and earlier this month, Berwyn police said they had identified four more alleged victims.

Sperlik, 45, of North Riverside, is accused of using duct tape and rope to bind the young girls to chairs and then sexually molesting them.

He was formally indicted last month on kidnapping, criminal sexual abuse and unlawful restraint charges involving the first five students police said they identified, and he pleaded not guilty to those charges.

## U.S. MILITARY COURT CONSIDERS DECLASSIFYING SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

WIESBADEN, Germany— A U.S. military court debated but did not decide Thursday whether key surveillance footage can be declassified for public view at the court-martial next week of an Army tank commander charged in the killing last year of a critically wounded Iraqi.

U.S. Army Capt. Rogelio Maynulet, a 30-year-old from Chicago, has been charged with assault with intent to commit murder and dereliction of duty, charges that carry a maximum sentence of 20 1/2 years. He has not yet entered a plea.

His court-martial is due to open Monday at a military base in Wiesbaden, Germany.

At a pretrial hearing, the court deferred until next week a decision on whether footage of the incident taken by a U.S. drone surveillance aircraft can be shown openly at the trial. Both sides in the case favor showing the footage.

# Changing of RHA's guard

By KRISTY MELLENDORF  
STAFF WRITER

A new crop of students is now waiting to take over the executive board of the Residence Hall Association.

Those nominated for the positions were given one minute to present their candidacy to the current members for deliberation. A question and answer session as well as open discussion about the speech followed for each candidate.

RHA has elected Elizabeth Gergits to be its next president. Gergits said her goals for the position include learning every member's name, welcoming members and helping them find their niche in RHA.

Victoria Salmons has been chosen to be the next RHA vice president. Salmons said she would like to initiate more committee involvement in Residence Hall Week and meet with the committee chairs once a week.

"I am psyched about the organization even though I am not very good at public speaking," Salmons said. "(Public speaking) is something I am working to improve."

Leah Pietraszewski was elected to the position of vice president of programs and diversity of RHA. Pietraszewski's campus involvement includes Andrews Hall Council mem-

ber, RHA Programing Committee member and Andrews/Thomas Hall Homecoming Representative.

"I define diversity as seeing things through different eyes and getting everyone's input," Pietraszewski said.

Nicole Milstead, Student Government reporter for *The Daily Eastern News*, was elected to the RHA secretary position. Milstead said she would like to increase the formality of meetings by implementing full parliamentary procedure while keeping them fun and lighthearted.

"I am thrilled at this," Milstead said.

RHA elected Jeff Flaxman to the combined position of National Communications Coordinator and Illinois Communications Coordinator. Flaxman would like to increase the "Of The Month" submissions and present OTM training.

RHA elected Peter Salvadori to the position of vice president of financial affairs. Salvadori feels he is qualified due to his experience with budgets.

"I will find people who are really into (the financial advisory board) to get them involved," Salvadori said.

The new executive board members will attend a transitional retreat on April 14 and assume their positions at RHA's End of the Year Banquet.

# Speaker to show roles women have in anime

Women's role in anime to be topic of speech

By MICHAEL PETERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Women and anime fans alike can attend the speech, "Women in the World of Japanese Comics," being held in honor of Women's History and Awareness month at 5 p.m. today in the Martinsville Room in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

Robert Petersen, art history and theater professor, will be speaking on the many roles women take in Japanese anime, including the types of female characters and even the women who write and draw it.

"The characters are so vivid and complex," Petersen said, touching upon one of the main attractions of

watching anime or reading a manga.

Whether some find anime cool, baffling or a little geeky, Petersen said it has been gaining in popularity in America over the years.

Ryan Murray, a junior sociology major and member of the Japanese Animation Society, spoke about female characters in Japanese animation.

Petersen's interest in anime lead him to the knowledge he holds now.

He said his favorite anime movie is Hayao Miyazaki's "Princess Mononoke."

Miyazaki is a famous anime director who is probably most known for "Spirited Away," which won an Oscar in 2003 for best animated feature film of the year.

While Petersen said "Spirited Away" was a great technical achievement, the story was not as interesting or as gripping as in "Princess Mononoke."

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Charleston firefighter Ben Atkins watches while fellow firefighter Todd Foster tries to cut open the hood of the car to turn off the headlights Feb. 4 after a two-car accident on Lincoln Avenue near the intersection with Second Street. Gov. Rod Blagojevich hopes to decrease traffic deaths to fewer than 1,000 by 2008.

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Looking at data for “hot spots for fatalities” should also be an important aspect of the summits, Cox said. “If there are a large amount of accidents on a two-mile stretch of road,

find out what the cause is,” he said. “It’s cause and effect; you have to find the problem and attack it.” Sergeant John Bennett of the Charleston Police Department said while an improved safety plan is important, drivers must take some responsibility.

“There are a plethora of laws people don’t follow,” Bennett said. “People need to slow down and pay attention to driving. “Too many people rely on the state to enact laws to keep them safe,” he said. “People need to concentrate on driving.”

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using lobbying efforts to seek funds for Eastern. “My main goal is to keep the name of Eastern in front of the legislatures and have them know that Eastern is a great institution of higher education,”

Hencken said. Administrators and Student Action Team will attend EIU Day at the capital April 13. This event is an opportunity for Eastern to let the legislature know what they are doing well. “Lobbying for any interest group is important,” said Adam Howell, student executive vice president. “We

want to keep our name in the minds of the legislature.” Student Senate has created a “Faces Not Figures” book which gives accounts of the effects of budget cuts written by Eastern students. “We hope to have the book go to print next week and have it ready for April 13,” Howell said.

Florida Supreme Court refuses to overturn Schiavo decision

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday refused to overturn a judge’s order blocking the state from taking temporary custody of Terri Schiavo, another setback in her parents’ battle to keep their brain-damaged daughter alive. Gov. Jeb Bush wants the state Department of Children & Families to take custody of Schiavo, presumably to reinsert her feeding tube, and to investigate allegations that she has been abused and prove that she’s not in a persistent vegetative state.

NEW EVIDENCE SHOWN IN JACKSON TRIAL

SANTA MARIA, Calif.— A sheriff’s technician testified Thursday in Michael Jackson’s molestation trial that she found a fingerprint from the brother of Jackson’s accuser in an adult magazine seized from the singer’s home. Over defense objections, prosecutors also showed jurors hardcore sex images from magazine pages on which they said other prints were found, although they did not immediately identify the prints. “These are graphic images with fingerprints we will show are particularly relevant to this case,” said Deputy District Attorney Gordon Auchincloss.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

DEATH TOLL RISES IN TEXAS OIL REFINERY

TEXAS CITY, Texas— The death toll in a thunderous explosion at a BP refinery climbed to 15 Thursday as investigators tried to determine the cause of the worst accident in the nation’s gas and chemical industry in nearly 15 years. A worker who was thought to have checked out and left the refinery was instead found dead near the site of the fiery blast, BP spokesman Bill Stephens said.

More than 100 people were injured Wednesday in the explosion, which plant manager Don Parus said happened during maintenance work in an area of the refinery that boosts the octane level of gasoline.

TEENAGER REACHED FOR GUNMAN

BEMIDJI, Minn.— A teenager wounded in the Red Lake High School shooting said he reached out to gunman Jeff Weise before the attack because the boy seemed to have no friends. Thunder said even though Weise cultivated a dangerous appearance that included sculpting his hair into devil horns, Thunder never thought Weise would shoot up their school.

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18 "I've had enough!"

19 Redbook rival

20 \_\_\_ grano salis

21 Unthinking

22 Caffe additive

23 "I can only \_\_\_ much"

24 South of Spain

25 Horse fathers

26 "Let's Fall in Love" song composer

27 Modern travel aids

29 Lightheaded?

30 "\_\_\_ Hundred" (early 60's TV police drama)

31 Flourish

32 Mind set?

34 University in Massachusetts

37 "Unforgettable" singers

38 Batman, to his mother?

39 Middle of this century

40 "... the cruel venom of \_\_\_": Deut. 32

41 Ship board

42 A-B or C-D, e.g.

43 \_\_\_ Club (military hangout)

44 Finish smoothly

45 Dog-\_\_\_

46 Line of agreement

49 Line of business

50 Rants

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1 Damn

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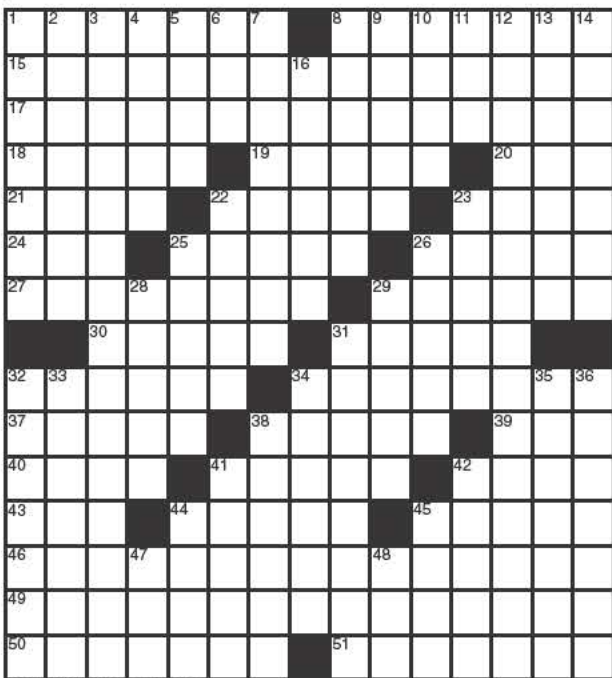
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9 Cartoon art genre

10 "In that case ..."

11 It goes before the carte, not the horse



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12 Landmark made with blocks of white Georgia marble

13 Charged

14 Top of the agenda

16 Big gambler's pile

22 Some claims

23 Dickens title character

25 Heavens above

26 Unrivaled

28 Locks up

29 Forbidding, as 25-Down

31 Clairol option

32 "No way!"

33 Pool great Willie

34 Bald-faced

35 Brobdingnagian

36 Hammered hard

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41 Hat decoration

42 Sulu portrayer, in "Star Trek"

44 Fine

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# Security Council extends U.N. mission in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS—The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Thursday to extend the U.N. mission in Afghanistan, a show of support for the country's fledgling democratic government and its first post-Taliban parliamentary elections on Sept. 18.

The council called on the U.N. mission to continue to provide electoral support for the elections and urged donors to help finance the ballot quickly. Afghanistan has only \$40 million of the total \$148 million needed to hold the election, the top U.N. envoy in Afghanistan, Jean Arnault, told the council Tuesday.

The parliamentary elections are supposed to complete a political process agreed to in Bonn, Germany, after U.S. and allied Afghan forces drove out the Taliban in late 2001 for harboring Osama bin Laden.

The council stressed the importance of security for "credible" elections and called on member states to contribute troops and equipment to expand NATO's 8,500-strong International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan and establish more Provincial Reconstruction Teams in new areas.

U.S. and NATO forces now run about 20 teams, up from just a handful last year, using them to channel millions of dollars in aid. American generals say that help has persuaded many Afghans to reject the Taliban.

The council welcomed the development of the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police and the continuing efforts to increase their capabilities "as important steps toward the goal of Afghan security forces providing security and ensuring the rule of law throughout the country."

It called on the Afghan government and U.S. and NATO forces "to continue to address the threat to the security and stability of Afghanistan posed by Al-Qaida operatives, the Taliban and other extremist groups, factional violence among militia forces and criminal activities, in particular violence involving the drug trade."

The council welcomed international efforts to assist in setting up the new Afghan Parliament "and ensure its efficient functioning, which will be critical to the political future of Afghanistan and the steps towards a free and democratic Afghanistan."

Arnault told the council that over 100 Afghan staffers with expertise in different aspects of the legislative process are currently being trained, led by France with support from the U.N. Development Program.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Bonds heads back to San Francisco for rehab

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A mental break away from everybody might be just what Barry Bonds needs right now. Exhausted and testy, the San Francisco slugger returned to the Bay Area on Thursday to continue rehabilitating his surgically repaired right knee because the Giants believe SBC Park is better suited for him than the team's spring complex.

There is no timetable for Bonds' return. The seven-time NL MVP said Tuesday he could miss half or all this season while recovering from the surgery, though the Giants are hoping he'll be coming back sooner.

"Anybody who thinks Barry Bonds is going to quit doesn't know Barry Bonds. There's no way," trainer Stan Conte said. "When somebody has a second surgery, it's a little discouraging. And that's called being a human being."

Bonds, who has had two operations on his right knee in the last two months and also had surgery on his left knee in October, flew back to San Francisco with assistant trainer Dave Groeschner.

Bonds, at the center of the steroids scandal, said earlier this spring it was frustrating not to be with his teammates and on their schedule. On Tuesday, he blamed media scrutiny for his problems.

Bonds is third on the career home run list with 703, trailing only Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755).

**"You have to appreciate the fact he's had three knee surgeries since the end of last season and two in the last seven weeks."**

STAN CONTE, TRAINER

"Barry really didn't want to leave his teammates," Conte said. "He was very much more upbeat yesterday being around the guys."

Bonds will work in a therapeutic pool at SBC Park that will allow him to do cardiovascular

training without putting pressure on the knee. He wasn't scheduled to do any rehab Thursday.

"You have to appreciate the fact he's had three knee surgeries since the end of last season and two in the last seven weeks. That takes a lot out of you," Conte said. "Usually it's a little slower process to begin with. That's also the reason we really have no timetable on this thing."

Conte said he's not yet sure whether Bonds will travel with the team once the season begins April 5.

MLB SPRING TRAINING NOTES

# Cubs beat Oakland by three

MESA, Ariz. — The Chicago Cubs beat the Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Thursday without pitcher Kerry Wood, who was scratched from his scheduled start because of a tight lower back.

"He didn't sleep well last night, and his back is real tight so we decided not to take a chance in throwing him," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "It's not his arm. It's his back, which he has trouble with every once in a while. He wanted to pitch, but we thought it would be better not to take a chance with him."

Instead, Glendon Rusch pitched five scoreless innings to lead the

Cubs to the win.

Wood has not pitched since March 9, when he left his start against Texas after two innings after he said he felt "tightness" in his right shoulder. The injury turned out to be bursitis and inflammation around the rotator-cuff muscles.

Cubs pitching coach Larry Rothschild said if Wood feels fine Friday, he will throw a simulated game.

Wood is penciled in to start the Cubs home opener April 8 at Wrigley Field against the Milwaukee Brewers. Until he got hurt, Wood was supposed to be the opening day starter but Carlos

Zambrano will be on the mound instead April 4 against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Phoenix.

Another hurting pitcher, Mark Prior, had a two-inning workout in the bullpen Thursday. Prior is on the mend from inflammation and irritation in the elbow and around the ulnar nerve.

"It felt good today. The stuff's there. I'm not worried," Prior said.

Rothschild said Prior threw 40 pitches and "responded very well."

The Cubs are hopeful Prior will be able to pitch in a Cactus League game. The next step, Rothschild said, will be a simulated game if Prior's elbow responds well.

# Nationals lose by four to Cardinals

JUPITER, Fla. — David Eckstein can hardly wait for his first regular-season game with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Eckstein had a hit and two walks Thursday to raise his spring average to .416. Rick Ankiel had his first hit since giving up on pitching and trying to make it as an outfielder and the Cardinals beat the Nationals 5-1.

"Spring training is a little too long. I'm ready to go," said Eckstein, who has reached base 24 times in 36 at-bats. "I've been working real hard this spring, focusing on fouling off the tough pitches," he said.

St. Louis signed Eckstein to a free-

agent contract after Gold Glove shortstop Edgar Renteria signed with Boston during the offseason.

Mark Mulder, another new addition to the Cardinals, pitched five scoreless innings allowing only four hits and striking out five.

"I never feel good in my first couple of starts," Mulder said. "But then I reach a comfort zone. Now I'll start focusing on how to approach the hitters."

Mulder is expected to be the Cardinals' opening day starter after being acquired from Oakland in an offseason trade. He went 12-2 with a 3.21 ERA in 18 starts for the

Athletics before the All-Star break but finished 5-6 with a 6.13 ERA in 15 starts after the break.

"I couldn't wait for spring training to start to put an end to those questions," Mulder said of his late-season decline.

Reserve catcher Edina Diaz, Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen all had two hits for St. Louis.

Pinch-hitter Ankiel doubled in the eighth, much to the delight of the Jupiter crowd.

Cardinals closer Jason Isringhausen, who allowed two runs in his last outing, pitched a perfect ninth, striking out two.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

# Panthers ready to prowl outdoors

By DERRICK JOHNSON II  
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern women's track and field team will try to run, throw and jump its way to victory when it takes on strong competition this weekend at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

The Panthers will at the Saluki Spring Classic at Lou Hartzog Stadium in Carbondale. Their competition will include SIU-C, Illinois State, Bradley, Murray State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Northern Illinois, Western Illinois and Miami (Ohio).

After bringing their indoor season to a strong conclusion in February, head coach Mary Wallace said the Panthers now must make the transition to the outdoor season.

"Most of the transitions are adjusting to longer races that will include a steeple chase," Wallace said. "It's more

of adjusting to the elements, the bigger track and longer turners, and for the throwers, it's adjusting to the transition from the weight to the hammer."

The adjustment of the weather is a psychological test more than a physical challenge, Wallace said.

"It's not an adjustment; it's a mindset of not letting the elements interfere with what you're trying to accomplish," Wallace said.

When it was time to step up and compete last week, the Eastern women didn't let anyone down. This desire to compete on a higher level is their greatest attribute, Wallace said.

"Watching them compete last weekend, I think they all approached it aggressively," Wallace said. "For them I think that's the strong suit of our women's team."

"And when its time to lace up the spikes, they aren't going to let a little rain get in their way."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Scheduling problem cancels tennis match

By MATT DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

This upcoming Saturday's women's tennis match between Eastern and Northern Illinois University has been canceled because of scheduling complications and a coaching change. A make-up date for the match is unknown.

"The match with Northern was scheduled a month earlier than what we had thought," head tennis coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

Holzgrafe is uncertain whether the match can be rescheduled as Eastern moves into conference play next Tuesday when they travel to Martin, Tenn. to take on conference foe Tennessee-Martin.

"Northern went through a coaching change recently, and we were unable to make schedules work," Holzgrafe said.

Pontius Hiort, Northern's men's coach for the past two years, has recently taken on the role of the women's coach as well.

"We could use the time off ..."

BRIAN HOLZGRAFE,  
HEAD COACH

"Hiort contacted me about a month ago and looked at the schedule and just realized that the match couldn't go off this weekend," Holzgrafe said.

The cancellation of this match is not much of a drawback, Holzgrafe said.

"We really just need time to regroup, especially with the conference portion of the season about to start," Holzgrafe said.

Various illnesses and injuries are effecting the team as well.

"We could use the time off, just to get everyone who is a bit under the weather to recover and get rejuvenated," Holzgrafe said. "The kids just need to come in after this weekend and just have a new attitude and get ready for the conference matches."

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MENS BASKETBALL

# Illini men one game closer to winning the NCAA Tournament

ROSEMONT — Standing at midcourt, Deron Williams and Dee Brown grinned at each other and slapped hands.

It's tough enough stopping one of Illinois' standout guards when he's having a good night. Make it two, and that's just not a fair fight.

Williams and Brown gave upstart Wisconsin-Milwaukee all that it could handle and then some Thursday night, combining for 42 points, 10 assists and some nasty defense to lead Illinois to a 77-63 victory and a spot in the Chicago Regional finals.

Williams had 21 points on 8-of-12 shooting and eight assists. Brown scored 15 of his 21 from 3-point range, and had two assists and two steals. Roger Powell Jr. and Luther Head added 12 each, and James Augustine finished with 11.

The top-seeded Illini (35-1) will play the winner of the Oklahoma State-Arizona game Saturday for a chance to go to their first Final Four since 1989.

Joah Tucker led UWM (26-6) with a career-high 32 points, but he was essentially a one-man offense.

UWM shot 39 percent, and leading scorer Ed McCants was 4-of-17 overall for 13 points. Illinois forced the Panthers into 12 turnovers while committing only nine.

The victory was some payback for Illinois fans, who still harbor a grudge against UWM coach Bruce Pearl for the role he played in a recruiting scandal some 15 years ago. Pearl gave the NCAA a tape of a secretly recorded phone call in 1989, touching off a 16-month investigation. Illinois was cleared of the most serious violations, but had to skip the 1991 postseason.

Pearl said earlier this week he expected a hostile reception, and he got it. The Illinois fans booed him loudly and long when he was introduced.

But that was nothing compared to the treatment Williams and Brown gave the 12th-seeded Panthers.

UWM had stunned Alabama and Boston College with a suffocating, fullcourt press, and it gave the Illini some fits, too. The Panthers are tenacious to the point of annoyance, hanging so close to the oppo-

nents they're practically inside their jerseys. And just when the Illini thought they'd shed one, there was another, ready to stick a hand, an arm, anything in their face.

But Brown and Williams were just too savvy for the Panthers to contain for long. With UWM trailing 29-26 with 3 minutes left in the first half, Williams worked the shot clock, dribbling around the top of the key, his eyes scanning the entire floor.

Finally, with only 4 seconds left on the clock, he drove forward and dished to a wide-open Powell under the basket. Powell laid it up for an easy basket. Illinois forced turnovers on the next two possessions, and Brown hit a 3 and Powell made a layup to give the Illini a 36-26 lead with 2:24 to play.

Williams extended the lead in the second half, scoring on three straight possessions. He was hacked from behind as he went up for a layup, and made one free throw. He then scored on a fast-break layup — fed by Brown after a steal — and finished the run with a 3 to give Illinois a 51-37 lead with 16:29 to play.

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good, he has to get a hit one out of every three times up to bat, leaving two failures for every success.

Cates said the sooner his guys realize that they're going to fail at the plate more than they will succeed, they will be headed in the right direction.

Some of the Panther bats had been in hibernation for much of the sea-

son, as well, but Schmitz said that Wednesday's 23-run output did a lot to boost the Panthers' confidence.

"The big thing was we had a hard road trip, and we know it," Schmitz said. "Now we have to concentrate on getting back to winning and not worry so much about individual performances."

Schmitz said the Panther players had been putting too much pressure on themselves as individuals rather than relying on the team to

back each other up.

Senior Kyle Widegren will start game one for the Panthers, and Martin will counter with junior Scott Massey. Widegren is 0-3 with a 6.41 earned run average so far this season while Massey is 0-4 with a 4.63 ERA. The game two starters are still up in the air for both teams. In the finale sophomore Mike Budde and his 1-3 record and 4.82 ERA takes on Martin junior Casey Estill and his 1-3 record and 7.77 ERA.

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stay away from drafting players from your favorite team. As an optimistic White Sox fan, I annually utter the words, "This is Joe Crede's year to hit .280 with 35 homeruns."

After suiting Crede up for my team at the start of last year, I cursed his name out and 0-for-April start like I was Tony Montoya.

The other pitfall to taking a player off your favorite team is the double-whammy factor. When your player

hits a homer to help his team and your fantasy team win, you feel twice the satisfaction. But when he strikes out with the bases loaded in the ninth inning, you feel twice the pain.

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Dan Woike, a senior journalism major, has lots of other fantasies. Email him at Woikedan@hotmail.com if you want to talk about fantasy football or basketball.



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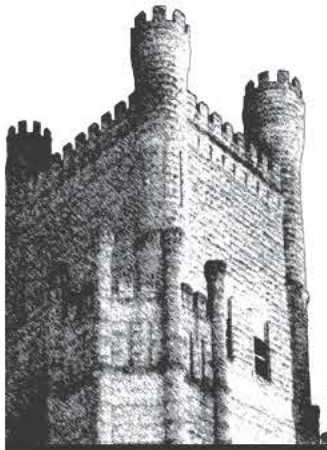
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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>BASEBALL AT TENNESSEE-MARTIN</b>	12 p.m.
	Softball vs. Jacksonville State	2 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>WOMEN'S GOLF AT SALUKI INVITATIONAL</b>	All Day
	Track and Field at SIU Collegiate Series	All Day
	Women's Tennis at Northern Illinois	10 a.m.
	Baseball at Tennessee-Martin	1 p.m.

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SPORTS EDITOR

## What's your fantasy?

While out on the town the other night, a wise man posed a question my way.

Ludacris, after telling me he wanted to l-l-l-l-l-lick someone from her head to her toes, asked, "What's your fantasy?"

After thinking about an answer that could be printed, I settled on baseball — well, not actual baseball, but fantasy baseball.

Fantasy baseball gives average Joe's a chance to act as a general manager for their imaginary team. Needless to say, I love it, and I think many students share my fantasy love.

The first thing about fantasy baseball that I cannot get enough of is the amount of work that goes into picking a team name.

When picking a name, there are a few possible routes someone could take.

The most obvious and popular route is a drive down Double Entendre Avenue. If gutter-minded is the way you want to go, it's vital that you follow the simple formula.

Take an aspect of baseball (i.e. bats, balls (hehe), gloves or sliding pants) and look for any childish double-meanings. In one league, I drew from the pool of Major League Baseball team names to make my sexual joke, calling my team "Give It A Yankee."

If you're above naming your fantasy team "Pitchers not Catchers," you could also look to great baseball names of the past and present for inspiration.

Once again, a simple formula is available. Take a player with a funny name (first or last) and put an apostrophe after the first name — "Frank's Viola," "Bobby's Bonilla" or, my favorite, "Mookie's Wilson" (not sure why I like the last one, but try and say "Mookie" without giggling).

Upon completion of the crucial step of naming a team, the difficult part is over. All that's left to do is pick your players.

Now, I'm not an expert in this department, winning approximately one league title in my years competing. But what I am unable to tell you about who to draft to make the best team, I can make up for with advice about who to avoid.

The best advice I can offer is to

## SOFTBALL

# Panthers to face tough OVC game

BY MARCUS JACKSON  
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With Ohio Valley Conference play opening this weekend, the Panther softball team will look to ride the hot bat of sophomore short-stop Chelsea Adams.

Adams and the Panthers will host the Jacksonville State Gamecocks today for a 2 p.m. doubleheader before closing out the three-game set at noon on Saturday at Williams Field.

On the recent trip to Hawaii, Adams was the Panthers' top hitter going 8-for-18 (.444) in the Bank of Hawaii Tournament.

She hit safely in four of the five games and drove in half of the Panthers' eight runs during the tournament. Of Adams' eight hits in the tournament, two went for extra bases, and she recorded a career high three RBIs against San Diego.

All of this is coming after suffering a concussion early in the season.

Against Northern Illinois on March 6 in the Wolfe Sycamore Classic at Indiana State, Adams was run over by a Northern Illinois player trying to field a ground ball.

She missed four games but has bounced back well, and she said she hopes of getting the Panthers (3-12)

back into the win column.

"I've just been really trying to concentrate and play well since coming back from my concussion," Adams said. "I really haven't done anything differently lately."

"I just focus on getting base hits and making contact every time up."

Getting base hits is nothing new for the Everett, Wa. native.

In her freshman campaign, Adams was second in the team in hitting (.278), homeruns (four), RBIs (39) and runs scored (17).

Since returning from her injury, Adams has raised her batting average 69 points to .300. She leads the

team with seven RBIs and is one of only three Panthers to record a homerun this season.

But Adams is going to have a tough task this weekend facing the OVC's best pitching team.

The Gamecocks (17-11) come into the series as the conference's leader in ERA at 2.03. As a staff they have racked up 210 strikeouts in 189.1 innings pitched, and opponents are hitting just .211 against them.

Their pitching staff is led by junior Carly Kellam. Kellam is 9-4 on the season with a 2.61 ERA. She has struck out 102 batters in just 72.1 innings.

## BASEBALL



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Junior first baseman Chad Watson hits against Chicago State University Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers travel to Martin, Tenn., to open the OVC schedule at Tennessee-Martin today and tomorrow.

# OVC tournament season to begin

BY JOHN HOHENADEL  
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The Panther baseball team can throw its record right out the window, because a whole new season begins today. That season, of course, is the Ohio Valley Conference season.

"It's the first weekend, everyone's 0-0 and there's light at the end of everyone's tunnel," Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz said.

The Panthers will travel to

Tennessee-Martin to take on the Skyhawks in a three-game series, starting with a double header today at noon.

Martin heads into the series on an eight-game losing streak and carry a 4-14 record. The Panthers (2-14) are coming off a 17-run win against Chicago State.

Although unimpressive upon first glance, all four of Martin's wins came at home, so the Panthers should expect some hard fought games.

"We feel real good," Martin head

coach Bubba Cates said. "We haven't been real successful in the win column, but I like the mix of our guys."

The mix Cates is referring to is his 15 guys that he considers regulars. He said he is still trying to figure out where guys fit in.

"I've seen some outstanding things out of our guys but not on a consistent basis," Cates said. "A lot of that has to do with the lineup."

Even Schmitz commended the Skyhawk pitching, but with not a

single Martin player batting over .300, it's hard to compliment the Skyhawk's hitting.

"Hitting is a delicate thing," Cates said. "It's all about how the individual feels today."

"Some hitters can't hit today because they're still worried about not getting a hit yesterday."

Cates said baseball is odd like that. He said for a hitter to be considered