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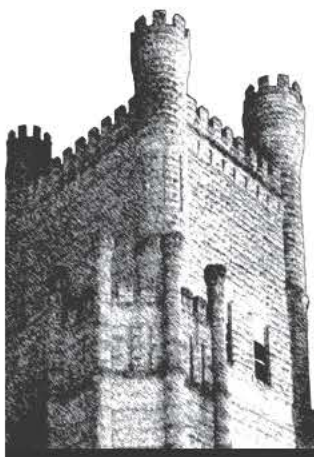
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Blair fire brings department together

BY MATT WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Janet Cosbey sits at her desk and hears a response to a question coming from behind her office wall.

Her office, which now consists of movable partitions, a desk and a few bookshelves, is within a whisper's distance of her sociology colleagues in their temporary residence in Pemberton Hall.

The members of the sociology department have grown closer after having their offices and belongings destroyed in Blair Hall by the fire a year ago today – so close its members can stand up in

their offices and talk over the barely five-foot walls they call an office.

"We do answer each other's questions all the time," said Cosbey, an associate professor in the sociology and anthropology department. "We always know more about what's going on (in the office)."

Cosbey is able to hang a few personal items in her new office after being moved to Pemberton from the old Health Service building in March, but it doesn't have the same appeal as having an office with more space and a door.

"I feel like I have the privacy of Grand Central Station during rush hour," said Craig Eckert, a sociology professor. "We

had one day where everyone was talking across cubicles and one of our colleagues got mad and went home. There is no possibility of getting work done."

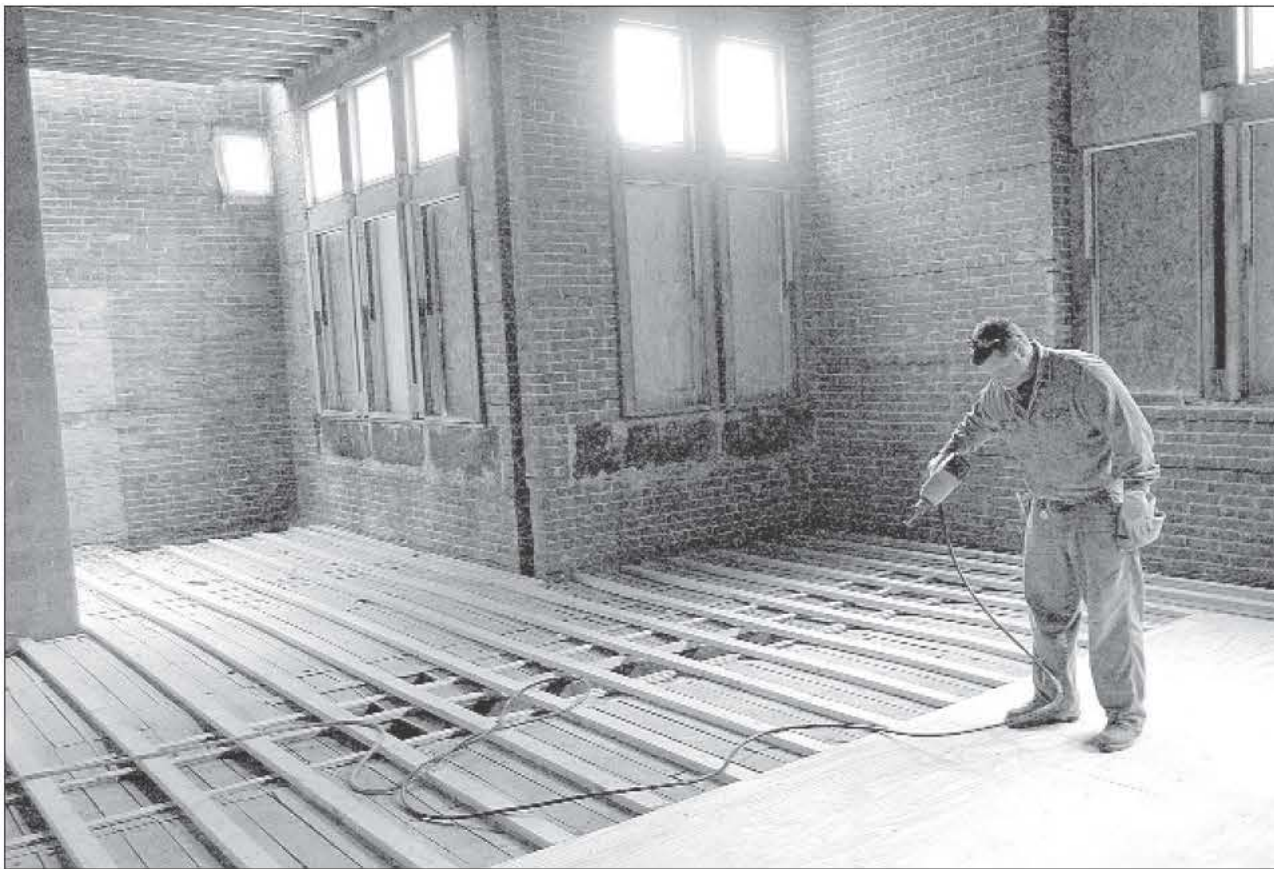
When reaching for something that used to be on their desk or a book that used to be on their shelf, they find it is kind of difficult not to recall the fire.

"We all think about the fire, and we certainly can't escape it," said Gary Foster, chair of the sociology department. "It's something that is on your mind every day."

Those thoughts and experiences have unified the department more than ever.

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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Chad Butler, a carpenter for English Brothers, nails the subflooring over "sleepers" on the second floor of Blair Hall Wednesday afternoon. Blair Hall renovations are targeted to be finished by the end of the year.

Blair Hall rebuilds

A year after the fire, renovations move forward

BY MEGAN JURINEK AND SANDRA JAKOB
CAMPUS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

One year has now passed since Blair Hall caught on fire.

For the last year, renovations could be seen from the outside of the building.

"When students walk in, they will see a new building," said Eastern President Lou Hencken.

Plans for the next few weeks include starting indoor renovations which include flooring and electric.

Not much of the contracted work has been done, said Stephen Shrake, manager of design and construction.

"Temporary electric is being installed (and) material has been delivered to temporarily close the windows openings while the windows are refurbished," Shrake said.

Starting later this week, the inside of the building will be worked on, said Edward Perry, vice president of English Brothers Company.

"Currently, we are getting ready to do some demolition on

the back side (of Blair)," he said.

English Brothers is also working on repairing the floors on all three levels of the building.

Perry said next week the mechanical contractors will be in to start the electrical work that needs to be done inside the building.

The building is expected to be completed in January of 2006.

Perry said even though they have only been working on Blair for a month, demolition and restoration seem to be going fine. The roof was finished about about a month ago, and now renovations on the inside are being made, he said.

Not only are repairs being done on the inside, but there will be a two story addition on the west side of the building, Hencken said.

This addition will allow for larger classrooms and offices.

A basement will be put in on the west side of the building; the digging has already started.

Interior renovations began around the end of Spring Break to

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Randy Hyman tells faculty why he should be the new vice president for student affairs Wednesday in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

VP SA candidate wants to be an educator first

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
NEWS EDITOR

The third candidate for Eastern's open vice president for student affairs position said he sees himself as an educator above all else.

Randy Hyman, interim vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., said one of the reasons he was attracted to Eastern was the opportunity to participate in a student affairs graduate program.

"I think that for my career and philosophy, the one word that describes me best is 'educator,'" Hyman said.

He has been with Ball State since 1990, when he entered the school as an assistant professor of higher education.

While at that university, Hyman said he had contact with many people who had been affiliated with Eastern Illinois University, including Eastern President Lou Hencken.

"I want to call him Lou," Hyman said. "I don't see him often, but I feel like I know him well enough to do that."

The most unique challenge facing student affairs administrators is dealing with "millennials," students who have grown up in a different generation than his own, Hyman said.

Students of this generation expect things such as their own rooms and expanded dining choices, and their parents are more involved in their education.

"We have all seen parents who hover in their helicopters, ready to land at a moment's notice" and register a complaint, he said.

A controversy surrounded Hyman's promotion to interim vice president at Ball State.

Hyman was serving as associate vice president for student services and dean of students in January when the new university president asked then Douglas McConkey, vice president for student affairs to resign.

McConkey had held the position since 1988, and no public reason was given for the president's actions.

The move resulted in anger and confusion from many alumni, students and faculty of the university, including several letters to the editor in the *Ball State Daily News*.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY

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Rain

FRIDAY

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PM Rain

SATURDAY

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Few showers

SUNDAY

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45
Partly cloudy

MONDAY

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42
Few showers

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Students protest war

CARBONDALE — More than 1,000 white crosses spread out on the Free Forum Area marked the spot where several protesting students lay in the muddy grass hoping to catch the fleeting attention of students traveling to their morning classes. Gloria Nash lay in the mud for two hours, pretending to be dead in the midst of the crosses that represented the soldiers who have died in the war in Iraq. But Tuesday's protest was not just to remind people of the war in Iraq, Nash said.

Nash, a freshman from Connecticut studying plant and soil sciences, said it was also to educate people about the use of depleted uranium by U.S. troops in the Middle East. Several students from the Student Environmental Center demonstrated for six hours Tuesday morning to help raise awareness about depleted uranium's harmful effects on soldiers and civilians.

Depleted uranium is a radioactive material that is slightly denser than lead. Uranium's half-life is more than 4 billion years, meaning it takes more than twice that long to decompose naturally. Contamination causes neurological and respiratory complications and birth defects.

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Drugs pulled off shelf

DEKALB — Prescription drugs used to treat arthritis have been pulled from the market, forcing users to change medications for their pain.

The dangerous and, in some cases, deadly drugs being prescribed to individuals with arthritis are called Vioxx and Bextra.

These drugs have been pulled from the market, but not without leaving behind many people with heart problems, said Batavia pharmacist Lisa Zwemski. And in some cases, heart attacks and strokes.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Body clock causes fat

EVANSTON — More than 57 percent of adults are overweight in the United States and 22 percent are obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But why does this epidemic afflict so many Americans?

A team of researchers at Northwestern University and Evanston Northwestern Hospital think the internal body clock in the brain may be to blame.

In a recent article in the journal Science, the research team has shown that faulty circadian rhythms daily cycles that control sleep and hunger can alter the body's metabolism, increasing the likelihood of obesity and diabetes.

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

P. Jason Yarch, senior piano performance major, and Ryan Bosick, senior jazz major, perform in the opening number of the Sophomore and Junior Recital in McAfee Gymnasium North on Wednesday evening.

WTF?

Toads are exploding

BERLIN — More than 1,000 toads have puffed up and exploded in a Hamburg pond in recent weeks, and scientists still have no explanation for what's causing the combustion, an official said Wednesday.

Both the pond's water and body parts of the toads have been tested, but scientists have been unable to find a bacteria or virus that would cause the toads to swell up and pop, said Janne Kloepper, of the Hamburg-based Institute for Hygiene and the Environment.

"It's absolutely strange," she said. "We have a really unique story here in Hamburg. This phenomenon really doesn't seem to have appeared anywhere before."

The toads at a pond in the upscale neighborhood of Altona have been blowing up since the beginning of the month, filling up like balloons until their stomachs suddenly burst.

PEOPLE

Abdul fights allegations

NEW YORK — Paula Abdul is taking pre-emptive measures to squash a controversy sparked by an upcoming ABC special on "American Idol."

Though the exact nature of the "Primetime Live" special, "Fallen Idol," remains unknown, ABC has said it will "explore explosive claims about behind-the-scenes activities" at the Fox talent contest.

Reports have speculated that it will hinge on Corey Clark, a contestant who was dropped from the show in 2003 after producers learned about a past arrest. He is reportedly trying to sell a tell-all book about his experiences with the program, including an alleged affair with Abdul, one of the three judges on the show.

"Paula Abdul will not dignify the false statements made by Corey Clark with a response. Mr. Clark is an admitted liar and opportunist who engages in unlawful activities."

TODAY'S EVENTS

CLEANING UP FOR CHARITY

The Black Student Union is collecting new and used toiletries for the Coalition of People in Need.

WHY WE EAT MORE THAN WE THINK

Workshop on the factors that entice us to consume food and ways to resist those factors.

RHA MEETING

Residence Hall Association Meeting.

ALL DAY VARIOUS LOCATIONS

for the Coalition of People in Need.

12 P.M.

MARTINSVILLE ROOM

5 P.M.

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ONLINE POLL

I'm watching the NBA Playoffs because ...

- A) I love this game, it's fantastic.
B) The Bulls are playing for the first time since I was in high school.
C) There is nothing else on TV to watch.
D) The NBA has playoffs?

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coming or having recently come into existence.

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Former hostage out on bond, seeking medical help

Released woman undergoing patient evaluation and treatment

By ERIN MILLER
CITY EDITOR

The woman who held herself hostage in her parent's home is out on bond and seeking medical attention at Sarah Bush Lincoln Behavioral Health Services.

Brenda Fiscus, 47, was released from the Coles County Jail Monday by paying 10 percent of a \$25,000 bond, said Glen Donley, Fiscus' father.

An examination of Fiscus was conducted and she has a few ailments, but her parents are unsure of the exact diagnosis, Donley said.

"She was coughing up blood and had blood in her urine," he said.

Fiscus told her parents she did not want any visitors right now because she is going "back and forth with medical procedures," Donley said.

"She was coughing up blood and had blood in her urine."

GLEN DONLEY,
FATHER OF HOSTAGE BRENDA FISCUS

To be admitted to behavioral health services, a patient needs to be evaluated by one of the two psychiatrists on staff, said a registered nurse at Sarah Bush Lincoln Behavioral Health Services.

If a person is concerned about someone's safety they can go to the emergency room for evaluation.

The behavioral health services is a 20-bed facility, but they do not normally fill all the beds, the nurse said.

A lot of people, who are admitted are suicidal, depressed or hear voices, but they admit a variety of patients, he said.

Adolescents and children are not admitted to the behavioral health services.

Fiscus will remain at behavioral health services until her preliminary court appearance May 2, Donley said.

Fiscus barricaded herself in her parent's home on Eighth Street Saturday evening, and police officers finally gained entrance when she fell asleep early Sunday morning.

They found her holding a .22-caliber rifle, but it was inoperable because the trigger was gone.

She has suffered from medical problems in the past including alcoholism, but did not have money to seek treatment, Donley said.

Student Government executive resigns, assumes speaker position

By AMY SIMPSON
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Student Senate on Wednesday lost an executive vice president, elected a new speaker and seated 14 senate members.

Adam Howell submitted his resignation from the office of student executive vice president effective Wednesday. He will maintain his position as student representative to the Board of Trustees until the end of his regular term, June 30.

Howell was then elected to the position of speaker with 12 of 22 votes, defeating two additional candidates.

A constitutional issue brought up at senate's last meeting raised a question about whether current executive board members are able to run for the speaker position.

"(According to bylaws) the only way that a previous executive could become a senator is to resign," said Ryan Berger, student body president-elect and former speaker.

"(Howell has a) special ability to recognize and help foster leadership in others."

JILL DAVID, STUDENT SENATE MEMBER

Bylaws further explain that anyone running for the speaker position must be sworn in as a senate member.

"(Howell has a) special ability to recognize and help foster leadership in others," said senate member Jill David, who spoke on behalf of Howell during the election process. "Because he's so dedicated, he could be a voice for everyone."

Howell said he is honored to be elected and wants to give back to Student Government by improving senate internally and working with new members to increase the retention rate and encouraging more fellowship within the group to better reach out to students.

"I want to see senators that not only do their jobs, but who like their jobs," Howell said.

Regarding his resignation and bylaw requirement, Howell said he plans to look into the issue further so the situation does not come up in future senates.

"This is a situation that no one had prepared for," Howell said.

Dirk Muffler, student vice president for Academic Affairs, will be sworn in as an at-large senate member next semester after his current term has ended.

Berger said he enjoyed serving as speaker, but is happy to move on.

"I've got a new flame in Student Government," Berger said.

Berger added he is glad to pass the position to Howell and said next semester "is going to be awesome."



Adam Howell, former student executive vice president, speaks on his behalf at the Student Senate meeting on Wednesday night. Howell was elected Speaker of the Senate at the meeting.

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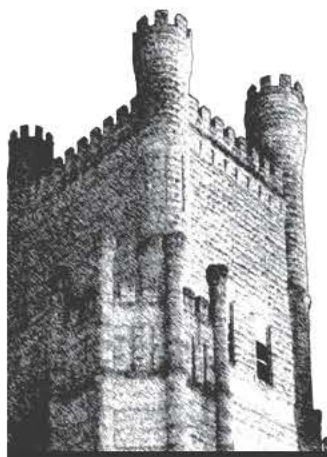


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COLUMN

Media mistaken in treatment of kids



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Chang is a guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.

I am a big kids-lover. Babies make me smile and feel happy. Even a baby's cute smile cheers me up when I am depressed.

Last weekend, there were many kids on campus to celebrate Kids' Weekend and the Special Olympics. I was happy to see them running on the ground and to hear their giggling.

Before, I wrote a column about media's violence and its danger for *The Daily Eastern News*. People, myself included, are worried about TV's negative effects on children, such as how media is influencing children's imitation of crime. We should protect children from sexual and violent media, I said in the column.

However, we should also think about how media depicts children on TV today.

I saw a music video on MTV almost two months ago. Sad to say, I do not remember which song the video was for. I liked the song, but the music video made me frown.

Wearing hip-hop style clothing, shiny silver and gold necklaces, and many accessories on their bodies, the little boys and girls, who seemed about seven or eight years old, lip-synched and acted just like the singers in the video. A little girl who wore a mini skirt and was thickly made-up came to a little boy, who played a main character, and touched his shoulder. The boy glanced at the girl and smiled. They didn't seem like children; they seemed more like adults who had kid's masks on.

As I watched the music video with my friend. I asked her what she thought about the video.

"They are just acting and pretending to be adults," she said. "It's just a music video."

Many people, like her, do not think about what a problem this could be. To some, it is just a music video. But that's not all it should be.

I participated in the lecture "Images of Violence Against Women" in March. The keynote speaker, Gail Dines, showed many pornographic images from Playboy and Hustler magazines to demonstrate how the media depicts women as sexual objectives and what's wrong with it. However, she also discussed about how it is becoming a big problem for children to be portrayed as sexual objects in today's pornography. I was surprised by the picture of a little girl naked and posed like women in magazines. I am wondering how people could enjoy watching such children in porn.

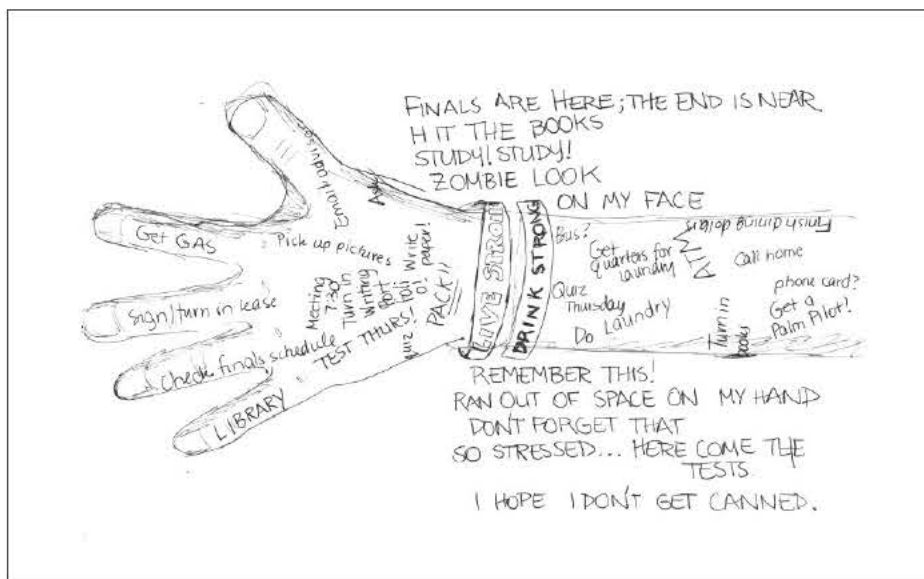
According to the Web site, on Ninth Avenue in New York City, 15-year-old girls approach slowly cruising cars behind the General Post Office and offer themselves only for \$40 with a condom or \$60 without, according to the Web site. In the Philippines, there are 6-year-old children who have sex with motorcycle drivers for \$6. Unfortunately, this is the real world.

It is true that children develop fast in terms of their mentality as well as the body. But, when I was in elementary school more than 10 years ago, there was not any concept of making girlfriends and boyfriends; we were just friends.

Today's children know what and how they are different from the opposite sex. They learn early on how a baby is made. I thought holding hands made a baby until I was in middle school. Still, these children are pure and innocent; they should have a right to be children.

I like music and enjoy watching music videos. But the music video made me rethink how children are depicted in media; there is no pure world for children.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

University Village part two

The University Village proposal will go before the Charleston City Council for the second time on Tuesday. This time, however, two new council members and a new mayor will have the chance to vote. Let's hope it makes a difference.

Art and Jim McManus had been planning the development with input from city officials for more than a year. The Board of Zoning and Appeals unanimously approved the project, but the city council voted it down during Spring Break with a vote of 3-1, and one abstention.

Now that the developers have made some changes to their plan, it will come before the city council again, giving the new members a chance to promote economic development and serve student interests.

Some people have argued this project is not needed in Charleston because there are enough living accommodations for students. Student satisfaction with current housing arrangements aside, students deserve the opportunity to decide where they want to live. This project was designed with students in mind.

If these developers are willing to build a development

At issue

The city council's upcoming decision on the University Village proposal

Our stance

The proposal should be passed by the city council now that new members are active, even after it was rejected the first time it was brought in front of the council.

that would financially benefit Charleston, it should be passed. The developers projected this development would bring \$6 million in business and \$275,000 in property taxes to the city of Charleston.

Even if these aren't exact figures, as local developers have claimed, a development this large would generate money for the city. If these developers are willing to build a development in Charleston, the city should support them.

The Board of Zoning and Appeals approved this project with an 8-1 vote two weeks ago. This is the second time the board has approved this project, saying that it fits into the city's comprehensive plan.

We hope the city council, with its new members in place, will keep student interests in mind, take advantage of this opportunity and use this as a precedent to encourage economic development.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNACCEPTABLE ERRORS IN SPORTS COVERAGE

There are several things about the sports page that have concerned me since my first weeks on campus.

First, and most irritating, is the unequal treatment of women's sports. Women's sports rarely appears on the front of the sports page, and rarely are the articles as long as those covering men's sports.

For example, on April 21, two separate articles were written on the baseball and softball games that occurred the day before. The baseball team lost (no offense, guys) and

it had a large article on the front of the sports page.

The softball team won both games of a very exciting doubleheader, and all it got was a short article on the inside of the paper above a half page of advertisements.

And, to add injury to insult, the writer made mistakes in his reporting of the games.

Secondly, the inaccuracy of the articles confounds me. I cannot even begin to count how many times writers and editors have misreported games. Too often, the names, years and positions of athletes are mis-

spelled or just plain wrong.

Too often, the play-by-play of the games are inaccurate, and credit is given to the wrong people or not where it's due, and scores are incorrectly posted.

Third, the typos have got to stop! Learn to spell, learn proper grammar and use it! I think it is ridiculous that I can rarely read an article without being distracted by the amount of typos and improper grammar. This is simply unacceptable.

LAURA VALCORE,
SOPHOMORE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

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Charleston's new mayor, John Inyart, and new city council members Jim Dunn and Jeffrey Lahr are sworn in at the Coles County Courthouse Tuesday evening. They will join Larry Rennels and Lorelei Sims, two existing members of the city council.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

University Village on new council's agenda, bar hours and entry age not

By BRIAN GARTLAN
STAFF WRITER

The new terms for Charleston City Council members officially began Tuesday night when the new mayor and two council members were sworn into their positions at the Coles County Courthouse.

The three new city members include Mayor John Inyart and council members Jim Dunn and Jeffrey Lahr. They will join the two re-elects, Larry Rennels and Lorelei Sims.

"I don't plan on doing anything," Lahr said jokingly. "I'm one of five votes."

But he wants the city to run efficiently, economically and responsibly.

"My goal is to keep things moving in the right direction," Lahr said.

Rennels hopes to continue to see work get done.

"We have to continually upgrade and maintain the infrastructure (in Charleston)," which includes curbs, gutters, streets and sewers, Rennels said.

City vehicles such as ambulances, fire trucks and police cars need to be rotated and replaced regularly based on their usage, he said.

The city is in good financial shape, and the budget is complete, Inyart said.

Sims wants to break down and prioritize city plans.

She wants to increase tourism by starting a sculpture art program and see a community clean-up with both students and residents.

"We can embrace art interests and work parallel with the university," she said.

Jim Dunn could not be reached for comment.

The city council meets with Eastern's external relations committee

once a month, Inyart said. The committee consists of student government and administrators, and exists to discuss student concerns.

Bar hours and the bar entry age are not on the agenda, but University Village will probably continue to be a topic of discussion, Rennels said.

"I hope to try and foster communication between the community, council and city staff," Inyart said.

"In a functioning democracy there will always be differences," Sims said. "However, we all promote bettering Charleston."

The city council has the responsibility of leadership, Lahr said. "(We need) open communication between everybody."

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Eastern's fire programs aim to prevent future fire disasters

Safety precautions may avert further campus damage

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Officials have been reviewing campus' risk of burning with the first anniversary of the Blair Hall fire. The Illinois General Assembly put a new law into effect last August requiring that all Illinois colleges and universities install sprinkler systems in their residence halls by 2013.

Eastern has been installing sprinklers since long before they were mandated by law.

"Sprinklers have been going in before the turn of the century," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

The sprinklers installed in 1999 first went into wooden buildings such as Pemberton Hall, Greek Court and University Court. These buildings do not have steel doors to help contain the fire, so they were the largest risk, said Jody Stone, assistant director of Housing and Dining.

The next step in the fire safety remodeling will be the high rises, starting with the north tower of Carman Hall this summer. Sprinklers will be installed in the south tower of Carman Hall over the summer of 2006. After Carman's renovations are finished, Stevenson Hall, Lawson Hall

and Andrews Hall are next to receive the new safety features.

Fire prevention has been a long-standing focus area for Housing and Dining. The residence halls have taken several measures to ensure readiness in the case of a fire.

At the beginning of each semester, each residence has a fire drill. Resident assistants complete fire training in August. Certain floors in the halls also have fire marshals who are trained to assist in evacuating residents in an emergency.

"The Charleston Fire Department comes and teaches the RA's how to use a fire extinguisher by starting small fires in the parking lot," Stone said.

The Residence Hall Association also sponsored a fire awareness week run by Heather Long, association vice president for programming and diversity, last fall.

The residence halls are constantly updating the fire control panels which monitor the alarms in the buildings.

"They are constantly becoming more sophisticated because there is more to monitor," Hudson said. "We currently know exactly which alarm on which floor has been pulled."

The room renovations also include replacing battery-operated smoke detectors with hard wiring so alarms can be monitored down to the room level.

The residence halls are also equipped with alarms capable of warning students who are blind or

deaf. These alarms are moved to the room the residents choose and are tied in with that hall's alarm system. The residents' housing choices are not limited by these safety features.

Deaf students have fire alarms similar to bed shakers that they use as alarm clocks.

"The key with alarms for residents with special needs is to stimulate them in a way that they are able to pick up on to warn them of the emergency," Hudson said.

As a direct result of the Blair Hall fire, Eastern formed a new relationship with the city of Charleston to purchase a new ladder truck. The cost of the truck was split 50-50 between Eastern and the city. The new ladder truck, which was featured at the opening football game and in the homecoming parade, is able to reach up to 10 stories. The tallest buildings on campus are Stevenson and Carman residence halls, which both reach 10 stories.

Prior to this truck, Charleston fire trucks were only able to rescue students who were located on the fourth floor or below.

The funding for the portion of the truck that Eastern paid was also split. Half of the money came out of the general fund, and the other half was paid for by housing and dining. Students who are on-campus residents helped pay for the truck because they will benefit most directly, Hudson said.



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- 20 Maintains careful control
- 23 N.Y.C. summer hrs.
- 24 Prefix with meter
- 25 Concerns, with "to"
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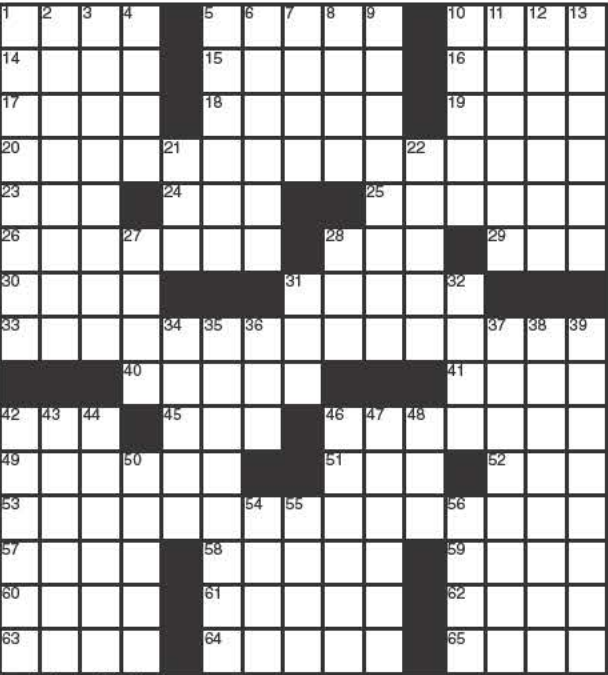
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- 34 Up
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- 54 "Dies _____"
- 55 Nil
- 56 Teases mercilessly

TOGETHER:

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Foster said the loss of privacy and possessions has been made up with collectivity and good senses of humor. Though these teachers have become closer to each other, they are more distant from their students.

"We only see the students in our classes," Cosbey said. "I think it has been hard for the students to find us and know where we are."

Students miss not having their professors in the same location.

"It's just been an adjustment because I was used to seeing even the teachers I didn't have in class (at Blair)," said Christine Henderson, a senior sociology major who had four classes in Blair when it burned down. "The communication has been difficult to keep up."

BLAIR:

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put the inside back together, he said.

In March, Eastern's board of trustees approved \$6,075,292 for the reconstruction of the building. The money is being used to pay for labor, material and equipment that is needed to completely renovate the building, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

"This money will not pay for furniture and equipment for the building," Cooley said. "Those expenditures will come later."

The interior design of the new Blair Hall will cost \$791,280, and the contract to replace the roof on Blair Hall costs \$845,600.

"These contracts have already been awarded," Cooley said. "So

Communication out of the class was not the only difficulty. Many of the teachers lost lecture materials and videos to help in the classroom.

"I lost all of the above: lecture notes, videos and so forth," said sociology professor Darren Hendrickson. "I somewhat had to start over again."

It took until last month before anyone received compensation for anything lost in the fire, which allowed professors to purchase new videos and books, Foster said.

While today may be a sad anniversary, the department is happy to look to the future. Foster said he has double scheduled classes for next spring in both Blair and alternative locations. He is hoping they won't have to use the latter.

"(Scheduling classes in Blair) feels pretty good," Foster said. "That's one of the first real signs, for the faculty, of the reality of being in Blair."

the work could begin while we were doing design work for the interior."

Eastern has been reimbursed for some of the costs by receiving \$2.75 million from the insurance policy.

Cooley said money has been used to pay contractors for work they have done, to replace office supplies lost in the fire and to reimburse the staff working in the building for lost personal property.

"Please understand that we can never adequately compensate the Blair Hall occupants for the loss of their research and educational materials, or the sentimental value of certain lost items," Cooley said.

Students can also notice how the outside building has been cleaned.

The south side of the building has been power washed and the north side has not been, he said.

High attendance leads to second marijuana workshop

By HILLARY SETTLE
MANAGING EDITOR

The counseling center will host another workshop to accommodate more students after 130 people showed up for the Life Skills workshop "Up in Smoke: The Truth about Marijuana" last week.

The workshop will be similar to the previous one and will have discussions about the different views of marijuana and how to differentiate between different types of research.

The topic is obviously popular among Eastern students, said Mike Tower, a counselor, noting the turnout was far better than other workshops the counseling center has hosted this year.

The popularity with college students may result from the growing number of college students who use marijuana. Marijuana use among college students rose 22 percent between 1993 and 1999, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, and Tower has seen the trend of increased marijuana usage on Eastern's campus.

"A lot of students I've seen (at the counseling center) use marijuana; at least 10 percent," he said. "I would call that a conservative estimate."

For many Eastern students, marijuana is a component of their everyday lives.

One student, a junior, who wished to remain anonymous, said he smokes

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MIKE TOWER, COUNSELOR

marijuana on a daily basis, and he thinks it helps him be more productive.

"Smoking pot helps calm me down so I can focus more," he said. "I'm too ADD without it. I smoke every day and I still get stuff done."

But the workshop will take a different approach to educating students about marijuana.

"This is not going to be about whether it's moral, immoral, legal, illegal, good or bad for people," said Tower, who will be hosting the second workshop. "It's going to be about all those things. We'll provide the information and you can make the decisions you want to about it."

There is a lot of controversy over which type of research is correct, Tower said, since some studies have shown marijuana use to be bad for people and other research studies have shown little to no effect.

Some students who smoke, however, can see negative influences of marijuana when they smoke and are careful in limiting their marijuana intake.

"All I do when I smoke is eat," said a junior, who wished to remain anonymous. "I can't pay attention to

anything after I smoke so I can only do it when I don't have anything else to do that night."

The workshop will cover a wide range of topics. Legalization, what effects marijuana actually has on a person's physical and mental health and how marijuana became illegal in the United States will be some of the information discussed.

"There were three primary reasons (marijuana became illegal): racial, socioeconomical and political," Tower said, adding he will elaborate much more during the workshop.

Tower said he will answer any questions, even if they are considered controversial.

"We will be presenting the facts; if you think you may have a problem with it, we'd be happy to talk to you further about it. If you don't think you have a problem with it, that's great," he said. "It's not going to be your standard anti-drug campaign, but it's not a pro-legalization message either."

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SOFTBALL PREVIEW PAGE

COOLING DOWN THE HOT CORNER

BY HEATHER REDENBO
STAFF WRITER

Fans who come out to watch Eastern softball games probably take notice of the athlete on third base who moves in closer to the batter just waiting for her to hit a line drive right at her.

"I want every ball to be hit to me," Karos said. "You can never go out on the field being scared."

"Aggressive," "consistent" and "rock solid" are three phrases that Eastern softball coach Lloydene Searle uses to describe Rachel Karos' playing this year.

Her effort on the field is not only noticed by coaches and fans but also by her teammates.

"Her teammates look up to her as the team leader," Searle said.

This is her second season on the Panther Softball roster. After playing basketball at Eastern her first two years, both her athleticism and work ethic made it a smooth transition.

She was already a very good player, so it was not a surprise when she earned a starting position right away, Searle said.

While she is third on the team in batting (.282), her pride comes from her defense.

Her desire to continue to become a better player is an inspiration to the team. She hits grounders to the infielders when the coaches aren't around, Searle said.

"Rachel plays with a lot of heart and determination; she leaves everything on the field," Jenny Cervetto, junior first basemen said.

Karos attributes her aggressiveness on the softball field to her basketball days.

"I was always on the ground," Karos said.

"Her teammates look up to her as the team leader."

LLOYDENE SEARLE, EASTERN SOFTBALL COACH

"I may not have ever been the best player, but I was always the one hustling and diving for the ball during the whole game."

Though she didn't start playing softball until high school, her brother, Mike, has been a major inspiration that has helped her become the player she is today.

Her brother was a gifted and talented baseball player who passed away a few years ago.

"I strive to be like him," Karos said. "He taught me not to take anything for granted."

His aggressiveness and fearless play are what inspires her the most.

"I always play aggressive because I feel like a part of him is in me," Karos said.

Both Karos' play this season and each of the other players stepping up each game are what helps the Panthers to continue to improve.

Last weekend the team won two of three games against Austin Peay and moved up two spots into sixth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

With only the top six teams advancing to the OVC Tournament, it is important for players such as Karos to keep playing consistently and aggressively.

"We set a new standard: to make it to the OVC championship game," Searle said. "We continue to raise the standard each game as we continue to improve."



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior third baseman Rachel Karos has committed just two errors in the field this season.



STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Jacksonville State	16-4	34-14
Samford	14-6	23-21
Tennessee Tech	10-8	26-26
Tennessee-Martin	11-9	27-18
Southeast Missouri	10-10	22-22
Eastern Illinois	10-10	13-26
Eastern Kentucky	9-9	19-23
Austin Peay	9-10	16-30
Morehead State	4-13	11-32
Tennessee State	2-16	8-30

OVC STATS

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AVG.
1. FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	42	.407
2. ALEXANDER, Maigin-JSU	48	.396
3. MIZELL, Megan-UTM	40	.384
4. WORRELL, Leena-TSU	38	.379
5. McDONALD, Megan-SEMO	44	.366
6. SHORT, Sandyn-EIU	39	.359
7. BENNETT, KACY-TTU	52	.348
8. PAPPANO, Daniela-JSU	48	.347

HOME RUNS

	G	HR
1. PAPPANO, Daniela-JSU	48	14
2. OLEMAN, Breanne-JSU	48	11
3. SUMMERS, Michelle-SEMO	44	9
FOXLEY, Adriel-EKU	42	9
VENABLE, Brianna-APSU	44	9

WINS

	G	W-L
1. KELLAM, Carly-JSU	29	19-6
2. BYNUM, Bonny-TTU	44	17-16
3. MEYER, Susanna-SAM	32	14-13
4. DAVIS, Nicole-UTM	19	13-5
FAHNESTOCK, Amy-SEMO	32	13-11

WEEKEND SERIES

SERIES DESCRIPTION

NEXT FRIDAYS SERIES

SERIES DESCRIPTION

OVC NOTES



Eastern
Illinois
(13-26, 10-10)



Eastern
Kentucky
(19-23, 9-9)

Eastern Kentucky is sitting just below Eastern in the standings and will need to pass them if it hopes to make the OVC tournament. The Colonels has the top hitter in the OVC, Adriel Foxley. Foxley is leading the league in batting average (.407) and is tied for third in homeruns (9).



Eastern
Illinois
(13-26, 10-10)



Southeast
Missouri
(22-22, 10-10)

Eastern will play a single game at Southeast Missouri before hosting them in a double-header at home. The Panthers swept the first meeting with a 12 inning 7-6 come-from-behind win and a 4-1 victory. In the extra-inning win, sophomore Chelsea Adams hit a three-run walk-off homer to bag the victory for the Panthers.

OVC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Brianna Venable
Jr. 2B - APSU

OVC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

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FOOTBALL

Eastern prepares for possible schedule extension in 2006

By MATTHEW STEVENS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

One week from now, Eastern will determine what its plan will be if the NCAA institutes a 12th regular season football game.

Director of athletics Rich McDuffie said Wednesday he plans to meet with associate athletic director John Smith, head football coach Bob Spoo and offensive coordinator Mark Hutson regarding what options the Panthers have in this issue.

Eastern officials must first wait for the NCAA to approve the legislation that is expected to institute for the 2006 football season.

"We don't have a contingency plan because we haven't discussed it yet, but that's something we will be talking about next week," McDuffie said.

The NCAA's Division I Management Council gave its approval to the 12th game with support from every conference except the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Division I Board of Directors will vote Friday on the proposal that will add a 12th game to all I-A and I-AA football schedules from 2006 and beyond.

McDuffie stated Eastern's options if the proposal is passed.

Eastern is scheduled to play Illinois in 2006 as its "guarantee" game, where the Panthers are scheduled to get \$300,000 from the University of Illinois athletic department. If Eastern decides to inquire about another I-A game, it would mean more money for the Panthers.

"We could make another guarantee game which would give us another pay day," McDuffie said.

The dominant I-AA programs may not be in favor of another game against a bigger program.

"If you're one of those programs that thinks you're going to be one of the 16 (teams) in the playoffs, you're probably not crazy about another game," said Robert McFarland, Stephen F. Austin head coach, in the South

Florida Sun-Sentinel. "If you're not one of those, you like it because you can get some money for your program."

Another option for the Panthers would be to create a home and home contract with another I-AA school that Eastern doesn't normally schedule, such as Southern Illinois.

"We could be interested in doing a home and home deal, but that would probably mean we'd break even financially," McDuffie said.

Lastly, Eastern could invite a Division II program to O'Brien Stadium like they did two years ago when the Panthers defeated California (Pa.) 27-0.

"We would lose money by offering a D-II program a guarantee game but it's certainly an option," McDuffie said.

The Knight Commission, which is a privately funded group that promotes reforms and greater presidential control of college sports, spoke out against the 12th game until the academic reforms in college athletics become clearer.

The last thing Eastern and the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference must take into consideration is how Austin Peay's decision to return to scholarship football and therefore, the conference affect a 12-game schedule.

Logic would state the easiest solution in that regard would be to just play a nine-game conference schedule and still only have three non-conference contests. However, McDuffie stated his disapproval for that idea, which will be his position when the OVC athletic directors meet in June.

"We have stated publicly that will not be in favor of a nine-game conference schedule simply for our travel budget concerns," McDuffie said. "We would like to keep the eight game system and rotate the school we don't play."

No Division I conference plays more than an eight-game conference slate. The OVC said its officials will discuss that issue among others with the schools athletic directors in meeting scheduled for June.

ATHLETE:

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being named to the 2004 National Collegiate Track Coaches Association All-Academic Team.

Head strength and conditioning coach Nathan Moe believes that Grobengieser is one of the busiest people he has seen.

"Last year, about a week after the season was over, he was back in the weight room," Moe said. "I've seen him come in at 6 a.m. during the school year because he has afternoon classes."

Grobengieser believes that there is nothing wrong with being busy.

"I think the busier you are, the easier it is to

prioritize," Grobengieser said.

Grobengieser also was nominated by Moe as the male athlete at Eastern to receive the National Strength and Conditioning Association All-American Award. This award is given to one male and one female athlete at every university, Moe said.

"He holds every record for the throwers here," Moe said.

Grobengieser said he believes his strong work ethic and his ability to get along with people are some of his greatest strengths. Wallace agrees.

"He is the person that other track and field athletes here want to be compared to."

DROP:

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"The difference today was we made plays," Illinois State head coach Jim Brownlee said. "We played pretty good defense."

Brownlee pointed out that all of his infielders are in their first seasons with the Redbirds. Three of them are freshmen, and one is a junior college transfer.

Panther defense showed signs of greatness, such as when sophomore Ryan Campbell made a diving snag and perfect throw to first to cut down a runner in the ninth.

However, the Panthers did make four errors.

"When you boot the ball at this level it wears on the pitchers," Brownlee said. "You can't give

teams four or five outs."

Panther head coach Jimmy Schmitz said the way his team is playing goes like this:

"We could play tomorrow, and the other team could score 14 runs, and we would score 12," Schmitz said. "Then we could go out the next day and lose 2-1."

That's just the way this season has gone for the Panthers thus far. But there is still hope. Eastern remains in eighth place in the Ohio Valley Conference, which is good enough to get them into the conference tournament, and the Panthers have 12 more OVC games left on the schedule.

This weekend the team will travel to Austin Peay and try to improve its OVC standing in Clarksville, Tenn.

Close, but no cigar

◆ *Editor's Note: Here's a list of athletes that didn't quite make the cut for Athlete of the Year.*

Matt Schabert-Football

The Wisconsin transfer started nine games for Eastern at quarterback and helped lead the Panthers to five wins. Schabert was third in the Ohio Valley Conference in total offense (231 yards per game) and fourth in passing (215 ypg). Schabert was a second team all OVC selection.

Kenny Robertson-Wrestling

The sophomore posted a record of 35 12 on the way to his first ever NCAA Championship appearance. Robertson topped out at the national rankings at No. 16 at 174 lbs.

Josh Gomes-Basketball

The junior guard was a second team All OVC selection as he nearly led the Panthers to a OVC tournament upset of Eastern Kentucky. Gomes was fifth in the conference in scoring, averaging 17 points per game and shooting 45 percent from the field.

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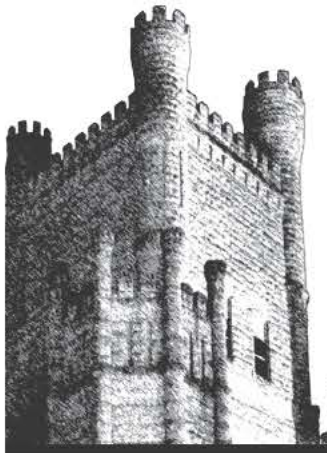
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DIGGING IN

MARCUS JACKSON
COLUMNIST POSITION

Player on other side of the news

So this is it, my last column in *The Daily Eastern News*. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time writing for the last semester and a half and learned that, to a certain degree, journalists on the Eastern Illinois campus are as well known, if not more well known than a lot of athletes here.

I thought playing baseball in college was going to get me the fame and attention that so many students crave. While I was recognized by most for four years as "that guy on the baseball team," I wasn't exactly fighting off autograph seekers.

That may have something to do with my battling through an injury-plagued career and struggling to a career .280 batting average. But that's another column for another day.

I noticed during my time as a journalist that I get recognized a lot more, and in some strange places.

I was at the bar formerly known as Stix one night when I had quite a strange encounter. While minding my own business and staring straight ahead at the wall, like you're supposed to do in the bathroom, a guy came and tapped me on the shoulder and went on to tell me how much he enjoys my articles.

As my diehard fans out there may know, "Digging In" hasn't appeared in the *News* for a few weeks now. But, as I was walking the halls Wednesday afternoon in Buzzard Hall, I was stopped by a faculty member that seemed a little surprised I had not been writing much lately.

This, while in a much more comfortable place to hold a conversation, surprised me as well. I guess people really do read this stuff, and look forward to it every morning.

So first of all I want to thank all the readers out there that read my column and my stories.

And I would like to leave all you youngsters out there with some words of wisdom. Don't waste your time trying to become the next Alex Rodriguez, LeBron James or Peyton Manning. That's the mistake I made growing up. If I could do it all over again, I would have picked up a pen instead of a bat. I probably would have had more success with a pen than I did with the bat anyway.

Marcus Jackson is a senior communication studies major. It turns out he was a career .280 hitter because he picked up the pen when batting and the bat when writing.

BASEBALL

Panthers drop seventh straight game in 6-2 loss

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Panther baseball fans haven't had much to cheer about this year, and the crowd was pretty silent throughout its 6-2 loss to Illinois State Wednesday.

Senior Ted Juske took the loss for the Panthers and falls to 0-8 on the season as sophomore Luke Baughman took the win for the Redbirds, boosting his record to 2-2.

The biggest roar from the crowd came after the sixth inning when junior speech communications major Erica Meeks stepped onto the field for the BP baseball toss contest.

Meeks had five chances to throw a baseball through a hole from about 45 feet away. Her fourth attempt went through, and Meeks claimed her \$25 gift card.

"I didn't think I could do it because (the target) was pretty far," Meeks said with a smile.

The Panthers lost to the Redbirds, thanks in

big part to the solid fifth inning Illinois State put together.

In the top half of the frame, the Redbirds scored three runs and then came out in the bottom half of the inning and threw some leather around.

The inning started off simple enough as freshman Mike Astrouski pinch hit for junior Jon Hickey and flied out to center field. And then the Panthers began to threaten the lead.

Sophomore Erik Huber drew a walk, and then sophomore Mark Chagnon stepped up to the plate and dropped a weak liner into right field. Huber seemed to have plenty of time to get to second, but Redbird right fielder Matt Bolt threw a two-hopper to third to cut down Huber for the second out of the inning.

The inning ended when Redbird third baseman Blake Schoonover gloved a hot smash off the bat of junior Keiji Szalo and threw it to first for out number three.

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CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior pitcher Ted Juske throws against Illinois State in the second inning on Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. Juske threw 3 innings giving up 6 hits and two runs.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Track captain leads the field



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior thrower Aaron Grobengieser has been the captain for Eastern's men's track and field team for the last two seasons.

Senior Aaron Grobengieser excels on and off the field

BY MATT DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

The term student-athlete is sometimes thought of as an oxymoron. With senior track and field athlete Aaron Grobengieser, it is reality.

Coming out of St. Elmo High School as a state champion in the shot put, Grobengieser's path to Eastern was unexpected to him.

"I never thought that I would make it to compete at a Division I university coming out of high school," he said.

"He has improved a great deal since he came here," said Tom Akers, Eastern men's head track and field coach. "He was a little-bit starry-eyed when he came here, but he has shown what hard work and dedication can do"

Not only does he have dedication athletically on the field and in the weight room, but he also has it academically through his hard work and self-discipline.

"He is very self-motivated and extremely disciplined," said Mary Wallace, Eastern women's head track and field coach, who works primarily with the team's throwers.

Grobengieser qualified for the NCAA Regional last year in the javelin, the event Wallace considers his best.

He is seventh on the all-time list at Eastern for the javelin, with a throw of 199 feet, 11 inches during the outdoor season last year. He placed third this past winter in the Ohio Valley

Past male athlete of the year winners

- 2004 C.J Weber (Tennis)
- 2003 Henry Domercant (Basketball)
- 2002 Tony Romo (Football)
- 2001 Kyle Hill (Basketball)
- 2000 Gabe Spezia (Track)

Conference Indoor Championships in the 35 lb. weight throw and fourth in the shot put.

Results and individual accomplishments do not concern Grobengieser, said men's head track and field coach Tom Akers.

"He is a fine example of keeping a cohesive attitude among the team," Akers said. "He takes special notice of his teammates, especially the freshman that come in."

Grobengieser received the OVC Scholar-Athlete Award this past fall. Out of the 3,000 OVC student-athletes, only six are chosen. Grobengieser sports a 3.8 GPA while majoring in family and consumer sciences.

He has served one term as president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee during his time at Eastern.

He has also been named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll three times prior to this year, as well as being named to the 2004 National

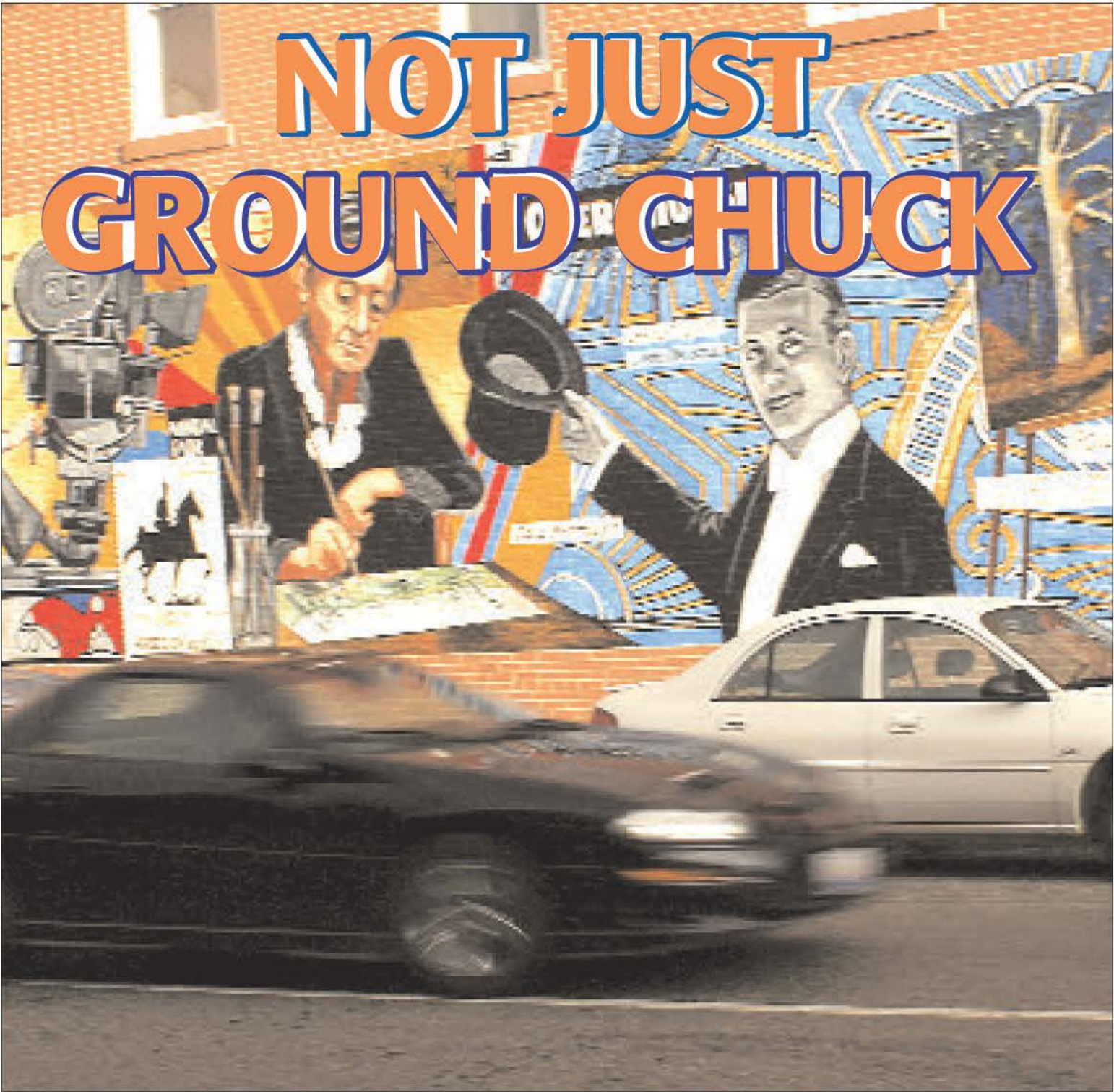
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ON THE VERGE
OF THE WEEKEND

Spending the summer in Charleston? This guide will show that this city is.....



DANIEL WILLIAMS/VERGE

One of the pieces in the “Murals around the Square.” The murals began to be painted in 1998 and span a three-block radius.

By SARAH HENDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

With the end of the spring semester rapidly approaching, many students are anxiously awaiting their departure from Eastern Illinois University, while other students are welcoming their summer session.

So, what is there to do in Charleston when the move-out dust settles?

PARKS AND
RECREATION SUMMER
CLASSES

The Charleston Park and Recreation Department offers classes that range from learning the basic fundamentals of tennis, to dealing with stress while working up a sweat in cardio kickboxing. Other classes that may spark an interest

include an eight-week basic pet obedience class for feisty dogs and a puppy kindergarten for dogs that are eight weeks to six months old. There are also golf lessons for individuals who want to improve on their swing as well as their overall game.

LEAGUE SPORTS

The park district offers leagues in both softball and co-ed sand volleyball.

There are softball leagues for both men and women as well as co-ed. Teams can be formed through the recreation department and fees are determined by gender. Depending on the league, games are played Monday through Thursday nights and Sunday at various fields around the city.

Volleyball leagues are co-ed and the rules state that two

females are required to be on the court at all times. Teams have to be registered through the district by June 1 and play goes from June 6 to July 21. All games are played in the early evening on Monday and Thursday nights at the Sister City Park located on Route 130.

TOURNAMENTS

Horseshoes
On June 25, the recreation department is holding a Horseshoe Tournament. Registration for this event is the day of and begins at 9:45 a.m. with the tournament beginning immediately after registration is complete. The event costs \$13 and is played at the horseshoe pits located by the shed at Morton Park.

Beach Volleyball
The department is also holding a Beach Volleyball Classic on

July 9th. This is a four-on-four co-ed double elimination tournament being held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sister City Park. The fee is \$55 per team.

Marathon
For \$10, students can participate in the fifth annual Panther Prowl which will take place July 9, and is sponsored by the Charleston Wind Runners and the parks and recreation department. This 5K or 15K run starts and finishes at the Campus Pond Pavilion and check-in is from 6:15 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. and the event will start at 7:15a.m.

CONCERTS

Starting on June 9th, the recreation department starts concerts in the park. Concerts occur each week on Thursday evenings from mid-June to mid-July at Kiwanis Park.

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BETTER THAN...

BEST OF COLES COUNTY:
WHAT YOU LIKED, NOT WHAT
YOU DIDN'T

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BURLESQUE, WHAT?

FLUFFGIRL BURLESQUE SOCIETY
HELPING TO BRING BURLESQUE
BACK INTO POP CULTURE

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CELEBRATE, RAIN OR
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EASTERN'S MUSIC AND
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THIS WEEKEND, DESPITE A
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SUMMER AT THE
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QUOTE THIS

What was your worst summer job?



NHILVEN DE CHAVEZ
SOPHOMORE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

"I worked at a pizza place where I was supposed to be a phone boy, but they made me clean everything."



DALLAS SCHUMACHER
JUNIOR ENGLISH

"I worked the third shift at 3Z Printing Company, and I was the only guy there who was not on pills."



MARIO PODESCHI
JUNIOR ENGLISH

"I was an underappreciated construction grunt."



THEMÍ HATZIS
FRESHMAN PSYCHOLOGY

"Working in McDonald's because the customers are mean and nasty and they yell at you all the time."



JESSICA THORNTON
FRESHMAN UNDECIDED

"Working at McDonald's because I went home smelling like fries."

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TODAY

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Mattoon

SATURDAY

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3. Picnicking- Unknown to many students, there is a purpose for that oven in the basement of Taylor Hall. Put it to good use and make something good to eat while soaking up rays in the quad.
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6. Reading- The end of the year is almost here and finals are nearing. Why not enjoy the weather while thumbing through "Contemporary Creative Nonfiction"?
7. Napping- Cramming for tests can significantly lower the number of hours of sleep a college student gets per night. For those who aren't getting what they need, the Quad is a good place to catch up.
8. Fishing- The Campus Pond next to Stevenson Hall was stocked with trout in early April for the fishing enjoyment of area residents. Happy fishing.
9. Playing bags- The American Cornhole Association likes to call it "Cornhole." Eastern students call it bags. Whatever you call it, it's an age-old tradition that is easy and fun to play, sober or intoxicated.
10. Playing the guitar- The Library Quad seems to be a popular place for this particular activity. Whether the music is John Mayer-esque or of a different variety, it attracts a lot of attention from passersby, for those who enjoy that kind of thing.

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Burlesque: Not about naked chicks

Fluff Girl Burlesque show brings history, humor to Friends and Co.

By MICHAEL PETERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Burlesque. When most people hear that word they think of strippers or pole-dancers. In actuality, there is much more to burlesque than just naked women. In fact, in a burlesque show, the audience will never see any of the dancers completely nude. Burlesque, which is a genre rooted in the early 1840's Victorian Era, was originally a form of art that was fashioned to mock the upper class. Shows would include comedy sketches, dance numbers and quick-witted humor. "Burlesque is mainly about teasing and

sexual humor," said Cecilia Bravo, founder of the Fluffgirl Burlesque Society. "You could bring your parents to the show." Bravo, a nurse from Vancouver, British Columbia, began her show in 1996, and in 2001 the Fluffgirl Burlesque Society was born. The group is currently touring across the country, according to Fluffgirlburlesque.com. "It's a lot better than working a 9-to-5 job you hate," Bravo said. Bravo said she first came up with the idea of doing a burlesque show when she bought a burlesque-music compilation album. "I liked the music and the whole concept," Bravo said. She said her group was the first "neo-burlesque" group to ever tour. Bravo wants to revive the burlesque circuit and she thinks the movement is gaining speed. She said that before she began her show it was impossible to find anything remotely burlesque. Now, she said a

person could walk into a Victoria's Secret and find garments that are obviously inspired by burlesque fashion. When the society started, Bravo had trouble finding costumes, so she made them herself. Today, it is not impossible to find such costumes, but Bravo prefers to continue making them herself. Celebrities, like pop singer Christina Aguilera, are starting to embrace burlesque, Bravo said. A few things that drive Bravo while she is dancing are the love of performing and touring across the country and the excitement that she feels while dancing. Bravo said she feels like she is "breaking new ground." Bravo appreciates her job the most when she sees a satisfied audience. Last Saturday's show at Friends and Co., featured four dancers, including Bravo herself, wearing costumes ranging from a French maid uniform to a gorilla suit. One woman came out dressed like a cowgirl

and danced to Big and Rich's "Save a horse (Ride a cowboy)." Audience interaction was also a part of the show. One man and one woman participated in a shimmying contest, and the man won a free drink of his choice. The Fluffgirls auctioned off various things, such as a whip-spanking from Bravo herself. The whipping, which continued until the whip broke, was auctioned off for \$45. "I thought it was great," said Melissa Bochte, a junior psychology major. "I'd much rather see this than a strip show." In between the whistling, hooting and hollering, a couple people heckled the women. For those who decide to heckle a burlesque dancer, be forewarned: these women will heckle back. After a man yelled at Bravo, while she stood on the stage, she replied by announcing to the audience, "Excuse me, everyone. This man in the front is offering free blow-jobs."

Golf is not just for country clubs anymore

By HOLLY MOHR
STAFF REPORTER

Students who want to save money, stay in shape and have fun in the summer can discover Frisbee golf. Frisbee golf, also known as disc golf, is played much like regular golf. The object of the game is to complete nine or 18 holes in the fewest number of strokes (throws). Rather than swinging a ball with a stick, a player throws a small, heavier Frisbee. Rather than a golf hole, a player's target is an elevated metal basket, and unlike golf, it's free. Kayla Burke, a junior health studies major, said the reason

she started playing Frisbee golf was because it was free. Frisbee golf has been around since the 1970s, but still many people do not know about it. Burke said it has gone undetected because there are limited course locations. "I think a lot more people would play if there was one right on campus," she said. The closest Frisbee golf course is located in Effingham. It's approximately 31 miles away. The second closest is 43 miles away in Urbana. "I Frisbee golf everyday in Urbana," said Dave Dyke, a Parkland computer design major. "It's my exercise for the day."

One round of Frisbee golf can take an hour to two hours to finish. "I see mostly college students on the course, but there are usually a few youngsters and middle-aged people as well," said Katelyn Thomas, a Parkland psychology major. Thomas said it is a casual scene and everyone feels welcome. Frisbee golf is a good form of exercise, but it's not hard to learn or play. Burke said people do not have to be good to play. It's just for fun, he said. Dyke said sometimes he plays with older men who would stereotypically be play-

ing golf at a country club. "I think they play Frisbee golf to feel young and try something new," he said. Even though Frisbee golf is easy to learn and play, the course can provide challenging obstacles such as trees, shrubs and other distractions on the green. Wind and weather also play a part. "After you learn the game, you start working on your strategy around the trees and wind," Dyke said. He said sometimes people play in the rain and snow. Getting the Frisbee in the basket may seem easy but scoring par or under is difficult just like in golf sometimes, Dyke said.

People who don't want to drive to a course can always make up their own course. Frisbee golf can lead to a professional career like any other sport. The Professional Disc Golf Association has over 16,000 members. The PDGA sponsors many competitions for men and women in all skill levels, professional and non-professional. There are even courses in countries around the world. Students who are interested in Frisbee golf can purchase a disc for under \$10. To find directions for the Effingham and Urbana courses, visit PGDA official Web site www.pdga.com.

Chuck

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

July 3-4, the city has a celebration picnic for Independence Day. This is held at Morton Park and includes food, fireworks and a concert from country music singer Aaron Tippin. The fireworks are set off at the airport and are sponsored in conjunction by the airport and the cities of Charleston and Mattoon.

Expos

The weekend of July 15 to July 17, the Oliver Hart Parr Collectors Club will host the seventh annual Summer Expo at Coles County Fairgrounds. This is a showcase of antique tractors

that are 25 years or older. There will also be a festival that includes tractor pulls, games and a large flea market. "(Tractor pulls are) where a whole bunch of tractors come together and you put a whole bunch of weight on a semi-trailer," said Tim Walker, a freshman political science major. "Then you hook the tractors to the trailer and then pull it down a dirt track."

Bagelfest

Mattoon will play host to BagelFest 2005 from July 21 to July 23 at Peterson Park located on 500 Broadway. This is a celebration of gratitude to Murray Lender for bringing his Lender Bagel factory to Mattoon. In 1998, Murray made "The World's Berry Biggest Bagel," which

weighed in at 765 pounds. This event has been going on annually since 1986. The festival includes a marathon, beauty pageant, dog show and a talent show. Throughout the weekend, there will be concerts from southern rock band .38 Special and Christian singer Matthew West. On the morning of July 22, the festival will also hold the "World's Largest Bagel Breakfast" at 8 a.m. This breakfast includes free bagels and cream cheese. "You just go there and they just hand you as many bagels as you please," said Staci Luce, a freshman clinical laboratory science major.

Fox Ridge

Located eight miles south of Charleston is the Fox Ridge State Park.

"Fox Ridge is very pretty and is very thickly wooded," Luce said. "My favorite place in the park is Eagle Point, that looks over the lake." This park includes picnic areas and grills that are available for day use. Also, there are two baseball diamonds and sand volleyball courts, eight hiking trails, 43 campsites and a shower facility. Three cabins are also available for rent.

Lake Charleston

Closer to the city limits is Lake Charleston. The park hours are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and there are picnic areas and playground equipment on location. Also, fishing is allowed at Lake Charleston, but the regulations on this activity are included in a brochure that is handed out at the Charleston Park and

Recreation Department office.

Murals Around the Square

For a walking activity, there is "Murals around the Square" which spans a three-block area. In 1998, local artists painted walls of downtown buildings into works of art, in order to promote tourism to the Square.

Bowling and Mini Golf

Also, students can go to Charleston Lanes for a night of bowling or head over to a Putt-N-Swing for a night of miniature golf and batting cages.

Summer in Charleston holds many possibilities for fun around the town. So, do not hesitate to take advantage of it and make the summer a worthwhile memory.



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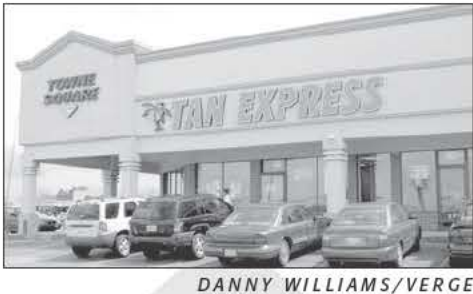
SHOULDERS ABOVE THE

BAND- ELSINORE

A country/Americana folk rock band named Elsinore took the title of No. 1 band in Coles County this year. Three of the band members: Ryan Groff, acoustic guitar and vocals; Mark Woolwine, piano and vocals and Dave Pride, percussion and vocals are all Eastern students. Chris Eitel, bass and vocals attends Lakeland Community College. The band plays about four shows a month and are regulars at Jackson Avenue Coffee, The Warehouse and Friends and Co. in Charleston.

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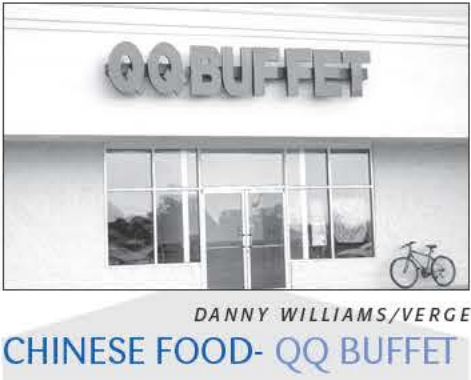
PLACE TO PLAY DARTS - MARTY'S

LIVE DJ- MIKE HAUSMAN @ MOTHER'S

Hausman, or DJ Boomshakur as he likes to be called, has been a disc jockey for more than four years and currently spins at Mother's and performs at private functions. He plays "mostly hip-hop, techno and Euro" music. "I know the fundamentals of DJ-ing," Hausman said. "I've got the basics down, in-and-out. I can look at the dance floor and tell what (people) want to hear."

PROFESSOR- MARTY SCOTT

Even though Scott died March 31, he still brought in the most votes for best professor. He taught in the English department and was a friend to many of his students.



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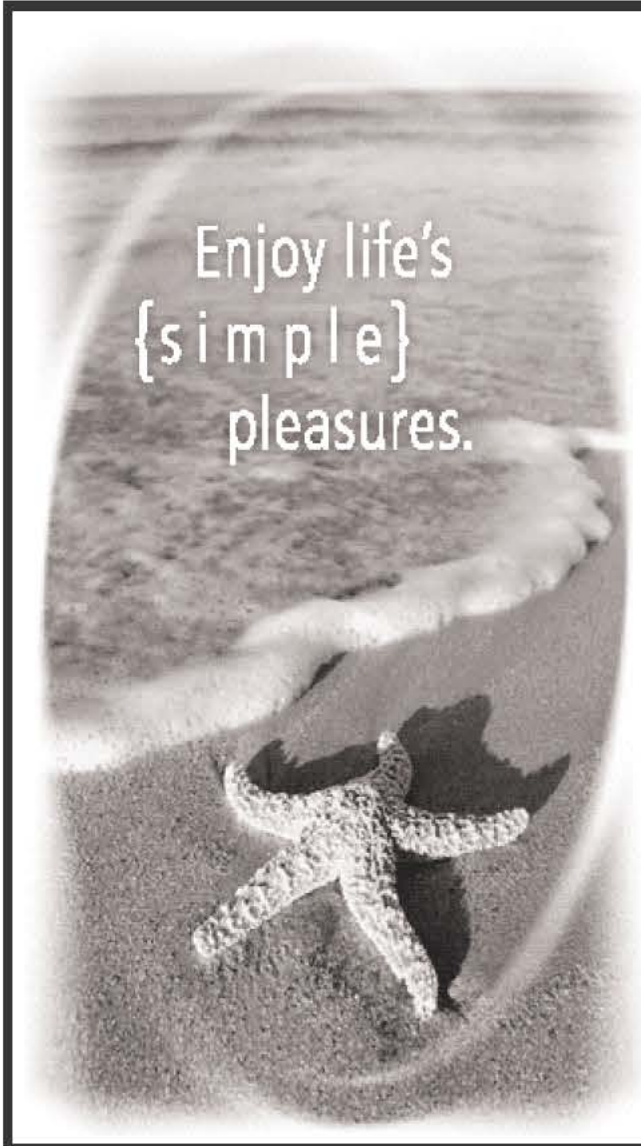
SANDWICHES- JIMMY JOHN'S

Jimmy John's was first opened in Charleston in 1983. Currently, there are 270 United States franchises and several foreign ones. Entrepreneur magazine rated Jimmy John's the 61st fastest growing franchise. The restaurant caters to students with after-hours munchies by delivering their sandwiches, which range from \$3.25 to \$4.25 from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

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DJ Boomshakur, Mike Hausman, is a senior communications major and has been a disc jockey for more than four years and currently spins at Mother's.



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Coles County Pawn Shop is the yellow building on the corner of Fourth and Madison streets. Customers can buy, sell and trade items from jewelry and coins to TVs and VCRs. Coles County Pawn has a large selection of video games, movies, CDs and adult videos and magazines.

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BEST BOWLING ALLEY-
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Eastern Lanes originally opened in 1967 and underwent renovations in 2001 to open again in the spring of 2002. The renovated lanes included new lanes, new bowling balls, new shoes and automatic scoring. Shoe rental is \$1 and \$1.75 a game for students.

BEST PLACE TO PLAY PIN-
BALL/FOOSBALL- THE MAD
HATTER'S TEA

Todd and Jedd Edgar, owners of the Mad Hatter's Tea, have owned the bar since the fall of 2000. Of the many places that received votes in this category, Mad Hatter's was one of the only places that has both pinball and foosball.

BEST RESTAURANT- E.L.
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BEST DINING HALL-
STEVENSON HALL

Stevenson Hall is known for having a variety of choices every day. The made-to-order omelets and deli sandwiches are a campus favorite, as are the make-your-own waffle selection. Stevenson dining is open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

BEST PLACE TO PLAY POOL-
THE MAD HATTER'S TEA

Equipped with four pool tables at the cost of 75 cents per game, Mad Hatter's pulled in the majority of the votes again.

BEST COACH- BOB SPOO
(FOOTBALL)

Spoo is the winningest coach in Eastern history with a record of 105-89-1 in 17 seasons. He led the Panthers to five NCAA Division I-AA tournaments in the last nine years. Under Spoo, the Panthers have had eight winning seasons in the last 10 played. Spoo's team shared or won two Ohio Valley Conference championships from 2000 to 2002.

Honorable Mention- Rick Samuels

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PIZZA- CHUBBY'S
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ON-CAMPUS EVENT-
HOMECOMING

Homecoming came in first for best on-campus event. It's a tradition for Eastern students and Charleston residents alike. Homecoming is a full week of themed events and fun like "Who Wants to Be a Mascot?" and of course, the football game (tailgating included). Next year's theme will be "All the Places You Can Go at Eastern."

INTRAMURAL SPORT-
VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball, the biggest indoor intramural sport at Eastern next to basketball, claimed the number one spot for best intramural sport. In the fall, men and women play on separate leagues. In the spring, the games are co-ed and less competitive. Teams play about five games in three to four weeks and then playoffs.

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Here comes the sun-protect yourself

Prevent long and short-term sun damage with sunscreen

By EUGENIA JEFFERSON
STAFF REPORTER

As summer approaches, the weather is getting warmer. As the weather heats up, there are more people outside doing outdoor activities, including tanning on the Quad. However, being over-exposed to the sun without proper protection can cause skin damage.

Sunscreen can block harmful UVA and UVB rays of the sun. The best protection is using a sunscreen that has SPF (Sun protection factor). According to cool-nurse.com, wearing sunscreen with SPF of at least 15 every day, even on cloudy days or when spending little time in the sun can prevent harm to the skin. Pale-skinned people should use a high SPF or total sun block lotion.

Knowing one's own skin type will help when deciding to buy a sunscreen lotion.

"It is going to vary with the type of skin they have," said Nita Shrader, administer nurse at Health Services.

HOW TO WARD OFF SKIN DAMAGE

TO AVOID BEING SUNBURNED:

DON'T TAN BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 2 P.M. THE SUN IS THE STRONGEST BETWEEN THOSE HOURS. COVER YOUR SKIN; WEAR LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS, PANTS OR HATS. AVOID SPENDING A LOT OF TIME OUTSIDE, WHEN THE SUN IS STRONGEST. WEAR SUNGLASSES.

(INFO FROM COOLNURSE.COM AND NITA SHRADER)

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TAKE A COOL BATH OR SHOWER. APPLY AN ALOE VERA LOTION SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. MANY CONTAIN LIDOCAINE, WHICH WILL NUMB THE PAIN.

LEAVE WATER BLISTERS INTACT TO SPEED HEALING AND AVOID INFECTION. IF THEY BURST ON THEIR OWN, REMOVE SKIN FRAGMENTS, AND THEN APPLY AN ANTIBACTERIAL OINTMENT ON THE OPEN AREAS. COVER WITH A STERILE GAUZE BANDAGE. TAKE AN OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN RELIEVER SUCH AS ASPIRIN, IBUPROFEN, ACETAMINOPHEN OR NAPROXEN SODIUM. DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS. IF YOUR SUNBURN BEGINS TO BLISTER OR IF YOU EXPERIENCE IMMEDIATE COMPLICATIONS (RASH, ITCHING OR FEVER), CALL YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

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makes you more skin sensitive," Shrader said. "If they are on these certain medications, they need to let their pharmacist know."

There are ways to be in the sun and not get burned.

"If you want to try to tan, you're going to want to use sunscreen and go out for a couple of hours and not lay out very long," Shrader said. "You do that every day until you reach the tan you want. It is a process. You can't just automatically do it one or two days."

Sunburn is a short-term effect of prolonged sun exposure, however, the long-term effects are also harmful. Sun exposure can cause brown age spots, blotchiness and uneven skin tone, wrinkles and even skin cancer.

According to an article on webmd.com by Jeanie Lerche Davis, sunburns can increase the risk of skin cancer in young people. Ultraviolet rays from the sun cause pigment changes in the skin causing parts of it to turn a darker brown color, which should be checked regularly by a doctor.

It is important for young people to take care of their skin at an early age and to check for suspicious moles or colorations of the skin.

Avoid being 'that guy,' leave concert shirts home

"What is this? You're going to wear the shirt of the band you're going to see? Don't be that guy." Droz, "PCU" (1994)

With summer on everyone's mind, you are all hopefully aware that the concert season approaches. What some may not be aware of are the concert fashion rules that should be strictly enforced.

Even though Droz, from the cult-classic movie "PCU," made an entire generation conscious of the fact that you simply cannot wear the shirt of the band you are seeing, some may have forgotten this detail. This is a huge concert no-no.

But it has come to my attention that many people were not clued into this important fact. Thankfully, I am here to do so and help you avoid being "that guy" or

SOUND
ADVICE
By GREG WALKER
STAFF WRITER



having to stand next to "that guy," which is just as bad.

"Why can't you wear the bands' shirt?" some may ask. The simple answer is because you will look like an idiot. You are already supporting the band by going to their show, you don't need to show off your 1999 concert tour t-shirt to show your dedication, because no one cares.

Some people may not show up to the show in their favorite band shirt, but instead immediately go and buy a shirt

and put it on. That is still a concert foul. Instead, wait until the show is over to buy a shirt. Of course, by then, the shirt you may have wanted could be sold out. Oh well, at least you looked cool during the show.

"So, does this mean I can wear whatever I want, as long as it is not the band's shirt?" you may wonder. Yet again, I have an overwhelming "no" for you. Are you going to show up to a Metallica show in a polo? I didn't think so.

Let's say you go to see the hip new underground indie band that is on the verge of making its big breakthrough. This is definitely a tough crowd to please fashion-wise. Why? Because they are so cool, stupid! If the band, while close to making it big, is still

obscure, you had better wear a band shirt of an even obscurer band. A German band that has only played a total of two shows in their basement and strictly record to their 1989 boom box that produces a sound comparable to The White Stripes meets The Killers meets The Animals. If you don't have THAT band's shirt, (how dare you) then any crap from the thrift store will do. Sports jackets seem to be all the rage lately.

I'm sorry I cannot be there for you during this concert season holding your hand. I'm a busy guy. Just please promise me you will take to heart this pointless column and do your best not to embarrass your friends and loved ones by becoming "that guy."

Supagroup offers supagrooves

By GREG WALKER
STAFF WRITER

Supagroup is back again to rock your face off with "Rules," whether you like it or not.

Supagroup has a sound that has been borrowed from bands like AC/DC and Aerosmith, (definitely not the current sober Aerosmith), and the big theme of this record is excess to the 11th degree.

Sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll is what Supagroup has

served up spicy-hot for anyone who is willing to get their socks rocked off. But don't be scared of the native Alaskan band that was started by brothers Chris (vocals, rhythm guitar) and Benji Lee (lead guitar). They just want to have fun, and maybe hit on your sister too (right in front of

you as well). Ballsy. Speaking of balls, the song "It Takes Balls" will make your AC/DC-loving friend do a double take.

"Rules" is an album you could crank up while drinking with your buddies on a Monday night. "Let's Go (Get Wasted)" is the perfect soundtrack for ... getting

wasted. The lyrics don't need any interpretation, "Let's go, get wasted, let's go, get high." It's also easy to see they are not taking themselves too seriously.

Supagroup doesn't forget that all-too necessary ballad with the song "I'm Gonna Change." Chris Lee wails, out letting his girl know he'll

change for her; but with the rock 'n' roll lifestyle he endorses, that is not likely to happen anytime soon. The album ends with the lighter-in-the-air ballad/balls-to-the-walls rock song, "Rough Edge," that is an ode to the band's rock 'n' roll lifestyle.

With bands like The Darkness and Jet topping the charts nowadays, it is hard to see how Supagroup won't be joining the ranks. Supagroup is not giving you a record that will challenge you though. You will either like "Rules," or be scared off to go spin your lame Maroon 5 album. If you have any rock sensibility in you, "Rules" will rule you.

"RULES"
SUPAGROUP
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Weathering the Celebration



STEPHEN HAAS/VERGE FILE PHOTO (MAY 3, 2004)

Delilah Davis, of Charleston, makes a glass marble for a customer Sunday afternoon at the booth for her business, Inside the Rainbow, during Celebration on the Library Quad. Davis was set up with a fellow glass artist, Cliff Thomas.

BY LAURA GRIFFITH
VERGE EDITOR

For the past two years or so, rain has threatened to put a damper on Celebration, an outdoor festival of music and the arts on the Library Quad.

But inclement weather won't stop food vendors, art vendors and performers from making it to the 28th Annual Celebration this year, said Dan Crews, director of publicity for the College of Arts and Humanities.

"There's always a possibility of rain," Crews said.

Every other year or so the festival has had to go on during inclement weather, he said, adding, "there's never been a festival rained out all three days."

The problem with moving the festival indoors lies in the fact that the ballrooms are normally booked for receptions on the weekends, he said. Also, people still want to be outdoors to take part in the festivities.

"We try to shoot for the best weather possible," Crews said.

Celebration will run April 29 through May 1, the last weekend for students to kick back and relax before finals.

An "eclectic mix" of music, including everything from jazz to folk and classical rock will entertain students and community members who attend.

"We try to give local and regional groups an opportunity to play," Crews said.

The bands will play on a soundstage under a canopy, so the state of the art sound equipment is protected from the threat of rain.

"I've been going to Celebration since I was a little kid in the eighties," said JB Faures, a musician playing with the band Airtight at Celebration this year.

Faures said the weather usually is not a big problem. He has played at the festival in past years with bands like Butcher's Legs, a bluegrass/country rock band, and Funkallero, a hip hop/reggae ensemble and has never had much trouble with the weather.

This year, however, Faures will play with an all-acoustic old-time string band, which presents a problem if there is too much moisture in the air.

The wood on the instruments is thin and the instruments themselves are hollow, Faures said.

"The wood changes with the weather," he said. "It can cause the instrument to go out of tune."

Faures has been checking the forecast, and according to weather.com, Charleston residents can expect a high of 58 degrees and rain on Friday, and a high of 62 degrees and showers through Saturday.

No matter the weather, Crews said the festival will go on. In past years, some vendors have pulled out and refused to show up, but for the most part they are professionals and wouldn't miss a chance to do business, he said.

In addition to the music, there will be art vendors both selling and demonstrating their work, such as jewelry making, pottery making, painting and photography, and there will be food vendors as well.

Faures is "hoping for the best; expecting the worst," he said. "I'll be out there anyway."

A look into summer's big-screen blockbusters

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Every summer, a fountain of blockbusters raid the movie theaters and make loads and loads of money. This summer is no different. With big names like Vader, Batman, Spielberg and Wonka returning, this summer will be one of fun and excitement. This summer's theme seems to be remakes. With three television shows, two comic books, a video game and more than five classic movies being remade, this could be the summer of repetition or, simply, a summer of great movies.

May
"Kingdom of Heaven"
Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Liam Neeson, Jeremy Irons, David Thewlis, Edward Norton
Directed by Ridley Scott (May 6)
During the 12th century crusades, a young blacksmith (Bloom) rises to protect his people from invaders. The director of "Alien" and "Gladiator" makes another epic movie filled with blood and battles

"Star Wars Episode III: The Revenge of the Sith"
Ewan McGregor, Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson, Ian McDiarmid



RICHARD CARTWRIGHT/NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS

Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn in "Wedding Crashers, a fast-paced comedy about love turned upside down.

Directed by George Lucas
This is easily the most anticipated movie of the summer, maybe even year. This will be the third in the second Star Wars trilogy, making it six movies in less than 30 years. In this outing, Anakin Skywalker (Christensen) is gradually shifting to the dark side, and his fight with Obi-Wan Kenobi (McGregor) over molten lava is expected to be one of the movie's most climactic moments. (May 19)

"The Longest Yard"
Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Nelly and Burt Reynolds
Directed by Peter Segal

June
"Batman Begins"
Starring Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Gary Oldman, Katie Holmes
Directed by Christopher Nolan
This is the long awaited story of a young Bruce Wayne (Bale) on his journey to becoming the protector of Gotham City. Looks like an awesome cast. (June 17)

"War of the Worlds"
Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins, Miranda Otto and Justin Chatwin
Directed by Steven Spielberg
Spielberg's big-budget remake to the 1953 adaptation of H.G. Wells' 1898 novel about a family's fight for survival when martians attack Earth. The trailer, available on several Web sites, is pretty intense and looks to be quite entertaining. You really can't go wrong with Spielberg. (June 29)

July
"Fantastic Four"
Ioan Gruffudd, Michael Chiklis, Jessica Alba and Chris Evans
Directed by Tim Story
Four astronauts pick up super-powers and decide to use them to stop Doctor Doom. The screenplay writer for this movie, Simon Kinberg, is also writing "X-Men 3." Fans of the comic book should be satisfied with this one. (July 8)

"Wedding Crashers"
Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn
Directed by David Dobkin
A pair of trouble-makers sneak into weddings to take advantage of the romantic twinkle in the air. (July 15)

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
Johnny Depp, Freddy

Highmore, David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter and Christopher Lee
Directed by Tim Burton
This movie looks to be more of a specific adaptation from the book, rather than a remake of the Gene Wilder movie. The story goes that Charlie Bucket (Highmore) wins the chance to go to Wonka's chocolate factory, but he gets more than he bargains for. (July 15)

August
"Domino"
Mickey Rourke, Keira Knightley, Edgar Ramirez and Christopher Walken
Directed by Tony Scott
The director of 2003's "Man on Fire" takes on this dark, action comedy, which is loosely based on the life of Domino Harvey, a former Ford model who gave up modelling to try her hand in bounty hunting. (Aug. 12)

Other titles to look into:
May- "Madagascar," "Monster-in-Law"
June- "Bewitched," "Cinderella Man," "The Dukes of Hazzard," "The Honeymooners," "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"
July- "Bad News Bears," "Stealth"
August- "Doom," "The Pink Panther"

LONG DISTANCE LOVE AFFAIR

College students spend months apart while their relationships last across miles

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Romeo and Juliet went to eternity for each other, so how far will Eastern students go for their star-crossed lovers?

Mindy Brown, a freshman journalism major, will be riding the long distance relationship roller coaster this summer with her boyfriend Matt Born, a University of Illinois computer science and Spanish major.

Brown said the two are high school sweethearts who have been together for two-and-a-half years. She said this will be their third summer being in a long distance relationship.

"We're comfortable being apart," Brown said. "We have our own lives."

Some long distance relationships don't last the first try, let alone the third.

"We've already gone through this roller coaster before," Born said.

"I'm not worried."

He said one reason their relationship will work over the summer is because he likes to drive long distances.

Born will be spending the summer in St. Charles,

Champaign and Canada while Brown will remain in Charleston.

Brown said they will try to see each other on as many weekends possible. She said they have events planned such as sailing and camping together.

"It'll work because we started planning early," she said.

Planning ahead will also help Sarah Rasmussen, a sophomore public relations major, with her long distance relationship.

She will be staying in Charleston over the summer while her boyfriend, Pete Wangerski, a junior exercise science major, will be living in Riverside.

Rasmussen said they met last year and became close after talking on the phone all summer. They have been dating for eight months.

"I'm going to miss him a lot over the summer," she said. "I'll be bored out of my mind without him."

Rasmussen said it will be hard not seeing her boyfriend since she's seen him all this year but they'll make it work because "they are in love."

Love might be the only thing that can keep a long distance relationship going strong.

Courtney Lowe, a communication disorders and sciences major, said her long distance relationship did not work.

"Jealousy plays a big part," she said. "People fight regardless of where they are."

Lowe said she does not recommend long distance relationships unless you're in love.

"Try to stay friends and see what comes later when you're together and not apart," Lowe said.

Other factors play into having a healthy long distance relationship.

Brown said having a flexible social life has helped in the past and will help this summer.

"We don't always need to be together," Brown said. "We have friends in common and apart."

Brown said the best advice for students involved in a long distance relationship is "don't hide anything." Her boyfriend gave the same type of advice.

"Be upfront," said Born. "It helps a lot."

Born said he and Brown usually see each other on the weekends during school, so it won't be that different in the summer.

"It'll be hard but why shouldn't it work?" he said. "We love each other."

Psychologists may have a different opinion on long distance relationships.

Joseph Williams, associate professor of psychology, said he believes that contact is the way to fulfill a healthy relationship.

"Once students move to two different locations, they may become two different people," he said. "People 18-24 are still maturing and becoming the person they'll be."

Williams said the danger of the long distance relationship is that the couple will grow apart and "break up because of less contact."

Some couples are willing to take that risk.

Wangerski said he's going to make it work because he loves Rasmussen and she loves him.

"We're not going to break up just because it's summer," he said.

Even though some students have made long distance relationships work in the past, some people are still skeptical about them.

"You can't have a meaningful relationship if you don't see each other," Williams said. "Attitudes change."

He said long distance relationships likely will not succeed, but when they do it's great.

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'The green implants make you explode'

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Nowadays, people can do anything on the Web. Everything from Internet research to downloading music to playing games online is available at our fingertips.

Not just any games, but a variety to entertain all types of people from gossip lovers, to word nerds and those that are just a little morbid for most.

We'll start with the ones that take me back to my Catholic elementary school back home. Not a day went by when I wasn't antsy to get done with my typing lessons so I could jump on those really cool Apple II E's and pop in that floppy disk to play King's Quest or the ever-popular Oregon Trail. Many days that's the only thing I looked forward

to at school, which I now realize is a little sad. But hey- I was young.

Now that I'm of-age, a legal adult for three years, I still can't get enough of those same kinds of games.

And lucky for me there are Web sites that bring me both those games from my past, and all-new, controversial games that keep me coming back for more.

If it's breaking virtual bricks with a paddle and a ball that lights your fire, or it's leading your digital family through unfamiliar territory, fording rivers and shooting buffalo that's more up your alley, virtualapple.com is the perfect site.

With all the technological advances in computers today, it amazes me that people are still drawn to these older games, which are presented to players with their original graphics. It must be nostalgia. Whatever it is, I like it, and I'm happy they're back.

As I grew older, my taste in games changed a little as the computer games available to me did.

In high school, I played Text Twist every time I came into Journalism 2. Our paper only came out once a month and I spent an extra hour in the newsroom for study hall, so I decided to spend my time broadening my word horizons. Shuffling letters around to make every possible word combination became the ultimate thrill for the reporters and editors of the RedBird Word and I was no exception.

Much more recently, I discovered a site that opened a new world of fun, addictinggames.com.

This site not only provides links for online Battleship and Mah Jongg tiles, but also to interesting games like my beloved Text Twist and a recent newsroom favorite, Kitten Cannon.

Kitten Cannon consists of raising or lowering a cannon and pressing the spacebar to shoot a kitten out of a cannon. The object of the game is to keep the kitty bouncing to gain the most feet. Watch out for the carnivorous plants and the spikes, which can cut your kitty's distance short. On the plus side, if the kitty lands on the trampoline or the bombs, they will accelerate his speed and send him flying and bouncing for a much longer distance.

The game takes no skill, and the best part is the sounds- of the cannon, the bombs exploding, the bounce of the trampoline, the gulp of the plant eating the kitty and the splat of the kitty being impaled on the spikes.

A little grotesque for most? What if you aren't into dead kitties, but you get riled up talking about celebrities' latest scandals?

Imagine if there was a game where you could play Michael Jackson, and shoot little boys

with nets to keep them from escaping your clutches? There is- it's called Escape from Neverland, and it can be found on zooass.com.

Not a big Jacko fan? Eonline.com offers a game much like Kaboom, an old school Atari favorite. One catch- it's called Kaboob, and it centers around breast implants.

The object of the game is to catch as many pink and purple implants as you can, as a plastic surgeon above you moves across the screen and drops them. The pink implants earn the player points, while purple ones cause the character's boobs to grow. Be careful not to catch the green ones, they make the character explode and the game is over.

Whatever your interests, there is a game online to suit them. Now excuse me, a kitten is waiting to be shot out of a cannon.