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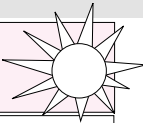
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National trip

Four wrestlers to
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Wrestling gala

Dressed as "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan, Jason Wargo, a sophomore history major, leads a group of wrestling fans in a cheer while Chris "Biff" Luke, a senior speech communication major, videotapes the Nitro Party Thursday night in Taylor Hall lobby. The tapes are for a contest to bring the next Nitro party here to Eastern and hosted by the WCW. If they win the contest, parts of the party will be broadcast from Taylor Hall. Over 100 people showed up throughout the night.

Mid-semester stress reliever

Students seek warm temps during break

By JULIETTE DE LOS REYES
and RYAN HILLGOSS
Staff writers

Today, some students will dart off to different getaways with hopes of venting some mid-semester frustrations. Others will reunite with their favorite recliner.

This week-long vacation gives students the opportunity to travel to distant places, work for extra money or just spend time at home.

Even though there is a possibility of snow and cold temperatures in Illinois, many students will be

spending their free time in warmer regions of the country.

Mark Winkelman, a senior psychology major, is traveling to Panama City, Fla., with 25 men from his fraternity. They are taking six to seven cars and driving approximately 12 hours to their destination. The total cost for this trip, including gas and the hotel, is about \$600 each, Winkelman said. However, like many other students, he is willing to pay that price to recover from mid-terms.

"I'm looking to relieve the stress (that has) built over the past few weeks from tests and papers and work," Winkelman said.

While many college students choose to hit spots like Panama City, some prefer to go to less crowded venues.

Wes Graves, a sophomore
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Mattoon man found guilty on two counts of murder

By JAIME HODGE
City editor

The man charged with the drowning death of a Neoga woman Thursday was found guilty on two counts of first-degree murder.

Shawn Majors, 27, of Mattoon, was found guilty of Counts II and III of first-degree murder for the May 4 death of Cheryl McRill. The second count stated that Majors had committed the offense of first degree murder knowing that it created the strong probability of McRill's death.

The third count stated that Majors had

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- Steve Ferguson,
Coles County State's Attorney

committed first-degree murder by holding McRill under the waters of Lake Paradise while committing the forceful felony of robbery, in which Majors was accused of stealing the \$400 to \$450 in McRill's purse after he had killed her.

Majors was found innocent of Count I of first degree murder, which alleged that Majors had committed the offense of first-degree murder with the intent to kill McRill.

McRill had been missing since May 1 of last year and was found floating face down in

Lake Paradise on May 4. From her autopsy, no cause of death could be determined, although the congestive heart failure discovered during McRill's autopsy could have been caused simply by the act of dying, according to Travis Hindman, a forensic pathologist.

In the course of the closing arguments, Public Defender Lonnie Lutz said Majors had been in such a state of intoxication that he had acted recklessly, and without the intent to kill. Ferguson argued that evidence presented on an audio tape produced by a wire tapping

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Professor's book tells life story

By RACHEAL CARRUTHERS
Staff editor

Amazing experiences and ordinary life experiences like falling in love are what influences one author's recently published book of poetry.

One of Eastern's English professors, David Radavich, recently had a collection of poetry he has written over the last 10 years published in a book titled, "By the Way."

"By the Way" is a collection of poetry with topics ranging from relationships to questions on the Phil Donahue show, as well as dealing with more serious subjects such as cancer and politics.

While the topics vary, one common trait all of the poems do share is that they are all based on inspiration that can strike at any moment.

"I don't plan. I never plan to write a poem," Radavich said. "I just wait until it comes."

An example of this is Radavich's trip to Egypt, which is spelled out in a group of poems in a section of the book called "Egyptian Days."

Radavich said he did not plan on writing poetry from his 1996 trip to Alexandria for a

Lawrence Durrell conference.

Radavich said the mythic surroundings were amazing. He and his wife took a wooden boat down the Nile River, visited a mosque and even ventured out into the desert for an afternoon.

"It's what you see in films," Radavich said. "I just wanted to absorb it all."

When he returned to Charleston "a group of poems just spilled out," Radavich said.

Radavich said he tries to move beyond his personal experiences to bring the audience into his poetry even though poetry is very personal.

"I almost always have an eye as to what the audience has to say," he said. "There's a responsibility an author has to a reader."

"I try to write poetry for average people who are of various walks of life," Radavich said.

He said he hopes that everyone who reads his poetry will be able to walk away with something special from it, whether it be a renewed hope in their battle against cancer, which is similar to his of 15 years ago, or a new perspective on something like relationships.

"Poetry doesn't sell. It doesn't make money, but it offers a way for people to come together," Radavich said.

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ANNA BETZELBERGER/Associate photo editor

Jam session

Members of the band Nothing Personal play Thursday night in Thomas hall lobby to a crowd of about 100 people. The band was brought by Todd Levant and Art Munin, resident assistants in Thomas Hall. Songs included "Old Apartment," "Freebird," "Fight for your Right," and some of the group's original work.

Three more people hit with vandalism

Reporting campus and city crime every Tuesday and Friday



CAMPUS:

Three additional people reported damages to their vehicles this week.

They include:
■ Andrew D. Klemens, 20, of 11 Giffin Building, reported the rear bumper of his vehicle damaged with a cracked fascia and light paint transfer, a police report stated.

The incident occurred after 12:30 a.m. Tuesday in the University Court parking lot, according to a police report.

■ David W. Jobe, 33, of Greenup, reported the outside driver's side mirror of his Chevrolet truck was damaged, a police report stated.

The glass of his side mirror was broken and on the pavement between 1 a.m. and 3:10 a.m. Thursday in the Blair Hall parking lot, according to a police report.

■ Douglas E. Buell, 37, of 1700 Adams Ave. Lot #13, reported his rear windshield wiper bent upward and away from his vehicle and his cellular phone charger stolen from his vehicle worth \$20, a police report stated.

The incident occurred between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 4:45 a.m. Thursday in the 'X' lot, which is south of the janitors shack, according to a police report.

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business management major, is driving 15 hours in a motor-home with a boat to Fork Lake, Texas.

He and three of his friends will be camping and fishing throughout the week.

"We all enjoy fishing and this is a great opportunity. Fork Lake is one of the best lakes in Texas for bass fishing," Graves said.

Not everyone is going away for spring break, however.

Stacey Larson, a junior health studies major, said she is going to Rockford for the week.

She plans to work a little, but said she mainly wants to relax.

Larson said she did go to

Florida last year and knows what she is missing out on.

"With the way the weather is now, I do wish I was going away for spring break," Larson said.

Sheila Morrison, a freshman business major, also wishes she was going somewhere warm. Instead she is going back to her hometown of Peotone and working.

"All of my friends are going to Florida or Cancun. Everyone is going somewhere but me," she said.

Morrison hopes to travel to a warm location next year with a bunch of friends.

Spring break begins today and ends March 22.

MAJORS

device worn by Rick Hall, Majors' half-brother, proved that Majors had acted with intent.

"These aren't the actions of a person who was so intoxicated; he had no reason. (McRill) went into the water thinking Shawn Majors wouldn't follow, but he did as she was crying rape. He knew it was murder," Ferguson said.

Lutz said he was surprised Judge Ashton Waller wouldn't allow Majors to be tried for lesser charges. Lutz attempted to have Majors' charges lowered to second-degree murder or involuntary

manslaughter. Second degree murder is a Class I felony and involuntary manslaughter is a Class III felony, Lutz said.

Majors' chances of a not guilty verdict were "definitely" hurt by Waller's decision not to let him be tried for lesser charges, Lutz said.

"I think that's supported by the fact that the jury came back with a not guilty on the first count," Lutz said.

No defense witnesses were called. Lutz said he had considered calling witnesses of Shawn's non-violent behavior, but he said he

President Clinton 'blesses' a \$1.50-a-pack cigarette increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to prod Congress to move ahead on tobacco legislation, President Clinton gave his blessing Thursday to a bill that would raise cigarette prices by \$1.50 a pack and set an annual cap on the industry's legal liability.

"It is a good, tough bill," Clinton said in a speech to the National Association of Attorneys General. "I hope it gets wide support. This legislation will save lives."

But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott already has picked a different bill and set a June 1 deadline for a vote on it, according to that measure's sponsor, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who chairs the Commerce Committee.

"There's only gonna be one bill that goes to the floor of the Senate, and that's what comes out of the Commerce Committee," McCain told the same group later. "Have no illusions otherwise."

The bills offer the tobacco industry different kinds of protection from lawsuits. McCain's bill would grant the industry immunity from class-action lawsuits, in an effort to prevent massive judgments from bankrupting companies.

The bill endorsed by Clinton, sponsored by Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, John Chafee, R-R.I., and Bob Graham, D-Fla., instead would set an \$8 billion limit on what tobacco companies could be forced to pay plaintiffs in any year. That way, the sponsors say, individuals with limited funds could share costs in class-action lawsuits.

McCain's bill is modeled after the \$368 billion settlement reached in June between state attorneys general and the tobacco industry that would settle 40 state lawsuits and shelter companies from future court action brought by large classes of plaintiffs.

Clinton praised the attorneys general for fighting what once looked like a losing battle. "Be proud of what you have done," he said. "But bring all of your influence to bear on the Congress."

He said their efforts brought to light incriminating industry documents earlier than would otherwise have been the case. The documents showed that some tobacco companies lied for years about their efforts to hook children on cigarettes.

"Thirty years of deception. Now Congress must act to bring it to an end," the president said. "Thirty years of manipulation. Congress must act to bring it to an end. And it must act now."

The bill Clinton favors, introduced Thursday, would increase cigarette prices by \$1.50 over two years. In an effort to reduce teen-age smoking by 65 percent over a decade, the measure would penalize the industry \$10 billion a year if the actual reduction in teen smoking lagged behind the goal.

Legal experts have testified that no proposal could force the industry to keep its word to steer advertising away from kids, even if Congress grants its demands. Curbing marketing, the experts say, is a voluntary surrender of First Amendment protections of free speech, something that could not be forced by Congress.

BOOK

Radavich said writing poetry is something you have to enjoy enough to not worry about making money. Anyone who is interested in becoming a published poet should not rush into anything, Radavich said.

"Perseverance is important," he said. With the group of poems published in "By the Way" Radavich said most of the poems had already been published in literary magazines.

"They've been tested and revised

into their best form," he said. "One isn't always the best judge of one's poems. Lots of people had lots of input on which poems went into the book," he said.

But it was his daughter's prompting that got him to put the book together in the first place, this time around. Radavich said his daughter told him, "it's time you should do this." The last time Radavich published a book of poetry was in 1980 in London.

Radavich's work, "By the Way" is available at the Lincoln

Bookshop, Encore Books and the Tarble Arts Center. It is also available through the Barnes & Noble website or at www.amazon.com.

"When I published in 1980 there was none of this," Radavich said when he reflected on the fact that his work could be bought at several different sites on the World Wide Web.

He also will be giving a reading from his book in April at Barnes & Noble in Champaign as well as in Cincinnati and other places across the Midwest.

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CAA discusses grade inflation, faculty grading practices

By TAMMIE SLOUP
Staff writer

Faculty and administration expressed the need for more discussion among departments regarding grade inflation and grading practices Thursday at the Council on Academic Affairs general education forum.

"Conformity is important in each department in order to reduce fluctuations," said CAA member Frank McCormick. "The problem is that it is difficult to tell a colleague that they are wildly out of pace in terms of grading."

CAA Chair Mary Durkin Wohlrahe said fairness in grading practices is "enriched" when faculty members teaching the same courses talk about the courses and their expectations.

"But there is the fear of someone looking over your shoulder all the time," she said.

Faculty members must always think that grade inflation is a problem, said Gary Foster, associate professor of sociology.

"If we continue the debate of grade inflation, it presents a way of addressing the potential of inflation and minimizing it," he said. "The statistics are anecdotal evidence of the clearer picture. There needs to be greater dissemination of data and it needs to sit and brew in order to stimulate for more dis-

ussion."
"We need to make more information about grades available to faculty because we generally don't see that," said CAA member Bill Addison.

CAA member Ken Sutton said that his department, secondary education, has had discussions regarding assignment requirements whenever there is a turnover with faculty.

"We have a spread of different kinds of graders," Sutton said. "There are two points here; there is a whole spread of people at EIU and if the teacher is good, there will be a high number of A's in the class."

Waldo Born, associate professor of accounting and finance, presented a memo titled "Departures from the Norm." The memo outlined a proposal that said if grade inflation is occurring in a certain course over a long period of time, the credit hours available should be lowered.

"This assumes that faculty don't have the capacity to change," McCormick said. "We need to strengthen expectations."

"The programs here are at a university level," Born said. "This is a way in which faculty can be encouraged to encourage performance. It looks at the program and at the course within the program."



KATHERINE THOMAS/Staff photographer

Lankford Walker, an associate accounting and financing professor, sleeps Thursday during the Council on Academic Affairs general education forum. The CAA discussed grading practices and students' evaluations of their professors. The forum was held in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Wohlrahe addressed the question of grade definitions.

"Are the grades consistent with the catalog grades? What do the definitions mean and are they good enough? What does 'poor but passing' mean?"

Addison said the definitions assigned are not definitions, but labels.

"We need to think about student value," Wohlrahe said. "Students can do equal work and then get different grades."

Student evaluation of faculty members is also an issue concerning grade distribution.

"If a professor gives out low grades do they get bad evaluations?" Wohlrahe asked.

"If you're doing a good job of teaching then you should get good evaluations," said Robert Fischer, associate professor of zoology. "You will be rewarded."

"Students will also be kind to professors who let them slide by," said John Best, chair of the psychology department.

KKK paid by unknown donor not to rally in Chicago suburb

CICERO (AP) — This gritty blue-collar Chicago suburb, where racial tensions have simmered for decades, cut a \$10,000 deal to head off a Ku Klux Klan rally that officials said was all but guaranteed to trigger an outbreak of violence.

The \$10,000 contribution was pledged by an anonymous donor to pay for distribution of Klan literature. In exchange, the Klan

agreed to call off the rally.

The deal looked a little like a payoff, but city officials said it was preferable to the rally and cost less, too.

"I guess it could be deemed extortion in one sense, but I don't see it that way," Cicero Police Superintendent David Niebur said Thursday. "I think this is really a sensible solution under the circum-

stances."

Cicero's racial tensions date back many decades.

In the civil rights era, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. compared Cicero to Selma, Ala. In 1985, President Ronald Reagan canceled a visit after racial tensions flared.

Cicero town President Betty Loren-Maltese shared a podium with Klan imperial wizard Jeffery

Berry on Wednesday to announce the deal. She moved well off to the side as he spoke. But it wasn't far enough for some Cicero residents, who were stunned the town would make such a deal to call off the Saturday rally.

Anti-Defamation League regional director Richard Hirschhaut called it a "deal with the devil."

Cicero spokesman Dave Donahue conceded the deal might be perceived as a payoff to the Klan.

"It's been said, but we disagree," Donahue said.

Niebur said security fencing alone would have cost about \$20,000. Added to that would have been transportation and per diem expenses for 150 state troopers.

Apportionment Board approves 1998-99 academic year budgets

By RYAN HILLIGOSS
Staff writer

The Apportionment Board Thursday adjourned for the year after finalizing the budgets of five student activity fee funded boards for the 1998-99 academic year.

"This year's budgeting process could be summed up in three words: painless, painless and painless," said AB Chair Steve Zielinski.

The AB is responsible for allocating student activity fee funds to five boards including the Student Senate, the University Board, the Division of Sports and Recreation, Dramatic Performances, and the Apportionment Board.

The boards were allocated \$309, 821 in student activity fee funds. The allocations were as follows: UB will receive \$121, 905, the Division of Sports and Recreation will receive \$115,125, Student

Government will receive \$21, 636, Dramatic Performances will receive \$11,380 and AB will receive \$39,775.

The AB has been discussing the budgets for several weeks. Each board presented their budget to the AB, who then made necessary cuts. The Senate and the Apportionment Board made their presentations Feb. 11. The University Board made its presentation on Feb. 18. The Division of Sports and Recreation made its presen-

tation on Feb. 25 and Dramatic Performances presented at the March 4 meeting.

The budgets will be forwarded to Student Senate and will probably be voted on at the April 1 meeting, Zielinski said.

Before adjourning, Zielinski asked all of the AB members to attend the senate meeting to answer any questions the senate members might have regarding the budgets.

Federal mediator to meet with administrators and AFSCME union

By JUSTIN KMITCH
Administration editor

A federal mediator will meet with Eastern administrators and members of Eastern's American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 981 business service workers and food service employees union.

The negotiations will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University

Union. Rick Prince, staff representative for AFSCME Council 31, said he is confident negotiations will go well.

"We've got to give (the university's negotiating team) the benefit of the doubt until we actually see the doubt," Prince said.

The team and AFSCME members are meeting to continue negotiating changes in contractual language that would allow BSW and food service duties to be subcon-

tracted.

Peggy Reese, business service worker and president of Local union 981, said the proposed language, which would allow the university to subcontract work done by BSWs, could result in a 50-percent loss of BSWs and food service employees. Shelly Flock, coordinator of public information and media relations, previously stated that the proposal would replace current language prohibiting subcontracting

with new language that would allow subcontracting, giving the university greater flexibility in its operations.

The proposed language states: "It is the general policy of the university to continue to utilize its employees to perform work to which they are qualified to perform. However, the university reserves the right to contract out any work it deems necessary in the interests of efficiency, economy,

improvement, competitiveness or energy."

Flock stated that the previous agreement was to expire on Sept. 14, 1997, but it will not terminate as long as both sides agree to negotiate and that neither party has notified the other party that it wishes to terminate the agreement.

"We are still optimistic," Prince said. "We hope the university does not throw that subcontracting language out on the table again."

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President Jorns needs to be in on union negotiations

Eastern President David Jorns told faculty and staff members Tuesday he "knows exactly what's going on" with negotiations between the university and members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

But the opposite is true and President Jorns needs to make every effort to become involved in the negotiations in order to salvage the employees this university depends on the most.

Jorns was questioned about his lack of involvement in union negotiations during his sixth annual State of the University Address. He said local union workers do not want him to be involved with the ongoing negotiations.

This statement clearly depicts Jorns' ignorance of the union negotiations.

AFSCME local clerical/technical union 981 has picketed more than four times during the past year. The workers have been working without a renewed contract since June 1997. Each time they carry placards and chant for the president's attention.

Along with clerical and technical workers, AFSCME union 981 also represents building service workers and food service workers. The BSWs and food service workers are currently fighting a subcontracting clause that is proposed in their contract.

Jorns' claim that union members do not want him involved is a clear depiction that Jorns does not have a clue what is going on within the university.

Clerical/technical workers picketed during the annual university Christmas party in December. When asked his opinion regarding the picketers he said, "I don't know have a clue what's going on out there. I would like to know what's going on out there myself."

As Jorns said Tuesday he's "been following this close." Close enough not to know why about 100 of his employees were picketing outside of Old Main.

Eastern runs because of dedicated clerical/technical workers, BSWs and food service workers. It is painfully clear that Jorns is not involved nor does he want to be.

Jorns has an obligation as chief administrator of this university to be involved in the union negotiations. Choosing to remain oblivious to the contract negotiations shows Jorns does not care about who works or what happens to the university.

today's quote

Our knowledge is a little island in a great ocean of non-knowledge."

-Isaac Bashevis Singer

Church is a place for solace, not cliques



KRISTOPHER JONES
Guest columnist

Many of you who may have glanced at some of my columns last year might remember me as a religious advocate and for those of you who did not get the opportunity to read one of my columns last year; now you know that I am strongly for religion.

I have been through a lot in my 22 years of life. I, like other people in the world, have seen my share of plenty of good times as well as bad times. However, I learned that through each contingency or peace of mind, I am never alone. OK, I will be honest with you and say that I don't understand everything I need to know about religion and I will even admit that there are times when traces of doubt haunt my mind. Yet, I have learned that this is normal.

Can we possibly understand everything in life? I don't think so. I think there is a big plan and we are all playing a major role in this plan. We must live life one day at a time and cherish each moment we live as if it was our last.

Many people love to go to church. Personally, I like to go to church especially when I am feeling down. Usually, I find some kind of peace of mind or comfort when I go to God's house, but I have also observed that in some churches the congregation can be cliquish.

I don't quite understand how cliques started or why they even exist because there is not one person on the face of this Earth that is better than another person. However, I have seen with my two eyes that churches have people who think that because they are more active or have more money than others that they are better.

Don't get me wrong. I don't believe that all people who go to church are like this. I have also seen some good people who try to live God's life and people who go to church to get answers about situations in their lives that they need answered who are not cliquish. There are even people who have a lot of money who go to church and make others feel welcomed.

While I try and seek these people out and usually do, I also notice the people who with their "thou-art-holier-than-thou" attitude scare people away from going to church or ever coming back if they attempted to go. Church as well as the world

"The purpose of this column is to make people see that we are all created equal."

is not a place for snobbery.

Even though I know I am not a perfect Christian and I have committed many sins over the period of my life, I know that a true Christian should accept people for who they are and extend their arms to people from all walks of life or color.

God, or at least the God I know, loves each and every one of us. We are His children. He created us, takes care of us, and provides us with things we need in life.

My purpose in writing this column is not to scare away people who have been contemplating the thought of going to church, or make church seem like a bad place because it is not. I also don't want to offend any church with these harsh words for I believe that not all churches have cliques. The purpose of this column is to make people see that we are all created equal. God wants all of us to be a part of His world; not just a select few and for any church to be successful in getting new members to attend, they must realize this.

Last year, I asked people to send me a letter at my home address or write to me via e-mail explaining to me three things they are grateful for that God has given or provided for them for the soul purpose of making people see that God does exist in people's lives. This year, I would like to do the same thing.

My full purpose in writing this column is to make people see that God does exist and to make people in the church welcome newcomers with open arms instead of breaking off into their normal clique and making the newcomer feel like an outsider.

I do not expect anyone to share any stories with me, after all it is personal, and I do not think that I am so wonderful or a saint for writing this column. For who am I anyway? All I want is to make people feel more comfortable when they go to church and help people see that God does exist.

Please feel free to write me at cukaj5@panther.pen.eiu.edu or 1505 1st Street; Charleston, Illinois or even call me at 217-345-7623.

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Editorial



Wrongly accused claims innocence in racial attack in dorms

To the editor:

I would like to address the issue of racism on our campus. Prior to this past weekend, I was naive to its existence, and didn't really believe it actually went on at my fair little university. However, it does exist and it exists right here on the West 2nd floor of Weller Hall where I, until now, peacefully reside.

Last Saturday night, someone had posted some racial slurs on my African-American neighbor's door and then cowardly fled the scene. These were not any playful joking around remarks. They were incredibly hateful, offensive, and racist remarks. To my extreme misfortune, I was the one most hostilely approached and wrongfully accused of writing this distasteful garbage. I found this as offensive as the writings on his door because first, I was

your turn

accused of being a racist, a coward, a delinquent, and ironically enough, a "white trash motherf*****" by the person calling me a racist.

I have never been a racist and never will be, but I despise people who don't take time to weigh the facts, jump to conclusions at someone else's expense and have people publicly and wrongfully accused of things they are not. Needless to say, I did not commit this evil hate crime nor do I know anything about it, and I would appreciate a sincere and meaningful apology from my accuser.

To say the least, I would like very much for racism on our campus to end no matter how unrealistic that may seem. The good people are suffering from it. Those things written on my neighbors' door were some of the most terrible words I have seen directed at anyone, and there was no reason for the blatant

racism he endured. I felt I was just as much a victim of this arbitrary racism as he was, and I would have more sympathy for him if he had some for me.

Dan Burke
freshman undecided major

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Speaker discusses many common writing problems

By MICHELLE POWELL
Activities editor

A doctoral candidate in psychology at the University of Illinois Thursday said that writer's block is the result of one of four main theories, and that in a study of creative writers women usually underestimate their abilities while men overestimate their work.

Susan Day said she conducted an intensive review of literature in several disciplines that helped her define four main theories of writer's block. She also said her study identified seven participants at the proposal stage and followed their progress for 18 months.

Each of the seven participants had five semi-structured interviews, journal entries, more than 2,000 pages of typed transcript

that were produced and findings reviewed by an external auditor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Day said.

"Seven themes from the content analysis data were collected during the study as a result," Day said. She said the most compelling theme was that the subjects went about writing their theses in exactly the same way they would go about doing anything else.

"Themes revealed in this study provide support for three of the main theories of writer's block," she said. "Skills deficit, psychodynamic, competing demands and values."

Day said that the fourth theory of writer's block is that it does not exist as laziness and procrastination, but she applied a quote from Sigmund Freud that reads, "We supply them with a map of the Italian lakes

and then send them off to the North Pole."

She said that the remark could apply to many students who are preparing for writing their theses.

"For thesis writers, writing is a means to end something that had to be done to actualize some other identity," she said.

She also conducted a second study of creative writers to discover whether the three theories of writer's block are similar.

"Creative writers simply do not experience block in the same way that thesis writers do," Day said. She said that women in her thesis research underestimated themselves and the men overestimated themselves.

The forum titled "Writer's Block in Academia and Beyond: The Experience of Thesis Writers" was sponsored by the Graduate Program and the



KATHERINE THOMAS/Staff photographer
Susan Day, a doctoral candidate in psychology at the University of Illinois, gives advice Thursday night in Coleman Hall about how students can solve some common writing problems.

Coalition turns to Staff Senate for Code of Conduct support

By HEATHER CYGAN
Campus editor

The Sweatshop Action Coalition and the Collegiate Licensing Co. of Atlanta are making efforts to push codes of conduct into Eastern's campus.

Christian Schiavone, a member of the Sweatshop Action Coalition and junior management and French major, said the codes of conduct draft proposal given at the staff senate Wednesday was the same as the ones given to the Student and Faculty senates.

"We are taking it back to all of our constituents ... the people (each senate member) represents," said Theresa Sims, chair of the staff senate.

The senate will meet to discuss the resolution again on April 8.

The Student and Faculty senates approved the resolution to create a draft of the codes of conduct, Schiavone said.

There is a good response to the codes of conduct, Schiavone said.

"Wherever we present our issues people are very concerned and eager to learn how to help," Schiavone said. "The Sweatshop Action Coalition has a very positive outlook."

The resolution that the Sweatshop Action Coalition wants to pass mandates that Eastern shall not license their name to manufacturers that use sweatshop labor.

Duke University Sunday became the first university to approve the codes of conduct Eastern's Sweatshop Action Coalition is pursuing, Schiavone said.

"Duke University, Brown University and University of Illinois at Champaign are the trail blazers here," he added. "Duke is the guinea pig."

Brian Talley, a member of the coalition and a junior accounting major, said coalition members were not aware that the licensing company of the university was working on a code of conduct

when they began the resolution in November.

"As a consensus, (the coalition) decided to still work on (the codes of conduct) until it got passed," Talley said. "It's a proactive thing. We're not slapping anyone on the wrist."

Sweatshops are "one of those problems that (is best solved by) education," he added.

Kristi Orlet, a member of the coalition and a junior art major, said the group has put extreme effort into creating the resolutions.

"The (Collegiate Licensing Co.) could pass a code but Eastern is taking a stand against something that is wrong," Orlet said. "The coalition is doing it because we want to, not because we have to."

The coalition and the Collegiate Licensing Co. both started to pursue the idea of codes of conduct last year at the beginning of the fall 1997 semester.

Steve Rich, Eastern's licensing

director and the director of alumni services, said the Collegiate Licensing Co. that Eastern deals with is working on codes of conduct.

The Collegiate Licensing Co. was working on the resolution before the student proposal.

Duke University's recent addition of the code of conduct is serving as a blueprint for the Collegiate Licensing Co., Rich added.

"(The Collegiate Licensing Co.) wanted to be proactive in putting together a code that would help (the company and the universities) both feel comfortable," said Bruce Siegal, the vice president and general council of the company. "Most schools are behind this philosophically and support it."

The Collegiate Licensing Co. represents 170 universities and will have the codes of conduct most likely within the next several months when the universities have developed a consensus, Siegal said. Each university represented

will implement the codes of conduct.

According to the Collegiate Licensing Report of December 1997 publication of Collegiate Licensing Co., the new policy will ensure "all licensed products are produced in accordance with applicable prevailing laws, rules, regulations and standards, including those that relate to child labor laws, worker abuse or harassment, discrimination, wages, working hours and health and safety. Licensees must report and correct any violations. Monitoring systems are being explored. Additional language will be added to license agreements and authorized manufacturer agreements to expand upon this policy."

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The voice of one woman

Debra Bruce, an associate professor of English at Northeastern University in Chicago, reads some of her many poems in honor of Women's History Month. The reading took place Thursday afternoon in the Tarble Arts Center in front of a crowd of about 80 people.

California backtracks on bilingual education

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In a decision giving local school districts control over bilingual education, the state on Thursday rescinded a decades-long policy requiring that students with limited English skills be taught in their native language.

The surprise move by the State Board of Education, labeled a "terrible mistake" by advocates for bilingual education, came in response to a petition filed with the board by the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation.

"This puts the wheels in motion to set a new direction for ... meeting the needs of English-language learners," said Bill Lucia, the board's executive director.

In June, California voters will consider Proposition 227, a ballot initiative that would end most bilingual education. It would require students to be taught "overwhelmingly" in English.

A spokeswoman for the initiative praised the board's action.

"It is encouraging for the cam-

paign because it confirms what we've been saying all along - that it's absurd that a law that expired 11 years ago continues to be mandated throughout the state," spokeswoman Sheri Annis said.

The Pacific Legal Foundation asked the board Feb. 17 to withdraw all written policies that led districts to believe primary language instruction is required for "limited-English proficient" students.

The foundation argued that because the state's bilingual education law expired in 1987, the board was acting beyond the scope of law when it required districts to obtain permission for English-only programs.

Board members also relied on a ruling by a Sacramento judge, issued last week in a separate court case. In that case, Spanish-speaking parents sought to require the Orange Unified School District to continue primary language instruction for 1,400 first-through third-graders.

Impromptu spring dance announced

A surprise campuswide event was announced Thursday at the Residence Hall Association meeting.

A dance for all on-campus students is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. April 1. The theme of the dance is "Fools Rush In," in honor of April Fool's Day.

Door prizes, music, a disc jockey and the local comedy troupe "Hello Dali," are perks included for the night.

RHA Conference Coordinator Crystal Ward announced the March award winners. Rob Evans, Carman Hall resident assistant, was honored as the resident assistant of the month. RHA Representative Jamie Workman was recognized as student of the month. Tiffany Jones was voted adviser of the month.

The committee for this year's Little People's Weekend announced events that are scheduled for the weekend. A picnic is being planned and will take place in the South Quad. The cost will be \$2.

Little People's Weekend will take place on April 24 and 25 and is open to all younger relatives of Eastern students.

The "Helping Hands" organization will be selling submarine sandwiches on April 5. All proceeds will go to the McKinney Enox Scholarship fund.

Research shows Ancient American ingenuity in farming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ancient Americans were growing corn and building impressive villages in arid desert lands more than 3,000 years ago, far earlier than previously believed, according to new research.

Excavations of elaborate terracing built into a hillside in northern Mexico uncovered corn cobs and squash seeds that were age dated at about 1500 B.C.

"We found that there was a high level of effort centering on this particular place," said J.R. Roney, a Bureau of Land Management archeologist and co-author of the study. "That shows there was an agricultural lifestyle established then."

Bruce B. Huckell, a University of New Mexico anthropologist who studies the ancient civilizations in the U.S.

Southwest, said the work of Roney and Hard "is a very important finding."

He said the elaborate terracing shows there was a wide-ranging pattern of agriculture throughout the arid North American area at a time when earlier studies suggested the people who lived there were only hunters and gatherers.

"This allows us to see that

agriculture was carried into that area by people who had adopted it for a major part of their subsistence as early as 1000 B.C." Huckell said. "This is an important finding."

Adoption of a settled lifestyle, based on growing food instead of hunting animals and gathering wild plants, is considered an important milestone in the march of civilization.

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NASA: Asteroid calculated to miss Earth 'by miles'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Relax, Earthlings. That asteroid streaking toward our planet is going to miss by miles. Actually, by 600,000 miles, according to new calculations.

Just a day after a group of astronomers reported that an asteroid was expected to pass within just 30,000 miles of the Earth's center and could possibly collide, astronomers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said that their calculations —

based on newly uncovered data — indicate the asteroid will pass no closer than 600,000 miles away.

"We are saying now that the probability of an impact is zero," said Donald K. Yeomans of JPL. Yeomans said he and fellow astronomer Paul W. Chodas dug out some eight-year-old pictures of the heavens taken by the Palomar Observatory telescope and found that the photos contained images of

asteroid 1997 XF11, which was then just an unidentified point of light.

Using the 1990 pictures, along with recent observations of the streaking space rock, Yeomans and Chodas recalculated the orbital path of the asteroid and found that it would miss the Earth by 600,000 miles in its closest approach in October 2028.

The astronomers who made the original prediction could not

immediately be reached for comment.

On Wednesday, the International Astronomical Union issued a notice that the asteroid was expected to pass within only 30,000 miles of the Earth's center and that "the chance of an actual collision is small, but one is not entirely out of the question."

Those calculations, by Brian G. Marsden of the IAU, were based on measurements taken

last week and included less of the object's orbital path than the old, archival pictures from Palomar.

Yeomans said that after hearing of the other IAU forecast, astronomers at JPL sought out the archival photos, and did the new calculations.

The astronomers said the new orbital path of the asteroid means it will pass outside the orbit of the moon and "poses no threat to the earth whatsoever."

Minister defends stance on lesbian marriages

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — A Methodist minister who could be fired for performing a lesbian unity ceremony testified before a church jury Thursday that he was simply serving the couple's spiritual needs.

The Rev. Jimmy Creech, 53, pleaded innocent to charges that he held an unsanctioned liturgy and disobeyed United Methodist Church rules by conducting the ceremony.

The trial is the first challenge of the church's policy on homosexual ceremonies, Methodist officials said. They said the trial's outcome could shape how the church interprets its stance on homosexuals.

Creech, who was senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Omaha before being suspended Nov. 10, testified that he takes the church's liturgy seriously but his main calling is to serve his local church and its members.

"I was responding to them as a pastor, to give them pastoral care," Creech said, referring to the two unnamed women involved in the September ceremony.

Homosexual unions someday may be accepted by the church but

Creech violated current policy and should be punished, said the Rev. Loren Ekdahl of Lincoln, who presented the church's case.

The ceremony that Creech performed was an "unauthorized" ritual conducted as if it were an official rite of the church, Ekdahl said during opening statements.

"We're not talking about a simple prayer or blessing here."

In Creech's defense, Nebraska Wesleyan University religion professor the Rev. Douglas J. Williamson asked the jury of 13 fellow ministers "to make their minds as free and clear as possible."

"If there is no evidence, clear and convincing argument, than this body cannot convict," Williamson said.

Williamson argued that the church's Social Principles, which were amended in 1996 to prohibit "ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions," are merely guidelines.

The trial is scheduled to end Friday with a verdict expected by the end of the day. If found guilty, Creech could be stripped of his ministerial credentials.

Hubbell threatened with indictment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater prosecutors are pressuring Webster Hubbell, his wife and two friends by threatening to indict them for the way Hubbell handled taxes on financial assistance after he left the Clinton administration, lawyers familiar with the investigation said Thursday.

Four lawyers, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office recently told the Hubbells and the two friends who acted as financial advisers that they are likely to be charged with helping Hubbell to avoid taxes and payment of his debts.

One of the lawyers said prosecutors believe the four were involved with "rearranging places where money was put in order to not have to declare it for tax purposes and not have to pay back on the debts that Hubbell owed."

Starr's investigators have been assembling evidence for a tax and conspiracy case, and informed the four recently of their legal jeopardy, the lawyer said.

Hubbell, a former golfing buddy of the president and a law partner of Hillary Rodham



Clinton in Arkansas, was released from federal custody in February 1997 after serving time in prison and a halfway house on Whitewater-related charges.

Prosecutors have been investigating how President Clinton's friends arranged hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments to Hubbell at a time he was under investigation for bilking his law firm in 1994 and before he pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the Whitewater investigation.

Starr has been looking into whether the money, which came from as far away as Indonesia where the business empire of Mochtar Riady arranged a payment of \$100,000, was designed to discourage Hubbell's cooperation with prosecutors.

The prosecutors have put Hubbell under increasing legal pressure, frustrated by his frequent memory lapses about

President and Mrs. Clinton's Arkansas business dealings.

In addition to the consulting fees arranged by presidential aides and friends, Hubbell also earned a six-figure contract for a book focusing on his relationship with the president and first lady.

One of Hubbell's sisters also provided assistance to the family while Hubbell's wife, Suzy, got a \$75,000-a-year job at the Interior Department arranged by the White House.

But the lawyers familiar with Starr's grand jury investigation said much of the money intended for Hubbell was deposited in an account that has not been declared as income or used to pay his substantial debts. The account was described by the lawyers as an "entity" not under Hubbell's control.

Among his debts, Hubbell owes money to his former law firm for stealing almost \$500,000 from the firm and its clients.

If Hubbell has gross income of more than \$100,000 per year, half of that will go toward a \$300,000 settlement with his former law firm, according to a consent decree approved by a

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Second part of Iditarod ends

CRIPPLE, Alaska (AP) _ With the front of the pack headed for Ruby and the Yukon River, the Iditarod's second half got under way in earnest Thursday.

Dee Jonrowe of Willow grabbed the lead out of Cripple at 9:04 a.m. While she's four hours behind John Baker of Kotzebue,

Jonrowe has taken her mandatory 24-hour rest and Baker hasn't.

Bill Cotter of Nenana was running second, pulling out of Cripple at 1:17 p.m. after just seven minutes' rest.

Defending champion Martin Buser of Big Lake left at 3:45 p.m., followed by Doug Swingley of Lincoln, Mont., less than a minute later. Five-time champion Rick Swenson of Two Rivers pulled out of Cripple at 4:08 p.m.

Another 11 mushers also were waiting out the heat of the day in under bright sunshine in Cripple.

They included, in order of arrival: John Barron of Montana Creek; Charlie Boulding of Nenana; Ramy Brooks of Fairbanks; and Tim Osmar of Kasilof. Veterans of the 1,100-mile race to Nome were wonder-

ing what Jonrowe has up her sleeve this year. Vern Halter of Willow, currently in 15th, said she was following the same strategy she used in 1996, when she placed fifth.

Two-time winner Jeff King of Denali Park, now in 14th, gave Jonrowe credit for stamina.

"It's obvious she pushes herself to the extreme limits. I think she's hungrier than most of us," King said.

The front of the pack is running within a couple of hours of one another.

The question for the next several days centers on how many teams will remain in the front pack when it reaches the Yukon River at Ruby and separates itself from the rest of the Iditarod field.

Running together produces momentum.

"It can generate a certain amount of power," Swenson told the Anchorage Daily News. "It can motivate you."

"What we're going to see next, somebody, somewhere is going to blow through a checkpoint," said

retired racer Jerry Austin, who was monitoring the race from Unalakleet.

"Somebody will have evaluated the situation and decided that they have the strongest team."

Swenson said it was remarkable how closely bunched the leaders

were now, given that all pursued different run-rest strategies early in the race.

"We kind of all got here with different approaches," Swenson said. "(But) when we're running ... we're all running the same speed."

King isn't sure that means much at this point.

"I think it shows we're still down, still staying below full power," King said. "I don't think it means that we're equal. I think we all have the ability to go at that pace, and it's way too early to turn her up."

Still, the mushers are setting a fast pace. If the weather holds, the winner could cross the finish line in Nome as early as Tuesday to collect the \$51,000 top prize and a new pickup.

Coach suspended for striking a player

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) _ Purdue baseball coach Steve Green was suspended indefinitely Thursday following a report that he struck a player during a tournament in California.

The incident occurred Tuesday after Purdue lost to Evansville, 8-6, on the second day of a tournament being played at Fresno State, the Purdue Athletic Department said.

"It was part of a seven-game losing streak," said Purdue spokesman Mark Adams.

In a statement announcing the suspension, Purdue said no one was injured and declined to release the player's name.

Associate athletic director Joni Comstock flew to California on Wednesday to gather facts about the incident.

"Purdue follows a policy that all student-athletes will be treated with respect," Comstock said in a prepared statement. "Sportsmanlike conduct applies to everyone. An unfortunate incident occurred and I will

investigate it thoroughly. ... We will take the appropriate action after all the facts have been gathered."

Adams said no further details were available. "It would probably take several days for her to reach a conclusion, talk with (athletic director) Morgan Burke and come to some action," he said.

Assistant coach Bob Shepherd was placed in charge of the team and, with fellow assistants, Mark Kingston and Brian McDonald, will coach the team through the remainder of a spring trip.

Purdue lost to Fresno State, 13-3, on Monday, the opening day of the six-day tournament. The Boiler-makers beat Toledo, 10-9, on Wednesday and were scheduled to play Virginia Tech today.

Green, 39, is in his seventh season as Purdue's head baseball coach. He came to Purdue as an assistant in 1987 from Lassen Community College in Susanville, Calif.

Cardinals outfielder ready to return to the field

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) _ The quiet suffering apparently is over for Ron Gant.

The St. Louis Cardinals' outfielder struck out a team-record 162 times last season, and a knee injury was at least partly to blame.

Healthy again following arthroscopic surgery, Gant is reaching the low and outside pitch that bedeviled him last year.

Through Wednesday, Gant was batting .400 with two home runs and a team-leading 10 RBIs _ and only three strikeouts in 25 at-bats.

"I didn't have fun last year, no fun at all," Gant said. "But didn't complain, I just went through it. Things should be a lot different this year."

In 1996, his first season after signing a five-year, \$25 million free agent deal,

Gant was the Cardinals' big stick. Despite missing more than a month with a hamstring injury, he had 30 home runs and 82 RBIs.

Last season he was only occasionally productive with a .229 average, 17 home runs and 62 RBIs. Gant, 33, had only five home runs and 22 RBIs after the All-Star break. Most of the year, Gant knew something was wrong but wasn't sure what. Team doctors in St. Louis told him he had a loose kneecap that needed strengthening. To his credit, he never complained about it.

"A lot of guys would have been looking for any reason to avoid going out there," manager Tony La Russa said. "He did the opposite. Even when I tried to rest him he was never happy."

All Gant knew was he couldn't do

much at the plate.

"It'd be like the knee gave out," he said. "They didn't really throw me any differently than they normally would, I just couldn't get to the ball."

"If you have a weakness, they'll go after it."

After the season he saw a doctor in Los Angeles and a second MRI that revealed a torn ligament.

"I trusted the doctors, I believed them," Gant said. "That's why you should get second and third opinions."

Gant said he's not quite 100 percent, but close enough to be effective again.

"You're never as good as new, but it feels good," he said. "I'm able to put more weight on it hitting and I wasn't able to do that last year. I'm able to get at pitches that I couldn't get at last

year."

It won't hurt that Gant is now just one of many power hitters in the attack.

He'll likely bat fifth behind Ray Lankford, who had 31 home runs and 98 RBIs, and 58-homer man Mark McGwire, and ahead of Brian Jordan, who the team believes is recuperated from back and wrist injuries.

Plus, the team is anxious to prove itself after last year's 74-88, injury-riddled season.

"It gives you an edge," Gant said. "You want to go out and prove yourself again."

La Russa said Gant deserves some success.

"He's worked so hard, I hope it all pays off," La Russa said. "I think he's feeling really good."

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Tennis teams gearing up for OVC play

By **TODD SCHREIBER**
Staff writer

The Eastern tennis teams start a critical part of their schedule this year right after spring break.

Both the men's and women's teams travel to Tennessee Tech on March 22, to start play in the Ohio Valley Conference. The start of conference play is what the players and coach Marla Reid have been looking forward to since the beginning of the tennis season in the fall.

The men's team is coming off a tough weekend in St. Louis which saw them lose three dual-matches. The men's team is currently 0-5 in the spring season, and 6-6

“The girls that have been here the whole year know that they have to step up their play for conference.”

— **Marla Reid,**
tennis coach

overall this season.

The team faced some good competition over the weekend, and this was extremely helpful for the conference season, according to Reid. “We saw where we were as a team in St. Louis, and that will help us prepare for the OVC.”

This is the second season in the OVC

for Eastern, and they look to do better than last season. Eastern was not used to the new conference last season, but seem to have adjusted some.

“We know who we are going to be facing in a particular match better,” senior Joe Kantor said. “Last season we really didn't exactly know what to expect.”

The Lady Panthers hope not to be rusty in their OVC opener. The team has not played since February 8 at Southwest Missouri State. They have used many entries in tournaments during the fall season to prepare for their conference season. The team has only two dual-matches to their record; they split the decisions.

The Lady Panthers are truly short-hand-

led for the match against Tech however.

They are currently traveling with five players that have scholarships. The rest of the players are non-scholarship athletes, and do not have the experience that the others do.

“We know that we are short-handed,” Reid said. “But the girls that have been here the whole year know that they have to step up their play for conference.”

This is the time that the team has been looking forward to all season. The OVC is a tough conference to compete in, every match is important.

Reid hopes that those players with experience can step up their play for conference.

Track teams to head to Florida for Spring Break

By **DAVID PUMP**
Staff writer

Eastern's men's and women's track and field teams will be taking two different routes to the Florida State Relays.

The women will be leaving on Sunday morning and will drive straight through to Tallahassee, coach John Craft said.

“We have been itching to get outside and we need to get outside to run on a bigger track,” Craft said. “Hopefully the weather will be nice and it looks like it might because the extended forecast said that it will be in the 60's and 70's.”

Craft said he doesn't want the team to forget the reason that they are in Florida.

“I hope that everyone is very competitive and it will be nice to see people compete in their specialty events,” he said.

The men on the other hand will be making a stop in Kentucky on Monday to compete in a practice meet against Murray State, coach Tom Akers said.

“It will be a low key ice breaker for us,” Akers said. “We are going to try some different events and it won't be a full schedule meet.”

The Panthers will compete in the 110-meter hurdles, 400 meter hurdles, discuss, hammer throw, javelin and the pole vault outdoors for the first time this season Akers added.

“We will be outside and we are going to run some two men relays to make it a little competitive, but it's not going to be scored,” he said. “Hopefully we will have some good weather so we can get at it.”

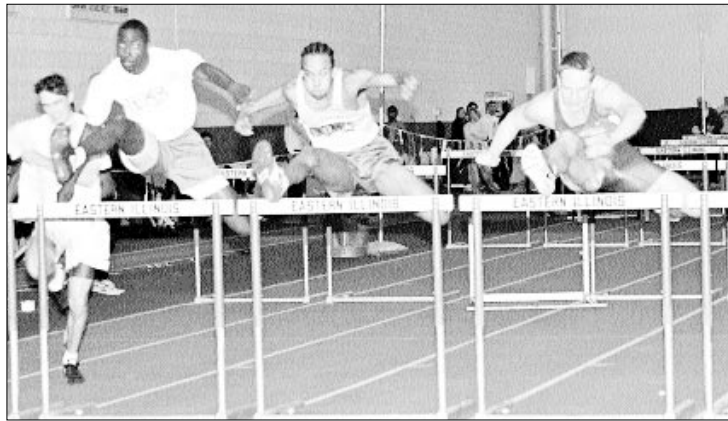
Akers said after the practice meet at Murray the team will head down to Florida and get ready for the competition that begins on Thursday and will end on March 22.

In past years Eastern used to travel to Alabama to compete, but this season Akers chose to go to and compete against Florida State and a couple of other school.

“Usually on spring break you don't now who will be there to compete until you get there,” Akers said. “It will be good competition, but nowhere near as competitive as Alabama.”

Despite coming off of a successful indoor season, Akers said that some people need to have quality performances.

“We should get some good performances down there,” he said. “It's not like we are start-



Anna Betzelberger/Associate photo editor

Eastern track member competes in the 100 meter hurdles during the Earl Bird track meet in December. The team is now preparing to participate in the Florida State Relays

ing from square one.”

Moving from indoors to outdoors needs some adjustment according to Akers.

“We need to get used to the longer distances and find out where we are at,” he said.

Getting outdoors will give distance runner Todd Moroney the opportunity to run in the steeplechase, an event that he says he enjoys, and Akers says

that he can be very successful at.

“If he (Moroney) can get in some water jumps he may be able to break the school record,” Akers said.

Akers said that he will send out the best possible relay teams the team has.

“Mike McBride, Chad White, Kert McAfee and Moroney in the distance medley and Marcus

Carter, Cory Finn, McBride and McAfee in the 4 by 800-meter relay,” he said.

Along with the relay teams Akers said that he would like to see where Jacob Hunt and Eric Hill are at in the 400-meter hurdles.

“It will be interesting to see where Hill and Hunt are at and if Hill is ready to take the next step forward,” Akers said.

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ence,” she said. “We get to see some good ball teams and hopefully win two tournaments.”

Kistou said she is looking forward to the competition the Panthers will see in the tournament, especially Illinois-Chicago.

“I think we play better against ranked teams,” she said.

Although the players are anxious to bring their layoff to a close with the Spring Break road trip, they acknowledged some good things came from the time off.

“I think it gave us time to figure out everyone's strengths and weaknesses and work on them,” Kistou said. “It also gave the coaches time to try things and figure out where to put

“The competition was real tough last year and it looks like were going to have good competition this year. Hopefully El Nino will be nice to us.

— **Mandy White,**
Junior pitcher

people.”

“It also provided time to heal,” Starkey said. The break allowed injured junior catcher Amy Kukman time to recover from an injury suffered at the Southern Illinois tournament. Starkey said Kukman was a big part of the

team as the senior catcher.

Searle said she is watching to see how the team reacts to the performance at the Southern Illinois tournament to open the season.

“I will be anxious to see how the team handles going 1-3 at the tournament, she said. The team picked up its lone win of the tournament in the last game. Searle is waiting to see how the Panthers deal with the slow start.

“Like they say, it's the first game of a winning series.”

Searle added that she has seen improvement since the first games of the year.

“I think they're more together today than they were at the (Southern Illinois) tourna-

ment,” she said.

This year's trip comprises a reprise of last season's Spring Break road trips.


“I think it's a nice place to go,” Kistou said. “We had tons of fun last year.”

Kistou added she was happy to play, “anywhere it's warm.”

Starkey is looking forward to the competition.

“I think we play on better fields against better teams,” she said.

“It was nice weather last year,” White said. “The competition was real tough last year and it looks like were going to have good competition this year. Hopefully El Nino will be nice to us.”



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Mavericks beat the Bulls

DALLAS (AP) — The team that Charles Barkley said couldn't win the NAAs beat the world champions Thursday night.

The Dallas Mavericks erased a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit against the Chicago Bulls and treated the largest crowd in the history of their building to a 104-97 overtime victory.

Chicago led 85-68 with 5:43 left in regulation, but the Bulls didn't score a field goal over the final 3:44. It caught up to them when Cedric Ceballos hit a wild 3-pointer with two defenders on him to tie the game at 91 with 3.9 seconds left. Toni Kukoc had a chance to win the game, but missed a layup at the buzzer.

Ceballos opened overtime with a dunk that gave the

Mavericks their first lead of the game — and one they would not relinquish.

Dallas, chided by Barkley after a 97-91 Houston victory on Tuesday, went up 96-91 on a 3-pointer by Michael Finley, but Kukoc answered with a 3. Jordan then had a wide-open 3 that would've put the Bulls ahead, but he missed badly.

With a Reunion Arena-record crowd of 18,255 going bonkers, Dallas rookie Chris Anstey called for the ball in the corner and hit the shot to stretch the Mavericks' lead to 98-94.

Jordan, who shot just 5-of-11 on free throws, made one of two to pull Chicago within three with 1:08 left. Jordan then tried to steal the ball from Finley, missed and fell to the ground,

allowing Finley to take off and feed Anstey for a dunk and a 102-97 lead with 52.7 seconds left.

The Bulls couldn't recover. Pippen missed two 3-pointers and Kukoc missed before fouling A.C. Green with 6.9 seconds left. He hit both and Chicago didn't even attempt another shot.

Finley scored 32 points and Ceballos had 25, including 11 in the fourth quarter and four in overtime. Green had 17 rebounds and Ceballos had 13. Jordan led Chicago with 26 points. He added seven rebounds, tying Tom Boerwinkle for No. 1 in team history with 5,745. Kukoc had 22 points and Pippen 18. Dennis Rodman had 22 rebounds.

U.S. hockey team loses Paralympics

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Japan upset the United States 2-1 in Paralympic hockey on Thursday, eliminating the Americans from the tournament.

The U.S. needed to beat Japan by at least three goals to advance to Friday's medal round.

Tadashi Kato, a defenseman, scored both Japanese goals. The only American score was by Joe Howard. Magda Amo of Spain won her third gold medal of the games, taking the women's giant slalom for visually impaired skiers.

Amo, the gold medal winner in long jump in the Atlanta Paralympics in 1996, finished with a total time of 2 minutes, 59.4 seconds for two runs down the 1,132-meter hill at Shiga Kogen. She earlier won the downhill and super-giant slalom. Her guide is Ana Casas.

In another category for those with impaired vision, Katerina Tepla of the Czech Republic won her second gold medal of the games. American sit-ski specialist Sarah Will of Vail, Colo., and Austria's Danja Haslacher also

became double gold medal winners by winning in giant slalom categories for one-legged skiers.

First-time Paralympian Mary Riddell of Dove Creek, Colo., won the second American gold medal of the day in a combined giant slalom category.

That gave the 18-year old Riddell a complete set of gold, silver (in downhill), and bronze (super-giant slalom). "That's what I came here to do," Riddell said. "This is my favorite event, and it's the event I ski the best in."

Bureau hat trick leads to victory over the Rangers

MONTREAL (AP) — Checking center Marc Bureau missed a penalty shot but still scored two goals to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

Bureau's 10th and 11th goals of the season marked a career high for the nine-year veteran, who scored 10 goals in 1992-93 for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Bureau almost had a first-period hat trick, but Mike Richter stopped him on a penalty shot at 10:17 after Bureau was hauled down by Alexei Kovalev while killing a penalty.

Saku Koivu and Benoit Brunet also scored for the Canadiens, who are unbeaten in three consecutive games at the Molson Centre since ending a six-game home losing streak on Monday.

Adam Graves scored for the Rangers, who were coming off a 5-3 home win over San Jose on Wednesday night.

The Rangers gave up numerous odd-man rushes, although they outshot Montreal 24-18.

The Canadiens opened the

scoring when Bureau won a faceoff from Wayne Gretzky, playing in his 1,400th NHL game, in the New York zone and went to the net to deflect in a point shot by Zarely Zalapski only 31 seconds into the game.

Seven minutes after missing his penalty shot on Richter's glove side, Bureau picked off a pass by Bruce Driver at the Rangers' blue line and went in alone to slide the puck under Richter on the stick side at 17:34.

Montreal made it 3-0 when Koivu carried the puck on a shorthanded three-on-one and opted to shoot for his 12th goal 5:30 into the second period.

New York scored when Graves deflected a point shot by Brian Leetch past Montreal goalie Jocelyn Thibault on a power play at 15:42 of the second for his 20th.

Brunet rounded out the scoring by knocking home a rebound with 2:22 left.

The game had been rescheduled from Jan. 10, when the Canadiens were forced to postpone because of an ice storm.

Agassi begins return to the top with Newsweek tourney

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Andre Agassi, on a mission to climb back to the top, continued his ascent Wednesday with a quick 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sergi Bruguera.

Other Newsweek Champions Cup second-round winners included No. 2 seed Petr Korda, with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 victory over Scott Draper; Jim Courier, who knocked off fifth-seeded Jonas Bjorkman 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4); and No. 6 Greg Rusedski, who outlasted Vincent Spadea 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In the State Farm Evert Cup half of the tournament at Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, top-ranked Martina Hingis stormed back from a 1-5 deficit in the second set to beat fifth-seeded Conchita Martinez 6-1, 7-5.

That set Hingis up for a semifinal showdown with Venus Williams, who rolled to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Joannette Kruger.

Agassi's precipitous fall from No. 1 over the past couple of years is reflected by the fact that he's unseeded in the Champions Cup.

But he still needed just 1 hour, 6 minutes to overwhelm Bruguera, ranked 15th in the world and seeded 14th in the tournament.

With two titles already this year, including a victory over Pete Sampras in the final at San Jose, Agassi also is riding a 12-match win streak. Ranked 122nd in the world at the end of last season, he has moved up to No. 40 this week.

He dominated Bruguera with his service, slipping five aces past the Spaniard and winning 21 points on his first serve.

"I think my serve's pretty underrated," Agassi said. "I use my serve well for the rest of my game. At the end of the game, if you hold serve, (that means) you have a good serve."

"I don't want to hit aces. I just want to use my serve effectively to set up my next shot."

Another former force in world tennis, Steffi Graf, also is making a comeback. Showing no signs of the knee operation she had nine months ago, Graf has breezed through her first three Evert Cup matches, losing just eight games.

"Last week we had a lot in common, both 49th in the world,"

Agassi noted. Graf, who did not play Wednesday, will face defending champion Lindsay Davenport in the semis. Davenport defeated Sandra Cacic 6-1, 7-5 to advance.

Williams, beaten by Hingis in the U.S. Open final last year, defeated her earlier this year in Sydney.

"I'm really getting so much better these days," Williams said.

"I really know what to do with the ball,

what to do with certain shots, what to expect from the opponent."

"I feel very comfortable on the court all the time. So everything is coming into place."

Courier, No. 1 in the world as recently as 1992 but slowed by a mysterious arm problem in recent years, was down 5-4 in the third set but came back to break Bjorkman's serve. After both held service, Courier took four of the last five points in the tiebreaker.

"It's good to come through a tough match like that," said Courier, who won the Champions Cup in 1991 and 1993. "It's kind of a barometer to see where I am."

Queried about the diagnosis on his right arm, Courier quipped, "Here was the diagnosis: Here is a bill for \$8,000. By the way, we didn't find anything. That was the diagnosis."

Racist slurs still scar the upcoming Masters tournament

Fuzzy Zoeller can rest easy. Tiger Woods won't be serving fried chicken and collard greens at the Masters champions dinner. Woods' menu, the subject of racial jokes by Zoeller after last year's tournament, includes cheeseburgers, french fries, grilled chicken sandwiches and strawberry and vanilla milkshakes, sources familiar with the plans told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The previous year's winner picks the menu for the champi-

on's dinner. Zoeller, who won the Masters in 1979, will be at the dinner.

Last April, Zoeller reacted to Woods, who was closing in on his record 12-stroke victory at Augusta National, by making several racial references to Woods, whose father is black and mother is from Thailand.

"That little boy is driving well and he's putting well,"

Zoeller said. "He's doing everything it takes to win. So, you

know what you guys do when he gets in here? You pat him on the back and say congratulations and enjoy it and tell him not to serve fried chicken next year. Got it?"

Then, as he was walking away, Zoeller snapped his fingers and added, "Or collard greens or whatever the hell they serve."

Zoeller, who insisted he was joking, apologized and several days later Woods accepted the apology. The matter was stirred up

again the following week when Zoeller engaged in a similar kind of joking banter with Victor McBryde, a black corporate executive.

Zoeller lost major endorsement deals with K-mart and Dunlop because of the controversy but has since lined up contracts with Daiwa clubs, Sport Haley clothing and Ocean Breeze sunglasses.

Woods and Zoeller finally met face-to-face in May at the Colonial tournament in Fort

Worth, Texas.

"Fuzzy and I had a nice lunch and a nice conversation and I found out some things I needed to know," Woods said. "Now I understand where he was coming from."

Still, it was clear that Woods was not convinced it was a joking matter.

"I have a problem with anyone saying it in that tone," Woods said, referring particularly to the "whatever the hell they serve" remark.

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Sports

Softball team gearing up for tourneys

By DREW GRANGER
Staff writer

The softball team will travel to the Carolina's this week for a pair of multi-team tournaments during its annual Spring Break road trip.

From Monday to Wednesday the Panthers will take part in the Coastal Carolina Classic. In this tournament the Panthers will compete against the host school, Coastal Carolina, as well as Bucknell, Princeton and rival Illinois-Chicago.

Following the Coastal Carolina Tournament, Eastern will participate in the Winthrop Invitational Tournament. Other schools scheduled to play in this tournament are East Carolina, Furman, Iona and Maryland. The Winthrop Invitational will be held March 20-22 in Rock Hill, S.C.

Head coach Lloydene Searle said the team is trying to get the right focus for the season and has been practicing game-type situations to get ready for the season.

Junior pitcher Mandy White agreed that the team is trying to get in the right frame of mind for both the upcoming tournaments and the regular season.

"The whole last two weeks we've been focusing on the tournaments and using them to prepare for the conference games coming up right after that," she said.

"I think it's extremely important. We've been practicing more game situations and scrimmages. It helps put us in the right mind set, makes the feelings, emotions more real."

White said the team is ready to play after a long lay off. Senior first baseman Emily Starkey and junior outfielder Nicole Ktistou agreed.

Starkey said the team is "psyched up" to hit the diamond for the tournament.

"We see it as a team bonding experience."
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Four wrestlers to continue season at NCAA National

By KYLE BAUER
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Four Eastern wrestlers will continue their season as they hit the road and make the trip to Cleveland to compete in the NCAA National tournament March 19-21.

Junior Tom Combes will lead the group of younger wrestlers into the meet and hopefully set the tone for his teammates.

Combes will be joined by sophomores Kelly Revells, Don Pool and Mike Russow. All four wrestlers are coming off outstanding performances in the NCAA East Regional meet.

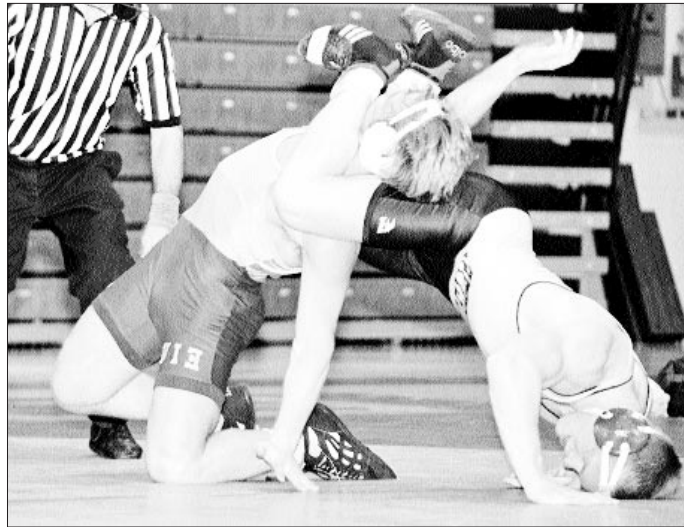
Combes seems to be the Panther's best chance at an All-American candidate. He needs to continue to wrestle and compete the way that he has been. Combes is coming off of a performance in the Regional that earned him three wins and the honor of being named the meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

All four of these wrestlers will be back in competition next year, so this meet may turn out to be more of a learning experience for them.

"I need an incredible weekend and a lot of luck to win. I am going to use it more as experience and just see what it is all about," sophomore heavyweight Russow said.

But Combes is not content to use this as merely a learning tool.

"I am going to learn as the tournament goes on this year," Combes said. "I don't want to have to worry about waiting until next year. I figure this is



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

An Eastern wrestler gets put in a strangle hold in a meet this season. Eastern is sending four members to Cleveland for the NCAAs on March 7-8.

my best chance. Either way this has been and will be a great experience."

For most of the wrestlers, the biggest problem will be trying to overcome first time jitters. Most of these guys have not competed in a meet of this size and importance before.

"I need to get through the nerves," Combes said. "If I can get through the first couple of rounds I will be all right. I am not afraid of anything, I have just heard that it can be pretty

nerve wrecking."

The other wrestlers are feeling the nervousness of their first National meet too.

"The biggest thing is going to be the problem with my nerves. For my first year at Nationals, I am just hoping to do well," Revells said.

Even though there are signs of nervousness, the wrestlers are by no means afraid. Each individual knows what they have to do to succeed and will do what it takes to get it done.

"I have to keep the intensity level up and prepare mentally. For my first year I am just hoping to wrestle well," Revells said.

Combes' performance last week will probably earn him a low seed, but as for the others, they are hoping to get good draws. The double elimination format of this tournament will be a little different from the normal single elimination, but may turn out to favor Eastern's wrestlers.

Baseball to face 'extremely competitive' teams during break



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

A Panther baseball member takes some swings in Lantz Field house this week. Eastern will travel to Alabama to begin its spring break and ends up in Charleston.

Will compete in first-ever Troy State Invitational

By MATT WILSON
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The Panther baseball team will begin its Spring Break in Alabama and ends in Charleston.

To open up the break, Eastern travels to Troy, Ala. to compete in the first ever Troy State Invitational.

Eastern will be competing in the invitational with Troy State, Sienna University, Radford University and the University of Illinois.

"This is going to be some very good baseball," Troy State head coach John Mayotte said. "Illinois has a great team, Sienna is up and coming and Radford has done well. This is going to be extremely competitive. Teams might have a problem with pitching depth."

The only team Eastern will not play in this invitational is Illinois.

Fight Illini head coach Dick Jones said he thinks the teams don't play each other

because the two will meet up on April 6 in Champaign.

Eastern will face Radford in the first game of the invitational and finish it against host Troy State.

Radford has had a rough go of it so far this season, as they are currently 2-11. One of the problems for the Highlanders this season has been pitching, as their pitching staff has an ERA of 8.25. The pitcher with the lowest ERA is freshman Ryan Speir, who has an 0-1 record but an ERA of 2.79.

The Highlander offense has shown some signs of life, as it scored 10 runs in one of its two wins this season; a 10-2 decision over Citadel on March 1.

Troy State has found more success than Radford, as the Trojans 12-5 so far this season. A majority of these wins came during a five-game winning streak in the middle of the season. Included in this streak was a 7-5 victory over Mississippi.

The Troy State offense has pounded out 198 hits this season. The leader of the Trojan offense is junior catcher Thomas Gregorio, who has a team-leading 29 hits and 26 RBI. He is second on the team with eight homers.

The Alabama swing continues for Eastern when it takes on Alabama, who captured second place in the College World Series last

year.

Alabama is currently ranked No. 4 in the nation with a 15-2 record.

The final leg of the trip will bring Eastern to Birmingham, Al. to take on Samford University.

The 16-game road swing finally comes to an end when Eastern faces Ohio Valley Conference foe Middle Tennessee on March 21 and 22.

After being picked to finish first in the OVC Preseason polls, Middle has stated off its conference season with an 0-3 mark. The got this record by losing a three-game series to Tennessee Tech this past weekend to extend the Blue Raiders losing streak to eight games. This eight-game losing streak comes after Middle won its opening two games.

One of the problems Middle encountered against Tech was with the pitching staff, as in two of the losses Tech scored a combined 31 runs. The Blue Raider offense was led by Josh Pride who batted .333 with four homers and 11 RBI.

Middle is at the bottom of the OVC in team pitching, as the Blue Raider pitching staff have an ERA of 10.62. In 81 innings of pitching, the staff has given up 96 earned runs and 125 hits.