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# 'The Eastern Bunch'

## ■ Faces to know among Eastern's administration

### 1. Lou Hencken

Lou Hencken's favorite saying seems to be "Fences are beautiful," in reference to the construction fences that are across campus.

As president of Eastern for the past five years, Hencken has seen a lot of changes across campus. During his term, Hencken has opened Booth Library and the newly remodeled Blair Hall.

Hencken has served Eastern in a variety of administrative positions for nearly 40 years, beginning as a graduate assistant in the student affairs office. In 1989, he was named associate vice president for student affairs. His duties continued to expand in 1992 when he was named vice president for student affairs and finally to president.

### 2. Blair Lord

Blair Lord is the vice president of academic affairs and provost at Eastern. Lord has been provost for Eastern since August 2001, the exact time that Lou Hencken became president of Eastern. Lord works with the budget for the University and is responsible for any offices or buildings that deal with academics.

### 3. Jeff Cooley

Jeff Cooley is the vice president for business affairs.

He is responsible for budget coordination, Board of Trustees Report Preparation, and Contract Review and Approval.

### 4. Daniel Nadler

Daniel Nadler is the vice president of student affairs. Nadler came to Eastern in 2005 after working at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Nadler oversees campus recreation, career services, the counseling center, financial aid, greek life, health service, including the health education resource center, university housing and dining services, judicial affairs, orientation, student legal services, student life, textbook rental, university police, and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

### 5. Jill Nilsen

Jill Nilsen is the vice president of external affairs. Nilsen works to strengthen relations with internal and external University constituents and to increase awareness of the

University's state and national image, increased public and private resources, and the advancement of quality academic programs. Nilsen also oversees WEIU TV and University communications

### 6. Robert Augustine

Robert M. Augustine currently serves as Dean of the Graduate School, Research and International Programs.

He has taught for 28 years in the Department of Communication

Disorders and Sciences at Eastern, where he has served as the department chair for eight years.

### 7. Mary Anne Hanner

Dr. Mary Anne Hanner joined the faculty of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS) in 1981.

She taught academic and clinical courses, served as the director of the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and earned the faculty rank of full professor and was named dean in 2002.

### 8. William Hine

William C. Hine is Dean of the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University and a professor of education in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

### 9. Diane Jackman

Diane H. Jackman is starting her first year as Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern.

She previously served as chairwoman of the Department of

Educational Studies at Radford University in Radford, Va., and has held teaching and directorship positions at North Dakota State University in Fargo, Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, the University of Minnesota in St. Paul and the University of Maine at Farmington.

Jackman holds her doctorate in education from the University of Minnesota, and master's and bachelor's degrees in home economics education from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.



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# Who's who in Eastern Student Government

Student Government acts as a mediator between the students and administrators at Eastern. They decide how student fees are spent and put on numerous activities throughout the year, but few students really know who is on Eastern's student government....

In the 2006 Student Government elections, the Student United Party swept the ticket, taking all five executive seats and all eleven open Student Senate seats.

By NORA MABERRY  
EDITOR IN CHIEF



### Student Body President

#### Sean Anderson

Anderson is a junior political science major from Arlington Heights, who has served on student government for four semesters.

Anderson is a member of Delta Tau Delta. In the spring of 2006, he ran against Jillian Ruddy for student body president.

He campaigned on a platform of improving campus safety by increasing lighting on campus and more security cameras. Anderson stated during his campaign that the biggest issue facing students was parking and promised to work with the faculty to find a solution to the campus parking problem.



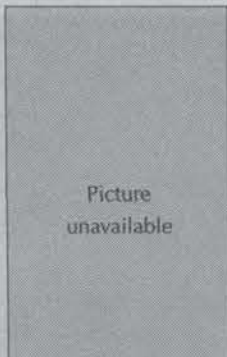
### Executive Vice President

#### Amanda Raz

Raz is a sophomore special education/art education major from Harwood Heights.

Before getting involved with student government, Raz worked with the office of orientation and greek life. When she was elected, Raz became chairperson of the Student Action Team, a student organization that lobbies state government for student's rights.

Raz campaigned on a platform of improving student parking and getting more money from the state to alleviate costs for students.



### Vice President for Academic Affairs Dave Keyes

Keyes is a junior exercise science major from Elk Grove Village.

Keyes competed in Mr. EIU 2006, Eastern's body building and fitness competition.

Keyes served as a senate member on student government.

Keyes campaigned on a platform of making all grades available on WebCT and making an online academic advising form available to help prepare students for advising appointments.



### Vice President for Student Affairs Cole Rogers

Rogers is a social science education major from Oswego.

Rogers served as a senate member on student senate, but was removed for not completing all of the senate requirements.

Rogers campaigned on a platform of RSO funding. Rogers plans to implement a more organized way for students to perform community service.



### Vice President for Business Affairs Levi Bulgar

Bulgar is a sophomore psychology major from Mt. Prospect.

Bulgar served on the student senate before being elected the Vice President for Business Affairs.

Bulgar ran on a platform of establishing RSO funding and informing students via e-mail how their tuition and fees we being spent.

### GETTING OUT THE VOTE



DAILY EASTERN NEWS FILE PHOTO

Matt Tolene, senior physical education major, fills out his Student Senate election ballot in the Martin Luther King jr. student union Monday afternoon. Only 1,242 students voted out of a possible 11,414. Polling places were set up in Coleman Hall, the Student Recreation Center, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and Carman Hall. Both parties, the Student United Party and the United University Party passed out fliers and spoke to students outside of polling places. The election was not with out controversy though. The United University party drew on university sidewalks with chalk and the Student United Party passed out stickers, which were placed on university property, both of which were against election by laws. The Student United Party swept the election, capturing all five executive board seats and the eleven open senator seats. 185 votes decided the office of Student Body President.

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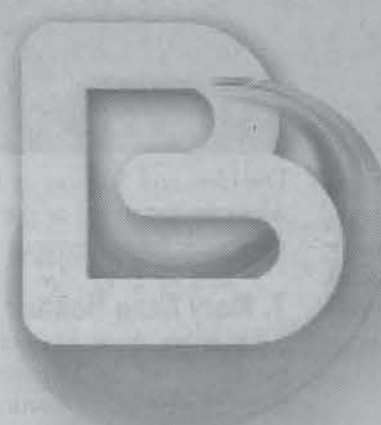
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# MEET YOUR MASCOT

His identity is top secret, despite the fact that he attends most athletic events on campus. Who is Prowler?  
He's Eastern's mascot, that's who.

BY BRIAN O'MALLEY & LAURA GRIFFITH  
SENIOR REPORTERS

At every football game there is a dark figure in a football jersey lurking along the sidelines, jumping up and down with the cheerleaders and getting the crowd into the game. It's Eastern's mascot, Prowler.

Andrew White, cheer team adviser, said a mascot is an ideal way to keep school spirit up. "The panther represents all of us," he said. "Prowler is a conglomerate of all people associated with Eastern Illinois University."

At the end of every spring semester, students are allowed to try out to be Eastern's mascot.

At the tryouts, the students must write a skit involving Prowler and act it out. They are also given a game situation and asked to respond the way a mascot would.

White said Prowler should be at as many of Eastern's athletic events as possible.

"The panther is a busy entity on campus," he said.

That is the main reason White tries to hire more than one person at a time to do the job.

"It's nice to have different people because then the panther can make more appearances," he said.

"And they're full-time students; a lot of people don't know that."

In April 2005, three students tried out and all three were chosen because White said they were each creative and animated enough.

Like most college mascots, Prowler's identity remains secret, but White likes it that way.

"We don't like telling people because instead of being Prowler the panther, it becomes the person in that suit," he said.

The only people that know besides the student mascots themselves and the people who hired them are the cheerleaders.

"The cheerleaders are sworn to secrecy," White said.

During the summer, the three students traveled to mascot camp where many other university mascots trained with them.

The person playing Prowler is taught to do routines with the cheer team that could be dangerous if not trained correctly.

"Prowler is able to do routines and gags that only Prowler could do," White said.

"An individual student at the university is not able to do the routines, let alone pull off some of the stunts conducted at the games."

Besides showing up at sports events, Prowler has made appearances at Eastern club meetings and on-campus events.

Prowler can sometimes be seen off campus when stores or businesses request a visit from Eastern's mascot.

White said because it's a panther, which is not necessarily a cuddly animal, some children are scared when Prowler arrives.

"When you see a panther, they're not normally friendly," he said.

"Prowler will give them space at first and then approach them slowly, give them their paw and most of the time they enjoy him."

## Prowler facts

- ◆ Prowler replaced the old Eastern mascot who was named Billy. The school thought Prowler was a more appropriate, gender neutral name.
- ◆ Jan. 18, 2003, replacement, Prowler, first made his appearance on Eastern's campus at a men's basketball game.
- ◆ Prowler attends most home football games, the homecoming parade, basketball games and a variety of other events on campus.
- ◆ 2005 Prowler was actually portrayed by three students who auditioned for the role. Only the students, the cheer team advisor and the cheerleaders know Prowler's real identity.
- ◆ The true identity of Prowler is so secret that the students who portray Prowler won't reveal their real names during interviews and will not be interviewed in person, unless in costume.

For more information on the Billy vs. Prowler debate check out <http://eiuhalloffame.com>



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Ryan Doktor, sophomore graphic design major hugs Prowler during the 2005 Homecoming Parade on Sixth Street Saturday morning, Oct. 16, 2005.

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# GOING GREEK AT EASTERN

■ Sororities and fraternities offer students sense of belonging and friendships that last a lifetime.

By CATHY BAYER  
CAMPUS REPORTER

Three little triangles.

Devin Bucke had no way of knowing how much three little triangles could mean to her.

Bucke, a senior biological sciences major, never wanted to be part of a sorority.

"To me, sororities were an excuse for beautiful girls to unite and revel in their own popularity and alcoholism," she said.

But in the fall of 2004, she was tired of all the hype and attended a

meeting about Delta Delta Delta, a new sorority on Eastern's campus.

At the meeting, a young girl and her family were there, talking about St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tri-Delta has chosen St. Jude as its philanthropy project.

After hearing the girl's story and finding out all that she could do to help, Bucke was hooked.

"I had no idea that a sorority could make such an impact on others that were most in need or miracles," she said.

Tri-Delta chapters from all over the country had a goal of raising \$1 million in four years.

They exceeded their goal, earning that in just three years.

The money was donated to St. Jude's for a Teen Room.

The room is a haven for patients to go, where no doctors or adults are allowed.

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## Greek Life Main Events:

- ◆ Greek Week during the spring semester. Greek houses compete in tugs, Greek Sing and Airband.
- ◆ Homecoming in October. Greek houses participate in the parade and other events through out campus.
- ◆ Philanthropic events for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- ◆ Leadership retreats at Camp Techumseh in Indiana
- ◆ Alumni weekends
- ◆ Parents' Weekends each semester

enjoy.

The program was appropriate, Bucke said, since Tri-Delta's motto is "Let us steadfastly love one another."

Twenty-one percent of Eastern's population belongs to a fraternity or sorority.

Recruitment begins the second week in September for sororities, and the third week for fraternities.

Belonging to a fraternity or sorority gives students a chance to enhance their college experience, said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life.

"Greek Life helps you achieve your personal and professional goals, whether it be helping to learn how to be a better student academically, gain opportunities to grow as a leader and to gain closer ties to

friends and the university as a whole," he said.

Greek Chapters help become a home away from home, Dudolski said.

Developing friendships help make the campus smaller, and transition to college easier, he said.

Becoming a part of the Greek community is somewhat of a life-long commitment.

"Joining now is really an investment in your future," Dudolski said.

"Wherever a member ends up after college, chances are he will be able to find an alumni chapter or other members of their fraternity in the area," he said.

Bucke will graduate in May, and will work at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., as a hall director for six sororities.

"If you would have told me I'd be doing this four years ago, I would have never believed you," she said. "I wear Tri-Delta paraphernalia every day."

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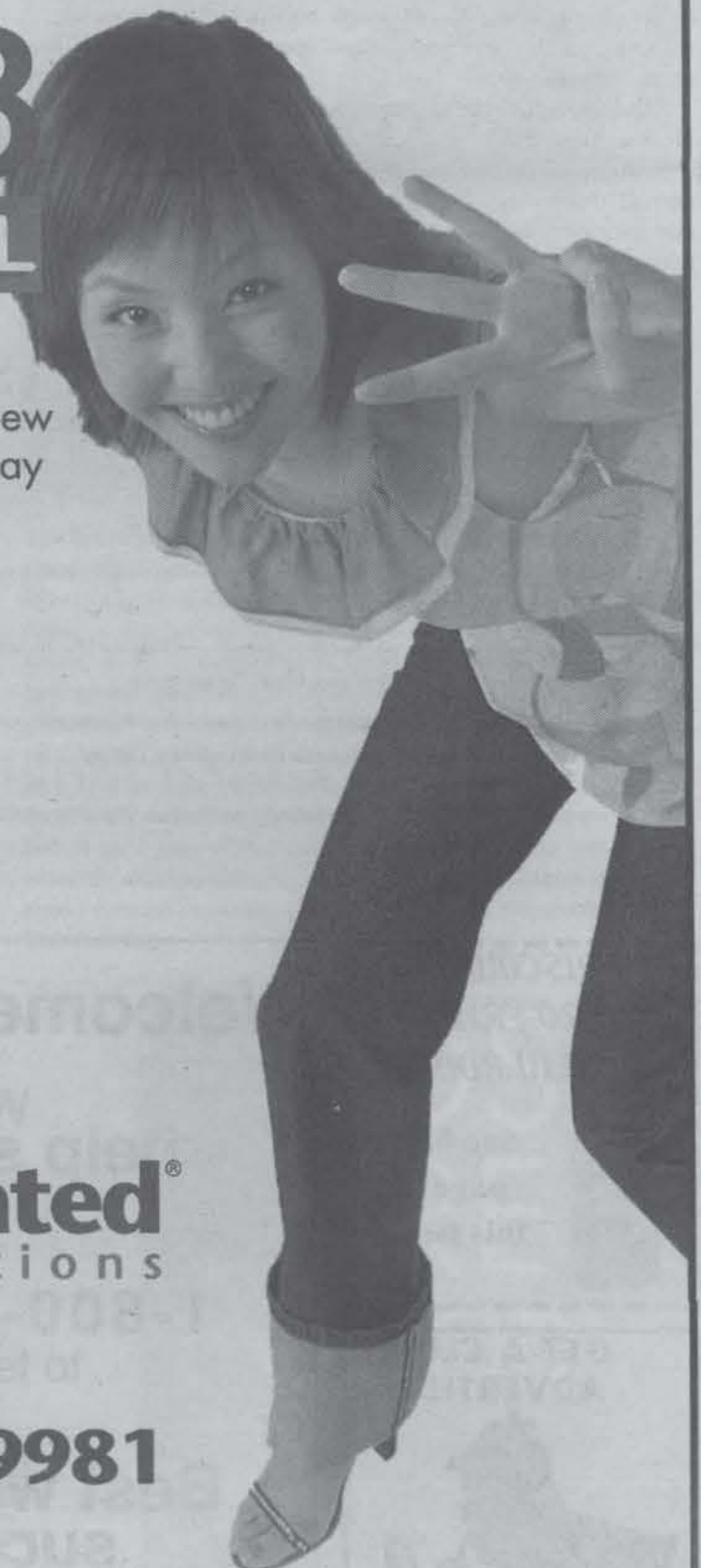
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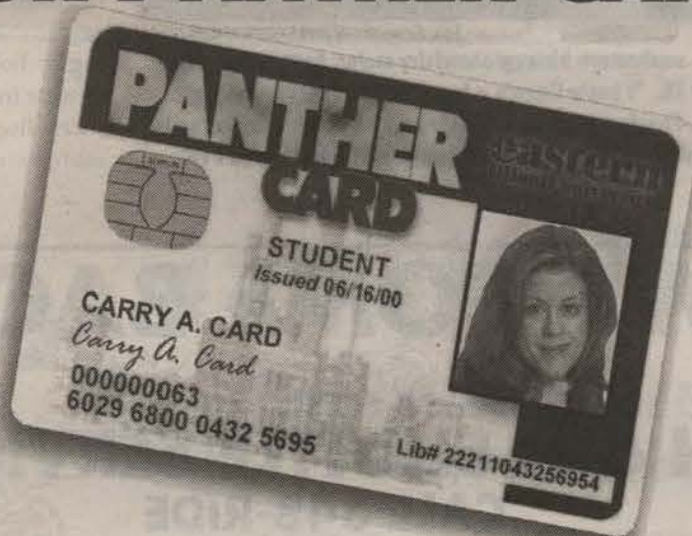
### FUN IN THE MUD



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Sean Anderson, Student Body President and member of Delta Tau Delta, participates in Greek Week Tugs. Anderson's fraternity went on to place third in the event.

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# Smoking banned in dorms

■ University officials say 'legislation is 'not an issue'

Governor Rod Blagojevich signed a bill banning smoking in residence halls Monday. The bill takes effect immediately for all Illinois private and public colleges.

Eastern Illinois University, inconsequently, is one of the only three colleges affected by the ban, accompanied with University of Illinois Chicago and University of Illinois, because all other colleges have already become smoke-free campuses. However, Eastern is not really too upset by the governor's bill because the university has been trying to make itself smoke-free for quite some time.

Mark Hudson, Eastern's director of Housing and Dining, said the ban is not a super significant issue.

"We were enforcing the policy already on almost every floor," said Hudson. "Those who want it [smoking] approve and deal with it. It's not really an issue."

The university has been working toward a smoke-free environment since 2005. Eastern was set up to have two smoking floors in the fall semester of 2006 and were working on being completely smoke-free by Fall 2007. In 2001, Eastern had 28 floors in the residence halls that allowed smoking.

Vicki Woodard, director of Communications for the university, said that Eastern has been looking out for the safety of its students with its push to being smoke-free.

"Eastern has been committed to the safety of students and have wanted to do this [ban] for a long time," said Woodard. "The only problem is timing because of contract issues."

The university will notify students who signed up for smoking floors in the fall immediately, said Woodard. They will have to either decide to live in the dorm in a smoke-free environment, or cancel their contract with Housing and Dining and live off campus.

"Those students who have signed the early bird contract have already past the date for cancellation, but the university will still let them get out of their contract if they decide they want out of it," said Woodard. "Those who have signed regular contracts have until June 12 to decide whether or not they want to remain in campus housing."

Residence hall students are not the only people affected by Blagojevich's ban. The ban also includes Greek housing (both fraternities and sororities), if their houses are on school grounds.

"The Greek students also have the same option as the residence hall students," said Woodard. They can either remain where they are or move off campus.

The ban does not affect University Court Apartments or



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Emma Galateanu, junior geology major, and Brad Schmersahl, sophomore biology/chemistry major, have a cigarette on their way to University Court on Wednesday afternoon, May 15. "I know there's a few floors in Thomas and Taylor that allow it [smoking], but to ban it completely is a bad idea. People are going to go through so much trouble to smoke in their rooms like burn incense, put towels under the door, and put fans in the window. I know cause I've done it." said Galateanu.

University Apartments at this time.

The university also believes that the ban will not affect any changes in the number of students who live in campus housing.

Dealing with any extra costs to get the university ready in time for the ban, there will be not too many extra charges with the deadline update on becoming anti-smoking, said Hudson.

"There will be some additional expenses on the [smoking] floors," said Hudson. "It will basically be cleaning to get the smoke out."

Students can still smoke outside at designated smoking areas.

Eastern's smoking students seem to have a different view on the issue, however. Jessica Manuel, a senior special education major and smoker of three years, said she was in favor of the ban.

"I like the ban even though I am a smoker," said Manuel. "If I lived in the dorms I wouldn't

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**"The increasing bans and attitude toward smokers has not stopped me from smoking. My only outrage is that the government is trying to hold my hand, telling me to wear my seatbelt, and be safe so I can live longer and give them more money."**

JOSH MITCHELL,  
SENIOR ECONOMIC MAJOR

want smoke around me all the time. Same with restaurants. However, banning smoking in bars seems a little ridiculous."

Although, Josh Mitchell, a senior economic major and also a smoker for three years, says that Blagojevich's policies seem a little chastising toward smokers.

"Since the dorm rooms are private it does not seem too bad," said Mitchell. "I don't see why a ban is necessary."

Mitchell continued to say, "The increasing bans and attitude toward smokers has not stopped me from smoking. My only outrage is that the government is trying to hold my hand, telling me to wear my seatbelt, and be safe so I can live longer and give them more money."

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# WEIU puts students on television, radio

By DANIEL LA DEUR  
STAFF REPORTER

## WEIU-TV

WEIU-TV provides students with an opportunity to gain experience working for a television news show.

News Watch, a live 30-minute news program, airs at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

News Watch is an entirely student-run show. Students go out and shoot the news, report the news and are anchors on the news show. Students also are given the opportunity to produce, direct, technical direct and learn many other jobs at a television station.

"WEIU has definitely given me an opportunity to get real-life experience at a news station. It has allowed me to go out and get internships in large market areas," said Tasha Brown, junior communications major.

News Watch is not the only program that WEIU-TV airs; it also has a morning show and a night-time wrap-up show call Nightcap.

A typical day for the station would include assigning the stories of the day to students who would go out and shoot the video and interviews for that story. They would then come back and edit all of their video and interviews and prepare to air on News Watch. Then when the story is done, the show goes live.

Students are responsible for mak-

ing the show go smoothly.

"I was so nervous when I first started there, but the rest of the people there really make you feel comfortable," Brown said.

WEIU-TV has earned numerous awards for their news show, including outstanding newscast, outstanding videography, outstanding news anchor in 2005 and outstanding weather anchor in 2006.

WEIU-TV also offers scholarships to students looking to work at the television station. There is also a summer internship that offers an opportunity to learn the equipment. WEIU-TV is a partial PBS station for the surrounding areas and first premiered in 1986. WEIU has a focus on local programming for a region that is under-served by the commercial stations.

## WEIU-FM

WEIU-FM, better known as the Hit-Mix at 88.9 on the dial, is the only live and local Charleston radio station.

This is the emphasis of everything the station does, to be the voice of Charleston.

Whether it's by having a morning show that reports the local news or by broadcasting the local high school basketball games, WEIU-FM makes sure that before it does anything else it keeps its listeners informed.

The DJs at the Hit-Mix are a family of dedicated students, who work hard to master their craft of

radio.

"We have fun, were just like one big family," said Jennifer Smith, senior communication studies major and host of the morning show.

WEIU-FM, on the first floor of the Buzzard Building, offers students a chance to get started in radio broadcasting early in their careers.

There are many opportunities to work at the radio station including an on-air DJ spot, sports broadcasting or even working as a sales repre-

sentative.

"It's a good chance to gain experience in radio, so that when you graduate you are job ready," said Jared Schaefer, a senior communication studies major and the news director at WEIU-FM. For students interested in learning what radio broadcasting is all about, there is a non-licensed radio station where students learn how to use the equipment. That station is called the Odyssey, also housed on the first

floor of Buzzard. There, students can play any type of music they want. This is where students learn how to use an audio board and get comfortable being on-air. It is a training ground for those trying to become a part of the Hit-Mix team. This station can be heard online or on Channel 5 on campus. The transition between the Odyssey and the Hit-Mix is made easier by spending time observing the DJs on the Hit-Mix and learning the equipment.

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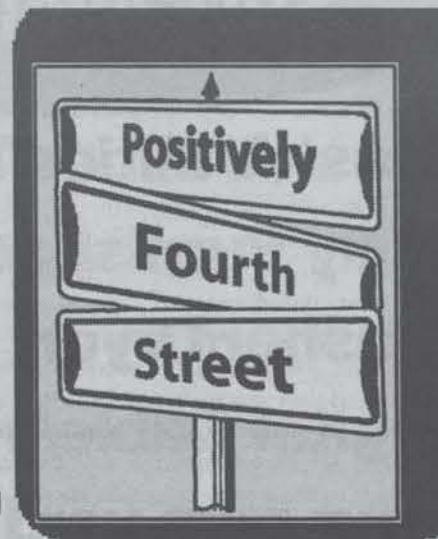
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## Tuition, fees increased

■ Hikes spurred by lack of increased state funding, inflation, Eastern president says

By JIM ALLOCCO  
EDUCATION REPORTER

The Board of Trustees passed all suggested tuition and fee increases unanimously Monday, April 24.

New students, graduate students and students who initially enrolled before the Fall of 2004 will all see a tuition increase.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said this increase is a response to the lack of funding increases from the state. The university has not seen an increase in funds from Illinois for almost seven years.

"We are receiving the same amount of money now that we were in the fall semester of 1999," Hencken said.

The president questioned how much inflation has increased the price of products since 1999. He stressed that the price for a gallon of gasoline has increased by at least \$1 in seven years, but state funds to the university have remained the same.

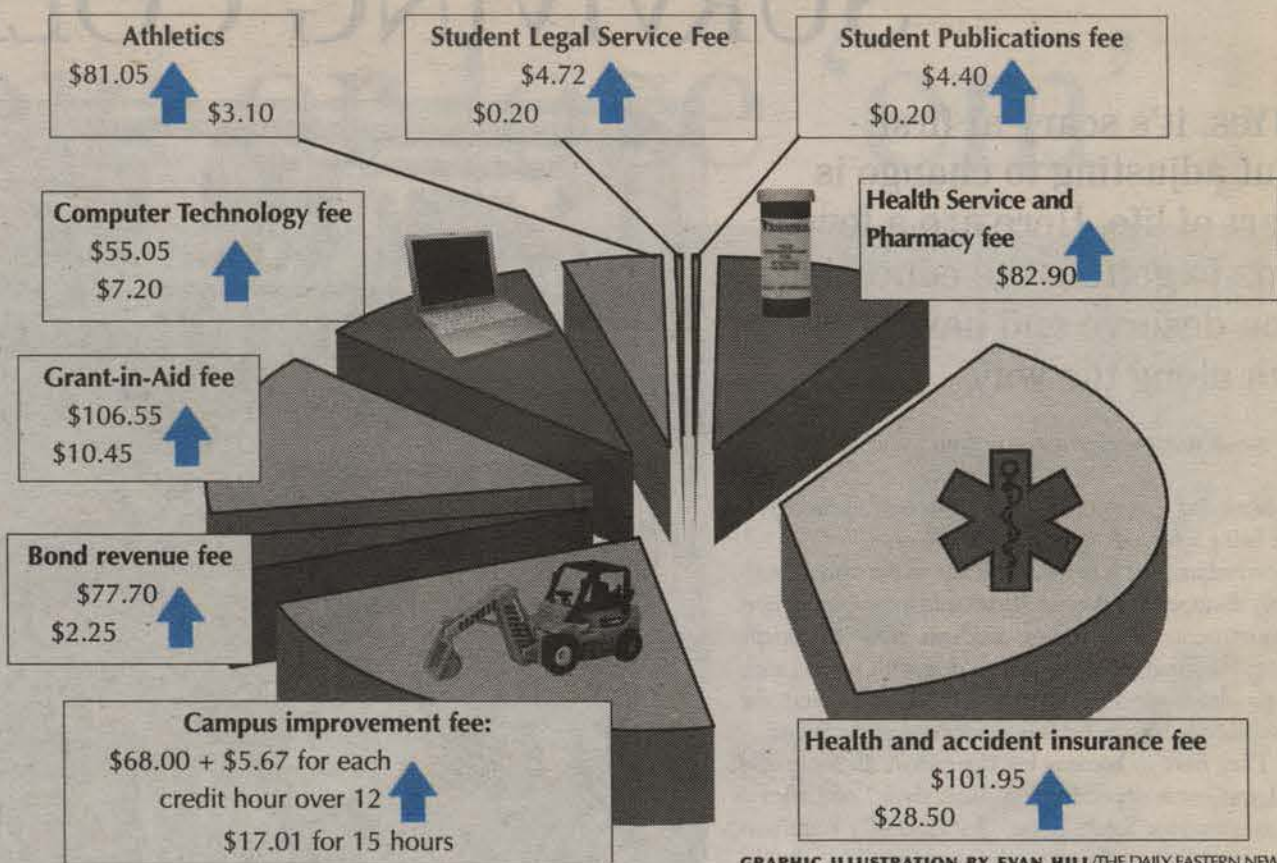
Hencken also stressed that, compared to other public universities in the state, Eastern has the fourth lowest average student tuition and fees.

Tuition will be raised by 7.5 percent for students enrolled before Fall 2004 and 12.5 percent for incoming students and graduate students.

Hencken said graduate students are generally more expensive to support because those classes have fewer students and are taught at a higher level.

Student fees will increase by a total of \$58.90. The board also approved the campus improvement fee to raise \$5.67 for every credit hour beyond 12 credit hours.

The most significant increase was for the health and accident insurance fee, which increased by 38.8 percent.



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### FALL TUITION INCREASES PER CREDIT HOUR

**Illinois Residents**  
**New students:**  
Fall 2005: \$154.30  
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Increase: \$19.25

**Graduate students:**  
Fall 2005: \$150.55  
Fall 2006: \$169.40  
Increase: \$18.85

**Students enrolled before Fall 2004:**  
Fall 2005: \$137.25  
Fall 2006: \$147.55  
Increase: \$10.30

**Out of state students**  
**New students:**  
Fall 2005: \$462.90  
Fall 2006: \$520.65  
Increase: \$57.75

**Graduate students:**  
Fall 2005: \$451.65  
Fall 2006: \$508.20  
Increase: \$56.55

**Students enrolled before Fall 2004:**  
Fall 2005: \$462.90  
Fall 2006: \$520.65  
Increase: \$57.75

Students who began enrollment at Eastern in Fall 2004 or Fall 2005 will continue to pay a "locked-in" tuition rate in accordance with the State of Illinois Public Act 93-0228 Truth in Tuition Law, which provides that tuition for new undergraduate Illinois resident students will remain the same for four continuous academic years. Students enrolled before Fall 2004 are not affected by the law.



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Students beat the lines and rush Tuesday morning, Jan. 10 and receive their spring semester books at Textbook Rental Services.

## Bringing back the books

By MARCO SANTANA  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

When students are finished moving into their residence halls, off-campus apartments or Greek houses, one final step must be completed before they can go to classes: They have to pick up their books.

Unlike most universities in the state of Illinois, Eastern provides a system that allows students to rent textbooks for the semester.

"With textbook prices at an all-time high and continuing to

rise, our service is a great benefit to the students of Eastern Illinois University," said Carol Miller, deputy director for the textbook rental services.

Students are charged \$7.95 per credit hour for the service and the fee is included in all other fees that are covered by tuition.

To pick up their books, students must go to the office that is on the south end of Pemberton Hall, which is located just east of Fourth Street.

They should bring their Panther Card as well as a copy of their schedule to make the process go more smoothly.

At the start of each semester, the office extends its hours to help students who are not yet in town, Miller said.

"(The extended hours are) a convenience for those students that cannot get here due to job and/or family commitments," Miller said. "For those students that want to pick up books before classes begin as well as those that come in between or after classes during the first week."

The more students who pick up their books before classes begin, the better off it is for Miller as well as for students because it results in fewer lines and less time to return books, she said.

In order for Textbook Rental Services to flow smoothly during the peak times of book return and book distribution, they must increase their staff from the normal six-person permanent unit.

These additional employees are temporary civil service employees, student employees and student groups and organizations that can use the job as a fund-raising experience.

"They do a tremendous amount of work in a very short time," Miller said. "Without these additional people, it would be impossible to accomplish our goals."

To hire these people, Miller said Textbook Rental works with the Human Resources and Financial Aid offices.

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**Deadline to return Summer 2006 textbooks:**  
Monday, Aug. 7, 4 p.m.

**Extended business hours (Fall):**  
Thursday, Aug. 17 and Friday, Aug. 18, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, August 20, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 21 to Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Deadline to return Fall 2006 textbooks:**  
Friday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m.

For more information about Textbook Rental Services including answers to frequently asked questions, visit [www.eiu.edu/~textbks](http://www.eiu.edu/~textbks).

# SURVIVING COLLEGE

■ Yes, it's scary at first. But adjusting to change is part of life. Here are a few tips to getting the education you deserve and having fun along the way.

BY MICHAEL PETERSON & ASHLEY RUEFF | STAFF REPORTERS

Becoming a freshman in college or new to Eastern is like being a fish out of water.

Everything that is familiar and safe to the student suddenly disappears as they are thrust into a completely new environment. New college students have to handle things they may not have had to deal with before, such as problems with roommates, homesickness and the possibility of leaving behind a girlfriend or boyfriend.

"They have to become less dependent on mom and dad and more dependent on themselves," said admissions counselor Sarah Heise. "It's kind of a transition into adulthood, and that can be very scary."

A piece of advice that Heise gives to incoming freshmen is to not go home every weekend for the first couple of weeks at Eastern. Students should try and make friends and become familiar to the campus. She also recommends leaving your dorm room door open, so it is easier to meet the people on your floor.

Students also need to watch out for the most common stressors that affect the average freshman. According to Jeff Stowell, associate professor of psychology, the most common stressors for new students include making changes in their daily structure, having more control over their lives, dealing with social stress, working a job and handling the simple academic demands of being a college student.

"(Students) need to find a way to relieve their stress," Stowell said. "And I would recommend against different forms of escape, such as alcohol, too much television and video games."

While television and other forms of entertainment are not necessarily harmful in small doses, they shouldn't replace healthier ways of dealing with stress, Stowell said.

But the real key to having a good first year on campus is to make connections with people and to provide oneself with meaningful relationships. Students should work on building a family away from home.

"You have to establish good support groups, either from roommates, other friends or groups on campus. (Students) need to get involved or they will begin to isolate themselves," Stowell said.

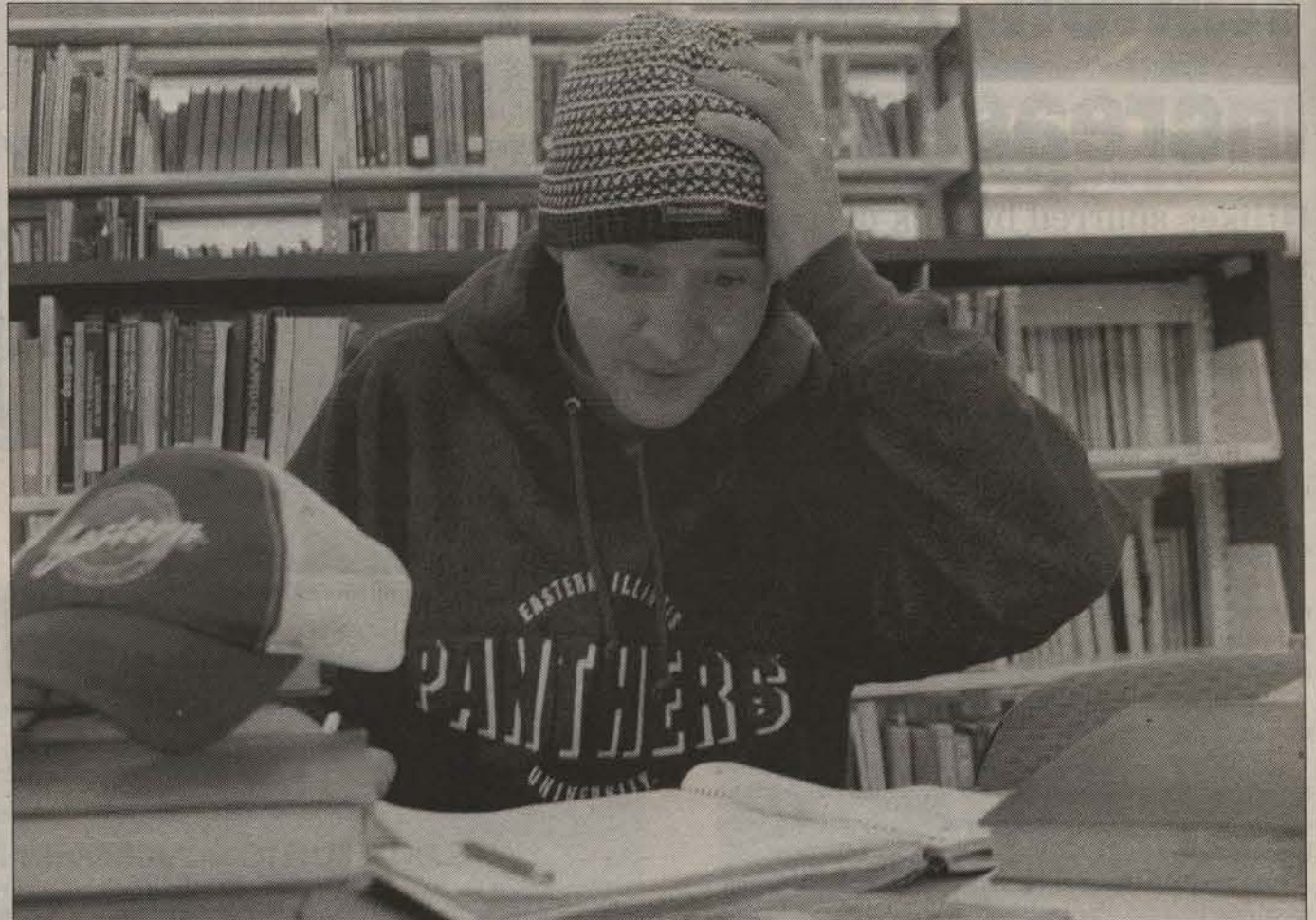


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## TAKE NOTE(S)

1. Go to class regularly. In college, regular attendance and preparation before each class is necessary to keep up with the material.
2. Get involved in at least one out-of-class activity. Students who have out-of-class interests make better and more long-lasting friendships, are more satisfied in their college environment and are more likely to stay in school until graduation.
3. Get to know your resident assistant. These students know the ropes and can help with everything from where to find things, to homesickness and roommate problems.
4. Be ready for new experiences. You will meet people who have different customs, beliefs, values and habits. Remember that

learning takes place both in and out of the classroom.

5. Treat the university and community as you would treat your home and your family. Remember that for many people, the college community is their year-round home. Behave here as you would want others to behave in your parents' yard.

6. Get to know at least one professor well each semester. Eventually, you will need references from professors for summer internships, graduate school and employment. Also, professors who know you and know your interests and strengths can help you identify job opportunities.

7. Although the campus will do all it can to make college life safe and secure, you must assume some responsibility for your own well-being. Follow well-lit paths and don't walk alone at night. Report lost or stolen keys and ID cards immediately and

don't let strangers into your residence hall or apartment.

8. Check out study abroad programs. An international learning experience is a valuable commodity, personally and professionally.

9. Keep in touch with the financial aid office and apply for scholarships. Know what applications are required and know the deadlines. Students should keep their families informed and know the school's academic progress requirements to retain financial aid eligibility.

10. And finally, a general piece of good advice for all students: Learn to use the word "no." Learn to respect the word "no." It is easy to take on too many responsibilities and become overloaded.

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STUDENT DINING DOLLARS:

# 'Use 'em or lose 'em'

## Students seek ways to spend and stretch their meal plan bucks

By CATHY BAYER  
SENIOR CAMPUS REPORTER

If any of Kevin Brocius' friends need money, he's got them covered. With less than three weeks left in the semester, Brocius has just more than 150 dining dollars left on his student account.

The freshman accounting major rarely went to the Union to dine last semester, so he came into the spring semester with 100 additional dining dollars.

"I just haven't had time to use them," he said.

Eastern's meal plan includes both meal swipes and dining dollars. Meal swipes start over each week, while dining dollars last all semester.

Any unused dining dollars from the fall semester roll over to spring. But unused dining dollars from the spring do not roll over.

Dining dollars only roll over from fall to spring because it is the same academic year and budget, said Jody Horn, director of University Dining.

Eastern used to offer a meal plan that just had swipes, Horn said. The plan was upgraded to include a bonus swipe.

"Eventually we split the meal plans into swipes and dining dollars," she said.

The dining dollars allow flexibility because meal swipes can only be used in the dining centers.

Dining dollars can be used in residence hall dining centers, university food court, convenience stores and Java Beanery and Bakery, Horn said.

Students can also pay for guests with their dining dollars, adding to the flexibility of the plan, she said.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has a different plan. Students sign up for a meal plan, choosing between \$1,250 or \$1,730 for the semester. SIUE has a 60-40 meal plan, meaning 60 percent of that covers the operation cost of dining services, including cost of labor, supplies, maintenance and utilities. The other 40 percent goes towards the actual retail cost of the food.

SIUE already pulls 60 percent off the cost, said Christy McDougal, accountant for SIUE dining. For example, if a student wants a hamburger that costs \$5, that student will only pay \$2, she said.



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Elliot Brown, a freshman psychology, patiently waits for his Italian sub dinner in Stevenson dining center Monday evening, March 20.

On top of that, whatever money is not used at the end of the school year is reimbursed to the student.

"It's kind of the best of both worlds," McDougal said.

It seems, for the most part, that students like the program, she said.

Western Illinois University in Macomb has a choice of three dining plans, but no fixed meal plan with swipes, said Jack Schoonover, Western's director of residential administration.

Each student purchases a meal plan. They pay a charge called "board." Approximately 50 percent of the board charge is taken off the top cost to pay for fixed costs, like salaries, dining furniture, equipment and utilities. The remaining money is for the student to use for food.

At the end of the year, students can request a refund check for the leftover money on their account.

If a student has a fee or bill that needs to be paid before the end of the year, the money left over on their card can go toward paying that balance, Schoonover said.

Western students have a different plan for vending machines and laundry facilities.

Eastern does not have a refundable plan. For that to happen, meal plans would have to be more retail-based, Horn said.

"Our plans are based on the fact that we have somewhat of a missed meal factor," she said.

That serves as a cushion, Horn said.

"We know not everyone eats everything," she said. "We are able to offer a lot of choices and variety because we know we have some padding. If we refunded everything that wasn't specifically used, we would be much more limited (with food selection)."

If that were the case, dining services would have to charge more for everything offered, she said.

Still, using all extra dining dollars is sometimes a problem for students.

A few weeks ago, a female student came into the Thomas Convenience Store with more than \$200 dining dollars, said Kelly Dalfino, a sophomore psychology major and Thomas Convenience store worker.

The student literally bought a few of everything, and still had \$73 left over, Dalfino said.

Most people know they have lots of dining dollars left by this point, said Alyson Schroeder, a junior elementary education major and Taylor Dining Services employee.

Schroeder recommends treating friends to dinner to get rid of dining dollars without wasting them.

She also said to not eat in the dining centers to use up dining dollars, especially if students already have a meal plan.

Horn recommends shopping at the convenience stores or food court and stocking up on food to take home, like a soft drink case.

"You could also purchase gift certificates for one of your friends who is graduating," Horn said.

**"We are able to offer a lot of choices and variety because we know we have some padding. If we refunded everything that wasn't specifically used, we would be much more limited (with food selection)."**

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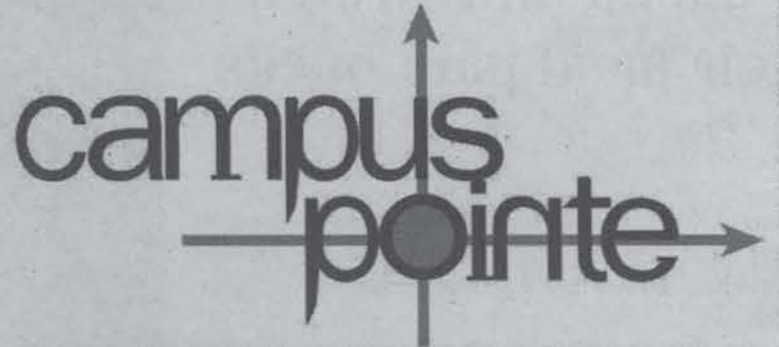
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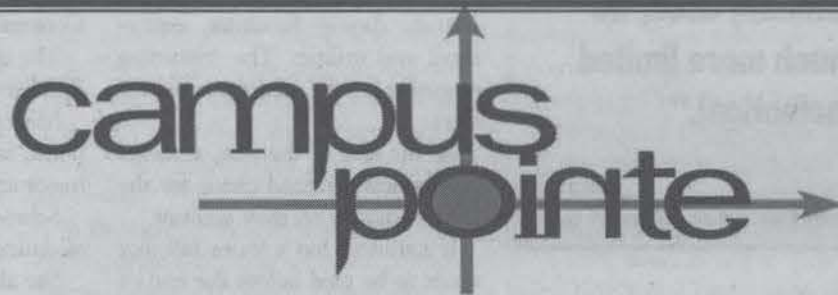
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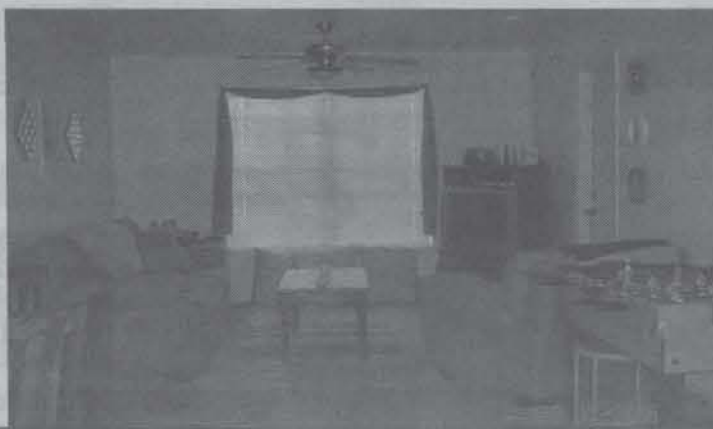
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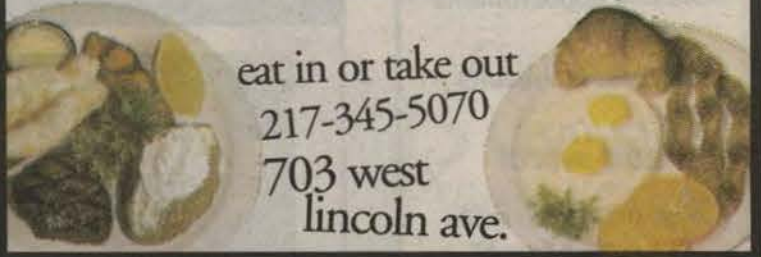
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Academic advisor Lora Green goes over a Fall semester schedule with Nic Atkinson, a sophomore accounting major, in 9th Street Hall Thursday afternoon, Feb. 2.

## Cash or Panther?

Some local businesses accept Panther Card as new payment option

By KRISTEN LARSEN  
STAFF REPORTER

Students using their Panther Cards' debit option in Charleston may have problems with purchases, because many businesses around the city are not equipped to accept it.

Companies that verify customers using a personal identification number accept the Panther Debit Card, said Michael Smith, assistant manager at Monical's Pizza.

Other debit cards with a Visa, MasterCard or other major company's logo can still be used without a PIN-based system, but the Panther Cards cannot.

"We don't accept it (Panther Card) because our machines only accept the debit cards with a Visa or MasterCard logo," Smith said.

The Panther Card issued to each student at Eastern has multiple functions, enabling students to use dining dollars, Panther Cash, meal swipes and Panther Checking.

Panther Checking allows students to establish a bank account on campus through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, and makes student identification cards double as debit cards.

Lindsay Kramer, a sophomore elementary education major, said Panther Checking is a convenience because she doesn't have to carry an extra card and always has her Panther Card with her anyway.

With a First Mid account, students can use the on-campus bank located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the four ATMs on campus, said Susan Smith, assistant director, Campus Card.

Wal-Mart, a staple of student shopping, accepts Panther Card debits, although businesses such as JCPenney and QQ Buffet do not.

"I use it all the time back home, like at Target," Kramer said. "But it would be nice if I could use it at more places in Charleston than just at Wal-Mart."

The Marathon Station on Lincoln Avenue also accepts Panther Cards as debit.

Some businesses, such as Marty's, have ATMs close to or inside their buildings to give students access to cash through use of Panther Cards as well as other debit cards.

# Seeking advisement

Students must meet with an adviser before registering for fall classes

By CHRIS GERLER  
STAFF REPORTER

All incoming freshman have to meet with an adviser in the Academic Advising Center, located at 2100 Ninth St. before registering for classes.

As academic advisor Greg Aydt said, students "can't register until they meet with us."

To set up an appointment students must go to the Academic Advising Center and follow the signs.

The advisers at the center recommend that students look over the preparation checklist they receive when making appointments before meeting with an adviser.

Some things to check include looking over prerequisites for courses and to review any requirements.

Aydt also encourages students to try looking for classes that inter-

### Dates to remember

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Late registration(\$25 fee).....	Aug. 21
First class day.....	Aug. 21
Deadline to add courses.....	Aug. 25
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est them and for students with a major to check their department's website for a four-year plan.

For any students that are undecided about a major, Aydt encourages them to visit the Career Services building and to take the Discovery Assessment.

Since many students may feel stressed when registering for classes, but Aydt would like to remind students to no "feel pressured to make an important decision. Try out different classes."

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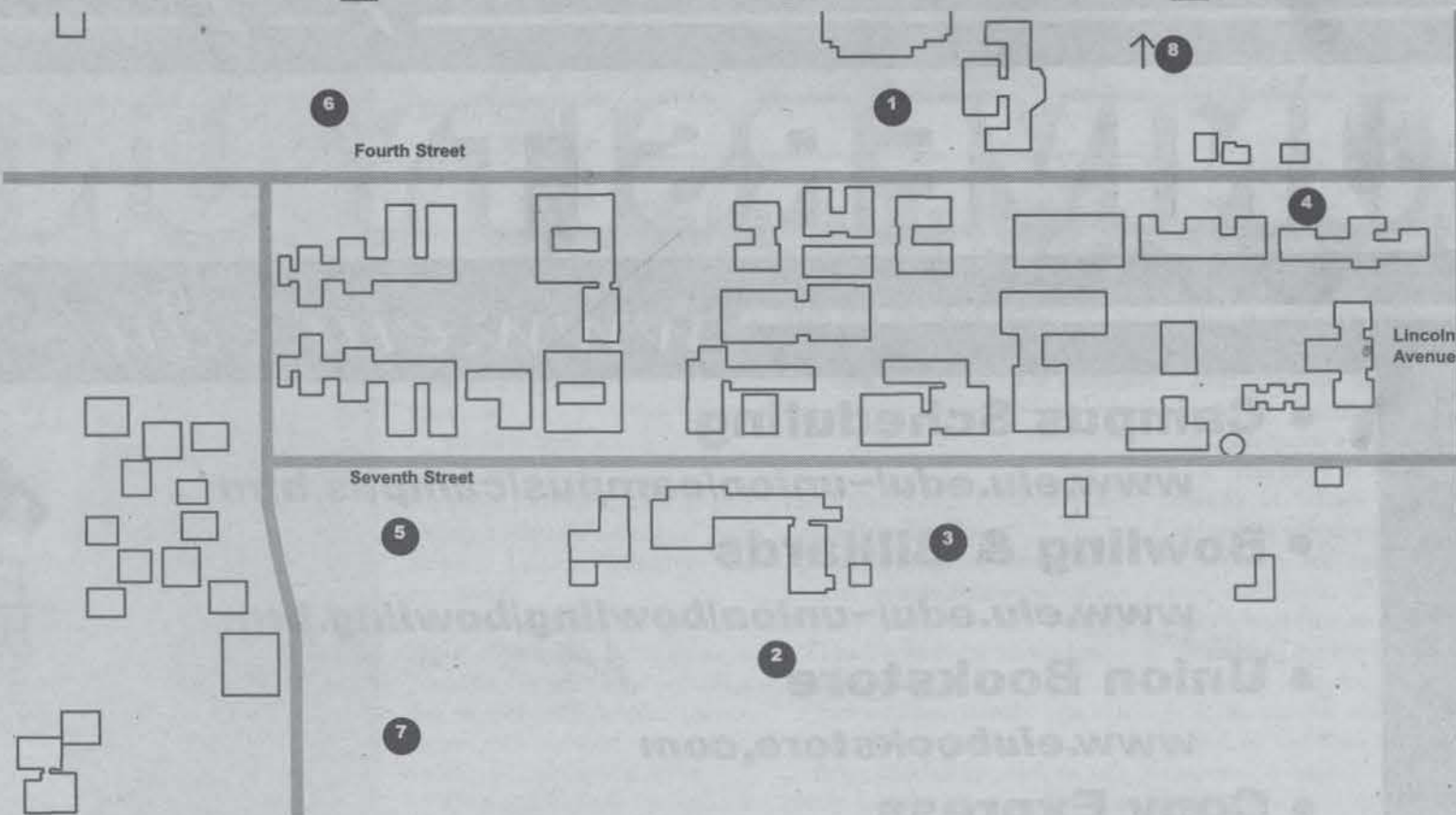
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**1.** This is the E-Lot, right across from Stevenson Hall. Ideal for classes located in McAfee, Coleman and the Physical Sciences Building.

**2&3.** With construction clogging the east side of campus, education majors and others will find themselves fighting for these spots behind Buzzard Hall.

Both lots on Ninth Street are in demand, but there are also a line of spots along Hayes Avenue that are

open for student parking that many overlook.

**4.** Pemberton's Hall student lot is one of the few lots on campus that directly border a classroom building.

### NEXT BEST BETS

*If you arrive on campus between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., the best spots are all gone. But these lots are your next best bet.*

**5.** S-lot. Across the Tundra (the large, grassy area on the south side of the Tarble Arts Center) from the main body of campus, this lot is much better when the weather is nice than when a cold wind is blowing and the ground is frozen.

**6.** The W-lot sits across from Lawson and Taylor Halls, and is the primary parking lot for the west half of campus.

Both the S and W lots are often full of underclass cars sitting unused for weeks.

### HIKING IS UNDERRATED

*Get here after 11 a.m. and there are two choices: circle endlessly hoping to swoop in like a vulture when someone pulls out for lunch, or accept the long, walking fate that awaits you.*

**7.** The 9th Street Lot, next to Greek Court, is quite a trek from

the rest of campus.

It does not seem bad until a cold wind is blowing, at which point at 200 percent tuition increase for a parking garage begins to make sense.

**8.** Not actually on the map is the O'Brien Stadium lot. If absolutely all else fails, this lot will always have some sort of parking available to it. These spots are actually great if you have classes in Lantz.

If not, and it is a Friday, it may make more sense to simply cut class and begin tailgating for that night's home football game. The Eastern football team will be pretty good this year.

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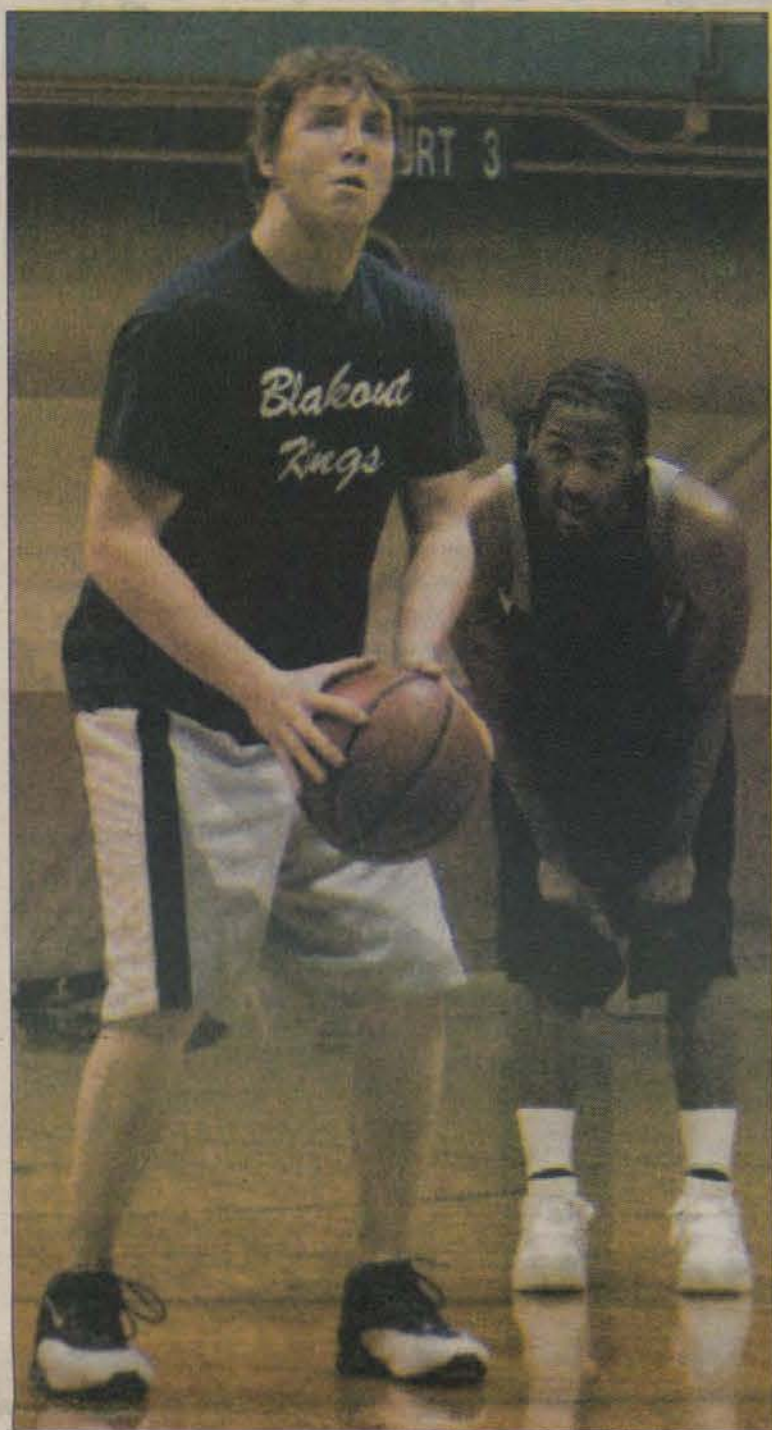
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# INTRAMURAL: THE SPORTS STUDENTS PLAY



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Ryan Corliss, a sophomore health studies major, gets set for a free throw during an intramural basketball game, February 23, 2006 in the Student Recreation Center. His team, the Blackout Kings, was defeated by OVC Champs 49-44.

By AJ WATSON  
ISPORTS REPORTER

Intramural activities have become a big deal at Eastern Illinois University.

Through intramural activities, students are able to unleash their competitive edge or just to enjoy recreational activities ranging from a bags tournament to a wrestling meet.

"We have quite a bit of participants compared to other schools when I discuss it with my colleagues," said Kevin Linker, director of Intramural.

According to Linker there are about 45 activities for students to participate in year round including, five singles and doubles tournaments each semester, seven team sports, and eight special events.

When deciding what activities to

offer the university must find activities they think will be recreational and activities students will want to participate in.

University officials must also fac-

the dorms about the activities and told to let the students on their floors know.

The university also asks resident advisors to post flyers in dorm hallways.

The university also has information posted on its official website.

However, the most effective way students find out about the different activities seems to be from their friends.

"Friends let me know through word of mouth," said Tim Dietze a junior Secondary Education English major.

"This guy I sit next to in my Diversity in Schools and Culture class said his wife was looking for an extra person for their basketball team," said Jessica Wendel a freshman Physical Education major.

Intramural are played year round at Eastern. Interested students can go to the campus recreation office, located in the Student Recreation Center or contact Kevin Linker at 581-7000.

**"We have quite a bit of participants compared to other schools when I discuss it with my colleagues."**

KEVIN LINKER, DIRECTOR OF INTRAMURAL

tor in total cost of the activity and availability of staffing.

Students are allowed to make suggestions on activities they would like to see offered.

"That's how dodgeball was implemented," said Linker

"But we have to make sure it is going to be worthwhile."

To get students involved, the university tells the resident advisers in

## TOP 5 intramural team names

1. Ballsackers-Co-Rec Basketball  
This team really excelled in ball-handling.
2. The Dingles-Dodgeball  
I wonder what color their jerseys were...
3. Master Batters-Softball  
Masters of their own demise.
4. Big Gulps-Co-Rec Volleyball  
Welp, see ya later.
5. Taco Stuffers-Dodgeball  
Probably named after their pre-game meals.

## Bowling with a twist

Students experiment in knocking down pins

By RYAN TERRELL  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

He approaches the lane, looks into the crowd and points.

First to the right, then to the left; it's a motion of overconfidence. He pulls up his pant legs, crouches over with his back to the pins and gazes upside down at the lane through his legs to calculate his roll.

With two hands he pushes the ball away, as if he were hiking a football.

He stays motionless as the ball slowly and hesitatingly confronts the pins.

This isn't normal bowling for Darius Frazier. This is weird bowling.

"I normally bowl about a 180, but today I bowled a 53," said Frazier, a history graduate student, in a shameful tone. "I've been bowling for six or seven years, but this is tough."

Approximately 60 students participated in Intramural Weird Bowling Thursday evening at the University Bowling Lanes in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students bowled a normal 10-frame game of bowling, but with a weird twist.

Each frame had an assigned position, which included anything from pushing the ball with one's feet to bowling on one knee. Most students attended to gain intramural points for their fraternity or sorority.

"We came here to earn points for our sorority, Kappa Delta," said Megan Dolan, a junior early childhood education major. "But we're also having a lot of fun, and we're beating the boys."

Even return weird bowlers had some trouble at the event this year.

"Last year I got a 98, and that was the second best score," said Brett Davis, a junior marketing major. "Today I finished with a 42. I guess I'm just too used to regular bowling."

Jon Perry, a senior finance major and member of Lambda Chi, attended the event with some of his fellow fraternity members.

"Bowling with my eyes closed should be pretty interesting," Perry said.

"I have no idea where that ball is going to go, but if you're watching the girls, then bowling between your legs could be kind of interesting."

"This is just a fun event; you get to hang out and meet other guys from the other fraternities, too," Perry said.



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Heather Magee, freshman accounting major, bowls potty-shot-style (between her legs) at the intramural event, "Weird Bowling" in the MLK union bowling lanes on January 27, 2006. Magee is bowling to represent her sorority Kappa Delta in intramurals.

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- Men's and Women's Dodgeball  
Play begins 9/12
- Men's and Women's Basketball  
Play begins 9/19
- Men's and Women's Bowling  
Play begins 10/17
- Men's, Women's and CoRec Flag Football  
Play begins 10/17
- Men and Women's Volleyball  
Play begins 10/24
- Men's and Women's Wiffleball  
Play begins 10/24

# Fox Ridge offers more than meets the eye

By CHRIS ESSIG  
STAFF REPORTER

When evaluating Fox Ridge State Park, one's motto should be "don't judge a book by its cover" because, otherwise, you're likely to be heavily disappointed.

Immediately upon entering the park, visitors will see campgrounds nearby.

While the entrance may be filled with campsites, the scenery that surrounds them is what a camper is looking for.

The incredible density of the park's wildlife dips in and out of the hills. Yes, hills - as in more than one - surround the park.

While there is no indication until one actually turns into the park, Fox Ridge is the complete opposite of the plains that soak Charleston and its surroundings.

Extending out the entire park are eight looping trails that either add on or shorten one's journey.

Upon the park's main drag is a trail with ridges and shelters alternating on each side.

Some of the park's more demanding trails - ones that cut deep into the park's valleys - look like one is going to tumble desperately down to the bottom if it weren't for the guard rails.

"The hiking is strenuous, secluded and forested," according to Park Superintendent Glenn Lyons.

In the opposite direction the road borders a very abrupt cliff that drops into the park's lake, forming in a valley between the closest things



**A dog walks down a path near the Embarras River at the Fox Ridge State Park. The park, located south of Charleston on Route 130, offers numerous trails and picnic shelters available year round.**

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to mountains Central Illinois has.

Since 1942, fish studies have been conducted in Fox Ridge Lake, making it the longest-running lake to be tested in the United States.

Visitors are only allowed to fish in a boat, and only eight boats are allowed on the lake at one time. The peace and quiet that ensues allows visitors to hear and see anything.

Fox Ridge Lake is full of bluegill, largemouth bass and channel catfish, but because it

is a research facility, fishing is allowed only by reservation and requires a license.

The lake is open Thursday through Sunday, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

From October to April 1, the lake is under winter hours and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The rest of the year it is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The number for reservations is (217) 345-6490.

Past the lake the road veers nearly 180

degrees into 1,129 acres of hunting flatlands. Although hunting on these grounds is open to the public, it also requires a permit, albeit a permit free of charge.

Because Fox Ridge is so heavily forested, the most common prey includes deer, squirrel and turkey. In addition are pheasants, rabbits and quail, but not nearly in the same abundance, Lyons said.

Fox Ridge is also home to 90 different species of flora spread throughout.

"One can see different flowers at different times of the year," Lyons said.

While the park is open to anyone, campers are required to present a permit in order to stay overnight in the park. A one-night permit costs \$15.

Lyons said the park has restrictions on camping so officials don't have to remind visitors to get moving.

The \$15 camping fee includes a designated spot with an electrical box, a picnic table and an outside grill.

The park also offers three cabins, with bunks for six and electricity. Reservation fees for the cabins are \$5 and costs \$40 per night.

If one is taking Lincoln Ave. from Eastern, Fox Ridge is a right on 18th Street.

After what the sign says is 7 miles, Fox Ridge is on the right, surrounded by nothing but trees and grass. In case of confusion, follow the brown signs.

The park's office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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# Carnegie Library offers summer kids programs

## Construction on new \$7 million addition to begin at end of May

By **JESSE FUNK**  
STAFF REPORTER

This summer won't be so quiet at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

With numerous summer programs for children and teenagers alike, and the construction of the new addition to the building, the library is getting too big for its britches.

Sheryl Snyder, executive director of the Charleston Library with 32 years of experience, is beaming with excitement as she talks about the upcoming changes the library will see.

"We decided we needed to expand," she said.

And expand it will.

With a leap from 9,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet when the addition is completed, the library will have extra space for more books, videos, computers and programs for children.

The addition will also include 80 more parking spaces for library patrons to use.

Six years ago the library, at 712 Sixth St., started purchasing the eight houses behind it to begin the process.

"There's always too much traffic going through here," Snyder says.

"We have to have several copies of one book, such as in large print and on tape. We're just running out of room."

The \$7 million new addition is expected to be finished by January 2008, which will also mark the library's 104th anniversary.

The construction will begin at the end of May, when the



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Charleston resident David Maurer does research in the Charleston Carnegie Public Library on top of a set of printed schematics of future renovations.

foundation will be laid for the new building.

The Carnegie Library also offers fun and educational summer programs for younger children and even high school students.

This summer's programs for children include "Read to Me" clubs where parents can read to their kids at the library, and many island-themed workshops for children who are a little bit

### Library summer programs



"Read to me club" where parents can read to their kids at the library.

School aged children can participate in "Voyage to Book Island" and "Mermaid Lagoon."

Survivor and Lost programs are for children ages 8 to 12.

Teens can participate in workshops on blogging and take drawing lessons.

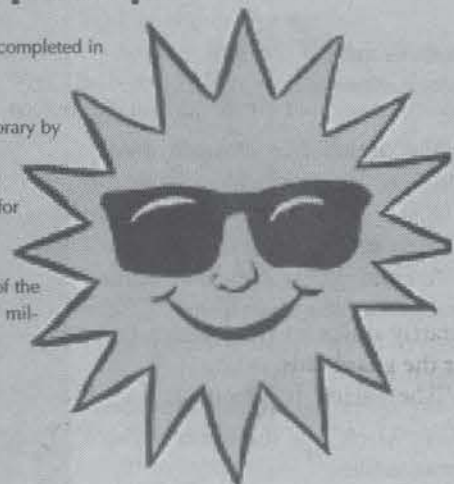
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### Library Expansion plans

Expected to be completed in January 2008.

Will increase library by 12,000 square feet and add 80 parking spaces for library patrons.

Estimated cost of the expansion is \$7 million.



older, such as "Voyage to Book Island" and "Mermaid Lagoon."

Kids 8 to 12 years old can go to the "Survivor" and "Lost" programs, which also have a tropical theme.

Teens can also participate in the summer programs.

Many teens read books and recommend them to younger children or their peers. Teen workshops range from blogging to drawing lessons.

# Bar features singing, darts and sweet tarts

By **COURTNEY STANLEY**  
STAFF REPORTER

The sound of people singing their hearts out echoes from The Station on every Thursday through Saturday night.

But that is not all.

Appetizers, pool tables and darts are also popular during the week at The Station on 611 Monroe Ave in Charleston.

But karaoke is the big thing, said Kathy Rardin, the manager.

"We have some people that can't even carry a tune, but some are really good," she said.

"So it really balances itself out."

Thursday is the big college night because many students come here after bingo at The Moose, Rardin said.

But it is mostly a townie bar because the lack of transportation for some students to The Square, said Rardin.

We would prefer to have more college students, she said.

"I like it because I'm a people person and I like the socializing," she said.

"But it is funny to see how crazy the students can get sometimes."

The Station does have daily drink and shot

specials, as well as jello shots on karaoke nights.

A lot of people love the Purple Tickler and the Sweet Tart shots, she said.

But the Purple Tickler is a special recipe and no one knows the ingredients — not even the bartenders.

It is already made-up before the night, she said.

Rardin has managed The Station since her sister, Theresa Smith, took it over in April of 2005.

She worked in day-care for 10 years. So it was like going from babysitting little

kids to "big kid" drunks", Rardin said laughing.

"By the time they get four or five drinks in them, they get up there and do karaoke and they just don't care," she said.

Jim McBride is the deejay in charge of karaoke on Thursday and Friday nights, and a group called All Star Karaoke does it on Saturday.

"It's normally pretty exciting with the kids (students) up here all the time," said Vern Mathias, from All Star Karaoke, who switches on and off doing the karaoke with his daughter, Heather, on Saturday nights.

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# OLD-FASHIONED ENTERTAINMENT

The Will Rogers Theater offers cheap and fun entertainment, as well as candy and popcorn, all within walking distance from Eastern.

BY CATHY BAYER  
CAMPUS REPORTER

Not much has changed since 1938.

At least not at the Will Rogers Theater in downtown Charleston.

A faded yellow sign with burnt orange stripes announces "Will Rogers," with rust encasing the edges.

Lights line the sign and the marquee, which lists the theater's two featured films.

The sides of the building continue the yellow trend with stripes.

The bright colors stand out from the other buildings in Charleston's square.

For the most part, the theater is just as it was nearly 70 years ago.

Because of its style, the Will Rogers Theater is on the National Historic Register.

Will Rogers Theater is a second-run theater, meaning movies are played there after spending time at a bigger theater. In this case, Will Rogers and Showplace 10 work together, because they're both owned by Kerasotes Theaters.

It closed in the early '80s, and was bought by Kerasotes Theaters, reopening in 1984.

The company changed the one-screen theater into two screens.

The remodeling upset many Charleston residents, said Robert Harrison, general manager at Will Rogers Theater.

The theater's art deco-style ceiling was also covered, in order to accommodate the theater-screen split.

A plain drop ceiling was added.

People didn't want the art deco, 1930s, depression-era styles to be changed.

So rather than tear down the ceiling, the drop ceiling conceals the



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The Will Rogers Theater has been open since 1938 on the Charleston Square at 705 Monroe St. The theater is on the National Historic Register and shows second run movies for a reduced price. The theater is open seven days a week.

classic ceiling, Harrison said.

The outdoor ticket box extending from the front of the building is no longer in use.

The concession stand changed locations, handicap-accessible restrooms were installed and the theater's balconies are no longer there.

However, that's where the changes end.

An art deco mirror occupies the wall across the two theater entrances. Adjacent to the mirror is a portrait that nearly takes up the entire wall. It's of Will Rogers, a famous actor and vaudeville star.

Rogers died in 1937, the same year the theater was built.

The idea was to honor the actor, as well as attach a well-known name to the theater, Harrison said.

The theater can hold nearly 300 people.

There's only one problem: Students don't often go to the theater.

"I always say I'm going to (go), and then don't," said Kaitlin Kasper,

a freshman math education major.

When she does go to the movies, it's to do something outside Charleston, she said.

"I do intend to go someday, (though)," she said.

But not a lot of college students go to even the evening or late night shows, Harrison said.

Melissa Veverka, a freshman elementary education major, said she didn't know the theater existed. She said she would definitely go, but had no idea about the theater.

"I love watching movies," she said.

When she wants to see a movie, she goes to Showplace 10 in Mattoon.

Jin Ma, a biology graduate student, said she also had never heard anything about the theater.

On a good weekend at Showplace 10, more than 2,000 movie tickets are sold a day, said Brandee Tywell, manager at Showplace 10.

On a slower day, the theater sells anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 tickets, she said.

Michelle Garrard, a junior math

major, has heard of the second-run theater, but has no interest in going.

"They don't show the new movies," she said.

Currently, the theater is playing "Scary Movie 4" and "The Wild." The shows usually change on Fridays.

A booking department in Chicago decides what movies will play at both Showplace 10 and Will Rogers theaters, said Dale French, area manager for Kerasotes Theaters.

The reason Charleston and Mattoon don't get certain films is just a matter of availability, he said.

Harrison, who has been working at the Will Rogers Theater since 2003, likes the laid-back feeling and atmosphere of the theater.

He sees a lot of the same people come in to see a movie.

When regulars come up to the concession stand, he already knows what they want, which adds to the movie-going experience, he said.

The movies are also cheaper than at a regular theater because of the lack of stadium seating and the theater's single speaker.

## Will Rogers Theater

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# Vintage shop is a playground of goodies

By JESSE FUNK  
STAFF REPORTER

For Linda Spence, owner of the vintage clothing store Spence's, 722 Jackson Ave., a little crazy is a good thing.

Customers can definitely feel the vibe upon walking into Spence's.

Everything inside Spence's inspires an "oh my gosh" factor, with eclectic decorations like sombreros on the walls, restaurant signs, Marilyn Monroe cutouts, and classic movie posters.

"It takes a strange person to do something like this," the warm and friendly Linda Spence says. Linda has been living in Charleston 43 years and has owned vintage stores for 33 years.

The display windows outside work well to reel customers in, with well-preserved vintage clothes and items like old cameras, radios and record players showcased.

"It's hard to part with some of the displays," Linda says.

"But if you catch me in the right mood, I just might sell one of them."

It's hard not to catch Linda in a good mood, and if you're lucky you may see her dancing and singing inside the store, or talking to her cats.

Spence's wasn't always on Jackson Avenue in Charleston, though. August marks the three year anniversary of the Jackson Avenue location.

Before Jackson, Spence's was in a



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house on Buchanan Street. The opportunity arose for Linda to buy the current building and she grabbed it.

"Everything fell into place," Linda says.

"Business is better here, and I love the community of businesses around. We're all neighbors; we take care of each other."

Business is indeed better on

Jackson Avenue, but that can't all be attributed to location. Linda's hard-working and resilient spirit shows in the clothes, jewelry and shoes that are on sale at Spence's.

"I love doing this for a living," Linda says. "If you didn't love it, you would hate it."

The vintage shop business isn't as laid back as it seems. Linda wakes up early every morning to scour

other resale shops, the Salvation Army, charities, rummage sales and individuals for great looking vintage clothes and accessories.

"You have to be intuitive of what you buy," she says.

Linda hand-picks everything for sale in her store, even though she's not always sure what will sell.

"Everything is a guess!" she exclaims brightly.

Linda looks to TV, movies and regular people to see what trends are popular now and what trends will probably be popular soon.

Linda is at a loss for words to describe her own store, though.

One customer probably sums it up best with "It's like a playground!"

Many customers (and Linda, too) do feel like Spence's is one, big playground. It's a store where one could find Dorothy's ruby red slippers, Marilyn Monroe's pearl necklace or Frank Sinatra's fedora amongst the many choices.

Linda says her most popular items are scarves for women and belt buckles and ties for men.

Spence's also sells jewelry, shoes, hats, purses, pipes and even vinyl records.

Even though Linda has enjoyed success at her current location, it's not the profits or even the clothes she will remember most fondly.

"The best part is the people I meet," Linda says, smiling.

"I've really been very lucky to make friends with the kids that have worked here, and the customers, too."

When talking to Linda, one can tell she truly loves what she does by her friendly, relaxed demeanor and helpful attitude.

Even though some might call her "a little crazy," more people are even luckier to call her a friend.

Spence's on Jackson is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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A mannequin rests at a table displaying some of the housewares at Twice is Nice resale shop, located at 1100 18th St. in Charleston.

## STYLE RECYCLED

BY COURTNEY STANLEY  
STAFF REPORTER

Nancy Kuykendall jumped at the chance of opening a resale consignment shop 17 years ago when her sister-in-law, Laura Arwine, approached her with the idea.

She had always been a fan of resale shops and garage sales.

"I've always loved clothing and I love working with people," she said.

So in 1987, they did it. They opened Twice is Nice in Tuscola when a two-story Victorian house came up for sale in an auction.

But Kuykendall, from Tuscola, eventually went solo and moved the store to a college town - Charleston.

The store was located on the south side of The Square in Charleston for two years. But she re-opened it on 1100 18th St. to have room for furniture and other merchandise.

The majority of customers are working families, but students seem to come in more everyday. And a lot of men, too, she said.

"I think just having a good resale shop is a service to the community," she said.

"Things are carried out of here in trash bags," she said.

But students are offered an extra 10 percent discount with a student identification card, she said.

Twice is Nice also clears most of the floor twice a year, in February and August, and donates the merchandise to organizations like Teen REACH.

A person can bring in up to 50 items of clothing during the year to consign for a six-month period with an appointment.

But she said they won't take any clothes that have been sitting in a closet for the past 20 years. They do

have to be in good shape, in style and ready to go on the floor.

And many of the clothes are name brand, she said.

Also, 50 percent of the sale is split with the client when it sells.

"I think Nancy is a really nice lady and easy to negotiate with," said Steven Larrick, a senior journalism major at Eastern. "The quality of the stuff is really good, especially on the furniture."

With furniture, a call is all that is needed to let her know it is coming. But if the item has not sold in 90 days, the owner will have to come and pick it up.

She said she does have to watch

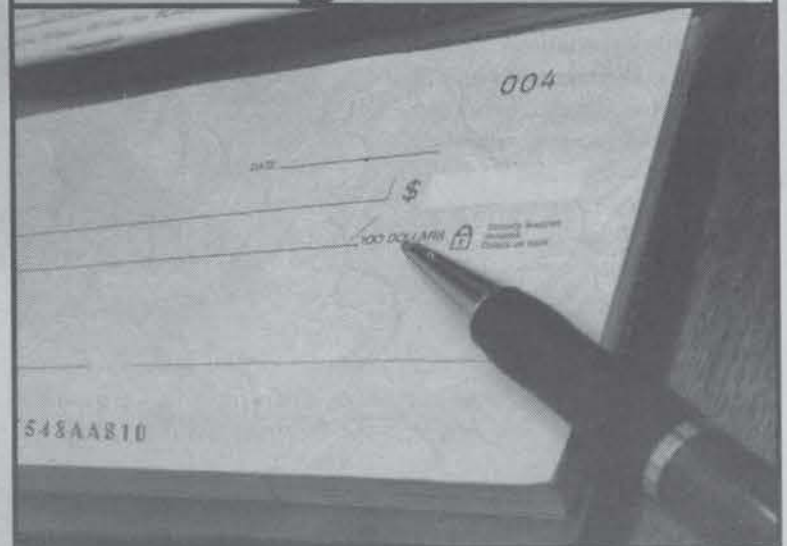
what is coming in and out and watch the floor. When she doesn't have room for anything else, she stops taking things. But with clothes, it is different.

If we have to line them up in the back room - we will, she said.

"And I often here, do you get tired of dealing with clothes all the time?" she said. "And no, no, I really don't."

She said she almost closed the store in Tuscola years ago when the Tanger Outlet Mall slowed business when it opened. But her daughter told her she had to try harder, which is why she moved the store to a college town.

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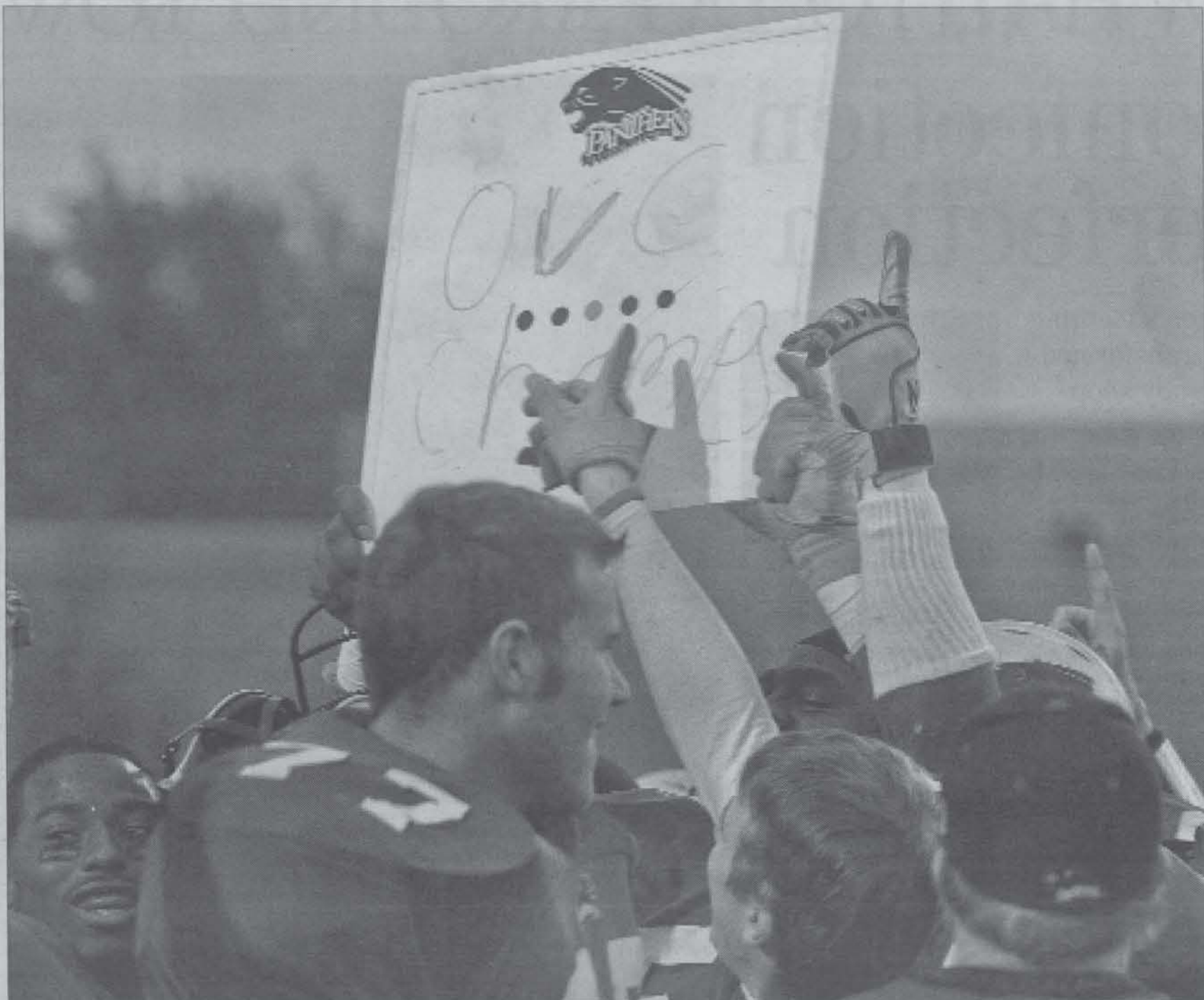


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The Eastern football team celebrates after beating Tennessee Tech Nov. 12, 2005 at O'Brien Stadium, giving the Panthers a share of the OVC title. A week later, Eastern defeated Jacksonville State to win the outright title.



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Eastern head coach Tim Nowak stands with his women's soccer team after a 1-0 loss to Samford in the OVC championship, Nov. 6, 2005 at Lakeside Field.

The top 5 stories were picked by Matt Daniels, sports editor, and Marco Santana, associate sports editor.

### 1. Trio of NFL head coaches

Eastern made national headlines in early January with the hiring of two former alumni as NFL head coaches.

Brad Childress, a 1988 graduate, and Sean Payton, class of 1987, joined 1974 graduate Mike Shanahan of the Denver Broncos as head coaches in the NFL ranks.

Payton, former offensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants and Eastern's all-time leading passer, was named head coach of the New Orleans Saints on Jan. 18, twelve days after Childress was named as head coach of the Minnesota

Vikings.

Eastern joins Southern California and San Diego State as the only universities in the country to have produced three NFL head coaches.

### 2. Schmitz wins No. 300

It may have come later than expected, but Jim Schmitz finally made history on Feb. 25 when Eastern rallied to beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 3-2 for Schmitz's 300th career win, the most in program history.

Schmitz said he felt relieved that the chase of former head coach Tom McDevitt's 299 wins was finally over, with most people thinking the record would have been broken the year before.

But Eastern struggled to a 17-39 record in

# TOP 5

## sports stories of '05-'06

2005, leaving Schmitz one win shy of breaking the career record for wins.

Schmitz has led the Panthers to a third place standing in the Ohio Valley Conference this season, one year after finishing seventh in the OVC and not qualifying for the postseason tournament.

### 3. Miller has rough first year

Replacing an icon is never easy. This was the case for men's basketball head coach Mike Miller this year, as he tried to resurrect a program that had suffered through four straight losing seasons under former coach Rick Samuels.

The results weren't there for Miller in his first, as the Panthers finished 6-21, tied for the program's worst record in its 25 years of Division I basketball.

Change is on the way for Eastern next year, with the graduation of Josh Gomes and Jake Sinclair, as well as the departures of three players from last year's team.

### 4. Soccer's OVC run ends

With a first-year head coach in Tim

Nowak, the women's soccer team struggled at the start of the year, having a 2-7-1 record through the first ten games. But the team found its way during conference play, finishing second and hosting the conference tournament.

In a tight game throughout, Samford capitalized on a scoring chance late in the second half and withstood a late rally from the Panthers to win 1-0 and snap Eastern's streak of four straight NCAA tournament appearances.

"This group of seniors has probably accomplished more than almost any group in the country," Nowak said shortly after the title game loss.

### 5. Football wins conference

After starting out the year 1-2, doubt surrounded Bob Spoo's team. But the doubt was quickly erased as Eastern piled up win after win.

The Panthers, led by quarterback Mike Donato, an offense that didn't lose games, and a swarming defense that was among the best in the nation, rolled through OVC play. Eastern posted a perfect 8-0 conference record and earned a playoff berth in the process.

The team was also nationally ranked for the first time since 2003 during the season. The Panthers reached as high as No. 19 in the I-AA college polls.

When Eastern beat Jacksonville State 10-6 in the last game of the season to secure the outright OVC title and it was the first time in since joining the conference two years ago JSU hadn't won the title.

The postseason trip was the first for the program since 2002, but did not last long, as Southern Illinois defeated Eastern 21-6 on Nov. 26, 2005.

Expectations are even higher for next season, as the Panthers return nine starters on offense and eight on defense.



## Confection perfection

Children's clothing store transformed into candy shop

BY JULIA BOURQUE  
STAFF REPORTER

Walking into the store, a shelf full of "Potty Putty," "Sea Monkeys," "Whoopee Cushions" and other kids' toys stands at the right.

On the left, a counter showcases several flavors of hand-dipped, premium ice cream and old-fashioned soda machines used to make green rivers, shakes and malts.

In the back, a jukebox and pinball machine complete the 1950s motif of Giraffe Confectionary.

Located at 516 Sixth St. on the square in Charleston, Giraffe Confectionary has catered to residents of all ages since 2004, creating after-school memories for some and reliving memories for others.

"I've always been fond of ice cream soda shops from the 1950s and '60s," said owner Jackie Tarrant.

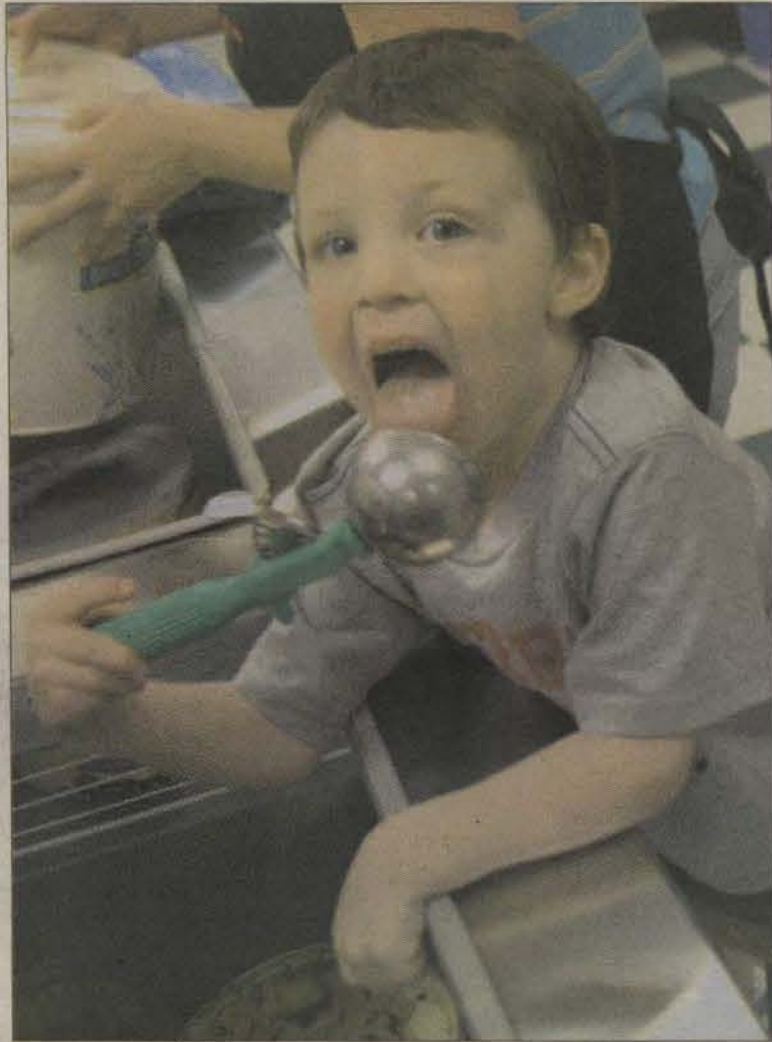
"My mother used to take me to a drive-in, and I'd always get an ice



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Jackie Tarrant, owner of Giraffe Confectionary, helps her grandson, Brady Upton, scoop out ice cream on Wednesday afternoon, May 10.

cream soda. I just wanted to offer those same kinds of treats to people in Charleston."

In its beginning stage 28 years ago, Tarrant operated Giraffe from her home on Madison Street. Giraffe, as it was named before it



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Brady Upton, grandson of Jackie Tarrant, owner of Giraffe Confectionary, takes a lick of his favorite ice cream, mint chocolate chip, on Wednesday afternoon, May 10.

became a confectionary, sold "upscale" children's clothing, Tarrant said.

After her children graduated from

high school and moved on to college, Tarrant decided to go to school herself at Eastern Illinois University to get her master's degree in social

work. After earning her degree, Tarrant closed Giraffe and did social work in Charleston for four years.

Tarrant then decided to go back into business and reopened Giraffe at 608 610 Sixth St. in Charleston.

But after only a few years of operation, the building was destroyed by fire in 2003, and Tarrant was forced to relocate once again.

This time, however, she wanted to sell more than children's clothing; she decided to turn Giraffe into a confectionary.

The menu at Giraffe Confectionary includes items such as ice cream, which is the store's best seller, to candy cigarettes.

Tarrant said some of the top sellers for the old-fashioned candy are the Bun candy bars, Dots (the little dots of candy on a long sheet of white paper) and Valomilk, which is like a Reese's but filled with marshmallow instead of peanut butter.

The cheapest item on the menu is a single scoop of ice cream in a cone for \$1.45. The most expensive item is the banana split for \$4.95.

"The banana split is very big and gooey," Tarrant said.

"I've only seen two customers who have been able to eat the whole thing by themselves."

Giraffe Confectionary is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and can be reached at 217-348-5734.

## Diner offers European fair on the square

Marianne's Euro Diner is a favorite place for some Eastern professors

BY MICHAEL PETERSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Marianne Furrar is the kind of person who someone would feel they've known their entire life in just 5 minutes of talking with her.

Wearing her hair pulled back, a flower-donned shirt and a brown apron that says, "When in doubt, smother it with chocolate," one would have never guessed that she just got out of the hospital from a 103.5-degree fever, leaking small intestines and a perforated ulcer.

"I was in the hospital for seven days," said Furrar. "I was so grateful that my kids took care of everything. I was lucky."

Furrar, who was born in Mannheim, Germany, is the owner of Marianne's Euro Diner located at 615 Monroe Ave. in the square.

She said she came to the United States in the 1970s to work for her aunt who was the owner of the "Little Mexico" restaurant in Mattoon.

She opened her diner in 1998 because she wanted to have a European restaurant with an emphasis on quality rather than quantity.

"I don't have French fries and I don't have cheeseburgers. Sorry people," said Furrar with a smile on her face. "But I do have lots of vegetarian items as well as homemade food items."

"As well as some of the smoothest coffee in Charleston," chimed in one of the customers sitting at a table while drinking his cup.

Furrar is constantly trying to find ways to get students involved.

For example, every Wednesday she serves



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Marianne Furrar, owner of Marianne's Euro Diner in Charleston, rolls silverware into napkins in her restaurant.

\$3.95 all-you-can eat spaghetti, and on Friday's from 8 to 10 p.m. she features live music from local artists.

But probably the first thing one will notice when walking into Marianne's is the simple yet elegant European décor of the diner. Pictures of professors, friends and other customers hang from the peach-colored walls.

Another defining feature of the restaurant is something called the professor table.

It is a specific table at Marianne's that is always reserved for the professors, many of whom have gone to the diner on a regular basis since it opened eight years ago.

"I've never been to the school, but I know

**"I don't have French fries and I don't have cheeseburgers. Sorry people. But I do have lots of vegetarian items as well as homemade food items."**

MARIANNE FURRAR,  
OWNER OF MARIANNE'S EURO DINER

all the professors. And I just love them to pieces," said Jasmine Mannin, an employee at Marianne's.

"We've done catering for professors at other

universities and they always act like we are below them. Here it's not like that."

Arguably the most important feature of the diner is the real sense of community.

"Being here is like being part of a family," said Mannin.

"When I got pregnant she was like, 'I'm going to be in the delivery room!'"

One thing Furrar does is hire people that other employers might find too risky because of their past. Furrar, on the other hand, hires them because she believes that everyone in life deserves a second chance.

She thinks the world would be a better place if people learned to accept one another rather than "pointing fingers."

"She also helped me find an apartment," mentioned Mannin. "If it's in her power to help, she will do it."

So why does Furrar do this? For one, Furrar does not believe in coincidences. She believes that everything in life has a purpose. The hard times are just an obstacle that we need to overcome, and it is those times that make us who we are.

"I am a Christian, and I am very careful when I say this because the term has become so watered down," said Furrar.

"But I do have a faith that allows me to draw from a higher power. I think that is part of what makes me who I am."

Furrar also landlords a duplex as well as a room that is above her restaurant. In the 70s she owned a Mexican/German cuisine restaurant called "Muchachos" and in the 80s she owned a jewelry, gold and silver store called the "Gold Buyer."

"Because I am very outgoing and I have had several businesses before I know a lot of people in this area and a lot of people know me," said Furrar. "My personality is what you see is what you get."

# Lounge act

A look at the many sites for studying, napping or socializing

BY GREG WALKER | STAFF REPORTER

Eastern features many lounges and lobbies around campus. A lounge can range from a tiny room with a couple tables and chairs to a huge room with arcade machines, couches and more. So, what makes one lounge better than the other?

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, said \$15,000 to \$20,000 could be spent on a given lobby. Three lobbies have been redone in Lawson, Andrews and Pemberton residence halls.

Is this money going to good use? Sure, these lobbies or lounges may have all the amenities needed, but do they really stack up?

Students can use lounges for a variety of objectives.

"I use lounges for homework, and that's about it," said Dawn Thomas, a sophomore elementary education major.

But for any Eastern student, finding a lounge to study that suits their needs can be tough. So, how do they know which one to choose?

Thomas said she looks for comfort and silence in a lounge.

Alexander Eslinger, a junior finance major, said he isn't looking for a whole lot in lounges, except wireless Internet, comfy furniture and quiet.

The academic lounges also have their uses. John Sterrett, a senior political science major, takes naps at the library.

"I'm exhausted after class and it's quiet," Sterrett said. He added that the best place to take a nap in is the reference area of Booth Library.

Odds are that you will be unaware of some of the lounges around campus. And odds are that you know even more lounges than listed.

Students have a variety of opinions on their favorite lounges around campus. Thomas chose the Union Bridge Lounge as her favorite, while Eslinger said, "My favorite lounge is the library, because it is the most quiet."

On the other end of the spectrum, Lisa Guth, a sophomore psychology major, chose the Java lounge in the Union because, as she said, "They have the hot chocolate right there."

# Rec Center helps serve student bodies

■ With basketball and volleyball courts, fitness centers, a free weight area and track, Eastern's rec center give students the chance to get into (or stay in) shape.



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Svetlozar Zahariev, a junior physical education major, performs a curl in the free weight area in the Student Recreation Center during the spring semester.

BY MATT DANIELS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Director of Campus Recreation Ken Baker continues to see the Student Recreation Center thrive and expand.

Baker, just finishing his seventh year as director of the Rec Center, can remember back to the days when the building did not have restrooms.

"We keep improving but people don't remember the way it used to be," he said. "Students sometimes don't really appreciate how good we have it."

How good Eastern has it is that students, and Baker emphasizes the word "students," can show up at the Rec with just their Panther card and use the facilities.

These include six basketball/volleyball courts, fitness centers with aerobic and strength training machines, a 1/9 mile track and free weight areas.

"If students get here at 4 p.m., they might have to wait awhile to use the elliptical machines. But we have more ellipticals than Western Illinois, Illinois State and Indiana State combined."

Baker pointed out that at other universities, students have to

pay extra fees to use exercise equipment or to participate in intramural sports.

But that isn't the case at Eastern.

The Rec also has an aerobic/multi-purpose room, a dance studio and a lobby/lounge with two couches and a big-screen television.

"We continue to see our numbers go up," Baker said. "Our student body stays the same, well generally the same, but everybody else wants to use it."

That everybody else that wants to use it includes the residents of Coles County.

But Baker is quick to point out that the building is primarily for the students.

"Our most difficult thing is to protect the (building) for the students. One of our biggest challenges is to maintain the integrity of the students in using the facility," Baker said.

Students will see changes next year at the Rec, with security cameras being installed.

In addition each piece of cardiovascular equipment will have its own television monitor for patrons to watch while exercising.

Instead of students watching what is on the televisions in the Rec, students can now choose what they will watch while working out on that equipment.

"Each year the expectations keep getting higher," Baker said.

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# Booth Library here to lend a hand (or a book)

■ Booth has books? You bet it does, and its probably easier than you think to get them to give some to you. Just ask, and promise to bring it back.

By MELISSA TERRITO  
STAFF REPORTER

The Mary J. Booth Library seems to be one of the most relaxing environments on campus.

Students can often be found napping in one of the chairs in the reading rooms or flipping through a magazine.

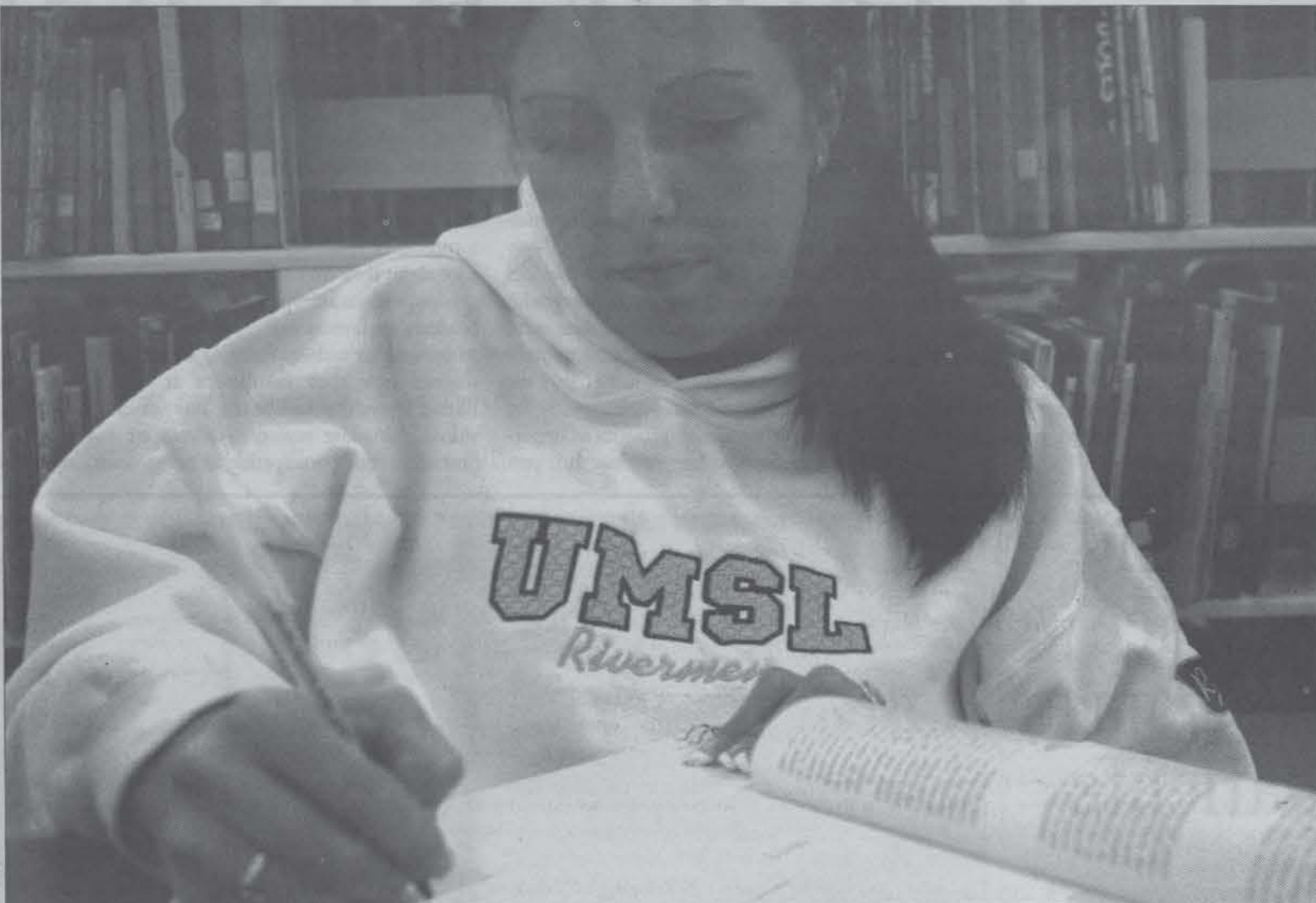
However, Booth provides students with other resources besides magazines and a good spot for a nap.

Library specialist Tina Jenkins said that she is surprised with the upperclassmen that do not know how to use the library correctly.

"You would be surprised at how many odd questions I get asked," Jenkins said. "A lot of people are unaware of where to check out books, but you can check them out at every counter."

Mallory Gulling, a sophomore professional pilot major, said that she learned how to use the library and its proper resources from her freshman-level English class.

But another student, Amanda Suggs, a sophomore family and consumer science major, was unaware



Lauren Watkins, a junior middle level education major, takes notes from her textbook in the Ballenger Teachers' Center in Booth Library.

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of how to use the library because she never had a class that taught her how to use the library resources properly and does not visit the library on a regular basis.

Students who want to learn how to use the library properly can visit the library website that has a list of library tour schedules, said Jenkins.

Another issue that has arrived for

students is not being able to find a computer to use.

Mike Joyce, a senior political science major, said that he would like to see the library computers improve.

"Although there have been significant attempts to enhance the computer lab experience over the past year, there is always room for

improvement," said Joyce.

Booth Library is open from 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. - 1 a.m. Sunday.

For any additional questions, schedules and handouts about the library are located at the north entrance of the building.

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# Happy to Help

## ■ Eastern's Counseling Center gives students an outlet for their stress.

BY MELISSA TERRITO

STAFF REPORTER

The social and academic pressures that college students face daily can be exciting, yet challenging and stressful at the same time.

Sometimes the stress and pressure can be too much for one person to handle. Eastern's Counseling Center is both free and confidential.

The center employs six psychologists and counselors, two interns and one secretary. There are four different services available to students: personal counseling, group counseling, outreach and consultation.

Each year, the Counseling Center provides personal counseling to over 600 undergraduate and graduate students. Suicide, rape, sexual assault, loss of a loved one, anxiety/panic attacks and self mutilation are just a few of the problems that students face.

The Counseling Center provides an opportunity for students to freely express their per-

sonal problems and/or concerns that they do not share with others.

The benefits of counseling allow students to be able to experience trust and openness with someone, be heard and understand and learn a lot about their own self.

Most sessions are typically 50 minutes long. Students are limited to eight individual counseling sessions each semester, to a total of 32 sessions over their enrollment at Eastern Illinois University. Unlike the limits on individual counseling sessions, students are not limited in their participation in group coun-

seling.

The Counseling Center also provides education programming on mental health topics. There are Life Skills Seminars sponsored by the Counseling Center each semester, which are a series of workshops covering: stress management, improving relations and coping with depression.

The Counseling Center is located on the first floor of the Human Services Building. Appointments can be made by going to the office to arrange an appointment or by calling the Counseling Center at 217-581-3413.

## Health Service welcomes patients

BY MELISSA TERRITO

STAFF REPORTER

Health Service provides students with medical services and health educational programs to prevent and reduce preventable health risk and illnesses that interfere with students' every day lives.

"Health Service helps students with academic performance, learning, student retention and person growth opportunities," said Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Service.

"We are one of the few health services within Illinois, as well as in the nation, who have fully implemented an electronic medical record and patient management system," Davidson said.

Health Services have made it even easier for students by incorporating an online appointment scheduling and record availability.

"They always try to schedule me in as soon as possible, and the doctors are always personable and nice," said Sam Karr, a junior communication studies major. Along with the Health Service Clinic, there are Health Service educational programs available to students. The educational programs are designed to help students prevent health risks and illnesses that interfere with their academic performance and personal growth opportunities.

"The best thing about Health Services is that they always try to make students feel welcome because they are so friendly," said Aaron Towler, sophomore sociology major.

There are over 15 educational programs available to help students. There are one-on-one education sessions, small groups, student organizations and presentations tailored to classes. All consultations are confidential and will not be disclosed without the counselee's written consent. Davidson said that Health Service tries to always be able to accommodate students, especially since the majority of the educational programs are administered by student employees, interns and volunteers. Health Services is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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Shauna Searcy, a composition and rhetoric graduate student, works on a paper in the Writing Center in Coleman Hall Wednesday evening. The Writing Center offers tutors and other resources to help with paper writing problems.

## Writing Center hones skills

### ■ Graduate students serve to help writers identify, rectify their own mistakes.

BY RYAN SWEENEY

STAFF REPORTER

The writing center has tutors available to help students perfect their writing skills.

Shannon Littleton and Lavada Simpson, tutors in the writing center, said they offer help to students who have problems with proper writing.

They also try to give as much help as possible to make them more confident in their writing.

Graduate students who have experience in teaching and have completed their regular course work currently work in the writing center.

In order to learn how to instruct students in writing intensive courses and help them perfect their skills, these students work with other teachers as well.

Tutors in the writing center do not proofread and correct the mistakes students make, but they do help the students identify their mistakes so they are able to correct them on their own without outside help.

Littleton said the overall goal of the writing center is to help students perfect their grammar skills and also learn to write in a professional manner, along with aiming them in the direction where they can find the information they need to do so.

"I wouldn't consider us proofreaders, but more as coaches who want to get the students to learn how to find and correct their mistakes more on their own," Littleton said.

Some of the busiest times in the writing center are midterms and finals week.

"There are many repeat students who come in all the time, sometimes more than once a day, to get help with their writing and revising," Simpson said.

Valerie Holmes, a freshman, said she has utilized the tutors in the Writing Center occasionally this year.

"The writing center has helped me establish a certain format and helped me express certain ideals and details helping to research specific points on what it is I am clearly looking for help in," Holmes said.

A lot of students come in to get help on how to write bibliographies in APA style, which is something most professors require for research papers. Many professors do not require their students to go to the writing center, Simpson said.

But some suggest going just for the help anyway. Students who are involved in the Gateway Program at Eastern are required to go to the Writing Center by their professors.

The writing center has been looking to improve the program by getting more tutors and is hoping to improve their services by making them accessible through the Internet.

The demand for tutors now is high, and the Writing Center is looking for help at all times.

The Writing Center is located in Coleman Hall Room 3110, and the hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

# 10 FUN SPOTS ON CAMPUS

By NORA MABERRY | EDITOR IN CHIEF

1. The University Book Store- where else can you buy poster board, key chains and sweatshirts all within walking distance of your dorm? It's a more expensive than Wal-mart, but when it's 20 degrees and snowing outside, you won't mind paying extra for some construction paper.
2. The bowling alley- games are a \$2.25 for students with a valid ID. It's cheap entertainment and you get to release some pent up aggression by throwing pretty marble balls at pins. Trust me, it will come in handy during finals week.
3. The food court- home to one of the only Chick-Fil-A's in the state, the Union food court offers everything from subway to pizza and accepts cash and dining dollars. Don't take the trays out of the union, they frown on that.
4. The rec center- students can play racket ball, basketball, volleyball, walk on an indoor track or swim. Yes, I said swim. For the non-athletically inclined there is a giant TV in the lobby and a foosball table.
5. 7th street underground-Former student body president Ryan Berger promised that the 7th street underground would be the coolest place on campus after renovations were completed. That remains to be seen, but it is where any comedian that comes to Eastern performs and any place that has live entertainment is good.
6. Booth Library- It has books. Lots and lots of books. But it also has movies and CDs that students can check out. There are computer labs and comfy chairs. Plus Booth sponsors films series and guest speakers.
7. McAfee- it's basically a maze that used to be a gym. It's the only building on campus with ceilings enough to house Chinese Acrobats. Plus, sometimes if you sit on the steps you get a free concert from the music department.
8. Marty's-A bar. On campus. With a panther outside that students ride.

9. Tarble Art Center- provides Eastern with a little class and culture. With everything from paintings to exhibits on Native American's Tarble is Eastern's own art museum.

10. The ITC- Located in Buzzard Hall, the ITC is a lab for education majors, but anyone can use it.

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# A Splash of Green

■ The Thut Greenhouse grows its garden in the middle of Eastern's campus, studying soil and Japanese beetles' mating rituals.

BY TEAGUE MOLLOY

STAFF REPORTER

The Thut Greenhouse is a hands-on exhibition filled with plant benches that overflow into the walkways throughout the building.

The 3400-square foot Thut Greenhouse, wedged near the Doudna construction site and the Biological Sciences Building, was built in 1962.

It is the biological science department's botanical conservatory.

The greenhouse is open to students from 8 to 10 a.m.

Steve Malehorn, who manages the green-



TEAGUE MALLOY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Plants slowly, imperceptibly grow in the Thut Greenhouse, a 3400-square foot building nestled subtly inside the interior of Eastern's grounds. Among its areas are a research room and a desert room.

house, will happily answer student's questions while they tour the different rooms of the greenhouse.

The greenhouse contains a desert room, a fern room, an herb garden and a research room.

The greenhouse is named after Hiram Thut, a professor of botany at Eastern who died in 1974.

He retired in 1969 after 37 years of teaching at Eastern.

Thut Greenhouse also functions as a facility for study, both for classes and for outside research projects.

The greenhouse is being used to study a Japanese beetle mating behavior on grape and soybean plants, cataloging prairie species and soil response to invasion by an exotic plant species.

Student investigator research involves field surveys and lab research.

These research projects include flower initiation, flower development, pollination, fertilization, seed development, seed dormancy, germination and seedling establishment.

This Eastern research and development has been presented at Environmental Horizons, Illinois State Academy of Science, and Botanical Society of America.

## School ends. Work doesn't. Eastern helps.

■ Eastern's Career Services office uses computers, counselors to help students put their degrees to work.

BY EUGENIA JEFFERSON

STAFF REPORTER

Students facing the decision of choosing their major do not need to worry about making that decision alone.

The Career Services office is there to help students make decisions regarding their careers.

Career Services is in 1310 Human Resources Building.

Students can schedule appointments with counselors to get career advice.

Descriptions of different majors and careers are available online with

information of the different careers and potential employers.

If students cannot make up their mind with the list and advice, they could take the Discover test.

Discover is a self-assessment program that helps measure abilities and personalities then suggests a possible career. Career Services also gives advice to students who are thinking about attending graduate school.

Not only does Career Services help out academically, but it can help students land jobs and internships.

It provides job searches, fairs and listings, as well as tips on different types of interviews and resumes.

Most internships are based in Chicago, St. Louis and Indianapolis.

Some of them are held in Central Illinois, but most are Chicago-based.

Recently, Career Services started having externships.

Externships are short (usually about one week) stints where students get to observe a career at real employers. The idea is to let students see what a potential career would be like before actually committing to a n academic major or semester-long internship.

"Last year we had 70 and this year we had 120. It's a growing program," said Linda L. Moore, Career Services' director.

Although it is not academic advising, the office works through advisers to get information to the students.

Moore said Career Services tries to update academic advisers on what's hot and what's not

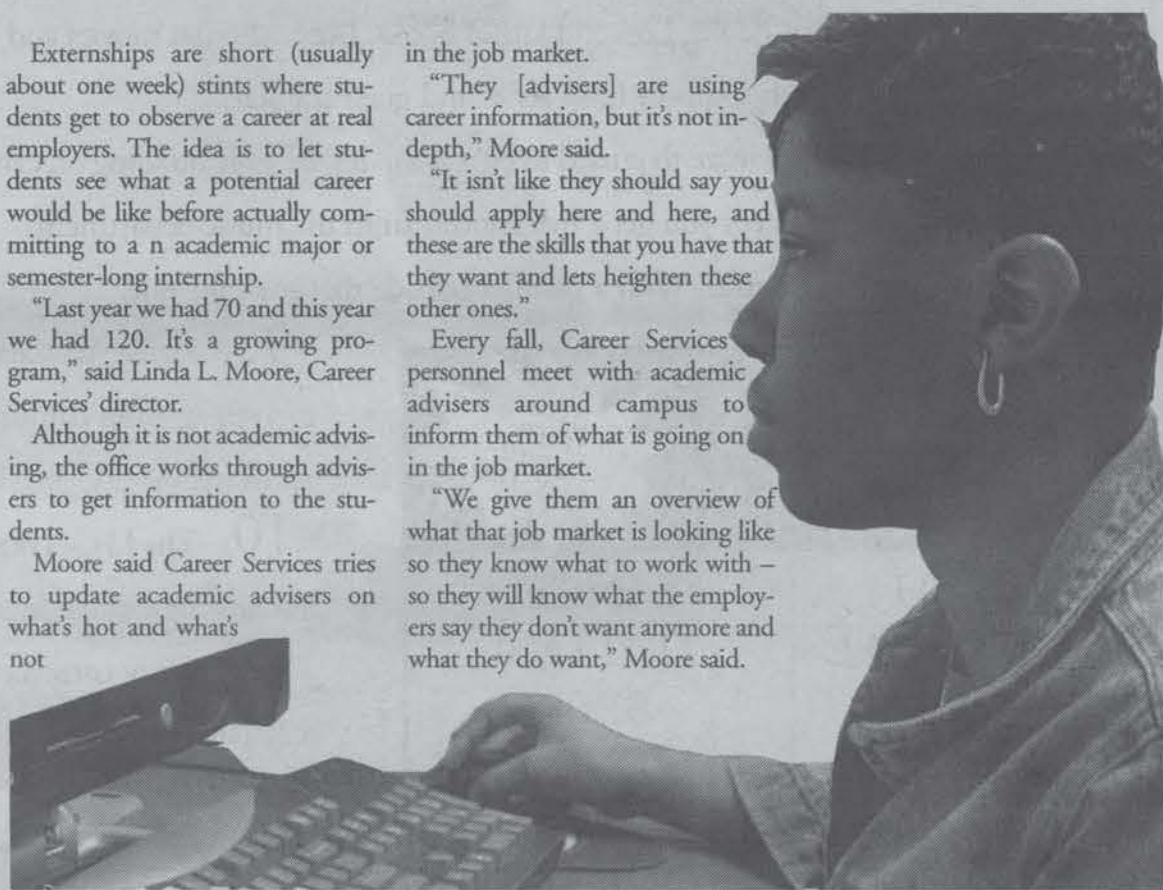
in the job market.

"They [advisers] are using career information, but it's not in-depth," Moore said.

"It isn't like they should say you should apply here and here, and these are the skills that you have that they want and lets heighten these other ones."

Every fall, Career Services personnel meet with academic advisers around campus to inform them of what is going on in the job market.

"We give them an overview of what that job market is looking like so they know what to work with — so they will know what the employers say they don't want anymore and what they do want," Moore said.



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# Culture Club



◆ The Tarble Arts Center provides Eastern and Charleston with a chance to experience a variety of fine arts in a small town setting.

By JESS KINSELLA  
STAFF REPORTER

Vibrant oil paintings and detailed charcoal on paper line the walls of the Tarble Arts Center.

The center, on Ninth Street next to Buzzard Hall, offers plenty of opportunities for students to view all types of art work.

Student shows and exhibitions ranging from traditional paint and print to computer based or pre-historic artifacts are on display year round, said curator of education Kit Morice.

Most of the artwork on display is accompanied with a statement from the artist describing what they envisioned or how they went about creating the piece.

The center is currently gathering Abraham Lincoln pieces for their permanent summer collection starting June 3, Morice said.

Not only does the arts center provide student, community and featured artists' work, but it holds theater productions as well.

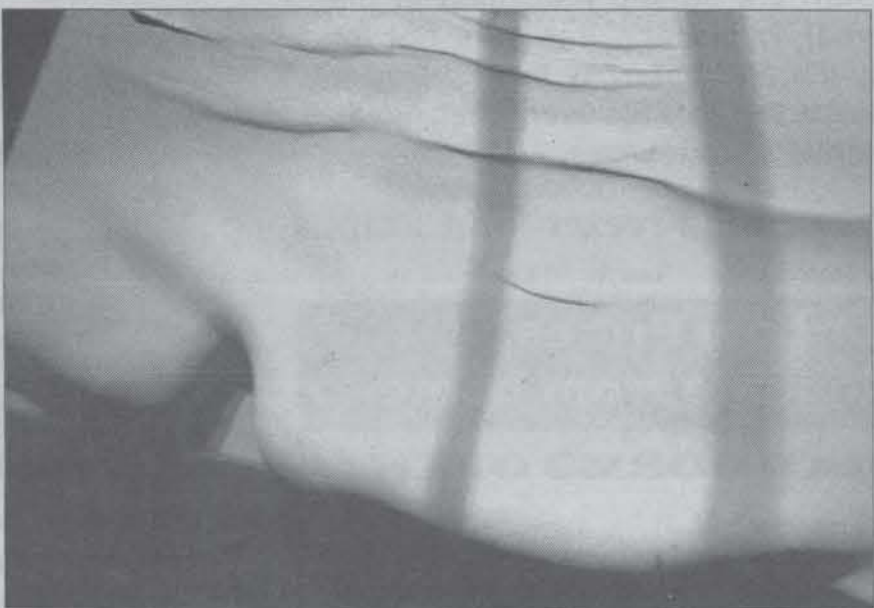
The center just expanded the atrium area in 2004, which provides a large area for the plays to take place.

The Charleston Community Theater group, which consists of Eastern students and members of the community, performs about three productions throughout the year at the center, Morice said.

Various recitals and private music shows involving students or members of the community are also held at the center, Morice said.

The Tarble Arts Center books its artists and displays about a year in advance so that it can provide a monthly newsletter for the year, Morice said.

Summer hours for the center are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.



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Above and left: Examples of the art installations at the Tarble Arts Center. The center is located on Ninth Street next to Buzzard Hall. Tarble is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.


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