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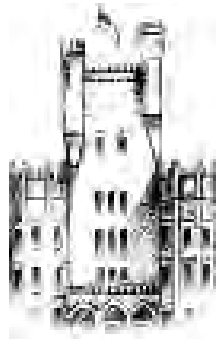
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# The Daily Eastern News

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## Addressing past year, looking ahead

### Hencken calls for tuition hike

By Pat Guinane  
Senior reporter

Eastern will ask the Board of Trustees for a 3.5 percent tuition increase to compensate for a projected decline in state funding, interim President Lou Hencken said Tuesday.

The proposed increase, which Hencken will present to Eastern's Student Senate Wednesday, would push one semester of full-time undergraduate tuition and fees at Eastern from \$2,263.25 to \$2,315.30.

The university's latest request to raise tuition came during the interim president's first State of the University Address.

"I have stated many times publicly that a tuition increase should be a last resort," Hencken told the crowd composed mostly of faculty, staff and administrators. "If we are to maintain the academic quality of this institution, I believe we have no other choice, no other alternative but to recommend an additional 3.5 percent tuition increase for the fall semester 2002."

The hike, coupled with a projected enrollment increase of 50 students, is intended to generate approximately \$1.3 million and alleviate the uni-

versity's projected shortfall, Hencken said, stressing the importance of providing students with the class offerings they need to graduate in a timely manner.

The funding created by the increase would also allow the university to boost equipment funds, raise spending on deferred maintenance and possibly allow Eastern's financial aid office to use some of the money for programs designed to offset the increased expense for students, Hencken said.

The president's request marks the second time Eastern has sought to raise next year's tuition. A 5 percent tuition increase along with \$38.20 increase in mandatory student fees was approved by the university's Board of Trustees in October.

However, at that time university administrators were not fully aware of the impact dwindling state revenues would have on funding for higher education. In the months following, Gov. George Ryan asked Eastern to return funding this year and pay employee insurance costs, resulting in a total callback of approximately \$2.3 million.

To compensate for this year's callback, the university slashed its deferred maintenance budget, left some positions open and saved money on lower costs associated with a warm winter.

However, Hencken said the university cannot continue such practices next year, especially when the Illinois Board of Higher Education's recommended 2003 spending allocation for Eastern is about \$600,000 less than what the university start-



Colin McAuliffe/Photo editor

Interim President Lou Hencken discusses budget cuts and next years finances, as part of his State of the University address to students and faculty Tuesday afternoon in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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## President recaps campus projects, budget cuts

By Shauna Gustafson  
Editor in chief

The culmination of several major campus projects, the budget, recruitment and retention of students and off-campus relations were the focus of interim President Lou Hencken during the annual State of the University address, held Tuesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

About 200 faculty, students, staff and administrators were on hand for the address,

including all four vice presidents and Faculty Senate Chair Bud Fischer, who introduced Hencken.

He reminded the audience of the newly finished baseball stadium, indoor and outdoor track, newly renovated Union bookstore, restrooms in the Student Recreation Center, new Food Court and the newly renovated Booth Library which Hencken called "truly the campus centerpiece."

"This past year, I worried that we would run

out of ribbon because of all the ribbon cuttings that we were having on campus," Hencken said.

Hencken thanked several groups that were involved in the changes made on campus and applauded their efforts.

The events of Sept. 11 have had a profound impact on the budget at Eastern, and across the state, Hencken said. It is because of the economic downturn the nation took that states and the universities they fund are having to

look harder for funding.

Hencken said he will propose a 3.5 percent tuition increase to be added onto the already approved 5 percent tuition increase for next year, which will bring the total increase, if approved by Eastern's Board of Trustees, to 8.5 percent.

"I have stated many times publicly that a tuition increase should be a last resort," he said. "If we are to maintain the academic quality of

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### Committee discusses hot spots

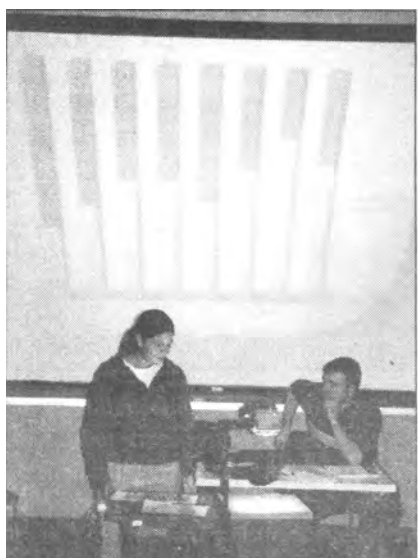
By Benjamin Tully  
Student Government editor

They may not be the rooftops next to Wrigley Field, but parking spots Student Senate members hope will be reassigned may give Eastern students the best seat in the house when it comes to softball games.

In a student relations meeting Tuesday evening, members of the Student Senate announced plans in a continuing effort to work with faculty and staff in order to ease parking woes.

The spots in question are 36 spaces in the Stevenson lot, facing the softball field, currently assigned as staff parking.

Donna Fernandez, chair of the Student Senate Relations



Colin McAuliffe/Photo editor

Donna Fernandez, a junior marketing major, and Student Relations Committee chair, discusses campus parking Tuesday evening in the Roberson Auditorium of Lumpkin Hall.

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### Charleston businesses not affected by opening of Eastern food court

By Maura Possley  
City editor

Despite the opening of the renovated food court in February and plenty of traffic ever since, local businesses have not felt a change in the amount of business.

Local managers of restaurants agreed that since the food court has opened, they have not seen a loss of business and overall business has remained stable.

"There was not anything noticeable," Rob Tobias, a manager at McHugh's Double Drive Thru, said Tuesday. "We haven't had any decreases so I guess it didn't affect us at all."

Although there is a Subway in

the new food court, Jessica Jarrett, a Subway worker at the Lincoln Avenue store, said she has seen no drop in the amount of customers since February.

"It seems pretty steady," she said. "We get a lot of people who work around here, we don't get that many students."

In agreement, Bob Harrison, a manager at Blimpie's and Cory Hay, a manager at Pizza Hut said they have not seen a decrease in business.

"We're normally on a continual upward trend," Hay said. "We haven't seen a huge difference really."

Similarly, Tara Smith, a manager at McDonald's, said business

has been stable.

"Everybody eats pretty much everywhere," she said. "I don't think it's slowed down at all."

In contrast, Darin Ripperden, a manager at Wendy's, said last month's business was slower than usual.

"Last month was kind of slow, but this month has been a lot busier," he said.

However, Ripperden said he attributes the slow-down to the weather rather than the new food court.

"I don't really think it was because of the food court," he said. "Because we're far enough away from campus we don't get as many students."

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## Sweet solo

Michael Stryker directs the Eastern Illinois University Jazz Band Concert, Tuesday evening in the Leo J. Dvorak Concert Hall. Curtis Fuller had a special trumpet solo during the first song, "Sweetness."

# Dinner a gracious thank you for those who built EIU house

By Caitlin Prendergast

Activities editor

Eastern's Habitat for Humanity chapter is hosting a dinner for all of those that volunteered their help to the "House that EIU Built" at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Newman Catholic Center.

Any student or organization that helped raise money for the house or who helped build the house is invited to attend, said Sarah Weglowski, dinner organizer and Habitat for Humanity chapter member.

"It's a free thank-you dinner for all the people who contributed to the 'House that EIU Built,'" Weglowski said. "The chapter set a

goal five years ago to build a house in Coles County for Habitat for Humanity through fund raising and promotion."

The "House that EIU Built" is in Mattoon and will be donated to a family in need of more adequate shelter upon its completion.

Weglowski said Eastern's Habitat for Humanity chapter has a general membership of about 40 members, but received a lot of help on the house project.

Over 100 students and 25 campus organizations volunteered, including the wrestling team and the Wesley Foundation, she said.

The dinner coincides with HABIFEST 2002, a day of celebration for Habitat for Humanity

chapters at over 100 universities and across the nation.

The day was designed to highlight the need for affordable housing and to encourage students further to volunteer to eliminate sub-standard housing.

"We are excited that our young people want to get involved in helping families in their communities who are less fortunate," said Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International, in a press release.

Anyone interested in attending the dinner at the Newman Catholic Center or learning more about the campus Habitat for Humanity chapter can contact Holly Walters at 348-0188.

# Banquet to honor outstanding international students

By Brittany Potocnic

Staff writer

The international students program will honor its exceptional students at the International Programs Spring Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The buffet dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and an awards ceremony will follow.

"It's a very special night for our international community," said Sue Songer, international student adviser. "It's an opportunity to congratulate the spring graduates that are international students."

Sixteen plaques will be awarded to outstanding international students who were nominated by department chairs and other faculty members, Songer said.

The winners in each department are: Khaled

“It's a very special night for our international community.”

Sue Songer,  
international student advisor

Abdou, a senior business major; Teng-yun Chiang, a graduate technology major; Sebastian Huluban, a graduate political science major; Jane Kabogo, a graduate family and consumer science major; Lina Li, a graduate special education major; Jinbing Ma, a graduate mathematics major; Abhay Mane, a graduate physical education major; Mirjam Mueller, a graduate history major; Kiranmayi

Padmaraju, a graduate early childhood, elementary and middle level education major; Yunyi Qu, a graduate economics major; Oscar Salazar, a freshman of the intensive English program; Fei Shen, a graduate biological sciences major; Vi Tran, a graduate English major; Yovita Widyadharma, a senior art major; Keiko Yoneyama, a senior psychology major; and Donghua Zeng, a graduate chemistry major.

The international students program, which includes about 150 students, is a division of the graduate school but is open to graduate and undergraduate students.

Eastern's study abroad program offers semester and summer exchange programs with Belgium, Germany, France, Sweden, Australia, Colombia, Wales, The Netherlands and Hungary, Songer said.

Although this event is open for the public, guest tickets have been sold out.

## campus forecast

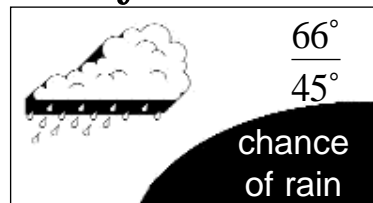
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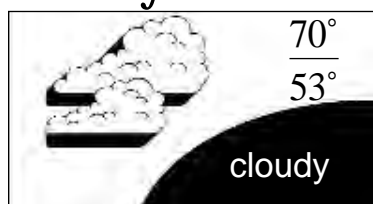
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## New Home Depot may yield benefits, disadvantages

By Maura Possley  
City editor

A new Home Depot that will be built in Mattoon during the upcoming warm months will boost the community's economy, but may infringe on competing smaller businesses.

Casey Rooney, director of the Mattoon Area Chamber of Commerce director, said Tuesday construction on the Home Depot is scheduled to begin in the next 60 to 90 days.

"We're very pleased they are coming; it looks like the economy is turning around," he said. "That's a very good sign."

However, Rooney also said smaller businesses will feel the effect of Home Depot and may lose business.

"There's not a doubt it's going to impact smaller business," he said. "They're going to have to become leaner and meaner and find their niche."

On the other hand, Home Depot will bring more job opportunities for the 65 Kmart employees who are losing their jobs

because of its closing. Once open, Home Depot will provide between 150 to 200 jobs, which will be a benefit for the community despite smaller businesses losing customers, Rooney said.

"Overall we'll have a gain in the community," he said.

Smaller businesses, Rooney said, will have to redefine their niche of business as well as developing their service because stores such as Kmart and Home Depot are aimed at volume.

"They have to be more service-oriented," he said. "There's people out there who want service."

Larry Beasley, a manager of Charleston Lumber, said Tuesday he is expecting Home Depot to take much business from lumberyards in addition to paint and hardware stores.

"For a smaller community, I don't think it's that great a deal," he said. "There's some bitterness."

Beasley also pointed out that stores similar



Colin McAuliffe/Photo editor

As jobs are lost from the closing of K-Mart, some people will be lucky enough to get a job from Home Depot that has recently bought the property.

to Charleston Lumber, 208 Sixth St., are don't have the help of investors in the stock market the way Home Depot does, which makes it harder to compete with Home Depot.

"We're individual businesses, we have to deal with banks," he said. "It's a little close to home that a way."

Managers at Carter Lumber of Mattoon refused to comment on the situation.

## College deans to be named soon

By Scott Miller  
Administration editor

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, told the Faculty Senate Tuesday he is close to choosing, but not close enough to name, the new deans of the College of Sciences and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

On March 8, Lord received candidate evaluations from each search committee.

There is also currently a search for a dean of the College of Educational and Professional Studies, which brought its first candidate to campus for interviews on Monday.

Since receiving the recommendations, Lord said he has made some progress but needs to smooth out negotiations before he will be ready to reveal any names.

"I'm close on both," he said, "but I don't want to state any names until someone is signed. There are still things that could fall apart."

Lord said he hopes to announce his decision within the next two weeks.

At the meeting, which was cut short due to interim President Lou Hencken's State of the University

Address, Bud Fischer, senate chair and biological sciences professor, reminded the senate to urge interested faculty to run for seats on the new Steering Committee for Faculty Development.

The committee is being established because of the senate's request for the academic affairs office to create a committee designed to provide faculty with more opportunities to hone their skills and learn new teaching methods.

Fischer said the senate needed more volunteers in order to have an election.

Also, the senate discussed a request for the business affairs office to hold off on filling vacant positions until a new president is in place. Some senate members said it was unfair to hire new administrative positions when there are many vacant positions among faculty. However, the senate did not take a clear stance on the issue.

Concern arose after Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, announced at the senate's April 2 meeting that he hopes to hire an assistant vice president for business affairs and a director of business services/treasurer by the end of this fiscal year.

Cooley also said he hopes to replace Bill Witsman, associate vice president for information technology services, who retires on June 14.

The request to hold off on hiring the positions came from David Carpenter, senate member and English professor, who said Cooley's wish was "arrogant and completely inappropriate giving the time."

Senate member Luis Clay Mendez, foreign languages professor, said "we have to observe freezes as faculty, but the administration does not."

Other senate members did not agree, saying that it is not the senate's place to tell business affairs when they can and cannot replace vacancies.

"I don't think we should be getting into a position where we're telling the vice president for business affairs not to hire anybody," said James Tidwell, senate member and journalism professor.

Senate Vice Chair Reed Benedict, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, agreed.

"I don't think it was arrogant at all. He is only trying to fill two out of nine vacant positions," Benedict said.

## Boxa Bucks to help raise money for Haiti

By Lisa Flam  
Staff writer

Everyone wins with the Haiti Connection's fundraiser "Boxa Bucks."

Students involved with Haiti Connection are busy this month selling "Boxa Bucks" to raise money for their efforts to improve conditions in Haiti.

Elizabeth Beagley, a senior family and consumer sciences major and member of the Haiti Connection "Boxa Bucks" committee, said the "Boxa Bucks," which are good for one large one-topping pizza, are \$8 compared to the original \$9 price of a large pizza at Boxa.

The coupons do not expire and there are no restrictions on when they can be used.

Beagley described the fundraiser as a win-win-win fundraiser. She said Boxa gets business, students save a dollar on a pizza and Haiti Connection will raise three dollars per pizza.

This is the first time Haiti Connection has done the "Boxa Bucks" fundraiser. The group has

already sent letters to Greek Organizations and Residence Assistance in hopes to sell more coupons.

"We're trying to get the feel for it," said Beagley.

The group also puts together final exam packs that they advertised to parents of students of the Newman Center that included the "Boxa Bucks" as well as a candy bar and other goodies students can use during finals week.

The proceeds from "Boxa Bucks" will go to buy the community of Barasa, Haiti a commill so the people there can start processing their own food and begin bringing money into their own community.

Students involved with Haiti Connection are also working on other projects to continue efforts on a reforestation project and Water For Life, a project to bring fresh water to Hatians.

Beagley said sales of "Boxa Bucks" will continue through the April and are available in the Newman Center. Anyone interested in purchasing the "Boxa Bucks" can also contact anyone involved with Haiti Connection.

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## Seeking input from students

**L**ow readership numbers for the Sunday edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* may cause that paper to be removed from the Collegiate Readership Program pending a decision this week by the Residence Hall Association.

The Collegiate Readership Program provides the *Post-Dispatch*, as well as the *Chicago Tribune* and *USA Today*, to students living on campus. The program is in its second year of existence.

### Sunday papers

The RHA will decide this week whether to continue receiving the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on Sundays.

Removing the *Post-Dispatch* would leave the *Chicago Tribune* as the only weekend paper.

Members of the housing staff and the RHA have been discussing the issue, and RHA President Kevin Leverage took the decision back to the RHA, which then decided to have representatives talk about the decision with their residence halls. They are expected to make the decision this week.

Those involved need to make a decision based on what students want.

On-campus students pay about \$5 a piece for the newspaper program. Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining said discontinuing delivery of the Sunday edition of the *Post-Dispatch* would slightly lower the program's cost, but the reason for discontinuing delivery is more for the ecological aspect.

It may not directly affect students' pocketbooks if the paper is removed, although it will cut down on the number of papers being recycled every day.

When papers are delivered, left over papers from the previous day are taken and recycled. Eastern does not pay for those papers, but since a high number of papers remain unread, it makes sense to either decrease the number of papers delivered or discontinue delivery all together.

The Housing Office is correct to rely on what the students want, since it is a program they pay for. Many students at Eastern come from the St. Louis area, and want to get the news from home, which is why the *Post-Dispatch* was included in the program.

RHA members are also correct to take the decision back to their halls, since those are the people such a decision would affect. This is a good example of how a decision should be made.

It is important these groups actively seek resident input so those involved can make an accurate decision.

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

### Today's quote

“Only in growth, reform, and change, paradoxically enough, is true security to be found.”

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

## Dealing with a tuition increase

**M**oney is a hot topic right now. Since Sept. 11 there has been talk of the economy, a recession and budget cuts. State universities have had to worry about and deal with lower budget projections.

For college students, money has always been a hot topic. Some students are lucky enough to have parents pay for their school expenses; others are not.

Many students live away from home for the first time when they go away to college. Some are more on their own than ever before and are independently covering costs incurred from such things as laundry and food. Some might be paying phone, electric and water bills for the first time, too.

On top of the necessities, students need fun, stress-relieving activities such as going to the movies or the bars, activities that cost money. Many students work their way through school, yet still struggle with only having 10 cents left in their checkbook at the end of the month.

Some students are responsible for covering their tuition and room and board, as well. Besides possible financial aid and scholarships, they pay for tuition, room and board and all the other expenses on their own. While this builds character and helps students appreciate more, it sometimes adds stress and financial troubles.

And now, they most likely will be responsible for even more. If parents do help fund the student's education, they also might begin to feel a little more pressure.

Tuition for next year is already set to rise 5 percent, and most likely it will increase more. Interim President Lou Hencken announced Tuesday in his State of the University Address that he will recommend to the Student Senate and the Board of Trustees that tuition be raised an additional 3.5 percent, making the total tuition increase 8.5 percent for next year.

The situation sounds bad, and it's unfortunate, but it could be worse. If you're upset over another increase in tuition, try to be more optimistic. Look at the glass as half full, not half empty.

Southern Illinois University will suffer an 18 percent increase next year, followed by a 16 percent increase the



Michelle Jones  
 Managing editor

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next year. The University of Illinois recently approved a 10 percent increase in tuition at all of its campuses.

Every year when it's time to decide tuition increases, I tense up a little, wishing I didn't have to part with so much of my hard-earned money. But I understand increases are a part of life. Every year tuition is required to rise at least 3 per-

cent.

When I heard about other schools drastically increasing tuition as a way to gain back revenue lost with budget cuts, I became a little scared about what would happen at Eastern. Maybe because I feared a 10 percent or more increase, I don't feel as bad as I first imagined I would if raising tuition more became a possibility.

If Hencken's recommendation is approved, as it likely will be, students will have to come up with more money for school. Next year could be rough for some. However, I trust Hencken. He said raising tuition more would be a last resort, and after listening to his reasoning, I am convinced he has tried his best not to take this measure.

Because of the mandatory 3 percent annual increase, once tuition has been raised, there's no going back, so every year from now on will be a little more expensive than it would have if tuition only increased 5 percent next year. My hope for the future is that dilemma will be remedied by lower increases in the years to come. I hope in the 2003-2004 school year, the university tries to only increase tuition the minimal amount.

The cost of college is more than tuition. In addition to the tuition hike, student fees increased in the fall too. That means the cost of attending school next year isn't just possibly rising 8.5 percent, but even more with the \$43.20 additional fees included.

A tuition increase probably will happen, and it probably should happen. The increase is not as high as it could have been, but I hope the university will not have to continue to have large increases in the years to come. Students are being hurt now, but the university can aim to help them again in the future.

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# Opening eyes to non-violence, women's rights

## Justice through *Ahimsa*

There is no doubt if Gandhi were alive today, he would be gravely disappointed by the recent terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 and America's vehement reaction to them. A strong believer in *ahimsa*, or non-violence, Gandhi would ask us to pursue a less militant avenue in rectifying our American pride. For, when it comes right down to it, we retaliate not for justice, but as compensation for our challenged arrogance. It is an American delusion that we are inherently superior and that we likewise retain the right to force others to behave as we do. At a time when most Americans are at a loss as to what action to take, these words can be applied to the current situation. Our recent counter strike, viewed from Gandhi's perspective, is seen as a detrimental misjudgment. Such superficial attempts at altering people's behavior will never find success. No man will change by force. No country can be bombed into agreement. He says we must "find out the better side of human nature and ... enter men's hearts." Thus, only by delving into the belief system that promoted the actions will we have an opportunity to determine future attacks and find peace.

Gandhi's initial experiences in the courtroom lay the foundation of compromise that *ahimsa* is built on. The case of Tyeb Sheth, although seemingly far removed from a terrorist attack, introduces a new way of resolving differences that is not commonly practiced, despite its success. Gandhi is able to reveal the truth of the case by understanding both sides equally. But the problem remains that most Americans chose not to know the opposing party, or else make convenient, and incorrect, assumptions. Instead, we hurl condemnation and hate. The Taliban kills some of us; we kill some Afghans. It is this gang-like vengeance killing that creates an endless circle of violence that Gandhi says "might go on indefinitely and to no advantage of either party." We assume war is the only way to deal with Afghanistan, but to do so implies that Afghans are somehow less reasonable or less human than we are.

It is a common habit among Americans to identify themselves by claiming separation from that which is seen as evil, contemptible or abject. It is a desperate attempt to retain a positive sense of self that unfortunately means the further degradation of the "other." Timothy McVeigh was sought after, arrested, tried and convicted in a process that took many years, unfortunately, but was ultimately successful and void of further slaughters. In the case of Afghanistan, however, we manage to detach our existence from theirs, making it easy to strike anyone who resembles the "enemy." In this process, we have demonized the entire nation, distinguished them as inhumane and evil and separated them from the enlightened, reasonable people we unjustly deem ourselves. Gandhi refers to this form of monster-creating when he discusses his sentiments toward the British National Anthem. He states, "it ill became a believer in *ahimsa* to sing [the anthem]. How could we assume that the so-called 'enemies' were 'khavish'? And because they were enemies, were they bound to be in the wrong?"

It cannot be denied, of course, that the true designers of the Sept. 11 attacks must be apprehended and brought to justice, as well as any man can truly render justice. As Rajmohan Gandhi states, it is hoped that "the perpetrators are caught and punished, and also that in the process American does not make new enemies or new terrorists." It must be recognized America plays the part of the playground bully. We are large, we are strong and we have a tendency to push people around. Because of this, we have been challenged. Is it beneficial, then, for the bully to perpetuate his negative disposition by harassing the weaker into obeying him? They will be subdued for a short period of time, but only long enough to build up strength and attack again. Essentially, the retaliations only validate the hatred.

The central problem remains. Most Americans reside under the misconception that to refrain from a violent backlash would be equal to admitting defeat. Refusing to annihilate Afghanistan represents a failure by the American people to exact justice. Disagreeing with war insinuates an acceptance of terrorism. These sentiments are common, but their popularity does not make them correct. Human nature disposes us to view things only as black or white, right or wrong, good or

evil. This binary vision also pushes us to exacerbate qualities in others to make them clearly different from ourselves. We challenge what we fear about ourselves by criticizing a person or people. In this manner, we can disconnect from things we view negatively. Our "Fight Against Terrorism" symbolizes, not our attempt to eradicate evil, but our desire to feel superior; to feel like WE are the good and THEY are the wretched.

Likewise, it is necessary for us to imagine things from Afghanistan's perspective. There is no doubt the perpetrators felt (and feel) that their attack was necessary, that it served a greater purpose and was "right." There is an influential belief system underlying these attacks; a belief that America is the "evil" and must be eliminated. Is there animosity concerning American presence in the Middle East? Is there anger over America's financial superiority? Is it the perpetuation of Capitalism? Democracy? Differing religious perspectives? It could be any, all or none of these. Nevertheless, men are still willing to die just as long as they take Americans with them. So, should America become akin to the terrorists and return fire in the same manner it was imposed? Do we randomly drop bombs in the general vicinity of where we think Taliban headquarters are located, hoping, of course, that the information we are basing these strategies on is at least partially correct? After weeks pass by and our goal has not been met, do we just continue bombing? Maybe send in ground troops? How many Afghan civilians are we willing to risk in order to restore America's sense of safety? Essentially, it appears the deaths of Afghans are reconcilable considering America has a larger purpose. Essentially, these deaths are necessary. Unfortunately, a random attack on civilians is never right – not if the Taliban does it, not if we do it.

So how can Americans justify a nonviolent response? When Gandhi was threatened with violence by Natal whites, he found himself in a rather similar predicament. He understood retaliation was not required and to do so would only invite further personal attacks. He simply states, "I hope God will give me the courage and the sense to forgive them and to refrain from bringing them to law. I have no anger against them. I am only sorry for their ignorance and their narrowness [...]" Americans, of course, will find this ideology hard to swallow. It is in our nature to fight back and return punches since we cannot see any other means of settling the dispute. But Gandhi places great reliance in natural justice and understanding. By permitting the opposition to be "human" and discerning that they, too are honorable and reasonable people, arriving at a peaceful understanding is easier to grasp.

The basic message is quite intelligible but, admittedly, difficult to follow. It asks that we refrain from improperly distinguishing ourselves from those who committed these acts and that we also deny our initial response to separate from the "other." Instead, we must acknowledge the truth: that we are so very much the same. Those who formed the attack wanted to relay a message. It was relayed in an inappropriate and tragic manner, unfortunately, but the message itself cannot be overlooked. It also is vital that we do not justify the attacks by proving ourselves to be as awful as it is assumed we are.

Finally, the benefit of the attacks, if it can be said there is one, was witnessed immediately. Americans united, despite their previous claims at being so different. When only minutes before racial slurs echoed through alleys, sexist remarks instigated snickers near the water cooler and intolerance spread in a high school locker room; suddenly the world became smaller. Gandhi understands "how human nature shoes itself at its best in moments of trial." But moments of trial also open the door for hasty errors and irrevocable misfortunes. The same nationalism that unites us creates an unnecessary pedestal from which we choose to view the rest of the world. Our entire nation, then, becomes even father removed and less able to distinguish what "justice" really is. It is vital we understand superiority to be a figment of our imagination. We must rely on our hearts and minds to reveal the honor, compassion and tolerance we so readily claim to possess. For, as Gandhi states, "there is no other God than truth. And...the only means for the realization of truth is *ahimsa*."



**Shannon Bryan**  
Diversity essay winner

## The painful consequences of discrimination

*Editors Note: The following essay was written during the month of the attack on the United States.*

A few months ago, I received an e-mail from a friend, describing the horrible conditions that women faced in Afghanistan under the Taliban's rule. The e-mail informed me these women could not receive education or hold any sort of job. They were reduced to begging and were suffering from extreme depression. I did not forward this e-mail message as I had been instructed, because I thought the conditions must be exaggerated. I had not heard any of this information on the news and could not believe that the United States would be uninformed of such events. Then Sept. 11 came and went.

With the bombing of the World Trade Center towers, suddenly America's interest in Afghanistan became national news. For several weeks I have been bombarded with images of veiled women being beaten in the streets for a garment that is out of place, as well as women being executed because they were accused of adultery. I can't help but wonder where these images were a year ago. Surely this treatment did not begin on Sept. 11.

The reason that these disturbing images did not run across our television screens until recently is because it did not promote our nation's political interests until now. Pollitt writes, "until Sept. 11, this situations received only modest attention in the West – much less than the destruction of the giant Buddha statues of Bamiyan," (10). It took terrorist attacks on the United States to educate its citizens about the treatment of the women under the Taliban's rule.

One may ask what the unfortunate state of Afghan women has to do with discrimination. I believe we showed discrimination when we, as a nation, ignored their plight. It became too easy to lose sight of the veiled individual and instead see only the veil. If another nation, with a culture much like our own, treated people in such a way, I cannot help but believe that we would rally to their aid. Instead, the majority of U.S. citizens have been ignorant of the treatment and when informed, acted as I did, in disbelief.

American feminists often view their international counterparts with a bit of uneasiness. Perhaps it is the exotic dress, like the veil, which keeps us from realizing these women are just like us. The women in Afghanistan have talents, flaws, families, hopes and aspirations. Yet, they dress differently and speak another language.

We must be careful voicing our sympathy for the conditions of the women in Afghanistan. Are we turning these women into a political statement as to why the United States should wage war, or are we seriously wanting to help improve their current situation? I believe the United States has practiced a form of discrimination by broadcasting such news only after the terrorist attacks.

Too often, we, as individuals, see the issues of foreign nations as those of "other people" and lose the connection that we have as human beings. We, as people, have similar needs and desires despite the cultural differences and should not simply

pick up or drop a cause because of how it helps or hinders our political agenda. There are many cultures in which women face persecution and lack basic rights, such as whether or not to have children or receive an education.

Rey Chow comments on the hardships that the women of China face in "Violence in the Other Country." Chow states "In an event such as the present one, the Chinese woman, who is forever caught between patri-

archy and imperialism, disappears as a matter of course," (88). The women become invisible because of the focus which the world places on the violence and scandal. Americans are not immune to this behavior as we often see on the violence and cease viewing these women as who they really are; women with a cause. This is the same situation as what we face when viewing the treatment of the women in Afghanistan. Only after we live with fear and uncertainty, which has been inflicted by terrorists, are we able to gain a sense of urgency that will inspire us to help the women of Afghanistan.

The political problems and issues international women deal with vary some from country to country, but the strength that can be yoked from unity is immeasurable. It is impossible to support people who are living in oppression in other countries when we view them as exotic and radically different from ourselves. When we lose sight of our shared sense of basic humanity and see only the existing differences, the people fighting for their rights then turn into the "other" and the sense of community is lost in the cultural crossover.

Americans should be inspired by the women in Afghanistan. Pollitt writes "The women of RAWA are a different model of heroism...In Afghanistan, they risk their lives by running secret schools for girls, delivering medical aid, [as well as] documenting and filming Taliban atrocities," (10).

We, as Americans, must be careful not to use these women simply as part of a convenient excuse for the United States' war against terrorists. To join in the Afghan women's struggle because it is convenient for our political views belittles their heroic struggle. Instead, we need to focus on the Afghans' battle for equality apart from the political turmoil that has resulted in tragedy for our nation. We need to find out what is important to these women and unite with them to help them receive education and freedom from their persecution. While the Taliban is to be held responsible for the deplorable conditions of the Afghan people, we do the Afghan women a great injustice to use them as a pawn for war and paint them as just a sad situation in the Middle East. These women are strong, courageous and inspiring. Their identities must not be lost behind their shadow-like existence. The stories of struggling people around the world must not be overshadowed and lost by the perceived "barriers" of culture and the sensational nature of violence. The people of the United States need to join in the fight of the internationally oppressed, not as Americans, but as people with a common struggle for justice. Then, and only then, will the discrimination end.



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# Competition stacked up

By Paul Conner  
Staff writer

Many of the Eastern fraternities and sororities battled to find out who can build their human pyramid in the fastest time Tuesday.

The males and females enjoyed temperatures in the mid-50s by the campus pond, but the rain that happened Monday made slippery grass and muddy dirt.

The event was kicked off as the first three female sororities raced to see who can build their respective pyramids the fastest. The top three of each male and female Greek organization would go on to race each other in the final round.

The contest took a funny turn when two sororities did not go to the proper line before they were suppose to build their pyramid.

The winners were Alpha Sigma Tau for the women and Sigma Phi Epsilon for the Men.

Both of the organizations were



Colin McAuliffe/Photo editor

Members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity struggle keeping their pyramid from falling over, Tuesday afternoon just west of the campus pond. Sigma Chi's weren't the only group that had a difficulty with their pyramid.

very happy that their hard work and dedication for this event had paid off. Marsha Gisinger, a senior history major of Alpha Sigma Tau, said that she is happy that she can go out on top.

Many of the guys that are in Sigma Phi Epsilon were also very happy. They gave credit to their

hard work and dedication that had paid off. They had to endure practice in the cold, and some of them said they had frostbitten knuckles.

Some of the feel that they are a dynasty.

"We are the Yankees of the pyramids," Eddy Mahoney, a junior management major, said.

# Senate to discuss representation

## Panther Express schedule, route also on agenda

By Benjamin Tully  
Student Government editor

The Student Senate will discuss a possible bylaw change for on-campus senators at Wednesday's meeting.

The Student Senate will meet in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 7 p.m.

The senate will also discuss a new senate bill and an application

from a prospective Recognized Student Organization.

The proposed bylaw change will affect the attendance of residence hall council meetings by Senate members.

Currently the bylaw states senate members living in residence halls are required to attend residence hall council meetings and deliver reports of the events to Student Government.

The bylaw change would require all senate members living on campus to attend residence hall meetings affecting senate members living in Greek Court or University Court rather than just those living in residence halls.

The proposed senate bill will affect the shuttle bus route and scheduling for the 2002-2003 school year.

The bill calls for senate approval of the route and schedule to continue through next year unchanged.

"Basically the reason we want to keep it the same is because we got good results this year and we feel we will get even better results next year if it stays the same," said Ronnie Deedrick, chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee.

Senate members will also review a Christian organization's application for Recognized Student Organization status.

# WEIU preparing for the digital age

By Melissa Nielsen  
Campus editor

WEIU-TV will start new changes to digitalize equipment that will modernize the station and give employees a head start in broadcasting careers.

The digital conversion project is part of the Federal Communications Commission's plan requiring all public broadcasters to expand and convert analog equipment, master controls and production facilities to digital broadcasting technology by May 2003, said Rick Sailors, director of the radio and television center.

The project, which has been contracted to Duncan Video, has been separated into two parts: an internal integration phase and a broadcast integration phase. Sailors said he hopes the project will be completed in March 2003 before the FCC's deadline of May 2003.

Sailors said students that work at WEIU-TV will benefit greatly from the digital changeover.

Because most larger stations already use the updated equipment or soon will, Sailors said, students will be more prepared and better qualified to find jobs.

"Students need to be trained in a digital environment," he said.

The state legislator awarded WEIU-TV and all other public television stations \$2.4 million dollars to pay for the cost of digital conversion by May 2003, said Sailors. The internal integration will cost \$1.4 million and the balance will be used to fund the broadcast integration.

The internal integration,

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director of te radio and television center

which will start in May and be completed by August, includes replacing almost all the equipment in the master control room of WEIU-TV and installing miles of new cables and wires throughout the station, Sailors said.

"The equipment list is into dozens of pieces of equipment," he said.

Items set to be replaced include the router, switcher, video server, monitors and automation equipment.

The second phase of the project entails will start next fall semester. The broadcast transition will include adding a new digital production control center, the center used to produce the local programs including the nightly news, and adding a new digital transmitter antenna. The new equipment will allow WEIU-TV to broadcast four channels simultaneously, but Sailors said the station did not have any immediate plans to add new stations.

The new broadcast equipment will cater to both digital and analog equipment through 2006, as mandated by the FCC, said Sailors.

After 2006, if at least 85 percent of the community has digital access at home, WEIU-TV can convert to an all digital format.

# Parking

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Committee, displayed data in charts and percentages illustrating spaces which remain fairly empty throughout the week.

Between April 1 and April 5, Senate members took pictures of the row of parking spaces along the softball field and

the spaces along Fourth Street in the Coleman Hall lot, which are staff parking spaces.

The study concluded an average of over half the 36 spots along the softball field, and one-third of the 30 spaces along Fourth Street, remained empty between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senate members said staff who park along the softball field can use the open spots along Fourth Street as well other open

spots closer to Lantz Arena, should the Senate proposal for the softball row go in favor of the student body.

Fernandez said one complaint of the faculty is where faculty members who use the spots will park.

"I am going to make a formal presentation to the faculty," she said. "I have no problem with staff having spots, but if those spaces are not being used they should be used for students."

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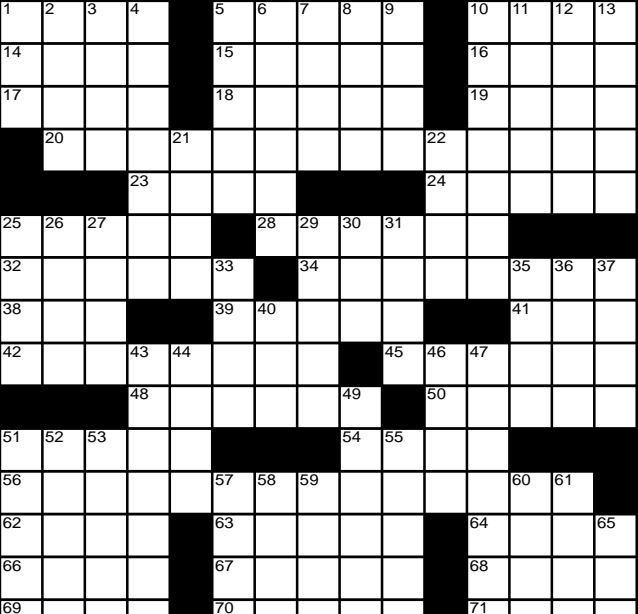
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  - 10 Cattle rancher's tool
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  - 56 Ornette Coleman genre
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  - 65 Part of a chap.

## Tuition

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ed with this year.

The president also indicated the request is relatively reasonable at a time when other state schools have or are seeking to raise tuition by much larger margins.

"If I recommended 20 percent like other schools, who will remain anonymous, recommended, we would probably have enough to do everything we needed plus then some. But I'm not going to do that," Hencken said in an interview after the address.

The University of Illinois raised tuition by 10 percent at all its cam-

puses while Southern Illinois University is seeking a 18 percent tuition increase for next year, followed by an increase of 16 percent the following year and smaller increases in 2005 and 2006.

The increase will now be presented before the Student Senate. While the administration does not need the senate's approval, Hugh O'Hara, student body president, said senate members should be able to see the need for the increase.

Eastern's Board of Trustees has final say on the increase. Hencken wouldn't speculate whether the board would approve the proposed increase, but said he had contacted the trustees to inform them of the situation.

## Address

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this institution, I believe we have no other choice, no other alternative but to recommend an additional 3.5 percent tuition increase."

Increasing applications and a high retention rate will also help alleviate budget problems, Hencken said. As of April 1, the university had received 8,414 applications, compared to 6,959 at the same time last year. Hencken said of those received this year, 6,082 have been accepted, compared to 4,586 last year.

"We must all continue working together when we see prospective students to insure that they enroll," he said.

Eastern's retention rate between

freshman and sophomore years is at 81 percent, which is one of the highest rates at public universities across the country, Hencken said.

Housing applications also are up for the fall, which also should provide additional revenue. Hencken said housing has received almost twice as many applications as they had at this time last year.

Hencken said the university needs to continue working on relations with alumni and with community colleges.

"We look forward to continuing improving our relationship that we have developed over the years with the (EIU) Foundation," Hencken said.

Relations between the university and government have improved in both Springfield and Washington,

Hencken said. Eastern is currently following over 100 bills in this legislative session, he said.

Outreach to community colleges and transfer students is also improving, but not as dramatically. Hencken said the number of applications for incoming freshmen has risen 37.5 percent, while transfer student application rates have risen only 4.25 percent.

Hencken also urged the university community to work with the new president that will be named in the coming weeks.

"A new president will be announced soon to lead you to even greater heights," he said. "I would ask that you support this president the way you have supported me this past year."

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## Bloomquist

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The agate has been overlooked in plenty of newspapers and instead, fans want to know what the numbers will be and projections are played up in sports highlight shows.

But those numbers aren't needed. America's fascination with the home run is nothing new. No one needs to know Bonds is on a pace to hit an insane amount of homers to realize how good of a player he is. No one should care about how many wins or how much Wells weighs to realize how dominating of a pitcher he is.

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# Panthers relaxed for Chicago State game

By Nate Bloomquist  
Sports editor

The Panther baseball team has a relaxed attitude toward its midweek game at Chicago State Wednesday.

But it won't be able to relax for long. Eastern will play a three-game series against preseason Ohio Valley Conference favorite Austin Peay State this weekend.

"We're going to go after this game (against Chicago State) and get it over with," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "Then we need to come back and regroup for the big weekend."

The Cougars, a member of the Mid-Continent Conference, have struggled this season and bring in a 3-13 record to Wednesday's game.

Daniel Newgent provides the Cougars' biggest offensive threat. He is batting .404 with nine RBIs.

Jason Stampler (0-5, 5.60 ERA) and Rob Williams (0-2, 9.67) lead the Chicago State pitching staff. Either could start in Wednesday's game.

"We don't get much scouting information on midweek games,"

**Matchup Breakdown**



EIU (9-14) Chicago St. (3-13)  
 ▶ When: 3 p.m., Wednesday  
 ▶ Where: Chicago

**Probable starters**

<b>Andy Kuntz</b> (0-0, 6.35)	<b>Rob Williams</b> (0-2, 9.67 ERA)
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Caitlin Bullis/ Associate photo editor

Junior outfielder Kirk Walters tracks the ball after his swin Saturday against Bradley. Walters is third on the team with a .291 average.

Schmitz said he doesn't plan to make any major changes to the team's lineup.

"(Junior) Danny Jordan was swinging the bat pretty well against Bradley," Schmitz said. "We'd like to have him continue to improve so we're going to put him in the lineup Wednesday."

For the first time in several weeks, the weather shouldn't be a factor in Wednesday's game. The

forecast is calling for a temperature in the high 50s with no chance of rain.

"We're definitely glad the weather is going to be fine," Schmitz said. "We feel that against Bradley we got that one break that we were looking for to get us going."

The Panthers will look to keep that momentum going against the Cougars.

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## Thomas hits 350th homerun, Sox win 8-2

DETROIT (AP) — Frank Thomas hit his 350th career homer to spoil Luis Pujols' debut as Detroit manager and the Chicago White Sox beat the winless Tigers 8-2 Tuesday night.

Detroit (0-7), baseball's lone winless team, fired manager Phil Garner and general manager Randy Smith on Monday and named Pujols the manager for the rest of the season before Tuesday's

game.

The Tigers are off to their worst start since losing the first eight games in 1952. They haven't had a winning season since 1993.

There were just 11,833 tickets sold for the game — and even fewer fans showed up — making it the smallest crowd in the two-plus seasons of Comerica Park.

Carlos Lee and Royce Clayton drove in two runs each, and

Magglio Ordonez hit three doubles and scored twice for Chicago, which had lost four of five since winning the season opener.

Dan Wright (1-0) gave up two runs, five hits, and struck out four in 7 1-3 innings to get the win.

Steve Sparks (0-1) allowed four runs — three earned — on eight hits and two walks. The knuckleballer was roughed up for three runs and four hits in the fourth.

## Cards top Brewers 6-5, Marrero gets three hits

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Eli Marrero extended his sizzling start with three hits, raising his average to .733, and scored the go-ahead run as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-5 Tuesday night.

Marrero, who entered the season as a .229 hitter and the No. 3 catcher, has been playing the outfield and is 11-for-15 with a home run and

five RBIs. He hit a two-run double in the second, singled and scored in the fourth and singled and scored on Fernando Vina's sacrifice fly off Jose Cabrera (0-1) in the eighth. The Cardinals' bullpen couldn't hold a 4-0 lead in the seventh as the Brewers rallied for five runs to take the lead. But St. Louis tied it in the bottom half on four walks by Takahito

Nomura, the last coming on four pitches with the bases loaded to Tino Martinez. Marrero led off the eighth with a single and went to third when Cabrera slipped and fell fielding pinch-hitter Miguel Cairo's bunt and then bounced a wild throw to first for an error. Marrero barely beat the throw from right fielder Alex Ochoa on Vina's sacrifice fly.

## Softball

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The Otahkians did not go silently in the bottom of the seventh. Freshman catcher Christine Knobbe tripled and junior pinch hitter Kristy Roherty singled in the pinch runner, but that was all that Becker allowed to score in the 5-4 win.

"We just gave the first game away," SEMO head coach Lana Richmond said. "That is a game that we could have won."

In the second game, Eastern sophomore pitcher Trish Sanders shut down the Otahkians offense. Sanders yielded just five hits in her complete-game shutout.

The Panthers' three-run first innings was all she needed, but they tacked on one more in the second and two in the fourth.

Lovering led the offensive attack hitting 3-4 with three RBI and a run scored. Barr swung the bat well too with two hits in three at-bats and two runs scored.

The two wins move Eastern

into tie with SEMO for fifth place in the OVC. The Panthers will try to break the tie when they host Tennessee State Friday.

Matchup Breakdown	
EIU (12-15, 4-6)	SEMO (7-19, 4-6)
<b>Game 1</b>	
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SEMO	210 000 1-4 7 2
<b>Game 2</b>	
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## Keys

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"Before I started pitching, I would go watch high school games and watched them make the windmill motion," Becker said. "When I stated playing, the coach asked 'Who wants to pitch?' and I got up and did the windmill and threw one over the backstop."

After that, Becker's work ethic took over. For 13 years she worked with pitching coach Joe Nunez. Together, they worked on her mechanics using U.S. Olympian and former UCLA standout Lisa Fernandez as a model.

Her hard work paid off at Belleville East High School, where she lettered four times in softball for the two-time regional champions. She pitched eight no-hitters, including a perfect game.

Searle knew that Becker was something special when she recruited her.

"She could locate her pitches," Searle said. "Some pitchers learn when they get to college that they have to locate their pitches, but she already knew how."

Becker decided to come to Eastern because she liked the size of the campus and the size of the team.

"I wanted to be able to play," she said. "You can go anywhere and sit the bench, I wanted to come in and make a difference."

Becker's arrival at Eastern conveniently coincided with the arrival of catcher Kristin Darnell.

Some pitchers learn when they get to college that they have to locate their pitches, but she already knew how.

Lloydene Searle, Eastern softball head coach

The two have been Eastern's top battery for the past three years and have developed a strong bond.

"We always work together," Darnell said. "Outside of softball too."

In a sport where the pitcher and catcher need to work together well to be successful, it is a decisive advantage to have a tandem like Becker and Darnell. Darnell said this was most evident earlier this season when Eastern played Cleveland State. Becker struck out 13 batters and earned a 6-3 win.

"We were working together, throwing off their hitters," Darnell said.

Becker doesn't just work hard on the field, she also works hard in class. The physical education major has a 3.63 cumulative GPA and earned a 4.0 GPA last semester.

"Anyone that knows me says that my life is pretty much school and softball," she said.

Besides her work ethic, Becker can also be defined by her loyalty to her teammates. After speaking with her Monday, she made a specific point that she gave credit to her catcher.

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# Sports

**Out of Bounds**



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## Projections are always pointless

Does everyone have a crystal ball these days? You'd think we'd be smart enough to know we can't predict the future. But here are a few predictions, which have been bouncing around the sports world these days, unrealistic as they may be.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds is on a pace to hit 135 home runs, Houston's Lance Berkman is on a pace to hit 223 RBI and New York Yankee hurler David Wells is on a pace to go a perfect 36-0.

Obviously none of these things will happen this year, but you can guarantee sports media outlets will hype up the numbers all season long.

Haven't we learned our lesson? Did the 2000 U.S. Presidential Election teach us anything? Miss Cleo has tried to predict the future on many occasions, and look what it's gotten her. Cleo has been sued and it has recently been reported that she isn't a Jamaican she has portrayed in advertisements.

Projections like these aren't made in any other sport.

No one projected Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant will score 30 points per game at the beginning of the season. No hockey analyst would project Blackhawks stand-out Tony Amonte to score 70 goals this season, even if he had a strong start.

But baseball is different, not because it's America's game, but because it is stat-driven. There are more baseball stats than in any other sport. They fall into categories like balk, and can be separated in as many categories as are imaginable. It can be determined how many RBI a player has on Tuesday night games against a team in the Midwest.

Several years ago there was a strong faction of people in this country who woke up early each day to jump straight to the sports section's agate listing to read all of those numbers - these are a dying breed.

With several sports networks providing fans with a chance to not only know those numbers, but project them, when none of that is really needed.

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# Panthers win two at SEMO

By **Matt Meinheit**  
 Associate sports editor

Eastern's softball team picked up a pair of needed wins Tuesday against Ohio Valley Conference rival Southeast Missouri State.

After squeaking out a win in the opener of the doubleheader, the Panthers (12-15, 4-6) shut out the Otahkians (7-19, 4-6) in the nightcap.

Eastern scored early in the first game. Junior catcher Kristin Darnell led off the game by reaching base and scoring on an obstruction call against SEMO senior shortstop Dawn Piantino.

Darnell collided with Piantino after senior left fielder Amy Barr hit the ball to short. SEMO senior center fielder Shelley Conroy picked up the ball in the outfield and threw out Darnell at home. The call was overturned after Eastern coaches protest-

ed giving the Panthers a 1-0 lead.

The play was almost repeated later in Eastern's at-bat when junior first baseman Dana Yocum hit a ball to Piantino and freshman pinch runner Jessica Irps collided with her. This time the call was in the Otahkians favor as the umpires called runner interference on Irps.

SEMO answered in the bottom of the first when Piantino scored on a single by senior first baseman Reagan Hamlin. Senior catcher Jennifer Cobin followed with a double off the leftfield fence to drive home Hamlin.

The Otahkians padded their lead in the second when junior second baseman and leading hitter Brooke Nett singled in a run.

The Panthers had an opportunity for a big inning in the fifth when SEMO starting pitcher Kelly Birk walked three consecutive hitters. Senior reliever Kristen King came in



Caitlin Bullis/ Associate photo editor

An Eastern baserunner touches home plate Saturday against the University of Tennessee-Martin.

with one out and worked SEMO out of the jam.

Eastern junior pitcher Kristen Becker drove in the team's only run of the inning on a fielders choice that forced sophomore second baseman Kristin Lovering home.

The Panthers erupted for three

runs in their final at-bat. Barr led off the inning with a walk and scored on an error. Eastern got two more runs on fielder's choices that allowed Yocum and sophomore shortstop Kari Hagerty to score.

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**Top Cat**

*"Anyone that knows me says that my life is pretty much school and softball."*

## Hard work, pitches are keys to suc-

### Junior pitcher Becker uses 8 different pitches and hard work to beat foes

*Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selection is made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.*

By **Matt Meinheit**  
 Associate sports editor

Eastern's softball team's junior pitcher Kristen Becker does not control a game with a display of dominating velocity, but a show of precision and craftsmanship.

To compare her pitching style to the style of Greg Maddux of the Atlanta Braves would be a bit of a stretch. Maddux does not posses a repertoire as deep as Becker's.

Becker can reach deep into her bag of tricks and pull out eight different pitches to baffle her opponents. The long list includes a fastball, change-up, curve ball, screw ball, drop ball, riser, inside-out and an offspeed pitch that is relatively new to her arsenal.

She describes the offspeed pitch as a "change-up with a little more movement." According to Becker, it was her offspeed pitch that really helped her in an impressive outing against the University of Illinois. In that game, Becker did not allow a single earned run, but took a 4-0 loss.

For her strong showings against Illinois and against Tennessee-Martin last weekend,

Becker is this week's Top Cat.

Possibly the most impressive thing about her offspeed pitch is that she has developed it in the past year. The fact that she already had seven other pitches did not stop her from adding to her list of pitches.

"Every pitcher has their own pitch with a certain snap," Becker said. "Mine is just a little twist (she said while demonstrating the way she turns her right hand when she releases the pitch)."

Becker's continued work on her pitching is a perfect example of the type of hard work she puts into everything she does.

"Even though it's a cliché, she really works for her results," head coach Lloydene Searle said. "I see her working in the rec outside of practice. She is one of those players that doesn't need a coach there to motivate her."

In the past week, her work ethic has paid dividends. Last weekend, Becker outlasted Tennessee-Martin's Nicole Avis in a 12-inning marathon. She pitched all 12 innings to earn the 2-1 win. The next day, Becker was at it again, but this time without the same results. Becker pitched seven innings and allowed only two earned runs, but three unearned runs gave the Skyhawks the win.

Becker knew she wanted to pitch from a young age.



Colin McAuliffe/ Photo editor

Eastern junior pitcher Kristen Becker works on one of her eight pitches at practice in Lantz Fieldhouse Monday. Becker leads Eastern's pitching staff with an ERA of 1.86.

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