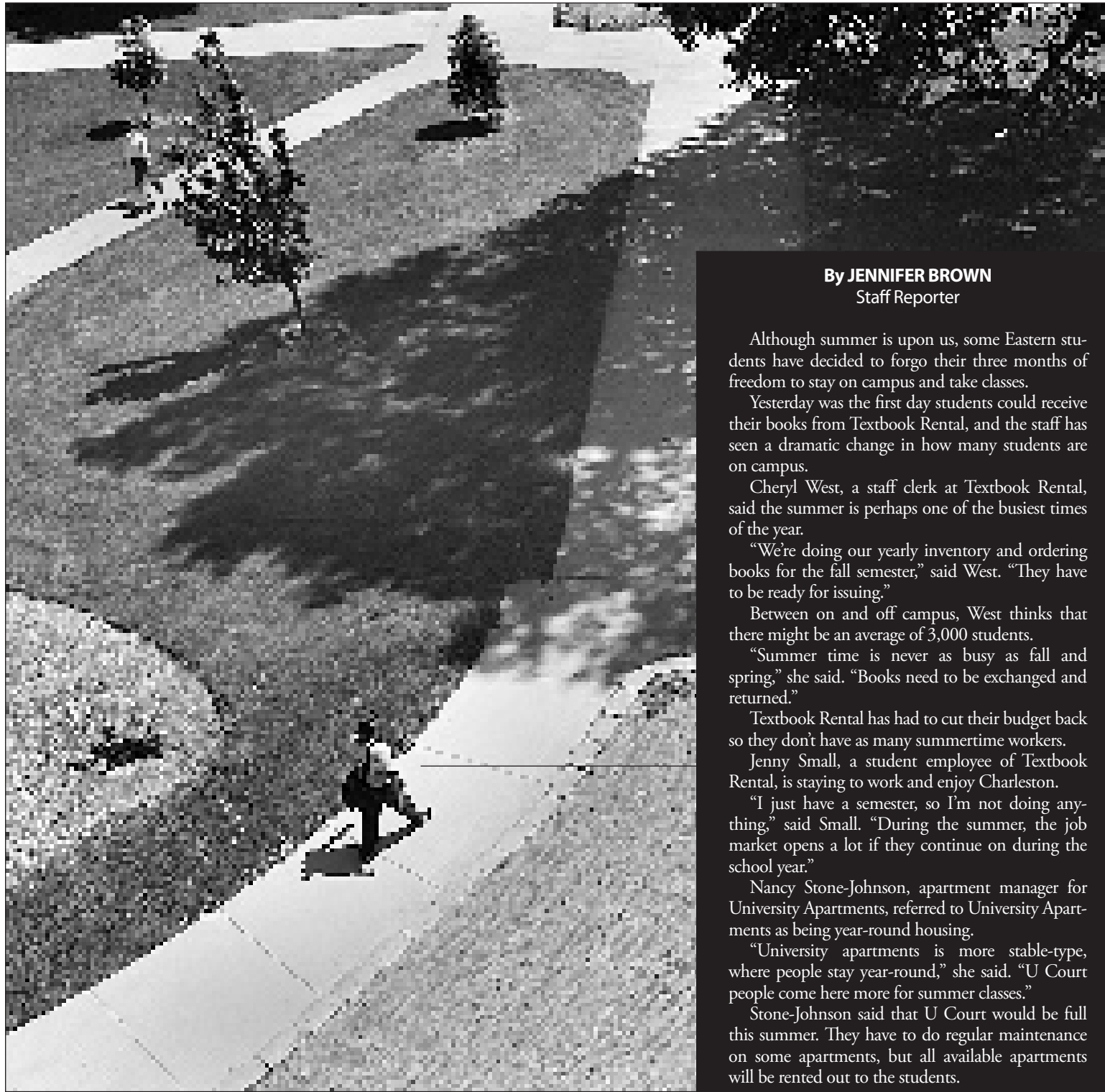


CAMPUS | SUMMER

Students stay for the summer



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Students walk through the north side of Eastern Illinois University's campus after their first day of summer school classes on May 18, 2009.

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Although summer is upon us, some Eastern students have decided to forgo their three months of freedom to stay on campus and take classes.

Yesterday was the first day students could receive their books from Textbook Rental, and the staff has seen a dramatic change in how many students are on campus.

Cheryl West, a staff clerk at Textbook Rental, said the summer is perhaps one of the busiest times of the year.

"We're doing our yearly inventory and ordering books for the fall semester," said West. "They have to be ready for issuing."

Between on and off campus, West thinks that there might be an average of 3,000 students.

"Summer time is never as busy as fall and spring," she said. "Books need to be exchanged and returned."

Textbook Rental has had to cut their budget back so they don't have as many summertime workers.

Jenny Small, a student employee of Textbook Rental, is staying to work and enjoy Charleston.

"I just have a semester, so I'm not doing anything," said Small. "During the summer, the job market opens a lot if they continue on during the school year."

Nancy Stone-Johnson, apartment manager for University Apartments, referred to University Apartments as being year-round housing.

"University apartments is more stable-type, where people stay year-round," she said. "U Court people come here more for summer classes."

Stone-Johnson said that U Court would be full this summer. They have to do regular maintenance on some apartments, but all available apartments will be rented out to the students.

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STATE | VOTING

Renewable Energy Center bill to be voted on

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The Renewable Energy Center Bill has been passed for consent and is to be voted on by the State House of Representatives within the next couple of days.

Eric Wilbur has been leading the lobbying for the bill in Springfield.

May 6 was the last lobbying trip. Wilbur was the only student who went.

Jill Nelson, Eastern's vice president for external relations, Steve Rich from alumni services, and Gary Reid from facilities accompanied Wilbur.

The individuals who traveled to Springfield were able to attend the committee hearing before the State Government Administration Committee.

During the committee hearing, after State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, spoke, Wilbur was able to speak to the committee about the importance of the Energy Center Bill for Eastern's campus.

"I spoke for about a minute or so about the negative impact that not having this bill would have on the students, such as a student fee being put into place when we can do it without a fee at all," said Wilbur.

The chair of this committee, Jack Franks, said this was an innovative and brilliant idea.

The bill passed through the committee by consent 17-0.

While in Springfield, the group was also able to pick up a few more co-sponsors, making about 88 currently.

The next step within the process is for the full House of Representatives to vote on the bill.

This should happen within the next couple of days, Wilbur said, because the deadline for bills to get out of the house is May 22. Since so many bills are up for vote right now, it is hard to know when there will be an answer.

Wilbur thinks the bill will pass through the House because everyone seems to believe it is a good idea.

"I haven't heard a negative thing about (the bill) from any of the representatives," Wilbur said. "We talked to a lot of people and I think they are all OK with it."

With only a fraction of the amount of students being present on campus, student support for the bill will go down, but Wilbur isn't worried this will affect the bill being passed.

Wilbur said the work done during the school year is what got the bill where it is, and isn't needed anymore.

"I think we have already shown them that we do care about this bill through the almost 2,000 letters sent to Springfield," Wilbur said.

These letters expressed the importance of the new Energy Plant for the university to the students.

The bill should be voted on within the next couple of days. If it passes through the State House, the bill will then be sent to the governor's desk for his signature, veto, or he can send the bill back to the general assembly for amending.

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CITY | BLOOD DRIVE

Army veteran donates 200th unit of blood

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Don Schaefer of Charleston has been giving blood for more than 33.5 years.

The 73-year-old Army veteran donated his 200th documented unit of blood on Sunday.

Schaefer was presented with a plaque from the Red Cross at the Salisbury Church in Charleston. He also received letters of appreciation from Illinois Rep. Chapin Rose, state Sen. Dale Righter and U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson.

"I wanted people to recognize the accomplishments of Don and the Red Cross," said Andy Trueblood, who helped organize the event.

Schaefer first donated blood in the 1950s when he was stationed overseas in the Army. Donating blood around that time was on a needed basis. According to Schaefer, people only gave blood if someone else needed surgery.

Schaefer left the Army in 1956 and attended Eastern to become a

teacher. He later earned his master's in Administration and Guidance and Counseling from the University of Illinois.

While at Eastern, Schaefer participated in blood drives held by Leonard and Olga Durham and Marge and Walt Lowell, who helped make blood drives common in the community.

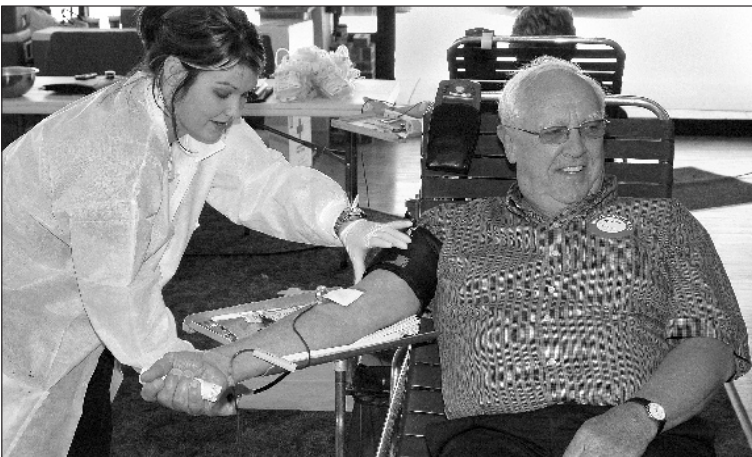
These blood drives lasted four to five days and had about 1200 participants.

Currently, Darrell Eaton holds the record for donating over 225 units of blood. Schaefer has given blood more than 200 times, but only 200 are documented.

Schaefer encourages his friends and family to donate blood. He believes that people do not think about giving blood unless there is a catastrophe.

"It's sad that it takes that kind of thing to wake people up," Schaeffer said.

In 1963, Schaefer became the first guidance counselor at Villa Groove High School. In 1968, he returned to Eastern to work in the academic advising department until



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The American Red Cross Blood Drive attracted 15 first-time donors May 17, 2009. "We get alot every single time," said Andy Trueblood, Don Schaefer-event coordinator.

1972, when he served as principal of Charleston High School for 10 years.

Schaefer later came back to Eastern as the assistant director of placement until he retired in May 1991.

After his retirement, Schaefer remained active by participating in the Convincer Program, which started in 1992 and taught seat belt safety. He spoke to different schools until

funding was cut in 2003.

According to Angie Lobdell, a donor recruitment representative for the Red Cross, a person can donate blood every 56 days unless they are on certain medications or have medical problems.

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