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# Eastern News

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## Jorns stays optimistic despite cuts

By JOHN FERA  
 Administration editor

Eastern President David Jorns delivered a strong message Tuesday, reinforcing his optimism for the university's continuing progress despite cutbacks in higher education funding in his first State of the University address.

Jorns' 20-minute speech in the Lumpkin Auditorium drew a standing-room only crowd of more than 300 people, mostly faculty. He began by focusing on his perceptions of where the university stands and what the next few years hold for Eastern.

"Eastern is to me the very essence of an American university," Jorns said. "We are almost an academic village. This is a university which delivers. It is one of the best investments this state has ever made."

Jorns also explained the university needs to work in a more organized fashion with its 50,000 alumni. He said it was his goal that Eastern's Alumni Association be able to establish alumni chapters statewide and nationally.

"If we remember our alumni and keep in touch with them, they will

recruit for us and support us with their revenue," Jorns said. "The more we succeed, the more valuable their diplomas become."

Jorns later switched gears by discussing the financial problems facing Eastern. He said the university is facing a budget shortage of about \$1.2 million.

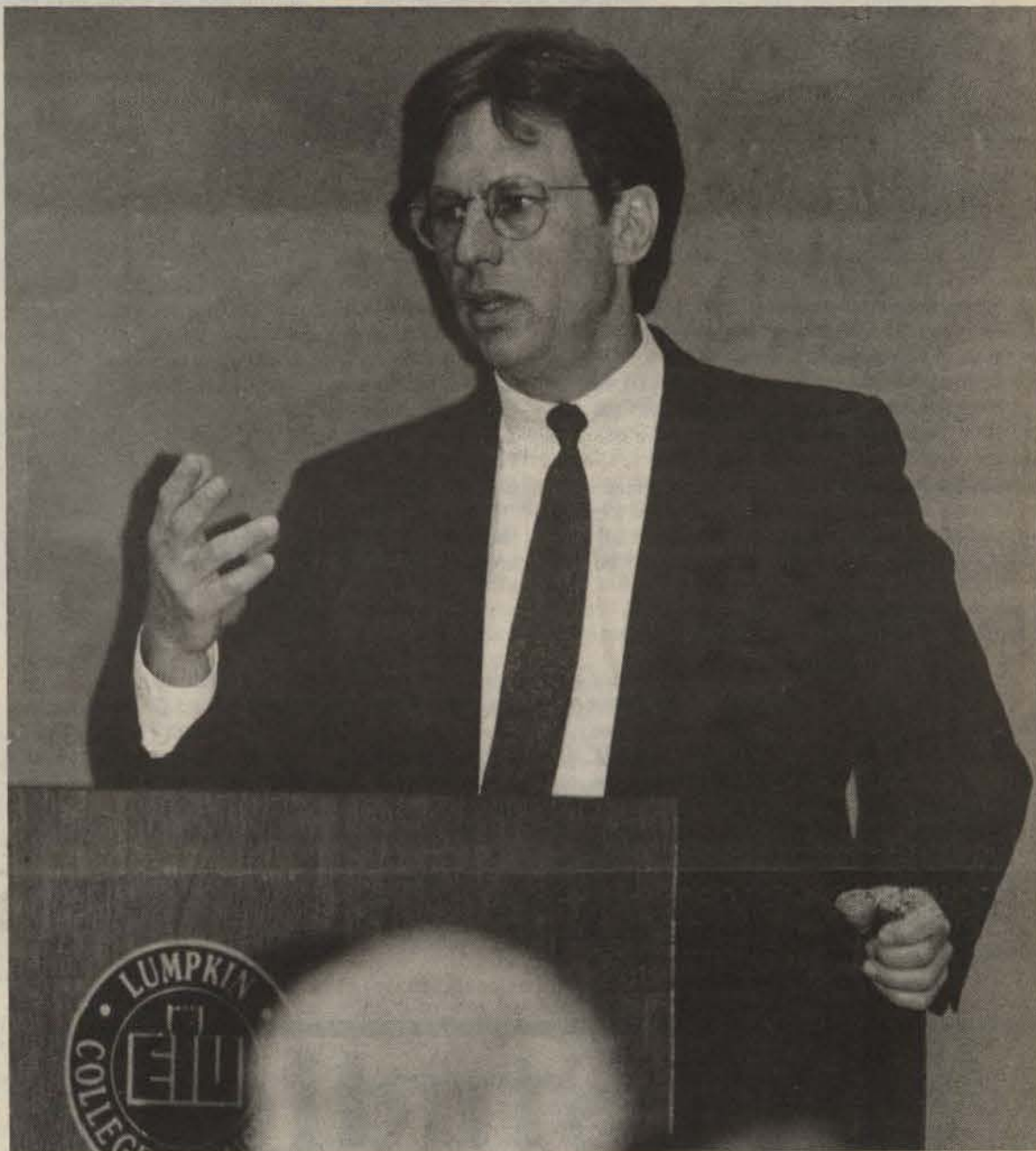
Later, he addressed the reallocation process and internal cutbacks Eastern is making in hopes of saving \$1.6 million from its budget.

"Our buildings are in very bad need of repair. We have severely reduced library acquisitions and can afford to do very little staff training."

One of his first steps to combat the financial problems plaguing Eastern was developing a three-step process. The first step deals with revising the university's mission statement. The second is a lengthier plan involving the budget reallocations. The third is organizing a strategic plan for the university outlining its goals and what direction it envisioned for the year 2000.

Jorns said the Committee on University Budget and Planning is working to reallocate a total savings

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KEVIN KILHOFFER/Assoc. photo editor

Eastern President David Jorns gave his first-ever "State of the University" address Tuesday at the Lumpkin Auditorium in front of a standing-room only crowd of more than 300 people.

## Candidates announced for senate elections

By SHERRY SIDWELL  
 Student government editor

One day after Speaker of the Senate Luke Neumann announced his candidacy for student body president in the Student Government spring election, the Integrity party announced 21 additional candidates, including four candidates for executive positions.

The spring election will take place April 21.

All 10 of the senate members up for re-election are members of the Integrity Party. Amy Levine, Bobby Smith, Julie Tizzard, Amy Compton, Matt Yegge, April Gowdy, Dave Boland, Charles Phillips Jr. and Wendy Hausman are all seeking. Senate member Chad Turner is running for an executive position.

Two other members of the senate, also members of the party, are attempting to gain an executive post.

In addition to Neumann, Integrity Party members running for executive positions include Turner for executive vice president, Blake Wood for financial vice president, Ron Carmona for Board of Governors representative and Matt Giordano for senate chief of staff.

## Independents face uphill battle

By CHRIS SEPER  
 Managing editor

Prospective independent candidates were gearing up for the April 21 student election during Tuesday's senate election informational meeting.

All two of them.

Shirley Von Bokel and George Zuponek were the only prospective candidates not on the 22-member Integrity Party who attended the student government election informational on Tuesday. Six election petitions out of 22 have been taken out by non-Integrity members.

Both independents said they were expecting an uphill climb to get elected.

"When you're in a party, you can tell party members to tell their friends, fraternity or sorority to vote

for them," said Von Bokel, a former senate member who plans to run for executive vice president.

"They vote as a group," Von Bokel said. "(As an independent), you have to do it by yourself."

Zuponek, who is running for an off-campus seat, said: "Obviously it's stronger to have a party. ... I feel if I campaign and get flyers up it won't be too detrimental."

Sixteen full seats, two half seats and five executive posts are open in the spring election.

Von Bokel, a junior community health major, served on the senate through the 1991-92 school year. While she admitted party affiliation spots a candidate a few votes, Von Bokel said her status as an independent could bring disaffected students to

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dano for senate chief of staff.

Wood is a former senate member and served as speaker of the senate for one term. He ran for the position of executive vice president last spring, but lost.

Carmona is the current financial vice president and chairman of the Apportionment Board.

Giordano is an incumbent senator with a year and a half of senate experience.

All executive senate positions and the speaker of the senate, which is not an elected position, receive full tuition wavers.

The Integrity Party lists establishing a cultural solidarity march, expanding the number of trash containers on campus, retaining the textbook rental system, continuing communication between the senate and Charleston city officials and placing condom machines on cam-

pus as some of its goals. The party will also support retaining the city's current bar entry age at 19.

"We tried to select candidates with high quality," Smith said. "We didn't pick just those we thought could bring in a lot of votes. Our ticket is a good mix of experience and new blood."

A second party has yet to emerge. Smith said he does not anticipate opposition from an orga-

nized second party.

"Right now, I don't really think there will be a second party," said Smith, who is running for an at-large seat. "It's possible that that could change. Anything's possible, but as of now, only six people outside of our party have even picked up candidate petitions."

Of those six, five people have taken senate applications and one person has taken an executive petition.

Integrity Party members running for seven open at-large seats are Smith, Yegge, Gowdy, Boland, Pilar Mueller and Monica Martin. Smith is an incumbent senate member. Yegge, Gowdy and Boland were appointed to the senate in February to replace senate members who resigned.

Party members running for the six-and-a-half open on-campus seats are Hausman, Phillips Jr., Levine, Alec Nevalainen, Andy Ramage, Carol Melo and Kevin Dwyer. Hausman, Phillips and Levine were appointed to the senate in February.

Party members running for four-and-a-half open off-campus seats

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## Jorns

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of roughly \$1.6 million. One of its recommendations is a restructuring of Eastern's current six-college format in hopes of saving \$300,000.

"A university is most successful when it does its work in a stable environment, but you know in my entire life in university work, I have yet to be in that situation," Jorns said jokingly.

One concern of Jorns' was the bleak financial situation facing Illinois. He said money from the state will always be limited. Currently, Eastern students' tuition pays for two-thirds of their educa-

tion costs.

In closing his address, Jorns repeated that Eastern is part of the city of Charleston and that the relationship between the two goes hand-in-hand.

"I think it is the obligation of the city to provide the best environment possible for our students, but by the same token, it is the university's obligation to be a good citizen of this community.

"Charleston is a community that will prosper if we prosper, and it doesn't make the community prosper for it to look like a good place to go and get drunk," Jorns said.

For 40 minutes after his speech, Jorns fielded a variety of questions

and concerns from faculty and staff in the audience.

Anthony Oseguera, professor of speech communication, raised concerns over the lack of Hispanic recruiting by Eastern and wanted to know what could be done to improve recruitment. Oseguera said there are only 100 Hispanic students at Eastern - a number he believed should be significantly higher.

"If you can get youngsters on campus at Eastern while they're in high school, usually they want to come here," said Jorns, adding that steps are in the works for an enrollment management program to oversee minority recruiting.

## Candidates

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are Tizzard, Compton, Steve Hartsfield and Matt Grieder. Tizzard and Compton were also appointed to the senate in February.

Jody Stone, senate elections chairman, said the half seats in the on-campus and off-campus races are only for one semester. Full senate seats are for a one year period.

"Our constitution requires that a set minimum number of seats be available each semester, and to make that minimum come out right for this and the fall election, two of this year's open seats have to be half

seats."

Stone said the winning candidate with the lowest total of votes in each race will receive the half seat, which will be up for re-election in the fall.

Students interested in running in the spring election can receive an election petition by bringing a valid Eastern ID to the Student Government office in Room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Petitions are due back to the Student Government office by 4 p.m. on April 9.

Any Eastern student may run in the election if he or she is a full-time student with 12 or more semester hours and a minimum 2.25 grade point average.

## Independents

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her side.

"Some people see 'party, party, party' on a ballot and it makes some of them want to vote for someone not in a party," Von Bokel said. "They're looking for an individual."

If elected, Von Bokel said she would look to work with senate committees on a "committee by committee" basis and try to solve

the "major communication problem" between the senate and the student body.

Zuponek, a junior political science major, said he would like to use a seat on the senate to work for more parking spaces for students off-campus and take a serious look at handicapped accessibility.

"I plan to get out (and campaign) right away," he said.

At the informational, senate

election co-chairman Jody Stone said April 12 and 20 are tentative dates for election forums. Brett Gerber, election co-chair, said demand would decide if there will be a second forum.

Candidates will have a ballot-picking session to see where they will be placed on the ballot at 7 p.m. April 13 in the Student Government office in Room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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**Banging around!**

Jim Standerfer, a freshman English major, David Cloyd, a sophomore music major and Peter Hussey, a sophomore percussion major hang out and play their drums in the library quad Tuesday afternoon.

# Rental proposal ready for senates

By DAWN TESSENDORF  
Staff writer

By a unanimous vote, the Textbook Rental Review Committee came to an agreement Tuesday on final recommendations to reform the rental system and now prepares to present its proposals to both Faculty and Student senates in the next week.

"We all agree with the recommendations, although we have our own reasons," said committee member Gary Aylesworth. "But that's what is important - that we all agree."

There are five recommendations to be presented for final review to the Faculty and Student senates and to Eastern President David Jorns. Included are the following:

**• Graduate students proposal**

Given that graduate students have made a professional commitment and many place a high priority on building a library related to their professional interests, the Textbook Rental Review Committee recommends that graduate students be given the option of purchasing their texts at the beginning of each term with the rental fee waived. Textbook Rental Service Director Dan Klingenberg would consult with Eastern President David Jorns to develop a plan for implementation of this option.

**• Multiple sections proposal**

The committee recommends adoption of a formal policy that permits individual instructors to select texts in the instructors' professional judgement that meet their course objectives and needs of students. It

is recommended this policy be implemented with Klingenberg's consultation and each department's chairperson to develop department-specific issues of instructional quality, logistics and costs.

**• Bookstore proposal**

In view of the lack of a campus bookstore that meets the diverse reading needs of the campus community, the committee further suggests that Jorns investigate this problem and develop a solution.

Alternatives include changing the the University Bookstore so its contribution to Eastern's academic climate is a high priority, or to establish a separate facility that deals exclusively with the sale of books.

**• Textbook cost limit**

To address the past and present inflation of textbook costs and to promote high quality instruction, committee members recommend a review of the present \$50 textbook selection limit. Any adjustment would be based on a review of the service's spending patterns by Klingenberg and Jorns.

**• Textbook depreciation**

The committee's final recommendation is to make the option to purchase textbooks as attractive as possible by reducing the replacement cost of each textbook according to the number of semesters the book has been used. The TRS director would consult with the university president to develop a plan for implementation of this option.

Finally, Committee Co-Chairman Richard Wandling and Kara Restagno will develop an introductory paragraph which will complete the recommendations.

# Funding ban might be lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will ask Congress next week to lift a 16-year-old ban on federally funded abortions, believing the prohibition "simply goes too far," the White House said today.

The president will propose the repeal as part of the budget he will submit to Congress next week for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, said White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos.

The Hyde amendment - named for its sponsor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill - prohibits the use of Medicaid money to finance abortions for poor women unless there is a threat to the woman's life.

Hyde, criticizing Clinton's proposal, said the action would result in abortion becoming a "mandated benefit" and warned that it would make his health care package even more controversial and tougher to pass.

"These things are predictable given the administration's zealotry toward the abortion issue," Hyde said.

Hyde said public opinion polls are on his side but he conceded that in Congress, the issue of federally financed abortions would be a tough fight.

"I'm not optimistic but I certainly don't want to throw in the towel," Hyde said.

Clinton, who supports abortion rights, said during his campaign that he would work to repeal the Hyde amendment if elected.

It's the latest move by the president to expand abortion rights.

Shortly after taking office, Clinton issued an executive order repealing a Reagan-Bush administration

regulation that had prohibited doctors at federally funded health clinics from discussing abortions with their patients.

He also lifted a ban on abortions at military hospitals.

Clinton simply will not request a renewal of the Hyde amendment's prohibition on using Medicaid funds to finance abortions for poor women, Stephanopoulos said.

"This is just a matter of for 16 years, the federal government flat out prohibiting states from spending money to pay for abortions, whether or not they're medically necessary... The president feels that that goes too far. It simply goes too far," Stephanopoulos said.

The spokesman said the administration had not yet calculated the budget implication of once again permitting federal funds to be used to pay for Medicaid abortions.

Clinton's move drew immediate angry responses from abortion opponents in Congress.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a leading abortion opponent in the House, called Clinton the "abortion president" and said he was advocating forcing taxpayers to get into the "grisly business" of abortion.

And Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., chided Clinton for making abortion rights such a priority.

"He said... he would focus like a laser beam on the economy," Stearns said. "Apparently he believes that taxing all Americans to pay for abortions is one of our nation's top priorities."

# AB budget cuts near conclusion

By SHERRY SIDWELL  
Student government editor

The Apportionment Board cut \$9,890 from student organization budget requests Tuesday and moved one step closer to concluding budget cuts for the 1993-94 year.

The largest cuts came from the University Board Human Potential committee budget, which had requested \$20,215 for next year, an increase of nearly \$5,500 over last year's budget. The committee provides speakers and entertainers for events such as Black History Month, Women's History Month, Cultural Diversity Week and Latino Awareness Week.

The committee's budget for next year was cut to \$15,015. While most AB members agreed that the committee has been doing a "terrific" job, they said it would have to

increase the amount of money it makes annually in ticket sales to help fund future programming.

"Every budget is going to have to take a cut somewhere," AB Vice chair Mike Daniels said.

The AB also cut the UB Video Tape committee's budget from a requested \$6,800 to \$5,300. The committee is responsible for providing movies to the Video Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union walkway.

Other cuts included the UB General Costs committee budget from \$19,105 to \$16,365 and the UB Graphics committee budget from \$1,565 to \$365.

The AB allocates student fees to recognized student organizations. The AB receives its funds from an \$18.85 per student per semester fee.

Budget cuts are expected to conclude next week.

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## Consolidation information key to support

When Barbara Hill, provost and vice president for academic affairs, took the first draft of the college restructuring plan to faculty on March 5, she wanted to make a few things clear about the goals of the Restructuring Committee.

She told the assembled teachers that other plans were considered by the committee, but the four-college plan was the only one that saved the required \$300,000. She said that any plan proposed by faculty must save at least \$300,000 to be considered.

When it became known that the plan saved around \$220,000, with the other \$80,000 coming from cuts in deans' offices that won't be consolidated, administration was forced to back pedal on its earlier claims. The \$300,000 that would be saved by consolidating Eastern's six colleges into four suddenly became \$300,000 that would be saved by an overall restructuring Eastern's college administration.

Such spin control wouldn't have happened if they had released a detailed breakdown of the consolidation savings along with the reorganization plan.

Administrators had done detailed cost estimates of how much the plan would save, but these were not sent out with the draft.

It seems backwards to try to drum up support for an unpopular cost-driven consolidation without detailing to faculty and staff exactly how the money will be saved, but that is exactly what was done.

As a result, Eastern faculty are suspicious of the consolidation process. They wonder if administration and the committee have ulterior motives because they certainly do not have any information to confirm the committee's stated goal to save \$300,000.

The committee is now finishing a second draft of the college consolidation model to be released in the first week of April. When it does, the draft should include a detailed savings breakdown, including which jobs will be eliminated in the consolidation and where employees in those jobs will end up.

If the committee truly wants to formulate the best plan possible with the help of the faculty and staff, releasing all the facts is the only fair thing to do.

TODAY'S  
QUOTE

I believe that in the end the truth will conquer  
*John Wycliffe*

## Wheels roll on for armless and others

What will they think of next? The wheels of state legislatures this year have produced dozens of bills that promise to go down in the records of state lawmaking as among the most unique ... and absurd.

Picture these shining examples of the representative democracy:

- A proposed New Jersey law exempts armless motorists from paying tolls on the state's main turnpike.
- A West Virginia bill requires warnings on marriage licenses that domestic violence is a crime.
- Members of Nebraska's legislature want to allow gambling on rubber duck races.

These are actual bills endorsed by actual legislators circulating in statehouses across the nation. Just ask the Associated Press, which compiled the list.

Most, thankfully, will never come close to a vote. They won't even survive the mildest of committee scrutiny. Nonetheless, the paperwork is out there.

Every year, the most creative and loopyest lawmakers draft offbeat bills. Some are perennials and find sponsors every year; others are strictly one-time proposals submitted to make a point and draw attention to a principle. Whatever the motivation, most see little serious consideration.

There's more.

• Real estate agents in Nevada may seek refuge under a proposed law that protects them from lawsuits for failing to tell buyers someone died in a home of natural causes.

• California legislators want to outlaw tripping a horse on purpose and selling cappuccino from sidewalk carts.

Still, not all that is unusual is frivolous. Nine of the 12 women in the Arkansas House of Representatives were unhappy with their chamber's passage of a bill



Chris Sundheim

requiring a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortions. They filed a bill that would force men to wait 24 hours to get vasectomies.

Closer to higher education would be the proposed Texas law to force students who make careers out of taking college courses to pay out-of-state tuition for credits earned beyond those needed for a bachelor's degree.

In the end, it's all a game of political give-and-take. Making law is serious business, but some elected officials still can't resist a softer touch to lighten the atmosphere. That probably leads to suggestions like one in Pennsylvania for an official state tartan, like the clan plaids in Scotland. The Hoosier capitol is also weighing whether to put the state's highest point — a simple grove of pines towering a quarter-mile above sea level — on state maps.

Like a Congressional resolution to declare National Snowmobiling Month, not all find graves in committee. Illinois, for example, joins the fun with the Tully Monster as its state fossil and a state square dance.

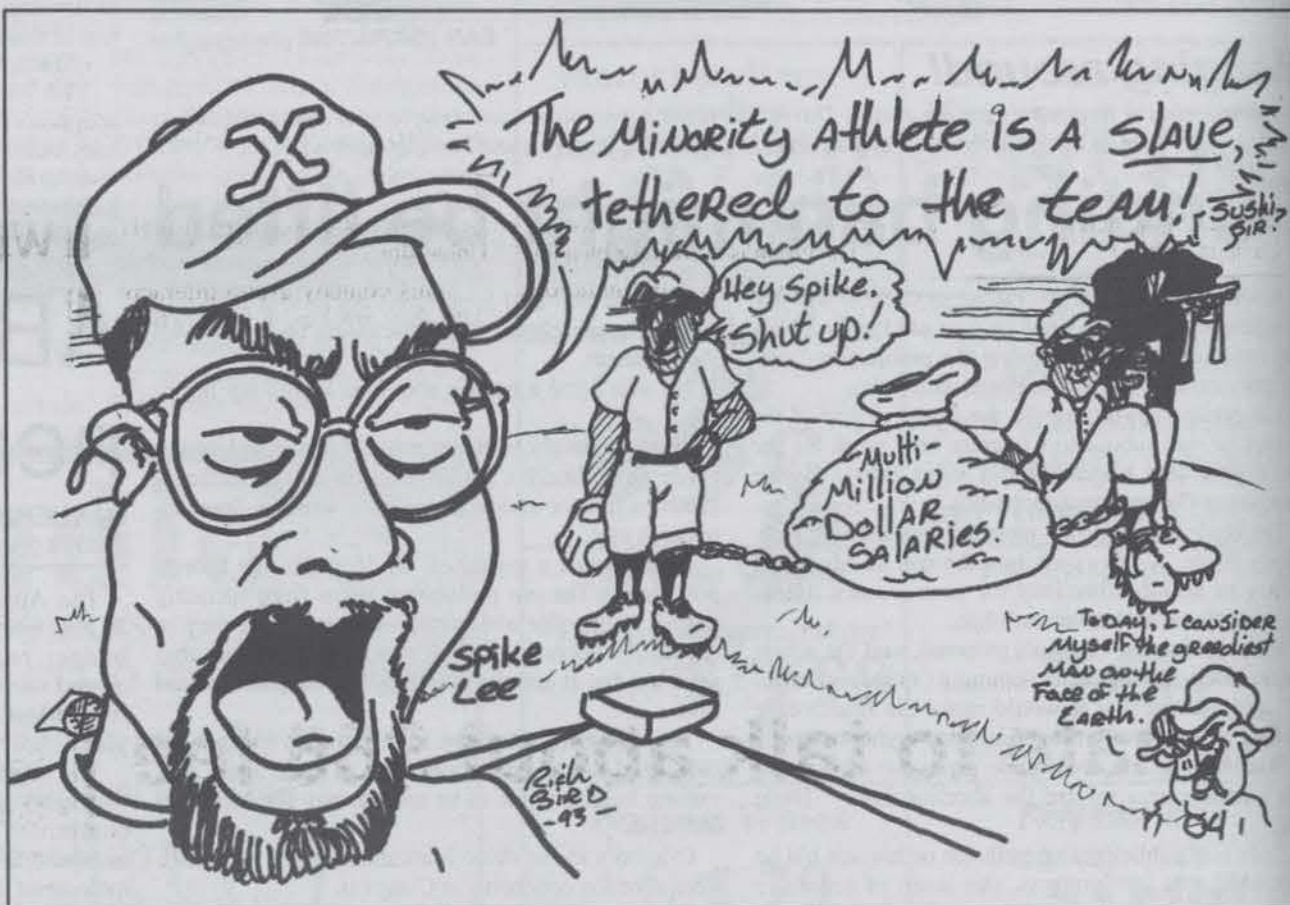
Most of these measures, even if approved, carry few if any expenses, only the cost of paper and ink. The time spent is another matter altogether.

Traditionally, the General Assembly is notorious for skirting its late June legislative deadline. Springfield has for years predictably run into overtime and not finished its spring business before the first half of July. Usually budget matters take the blame, but every year legislators boast of their determination to finish on time.

Every day the session extends overtime costs taxpayers more than \$20,000. To its credit, however, Illinois doesn't make the honor roll that includes an Oregon proposal mandating a gun in every home.

Is this money well-spent to ease the strain on armless drivers and sponsor rubber duck wagering?

— Chris Sundheim is news editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



### Your turn

## Racism more than a simple bar incident

Dear editor:

Araceli Abrego's racism essay on March 10 has distorted the term racism by deducing it to some insignificant bar incident. Initially, Araceli recognizes that "they (blacks) are not only ones who feel racism," suggesting that as a Hispanic he is upset by this limited view. Yet in his last paragraph, Araceli's solution is to "ignore the person," thus trying to ignore the problem as well.

Together, these statements fail to recognize the seriousness of racism. Minorities should be angered that racism is, at times, viewed as merely a black and white issue, which it clearly is not. Subsequently, the

response to the damaging effects of racism should not be passive to the extreme that minorities pretend they are immune to racial bigotry.

Racism demeans human dignity and corrupts society. In the macrocosmic aspect, it creates an imbalance in the standards of living, providing some with excessive economic advantages while denying others the bare necessities for leading healthy, dignified lives.

Araceli Abrego is right. "Just be yourself," but no individual has the right to take action on their prejudice toward anyone. The painful effects of discrimination rape minorities of their identity and self worth. Ignoring the problem or attempting to expose racism through some beer incident is a disservice to those truly suffering from racial injustice.

All Americans, regardless of background, must view the racial situation with new vision and determination if the transformation of a

whole nation's outlook toward prejudice and discrimination is to take shape. Success toward eliminating America's oldest social injustice will be realized with an appreciation for diverse cultures and mutual respect for differences. Through a long-term, conscious effort, racism can be overcome. As Rev. Jesse Jackson said "Keep hope alive."

Kevin Dwyer

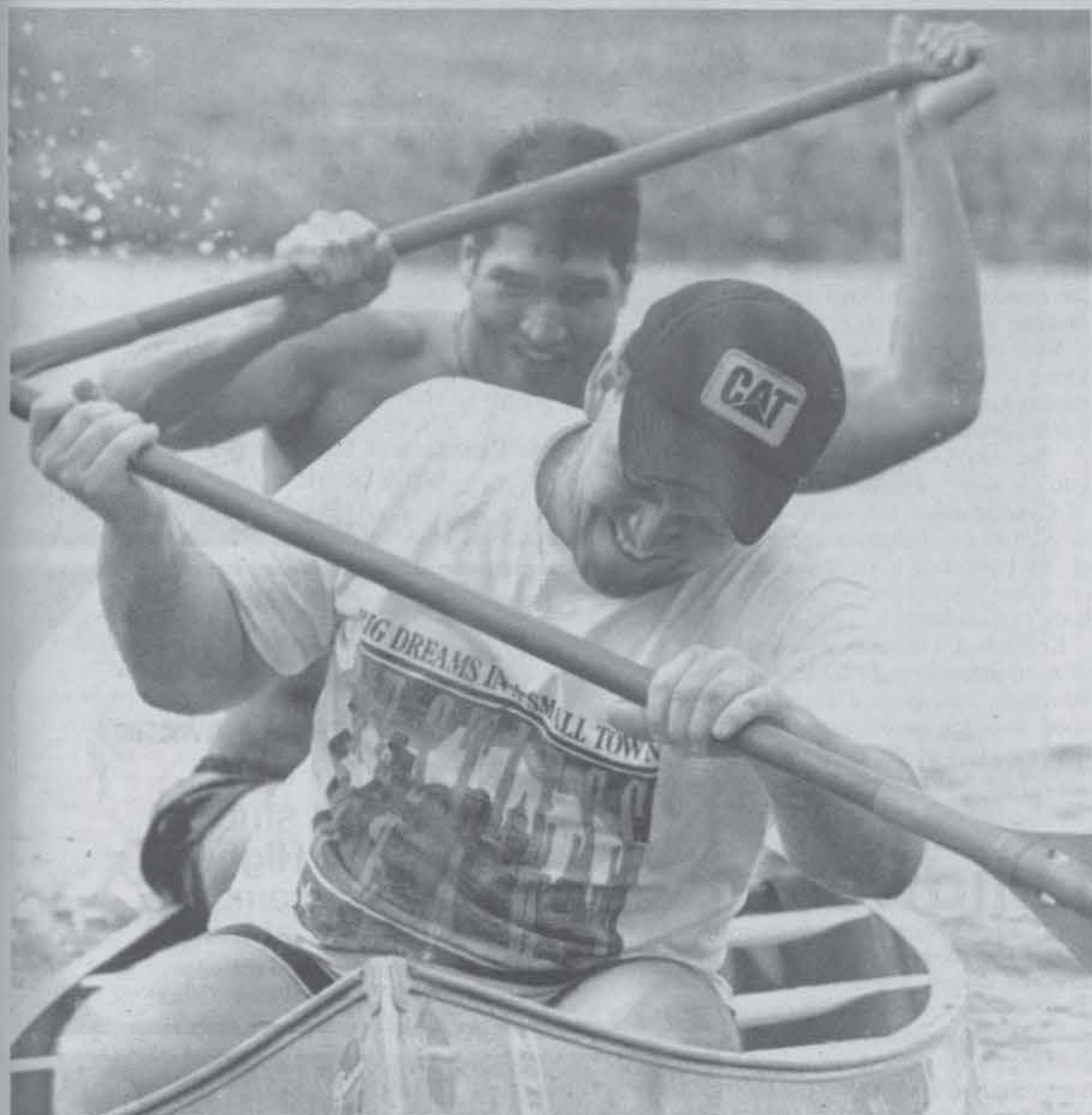
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MARI OGAWA/Photo editor

**Push it**

Matt Barton and Jim Strohl, members of Sigma Pi fraternity, practice canoeing for Greek Week on the campus pond Tuesday afternoon.

**Comics to visit Eastern**

By ADAM McHUGH  
Campus editor

"The Midwest Comedy Tool and Die," a six-man touring group of musicians and stand-up comics, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Rathskellar of the Martin Luther King University Union.

The troop, which has been performing at comedy clubs, universities and in Canada since 1986, is part of a comedy series presented by the University Board.

"This act is a lot like the Second City Touring Company," said Chris Kozlov, subway committee

director for the University Board.

The group is known for blending stand up comedy with humorous songs, Kozlov said.

Kozlov said he expects about 100 people to attend the performance, which is part of an 18 state tour the comics are currently on.

"This troop is currently in great demand. We are hoping to get a good reception from students with this act," said Ceci Brinker, assistant director of student activities.

"The Midwest Comedy Tool and Die" has visited universities across the country, including the University of Michigan, Ohio State

University and Northern Illinois University.

"This comedy group interacts with the crowd quite a bit, which always makes the performance more interesting," Brinker said. "Students who enjoy improvisation should definitely attend."

Brinker added that she would like to see student attendance double with the next few acts the board is presenting. Such acts in the past averaged about 100 people.

Tickets for the event are \$1 for students and \$3 for the general public.

**Senate to talk about \$66 fee**

By CHRISTINE STARR  
Staff writer

The Student Senate will discuss plans at its Wednesday meeting for a program to educate students and student organizations on the proposed \$66 student fee, which would start in the fall semester.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Speaker of the Senate Luke Neumann said the education process will consist of senate members speaking to students and to the student organizations they are involved with. He said senate members will answer questions and provide information about the proposed

fee increase.

The proposed \$66 increase is a mix of fees, including a \$60 recommended increase by the Council on University Planning and Budget, a \$5 fee for the Union and a \$1 grant-in-aid release. Of the \$60 recommended by the Council on University Planning and Budget, \$40 is for Health Service and \$20 is for computer technology.

The \$20 increase for computer technology will appear as a referendum on the Student Government spring election ballot.

The senate will also discuss plans for the Student Government spring election, which will take place April 21.



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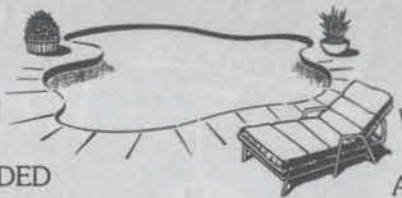
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# Restructuring committee balks at proposal's release

By STEPHANIE CARROLL  
Staff writer

Members of the Academic Area Restructuring Committee refused to release specifics of Monday and Tuesday's college consolidation meetings, but the group's spokesman said the new proposals will be released no later than next Monday.

The committee met to discuss feedback collected from the campus community concerning the first draft of the college model. The original draft consisted of a four-college plan opposed to the six-college system that Eastern currently has. The group also chose Andrew Methven, a committee member from the graduate school, as its spokesman.

"We, as a committee, reached a basic agreement on another set of

proposals," Methven said. "We're in the process of making final decisions."

Eastern was forced to produce a new construction of its college system to reallocate \$1.6 million, as proposed by the Council on University Planning and Budget. The consolidation is intended to save Eastern about \$300,000.

The committee will meet again on Friday to allow the subcommittees to formalize the details of the new set of proposals. Committee members are trying to meet the original target date of April 2 in composing a revised second draft.

Methven said because the committee has not finalized all of the details discussed at the meetings, no information would be released about the meeting until Friday.

Barbara Hill, vice president for

academic affairs and facilitator of the committee, also refused to release any specifics discussed at the meetings for the same reasons Methven gave.

Methven stressed that the committee seriously considered all the feedback received from the campus community.

"We entered all the feedback into discussion heavily," he said. "I'd like to assure that we looked through all the feedback thoroughly. We have tried to make a concerted effort to include everybody's viewpoints."

Ken Sutton, a restructuring committee member from the College of Education, said some of the more vocal feedback included concerns from members of the speech communication and journalism departments.

# Naturalist to speak on Midwest

By ADAM McHUGH  
Campus editor

John Bacone, a well-known naturalist and Eastern graduate, will give a presentation about nature preserves and natural areas at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 205 of the Life Science Building. The presentation is sponsored by Eastern's Botany Club.

Bacone, a 1971 graduate of Eastern, is a member of the Indiana Division of Nature Preserves. He will also present a slide show outlining his work through the years.

Chris Marin, treasurer of the Botany Club, said, "With spring upon us, we thought this would be a great opportunity for students to learn about the beautiful areas of the Midwest."

Bacone's presentation will focus on the natural areas on the border of Illinois and Indiana, where he works, Marin said.

Marin added that following the presentation, Bacone will answer questions regarding natural areas and specifics of his job duties. Refreshments will be served at the end of the presentation.

"We usually get a pretty good crowd for our speakers," Marin said. "We are expecting about 40 to 50 people to attend."

The Botany Club, along with presenting a speaker every two weeks, helps maintain wooded areas owned by the university.

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# City will consider plan to join Tree City USA

By **ROBERT SANCHEZ**  
City editor

Charleston just may grow into a greener place, if the city accepts a proposal to join the Tree City USA program.

The City Council reacted positively to a proposal by Brian Nordin, Illinois director of The National Tree Society, to get the city involved in the Tree City USA program. The initial paperwork is currently being prepared by City Attorney Brian Bower.

Nordin said Tuesday that he felt really encouraged about the council's support of the program.

"I think it will be good for the city for years and years," he said. "It's nice to see them (the council members) care about something that will last well beyond their terms."

"Tree City USA promotes tree planting and care programs in urban areas, calls public attention to the economic, health and aesthetic benefits trees offer and seeks to encourage citizen participation in community reforestation and beautification efforts," according to a press release by the Illinois Department of Conservation.

The press release also stated in order for a city to be eligible to participate in the Tree City USA program, it has to assign an individual or a group to care for the urban forests, enact a community tree ordinance and expend a minimum of \$2 per resident for its urban forestry program. In addition, it is required to have an Arbor Day proclamation and a public tree planting ceremony.

Nordin offered the City Council a list of immediate goals that will prepare the city for becoming a Tree City USA member:

- A list of individuals willing to serve on the Charleston Tree Board would have to be compiled. The final appointments to the board would be made by the mayor.

- The city attorney would need to be consulted about the creation of a Charleston City Tree Ordinance and Specifications Manual.

- The city will need to make more exact estimates in determining tree-related expenditures.

- Inquiry into the most cost-efficient means to conduct a "Street Tree Inventory" would have to be made. The actual inventory would be done by the National Tree

## Fairgrounds has pride in its green friends

By **ROBERT SANCHEZ**  
City editor

Although the Coles County Fair won't open for another four months, local residents were taking advantage of the warm weather last week to spend some time at the Coles County Fairgrounds.

The amusement rides and cotton candy won't return until July, but they weren't missed by the dozens who got dusty shoveling mulch.

The individuals were busy potting trees this past weekend for a program that will provide 15,000 trees for more than 40 communities in the East-Central Illinois area. Workers were able to pot 4,500 trees.

Both the tree grant program for East-Central Illinois and the potting efforts are being coordinated by the National Tree Society. The National Tree Trust, a non-profit group, is providing the trees.

Brian Nordin of Charleston, Illinois director of the National Tree Society, said he was pleased with the amount of work completed and the number of participants.

"We already got the bare-root trees done which were the most pressing," he said. "We had all

people as young as 12 and as old as 65 come out."

During the weekend, he said an average of 25 people worked in groups each day. Volunteers were divided into groups and given a specific task to perform. By using an assembly line approach, workers were able to pot 100 trees an hour.

Nordin said that he hopes all the trees will be potted by April 18. Once the potting is complete, he said the Illinois National Guard will distribute the trees.

Even though the turnout was good, Nordin is planning on having more people help this weekend.

"I expect a huge number of people to come out - up to 100 or more," he said.

He said a number of local groups like the Charleston Rotary Club have contacted him. He also said Charleston High School students have expressed interest.

Counties that will be getting potted trees are Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Edgar, Douglas, Shelby, Moultrie, Effingham, Fayette and parts of Champaign.

Vanessa Helin, program director for the National Tree Trust, said, "In many cities, for every tree that dies or is cut down, only one tree is replanted.

Society later this spring.

"Trees are an asset to the city, much like our roads, our city buildings, our sidewalks," Nordin told the council.

Nordin said trees increase property values, cool the city's temperature 5 to 9 degrees and clean the city's air by absorbing carbon.

Further, he said trees provide living space for wildlife, conserve soil by regulating water run-off, moderate traffic noise and filter pollen and dust from the air.

However, unlike other assets, Nordin said Charleston did not have an annual city-wide plan to provide for the care and regeneration of its trees.

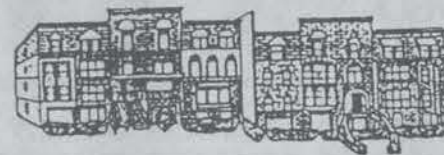
In addition to providing a city-wide tree upkeep plan, Nordin said Tree City USA would enhance the city's public image. Charleston

would beautify its appearance and receive national recognition. He said the National Arbor Day Foundation recognizes cities that celebrate Arbor Day.

Nordin told the council that the Tree City USA program received good marks from cities that participate in it.

"The mayor of Urbana who was in office when the city council members adopted the program in 1976, said he was leery of joining it at that time," Nordin said. "He told me that this program receives support from the entire political spectrum."

Other Illinois cities currently in the Tree City USA program are: Brookfield, Carbondale, Chicago, Elmhurst, Highland Park, La Grange, Lake Forest, Oak Park and Western Springs.



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# Crews was legally drunk during fatal crash

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Cleveland Indians pitcher Tim Crews was legally drunk when his speeding boat crashed into a dock on a darkened lake, killing himself and teammate Steve Olin and injuring Bob Ojeda, investigators said Tuesday.

Crews had a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent, surpassing the 0.10 mark considered intoxication under Florida law. Neither Olin nor Ojeda was deemed legally drunk.

Medical Examiner Thomas Hegert of Orange County said a 0.14 reading could be the equivalent of six to seven beers in a person the stature of Crews (6-foot, 195 pounds), "but the effects vary considerably in each person."

Col. Bob Edwards, law enforcement director for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, called the matter an "alcohol-related accident." He added the commission does "not anticipate filing any charges."

Edwards cited three factors investigators

considered in this kind of accident: "careless operation, maintaining a vessel within the speeds consistent with safety and (the lack of) a designated lookout, someone who can be utilized to help look for structures such as this."

Edwards and Lt. Bruce Cooper, in charge of the probe into the March 22 accident on Little Lake Nellie, said evidence indicated the 18-foot bass boat with 150-horsepower motor was traveling at more than 25 mph in the dark — at about 7:30 p.m. EST.

But "the exact speed at the time of the crash is unknown," said Edwards.

Investigators earlier said there were indications the boat was going near top speed of about 65 mph. Edwards said Tuesday it was impossible to determine maximum speed.

Olin's blood-alcohol content was placed at 0.02 percent and Ojeda's at 0.006 percent, indicating they had considerably less to drink than Crews.

"Those were good, honest, solid men," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "It doesn't alter the fact one way or the other. Those guys are still dead. The hurt is still there. And I think enough is enough."

Hargrove met with the team in the dugout Tuesday after the Indians' fight-filled 6-5 loss to Cincinnati in Winter Haven to update the players on the investigation.

"To me it doesn't change a thing," first baseman Paul Sorrento said. "They were a big part of the family. No matter, we still feel for the family. I still love him as much as before. It doesn't change anything."

Second baseman Carlos Baerga spoke of the questions raised about drinking and driving.

"That's something that everyone has to think about," he said. "It happened to Tim, it can happen to anybody."

Cooper was asked what possible charges could have been filed if the operator of the

boat had survived the crash.

"That's a what-if question that did not occur," Cooper said. "We do have laws that would cover it. It would be held manslaughter if that did occur with alcohol."

Edwards said the findings were reviewed by the state attorney in Lake County, who agreed no charges would be filed.

Autopsies conducted in Orange and Lake counties determined the cause of death for Crews and Olin was "blunt force trauma to the head." The nature and location of the injuries indicated they did not see the dock.

Ojeda also told investigators he did not see the dock, which investigators said was 171 feet long.

"The telltale sign was that Steve Olin was at .02 and obviously, his death was the same as Timmy's," said Bob DiBiaio, vice president of public relations for the Indians. "So he didn't see anything coming... and that has to be reported."

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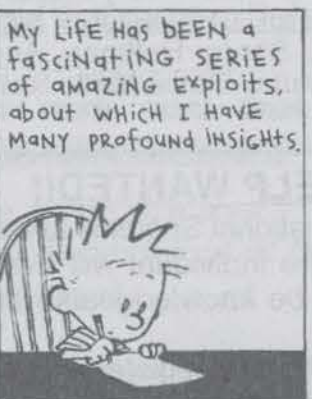
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Beginning April 1, Individuals may rent canoes not only on weekends but on daily basis during the Spring and Summer sessions. The cost of rental will be \$5.00 per day and a \$40.00 deposit is required.

Individuals must show a validated student I.D. or Faculty/Staff Membership Recreation card, along with a driver's license. Canoes can be checked out on a daily basis but they must be returned by 8:30 p.m. that night or by 9 a.m. the following morning. If the Equipment room is closed on a weekend, canoes checked out on Thursday or Friday can only be returned Monday morning by 9 a.m. Check out hours are between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Late fee is \$5.00 between 9 a.m. and noon, and another \$5.00 if returned after noon. Each subsequent day costs \$10.00 in late fees. Individuals should bring help when renting a canoe because individuals are responsible for the loading and unloading of canoes. Make checks payable to Eastern Illinois University. Further details available at the Rec Sports Office in the SRC, Lobby or call 581-2821.

## SOFTBALL CANCELLATIONS

This is a reminder that no decision on the cancellation of softball games due to bad weather is made until 3 p.m. on the day of the game. Please do not call the Rec Sports Office until after 3 p.m. concerning the cancellation of the game. We ask that only team managers call in!

Participants in Intramural softball are forbidden to park or drive their vehicles or mopeds in the Intramural fields by order of the University Police Department. Participants may park on the gravel road.

## THROW A GROUP SWIM PARTY!!

Eastern Illinois University groups may reserve the Buzzard Pool for group swim parties. All reservations must be made a week in advance and fees paid at least 3 school days in advance at the Rec Sports Office in the SRC Lobby. Reservation fees are \$5.00 per hour or fraction of an hour for any group less than 20. \$5.00 additional per hour for each additional 20 persons in any group.

All users of the pool must be Eastern Illinois Students with validated student I.D. or Recreation Membership Card. NO admission may be charged by the group even if the charge is merely to defray the rental cost. Make all checks payable to Eastern Illinois University.

Please Note: The Lantz Pool may not be reserved.

## INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONS!! TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES

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## HELP WANTED!!

The Division of Recreational Sports is taking applications for a Computer Assistant. The individual will average 15 hours per week. Applicants must be knowledgeable in Word Perfect 5.1 and Lotus 1-2-3.

Only individuals who are registered for the Fall Semester may apply. Applications can be obtained at the office in the SRC Lobby and will be taken until the position is filled. For any questions concerning this position, you may contact Mary Jo Montgomery at 581-2821.

## FORFEIT FEES

All team managers who have forfeit fees are reminded to pay them as soon as possible. All unpaid forfeit fees will result in a hold placed on the team manager's grades, transcripts, and registration for Summer or Fall. Make all checks payable to Eastern Illinois University.



# Women's tennis volleys to victory

By JOHN P. ANGEL  
Staff writer

Eastern's women's tennis team took to the courts Tuesday, and coach John Ross' young team came out victorious in its first competition at home.

The Lady Panthers played host to DePauw University in a dual meet that lasted four hours at Weller Courts. They won five out of the nine matches played, and according to Ross this was a big win.

"This was for sure a meet that helped out the team's confidence level," said Ross.

At first singles, Theresa Ramage was the first off the courts winning her match 6-1, 6-2.

Samantha Wulfers, playing second singles, had a tough first set, winning by a close score of 7-6. She then took care of her opponent

rather easily in the second set, winning 6-0.

Playing in the third singles spot was Terra Erickson. Erickson suffered a pulled muscle in the middle of her match, but was still able to prevail in a three-set match, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

At fourth singles, Melissa Welch gave it her all to the last point in a losing cause. The match went three sets, 6-2, 4-6, 4-6.

Replacing senior Lisa Berg at fifth singles, Geeta Dua won her match as well. Dua normally plays doubles but is filling in for Berg who is out with an illness. She won the match 6-4, 6-3.

Stephanie Sullivan was victorious at sixth singles winning her match 6-2, 6-2. After winning her match Sullivan had to go and play doubles right away.

"This meet was long and tiring, it took a lot out of the girls," Ross said.

Having already won the majority of the matches going into the doubles round, the Lady Panthers found out they had lost some of their intensity.

At first doubles Ramage and Wulfers lost their match in three sets. The final score being 6-3, 2-6, 7-3. Because of the time both teams decided that they would play a twelve point tiebreaker.

Eastern's second doubles team, Erickson and Welch, lost its match 2-6, 2-6.

The third doubles team of Dua and Sullivan lost its match in two sets, but by then Eastern's win was already secured.

"The intensity in our doubles play just wasn't there, and that's to be expected, being that we had already won the meet," Ross said.

Eastern will return to action on Friday at home against the University of Chicago.

# Jordan scores 44 but Bulls still lose

CHICAGO (AP) — The Phoenix Suns, still on a mission to prove they can beat the best teams in the East, overcame a 44-point performance from Michael Jordan to beat the Chicago Bulls 113-109 Tuesday night.

The loss snapped Chicago's six-game winning streak, and it was the fifth straight win for the Suns, who improved their road mark to 23-11, best in the NBA.

Cedric Ceballos, Charles Barkley and Kevin Johnson combined for 76 points for Phoenix.

The Suns encountered criticism earlier this season for its 0-4 record vs. Chicago, Cleveland and New York, but since then has defeated the Knicks and the Bulls.

Phoenix led throughout the first three quarters and early in the fourth, but the Bulls tied it 92-92 on Scott Williams' layup with 9:05 left.

Jordan gave the Bulls their only lead of the game, 102-100, on a driving layup at 5:08. Johnson, who had 23 points, scored to tie the game and then fed Barkley for an alley-oop that gave the Suns a 104-102 lead with 3:59 left.

Barkley, who had 26 points, scored again on a 7-foot turnaround jumper to make it 106-102 with 2:22 left, and added a pair of free throws with 1:49 left to extend the lead to six.

The Bulls got a free throw from Horace Grant, a basket by Pippen and two free throws from Jordan to cut the deficit to 108-107 with 31 seconds left, but Johnson drove for an uncontested layup for a 110-107 lead.

Jordan missed a 3-point try in the final 10 seconds that would have tied the game.

Ceballos led Phoenix with 27 points, while Scottie Pippen had 19 for Chicago.

# Reds lose Morris after spring brawl

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Cincinnati Reds first baseman Hal Morris separated left shoulder and will be out from four to six weeks after charging the mound to fight Cleveland pitcher Jose Mesa during a 6-5 victory Tuesday over the Indians.

After Barry Larkin and Chris Sabo hit consecutive homers off Mesa (1-2) in the third inning, the right-hander threw an 0-2 fastball behind Morris' head. He charged the mound and tackled Mesa.

Both players were ejected. Morris went into the Reds' clubhouse to get his left shoulder iced, and was holding the injured arm with his other as he left to get X-rays at a nearby clinic.

Tom Browning (1-1), a cause for concern early in spring training because of shaky outings, had his second consecutive strong start.

The left-hander allowed just one run and four hits over seven innings, allaying the Reds' fears he wasn't ready to come back after

reconstructive knee surgery.

Mesa was hit hard, giving up all six runs and eight hits over two innings plus. Sabo also had a two-run double, and Bip Roberts homered for the Reds.

## Pirates 12, Cardinals 11 (11inn.)

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals rallied from a six-run deficit with six home runs — two each by Gregg Jefferies and Hector Villanueva — but lost to Pittsburgh in 11 innings.

Pirates rookie Kevin Young was 3 for 6 with a two-run homer, a triple and three RBIs.

The Cardinals, who trailed 6-0 early, took an 11-10 lead in the 10th, only to lose on Dave Clark's run-scoring single in the 11th.

Pirates starter Randy Tomlin was working on a one-hit shutout with one out in the sixth when Jefferies homered. Ozzie Canseco capped the inning with a two-run homer — his fourth of the spring.

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## Baseball Panthers drop home opener

By **DON O'BRIEN**  
Staff writer

Eastern's baseball team hung tough again Tuesday against Purdue at Bonier Field.

But the Panthers couldn't come away with a victory as the Boilermakers hit a pair of home runs to take a 9-7 victory in Eastern's home opener.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 5-12 on the season, while Purdue improved to 17-5.

"We have now played four or five teams in the Top 25 and have been in every game except one," Panther head coach Dan Callahan said. "We have been playing well enough to stay in the games, but haven't played well enough to win them."

After falling behind 3-0 early, the Panthers crawled back into the game with a five-run fourth inning to take a 5-3 lead. Rightfielder Brett Crawford hit a 3-2 fastball over the rightfield fence with a pair of runners on to tie the game at three. The Panthers added runs on a Purdue error and on a sacrifice fly by second baseman Jeff Guest in the inning.

The Panthers weren't able to hold on to the lead though as Purdue's Alfredo Suarez stroked a two-run single in the top of the fifth off of Panther reliever Andy Keefner to tie the game at five.

Keefner found himself in a jam in the sixth inning after a pair of Eastern errors put runners at the corners with one out. He intentionally walked Purdue's Jermain Allensworth to load the bases and get to Mike Biltimier.

Keefner ran the count on Biltimier to 3-2 and appeared to have caught him looking with a pitch on the outside corner of the plate. But the home plate umpire called the pitch a ball and a run was forced in.

Callahan disputed the call as he strolled out to the mound to replace Keefner, who was tagged with the loss.

"I replaced Keefner so I could at least get my two cents in," said Callahan. "I am very disappointed

about (the home plate umpire's) performance behind the plate. But that isn't why we lost the game though."

Four errors in the field and eight strikeouts, five of which were looking, certainly didn't help the Panthers any.

So far this season the weather has been the Panthers main opponent when they have tried to play at home. Tuesday's weather helped keep the Panthers in the game according to Callahan.

"We were lucky to be in the game," he said. "They hit a couple of balls that would have been gone on a normal day."

Purdue tacked on one more run in the sixth and Allensworth had a two-run home run in the eighth to help build the Boilermaker lead to 9-5 by the ninth inning.

The Panthers made a comeback bid in the bottom half of the ninth scoring a pair of runs, but Keith Mierzwa struck out looking with two runners on to end the game.

Despite losing, a couple of Panthers may have started their way out of early season slumps. Designated hitter Tad Smith, who was hitting .171 going into the game, went 3-for-3 and scored a run. Crawford, who was hitting .122 before the game, went 1-for-3 with a pair of walks and two runs batted in.

"I hope that (the home run) gets me going," said Crawford, who now leads the team in home runs with two. "I've been struggling all season long and hopefully it gets me going."

The Panthers will try to rebound Wednesday when they travel to Indiana State for a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

Basil Clausen (1-2) and Derek Johnson (2-1) will take the mound for the Panthers against the Sycamores, who were ranked in the top 25 earlier in the season.

The Panthers open their Mid-Continent Conference schedule Saturday at Youngstown State for four games.



**MARI OGAWA/Staff photographer**

Two-year-old Misael Salazar looks ready to join the action at Monier Field Tuesday afternoon, while father Genaro holds him back. The pair were watching Misael's older brother Melesio, who was the starting shortstop for the Panthers, who dropped their home opener to Purdue 9-7.

## Lady Panthers to play host to Indiana State

By **RYAN GIUSTI**  
Sports editor

The Eastern softball team will try to play its home opener with a double header against Indiana State starting at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Lantz Field.

The Panthers have already had one home opener against Northeastern Illinois on March 15 canceled because of weather conditions.

"I'm always confident that we will play," coach Beth Perine said. "The forecast keeps changing, but we can't worry about the weather. I just hope that we can get these games in."

After playing 15 straight road games and compiling a record of 7-8, Perine said playing at home will be a nice change of pace.

"We've been waiting to play at home," Perine said. "It will be a nice feeling to play in front of our home crowd."

Eastern has won three of its last four games and is coming off a 6-5 Florida road trip over spring break. Indiana state is 7-11 on the season and has lost three of its last four games.

The Lady Sycamores are batting .271 as team and are led by Leslie Cuaberworth's .400 average. Wendy Cameron is hitting .341 and Amy Vaira is hitting .333 with 13 runs and five stolen

bases in five attempts.

"The keys for us will be to keep Amy Vaira off the bases and to contain Wendy Cameron at the plate," Perine said. "I'm confident that we will be able to hit their pitching. I'm confident we can almost anybody's pitching."

Indiana State is led on the mound by Niki Williams and Shelley Weaver. Williams is 3-2 on the season with a 1.33 earned run average. Weaver is 1-2 with a 1.68 ERA.

Eastern will counter with junior captain Coli Turley pitching in the first game and freshman Missy Porzel in the second game. Turley 3-3 with a 2.12 ERA, winning her last three decisions. Porzel is 2-5 with 2.55 ERA.

The Panthers are still without the services of freshman pitcher Amy Bradle who is sidelined with an injury to her pitching arm. Perine said she is day to day.

Offensively Eastern is paced by sophomore Luann Schleeter and redshirt freshman Sharna McEwan. Schleeter is hitting .378 and McEwan is batting .375 with five doubles and seven runs batted in.

Senior third baseman Brandi Brewer is hitting .316 and a team best 10 runs batted in. Eastern is batting .258 as a team.

"Another key for us is to play flawless defense," Perine said.



**RYAN GIUSTI/Staff photographer**

Junior Renee Diebolt takes a cut during softball practice Monday at Lantz Field. The Lady Panthers were preparing for today's 3 p.m. home opener against Indiana State.

"We've had our share of errors this season and we need to try to keep them to a minimum."

Eastern will play a pair of Mid-Continent Conference double headers over the weekend. The

Panthers will play host to Cleveland State on Friday and Wright State on Saturday.



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Crowned Miss Black EIU 1993, Kimberly Carter smiles to the audience as she begins her acceptance walk.

Lori Rubenacker/Photo editor



# Poor College Students are in effect

Alright people, what's going on? What's the deal with the tight pockets! We all know, college expenses are always going to be there! We all know that the "PCS" (Poor College Student) is in full effect! But, some organizational support is necessary in order for some things to exist. I know when it comes down to kicking it, we are the culture known for doing just that!

But, let's speak realistically, We are not at a great high in numbers at this University; therefore, the activities are to a minimum! The University is already weary of the union parties primarily because of the past incidents that detailed fighting and not leaving at exactly the right time.

No, it is not fair that we have to go through so much to have a union party or to get some black

movies played, but it has to be done! Plenty of people have worked hard in order to make such activities exist; yet, the participation is lacking among the people it affects the most! Us!

Several organizations have tried to sponsor parties at the union in order to add the entertainment on this culturally unbalanced campus, to do this, there are certain procedures that include putting in their own time, effort and finances.

When campus organizations sponsor union parties, they give them as a way for students to have fun and also as a way to make money. But 25 out 100 people take it upon themselves to attend a party and expect not to pay and then vandalize.

O.K. time for examples: on January 22, 1993, an

organization was having a party in the University Ballroom and the cost was \$2.00. There was an individual and for some strange reason thought he could get in free, but when the individual who was working the door refused him, the gentlemen became upset and loud. A fight almost broke out until someone tried to stop it.

Now, it is hard to understand the problem in paying for an event that was sponsored to have fun. It is quit difficult to understand why individuals can't support organizations in their quest to unify students on this culture.

There was also a time when an organization was sponsoring an event in the union and after the event was over it was found that the door in the men's bathroom had been ripped off its

hinges. People do not understand that when things like this occur the money for the damages has to come out of the pocket of the organization who was sponsoring the event.

It is taken for granite the things that organizations do for the students on campus just for them to have fun. There are many students who might believe that these parties are suppose to take pace which is not true.

Cecelia Brinker who is Assistant Director/Minority Affairs says, "The problems that arise when events are held in the union are more prevalent was minority events. There does not seem to be a problem when other events are sponsored maybe because there is such a diverse crowd that attends."

Keith Kohanzo who works

with Judicial Affairs says, "That over the years there have only been a couple of problems that have arisen." Once when a student got in a fight and broke the display case in the union. But he does not have a lot of problems with this type of situation. He believes mainly because now organizations are required to have a security guard when the party starts and until it ends.

Now although we are constantly stereotyped as being loud, obnoxious and always trying to get away with something does not mean we have to prove it correct. How can the support come from anyone but your own!! Keep supporting if you have, start supporting if you have not.

By Latonya Thomas, Edit Page Editor and Shari Washington.

## Eastern student questions: What is here for us?

With the recent passing of Black History Month, minority students have been forced to ask the questions: what type of university they attend and what the location of the university has to offer?

Black students are fed up with the opportunities and activities that Charleston has to offer. It is true these student should have put more time and consideration into the university they attended, however, many of them had no other alternative but to attend Eastern and deal with the lack of community Afro-American culture.

Eastern Illinois University has proven to be a reputable university, however, outside of the Black Student Union and a few black fraternities and sororities, there is absolutely nothing for the black students. So why come here?

Minority affairs is a useful tool to black students, but one office can not attend to the exact needs of 400-500 black students. There are only a hand full of blacks on the payroll with less that that instructing us, so it is safe to say that the majority of attention is going to the white students.

Charleston, Illinois on an atlas will probably not be located, but if so, the location should clearly indicate to a black student what he or she may be getting into. Although Charleston is over 75 percent white, the needs of blacks still need to be met. Be it physical, social or spiritual. What is there to do? Unless we go to a campus-related activity, Charleston offers us nothing. When have no form of black-related entertainment. When blacks do go out, they are forced to listen to Van-Halen, Gun & Roses and Vanilla Ice,

just to name a few.

Blacks need their own club. Not to separate from races, but to provide an institution of enjoyment. One should not have to drive all the way to Chicago, Champaign or Indianapolis to hear an abundance of black music. Blacks do have a campus radio show, however, it was briefly taken until blacks provided reason that it should stay. Why? Black students have the right to a radio show format just like any other race.

Along with music, Charleston is also lacking a black barber shop, black salon, a proper mall and a store where blacks can purchase black products. Unless blacks take the initiative to provide for themselves, they are left out.

Black students are forced to cut their own hair, throw their own parties and be recognized by the campus and city one month out of the year. There is no black church and students are forced into a religious environment they are not used to if they do attend church. Blacks do congregate on Sunday afternoons, however, they have to accommodate with the church that workshops before them. They are usually provided a minister of a different race.

This is not a racist story and is not meant to rub anyone the wrong way. The university and the town of Charleston do not bear the blame alone. Blacks should take the initiative to make changes for themselves and their culture. It is not the job of the university or the town to accommodate black students, however, they could do their part in making it more adjustable for black students.

Leon Goins

## Defeating odds comes from self

With television, the news media and all of the negative stereotypes given daily, anyone can assume the extinction of the black male is possible.

Powerful spokespersons and black leaders say and believe the opposite. Some say in the near future African Americans, including the black male, will become the majority race in the United States.

People are always talking about the possible extinction of the black male.

Everything happens for a reason, the Rodney King incident could have and should have been the turning point in black America.

Speaking for black men, for years we have been trying to prove ourselves not only to each other, but also to white America.

The black society has accomplished almost every task we have set to endure with the possi-

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We have become the rising star in our society.  
”  
Derrick Johnson

ble exception of a residence in the White House.

First things first; who would have guessed fifty years ago that our inferior race would have reached so many goals?

We have become the rising star of our society. We have risen from house niggas to teachers, policemen, police chiefs, judges, mayors, governors, the Senate and there's one and only one position unfulfilled by an African American, and that's the President of the United States of America.

The possible extinction of our black males is way out of the question and way out timing. We still have a long way to go and we need each other to overcome every obstacle along our narrow, unfair, unfamiliar path. Our unity is our blanket in the cold, our umbrella in the rain, and most of all our victory in the end.

We black men need not mistreat our black sisters, stop misleading ourselves and get ready to become the leaders of tomorrow. So lets overcome these obstacles by building a plan, we can make a

## Black history: A celebration for all races to come together

This article is in response to Mr. Tyrone 3X Gray's editorial entitled, "Never Anti-White, Always Pro-Black". (2-25-93).

Mr. Gray, you claim, and I believe you not to be anti-white, but if I, as a white man, entitled an editorial "Never anti-black, Always pro-white", I'm sure many would view me as a racist, of which I am not. If you're never anti-white, why are so upset with the fact that a white person won the Black History Month Essay Contest last year?

Just because the person isn't black, but black history is open for everyone to learn and gain knowledge about, not just for black, and not just for white, but for everyone.

I would have expected you to be enthused that a Cainite (as you referred to the white man) was getting involved with an activity on campus that will expand their mind and help them gain knowledge about your black race, unless you oppose that, which is what it seems like?

As for blacks being an outcast in society, (which is what you proclaimed) I disagree. You are a minority

in terms of population percentage, yes, but an outcast in society is your choice.

If you perceive yourself to be an outcast, then yes, I guess you are an outcast to society, but don't bring down all the other black men and women who are proud of who they are, and what they've done. They don't deserve for you to label them as outcasts.

You say that the black man is being looked at as being less than a man? I don't believe anyone looks at you or any other black man that way. Sure there are some racists, (both black and white) but you make it sound like all white people are racists, and out to get you! Are you sure you're not anti-white?

Mr. Gray, I would have given you a call, or even stopped by and talked to you about your article but I wasn't sure what you were going to educate me about.

I plan to take an Afro-American Studies class to get the facts and gain knowledge about your race, and I look forward to it. I don't want to get preached to about how all white people aren't able to know anything about the history of Black-Americans.

Chris Perry

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## Your Turn

## Blacks and whites need to work together, not fight

I would like to respond to an article I read in last month's "Minority Today." It was entitled, "Never anti-white, Always pro-black!" by Tyrone 3X Gray. In his article he asks six questions. I am a white American man so it would be ridiculous for me to try to answer these questions from a black man's standpoint. I don't pretend to understand the history of the black man. To be honest I don't even want to. I'm sure that a lot of black people are sick and tired of having to hear about white history all their lives. I can only respond to his article from my own standpoint - as a white man and person trapped in my society.

Question #1: "How does it feel to be an outcast in society today?" I do feel like an outcast. Not on a national or ethnic level but on a personal level. I look around at my county and

what I see makes me sick. My people are dying. Our government is hopelessly corrupt. As a country America has lost its values and beliefs in search of more money and better toys. I would rather stand alone as an outcast than be a part of that.

Question #2: "Why are 1/4 of all black males incarcerated?" That statement speaks for itself. There is no denying a corrupt white society has pushed them over the edge. There is nothing I can do about it.

Question #3: "Why is the political system in America designed to manipulate and deceive the Black-American?" The political system in America is designed to deceive all Americans.

Question #4: "Why are white men looked at as emissaries of Allah(God)? We know damn well he is not, or never will be anywhere close. Why do you attack me with religion? I don't

even know what an emissary is (if I could find my dictionary, I'd look it up) but I hope that God does not judge a man for what color his skin is. It is true that God is another one of the things my society has sold. Maybe it's the most important thing but I will let people decide for themselves.

Question #5: "Why is the black man looked at as being less than a man when he is the progenitor of all civilization?" I would be proud of that tool. I guess somewhere along the line we're all related. But I judge a man by I see in his eyes. Not by his clothes, his car, his wife, his house, his money, his social status, or even by the color of his skin. If you see me around tell me if I am lying.

Question #6: "Why can't we just get along?" A lot of people don't seem to want to. As long as I think of you as a nigger and you think of me as a Cainite,

whatever the hell that is, we never will get along. Why can't I love my black brother and try to help him recover something of his culture which my people destroyed? Why can't he look at me as a individual and not as just another white man trying to steal from him? You say "never anti-white" but you seem to blame me for what others of my nationally have done. Maybe, I'm wrong.

Much of the rest of your article talks about how the cops harass you. Police harassment seems to be one of the major issues black people in our society face today.

But the cops don't just harass black people. When I was fourteen years old the friendly neighborhood policeman in my town took me out to a deserted field and beat "right from wrong" into me with their nightsticks. That was the FIRST time. The point I'm trying to

make is that the police harass anyone they see that they don't like. They are a common enemy.

I think it's just too late. I don't like to be a pessimist but when I look around all I see is growing hatred and separation. I don't want to hate you. I don't want you to hate me. But after seeing the Rodney King beating and the riots which followed, including seeing Reginald Denny taken from his truck and being beaten nearly to death, I lost all hope.

These days a lot of white people are trying to escape the history of decadence which has held us back for so long. But I am not you and don't know you. Maybe I don't deserve your forgiveness for my father's sins. I just don't want it to come to a fight because if that happens, we'll all lose.

Andrew "Spotty" Troutt

## Double standard exists in naming racists

I am writing in response to the article "Never anti-white, always pro-black!" by Tyrone 3X Gray, that appeared in the Minority Today section of the Daily Eastern News on Feb. 25, 1993. Myself being a white man, Mr. Gray's attitude towards the Black History Month Essay Contest concerns me. Mr.

Gray stated: "I was shocked a year ago, when three of the six winners were white. The white man knows nothing about the history of Black Americans." I would like to remind Mr. Gray that this contest is not about what it is like to be a black American today, rather it is about HISTORY, and white people are just as capable of researching and learning

history as is any black or hispanic, or person of any race or background.

It would seem to me that these white people who submitted entries are interested in learning about black history, because by exhibiting this interest, they progressing toward the ultimate goal of unification. One of the best ways to understand and relate to people of differ-

ent backgrounds or races is to study each other's history, which is the essence of Black History Month.

Mr. Gray also suggested that the police officers who stopped him and searched his car were prejudiced because he is black, but judging by a comment made by Mr. Gray himself, it sounds like he is guilty of the same thing that he is accusing these officers of.

By making the statement "I perceived myself to be a little different since I just received a B.S. degree from EIU," does this mean, Mr. Gray, that you view yourself as being above blacks that are uneducated? Because if it does, then you are no less guilty of racism than the white people you accuse.

Mike May

## What did you get from Maya Angelou's talk on her life and poetry presentation?



**Anna Van Scoyoc**  
Senior  
Human Resource Management  
"I thought the presentation was very well done. The poetry she did was very inspiring, and I'm glad she did other people's poetry because it gave a more diverse effect. It was very inspiring - I just want to go to the library!"

**Vegletta E. Lewis**  
Senior  
Graphic Design  
"As a poet myself, I thought that it was inspiring, enlightening, and for someone who probably had low self-esteem, I thought that her speech was very encouraging."



**Bob Newell**  
Freshman  
English  
"Very intriguing. She was very...inspiring, especially the last two poems. It's just about life. Those poems are all about life. It's great."

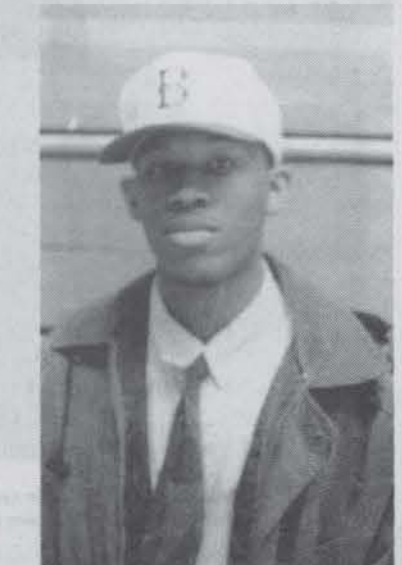
**Andrea Wright**  
Junior  
Elementary Education  
"I love her poem 'Phenomenal Woman'. I got a lot out of it. A lot of stuff I didn't know about her she expressed through her poetry and I thought that was very creative as opposed to standing up there talking."



**Cary Durham**  
Junior  
Political Science/Afro-History  
Maya Angelou, to me, epitomizes the strong Black woman. The way she speaks, it's so personal, you just feel like she's talking to you directly when actually she's talking to a whole audience. She's just the type of person that inspires you with her life through sincerity. I was very moved by it."



**Terrence Wallace**  
Sophomore  
Industrial Tech.  
"I thought the concert was very inspiring. I liked the points that she touched on and I really enjoyed myself."





# Powerful poetry

## Maya Angelou gives performance of a lifetime

By ELLIOTT PEPPERS  
Staff Writer

"And Still I Rise" is the name of a poem written by Maya Angelou.

And rise she did for the whole world to see.

Author, poet, actress and more, Maya Angelou graced the Charleston community March 18 with her unique, personalized style of poetry presentation, which included song, dance, humor and dramatic ironies of life.

Unselfish in her rendering, along with her own poetry, Angelou read from African-American poets such as Langston Hughes and Paul Lawrence Dunbar. She was quick to give credit where she felt credit was due.

"Everything comes from something and for me, the 19th century African-American poetry was the platform upon which I stood," Angelou said.

Through her entire presentation, Angelou maintained a wit and charm that captivated the audience. Just one example of her compelling message and stylish presentation could be seen in her explanation of why she used African-American poetry in her presentation:

"You need to know someone was there before you; someone was lonely before you; someone was disappointed before you; someone was called out of her name before you; someone was humiliated, brought low, despised before you and yet miraculously someone has survived. Survived with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style. Hello!" she said with a flaring final snap of the finger.

However, Angelou was not always the being light of self

confidence she and strength she is today.

At age 7, she was raped by her mother's boyfriend. He was arrested and released from jail the next day. He was killed two days later. Since she had told her brother the name of the rapist, Maya blamed her voice for the man's death and became a volunteer mute for almost 6 years.

During her years as a volunteer mute, Angelou said she read everything she could get her hands on, which included works from poets Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Langston Hughes to Edgar Allan Poe and Shakespeare. Eventually, her grasp on reality changed.

"At 12 and a half, I returned to my voice ... I had decided I would render."

And render she did.

Angelou's work and her presentations have given her national and international recognition. Random House has published 10 best sellers by Angelou, some of which include "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings," "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die," which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; "Gather Together in My Name," "I Shall Not Be Moved" and "And Still I Rise."

Angelou has been an inspiration to people of all ethnicities.

Angelou recalled a time where a lady said one of her presentations changed her suicidal daughter's life. The mother told Angelou her daughter had attempted suicide several times, but decided her life was worth living after she was taken to hear Angelou. The mother also gave a letter written by her daughter to her describing her new find hope in life.

Angelou said she was moved to tears.

However, society's stereotypes and cruel misconceptions inter-



Over 2,000 people showed up to listen to renowned poet/author Maya Angelou when she spoke on March 18. Angelou spoke for nearly an hour to the audience.

Lori Rubenacker/Photo editor

rupted this moving moment in the form of the letter written by the young girl to her mother.

Angelou said the girl described her in the letter as "the tallest. the

biggest, the blackest and the ugliest person I had every seen ... but mother, when she spoke, she said something that touched me directly."

"I read the letter and I wept," Angelou said. "I wept for the young woman. I wept for myself. I wept for the ignorance which permeates our society. I wept for us all."

But Angelou's strong spirit shone through the negative comments tones in the letter.

"Now if I had nothing to believe but her vision of me, I'd be in very big trouble," she said. "But you see, among my people, I'm considered all right. Hello!"

In her presentation at Eastern, Angelou encouraged students to get all the knowledge they can.

"I encourage you young men and women, black and white, Spanish-speaking, Native-American, Asian, make use of this time," she said. "It does not mean don't laugh. I never trust anyone who doesn't laugh."

She also encourage students to make poetry a part of their learning experience.

"Don't leave this institution without some knowledge of poetry," Angelou said. "In the poetry, you can find answers to every question you have about your works; your reason for being on this planet at this time."

Angelou gave young people the credit for her poetic inspirations.

"I'm inspired to think more profoundly and to be more accurate, deliberate at what I say so that I can be understood."

Angelou said she wants her audience to leave with a sense of self-worth.

"It's very hard to value yourself. Not the pompous value but to truly value yourself without valuing other people. If you truly value yourself, it's inevitable that you value the guy next to you and the gal next to you. That's my encouragement," she said.

As to what's next for Maya Angelou, she has written a new musical "And Still I Rise," which she said doesn't have much to do with her poem of the same name. Angelou said the musical along with a new book will be released in the fall of this year.

Although she is involved in many things, Angelou said she doesn't try to juggle more than one project at a time, but instead keeps her attention "totally focused on one thing" until she's done with the project.

Angelou concluded and exited her presentation the same way she entered: with song, with style and a standing ovation.



Maya Angelou speaks to an enthusiastic crowd at Lantz Gymnasium on March 18. In January, Angelou became only the second poet to have been ordained to write a poem for the inauguration of a president of the United States.



# Asian students voice concerns

By **CHRISTINE STARR**  
Staff writer

A number of Eastern's Asian students feel they have been forgotten as a minority group on campus and in society, while others are satisfied with the general atmosphere Eastern offers for Asians.

Tashinori Tatezawa, a senior management major and an international student, said he enjoys the international student events.

"(The international students) hold the international fair once a year to help the American people understand our cultures, that kind of (event) can help (students learn more about one another)," he said.

However, Tatezawa said as a member of Eastern's soccer team, he would often try to relate to other members of the team who are American.

"I try to behave more like an

American to get into a group," Tatezawa said. "If I express that I don't understand (certain subjects) as much...then maybe (some people) will feel like they shouldn't talk to me.

"Most of my friends talk to me just like an ordinary American," he said. "They sometimes can't tell if I'm from another country or born (in the United States)."

As of fall 1992, 66 Asian students are enrolled at Eastern. But Eastern does not offer any programs specifically geared toward Asian students.

Johnetta Jones, director of Minority Affairs, said although there are no programs exclusively for Asian students, Asians are included in many of Eastern's minority programs.

Jones said these programs include the Minority Admissions Program, the Peer Helper Program and the Minority Internship

Program.

During the 12-year period of 1980 to 1992, 1991 was the year that Eastern saw its greatest number of Asian students enroll at 82.

Quite a jump in contrast to 36; its lowest Asian student enrollment in 1985. The numbers increased slowly since 1985.

Eastern's 21 Asian faculty members make up 3.1 percent of the total number of faculty.

Although some Asian students say they feel like outsiders at Eastern and in America, some students say forming separate groups is not the answer.

Trung Nguyen, a junior economics major, said he believes organizing a separate Asian student union is unnecessary. He views the separate minority organizations on campus, such as the Hispanic Student Union and Black Student Union, as a form of segregation.

Ki Su Park, a freshman accounting-marketing major, said events for international students separate international students from other students on campus. He said he would like to see events that are planned for the entire student population instead of for each separate minority group.

Park added he would like Eastern to offer more scholarships for Asians.

"I think American people are more interested in Hispanics or blacks than Asians (as a minority group)," said Asako Takao, a senior psychology major.

Takao said such views may have contributed to a prejudiced experience on campus during intersession last summer.

"(There were) six Japanese students living in the Triad, including me," she said. "Two weeks after classes started, someone took our door decorations off ... only the

names (and decorations) of the Japanese students were taken down."

Trung Nguyen, a junior economics major, said he has never had to suppress his background to be accepted by other Eastern students.

"All of my friends are white Americans and they are interested in my background," Nguyen said. "There's no need for me to push my background aside."

Nguyen said he believes people often have the illusion that Asians are more easily accepted in society. He said this illusion is formed by the stereotypes that circulate about minorities.

He said he doesn't let racism and people with racist attitudes effect him.

"I try to be open minded," he said. "If you do well, if you're cool, it doesn't matter what (other people) think."

## Local business to offer black hair care items

By **Derrick Johnson**  
Staff writer

Black women and other minority women who have to travel to Chicago to buy hair care products may soon have a local alternative in Anne Lott.

Charleston resident Anne Lott said if things go her way, students can have the hair products delivered to their doorstep.

Lott and her husband are one of 32 black families in Charleston. The Lotts moved here from Chicago two years ago.

Lott came up with the idea to

have a haircare store for minorities in Charleston because she was tired of going to Chicago to get hair products for her and her daughters. Lott said she expects her business to be a success once she gets a new location.

Local zoning laws prevents Lott from selling products out of her home. Lott said she plans to open a hair care products shop on Lincoln Avenue as soon as a location is approved by the Charleston City Council.

Lott said she expects a good amount of Eastern's minority community to patronize her business.

## Success

### Latino Awareness Week gives lesson in diversity

By **Derrick Johnson**  
Staff writer

In reflecting over a week of events geared toward making the Eastern Illinois Community more cultural aware of Hispanics, the Hispanic Student Union said its Latino Awareness Week was a success.

Latino Awareness Week was March 1 to 5.

The week was filled with speakers, informational tables on Hispanic culture, as well as a Spanish dance troupe from the University of Illinois.

Hispanic Student Union President Melisa Gonzales said the point of the week was to bring a better understanding of Hispanic culture, as well as to entertain Eastern students.

Speakers during the week of March 1 included State Rep. Miguel Del Valle, D-Chicago,

Adriana Bartow of Amnesty International and Fernando Arias, an import specialist for Azko in Riverside Plaza.

HSU was founded at Eastern in April 1991. Although the Union said it had a successful week, it said membership shortage as the reason it doesn't hold more activities similar to the Latino Awareness Week.

"One of the main problems with the Union is we have a hard time keeping the members interested," said HSU Secretary Ernestina Bobe. "We have to have more activities for the Hispanic students here at Eastern to do."

According to fall 1992 registration figures, Eastern has 115 Hispanic students.

The Union said it plans to work on increasing its membership and improving membership retention.

## Poetry Corner

### Roaches I

*I was in a corner, trapped by a gang of roaches*

*They had knives, pipes and who knows what else*

*They had in their tiny broaches*

*They had that get'em look in their eyes  
But I was about to give them a big surprise*

*I ran straight through their crowd  
I had got a few that me proud*

*I reached the door, it was locked  
Things were about to get hot*

*One yelled out, "You killed my brother"  
I said, "Yeah, take one more step and I'll kill another"*

*They jumped my ass  
Neighbors found me lying in the grass*

*Right now, I'm OK  
But I still have nightmares about that day*

*Roaches taking justice in their own hands  
Trying to kill an innocent man*

**Vinram S. Wade Bey**

### Television

*Set me in front of the TV*

*Until I turn grey*

*Then don't even take me away*

*I'll watch anything, even those*

*Movies with those foreign labels*

*Oh yeah, I do want cable*

*But my first wish*

*Is a satellite dish*

*I'll pretend like I am not at home*

*Let me fry my brain*

*Watching the amazing frame*

*24 hours a day*

*In front of the TV I will stay*

*Hey! Hey! Hey!*

**Vinram S. Wade Bey**

### An Angel

*It is so hard for me to believe that you are gone  
But I hold my head up high and pretend to be strong.*

*I refuse to grab ahold of reality*

*Because you were such a special person to me.*

*You left me alone to grow and learn*

*But for your divine presence I still yearn.*

*Now you must watch me grow from above*

*And find a different way to show me your love.*

*Daddy, excepting your death is something that I must do.*

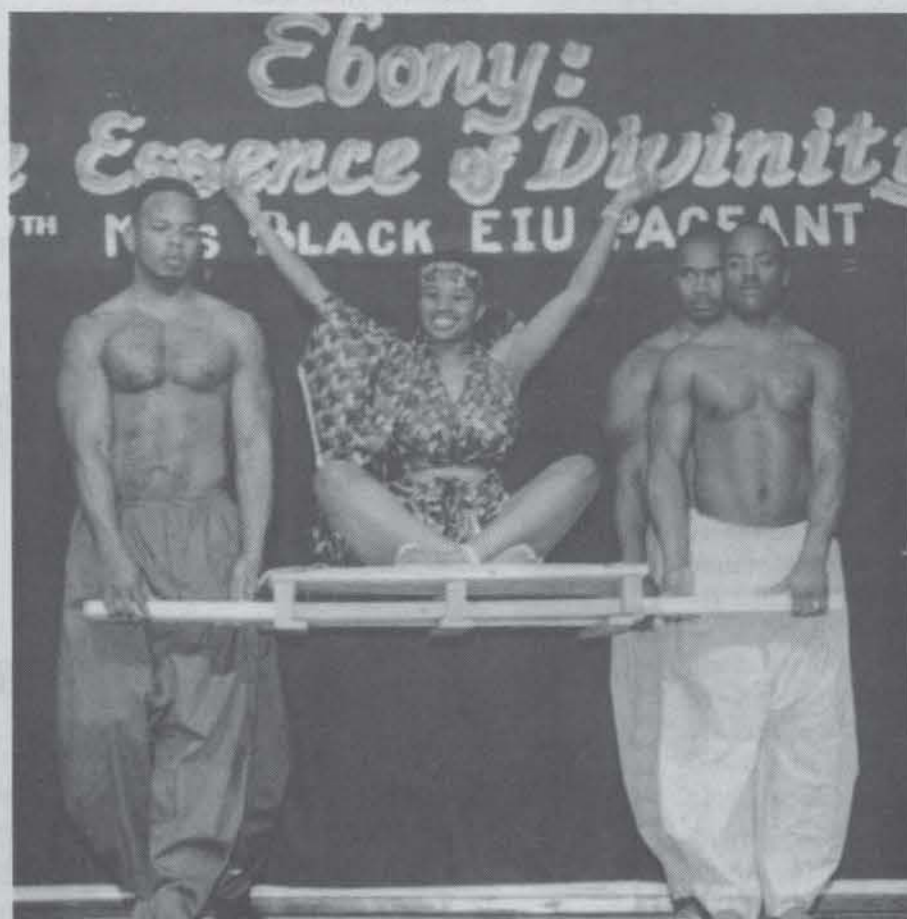
*Just know that forever I will always love and miss you.*

*Dedicated to those who have lost a loved one.*

**Rosunda L. Jones**



# Ebony Beauties



Top: Kimberly Carter stands proud during the native dress competition.

Left: Patrice Jones walks down the runway for the pageant's evening gown competition.

Above: Shahari Moore gets ready to perform her number for the talent competition.

Right: Nilwona Nowlin models her wrap for the native dress competition.





Top: Pageant contestants (l. to r.) Shahari Moore, choreographer Tracy Crawford, Patrice Jones, Angela Harlston, Nilwona Nowlin, and Kimberly Carter dance during their opening number

Above Left: Patrice Jones performs an original piece for her dramatic interpretation.

Right: Shahari Moore proudly displays her evening gown for the pageant.

Above: Angela Harlston shows off her attire during the native dress competition.



# Black History Month achieves its purpose

By BRIAN HALL  
Staff writer

Eastern's Black History Month to achieve its purpose of educating students about the African-American heritage through entertaining programming for the students and faculty.

"The month as a whole was very successful," said Joe Flynn, Taylor Hall President and a planner for the activities. "Most programs were well attended."

Flynn said that the most successful program of Black History Month was the play "Learnin' the Hard Way," written and directed by Eastern students Gerald Mock and Terry Trimuel. The play depicted black college students

and their struggle to learn about the various issues minorities face today.

Flynn said that other successful programs included the panel discussion entitled "Being Black in America," the dramatic interpretation held in the Taylor Hall lobby in which students portrayed the lives of several prominent African-Americans who made outstanding strides in achieving progress for their race and the University of Illinois gospel choir and jazz concerts at Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The only program that was not successful was the game show "Black History Challenge of Champions," Flynn said. He attributed the poor attendance of

this program to lack of advertisement.

"I thought (Black History Month) was really good," said Ollie Ray, professor for health studies. "I attended the (Miss Black EIU) pageant and found that the planning was exceptional. Eastern's events compare very well to those at other schools."

Toreen Turner, an officer in the Black Student Union, said she enjoyed many of the events should happen every day.

"We go day-to-day learning about American culture, but are given only one month for the study of black culture. It should be studied every day," Turner said.

Dwayne Smith, one of the founders of the Taylor Hall Black

History Committee, said that he thought the month was successful in achieving its purpose.

"We had better participation than in years past. That shows progress in what we've done," Smith said.

Smith added that he was happy the Black History Month programs were well attended because the Taylor Hall Black History Committee took its program planning to a different level this year. He said he was not sure that the planning was going to work, but a rise in student attendance at the events showed how well the committee did.

Smith said one area that the Black History Month Planning committee could have been

improved upon was its public relations prior to the different events.

"We did all of the public relations ourselves and could have done a better job in working with *The Daily Eastern News*," Smith said.

"Although this Black History Month may not have been as good as in some years past, all in all we had a good month," said William Colvin, chairman of African-American studies. "With a little better planning, it could have been an even better month."

"We missed a few people that could have added to the events," he said. "I would like to see more people; so that they can understand this area of culture in American history."

# Miss Black EIU gives an eyeful of culture

By LA SHINDA CLARK  
Staff writer

The evening of glamour February 26 ended with Kimberly Carter as the new Miss Black EIU.

Rhonda King, Miss Black EIU 1992, made suggestions on what she would like to see the new Miss Black EIU do that she did not get a chance to do or contribute to the University.

"I would like to see her have a more respected role in the Black Student Union, and have more speaking engagements," King said.

King continued to say that Miss Black EIU should be seen as more

than just a pretty face, she should be included in functions involving meeting new students, to show that she is intelligent also.

The other four contestants received awards and gifts for their participation.

Contestants competed in different categories, where the young ladies expressed their personal talents. The categories included creative expression, african garments, talent category, evening gown and impromptu questioning.

In creative expression, the contestants demonstrated their vocal and creative talents, by reciting poems written by African

Americans.

In the african garment category, contestant's proudly showcased the clothing of their African ancestors. As the contestants modeled the garments, a tape of a prerecorded message. The contestant's perspective of what it means to be a black woman.

The evening continued with the talent category, where the young ladies astonished the audience with poems, song and dance.

"This is the best pageant that I have seen since I have been here, which has been 6 years," said Judge Kelly Collins, associate residence hall director in Carman Hall.

Felicia Holivay, one of the coordinators for the pageant, said she would not change anything about the pageant, citing perfection as the reason. When asked what type of image she wanted to portray as the new queen, Carter responded: "To carry myself in a way that I would be respected now that I am representing every black woman (at Eastern), and I attend to do it proudly."

Some of the awards that Carter received were a 13" Color Television with remote control, a Coach purse, a gold necklace and charm, a silk shirt and a telephone with answering machine included.

She also received a Nifertiti charm, perfume basket, pageant sweatshirt, Essence subscription; picture frame, Encyclopedia of Black America, and a twenty five dollar savings bond.

Other awards were distributed that evening. One was given to Charles Phillips, by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for having the highest Grade Point Average among minority freshmen students.

Darnea McCoy was announced winner, by the Daily Eastern News in the Essay contest, Unity: Why Can't We All Just Get Along.

## BSU fashion show ahead of schedule

By TAMALA GANT  
Staff writer

Career clothing, fun in the sun apparel and formal wear are a few of the fashions that will be showcased at this spring's Black Student Union fashion show.

Spring Extravaganza Vogue 1993 is the title of Eastern's Black Student Union's annual fashion show.

The BSU spring fashion show is an annual service project event in which all of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

"The proceeds from this year's fashion show will be donated to Domestic Violence Coalition in Charleston," said Kimberly Carter, co-coordinator of the BSU fashion show.

Carter along with Felicia Hollivay will coordinate the fashion show, which is tentatively set at 8 p.m. April 8 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin L. King Jr. University Union.

Carter said about 20 students will model in the fashion show.

"The models were chosen by how much modeling experience they have had. They are modeling on a volunteer basis," said Aaron Bell, BSU president.

The apparel that will be

modeled will include swimwear, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. business attire, after 5 p.m. evening wear, university campus wear and exercise wear and also leather fashions designed by a resident of Chicago.

Bell expects this spring's fashion show to outdo past fashion shows.

"I think this year the fashion will be the most professional it has been because of our two fine coordinators who have both had experience in coordinating and modeling in fashion shows," Bell said.

The fashion show costs \$1.50 with a canned good or \$2 without. The canned goods collected will be donated to the Charleston Domestic Violence Coalition as well.

Carter also said individuals interested in ushering or producing for the fashion show should contact her or Hollivay.

Carter said she is hopeful for a good turnout.

"I would love to see at least 200 people attend our fashion show," Carter said. "We have some hot scenes. It will be an extravagant event and the models have been very cooperative and have put a lot of time and effort to be committed to this event," added Carter.

# New group gives black women more distinction

By Shari Washington  
Staff writer

Freeing the minority freshmen women from the anxiety of college life is the proposed purpose of the new organization Black Women of Distinction.

Black Women of Distinction consists of a group of young women who are trying to start a recognized organization on Eastern's campus to benefit minority freshmen women.

Black Women of Distinction was founded on Jan. 23, 1993, by graduate students Tyrone 3X Gray and Eldon Boyd. Although Gray and Boyd are members of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., the organization is in no way affiliated with the fraternity.

"Many people might or already feel even though we are good friends with both (Gray and Boyd), we are some type of sweatheart, little sister or Dove organization," said Latrice Harrington, vice president and co-founder of the group.

The organization plans to send out letters to all Black fraternities and sororities to make sure there are no misconceptions about the pur-

pose of this group.

"The non-greek organization plans to recruit women interested in trying to help these in-coming fall freshman women," Gray said. "They're trying to offer these freshmen an opportunity to broaden their horizons and not to fall into the 'I'm Free' attitude of college life."

Other members of the new group said the outlook for the organization is promising.

"Hopefully, with a lot of support from other organizations, as well as Greek organizations, we can gradually reach our immediate goals, which are not to step on any other organization's toes but to eliminate freshman cliques that we are guilty of ourselves," said the organization's treasurer Barbara Burns. "We are trying to

bring together what is falling apart."

Black Women of Distinction had their first official meeting March 3 in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Walkway. The women met to discuss how and when the organization plans to go in front of Student Government to present their ideas and goals. They also appointed positions and delegated responsibilities to other members.

"We all are very excited about the organization because knowing that there is something you don't have to pledge or try-out for is less stressful," said undecided major Tanika Smith. "I attended the first meeting and I really think it is a good idea."

## What do you think?

In attempting to reflect the needs and desires of our readership on the pages of our newspaper, *Minority Today* is asking readers to write letters on whether or not the Sista Sista spot in the newspa-

per should continue. Individuals must tell why or why not Sista Sista should continue and must leave their name and telephone number. *Minority Today* would appreciate any and all comments.