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... will be mostly sunny, continuing to be less muggy with a high in the middle 80's.



Everything's sunny

Eastern's theatre production of *Little Mary Sunshine* was conducted this past weekend. Above, senior Cathy Berns, who plays "Little Mary Sunshine" sings "Every Little Nothing." A review and photos of the production can be found on page 7. (News photo by Larry Peterson)

Dismissal plan closer to officials' decision

by Douglas Backstrom

Eastern's Council on Academic Affairs Thursday revised and clarified some areas of the proposed dismissal policy.

The proposed dismissal policy, if approved, would allow the student one semester of "academic warning" prior to being placed on "academic probation."

The current policy, which only gives students the one semester of "academic probation" to recover their grade point average, was initiated last summer. Whereas 452 students were dismissed at the close of the 1985 spring semester, only 187 students would have been dismissed under the new plan.

Because some CAA members believed the wording of the proposed policy was unclear, the CAA spent about two hours discussing and revising certain policy items.

Previously, the policy's introduction did not include part-time students, reading, "The proposal becomes applicable after a student has earned a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit at Eastern."

The revised introduction reads, "The proposal becomes applicable after a student has attempted a minimum of nine semester hours of credit at Eastern."

The CAA went on to reword "item five" to read, "A student on academic warning or probation may not enroll for more than 14 semester hours during a semester, three semester hours during intersession, and seven semester hours during the five- and/or eight-week sessions."

Previously, this item failed to include students on academic warning.

The final revision, on item four, reads, "A student on academic war-

-ning or probation is urged to confer with his/her academic adviser during the first term of probation to facilitate progress toward achieving good academic standing."

Previously, item four of the proposal stated that students on academic probation were "expected" to confer with their adviser. CAA members believed that "urged" is stronger than "expected."

Item seven and the last sentence in item four were eliminated from the proposal.

Before being dropped, item seven read, "A student dismissed for poor scholarship will have the right to make a written appeal for immediate reinstatement under the following conditions:

- "The student had a 2.00 to 2.09 in the grading period in which he/she was dismissed, or

- "A situation or event occurred beyond the control of the student (i.e. death in the family, serious illness or accident) in which case this must be explained with appropriate documentation accompanying the written appeal."

CAA members eliminated this item because students would have three semesters to lift their GPA to the required level.

In addition, CAA members believed that a student should not let his grades fall for two semesters because of a death, illness or accident.

Members concluded that a student could simply withdraw from school if they are in an accident or have an illness so serious that their grades would suffer for three semesters.

The CAA will either implement or turn down the proposal at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union-addition Arcola-Tuscola room.