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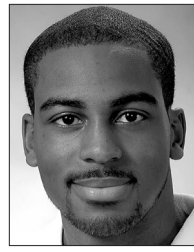
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WIN SMALL!

The HERC challenges students to lose in Biggest Loser-style program.

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TOBLER PROFILE

JaRod Tobler began work as an Eastern assistant track and field coach on Monday. Tobler is an Aurora native and an Illinois State graduate. See his story.

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Research needs grant money

University office, council gives funds to researchers

By Sara Cuadrado
University Reporter

Ever since he was an undergraduate student, Gary Bulla, biological sciences professor, said he has been interested in how genes were controlled.

Thanks to funding from a research grant from the university, he has finally been able to pursue his passion.

"The more I learned, the more fascinated I became with the topic," Bulla said.

Bulla said he entered a Ph.D. program where he studied how viruses controlled their genes. He also attended a seminar where the speaker described his research about how humans control gene expression.

"I was so excited by what I heard that I immediately requested to join his lab for a fellowship," Bulla said.

Nowadays, Bulla is doing his own research focused on understanding how different cells in a body know to turn on some genes and turn off other genes depending on where they are in the body.

He said control of gene expression is the foundation of all life.

Bulla said his group of undergraduate and graduate students have made progress identifying key factors involved in dictating gene expression.

"We are using cutting-edge technology to explore these issues even further," Bulla said.

Bulla said that, without the grant, it would be impossible to afford the supplies for his research.

Bob Chesnut, ex-officio for the office of research and sponsored programs, said the university sets aside money for these grants.

Chesnut said there is a council that chooses the recipients of the grants with representation of two people from each college.

Faculty that wish to receive a grant must submit an application explaining the research they want to do. The council reads through all the applications and meets to discuss who should receive the grants.

The council also uses a score sheet to rate each application. Bulla said he has applied for and received many grants over the past several years from different sources.

Coming together to help

Black Knights help transition soldiers into students

By Kristy Mellendorf
Staff Reporter

Garnishing support. Finding camaraderie.

The Black Knights of the Embarrass were originally established around the time of the Korean War. They provided a place for veterans of war to turn to upon returning home from war.

A big increase in the Black Knights occurred around the Vietnam War.

The current membership was established in the fall of last year. Their aim is to help soldiers transition to students.

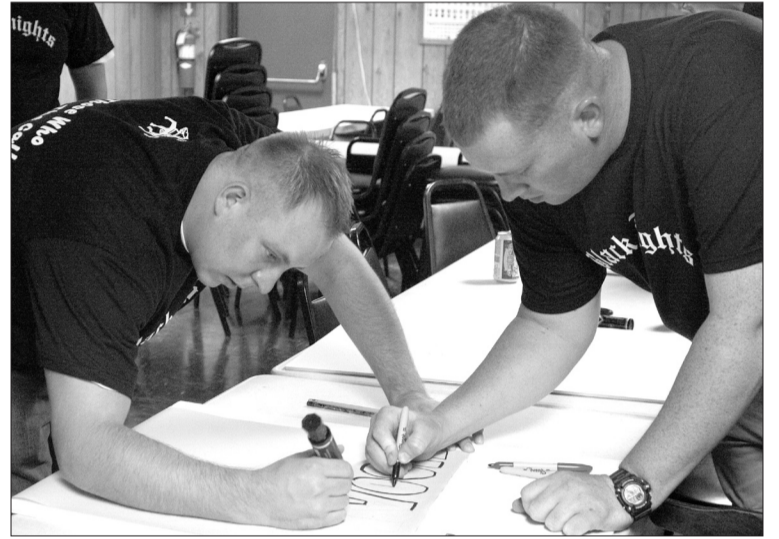
"If the soldier has a problem, it can be hard to talk a psychologist and getting help," said Jason Adamiec, a non-degree graduate student. "It's easier to talk to someone who has been through what you have been through."

Adamiec enjoys the camaraderie of the Black Knights. Since being discharged, he has missed talking to people who understand. Sometimes these are the only people that get his sense of humor.

Adamiec has been a member of the Knights since its re-establishment, when a constitution was written and members needed to be recruited.

The Knights spent the entire fall semester last year recruiting. During the spring semester, the Knights hosted a "Kiss the Hero" event in which Hershey's Kisses were handed out to supporters.

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Black Knight member Jason Adamiec, a Marine infantry veteran and graduate student, decorates a poster for the Hero Homecoming event with fellow member Sean Meehan, an Army infantry veteran and junior business major. The Black Knights helped organize the event, which will take place Wednesday in the MLK Jr. University Union.

ON THE WALL OF FAME

Teachers of the Year honored with new wall of fame in Buzzard Hall

By Katie Anderson
Campus Editor

His silhouette will represent all of the Illinois Teachers of the Year past and present. To Joe Father-ee, the 2006-2007 Illinois Teacher of the Year, he is an inspiration and the father of the Teacher of the Year Program.

He is 87-year-old Willard Widerberg and a teacher down to his shiny red apple lapel pin. He is proud to be a teacher.

Fifty-three years ago Widerberg won the Teacher of the Year award, the first year the state awarded the honor. That same year, Widerberg also earned the National Teacher of the Year honor and received congratulations from President Dwight D. Eisenhower with his wife Dorothy and their four children in tow.

Despite the honor and what it has done for Widerberg, he takes his greatest pride in his students.

He remembers one specific boy, Freddie, "a freckle-faced kid who had it bad and was just teased all the time."

Widerberg remembers the boy lived across from the school and at one point things got so bad that his family was kicked out of their house and the whole school could see the family's belongings on the lawn.

Freddie had been held back a year but Widerberg saw something



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Bill Perry talks with Willard Widerberg in Buzzard Hall before the Illinois Teacher of the Year Hall of Fame dedication. Widerberg was the first Teacher of the Year in the state of Illinois in 1954.

in him.

"I told him if you get your things together and get your work done, and don't miss a one, I'll put you forward to the grade you're supposed to be in at the end of the year."

Freddie did.

"This gentleman has never failed since," Widerberg said proudly. Widerberg and Freddie are still close today, more than 30 years later. Fred Dickey is now a writer for the Los Angeles Times.

Widerberg was one of many distinguished guests during Mon-

day night's unveiling of the Illinois Teacher of the Year Hall of Fame Wall and Dedication program. The wall is in the education wing of Buzzard Hall.

Widerberg was the last of four speakers at the event and told the assembly of former teachers of the year and Eastern faculty, what the honor had meant to him and how it had changed his life.

He said it would be impossible to recount all the ways which his life changed after he was awarded the honor in 1954, but there were

three main things he knew for his title given him:

"Honor and power. People believed in me. And this gave me added confidence. I was promoted to the principal of an elementary school and gave me credibility and ability," he said.

He said the honor gave him the ability to become a leader and work with others to gain better insight and implement innovative teaching ideas.

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WEATHER OUTLOOK

TODAY
75° | 47°
Partly cloudy



WEDNESDAY
71° | 45°
Sunny



THURSDAY
78° | 54°
Sunny



Teacher of year speaks

TEACHERS, FROM PAGE 1

"My perspective was broadened about the ability of one person to affect change in our schools," he said.

Second, he talked about how publicity found him and how his new role in the public eye helped him uncover his strengths and challenged him to apply them to community organizations.

Widerberg also shared the confirmation the award gave him, and continues to give him when he attends events like the wall dedication.

"Teaching, has the ultimate influence on students as role models, dream weavers, confidants and friends, the list goes on and on," he said. "It's awe-inspiring to think about it, isn't it? I'm proud to be a teacher and if the opportunity ever was arising again, I'd be a teacher again."

The dedication also featured speeches by Diane Jackman, the Dean of the College of Education, Eastern President Bill Perry and Fatheree.

Jackman highlighted Eastern's strong commitment to creating teachers and announced that over 370 students have been placed in student teaching this fall in the surrounding communities.

She also explained brief history of how the concept of the Hall of Fame wall came to be, it was "brainchild of Joe Fatheree," she said.

Perry talked about the nearly 125-year history of Eastern as a teaching school from the first days when a committee in the state sen-

EASTERN'S PRIVILEGED FEW

• The Illinois Teacher of the Year Wall of Fame was unveiled in Buzzard Hall on Monday evening. The first award was given in 1954 and four Eastern alumni have received the honor. Here they are:

- Ruth Hawkins 1973-74
- Peggy Allan 1988-89
- Robert Grimm 2002-03
- Joe Fatheree 2007-08

ate concluded that the state could use additional teaching training schools for its residents.

He concluded with a personal story about his own 10th and 11th grade math teacher, whose dedication to her craft in hard times inspired him to become a math teacher and pursue a career in education.

For Fatheree, teachers of the year have one thing in common, they love the students, and their workdays go beyond 3:30 p.m.

"It's not about our names on the wall. It's about the names of the children that we will never know that we touched at times," he said during the speech.

He finished with a call to all teachers to think to the future and how they can help prepare future teachers for the challenge of connecting the curriculum to the world around them.

After Fatheree and Widerberg concluded, the group of 11 Teachers of the Year filed out of Buzzard Auditorium and down the hallway followed by more than 50 family members and Eastern faculty in attendance.

The Teachers of the Year reached

up and beamed with pride as together they pulled down the blue paper veil to reveal the Wall of Fame.

They laughed as members eager to take their photos scolded them to "find their name after the pictures were taken."

The wall features a history of the award on the left side.

In the center, is a plaque with the names and years of all of the past State of Illinois Teachers of the Year and a plaque of blank spaces for future teachers to come. The spaces, Dean Jackman said in her address, will inspire students as they pass the wall everyday.

The right side has photos and short biographies of the four past winners who are Eastern alumni.

A large photo of Fatheree, resides in a center spot reserved for current teachers of the year.

At the top of the wall, on either side of the title plaque, are two empty circular frames that will be filled with the new symbol for the new Teacher of the Year award.

On the one side will be the seal of the state of Illinois and on the other, the silhouette of Willard Widerberg.

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GIFTS PODCAST

Online Reporter Eugenia Jefferson sat down with Karla Evens, executive director of development at the Neal Welcome Center to find out more about unusual gifts Eastern Alumni have donated to the school.



TEACHER PODCAST

Eastern is now the home of the Illinois Teacher of the Year Hall of Fame. Willard Widerberg, the first Illinois teacher of the year in 1954, and Eastern President Bill Perry spoke on the importance of teachers.

ONLINE POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think graduate assistants should be allowed to teach classes at Eastern?

A. Yes B. No

Poll results and next week's question will be on **Page 5** of Friday's edition of The Daily Eastern News.

Royal Heights
New Immediate Openings
1, 2, and 3 person rates
3 Bedroom Apartments
(Behind Subway)
New Carpet/Furniture • 1 1/2 bathrooms
Free Covered Parking • Onsite Laundry • Dishwasher
Close to Campus • Call SOON for signing BONUS
For Info Call Becky at 345-0936

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victims of sexual assault
Training begins September 30th
Call office 348-5033, 8 am – 5 pm, M – F
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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA
FALL 2007 RUSH
Rock'n in ESA
Sept 11th-7pm-Informational in Effingham Room
Sept 12th-530pm-Business meeting in the Effingham Room
Sept 13th-7pm-Fun Night in the Charleston/Mattoon Room
Sept 15th-6pm-Benefit Concert in the Grand Ballroom
*All Events located in the Union
For more information: e-mail epsigal@eiu.edu

Check out our newly redesigned website with slideshows, podcasts, and stories @ dennews.com

Diversity sparks discussion

Book initiates communication among students and faculty

By Courtney Bruner
Staff Reporter

Eastern students and professors alike gathered Monday night to talk about the conflicts facing the characters in the university's latest required reading – and how some of those conflicts face students today.

"Diversity is important to campus," said communications professor Angela Aguayo, one of the discussion leaders from Monday's discussion concerning issues from the book "A Hope in the Unseen" by Ron Suskind.

"A Hope in the Unseen" is based on inner-city teenager Cedric Jennings, who goes from a poor high school to Brown University, an Ivy League school. Jennings faces many hardships and many issues are discussed and shown in these book.

All freshmen were required to read the book as part of the EIU Reads program.

"Most students can relate to something (in the book)," said Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College.

Students and staff discussed multicultural and gender issues from the book and those issues around campus.

Some topics discussed included

the special treatment of some groups over others, such as athletes versus the general public. Also, students and staff discussed how diversity was a good thing overall.

"Different talents help us learn more and makes us have something for the job world," Aguayo said.

In "A Hope in the Unseen," Jennings is confronted with the idea of being different from even students who are also black. He distances himself during his time at the university because he felt different coming from the inner city.

"We might look alike, but we are not alike," said Monica Zeigler, an academic adviser and chair of the Campus Advising Network.

Issues of gender sparked conversation within the group from issues shown in the book. Gender was discussed as playing a role in who a person is and how they react to certain situations, like having the ability to show intelligence. The book shows it can be easier for a female to express this more than a male.

Other topics that were debated included the need for diversity and roommate conflicts as were written within the book. The staff encourages all students to discuss issues with their roommate. Fitting in to school was spoken about as well.

Many students felt that they would attend the next meeting on October 24.

The EIU Reads Committee also plans to expand the program. Next year, all new students, including



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Discussion leaders Terrance Brooks, Angela Aguayo and Monica Zeigler listen to the feedback on topics presented in Ron Suskind's novel, "A Hope in the Unseen". The discussion group consisted mostly of freshmen and transfer students and was a follow-up to the initial discussion that took place prior to classes starting.

transfer students, will be required to participate. It is the plan that in a few years all students will have participated in the program.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 24 and will concern the educational issues within the book.

THE BIGGEST WINNER

Sometimes losing is gaining

EIU holds campus competition for the next ten weeks

By Taylor Thompson
Staff Reporter

Become the winner by being the biggest loser.

The Biggest Winner: You Got-a Lose It to Win It competition hits campus.

The Health Education Resource Center has created a competitive program, The Biggest Winner, based off the NBC television series The Biggest Loser.

For those not familiar with the series, participants go through a lifestyle change over a period of time by introducing a healthy eating plan, exercise and learning self-control.

Eastern's version is similar to the television series.

The Biggest Winner program is a ten-week lifestyle-changing program, which combines nutrition and physical activity requirements for participants to engage in.

Participants are required to complete eight weeks of workouts at least three days per week and to attend eight nutrition presentations or programs through the 10 weeks.

Also required is attending Tuesday night meetings.

Participants have the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with a nutritionist to discuss their eating habits and learn what

10 Steps for a Healthier Weight:

1. Assess your readiness
2. Make a plan
3. Read nutrition labels
4. Eat well away from home
5. Focus
6. Eat meals
7. Get moving
8. Seek support
9. Keep it up
10. Reward yourself

can be changed to help obtain a healthy lifestyle.

"The program is designed for all Eastern Illinois University students, faculty, and staff," said nutrition education coordinator Dawn Wilcox. "To qualify for the program you must be willing to making a lifestyle change."

All participants are kept confidential and are known only by a participant number that is received at registration.

The meeting held Monday was the last informational meeting before the competition officially starts.

The information provided includes sizing up your servings, nutrition tips and a pocket guide to eating out.

Times for presentations and programs vary but are a required part of the competition. Some topics for these covered sessions include Why we eat the way we do, portion size distortion and getting the most out of your workout.

The Biggest Winner male and female is determined by the great-



AMIR PRELLBERG | DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore finance major Jasmine Montiel tests her pulse outside the Martinville Room in Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday afternoon. The thought originated from the NBC show "The Biggest Loser."

est percent loss of body fat and the most presentation and workout sessions attended.

"It is a ten-week program that will show beginning results that should be continued, as the program is only part of an entire lifestyle change," Wilcox said.

The winners will be announced at 5 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students and faculty members may still join the program until Friday at 4 p.m. by registering with Dawn Wilcox in Health Services.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Knights selling paper flags and gold stars

The Black Knights of the Embarrass are selling paper flags and gold stars for people to write their names on to show support for the returning Mattoon National Guard unit.

The funds raised from the sale will be used for a welcome home dinner the Black Knights will be providing for the unit.

A support banner will also be available for people to sign. The banner will be put on display at the dinner.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 12 and 13 in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A \$1-5 donation will get a flag, while a donation of more than \$5 will get a gold star.

Informational for EIU Student Federation

An informational meeting for the EIU Student Federation is taking place tonight.

The EIU Student Federation works to advance and promote educational and political issues. It is also associated with the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO.

Tonight's meeting will be from 6 to 7 p.m. in Buzzard Hall, Room 2504.

— Matt Hopf, associate news editor

ON CAMPUS

TODAY

Event | Blood Drive
Time | 1 p.m.
Location | Andrews Hall basement
More info | 581-6435

BLOTTER

A 2004 Toyota was struck and damaged by another vehicle on Sept. 6 while parked in the east Buzzard Hall staff lot.

A 2000 Kia was damaged on Sept. 7 as it was parked in the Credit Union One parking lot.

A 2007 Ford was struck and damaged by another while on Sept. 9 while parked in the University Court parking lot.

CORRECTION

On Page 3 of Monday's edition of the Daily Eastern News, it was incorrectly reported that Bud is Bonnie Irwin's husband. The second moderator is Bud Fischer.

The DEN regrets the error.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SCOTT'S LAW ANOTHER
REASON TO PULL OVER

Matt Hopf's column, "Move over or pull over," on Sept. 6 raises valid points, but misses a critical one.

Changing lanes and reducing speed when approaching emergency vehicles or stranded drivers is not a matter of courtesy; it's a matter of the law.

Scott's Law requires all Illinois drivers to take these safety procedures when they see one of these situations.

The law is named after a Chicago firefighter who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver on the Dan Ryan Expressway in 2001.

James "Shib" Miller was a firefighter from Sesser, in Southern Illinois, who was struck by a bus after the driver allegedly fell asleep.

Miller was finishing cleaning supplies off the road after his department responded to a semi accident when he was killed in the line of duty.

Shib's Law is currently being planned, and it will further enforce safety for these emergency responders on the highways.

Both of these men's deaths were avoidable, as are the hundreds of other Scott's Law violations that occur each year.

More than 4,800 violations of the law have been recorded by Illinois State Police this year, resulting in 21 squad cars being damaged and seven officers being injured.

If we all just slow down and pay attention on the roadways, these people can be protected.

They put their lives in serious danger every day, and we can do these little things to help keep them safe.

Adam Testa
2007 Alumnus

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

The Daily Eastern News has a weekly spot open on Wednesdays for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a column.

For more information contact **Graham Milldrum**, the Opinions Editor, at 581-7942 or at DENopinions@gmail.com.

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | ADAM TEDDER



GUEST EDITORIAL

Military wants you, but
don't leave out details

Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — Want to go to college? Want a career?

Undecided about your future? Join the military.

Lately, it seems like Uncle Sam wants you to be all that you can be, as long as it involves a stint with the U.S. armed forces. For those who truly want to be in the armed forces, this is a great option.

Our country will always need people willing to defend it, and we support that. But we don't support the government's rather shady recruitment strategies.

We've all sat through the speeches in our high school government classes and heard the spiels back when people still answered their home phones.

The military wants you.

For many, this call goes unanswered.

For high school students with the money or the grades to pursue their preferred career or college, the choice is theirs alone.

They can serve in the military if they want, but they don't have to rely on it to open future doors.

But what about the C-average students who aren't offered grade-based scholarships?

Or the students whose parents can't afford to send them to college and don't know how to fill out the FAFSA?

For them, the money the military offers for a few years of their time is much more enticing.

When they complete their service, the military will pay for college or job training. They can do whatever they like, a freedom they wouldn't find if they immediately entered the workforce.

In times of peace, this offer is a steal, but in

EDITORIAL POLICY

This editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Kent Stater editorial board. Reach the DEN opinions editor at: DENopinions@gmail.com

times of war, it is much more malignant.

Our government has been at war with "terrorism" for close to six years and has used a lot of resources. The death count for Operation Iraqi Freedom alone is past the 3,000 mark.

When the military representatives talk about the great experiences they can offer these young, impressionable students, many of whom are still minors, they don't mention what it's like to go to war against an unfamiliar people or how many of those who sign up might never make it back.

Adults who choose to enter the military know what they're taking on, and that's admirable.

But the way the government targets and tempts high school students whose options are limited by their family's economic status is just wrong. The No Child Left Behind Act also leaves no high schooler out of military recruiting efforts.

The act has a provision allowing military recruiters to request the names, addresses and phone numbers of all students in a school. Students can opt out of this provision, but it is buried so far in the document that many don't know it exists.

More information needs to be available during the recruiting process so the 16- and 17-year-olds involved can make an informed choice.

It's not all adventures and education — it's their lives.

And hiding that fact behind dollar signs and dreams of glory is dangerously misleading.

COLUMN |
KATIE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

KATIE ANDERSON

Dad knows
how to be
a 'real man'

I spent this weekend working with my father in a 7-by-14-foot ice cream and doughnut trailer serving thousands of hungry patrons at the Sandwich Fair.

"Candy Leif," "Anderson," "that older guy with the doughnuts," my father, is 57 years old and happier to be alive now than he has been in any preceding year of his life.

Part of the reason, he'd tell you at great length if you allowed him, is because he finally knows what it means to be a "real man."

The conversation happened in pieces throughout the weekend. It began between a hot fudge sundae with everything but nuts, and a chocolate malt.

I whirled around from my post at the freezer and I saw him smashing the top of a Hershey's syrup bottle against the counter.

I couldn't believe it. This behavior I would expect to see out of some twenty-year old at a house party, but from my dad?

I laughed at the sight and asked, "You can't possibly think that is the best way to open that?"

He looked down, laughed at himself and said, "Well, no, but I felt cool doing it."

This brought to mind other times I had caught him in similar acts. Our family is predominantly males and the familiar chant of "Anderson Men, Anderson Men" can be heard right before some piece of furniture gets thrown into a burn pile.

Yet somehow, I respect these men like few others I have known.

That night we continued to talk about my father and his life.

We talked about men we'd both known at the fairs, those we'd know from church, school, and other areas of our lives too.

At the end of it all he told me he has known a lot of "real men" during his life. Usually terms like this confuse me; however, this time, I think I knew what he meant.

For my father, the defining characteristic of real men is that they show love. Love for their wives and families, love for their work and a kind of secure love for themselves. For my father, real men finish what they start and make good on their word. Real men work until the job is done right. Whether it is teaching their child to throw a ball or getting a recipe just right, real men, even when it makes them seem stubborn, work tirelessly until the job is done right.

Real men willingly give their time, advice, money, and so on, even if it is outside their means, because they know they all belong to the same bigger picture. And real men aren't too proud to show they care. They hug their children in public and are not too timid or proud to hold their wife's hands in front of their friends.

As most conversations with my father end with some sort of joke, this one followed suit as he told me, "I wish I had this sage-like wisdom in my youth." Which is why, even though I am a girl, I am writing this column today.

CITY

Cash prizes at stake weekly

Moose Lodge on the square hosts Bingo every Thursday night

By Rob Siebert
Staff Reporter

It's 6:55 on a Thursday night, and the Moose Lodge is buzzing with anticipation.

Bingo Night has arrived again, and a lucky few will be leaving with their wallets a little thicker.

"It's a good luck night," says Jim Snyder, the caller. "We've got a big old rainbow out the back door."

The Moose Lodge, a family-friendly club and bar, has been hosting bingo on Thursday nights since 1983. Players can win cash prizes that range from \$50 to a grand prize of \$500. Each week, the Lodge averages about 200 attendees and gives away \$1,400.

Jack Logue, a bingo caller at the lodge since 1985, estimates that during the past 15 years, Eastern students began to hear about the cash prizes through word of mouth and began attending regularly.

B-I-N-G-O FACTS

- **What:** Bingo Night at the Moose Lodge
- **Where:** 615 Seventh St. in Charleston
- **When:** Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

BEGINNER'S GUIDE

When a bingo caller says certain letter and number combinations, the crowd responds with a predetermined reaction. Don't be one of those few who doesn't know.
B-4 - "And after!"
B-9 - "It's not a tumor!"
O-66 - "Oh clickety click!"
O-69 - "Oooooooo!"

Theresa Coleman, a senior elementary education major, is one such student. Coleman won \$50 on what was only her second bingo night.

"My friends come out here, and they tell me it's a lot of fun," Coleman said. "So I thought I'd give it a try."

Today's bingo crowds are a mix of older, local residents and Eastern students, who tend to let out a collective "Awww" when someone calls bingo.

Logue said students and residents almost never come into conflict with one another. But there are isolated incidents.

"Occasionally, the older people get bothered by the bad language more than anything," Logue said.

Logue occasionally has to remind students that they aren't

at a bar, and that they need to keep their language clean as well as their voices down.

"You can always tell when guys have had enough," he said.

Mattoon residents and people from as far as Villa Grove often attend bingo night, Logue said.

Villa Grove resident and regular bingo player Joyce Gabbery, who played alongside her friend Martha Clark, enjoys the students' enthusiasm.

"They're fun," Gabbery said. "We like the energy. We like the chatter."

The fact bingo night is at a bar is an incentive for Steve Courtney, a senior education major, who split \$140 with another winner.

When asked what he would do with his newly won cash, Courtney replied: "I'm drinking all night long."

Veterans group helps

KNIGHTS, FROM PAGE 1

Sophomore communications major Eric Torte wanted to keep expanding the Black Knights, as eventually current members will leave.

The current project is to plan a welcome home event for the Mattoon National Guard Unit returning home in the next couple of months.

Adamic estimates that almost 200 students on campus have military backgrounds.

Adamic spent five years in the United States Marine Corps before being officially discharged last year. His tours of duty include time spent in Kosovo, Djibouti and Iraq.

Torte has been active with the Army for four years. Both of his tours of duty were in Iraq.

"I've learned to be grateful for everything," Adamic said. "I notice the small things like toilets that flush instead of six-foot moats of raw sewage surrounding towns."

Torte has grown more passionate for the war since being deployed.

"Now that I've been over there, I just see the potential of what can be done over there," Torte said.

Adamic also sees something that angers him since being deployed. "Politics has no place in war," he said.

Adamic comes from a military family, with his uncle recently retiring from

37 years of service with the United States Marine Corps.

"My family is a huge factor in my service," he said. "I feel a huge sense of duty for my country and all the things I have. I feel the need to give back."

Torte enlisted in the Army right after high school.

"I just wasn't wanting to go to college at the time," Torte said.

When enlisting in the armed forces, an applicant must sign up for eight years.

Not all of it must be active duty - an applicant can sign up for two years of active duty and six years of inactive duty. During the inactive duty, the soldier can expect to be called up at any time if needed.

Adamic entered the service with the delayed entry program.

The delayed entry program is a promise to enlist.

He made the promise nine months before graduation, and enlisted immediately after graduation.

Now, Adamic finds it hard to not be in the military after his discharge. He is currently studying speech pathology, unsure if he will re-enlist after attaining his degree.

"I've got to figure out which is the more fulfilling way of helping people: the Marines or speech pathology," Adamic said. "I won't know that until I have a job in my field."

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Five men convicted in racketeering trial

CHICAGO — Mobsters beat and strangled two men in a Cicero restaurant while “Strangers in the Night” played softly on the jukebox.

A mobster known as Goombah stuffed another man into a car before he was driven away to his death and a hooded assailant chased a federal witness in an organized crime case and struck him down with a shotgun at point-blank range.

A jury that heard such testimony for the last 10 weeks at Chicago’s biggest mob trial in years convicted five men Monday in a racketeering conspiracy that involved decades of extortion, loan sharking and murders.

Organized crime experts said the trial was extraordinary because it put a spotlight on old unsolved murders — including that of Tony “The Ant” Spilotro, who inspired the Joe Pesci character in the movie “Casino.”

“This is a tremendous win for government prosecutors,” said James Wagner, president of the Chicago Crime Commission and a former FBI agent.

A woman who was a relative of one murder victim wept and shook visibly as the verdicts were read. Ron Seifert, the brother of one of those gunned down, told a reporter that the guilty verdicts gave him “a good feeling.”

“It shows that justice has been done,” he said.

The defendants remained stone faced at the verdicts. But alleged mob capo Joseph “Joey the Clown” Lombardo afterward shook his cane in the air for emphasis as he spoke heatedly with defense attorney Rick Halprin.

Besides Lombardo, 78, those convicted were alleged mob boss James Marcello, 65; convicted loan shark Frank Calabrese, 70; convicted jewel thief Paul Schiro, 70; and retired

police officer Anthony Doyle, 62.

In addition to racketeering conspiracy, the jury convicted Marcello of gambling charges and obstruction of justice. It found Calabrese guilty of bookmaking and extortion of so-called street tax — similar to protection money — from a Chicago restaurant.

Jurors also convicted Lombardo of obstruction of justice for going on the lam after the indictment was unsealed.

He was the object of a manhunt for eight months before an FBI organized crime squad caught him — wild-haired and disheveled — in a suburban alley on a freezing night in January 2006.

The jury was to decide later what responsibility the defendants have in each of the 18 murders listed in the indictment.

Four of the defendants — all but Doyle — are accused of taking part in at least one of the murders.

They face life in prison if the jurors hold them responsible for at least one murder and additionally find that the killing involved “exceptionally brutal and heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty.”

The trial brought the inner workings of the mob to public view.

Witnesses told of clandestine rituals where those initiated into the mob as “made guys” had their fingers cut, held burning holy pictures and vowed never to divulge the innermost secrets of the Chicago Outfit.

Jurors saw and heard murky tapes of Calabrese, in federal prison for loan sharking, talk with his son, Frank Jr., and Doyle, allegedly about mob business.

Doyle took the stand in his own defense and claimed that he had never understood what Calabrese was trying to tell him and described it as “mind boggling gibberish.”

STATE BRIEFS

Ameren to begin mailing rebates on Wednesday

EAST ST. LOUIS — Ameren executives hustled across the utility’s Illinois turf Monday to trumpet what they say the state’s customers have clamored for: Rebates and bill credits, totaling \$140 million, bound for mailboxes as relief from soaring electric rates.

The mailings, starting Wednesday, promise each customer at least \$85 back initially. Ameren said the mailings will be closely synched to the company’s billing cycle.

All Ameren Illinois customers will get at least \$100 back by the end of the year — \$85 through the initial checks or credits, the rest through monthly credits for the rest of 2007. Customers who don’t use electric to heat their homes will get about \$130 back this year, and customers who have electric heat will get back about \$400. Customers using massive amounts of electricity will see \$1,000 or more in rebates and credits.

Statute of limitations on rape accusation changed

SPRINGFIELD — Accusations against soul singer James Brown have inspired a change in the Illinois law on rape lawsuits.

Right now, a person claiming rape has two years to file a civil lawsuit in Illinois. But a law signed Monday will suspend the statute of limitations when the victim has been intimidated or manipulated into staying quiet.

The law takes effect Jan. 1 and doesn’t make any change in the handling of criminal charges.

The shift is a response to a legal defeat for a Woodstock resident named Jacque Hollander, a former publicist for Brown, who died late last year. She says the singer raped her at gunpoint in 1988 and threatened to have her killed if she told anyone.

Fox Sports broadcaster faces drug charge

PEORIA — Central Illinois prosecutors charged one-time NFL player and former Fox Sports broadcaster Bill Maas on Monday with drug possession and weapons charges stemming from a July roadside safety check. Maas, 45, was charged with two felony counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance after Illinois State Police found nearly 6 grams of cocaine in his Hummer and .2 grams of Ecstasy, said Tazewell County State’s Attorney Stewart Umholtz.

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NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Director wants overseas conversations monitored

WASHINGTON — Weapons of mass destruction, small boats packed with explosives and Islamic radicalization are the greatest terrorist threats facing the country, top U.S. security officials said Monday on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The officials told Congress the country is much better prepared to face terror threats than it was then, but that terrorists' desire to attack the United States remains strong — an assertion that has yet to be fully accepted by the American public.

Thompson: bin Laden will get due process

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Republican presidential contender Fred Thompson said Monday that while Osama bin Laden needs to be caught and killed, the terrorist mastermind would get the due process of law.

In his first campaign trip to South Carolina, the lawyer and former Tennessee senator answered questions about his recent statements concerning the man considered responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 Americans.

The remarks drew criticism from some Democratic rivals. Later in the day, Thompson adopted a tougher line, saying bin Laden "ought to be caught and killed."

Petraeus outlines troop withdrawals

New plans receive chilly response from anti-war Democrats

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush doesn't exactly need permission from his commanding general to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq. But it never hurts, and he's got it anyway.

Gen. David Petraeus outlined plans Monday for the withdrawal of 30,000 troops by next summer, drawing praise from the White House but a chilly reception from anti-war Democrats.

Petraeus said a 2,000-member Marine unit would return home this month without replacement in the first sizable cut since a 2003 U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein and unleashed sectarian violence.

Further "force reductions will continue," he told a nationally televised congressional hearing that was frequently interrupted by anti-war protesters.

Petraeus said it would be "premature to make recommendations on the pace," and he recommended that President Bush wait until March 2008 to make any decisions.

The cuts he outlined would return the U.S. force to levels in place when Bush ordered a buildup last winter to allow the Iraqi government time to forge a reconciliation among feuding factions.

Petraeus slid into the witness

chair at a politically pivotal moment in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,700 U.S. troops in more than four years. The Pentagon reported nine deaths on Monday.

The president invited congressional leaders to a meeting Tuesday at the White House and is expected to make a nationwide speech on the war in the next few days. White House press secretary Tony Snow said Bush will place a lot of weight on his general's recommendations.

Snow said Bush "liked what he heard last week" when he was briefed on Petraeus' plans. "But he is commander in chief and it will be up to him to make final determinations about what he will recommend," the spokesman noted.

Inside the crowded congressional hearing room, Rep. Tom Lantos, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told Petraeus his proposal amounted to only a "token withdrawal" after years of war.

"What I recommended was a very substantial withdrawal," the general replied evenly from the witness chair, his uniform adorned by four gleaming general's stars and nine rows of medals. "Five Army brigade combat teams, a Marine Expeditionary Unit and two Marine battalions represent a very significant force."

Petraeus referred only obliquely to political difficulties in Iraq, saying, "Lack of adequate governmental capacity, lingering sectarian mistrust and various forms of corruption add to Iraq's challenges."

As for the much-maligned Iraqi

military, he said it is slowly gaining competence and gradually "taking on more responsibility for their security."

Petraeus didn't say so, but Ambassador Ryan Crocker, the day's only other witness, strongly suggested that the administration's troop buildup had prevented a debacle.

Crocker said 2006 was a "bad year for Iraq. The country came close to unraveling politically, economically and in security terms. 2007 has brought improvement."

Petraeus is both the architect and the commander of last winter's change in strategy, and private Republican polls show him with greater public credibility than the president.

Majority Democrats returned from a summer vacation determined to call for a troop withdrawal deadline, and the administration has been laboring to prevent wholesale Republican defections.

In long-awaited testimony, the commanding general of the war said last winter's buildup in U.S. troops had met its military objectives "in large measure."

As a result, "I believe that we will be able to reduce our forces to the pre-surge level ... by next summer without jeopardizing the security gains we have fought so hard to achieve."

Outside the hearing room, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said he hoped Petraeus' testimony could lead to a bipartisan consensus.

That seemed unlikely. "This is simply unacceptable," said Speaker Nancy Pelosi in a written statement. Inside the hearing, Democratic Rep. Robert Wexler of Florida told Petraeus that despite his assessment, most independent experts say Bush's so-called surge in troop strength has failed.

Criticized in advance by some opponents of the war, the general went out of his way to proclaim his independence. "I wrote this testimony myself. It has not been cleared by nor shared with anyone in the Pentagon, the White House or the Congress," he said.

Petraeus said the withdrawal of the Marine unit would be followed in mid-December with the departure of an Army brigade numbering 3,500 to 4,000 soldiers.

After that, another four brigades would be withdrawn by July 2008, he said. That would leave the United States with about 130,000 troops in Iraq. Petraeus conceded that improvements in security in Iraq were uneven across the country.

Ticking off some of the gains, he said, "We have disrupted Shia militia extremists, capturing the head and numerous other leaders of the Iranian-supported Special Groups, along with a senior Lebanese Hezbollah operative supporting Iran's activities in Iraq."

U.S. and Iraqi forces had dealt "significant blows to al-Qaida-Iraq," he said, although he conceded that the terrorist organization remains dangerous.

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Carpenter can use tools in the nude

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — A carpenter caught hammering nails and sawing wood in the nude has been found by a judge to be not guilty of indecent exposure.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Julie Conger ruled Thursday that although Percy Honniball of Oakland was naked, he was not acting lewdly or seeking sexual gratification.

Honniball, 51, was arrested last year after he was spotted building cabinets in the buff at a home where he had been hired to work.

The carpenter has said he likes to work in the nude because it's more comfortable and it helps him keep his clothes clean.

Honniball earned two years' probation in 2003 after being caught three times working naked in Berkeley, which prohibits public nudity. Oakland does not have a similar ban.

Would-be burglar runs off from home with no loot, no clothes

DULUTH, Minn. — A man who allegedly tried to burglarize a home lost his clothes in a scuffle with the 69-year-old homeowner and then tried to streak away before he was arrested.

Wayne and Kathie Boniface returned home from dinner Thursday night at a neighbor's to find the man in their house. Wayne Boniface said the man made the mistake of grabbing his wife.

"As soon as he grabbed my wife, I had him in the kitchen wrestling him to the ground in a headlock and arm-lock," Boniface said.

First, Boniface said, he ripped the man's shirt off. Then, "his head was down over the railing, and in today's world, pants are worn fairly loose. I pulled his pants, and his pants and underpants and shoes came completely off. He was completely nude."

When police asked Boniface if he

could identify the suspect, he said: "Oh, yeah. I believe he's the only guy running nude in Duluth."

The 20-year-old man was apprehended about 20 minutes later. He has been charged with two counts of first-degree burglary. The man's name was not released.

McDonald's employee oversalts burger, jailed by police officer

UNION CITY, Ga. — A McDonald's employee spent a night in jail and is facing criminal charges because a police officer's burger was too salty, so salty that he says it made him sick.

Kendra Bull was arrested Friday, charged with misdemeanor reckless conduct and freed on \$1,000 bail.

Bull, 20, said she accidentally spilled salt on hamburger meat and told her supervisor and a co-worker, who "tried to thump the salt off."

On her break, she ate a burger made with the salty meat. "It didn't make me sick," Bull told the Atlanta

Journal-Constitution.

But then Police Officer Wendell Adams got a burger made with the oversalted meat, and he returned a short time later and told the manager it made him sick. Bull admitted spilling salt on the meat, and Adams took her outside and questioned her, she said.

"If it was too salty, why did (Adams) not take one bite and throw it away?" said Bull, who has worked at the restaurant for five months.

She said she didn't know a police officer got one of the salty burgers because she couldn't see the drive-through window from her work area.

Police said samples of the burger were sent to the state crime lab for tests.

City public information officer George Louth said Bull was charged because she served the burger "without regards to the well being of anyone who might consume it."

Synagogue auctions off lifetime seats for \$1.8 million on eBay

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Just in time for the Jewish high holidays, two lifetime front-row seats to services at a synagogue here are being auctioned off on eBay. The bidding starts at \$1.8 million.

Besides getting to schmooze up front with the rabbi, the lucky winner's family name will be engraved on Seats 1 and 2 of Row 1, Section DD, at Temple Emanu-El. The winner also will receive free parking, two custom-made prayer shawls and yarmulkes, and a hefty tax write-off. Plus, the winning bidder can pass the seats down to his or her children.

The auction ends Monday evening, but as of Saturday afternoon, no one had made a wager. Rose said he wasn't surprised.

He said the auction was more about gaining the attention of Jews who are disconnected from their faith.

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A winning philosophy

AURORA, FROM PAGE 12

Tobler is used to a winning philosophy and doing well under pressure.

He was a member of the 2000 Class AA state championship boys basketball team. Tobler won the title with the West Aurora Blackhawks.

He also finished fourth in the long jump and second in the triple jump his senior year of high school.

"You have to do everything the same," Tobler said. "People try to do more. If you're only job is to add two plus two all the time, why would you add two plus three? The adrenaline's going to there. It's just keeping everything consistent."

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JaRod Tobler, assistant track coach

Eastern's classy move

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They were supposed to play Hawaii and California State-Northridge.

Former Eastern athletic director Rich McDuffie said in 2001 student-athletes had the option to practice that day.

The men's soccer tournament at Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis was also canceled which took place a week later.

The Panthers were supposed to play Appalachian State and IUPUI.

Eastern head coach Adam Howarth said it was a solemn time. The players and the coaches paused and did not practice for two days.

"Everybody was just amazed at what was really going on," Howarth said.

But perhaps the biggest Eastern athletic team to not play was the football team.

Eastern canceled its game against Illinois State Thursday night and never made up the game. Eastern cancelled its sports for that weekend.

And, like all other sports, it

was canceled across the Ohio Valley Conference.

According to the Daily Eastern News archives, Southeast Missouri canceled its women's soccer and volleyball matches.

Sports took a backseat that day.

Pro athletes and Eastern athletes took a long look at the television monitors and didn't see highlights of the night's Major League Baseball game.

It was unusual. I was still in the eighth grade and soccer practice was canceled.

Whether you agree with the aftermath and the violence in the Middle East now, you can't argue with the fact that the country united that day and the following weeks after.

You watched the television monitors and perhaps sat and cried and thought to yourself, tomorrow is another day.

Howarth said the whole day was spent sitting by the television screen.

Eastern was classy and canceled sports in respect to the aftermath of 9-11.

Team dynamic missing

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Sophomore Erin O'Grady won the women's race in 12:15 in the two-mile race, followed by senior Amy LeJeune in 12:35.

Nicole Flounders, a 2007 alumna, was one of the top finishers for the Panthers last year, came in third with a time of 12:36.

Flounders finished first for the team at the NCAA Midwest Regional in 2006.

Flounders ran with O'Grady for most of the race and O'Grady said that really helped her having someone to run with again.

"It was nice just to have her to warm up with and goof around with again," O'Grady said. "I miss her more than anything on the team and her being there just made me feel more relaxed."

Flounders said O'Grady has been running by herself most of the season, because she is ahead of the rest of the team and Flounders was glad to be able to help push her.

I miss her more than anything on the team and her being there just made me feel more relaxed."

Erin O'Grady, sophomore runner

O'Grady said since Flounders left she has to take that top spot and be the leader on the team.

"I really need to work on pacing myself because when Nicole was here I just stuck on her shoulder and let her show me what speed I should be going at and when," O'Grady said. "Now she is not there to do it for me and be that comfort for me."

NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Bears lose safety Brown again

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago lost defensive leader Mike Brown for the season again. An MRI exam Monday revealed the safety suffered a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee at San Diego. Defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek also seriously hurt his left knee and was placed on injured reserve. Brown's season-ender is his third in four years. He was hurt when blocked by fullback Lorenzo Neal.

Pace will be sidelined for the rest of the season

ST. LOUIS — Seven-time Pro

Bowl tackle Orlando Pace tore the labrum and rotator cuff in his right shoulder against Carolina and will be sidelined for the rest of the season. An MRI exam Monday revealed the damage to Pace, the first overall pick of the 1997 draft.

Complicating matters, guard Richie Incognito has a high ankle sprain that kept him out of the opener, and he'll likely miss Sunday's game against the 49ers.

Ramirez hits 2 homers; Cubs beat Cardinals 12-3

CHICAGO — The Cubs will gladly pardon the interruption of their 10-

game trip.

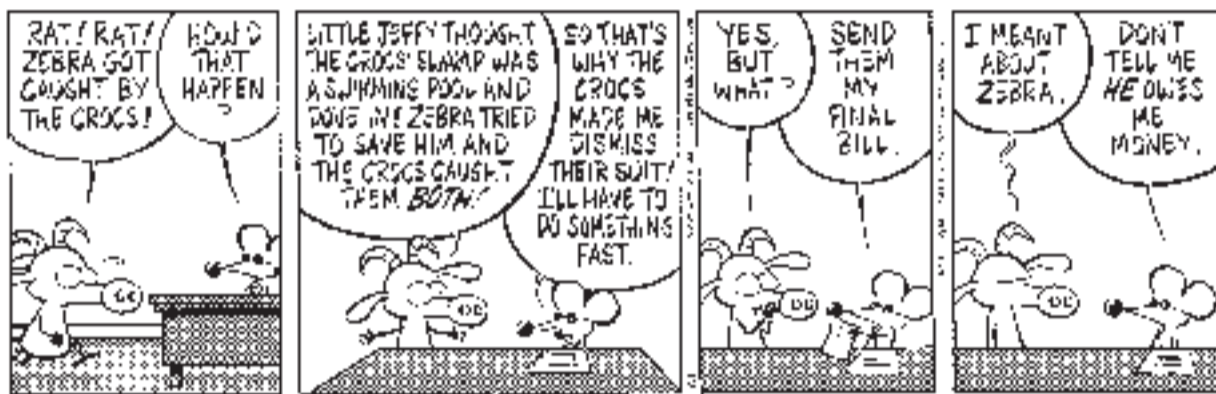
Chicago got 17 hits during a one-game stopover at Wrigley Field, helping Ted Lilly win his 15th game and beating the St. Louis Cardinals 12-3.

"It is weird," said Aramis Ramirez, who homered twice and had four hits. "We were supposed to be in Houston having a day off today, and we're here playing a game in Chicago."

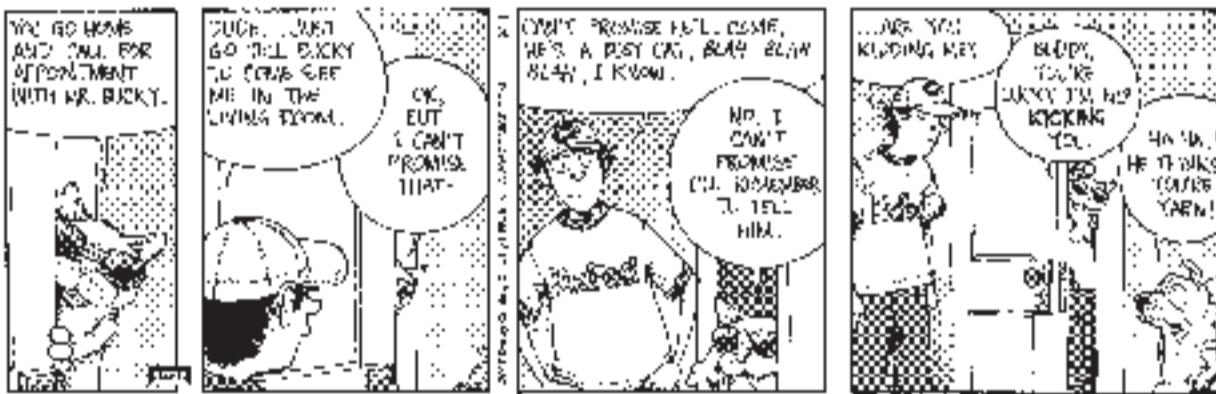
Ramirez wasn't complaining, just happy to see his teammates join him in a rare offensive outburst.

"We struggled the last couple of weeks to put runs on the board and we lost a couple of tough games," Ramirez said.

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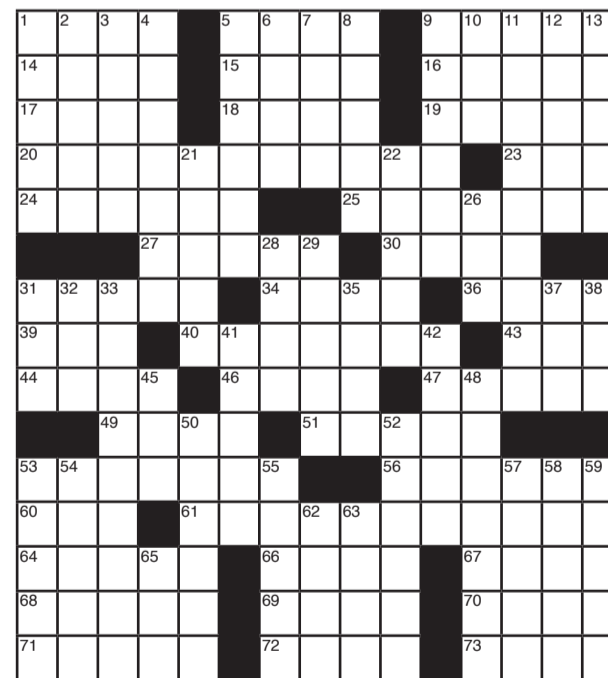


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RECREATIONAL SPORTS | FEATURE

Retired teacher keeps working

By Kevin Kenealy
Pounce Editor

Red walker by his side, Bob Hussey pushed his 85-year-old legs back and forth for 20 minutes on one of the Rec Center's treadmills.

The retired Eastern physical education teacher says he generally works out Monday through Friday and likes to get in early – in this case, 7 a.m.

"I do it for the purpose," said Hussey in heavy breath while doing cardio. "I think it helps to keep me in good health and I'm fortunate for that."

It's almost no surprise that this retired teacher of 34 years doesn't let a walker or his age keep him from staying active.

The long-time Cubs fan – who's still waiting for "it" to happen – has a love for baseball that precedes his three-and-a-half-year service in World War II.

Following six months training in the service, he came back on leave and was asked to pitch again for the local baseball team back in Wisconsin (before the war he played for the American Legion).

He threw a one-hitter and the team won 1-0.

The staying-active trend is something common among Rec Center retirees.

Former vice president of Academic Affairs Terry Weidner said even though he doesn't play racquetball like he used to, he now comes

to the Rec full-time.

Full time for Weidner, 70, is 5 days a week with a workout that includes getting to the gym around 6 a.m., walking on the treadmill and sweating through about a dozen weight machines.

Hussey came for a purpose.

Weidner's purpose is to be able to enjoy his other physical activities: hiking and geocaching.

According to geocaching.com, geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting game where players use a Global Positioning System (GPS).

They receive or use other navigational devices to hide and seek containers of geocaches or caches anywhere in the world.

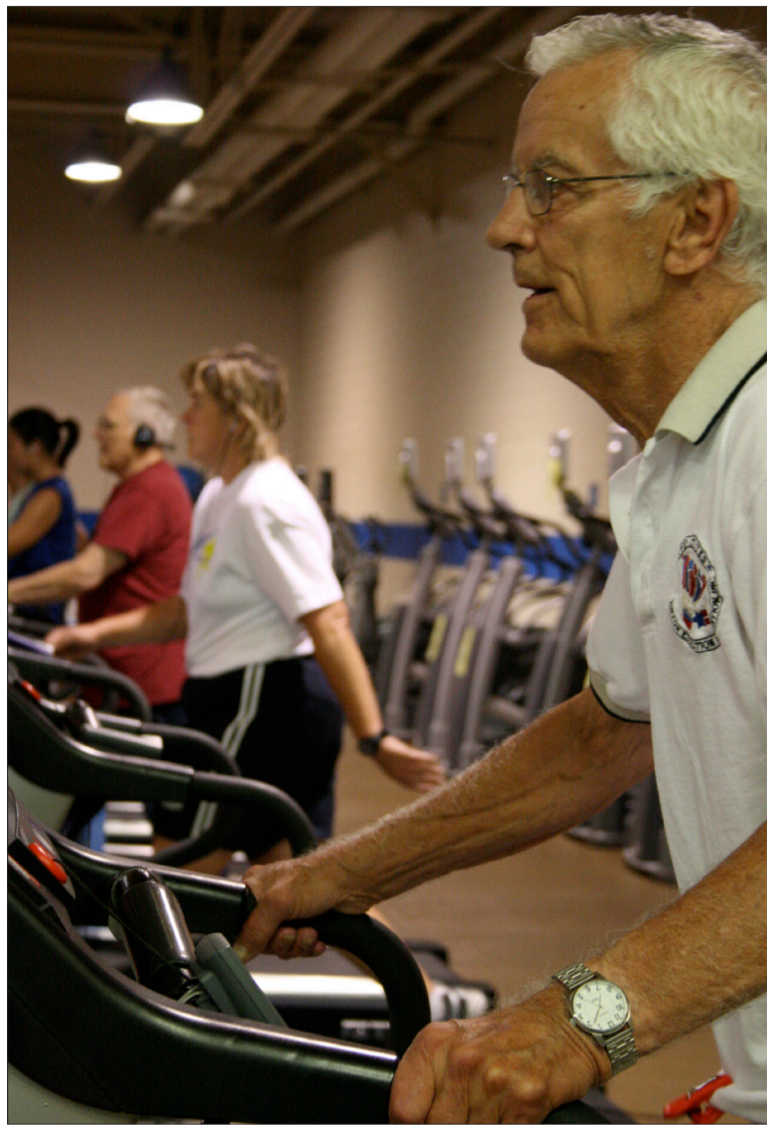
"I have a daughter that lives next to the Smokey Mountains and for my 69th birthday I climbed Mount LeCont down there," Hussey said. "It's not Mount Everest or Mount Kilimanjaro but it's 6,593 feet, so it's not bad."

David Maurer, 72, of Charleston, liked the hours he worked and also still enjoys the parking privilege as a retired history professor of Eastern.

Treadmill/bike user Maurer also has a message for those not working out: "Get off the couch."

While Hussey has said he has been able to maintain his health, he suggested that everyone have some type of a physical workout to get the heart pumping.

"We know as we age, we deteriorate," Hussey said.



Bob Hussey, 85, goes for a 20-minute run on the Student Recreation Center's treadmill machines. Hussey, a retired Eastern physical education teacher, has been going to the Rec Center since it opened.

FOOTBALL | POLLS

Rankings drop slightly

After a 52-6 Eastern football team loss at Purdue on Saturday, Eastern (1-1) dropped in the polls. Here's a breakdown by each poll and where Eastern placed.

Sports Network poll

Eastern fell to No. 14 in the Sports Network poll after the Panthers were ranked No. 12 the previous week.

Illinois State is ranked No. 17 in this poll.

FCS poll

Eastern fell to No. 17 in the College Football Championship Subdivision poll after the Panthers were ranked No. 17 the previous week. Illinois State is ranked No. 15 in this poll.

SME Broadcasters poll

Eastern remained at No. 13 in the SME Broadcasters poll after the Panthers were ranked No. 13 the previous week. Illinois State is ranked No. 19 in this poll.

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Eastern fell to No. 17 in the Sports Network poll after the Panthers were ranked No. 15 the previous week. Illinois State is ranked No. 18 in this poll.

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7 p.m. Loyola Soccer Park (Chicago)

VOLLEYBALL

Friday vs. Tennessee Tech |
7 p.m. Eblen Center (Cookeville, Tenn.)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday vs. Ball State |
4 p.m. Lakeside Field

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Friday EIU Panther Open (8K) |
5 p.m. Panther Trail

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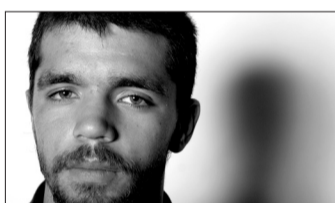
Friday EIU Panther Open (5K) |
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RUGBY

Saturday vs. West Chester |
1 p.m. Lakeside Rugby Field

FOOTBALL

Saturday vs. Illinois State |
6 p.m. O'Brien Stadium



KEVIN MURPHY

Time for reflecting

September 11, 2001.

It seems like it just the other day doesn't it?

National sports were put on the backburner that day.

Eastern did the same.

Eastern sports dealt with the tragedy.

The volleyball team had completed a trip from the Alaska-Fairbanks Nanook Classic in Anchorage, Alaska.

The team landed at O'Hare Airport at 5:35 a.m. Tuesday about three hours before the first plane flew into the World Trade Center.

Current Southern Illinois head volleyball coach and Eastern head coach at the time Brenda Winkler said at the time the team was lucky.

The team could have still been in Alaska if the flight had been delayed.

The team was in euphoric state after the Classic after they won it, but then learned about the attack. The team left Chicago by 6:30 a.m. and was informed of the attacks from a volleyball player's mom.

The weekend match against Austin Peay was canceled.

Eastern women's soccer was supposed to play Missouri that night but the Eastern athletic department canceled the game. The game was to be played at 6:30 p.m. in Columbia, Mo. Practice for that day was also canceled.

The Panthers tournament to Hawaii later that season was also canceled.

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MEN'S TRACK | COACHING SPOTLIGHT

AURORA NATIVE JUMPS INTO COACHING

Track assistant coach contract began Monday

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern's new assistant track and field coach was a resident assistant his sophomore year and final semester at Illinois State. To say the least, JaRod Tobler is used to working with college students.

The Aurora native will try to use those same techniques while working with Eastern athletes. Tobler's contract as the jumps and vault coach began Monday with Eastern.

"It taught you how to deal with different people, especially with times in very stressful situations," Tobler said. "It's to learn more about what the kids go through."

Tobler was sought after when Nate Davis left Eastern to become an assistant women's track coach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Davis left in mid-July and took the job because of the opportunity to work at a different level and to make more money, according to Eastern head track coach Tom Akers.

Tobler said having a variety of coaches at Illinois State allowed him to see a variety of different coaches and philosophies.

"He has a mature outlook on coaching," Akers said. "He's got a feel of what it takes to be a coach."

Akers said though Tobler is young (24-years-old), "He's been able to develop that athlete and coach separation."

Tobler was one of 40 applicants for the job from a variety of coaches across the country including those from California, the East Coast and Texas.

Tobler was an assistant track and field coach with East Tennessee State



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The new men's assistant track and field coach JaRod Tobler has a history participating in track. Tobler ran at Illinois State and coached at East Tennessee State in the spring. He began his duties at Eastern on Monday.

in the spring.

He originally got the job at ETSU

because of the Eastern head women's track and field coach Mary Wallace.

TOBLER'S BIO

- West Aurora graduate (2000)
- Illinois State graduate (2004)
- Illinois State assistant track coach
- Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (Aurora) basketball and track assistant coach
- East Tennessee State University
- Eastern Illinois (Current)

Wallace was then an assistant at Illinois State and helped Tobler get a job with the Buccaneers.

He has also been an assistant coach at Illinois State and at the high school level as well.

Tobler also used his connections to get the job at high school.

His sisters were resident counselors at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora. He talked to them and there was an opening for a similar job and the opportunity to coach.

Tobler was almost also in the Ohio Valley Conference earlier. He was offered an assistant coaching job at Austin Peay, but Tobler turned it down.

Akers said the track and field coaching staff was looking for someone with a lot of experience.

Tobler, a 2004 Redbird grad, earned multiple honors his senior year. He finished as an All-Missouri Conference and did well in the long jump, triple jump, the 60-meter dash, the 200-meter dash and the mile relay.

Tobler qualified for the NCAA Indoor National Championships in 2002 in the long jump.

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CROSS COUNTRY | ALUMNI OPEN

Uniform makes dream come true

New, old faces met at the Saturday alumni meet at Panther Trail

By Brandy Provaznik
Sports Reporter

Freshman Brad LaRocque said he got his uniform the day before the Alumni Open on Saturday and he was so excited he tried it on immediately.

"I just put it on right when I got it, you know," LaRocque said. "I was like, 'this is it,' you know. This is what I've been dreaming about. It was like that feeling where you get all numb and tingly inside."

This was LaRocque's first official race of his college career and he placed eighth overall, running the four-mile race in 20 minutes and 55 seconds.

LaRocque, starting his freshman year, was at one end of the spectrum while Chad Bauer, a 30-year-old



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman Bradley LaRocque finished eighth in the Alumni Open on Saturday at the Panther Trail with a time of 20 minutes, 55 seconds.

alum, was at the other.

Bauer, who graduated in 1998, said he was really excited to come to

the meet and drove about four hours from Johnsbury to see some of his old teammates.

"It is a great thing to see all these guys again and sort of take a walk down memory lane, but also to see the new guys and how talented they are," Bauer said.

Bauer said since he doesn't run a whole lot on his own anymore, running again made him appreciate and see all the hard work some of the runners put in everyday.

"I can't believe how fit I was when I was here and it just shows you how age creeps up on you," Bauer said.

While Bauer didn't finish so high (tied for 30th), there were three alumni who finished in the top five in the men's race and the one alumna who ran also finished in the top five of the women's race.

The men's race was won by senior Brad Butler, who was running unattached for Eastern. Butler finished with a time of 20:23.

Dan Strackeljahn, a 2007 grad, who competed in track last season, was only a second behind Butler.

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