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Report says student registration numbers up

By Shauna Gustafson

City editor

A new report from the state legislature in Springfield shows that college student voter registration is going up, despite lack of help from the state.

State Rep. Lou Lang (D-Skokie) said it is a federal law that the state provide universities with information and forms needed to help with registration of student voters. Lang requested a report be done on the subject by the Illinois General Assembly's Legislative Research Unit.

The report, "Federal Law on Registering College Students to Vote," examined 1995 and 2000 population estimates and 1996 and 2000 registration data in Champaign, Coles, DeKalb, Jackson, McDonough and McLean Counties, the six counties in which the state universities are located.

The 1998 Higher Education amendment requires all state and private universities that receive federal assistance make an effort to distribute voter registration forms to students at the school

In the report Lang requested, it says Gov. George Ryan's office snubbed the mandate and left students and universities to get the information on their own.

"Federal law does require the state to be involved ... and clearly they have not been," Lang said. "I expect the state to do what it is supposed to do."

Lang said part of the reason he is pushing for the law to be followed is because it is important to involve such a large group of age-eligible voters. He said there are nearly 10,000 voters registered at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign without the help of the state.

The federal law does not specifically obligate the state to provide the forms but rather to simply make them accessible to the universities.

Other state representatives agree with Lang's sentiment, wondering why the state is not making sure the forms get out.

"According to the federal law, the state's role is plain and simple: supply the forms," said Rep. Mike Boland (D-East Moline) in a press release. "I want to know why that is not being done."

Lang said Ryan was not supportive of the motor voter laws either, and he was not a big supporter of that law when he was acting as secretary of state. Lang said the governor is continuing to put voter registration on a back burner.

"The history of the Ryan years (as secretary of state) ... is carrying through to the governor's office," Lang said. "They pass the buck."

Combating voter apathy



Matt Shivers / Staff photographer

David Carwell said candidates focus on issues like social security and healthcare because those issues matter to senior citizens and 60 percent of senior citizens vote while only 20 percent of 18 to 24 year-olds vote. Both Carwell and Ryan Hendrickson participated in a election forum Wednesday.

Forum discusses crucial and non-crucial issues for Election 2000

By Karen Kirr Staff writer

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Only 20 percent of young people between the ages of 18 to 24 vote, said David Carwell, a political science professor

A group of Eastern political science professors attempted to reduce the typical apathy students show regarding elections by holding a forum involving campaign issues that leading presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore have addressed.

The forum was held Wednesday evening in Lumpkin Hall and about 20 people attended.

The panel consisted of political sci-

entists Ryan Hendrickson, David Carwell, Melinda Mueller, Barbara Poole, Richard Wandling and Andrew McNitt.

They examined controversial issues as well as issues that likely will only have a slight impact on the upcoming election

Hendrickson highlighted a number of main points that make National Security an increasingly imposing issue in the election.

"There are a host of security issues for the United States that it is continuing to struggle with," he said. "Both candidates are less involved in peace-keeping. They both feel the military needs to be strengthened."

Hendrickson did put an emphasis on the significant difference involving the candidates and this issue.

"Bush stresses the negative aspects of the military, while Gore stresses the positive," Hendrickson said.

Mueller focused on the candidates views dealing with environmental issues, which she said vary to a large extent, but will not have a significant effect on the election.

"Gore argues that we should conserve energy by using more renewable resources," Mueller said. "He opposes drilling and exploring new areas for oil. He wants more national parks built and

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UPI postpones meeting in hopes of settlement

By Shauna Gustafson Staff editor

The Eastern chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois canceled an emergency meeting Wednesday, saying there was hope the salary disputes between themselves and the administration could be resolved within the week.

The UPI and the administration are still at an impasse for salary negotiations, as they have been for the last six months. UPI President David Radavich said in a press release Wednesday that the UPI leaders hope to be able to present an overview of negotiations at the rescheduled meeting on Monday.

"Salary reopener negotiations are in a very delicate phase right now, and we are trying hard to reach a settlement in the next few days," Radavich said in the release.

Bob Wayland, chief negotiator for the administration, said the negotiations had not progressed much as of Wednesday and the administration was still considering the counter-offer the UPI proposed.

"We felt we made a very good offer to the UPI on Friday," Wayland said. "I'm not really quite sure as to what they're doing right now."

Wayland said the administration would likely come to a decision about the counter-proposal by sometime today. He said if the administration were to reject the counter-proposal, their offer to the UPI from Friday would still be available.

"If they still do not find it acceptable, I don't know what we'll do from there,"

Wayland said

Although the negotiations have been going on for six months now, Wayland said neither side is trying to delay an agreement. He said there is a "no strike, no lock-out" provision in the three-year contract UPI signed last year, so a strike should not be a worry for students.

"There is a provision in the contract that says during the terms of the contract, there can be no strike," Wayland said. "I can't imagine a strike happening ... (if it did) we would consider it an illegal strike."

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Lecture to share Cuban experience

By Jamie Moore Activities editor

A better understanding of the consumer industry in communist Cuba will be the topic of conversation at 3 p.m. today in Klehm Hall, Room 110, as part of the international lecture series.

The lecture will be given by Patricia McCallister, professor of family and consumer sciences, who recently returned from a summer

visit to Cuba.

"The presentation will consist of what I observed and saw in Cuba by means of the consumers," she

Trying to live everyday life in a communist country is very difficult with the lack of transportation and the many hungry people, she

McCallister's main reason for going to Cuba this past summer was for a seminar; however, the

Cuban government put a stop to the seminar, causing McCallister and her team to go behind the scenes to get the story.

'We talked to the people of Cuba and different professors to find out what life was like in Cuba," she said. "We even went to the film institute to gather information."

The presentation is designed to give students a better understanding of what the consumers are like in Cuba, she said.

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Correction

In an article in Wednesday's edition of the Daily Eastern News, the name of the chair of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences was misspelled. Her name is Loretta Prater.

In another article in the same edition, resident assistant Barb Alde's name was misspelled.

The News regrets the errors.

Damage to Private property

Shaun M. Billman, 23, of Stevenson Hall, reported at 4:30 a.m. Saturday that the trunk of his Chevrolet was keyed while in the E parking lot, a police report said



Kate Mitchell / Staff photographer

Spun up

Jenny Showalter, a junior elementary education major works Wednesday in the ceramic room of the Fine Arts Building. She is throwing a cylinder.

What's on

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What's on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to cualt2@pen.eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Writing workshops help students prepare for Writing Competency

By Nicole Meinheit

Staff editor

Whether students are taking the Writing Competency Exam Saturday or later this year, Writing Center staff members are giving tips on how to ace the exam.

Two workshops will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Thursday's workshop will be held in Room 101 of Coleman Center, will go over the writing Writing Competency Exam, be held in Room 119 of Lumpkin

"(The workshop) will prepare (students) to write clear and conessays," said Dawn Nehrkorn, a tutor at the Writing Center and one of the presenters for the workshops.

Nehrkorn and Joe Levora, another tutor at the Writing

Hall and Friday's workshop will process from tips on how to get Nehrkorn said. ideas down on paper to writing a summary paragraph.

Students at the workshop also will be able to get some hands-on practice at the workshops.

Nehrkorn and Levora will administer practice tests, so students have to be prepared for expository and persuasive essays, the two kinds of essays on the

Tutors also will be available after the workshops to go over any essays the students have, she said. Students will need a pen, pencil and paper and will receive a handout they can take home.

The workshops are free and open to any students on campus. Students do not need to make an appointment.

Today

9 p.m. - 4 p.m., Jail 'n Bail, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union walkway and the southeast entrance Coleman Hall

5 p.m., Writing Competency Exam workshop, Room 101 Coleman Hall

7 p.m., "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard," by Judy Shepard, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom

Friday

11 a.m., Jail 'n Bail, Housing Office Conference Room

5 p.m., Writing Competency Exam workshop, Room 119 Lumpkin Hall

Saturday

9 a.m., Writing Competency Exam, Coleman Hall

1:30 p.m., Eastern football vs Southeast Missouri State University, O'Brien stadium

Thursday, November 2, 2000 Campus The Daily Eastern News Making music in France

By Vy Herman Staff writer

In the early morning hours, if vou listen very closely, you might hear a trumpet playing. For the most part, Eastern's campus is dark and most students are sleeping. But one light is shinning in the window of a practice room in the Doudna Fine Arts Building.

Sitting on a chair with one foot propped up on his horn case is performance major and jazz studies student, Brian Shaw. The street light shining through the window reflects off the base of his horn, but it does not interfere with his concentration as he plays a new song over and over trying to get it just right.

Like most music majors, Shaw realizes that it takes more than hard work and a normal practice routine. In order to really get ahead in the music profession, a student must be diligent, dedicated and willing to go that extra mile.

Recently, Shaw has given music his all. He applied to the Fourth André Maurice Trumpet International Competition at the Paris Conservatory in Paris. The contest, organized by Acanthus, is open to young trumpeters of all nationalities.

consists of international person-

judges. were the sole Contestants perform in three rounds of competition.

Shaw was accompanied by David Hobbs, Eastern piano

An accompanist is provided for each contestant; however, the amount of practice time allotted is only a half-hour before a performance.

"I knew I needed someone with whom I had performed before to be at my best," Shaw

The two men have performed several student recitals together.

"I was honored to be asked to play for Brian Shaw," Hobbs

The day of the competition went extremely well.

'Brian and I were totally relaxed and focused for the performance. He was better than many performers at his level," Hobbs said.

Roger Voisin, former principal trumpet of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, commented that Shaw and Hobbs' version of the "Telemann Concerto for Trumpet" was the best the jury had heard, and André said "Bravo!" in reference to Shaw's performance. Shaw was one of 12 competitors selected for the semi-finals of the competition.

"This was one of the greatest The contest organizers, which events in my life. In fact, I keep 50 francs in my wallet to remind alities including Maurice André, me of the good experience it

was," Hobbs said.

The true highlight for Shaw was meeting André, who is recognized as the greatest trumpet virtuoso alive today.

He is a recording artist who has done more than 300 recordings, has won numerous awards and has toured all over the world playing with great conductors and orchestras.

"It was one of the greatest musical experiences of my life. I was honored to be rubbing shoulders with some of the best trumpet players in the world. This trip was one of the multiple rewards," Shaw said.

Shaw not only met André, but he also was reunited with his long-time mentor, jazz musicia Kenny Wheeler.

"Having a mentor has been very important to my determination of pursuing music performance as my major," Shaw said.

Tenacity plays a big role in the accomplishments of this music student.

His private instructor, Parker Melvin, associate music professor, acknowledges that Shaw came to Eastern to study music with modest abilities on his instrument.

"What made the difference is his well-above average level of work ethic. This student has the drive to excel at a level well beyond what most college students can achieve," Melvin said.



Photo submitted

Brian Shaw and David Hobbs pose in front of the Eiffel Tower in France. Shaw and Hobbsw were in France for the fourth Maurice André International Trumpet Competition where Hobbs was one of 12 competitors who made it to the semi-

Broken Panther Card machines inconvenience students

By Michelle Jones Campus editor

The lines at Sub-way and Chick-Fil-A were shorter than usual this week since food purchases could only be made with cash after the machines that read Panther Cards broke down.

The machines were back in use Wednesday. Problems with the machine had been occurring on and off for a while, but workers had not been able to determine the exact problem, said Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining, in an e-mail.

"I don't think we know what the problem was; they just have been working," she said.

Housing and Dining worked with electricians, telecommunications, the staff at Eastern and the reader company to determine the problem, Horn said.

They looked at possible problems such as electrical, telecom, the company and the workers operating the system incorrectly,

'We are going to try a different machine and still check the

telecommunications and electrical lines to make sure everything is OK," Horn said.

Horn said there has been very little business at the restaurants lately, but considering the problem, the lack of business is not surprising.

'We have encouraged the students to use the Dining Dollars, so we understand the need to get the system fixed," Horn said.

Dining Services recognized that the broken machine was an inconvenience to the students who wanted to use their Dining Dollars to make a purchase, Horn

"I am sure our students are not very happy," Horn said. "We aren't either."

If the machine had not been fixed, Horn said they would have had to figure out another way to accept the Panther Cards.

Despite the inconvenience the broken card reader caused, it was not safe to operate the broken machine. Horn said. There is no way to record or prove what is happening with the system if it is not used properly, she said.

"We hate that we have had the problem, but if we continue to use the machine when it is not working, students may have incorrect amounts on their cards or there could be other problems," Horn said.

Dining Services hopes the problem will not occur again, but its workers are not experts in the card reader's technology, she

"We use the equipment, but when it is not working, we need help getting to the problem," Horn said.



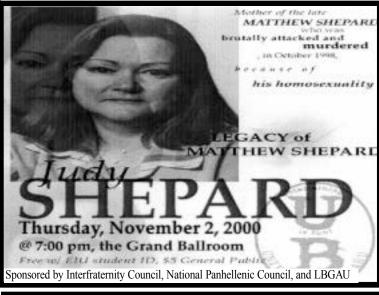
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Keeping up with the times

he Internet has changed the way people live, work and communicate and it is changing how they get a degree too. Lake Land College in Mattoon already offers on-line courses and even offers students a way to complete their Bachelor's degree on-line though another university after they complete an Associate's degree at Lake Land.

While some Eastern students are beginning to log on to complete their course work as well, Eastern does not offer a lot in the area of online courses.

And there is a lot of debate about whether Eastern should offer more classes and if they do, who should teach them and how.

While converting classes to on line versions now may be more difficult initially, it will pay off for the university

If students can complete all of their course work on line without transferring to Eastern, some students might be compelled to stay at Lake Land and reduce the number of transfer students coming to Eastern

Log on

The university needs to move ahead in offering more online class that will be attractive to students.

Many students will still transfer to Eastern because they are looking for more than a degree, they are looking for a college experience. But for many students, the college experi-

ence is not an option and if Eastern wants to continue to serve these students the university needs to take steps to keep up with other universities that can.

Eastern has taken steps to offer additional online classes by joining the Illinois Virtual Campus initiative. This initiative is a partnership between Illinois schools who support online classes. A letter of intent was issued in 1998, and Eastern was among the first schools to respond. Eastern is an active participant and has had representatives at all the meetings and participated in a recent vision planning day.

Currently, Eastern offers seven online courses and is deciding how to go about offering more.

Next week's Faculty Fall Forum will give faculty member the opportunity to discuss some of the issues involved in online classes. This discussion is an important step for Eastern to take to move forward with virtual classes.

Although the steps Eastern has taken to move ahead with online classes are encouraging, the university needs to continue to work toward offering a wide variety of classes online.

n The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily

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Today's quote

The sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality.

Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Online learning an attractive option

ix years ago, I sat nestled on a couch in my Carbondale apartment when a phone call came from more than 100 miles away. It was my mother. "I am ill," she explained. I froze for a second and then gathered that she must spend a few weeks in the hospital after suffering a serious gall bladder attack that had caused minor liver damage. My grandmother volunteered to care for my 11-

Ron White Guest columnist

year-old sister. But I knew what I had to do. I left college bound for my lifelong home in Mattoon that weekend, never to return to Southern Illinois University.

The memory of that experience bubbled up while I was reading a Daily Eastern News article mentioning online courses. So I thought I'd get the ball rolling here.

Sometimes it seems that policy only develops here after many lengthy meetings. But the world is heading in new directions, and Eastern cannot continue to crawl along like the inchworm of public universities.

Anyway, if Southern had offered online courses, I might have registered to take some. Then, when my mother was fully recovered, I could have returned to the university in full the following year. But the Internet was in its infancy at the time. So, I found a job, and after a lengthy withdrawal from academia, fell further from my goal of getting a college degree.

My point is that students face these battles each year. And

"But the world is heading in new directions, and Eastern cannot continue to crawl along like the inchworm of public universities."

offering a chance to stay involved with the university academically should be a priority at Eastern.

The university exists to educate. And the Internet is a tool for that purpose. Why not employ it as such?

If students truly need to experience a university atmosphere, require that they register for at least two full semesters of on-campus coursework before enrolling in an online course.

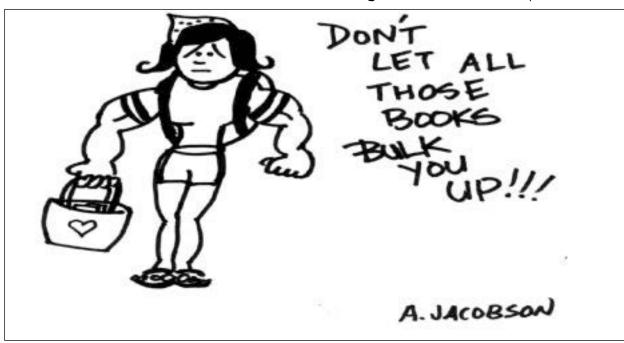
And add a requirement mandating that 75 percent of credit hours toward graduation be earned through on-campus

As for the parameters of online coursework, major courses require more face-to-face activity. So online classes should be limited to courses in the general education core.

Furthermore, it is wholly naive to believe that students cannot educate themselves with assistance from online educators. I have nearly finished a novel for which I will receive no credit toward graduation. Image for a moment that I had written the book in conjunction with an online course at Eastern.

As a final note, dissolve any concerns that students will cheat in online classes. Everyone knows they would only be cheating themselves.

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Voting a clear conscience

When in 20 years we look back on this election, we will not see it as the turning point where America won or lost the battle for affordable prescription drugs. We will see it as the moment when Americans saw the first warning signs of global warming, debated it in the election, and then either seized the opportunity for action, or let it slip through our fingers.

When I voted for Ralph Nader in 1996, I did so because I wanted a "clear conscience" as I cast my ballot. When I vote for Al Gore in 2000, it will be for the same reason.

The simple fact is that because of warmer water temperatures caused by global warming, all coral reefs in the Carribean will likely be dead by 2020, and every reef in the world by 2050. 2050 is also the ominous date when the arctic ice cap may cease to exist entirely during the summer. The world's poorest citizens are in for some very rough hur-

Al Gore's record on global warming is clear and strong. He personally went to Japan to negotiate the Kyoto treaty, and showed leadership by doing so at a time when polls showed that most Americans weren't yet concerned with the issue. He has consistently supported vigorous investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency (the blame

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for the fact that many of those budgets never became reality lies squarely with the Republican Congress, not Gore). He has also consistently supported mandatory air pollution controls, both to protect the rising number of kids with asthma and to encourage power companies to switch to cleaner alternatives.

George Bush, in a recent speech at a school in Illinois, took time from his standard lines to mock both solar power and efficient automobiles. He used them as his laugh lines. In the second presidential debate, he raised doubts as to whether or not global warming is occurring at all. In Texas, he authored a bill to make power plant pollution controls voluntary. As asthma is now the number one cause of absenteeism in our schools, the would-be "education President" clearly has some studying-up to do.

Ralph Nader supports the entire wish list of environmental and other progressive issue groups. He has been a long-term supporter of clean energy alternatives and global warming solutions. My eager vote for Nader in 1996 was to applaud his holistic political approach, including his opposition to the death penalty and to our enormous

military budgets. My vote for Ralph Nader was a vote with a clear conscience, a protest vote without a down-

The 2000 election is, however; very close. This year we must consider our responsibilities as global citizens, not just the momentary pleasure of a protest vote. Is it more important for the next President to protect the millions of the world's poor from the storms of global warming, or more important for Nader to get 5 percent of the vote? Is it more important for the next President to support laws to protect children with asthma, or more important for Nader to get 5 percent of the vote? Is it more important for women to continue to have reproductive freedom for their own bodies, or more important for Nader to get 5 percent of the vote? It was one thing to be for Nader in 1996 or even August of this year, and entirely another in November of 2000.

We have an obligation to protect the Earth and to remember the weakest among us. For these reasons, the Sierra Club has endorsed Al Gore. And this year I'll proudly vote, with clear conscience, for Al Gore for President of the United States.

> **Hans Detweiler** political chair for the Illinois Sierra Club Chapter

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Senate discusses duties | Pemberton dining

By Dar'Keith Lofton

Staff writer

Student The Senate Wednesday discussed two tabled policy changes to clarify duties of senate members, and the vote needed to pass a correspondence.

A resolution was submitted recommending on-campus senate members be assigned to one hall council, and off-campus and at-large senate members be assigned to a Recognized Student Organization.

Senate member Kristen Wooden recommended amending the resolution for on-campus senate members to be assigned to a hall council and an RSOand off-campus and at-large senate members be assigned to two RSOs.

Senate member Gary Kelly said there are more RSOs than senate members and it is not possible for 30 senate members to attend all the RSOs.

"Senate (members) should not have to pick up a heavier load," said senate member Jim

Kristin Rutter, student vice president for academic affairs, disagreed by saying it's part of a senate member's job to collect students' opinions, and senate members knew when they applied for a position on the Student Senate what the job required.

The Student Senate referred the change to the Student Relations committee for further discussion.

Another change the Student Senate discussed was to change the vote from a two-thirds to a majority vote on correspondences. Correspondences are letters by the Student Senate to individuals or a group expressing its opinion.

Senate member Will Brooks said correspondence is a statement from the entire Student Senate, and vote counts do not need to be added to letters. A two-thirds vote is better, Brooks said.

The Student Senate voted to remain keep the two-thirds vote on correspondences instead of having a majority vote.

In new business, senate mem-

ber Yve Williams submitted a resolution recommending the month of April be designated as the month for diversity.

"I don't want (senate) to vote just because (senate) feels that this is a good idea," Williams said. "I want (senate) to first look at the positives and negatives and make an educated decision."

The resolution was tabled until next week.

Williams also submitted changes to the Diversity Affairs committee bylaws.

The changes add the purpose of the committee, which is mandating the committee to be "committed to the needs of students as it relates to diversity in regards to education/awareness, policy/procedures and grams.'

The Student Senate tabled the allocation \$120 for the printing of Senate Slate newsletters and \$410 for sending delegates to the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee the weekend of Dec. at Northeastern Illinois University.

offers more choices

By Michelle Jones Campus editor

Reservation Only Dining at Pemberton Hall is still offering students the usual upscale dining experience, only with a new menu.

The Office of Housing and Dining is experimenting with different options for R.O. Dining, said Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining, in an e-mail.

The usual main course for Friday and Saturday night meals is steak or shrimp. Some of the new items being offered now are stuffed shells, chicken cordon bleu, boneless barbecue ribs, manicotti, veggie lasagna and chicken Kiev, Horn said.

More meal options are planned as well as services such as made-toorder rolls and cookies also are being considered, she said.

R.O. Dining is different from eating a meal in one of the other residence halls on campus, Horn said.

"This dining option is more of an upscale dining option," Horn said. "It is nicer than the regular everyday options in terms of atmosphere and menu change."

R.O. Dining has been in existence for about two years, Horn said. On

average, Pemberton serves about 80 students a weekend, and dining is looking to increase that number, Horn said. Last weekend was one of the bigger weekends, Horn said. A little over 100 students took advantage of R.O. Dining last weekend, she said.

More than steak and shrimp are being served because dining wants to increase the options and expand and improve R.O. Dining in general, Horn said. However, in terms of meals for the menus and when they will be offered, exact details have not been planned, Horn said.

Dining has been wanting to change Pemberton Dining for a while because it believes it could be even more of an upscale dining experience in terms of capacity and atmosphere, Horn said.

"We do a lot of special meals here already, so we really want to capitalize on this and do something outside of the norm and make it so students feel they are truly getting something special," she said.

Students can find out what the menu for the night will be by calling the food hot line at 3663 and on the Eastern's Web page, Horn said. To make a reservation, students should call 3000, she said.

Right to life serves soup, fights abortion

By Alexandra Harold Staff writer

The Newman Catholic Center's Right to Life group will host speaker Jill Stanek as a part of its Soup and Substance series.

Students are invited to come to the Newman Center at 6 p.m. on Monday for free soup, followed by Stanek's speech at 7 p.m. in Room 120 Coleman Hall.

The Right to Life group is especially concerned with livebirth abortions, so it called the Illinois Federal Right to Life group to find a speaker, said Melissa Shea, Right to Life's staff support member. The group recommended Stanek, Shea said.

Stanek will speak about her work at the Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn where live-birth abortions are performed, Shea said.

Stanek has worked as a nurse in labor and delivery since 1995, but she was unaware the abortions were being performed, Shea said. Stanek only became aware of the abortions after overhearing some of the other nurses discussing the abortion of a baby diagnosed with down syndrome, she said.

The hospital reportedly performs 10 to 25 abortions per year on handicapped babies by inserting a drug into the birth canal, Shea said. The technique does not always kill the babies, and there is a high incidence of babies born alive, Shea said.

Stanek is a member of Illinois Concerned Women of America.

Interested students can come for both the soup and the speaker or just for the speaker. To RSVP for soup, students should call the Newman Center (348-0188) by Friday and ask for

Diversity table at Taylor

By Christine Demma Student government editor

The Diversity Affairs committee will have a table set up today to encourage students to come and see what the committee is

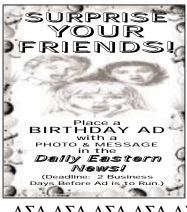
The table will be set up in Taylor Hall Dining Center from 4 to 7 p.m.

Committee chair Yve Williams said the committee wants to make

students aware of the committee and diversity issues on campus. The committee is one of the Student Senate committees.

Williams said she would like to host these tables at least once a month at different locations on campus.

At today's table, the committee will discuss the presidential candidates' views on diversity issues and will have candy bags for those who attend, Williams said.









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ACLU joins fight over vote-buying site

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago election officials waging a court fight against a Web site that claims to buy and sell votes nationwide said Wednesday a Swiss firm has promised to take the site off the Internet.

But the American Civil Liberties Union vowed to carry on the battle, saying the site vote-auction.com was plainly a parody or satire and as such should be considered free speech and protected by the courts.

"We think political parody and satire is protected whether on the written page or the Internet," ACLU legal director Harvey Grossman said.

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners had filed suit against the site. It released Wednesday an email from CORE Internet Council of Registrars promising to "suspend" the domain vote-auction.com.

The Swiss group said it was acting "since it does effectively appear that this domain name is used in connection with unlawful activity."

The group referred to an order that Circuit Judge Michael Murphy issued at the request of election officials, requiring a similar-sounding site, voteauction.com, or any site like it, to be deleted from the web.

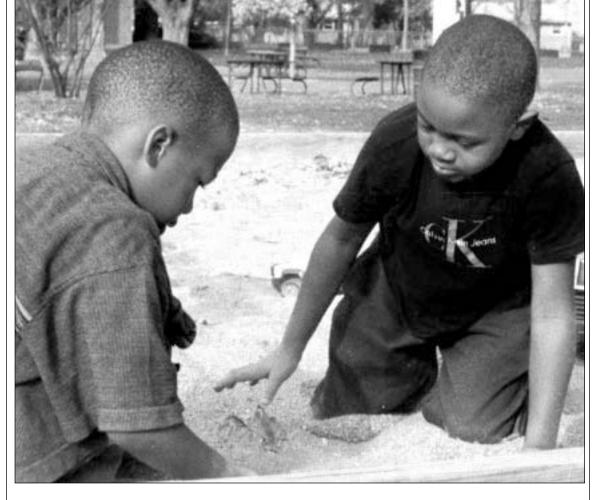
James Baumgartner, a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., says says he started the site as a parody to "evoke public commentary concerning an issue which is at the core of this nation's democracy, whether or not elections are for sale."

"I want to emphasize that at no time was it my intent to have people buy and sell votes," he said in an affidavit Grossman showed reporters.

At the request of election officials, Murphy ordered a Pennsylvaniabased registrar, Domain Bank Inc., to take voteauction.com off the web.

"He (Grossman) may think it's a joke, but the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners doesn't think it's a joke," said spokesman Tom Leach. "They're encouraging people to break the law by selling

But Baumgartner sold the domain rights to Hans Bernhardt of Vienna, Austria, for one Euro, less than a dollar. Bernhardt then arranged for the Swiss group to establish the domain vote-auction.com.



Kate Mitchell/ staff photographer

Play time

Ozell Wilkins, 6, and Hahad Riley, 6, play in the sandbox in Morton Park, while enjoying the unseasonably warm weather Wednesday. Temperatures are expected be be cooler by the end of the week.

Halloween havoc

CARBONDALE (AP) Carbondale's city manager proposed a crackdown on bars and liquor sales Wednesday, hours after more than 2,000 Halloween revelers mobbed city streets, pelted police with rocks and broke windows.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said he will ask the city council on Tuesday to reinstate a 1995 rule that closed bars and banned liquor sales on the weekend closest to Halloween. He also said he will recommend the council lengthen the ban to include both the weekend and Halloween itself, a period of up to seven days.

'Obviously, what we've seen is that five years of restrictions is not enough to put Halloween behind us," Doherty said.

The 1995 ban was lifted this year amid hope the last few years of relatively tranquil Halloween celebrations would continue.

But at one point early Wednesday, several hundred people surrounded seven police officers, pelting them with rocks, bottles and cans while the officers fired back with mace. More police soon moved in and fired tear gas to break up the crowd.

The officers, who were wearing protective body vests, were not

'This was bad, really bad," Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney told The Southern Illinoisan after the streets were finally cleared at about 4 a.m.

"There wasn't anything we could do for a short time, nothing at all. We used up our mace, and we were taking shots constantly,"

Although dozens of people were arrested, police did not know how many, said Sgt. Don Priddy. "Everyone who worked last night is still in bed," he said Wednesday

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> Jeff Doherty, Carbondale city manager

afternoon.

Five people were treated for minor injuries at Carbondale Memorial Hospital, two for reactions to tear gas, three for minor cuts and bruises, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Carbondale has a reputation for attracting unruly crowds for Halloween.

This year marked the first in five years that downtown bars and restaurants were allowed to stay open over the Halloween weekend. City leaders had closed the businesses in 1995 over the weekend closest to Halloween in an attempt largely successful — to avert unruly Halloween crowds.

In March, the City Council narrowly voted to lift the ban, a vote several publicly regretted after more than 100 people were arrested last weekend for the same kind of chaos that erupted early Wednesday.

Some people who were milling about downtown shortly before Wednesday's trouble began predicted what would later happen, saying students wanted to respond to plans to again close the bars.

People know this could be the last Halloween with the bars open, and they're talking about damage," SIU student Rob Taylor said about an hour before the bars' 2 a.m. closing time.

SIUC students wreak | Gore's protection plan unveiled "At the end of the day, Al Gore is

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Great Lakes would be better off with Democrat Al Gore in the White House rather than Republican George W. Bush, former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard said Wednesday.

Standing beside the Grand River, Blanchard released a five-point Gore plan to clean up toxic sediment, stop further pollution from power plants, fight the invasion of exotic species into the lakes, pass a federal moratorium on diverting Great Lakes water and do a better job monitoring beach water quality.

Stuck between a rock

the person you can trust to care about the health of the Great Lakes," said Blanchard, who is advising Gore's Michigan campaign. "Half our people drink that water. ... The Bush record in Texas is not one we want for Michigan."

Great Lakes Fishery member David Commission Dempsey said Bush's environmental record as governor of Texas "shows he'll side with the pol-

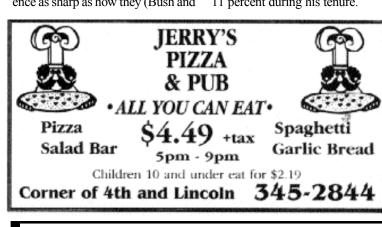
"I don't think there is any difference as sharp as how they (Bush and Gore) would protect the environment," Dempsey said. "George W. Bush has advanced no plan to protect the Great Lakes.'

Bush campaign spokesman Bob Hopkins defended Bush's record in Texas, saying he has taken steps to clean up the environment.

While Gore has proposed that older power plants voluntarily reduce emissions, Bush supported and signed legislation that requires those plants to reduce emissions, Hopkins said. He added that Bush has reduced industrial emissions by 11 percent during his tenure.





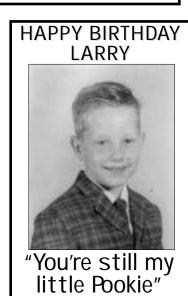


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Poll: Voters comfortable with George W. Bush

(AP) WASHINGTON George W. Bush heads into the waning days of the campaign with the advantage of more voter enthusiasm and growing comfort among voters with his qualifications for the job and his judgment, a new poll indi-

Al Gore is favored on most top issues, which has been the case for the last couple of months, but the vice president's campaign staff has been trying this week to make the case that Republican Bush is unqualified to be president after just six years as governor of Texas.

The poll, released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, suggests voters are growing less convinced by that argument.

Voters in the survey were split on who would be most likely to use good judgment in a crisis, after favoring Gore on that measure in September. Gore led by 7 points, 45-38, in the new poll on the question of who is more qualified to be president. In early October, Gore had an 18-point lead on that question. Gore was seen as more of a typical politician by a 2-1 margin, a quality he and Bush were tied on in September.

Bush had a 47-43 edge over Gore in the Pew poll, the first time since July that he's had the advantage in a Pew survey. Bush has a lead in several other national polls, while others remain very close. The state-bystate battle for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency remains very competitive.

"Over the month of October, people became more comfortable in personal terms with Bush — his likability, his truthfulness and his judgment," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

ugoslavia wants to join

By the Associated Press

Under Milosevic, Yugoslavia had refused to comply with the General Assembly's 1992 demand that it apply for U.N. admission as a new country following the breakup of the Yugoslav socialist republic in the early 1990s.

Milosevic had argued that his government was the legitimate successor state and didn't need to apply. As a result, Yugoslavia was barred from speaking or voting in the General Assembly.

But last Friday, a month after ousting Milosevic in elections,

Republic of Yugoslavia be admitted. His application moved quickly through the U.N. bureaucracy, with the Security Council recommending Tuesday that the General Assembly approve it.

All four former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia, which are now independent states and U.N. members, co-sponsored the assembly resolution, which was adopted without a vote.

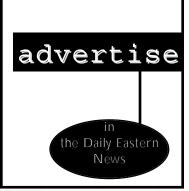
Bosnia's U.N. ambassador, Muhamed Sacirbey, said the republics' eight-year insistence that Belgrade apply as a new U.N. member was not an effort to seek vengeance against Milosevic.

"This is really about calling a neighbor to come join us in this family of nations," he said.

Kostunica's envoy, Goran Svilanovic, who is a top candidate to be Yugoslavia's next foreign minister, was in New York on Wednesday for the occasion.

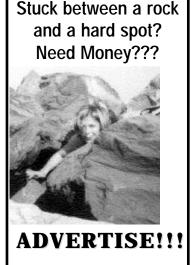
Svilanovic and other delegates were later expected to attend a flag-raising ceremony outside U.N. headquarters to replace the communist-era flag of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's flag.

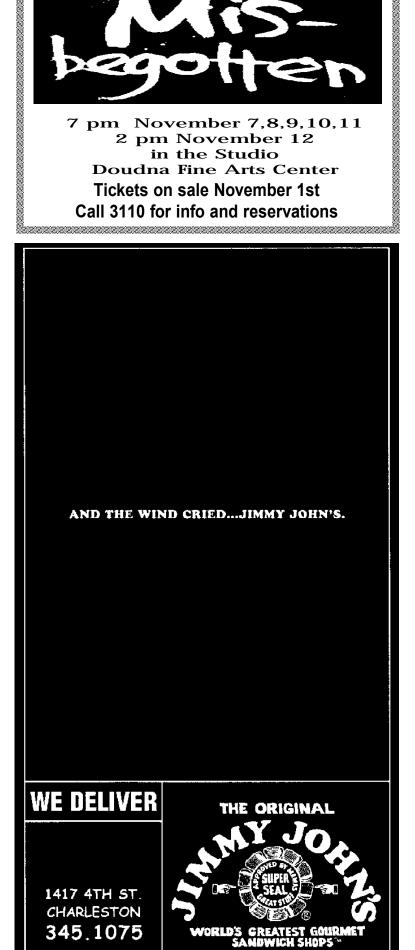












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WESLEY FOUNDATION. Pancakes and Passages on Friday, November 3 at 7am-7:45am. Come for a weekly breakfast gathering to discuss selected Bible passages and one's journey in the Christian faith. Wesley Foundation is located across 4th from Lawson.

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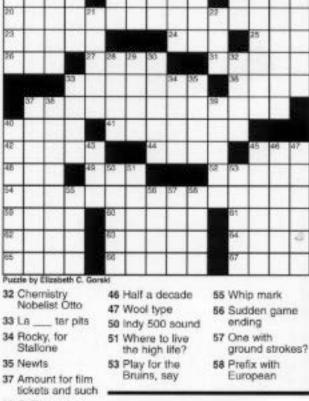
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RHA helps RAs with meeting

By Christine Demma Student government editor

The Residence Hall Association will discuss writing a letter in opposition to mandating resident assistants to attend meetings next semester at its 5 p.m. meeting Thursday in Thomas Hall.

All RAs will be required to meet one Thursday a month from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The decision was made by the housing office this semester and will go into effect this spring.

In other business, the RHA will hear from three speakers at the

Katie Fitzgerald, from Campus Perk, will discuss her talks with Sonor, the advertising, marketing and public relations firm, that wants to open a coffeehouse on campus, Wilcox said. Emily Sanders, assistant resident director in Lawson Hall, will discuss Up 'Til Dawn, and Bill Schnackel, director of housing, will discuss a new cable system that will begin next semester and job opportunities that will come along with it.

Next week, nominations will be accepted for the president, vice president and treasurer positions for the RHA, Wilcox said.

Also, the RHA will discuss a constitutional change and bylaw change about the Brad Wright Scholarship. Last week, Melissa Velon, an Eastern alumna and former resident assistant in Carman Hall, expressed concern about how the RHA was handling the scholarship.

Apathy

things to be kept in an appropriate

On the other hand, Bush believes "we need to explore and drill for oil," she said. He also believes prop-

erty owners should have the right to determine if endangered species reside on their land.

As far as the abortion issue is concerned, Poole said the Republican party has been lying low on this issue.

"Bush is pro-life except in cases of rape, incest or to save a mother's life. He downplays his position on abortion hoping pro-choice Republicans will not vote against him based on just one issue," Poole said.

Gore has been more adamant about this issue, expressing his belief that women should have the right to choose.

"This issue may not make a difference in the outcome of the election though," Poole said.

McNitt and Carwell concluded by hinting to audience members what specific states will sway the election.

Whatever candidate carries the majority of electoral votes in Florida, Pennsylvania Michigan will win the election, they said.



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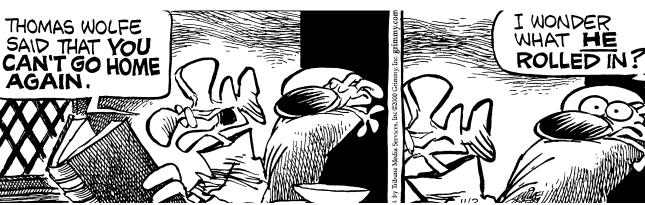
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Swimmer makes an early splash for Eastern



Sara Figiel/ Photo editor

Sophomore Jolene Jones takes a rest after practice Tuesday in the Lantz Haratorium. Jones' leadership as a sophomore has earned her first place finishes in the 200 IM and the 200 butterfly this season.

Jones' hard work pays off in opening invitationals on the Panther swim team

By Kristin Rojek Sports editor

While the seniors had been leading the women's swimming team at the early start of the season, the surprise has come from the leadership of the freshmen and sophomores, who have provided depth and strength.

Just four meets into the swimming season, sophomore Jolene Jones has already captured several first place finishes for the Panthers as a 200 IM and 200 butterfly competitor.

'She's just developed a lot," head coach Ray Padovan said.

"Last year as a freshman she came in from a small program, and late last year we switched her events, and she found where she belongs.

"Now she's already taken off where she started and has already hit lifetime bests."

Continuing to swim the butterfly, Jones changed her backstroke to the IM race and has seen successful results.

Helping Eastern to establish a 3-1 record this season, Jones captured first place times against Xavier in the 200 IM with a time of 2:18:04 and a winning time of 2:20:95 in the 200 butterfly.

Jones continued her success this weekend against the University of Illinois-Chicago with a winning time of 2:19:30 in the 200 butterfly.

"I've improved a lot since high school, and it's really cool to be winning races," Jones said. "I've worked really hard over the summer, and Padovan has a good pro-

Putting in the extra time was the strengthener for Jones, as her coach notices her dedication to the team.

"She's as tough as can be, and she's won close races already with just a few meets under her belt," Padovan said.

"She's a hard worker. We have optional morning practices, and she never misses. She's an extremely hard worker."

While the team lost strong seniors after last season's successful 9-1 finish, Jones still looks up to the new seniors this year, but leads the younger side of the team as

"It's a lot different without the girls because they left a lot of gaps in the team when they left," Jones said.

"The older girls still do a lot, like Amanda Dore, but I think when you're younger, you're more excited."

Jones' excitement has grown early this season, and Padovan can only expect her speed and success to grow as well.

"If she continues to go the way she is, she's doing exactly what I want," Padovan

"She needs to still get better, but she's already better than last year. If she is able to maintain the workload, that's all I can ask of her."

As for Jones, in addition to experiencing her own individual success, her concerns lie within developing another successful team like last season.

"I'd like to see the women have a really good record again because the conference will be harder this year," Jones said.

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Friday

 Vollevball at Morehead State Saturday 1 p.m. - Football vs. Southeast

Missouri, O'Brien Stadium 2 p.m. – Volleyball at Eastern Kentucky 7 p.m. - Women's basketball vs. exhibition team, Lantz Gym

NFL

National Football League AMERICAN CONFERENCE Indianapolis Buffalo New England Tennessee Jacksonville

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Football

Ohio Valley Conference Standings OVC Overall 7-0 8-0 Eastern Illinois 4-1 6-2 Murray State 2-3 4-5 Tennessee State 0-7 1-8 Tennessee-Martin Thursday's Game Tennessee State at Tennessee

6:30 p.m. Saturday's Games Murray State at Eastern Kentucky, 1 p.m. SEMO at Eastern, 1 p.m. Western Kentucky at S. Florida, 6 p.m.

Volleyball Ohio Valley Confere

OVC Overall Southeast Missouri Eastern Illinois Murray State Morehead State Austin Peay 5-6 14-12 Eastern Kentucky Tennessee State 0-12 2-24

Today's Games
Austin Peay at Tennessee State Friday's Games Southeast Missouri at Eastern Eastern at Morehead State, 6 p.m.

> Women's Soccer Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Results

Game 1– No. 4 Morehead State 2, No. 5 Southeast Missouri 1 Game 2 - No. 3 Murray State 4. Morehead State 1 Game 4 – No. 2 Tennessee Tech 2, Murray State 1 Championship Game

Tennessee Tech 1, Eastern 0 (2OT)

Men's Soccer

Missouri Valley Conference Standings
 MVC Overall

 Southern Methodist
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 15-3-0

 Creighton
 8-2-0
 14-3-0
 Creighton Western Kentucky Bradley 7-3-0 6-3-1 9-9-0 13-4-2 10-6-1 Tulsa **11-5-1** 8-10-0 Southwest Missouri 4-5-1 9-6-2 Evansville 2-7-1 3-10-3 0-10-0

Today's Games Bradley at Easter, 2 p.m. Belmont at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m. Creighton at Drake, 2 p.m. Evansville at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m. Southwest Missouri at Tulsa, 7 p.m. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

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RACEWAY—Named Roger Curtis senior director of marketing and sales.
WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL— Named Scott Rovn director of sponsor-ship and Karen Gauthier director of communications. BASEBALL

American League ANAHEIM ANGELS—Named Brian Scherr physical therapist. TEXAS RANGERS—Sold the contract of OF Pedro Valdes to Fukuoka Daiei Hawks of the Japanese Pacific League. Signed C David Steed to a minor-league contract. TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Signed OF and C Darrin Fletcher to a three-year

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS— Announced they will not exercise their option on RHP Armando Reynoso. LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Named PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named

Larry Bowa manager.
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League. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with vice president-general man-ager Walt Jocketty on a four-year contract extension and promoted him to senior vice president. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Bill

Henry strength and conditioning coor-LINCOLN—Named Kash Beauchamp

manager. BASKETBALL International Basketball League LAS VEGAS BANDITS—Named Sam

FOOTBALL National Football League NFL—Named John Beake vice president of player development-managing director of NFL Europe League football

operations.

ALTANTA FALCONS—Placed LB Lenzie Jackson on the reserve nonfootball injury list. Signed OL Noel LaMontagne to the active roster. Signed LB Chester Burnett from the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released DB

Chris Akins, Signed QB Clint Stoerner Herbert Goodman to the practice

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived DB Payton Williams. Signed DB Clifton

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Arena Football League
AFL—Announced the sale of the loware Barnstormers to Charles Wang and Sanjay Kumar and that the team will move to New York. NEW JERSEY RED DOGS—Signed

Three

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"Brune is more of a classic style passer," Spoo said. "He's a little bit taller, and he has a little bit more of an accurate arm."

The Eastern defense will have to be ready for the differing styles of play that Southeast Missouri will bring to the table.

"I think that is going to be tough on our defense because of the different styles that they have," Spoo said. "Although they do run some of the time with Brune, if they do run more with one or pass more with another, then we'll have to adjust according-

West didn't play too much in the beginning of the season but has

come late in the season to be full time starter. Eastern does know West from last season where he was able to get a win for the Indians last sea-

"He's going to play this season where last year we weren't sure," Spoo said. "But I think we are a little more confident this season because we know what he brings to the table, and we will have to our best to contain him."

Not only has Southeast Missouri been able to run the ball with West this season, but he has been able to pass the ball when the Indians come out in their four and five receiver

"They are doing a lot of things on offense this season besides running the ball," Spoo said. "They are coming out and really spreading people out with multiple sets."

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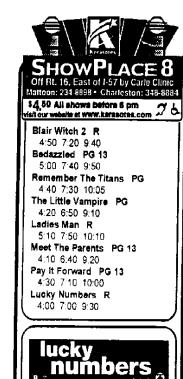
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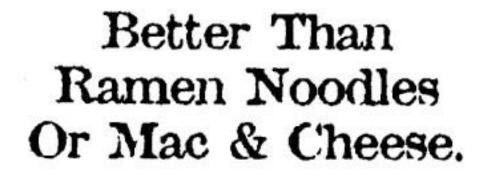
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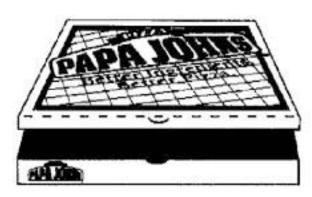






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Eastern's fate determined in final game



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Junior forward Derrick Perry chases down a Drake opponent Oct. 20 on Lakeside Field. The Panthers take on Bradley for a hopeful win that will boost them to the MVC Tournament.

Eastern hosts Bradley at Lakeside Field for secure position in MVC tournament

By Derek Cuculich Staff writer

The men's soccer team will look to lock up a spot in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament for the second time in three years Thursday at 2 p.m. when they welcome the Braves of Bradley University to Lakeside Field.

With a win, the Panthers would head into the tournament to play either Western Kentucky or Bradley again in a conference quarterfinal match. With a loss, Eastern is letting its season's fate rest in the hands of other teams.

"If we lose, we will need Tulsa to beat Southwest Missouri or Creighton to beat Drake," assistant coach Josh Oakley said. "When you look at a matchup like Creighton and Drake, you'd expect Creighton to win, but it has been a crazy year in the conference."

The Braves come into Lakeside Field sporting a 13-4-2 overall record, 6-2-1 in conference, and winners of six of their last eight games

They also bring one of the highest scoring offenses in the nation led by the big three: two time All-American Gavin Glinton, senior mid-fielder Bryan Namoff, and a member of last year's Valley's All-Newcomer Team and sophomore Hamid Mehreioskouei.

The three have combined for 38 goals, 33 assists and 108 overall points. Glinton and Namoff rank one and two on Bradley's all-time scoring leaders list, while Mehreioskouei is ranked third in the school's

history for game winning goals.

The Panthers will have to slow down the Braves without the services of starting marking back Ryan Hunt, who will have sit out due to yellow card accumulations. This leaves Eastern to shuffle its usual starting lineup.

"We are going to drop Scottie (Anderson) in the back to mark Hamid," Oakley said. "Bobby (Ewan) is going to mark Glinton, and (Ben) Cox is going to have Namoff."

While Bradley's offense has been averaging 2.7 goals per game, Eastern's offense has slumped from a nation high 2.76 goals per game to a lowly 1.0 goal per game.

For the Panthers to get their offense back to where it once was, they will have to get Jason Thompson to put points on the board. When Thompson has recorded a goal or an assist for the Panthers, they are an astounding 11-1, but when Thompson has been held off the score sheet, Eastern is a miserable 0-4-1.

"We are going to bring (Eric) Diaz on for the start up front," Oakley said. "His ability to take people on is key and will free up chances for Thompson."

The goals will not come easy for the Panthers as Bradley has one of the stingiest defenses in the conference, only surrendering 1.2 goals per game. Senior goalkeeper Adam Gross recorded his school-high 16th career shutout and his fifth of this season Sunday against Evansville.

"We are going to get a lot of versatility out of Diaz up front," Oakley said.

"We just plan to run at the Bradley defense nd create space for scoring chances."

Panthers did what fans thought to be impossible

ood morning, sports fans.
One bad game against a tough opponent doesn't mean the Panthers will collapse.

So they did what Eastern fans thought was impossible, and no, it was not fill up O'Brien Stadium. It was the fact that the Panthers lost a football game for the first time since Sept. 16.

They were defeated handily, there is no doubt about that. And you can ask anyone of the players on the team and they will tell you the same exact thing. They are not making excuses about the loss. They have forgotten it and moved on, just as the fans should do. Too many times on this campus the fans get their hopes high and then get disappointed and abandon a team at their time of need, or after a loss.

Well, I'm here to tell you to not abandon this team. So they lost a game in conference. So what?

There are greater tragedies in life. So they are not going to win the Ohio Valley Conference. Big deal.

The crazy part about the whole thing is I think this team of Panthers really doesn't care too much about the conference title. Don't get me wrong, they wanted to win the championship very badly, but I think they will give up the conference title for a chance to go to the NCAA playoffs.

After the loss to Western Kentucky last Saturday, I was talking to Eastern defensive lineman Gonzalo Segovia, and he told me that the team now had a new goal, which was the National Championship.

The National Championship is not something I am ready to give the

The Shooter



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Panthers just yet. They are a good team, but let's wait to see how the last three games of the season play out.

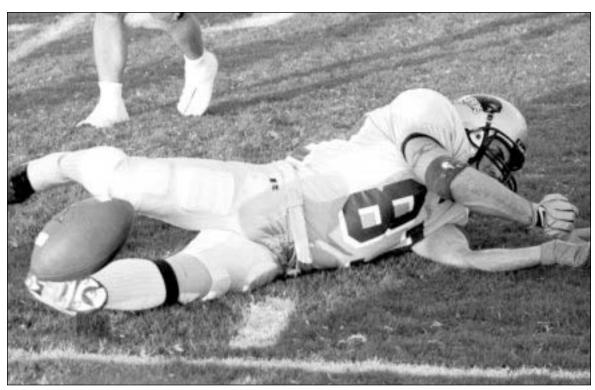
There are three games left on the schedule against Southeast Missouri this week, and Illinois State and Eastern Kentucky to follow. These three teams have a combined record of 12-12. Hardly an intimidating mark

So let's not give up on a group of players that weren't even supposed to be in this position when the season started. Many fans wrote them off and left them for dead, but once they started winning, the bandwagon got a little heavier. And now that they have had a loss, there are rumblings that they are done for.

I would be shocked if they didn't beat Southeast Missouri by at least 20 this weekend, Illinois State in a bit of a closer game and rolled Eastern Kentucky to get into the playoffs.

As for how far they might go in the playoffs, I know I have said before that I think that they will go far, but a team can only go so far on talent these days. Sometimes they need the intangibles, like fan support.

Eastern down to final three



Sara Figiel/ Photo editor

Junior Frank Cutolo looses control of the ball as he lands on the field of Western Kentucky Oct. 28. Eastern hosts Southeast Missouri Saturday in one of the final three games remaining on the schedule.

Football team's playoff chances to be determined quickly

By Anthony Braviere
Associate sports editor

As the 2000 football season comes into its stretch run, Eastern has three more games that will all be important to its playoff run starting this week with Southeast Missouri.

"We have to win out the rest of the games; if we do that, then I am convinced that we will have a good shot at making the playoffs," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo.

"But we will have to worry about

one game at a time, starting with SEMO."

The Indians snapped a fourgame losing streak last week against Tennessee-Martin, 34-14. They racked up over 400 yards of total offense for the second week in a row, while winning their first conference game of the year.

One of the main reasons that Southeast Missouri was able to rack up so many yards in the past few games has been the play of its quarterbacks, Rashad West and Bobby Brune.

Both of the Indian signal callers are in the top 10 in the Ohio Valley Conference in quarterback rating and total offense, with Brune accounting for 127.88 yards per game and West gaining 133.17 per game

While West has been the primary running quarterback for the Indians, Brune is more of the passing quarterback in their offense.

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The Daily Eastern News "Because they won't let you live in Old Main."

On campus vs. off campus living

Landlords offer their suggestions

By Sarah Heise Staff writer

service Dining Community bathrooms or privacy? On campus or off campus?

Weighing the options for housing, students face a tough decision, but resident directors and area landlords can offer tips to help students decide what is best for them.

Doug Howell, resident director of Thomas Hall, believes there are several advantages to living on campus.

"On-campus living gives students an opportunity to live in a community where your next door neighbors interact with you on a daily basis," Howell said. "It's an opportunity to experience different backgrounds and different lifestyles."

Friends are made through on-campus living and have the potential to be friends for life, said Stuart Kaeding, resident director of Andrews Hall.

"(Students living on campus) are able to develop a close network of friends and individuals who share similar interests," he said.

In addition to making friendships, Kaeding believes that location provides an advantage for students living on campus.

"University facilities are always at their fingertips," he said.

Safety also is a concern pizza? for students, and Howell believes resident halls provide a safer environment than off-campus living. Resident assistants are available on each floor, in addition to night assistants located in the lobby each night, Howell said.

> "That provides a measure of security," he said. "There is always a direct contact if something goes wrong."

Kaeding and Howell both believe that housing plans are more economical because of the variety of other services offered. Besides on campus dining, resident halls offer movie rental, vacuums and tools, board games and sports equipment at no charge, Howell said.

Also, cable and phone service is free of charge and Ethernet's free internet service will begin said.

Although there are many advantages for oncampus living, off-campus housing provides benefits for students as

Freedom is the selling point for off campus housing, according to Tina Huston, property manager for Unique Homes.

Students living off campus are allowed to have visitors when they choose, compared to some residence halls, which enforce a curfew, Huston said.

"The biggest advantage is that you're on your own," she said.

Leslie Patterson, leasmanager for Youngstown Apartments, said size also is an advan-

Apartments offer more space for students, she said. In addition, students have the advantage of their own stove and their Huston and Howell said own food, she said.

Huston believes that privacy is also a factor in off-campus living.

"In residence halls, you shower with a bunch of other people," Huston said. "In our units, students have their own vanities, and their own showers," she said.

"A big plus is the noise level," Patterson said.

"It's much quieter than next semester, Howell living in a (residence hall)," she said.

Both Patterson and Huston said that safety is not a problem when living off campus. Both said off-campus living is "just as safe as living on cam-

The main problem students have with both oncampus living and offcampus living seems to he said. be roommates.

Students living campus are sometimes assigned to a room with someone they don't know, Howell said.

"Students have got to come into a situation with an open mind," Howell said.

'Realize that both of you have equal right to be there and you have got to come to equal ground and compromise."

Huston said to choose roommates wisely, taking studying habits into consideration.

addition, In both students need to responsible for themselves.

"Students need understand that they are on their own," Huston

"Maintenance items, like changing a light bulb, are their responsibility. They need to realize that it is their unit, and they need to be proud of it."

"Students (living on campus) sometimes think it's housing's job to take care of them," Howell said.

"Something to keep in mind is that you're in college now, and you have to take care of those things on your own."

Howell said staff members are available 24/7.

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Century 2000 Network Update: Internet connections and improved cable television access almost complete.

Eastern's Office of University Housing & Dining Services is rapidly approaching the final construction stages involved in networking all university-operated residence halls, Greek buildings and apartments for direct Internet access.

Completion of the Internet connections will give on-campus students 24-hour access to the Internet via an Ethernet jack rather than using the dial-up connection process. All buildings are expected to go "on-line" by Jan. 31, 2001.

The second leg of the Century 2000 Network, improved cable television access, is scheduled to begin operation in January 2001.

The new cable access will be available to all residents in university-operated housing and will offer over 50 channels including a movie channel featuring movies picked exclusively by on-campus residents.

According to Bill Schnackel, Director of University Housing & Dining Services, "The current line-up closely reflects traditional analog cable service, with the addition of a Campus Movie Channel, and other special interest channels like a University Announcement Channel and a Student Announcement Channel."

"Additional channels may be available in the future," added Schnackel.

Eastern considered safest state-funded University in Illinois

According to Art Mitchell, University Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, Eastern is ranked as the safest statefunded university in Illinois, seventh safest in the Midwest and the nineteenth safest in the country. "One of the main reasons (Eastern's campus earned this ranking) is due to the new Community Oriented Policing (COP) program," said Mitchell.

"The university has been able to increase the number of police officers on-campus in the last five years . . . and as a result criminal damage is way down from previous years," added Mitchell.

Other reasons that can be attributed to Eastern's safety ranking include night assistants, resident assistants, outdoor lighting and emergency phones as well as elevators, external doors and stairwells that require a key for entry.

Job openings for undergraduate and graduate students

University Housing & Dining Services has job openings for undergraduate and graduate students for the upcoming spring and summer semesters and the 2001-2002 academic year.

Applications for summer conference assistants and orientation leaders will be available Jan. 22 in the Office of University Housing & Dining Services, Office of Orientation and all residence hall front desks. For information, please call 581-2515 or 581-6435.

Applications for graduate assistantships in either the housing or dining field will be available on Nov. 15 at the Office of University Housing & Dining Services. For information, please call 581-7715.

Letter to the students of EIU

If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is

The other day a student came into the housing and dining office expressing her desire to move off-campus. Her desire was sparked by the belief that her newfound apartment was less expensive than living in the residence halls. She explained that she was currently on financial aid and that the savings would be very beneficial to her bank account. Unfortunately, and of no fault of her own, her information was incorrect.



"One of the most common misconceptions people have when comparing residence halls to living off-campus is not recognizing all of the hidden costs associated with living off-campus."

One of the most common misconceptions people have Marketing & Promotions Specialist when comparing residence halls to living off-campus is not recognizing all of the hidden costs associated with living off-campus. These costs include monthly utilities (i.e., water, electricity, local phone service and trash removal), local phone bills, cable, installation fees, buying furniture, paying for repairs, or buying groceries. The price advertised in an off-campus lease generally includes the cost of housing accommodations only, while the remainder of the costs are each paid separately. Residence hall residents don't have to worry about paying these hidden costs, because they are all included in the room and board (meal plan) contract. In short - one price does it all.

The following worksheet contains an itemized list of costs associated with living on or off-campus. I invite you to photocopy or cut-out this worksheet for your personal use. I hope this worksheet will help you make the best decision in regards to your housing accommodations for the upcoming academic year.

Tips for students looking for an apartment:

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- 2. Call the local utility providers about mandatory monthly service charges and hook-up or connection fees.
- 3. Ask the owner of the property to give you the average cost of the monthly utilities. If he/she is unable to do so, ask the current residents what their lowest and highest utility bills were for each utility. If you divide the sum of the least and most expensive bills by two for each individual utility you should be able to get a rough estimate of the average monthly utility costs.

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AVERAGE MONTHLY COST Electricity	Included in Total Cost	x10= x12=	x10= x12=
AVERAGE MONTHLY COST Gas	Included in Total Cost	x10= x12=	x10= x12=
MONTHLY COST Trash	Included in Total Cost	x10= x12=	x10= x12=
MONTHLY COST Cable	Included in Total Cost	x10= x12=	x10= x12=
MONTHLY COST Local Phone Service	Included in Total Cost	x10= x12=	x10= x12=
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ONE-TIME COST Cable Hook-Up Fee	Included in Total Cost		
ONE-TIME COST Phone Hook-Up Fee	Included in Total Cost		
one-time cost Security Deposit	\$50 (\$25 refundable)		
OPTIONAL COST Activity Fee	\$15	N/A	N/A
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*Rates based on 2000-2001 double room academic year contract. University policy does not permit monthly rent. All residence hall residents currently have their one-time security deposit on-file, therefore it is not included in the total cost. The activity fee is optional, therefore, it is not included in the total cost

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Residence hall improvements | Off-campus living to be complete by fall 2001

By Amber Williams Staff writer

Students will have something to look forward to when they return for classes in fall 2001.

Some of the residence halls on campus will experience renovations during the upcoming winter and summer breaks to further accommodate the needs of students, said Mark Shaklee, associate director of housing

One of the renovations to be completed by fall 2001 is a replacement of the chilled water loop that controls the air conditioning for buildings on campus, Shaklee said.

The chilled water loop works as a safeguard for the air conditioners on campus, he said. If one person's air conditioner goes out, the water loop will still be able to send cool air to all of the other air conditioners in its circulation.

better reliability with air conditioning," Shaklee said.

During the summer, construction workers will dig a trench between the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and McAfee Branch to replace the water loop that links together Buzzard Hall, Doudna Fine Arts Center, Stevenson Hall, Lantz Building, McAfee, Physical Science and Lincoln and Douglas halls.

Another trench will be built between Andrews and Lawson halls for the water loop that will link together Andrews, Thomas, Lawson and Taylor halls.

Another improvement that will be completed by the spring will be the addition of new bedding in Taylor Hall, Shaklee said. University workers plan to put new mattresses and box springs in all of the rooms in Taylor Hall before students return to Eastern from the semester break.

Eastern also plans to lay new carpeting in all of the residence halls as well as Greek court and the university apartments during the winter, spring and summer breaks this year.

It is too inconvenient to try to lay carpeting while the students are living in the residence halls because there is not enough space, he said. Laying carpet is one project that Eastern tries to work on year round.

The Yorkshire building in University Court will get a new roof, siding, insulation and interior paint during the summer months, Shaklee said. Eastern is working to renovate one building in the University Court per year. So far, six buildings have been completed.

The south hall elevators in Carman Hall will be almost completely renovated with new controls and door openers, he said. The work is expected to be completed by next fall.

provides freedom

By Lauren Speacht Staff writer

When it comes down to where students would rather live during their college years, most would say off campus.

"You got your freedom, you do whatever you want and you don't have communal bathrooms," said Michael Kopp, a senior English major who moved back into Taylor Hall for his last semester. "It's not that living on campus is particularly bad; it's just that the (residence halls) are extremely confined, and after living off campus for so many years, you realize how nice freedom is."

Knowing the cons of living on campus, some students are reconsidering living in residence halls. Before doing so; however, students should realize there are some pros for living on-campus too.

Kristen Arthur, a junior elementary education major and a resident

assistant in Lawson Hall said she thinks there is no better way to get an experience with such a wide range of people than by living on campus.

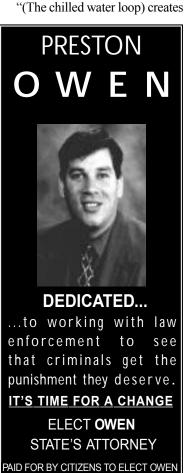
The residents of Carman Hall, for example, are "all on the same beat," and this makes it easy to meet people, Arthur said.

"Lawson Hall is also cool because you meet different ages of people," she said.

Living on campus also can make the transition easier for the first year

Courtney Fidler, a junior elementary education major who is living her first year on campus in Andrews Hall, finds comfort in living in a residence hall because she enjoys having so many people around.

"There are constantly people around (when living in a residence hall), and it's nice not having to come home to an empty building," said Fidler.



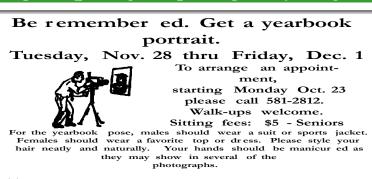


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A home away from home

thought about what it was going to be like when I left to go to college, I didn't think about the friends I would make or the classes I would take as Jennifer Rigg much as I thought about how great it would be to have a place I could call my own.

as I wanted.

that I missed much.

on my digital cable.



Staff writer

Having my own apartment and my own

life was really exciting to me. I wouldn't

have to answer to my drill sergeant mother

who always insisted I keep my room spot-

less, and I wouldn't have to clean the bath-

room every morning before I left for

school. I had the type of mother who near-

ly had a fit if there was a single shirt on the

floor hiding the freshly-vacuumed carpet. I

could keep the place as clean or as unclean

immediately moved into my apartment

with two friends. I never even thought

about living in the residence halls because

of all the horror stories I had heard from

friends who had lived in them. I realize that

I may have missed out on making tons of

new friends and having the experience of

living in a residence hall, but I really doubt

roommates. I love having my own room,

my own bathroom, my own kitchen and my

own big living room to lounge around in

and watch one of my hundreds of channels

things about college life. They go from

being friends to people to whom you tell every wonderful moment and every sad

moment. They come to be sisters and

brothers without whom we could probably

not survive. But, isn't it nice to get away

from them once in awhile? Just like every-

body else, I love my roommates, but it is so

nice to be able to go to my own room and

enjoy some quiet time. From what I've

heard about living in the residence halls, it

Having roommates is one of the best

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I love living off campus because I can cook what I want when I want it. I don't have to rely on the dining services to be serving something that I might eat. I can live on mac and cheese, Ramen noodles and Oreos if I want to. Of course, there is always the fact that I have to clean up after myself, but I eventually got used to it (and no matter what my mother always said, the dishes don't have to be done right away.)

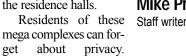
I love living off campus because it's nice to get away from campus for awhile. I love this campus; it's absolutely beautiful. But it's nice to be able to get away from the hustle and bustle of students rushing to classes, the loud music played in the quads and students who insist on communicating with a friend from a few hundred yards away. Every evening when I get out of class, I get to come home to my own place and enjoy a little peace and quiet.

Above all else, I love living off campus because it's a little like home without actually being there. It's a way to learn how to take care of yourself and have the responsibilities that we'll have when we get out of here. Living off campus is the right thing for me, and I urge all of you to get your own apartment sometime during your college career. It's an experience of a lifetime ... a home away from home.

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Campus living has some perks

ife in the residence halls can be difficult to bear. The lack of space can drive any mortal insane. Those who are claustrophobic need not apply for residency in the residence halls.



Everybody knows everybody else's business, whether you like it or not. Roommates sometimes smell bad.

Community Showers? Yuck! Horror stories of athlete's foot and jungle rot dominate tales of miserable residence hall experiences, but flipflops are always an option. But at least it beats a shower in prison or even high school gym class. Thank God that I only share a shower with three other guys because I live in a two-room suite.

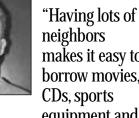
Quiet hours have a wide range of bearings on most residents. Some students need silence after dark and others find it difficult to turn down their music after 10 p.m. Sleep patterns vary greatly between residents. Similar schedules of students aren't the norm. One roommate might be a night owl while the other has a rooster in his or her head that crows at sunrise every morning. No matter what the designated quiet hours are, somebody's bound to be upset.

Dining Service gets old quick because of the lack of meal rotation. Ask any residence hall resident if they're excited about dinner that evening. Unless they're eating out, the answer will usually be a definitive "no." And alternatives are limited. There is only so much microwave popcorn and Ramen noodles any remotely healthy person can take.

But life in the residence halls isn't all a torturous experience. Students might not like dorm food, but overworked students generally don't enjoy slaving in front of a stove all day or dishing out big bucks to score a pizza every evening. For me, French toast at 3 a.m. is no longer an option like it is back home, but that's a miniscule price to pay for not having a stove on hand.

The lack of privacy can actually bring people closer together. Although sibling rivalries have helped prepare students for the move away from home, sometimes paired-up roommates aren't compatible.

This is my third semester of residence hall life, and now I have had two separate roommates. Neither of them I'd consider soul mates by any stretch of the imagination, but they have



makes it easy to borrow movies, Mike Prokop equipment and even clothes."

both grown on me gradually. I value both of their friendships, even though we have very few common interests.

Friends will be made quickly once you move into the residence whether you expect to or not, whether you're Mrs. Friendly

or Mr. Antisocial. I made many friends that used to live in my building but have since moved out to a different part of Charleston. We are still tight despite the fact very few of them have much in common with me. I still meet new people from my building almost daily.

I use myself as an example because, when I transferred here 14 months ago, I was the ideal image of a new student. I had about two friends. They were close, and I felt like an outsider. But during the first weekend, I met other friends that I expect to know for a while to come.

Plus, having lots of neighbors makes it easy to borrow movies, CDs, sports equipment and even clothes.

The location of the residence halls also is beneficial to on-campus living. Every class on campus is a short strut away. An automobile is seen much more as a luxury than a necessity.

There also are jobs available in the very buildings in which students dwell. This might eliminate excuses for being late to work, and the pay at these jobs is usually dirt, but there is no waste in time and money for transportation if your job is in the building.

Dorm students have fixed expenses. No need to be overwhelmed by bills because they've all been paid for at once, with the exception of the phone bill. The power or water will never get shut off on you. The temperature variation of the water is an entirely different story.

So, I tried to give a brief crash course on life in the residence halls, and I still can't encourage or discourage living in one.

Freshmen have no choice, sorry to say. They're stuck in the residence halls, at least for the first year, but at least they'll know that every other incoming freshmen is in the same boat as

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