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SPRING BREAK

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Rock, paper, scissors, win!

Eastern senior wins \$25,000, year supply of Amp Energy products on her spring break

By Sam Bohne  
Staff Reporter

Brittany “BK” Kraft, said she never expected to walk away from her spring break in Acapulco, Mexico, with \$25,000, a year supply of Amp Energy products and the title of College Champion.

“It’s insane; it’s still hard to take in,” Kraft said.

The senior elementary education major from Lexington left Mexico with fame and fortune after competing in the USA Rock Paper Scissors League College Championships while on spring break this month.

“It’s not the typical spring break competition coming out with such a big win,” Kraft said.

Kraft, who was one out of 78 competitors, signed up for the competition after she was approached by a representative from Amp Energy as she was lying by the pool.

While waiting in line to participate, Kraft got stung by a bee on her “shooting hand.” What she thought was a bad omen turned into another story in Kraft’s journey to the top.

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“It’s a fun story to tell,” she said.

Kraft then slowly made her way through the ranks.

By the end of the competition it was down to two competitors: Kraft and Andrew “The Equation” Richard; who sported equations on his arms.

“The opponent I was up against was very intimidating,” Kraft said.

She said her opponent was in Mexico strictly for the competition, while she was in it for fun. She said her win took people by surprise because of her politeness and peppy attitude.

“I’m the only girl that’s ever gone to the final

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Justin Schuch, college student affairs department counseling and student development graduate student, speaks to the student senate about the new LGBTQ online resource center Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union’s University Ballroom.

Student senate approves increase to improvement fee

By Erica Whelan  
Student Government Editor

The student senate approved a campus improvement fee proposal which would raise tuition over the next several years at Wednesday’s campuswide open forum.

Those in support of the fee increase defended it as a way to provide renovated science labs and equipment to a revamped Physical Sciences building and address substandard facilities that have fallen into disrepair over the years.

The highly discussed resolution passed by a vote of 23-3-1.

The senate recommendation to approve the fee increase proposed by President Bill Perry will eventually be presented to the Board of Trustees, which will have the final vote.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, was present at the meeting and said the goal is to include the fee increase proposal on the agenda for the April 26 board meeting.

If ultimately approved by the

Board of Trustees, the fee will increase to \$2.50 per credit hour in fiscal year 2011, increasing from \$12 to \$14.50 per credit hour.

This \$2.50 increase will continue yearly until the rate reaches \$22 per credit hour in FY14.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, urged senate members to take ownership of their university rather than waiting for state appropriations, which have been slow to come.

He asked that senate members support the fee increase, which would support the campus and the students who frequent the science buildings in the effort to complete their majors.

“We are living in an environment that is far from ideal,” Wilber said. “We are still waiting on over \$1 million for the Doudna Fine Arts Center, and I do not believe we can wait around any longer. We have to create our own destiny.”

Prior to debate on the fee increase, Wilber asked senate members if they would vote to ensure a

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EVENT

Culture, fashion show honors African heritage

By Heather Holm  
Activities Editor

Another step will be taken toward dispelling African stereotypes today at the African culture show.

The African Students Association is coordinating the show, which will exhibit different forms of culture through clothing, a slideshow, a skit and other forms at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

African poetry, African dances and how Africans celebrate everyday events will be presented.

Skits depicting how the culture has changed from ancient to modern times, especially with the roles of women, will be presented, as well as a slideshow about what Africa is like and what people do there.

Mutinta Suuya, a member of the ASA, hopes the slideshow gets rid of people’s stereotypes about African countries.

“The culture is changing all the time,” Suuya said.

A fashion show will also take place at the event, presenting the differences between

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WEATHER TODAY



Sunny - Breezy

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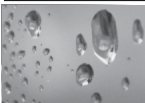
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Breezy and warm conditions continue today and tomorrow under sunny skies. Clouds won't begin to move in until late Friday night. Expect scattered showers and thunderstorms and slightly cooler temperatures on Saturday. Sunday will be mostly cloudy near 70. Next chance of rain will be on Tuesday.

WEATHER TOMORROW



**Friday**  
**Sunny**  
**High:** 80°  
**Low:** 56°



**Saturday**  
**Showers & T-Storms**  
**High:** 68°  
**Low:** 44°

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CAMPUS BRIEF

WEIU GM-hopeful  
to visit campus today

Phil Zeni will be on campus today to interview for the general manager position at WEIU TV & FM.

The schedule for his visit includes a breakfast meeting with the search committee, a meeting with Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, a meeting the WEIU staff, an open session for faculty, staff and committee members, and another meeting with the search committee.

Zeni was most recently the vice president of development at WTVP-TV, a PBS station, in Peoria.

BLOTTER

A theft was reported Monday at the Student Recreation Center. The incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards, the University Police Department said.

A private property accident occurred between a Dodge Caravan and a Ford Ranger Monday near Stevenson Hall. No citations were issued, the UPD said.

A single-vehicle private-property accident occurred Tuesday near the Gregg Triad. No citations were issued, the UPD said.

Disorderly conduct was reported Tuesday near Booth Library. The incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards, the UPD said.

Domestic battery was reported Wednesday at University Court. The incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards, the UPD said.

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We are EIU,  
we bleed blue

Online reporter Chaz LeGrand shares photos of EIU pride in his photo blog at DENnews.com.



April Fools' ideas

The Daily Eastern News' online staff members have written bits and pieces of funny April Fools' experiences, as well as provide tips and tricks for you to use today. Read the blog at DENnews.com.

CORRECTION

Dawn VanGunten's name was misspelled in an article in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Lt. Phillip Lang's name was misspelled in an article in Wednesday's edition of *The DEN*.

A figure was misrepresented in an article in Wednesday's edition of *The DEN*. Pell grants contribute to 8.6 million students' financial aid. *The DEN* regrets the errors.

Finding a beat to march to



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jason Davis, a senior kinesiology major from Wood River, practices the snare drums as people walk by Wednesday afternoon next to the Panther Trail.

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**TOTAL EIU**

# Program offers tips for stress relief

**By Steve Puschmann**  
Staff Reporter

Stress is something that any college student will face sooner or later in their academic career. Academics, social life, finances and other personal factors are some of things that can create stress in a person's life.

Amanda Fountain, the marketing coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center, said the number one subject of stress for most students in college is balancing academics with a social life.

"The stressor that most students face here is being able to be successful academically while still being able to have fun and have a social life outside of the classroom," Fountain said.

Many students agree that academics are the number one stress that they have faced. Landon Jones, a sophomore corporate communications major, said he feels that schoolwork is the biggest stressor in his life.

"It's homework and quizzes that keep coming; it all keeps me unhappy until I am able to get done with all of it," Jones said.

Another belief about stress is the more activities you have in your life, the more stress you are creating.

Brigit Sanchez, a sophomore psychology major, also struggles with stress as a student and as a member of

the track team.

"I have a lot of time committed to my school work and to worry about track, which can take up a lot of time," Sanchez said.

The solution for dealing with stress, or at least reducing it, seems to be quite simple and known by many, but being able to do it is stressful in itself.

"Prioritizing and time management is the best solution to reducing stress, because it allows the student to sort out the time they have each day," Fountain said. "If stress is not solved, it can lead to emotional problems and physical problems such as lack of sleep and poor nourishment."

Eastern offers a way to help students with their stress levels and health issues with a program called Total EIU, which is put on by Health Service, Student Recreation and the Counseling Center.

Total EIU offers interactive programs, such as four massage chairs located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, information brochures discussing stress and study tips, the BioMass machine at the Rec Center and TV programs running at the Rec Center, teaching stress management tips.

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**CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

Melissa Territo, an Eastern alumna back to help for the day, and Zach Thuring, a graduate student of communication studies, take a break from their busy day by relaxing in the massage chairs in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The two were helping with Communication Studies Day, an event to promote and showcase the department, with speakers and panels throughout the day, taking place on the third floor of the Union Wednesday.

**MEETING**

# Lt. Gov. candidate visits EIU Republicans

**By Kayleigh Zyskowski**  
City Editor

The republican candidate for Lt. Governor, Jason Plummer, spoke to the EIU Republicans during their Wednesday meeting.

After arriving late, Plummer gave a brief introduction of his background and then opened the room for a question and answer discussion on his views and future goals, if elected to office.

Creating jobs is the number one issue on Plummer's agenda.

"We have to address the issues that keep businesses from investing in Illinois," Plummer said.

If businesses do not know what their return will be in Illinois, they will not come, and the government has to address these broader themes, Plummer said.

The reason for this is the unpredictable state that Illinois is in politically and economically.

"Illinois is completely different from other states," Plummer said. "While other states have a status quo, Illinois tends to shoot

from the hip in a Wild West way and anything could happen."

Lowering property taxes is another idea Plummer plans to address.

Plummer pointed out that property taxes affect college students, even if they are not aware. The landlord of the college housing is giving the cost of the tax in rent.

Illinois has the second worst retention rate for keeping college graduates in the state.

"You've got metropolitan areas, medium cities and small villages. We have all these things going for us, but we can't keep our graduates in the state," Plummer said. "People aren't staying because people look at property taxes and look at the cost of living and Illinois is not competitive."

Plummer also wants to take a hard look at and complete the state budget.

"It is not going to be about cutting state jobs or merging programs, but you have to ad-

dress the two 900 pound gorillas in the room—Medicaid and the pension system," Plummer said.

Greg Sainer, a sophomore communication studies major from Newton, said he was happy with what Plummer said about balancing the budget.

"To be honest, I live very close to Indiana and I always here about their surplus of income and I think its essential Illinois gets there," Sainer said.

Plummer said the issues that need to be dealt with are the ones people are concerned with.

"I am a huge 2nd amendment fan, but anyone who is voting on gun laws right now has missed the ball," Plummer said. "We are in a financial train wreck and we need to fix these things first."

Eleven members from the Eastern community attended the meeting including Neal Maloney, a senior general studies major from Champaign.

"I thought he was very articulate and very clear about what he wants done," Maloney said.

"I think he spoke on the right issues."

Plummer also addressed the possibility of the lieutenant governor's job being eliminated from the state to save money.

"Getting rid of a position that could have a very large influence within the state is a mistake," Plummer said. "When it comes to our office and the budget, our office would be a very small drop in a very big bucket."

On the lines of education, Plummer said there is a difference between promising money and then not paying it and having a set budget and following through with it.

"We aren't here to fund bloated pensions and bloated government," Plummer said. "We are here to take care of what we say were are going to do and get off your back as far as everything else."

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**DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

Lieutenant governor candidate Jason Plummer speaks to the registered student organization, EIU Republicans, Wednesday in Coleman Hall.

**ROTC**

# Scavenger hunt used to test knowledge, skills

**By Krista Bendersky**  
Staff Reporter

After long hours of classroom work, preparation and dedication, Eastern's ROTC members will participate in a scavenger hunt today that combines all their work into a fun competition.

The Cadet Olympics is a scavenger hunt around campus that involves everything cadets have learned this semester.

It consists of a list of clues that will send the cadets to different plac-

es around campus. The cadets have to find the hidden number and continue to the next location. For example, the clue might be "go to where Tony Romo's jersey is."

The cadets will have to know exactly where the jersey is in order to find the number.

Once all the numbers are found, they will return back to their classroom, where they will be given a test according to the numbers they found.

Each number represents a question they will be given, testing their knowl-

edge about the material they covered throughout the semester such as first aid, drill and ceremonies.

The more numbers cadets find, the better chances they have. The person with the most points at the end wins.

The cadets will have one hour to find all of the numbers and take the test within their two-hour class.

The teams will be assigned with approximately four to five people in each group.

Capt. Thomas Taylor, the ROTC scholarship and enrollment officer,

said the intent is to encourage group work.

"They can't leave their buddy," Taylor said.

The freshman and sophomore cadets will be the ones involved in the scavenger hunt, finding the numbers and taking the test. Senior cadets planned the event and the junior cadets will help execute it.

The employees from the ROTC will make sure they have all the tools, asking approval from various departments for the numbers to be put where they are.

The prize is not yet determined, but could possibly be a day off from physical training or extra credit. The seniors will decide the final prize.

The Cadet Olympics was planned as a backup for the helicopter exercise, which was going to be brought on campus for training purposes.

The helicopter has been rescheduled to be on campus April 16.

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## VIEWS



Doug T. Graham

# Searching for true self in Europe

I spent the fall semester studying abroad at Harlaxton College in the rolling hills of the English countryside.

During the 14 weeks I spent at the college I was able to travel to countries such as Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Spain and experienced European life, one three-day weekend at a time.

At least, I would like to think I experienced what it was like to be a European.

In the months that have passed since my time abroad I have given a lot of thought and reflection on what I did in Europe, specifically about the people we met along the way, to try to see if I really got a deeper understanding of each of the unique cultures to which I was exposed.

To see if I had really learned about each of the cultures I asked myself, "What makes a German, 'German?'"

Searching for the answer, my mind ticks off prominent memories of my interaction with German people:

I see a crowd of thousands swaying with their steins of beer as they stand on tables at Oktoberfest.

I smile and sing along with the people at our restaurant the next day as the accordion player humors us by playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

I laugh along with two German men as they playfully rouse a drunken youth from his sleep on a crowded train.

I relive these vivid memories and hundreds of others, but nothing jumps out at me as being definitively German.

This led me to believe that I hadn't had a proper European experience, that I had my eyes closed to another culture and had robbed myself of an important and genuine experience.

The frustration that failing to understand Europe caused me was compounded by my failure to better understand my own self.

During my teenage years I was told that the search for understanding begins within yourself.

After years of searching for myself while trapped in the suburbs I held out a great deal of hope that I could find a deeper understanding by being traveling.

As I boarded the plane to England, I promised myself that I'd be the exception, that I would look outward for answers and find them on my trip. I wanted to believe Europe was a significantly better place to discover what it means to be Doug T. Graham.

But after months of trying to live like a European and traveling extensively, it seemed that the only thing I'd discovered about myself is that I was as bad at finding out what a country was all about as I was in finding out what I was all about.

I didn't find the meaning of life on the top of a mountain in Switzerland. It wasn't at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, nor was it baking in the Spanish sun in Barcelona.

I was upset that I failed in understanding Europe and myself, but in the months that have passed I've come to realize that finding the soul of a nation is too complicated of a thing to expect to discover over the course of a weekend, and figuring myself out is also too daunting a task to expect a 19-year-old to figure out.

Because of these realizations, I am once again able to enjoy my memories of all that I did in Europe. And had I not gained those memories, it most definitely would have been as though I never left the suburbs at all.

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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## DAILY EDITORIAL

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

# Obama offers aid, sticks to his word with new student loan bill

Congratulations, Illinois legislators! Your ineptitude has reached new, depressing lows.

On Tuesday, President Obama was in Virginia to sign a new student loan bill into law.

An article in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* said the new law makes the federal government the source of all student loans.

As Eastern already receives its student loans from the federal government, little to nothing will change for our campus.

However, the bill will also expand Pell grants. As some Eastern students use Pell grants, some may see very direct effects of the new law.

Really, though, the president's signing of the bill simply drums up a reminder that our own state legislators continue to falter when called upon to fix our higher education funding catastrophe.

No, President Obama did not sign this new law in order to help Illinois specifically. In fact, directly helping Illinois universities most likely wasn't even a thought that crossed his mind.

But with a few simple pen strokes, President Obama, arguably one of the busiest men in the world with the most numerous and stressful issues at hand to deal with, did more for an entire nation of college students than our own state legislators have done over the past six months.

Let's not forget that correcting Illinois' budget and finding a way to plug the sinking ship that is Illinois higher education has been the state's primary focus during that time span.

As college students, we thank and applaud President Obama for signing the bill into law and making a direct effort to aid America's youth in a time of uncertain economic circumstances.

**"And the important fact is that the president is committing to his promises and seeing them through."**

As Americans, we would like to thank and applaud the president for sticking to one of his campaign promises. All too often, campaign promises fall to the wayside as quickly as a New Year's resolution.

But President Obama promised change all along. And though the right wing and the fear-mongering, quintessentially useless conservative talking heads in the media have done everything short of tarring and feathering the president, his guarantee of change is coming.

Such changes as health care reform and resolute student loans are not quickly enacted, but such changes *are* being made.

And the important fact is that the president is committing to his promises and seeing them through.

However, Illinois legislators have yet to do a single, effective thing to provide any real and sustainable relief for our universities. And we will remember this fact every day until something *is* done.

Now, the president should, of course, be expected to help a nation in trouble and lead us all when times require steadfast leadership. But just like charity, responsible legislative leadership should begin at home.

Illinois legislators now resemble a more a scatter-brained teenager who can't accomplish a single task when given all day to do it.

Unfortunately, this makes Obama the over-worked father figure who swoops in and knocks out an entire list of chores on his lunch hour.

Obama has given *all* college students some marginal relief. Eastern students — and most Illinois college students for that matter — it looks like we are still up a creek, one legislative paddle short.

## FROM THE EASEL



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## FROM AROUND THE STATE

# End of the road for school bullies

By *The Daily Vidette* Editorial Board  
Illinois State University

Last fall, 15-year-old Phoebe Prince left a small town in Ireland and moved to Massachusetts. After three months of being bullied at South Hadley High School, her hope dwindled and she committed suicide.

Fellow student Ashlee Dunn, 16, said students picked on Prince since her first day because she was new, from a different country and didn't know the school very well.

After Prince's brief relationship with a star football player, classmates took the bullying to another level. They called her an "Irish slut,"

knocked books out of her hands and threatened her through text messages and social networking sites.

On January 14, she was abused in the school library, lunchroom and hallways and was hit with a canned drink when walking home.

That same day at 4:30 p.m., after arriving home, she hanged herself in the stairwell, still in her school clothes.

Nine students now face felony charges that include statutory rape, violation of civil rights with bodily injury, harassment and stalking.

We wonder how such extreme bullying went on for three months without any authority figures, who were fully aware of the situation, stepping in.

Teachers and school administrators are to be held accountable for fostering a safe, nurturing environment not just inside the classroom but also in the hallway, library and entire school.

The staff of South Hadley, while trained and paid, did nothing.

We as students automatically trust authority figures of the school providing us with our education, but the case of Phoebe Prince and others like hers make us wary. We realize it's hard to fully monitor the safety of students in high school, but more needs to be done.

To read more, visit [www.DailyVidette.com](http://www.DailyVidette.com)

CAMPUS

# Progressive dinner offered at dining centers

By Jason Hardimon  
Campus Editor

Members of the campus community who plan on eating dinner at one of Eastern's four dining centers today should be prepared for a four-course meal.

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services, said the progressive dinner is a good event for the spring season.

"Just to do something different, get people to move around campus more and enjoy the weather," Hudson said.

University housing and dining ser-

vices will host its second "progressive" dinner today from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining, said the staff tries not to plan the same special events each year, but last year's progressive dinner received such a strong turnout they were willing to make an exception.

Members of the campus community will be able to obtain a wristband at any of the four dining centers for one meal swipe, and students who do not have a meal plan can still participate by purchasing a wristband with dining dollars or cash for the regular guest meal price of \$8.50.

The wristband will gain its purchaser access to each dining center for the dinner's duration.

Jamie Huckstead, director of Tower Dining Center, said students should feel free to start at any location.

Horn said students will have the opportunity to sample a variety of dishes.

"Some of (the items served) usually don't appear on the menu," Horn said.

Carman dining center will provide appetizers, Thomas will serve soups and salads, Taylor will serve entrees and sides and Tower will offer desserts.

Students will not have to make reservations to sample the desserts at the Tower Dining Center.

A few of the appetizers available include jalapeno poppers, chicken wings, cocktail wieners and chips and dip; of the many soups and salads that will be served, Horn mentioned that lobster bisque and loaded baked potato soup will be included among them.

Two of the entrees are shrimp and bourbon chicken. The mashed potato bar is expected to be popular, Horn said.

A variety of cakes and pies will be served for dessert.

Horn said that those who attend will have the opportunity to enter their name into a drawing.

"We want to make kind of a little contest," Horn said. "If students go to Facebook and leave us a message then their name will be entered."

Horn said that the prizes are as of yet undetermined.

For those who choose not to participate, the delis at the dining centers located on the east side of campus will still be operating.

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EMBARRAS VALLEY FARM

# Local farm focuses on organically grown produce

By James Roedl  
Staff Reporter

Time and dedication produce a good crop for the Embarras Valley Farm.

Ken and Kim Ross have been operating Embarras Valley Farm for six years, and the farm recently became a CSA, or community supported agriculture.

The local organic farm will be selling shares of the crop this season to locals by the bushel.

The idea behind the CSA is community members buy a share of the crop produced by local farmers, who then grow the crop, dividing produce among members who purchase a share.

The proceeds from the shares provide a more reliable source of income for the farmer, and the shareholders get the best and freshest produce in return. The Embarras Valley Farm gives each member between a bushel and half bushel of produce from May to October.

The weekly baskets members receive are filled with a variety of produce currently in season.

"We grow everything imaginable," said Kim Ross, the full-time grower on the farm.

Garlic, onions, new potatoes, peas, lettuce, cabbage, turnips, radishes,

**"People want to know where their food is from."**

Kim Ross, full-time grower at Embarras Valley Farm

potted flowers and herbs are some of the crops grown by the farm.

The farm's focus is on organically grown produce; however, the varieties are not what grocery stores sell.

Ken and Kim plant heirloom seeds, which are old varieties of the same vegetables in stores that carry different traits, such as yellow tomatoes.

Ken, who also has a full time job, farms and helps with the Embarras Valley Farm because he enjoys the work.

He also gets to spend time with his wife as they tend the crops.

"It's a family type of thing," Ken said.

He works until it's too dark to see well and sometimes puts in up to 40 hours in the fall after his other job.

"It's like a second full-time job," Ken said.

The farm also uses open pollinated seeds, which are non-hybrid seeds.

All produce left over after filling the members baskets is brought to the Charleston Farmers market.

The market starts the first Wednes-

day in June and continues every Wednesday until the end of the season.

The farm is a member of the Charleston Farmers Market Association, pledging to sell only produce they have grown.

"People want to know where their food is from," Kim said.

The farmers market in Charleston features growers from the area and some produce resellers.

The market, which takes place on the Charleston town square, draws in some Eastern students, who Kim says are excited about the market.

She attributes this to the awareness of students to organic foods.

The couple moved to Kim's family's farm in 2004 and started growing vegetables from the start.

While Kim tilled the ground in preparation for planting Wednesday, Ken said they would be planting by Easter.

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SCIENCE

# To scientists, laughter is no joke—it's serious

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — So a scientist walks into a shopping mall to watch people laugh.

There's no punchline. Laughter is a serious scientific subject, one that researchers are still trying to figure out.

Laughing is primal, our first way of communicating. Apes laugh. So do dogs and rats. Babies laugh long before they speak. No one teaches you how to laugh. You just do. And often you laugh involuntarily, in a specific rhythm and in certain spots in conversation.

You may laugh at a prank on April Fools' Day. But surprisingly, only 10 to 15 percent of laughter is the result of someone making a joke, said Baltimore neuroscientist Robert Provine, who has studied laughter for decades. Laughter is mostly about social responses rather than reaction to a joke.

"Laughter above all else is a social thing," Provine said. "The requirement for laughter is another person."

Over the years, Provine, a professor with the University of Maryland Baltimore County, has boiled laughter down to its basics.

"All language groups laugh 'ha-ha-ha' basically the same way," he said. "Whether you speak Mandarin, French or English, everyone will understand laughter. ... There's a pattern generator in our brain that produces

this sound."

Each "ha" is about one-15th of a second, repeated every fifth of a second, he said. Laugh faster or slower than that and it sounds more like panting or something else.

Deaf people laugh without hearing, and people on cell phones laugh without seeing, illustrating that laughter isn't dependent on a single sense but on social interactions, said Provine, author of the book "Laughter: A Scientific Investigation."

"It's joy, it's positive engagement with life," said Jaak Panksepp, a Bowling Green University psychology professor. "It's deeply social."

And it's not just a people thing either. Chimps tickle each other and even laugh when another chimp pretends to tickle them.

"That's my candidate for the most ancient joke," Provine said. "It's a feigned tickle. That's primal humor."

Panksepp studies rats that laugh when he tickles them. Sound silly? It's on YouTube and in scientific journals, a funny pairing of proofs when you think about.

It turns out rats love to be tickled. They return again and again to the hands of researchers tickling them, Panksepp's video shows.

By studying rats, Panksepp and other scientists can figure out what's going on in the brain during laughter. And it holds promise for human ills.

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CAMPUS

# Rec Center sees increase in visitors

By **Shauna Laudant**  
Staff Reporter

With spring weather finally here, students are buzzing with anticipation for summer vacation.

For some students, preparing for summer involves heading back to the gym.

There has been an increase in students visiting the Student Recreation Center.

Jason Davis, a junior kinesiology major, said he believes student numbers at the Rec Center increase after January because students want to get in shape and have that “summer body.”

Ken Baker, director of the Rec Center, said he has seen a definite increase in student numbers after winter break because students make New Year’s resolutions to get into shape.

But New Year’s resolutions or not, Baker said students like the Rec Center because they think it is clean, bright and full of different equipment for all kinds of exercises.

“One of the best things about it is that you don’t have to be a great athlete to be at the Rec Center,” Baker said.

er said.

The Rec Center is not solely directed toward athletes, but rather all students looking to train themselves and get into shape.

Baker also said the Rec Center is larger than Western Illinois University’s center.

What sets Eastern apart from other universities is the variety and the number of equipment machines. It has numerous machines, weight lifting areas, sports courts and fitness classes for its daily average of 2,000 visitors.

Ashley Walters, a secondary education major with a concentration in math, is a transfer student from Blackburn College.

“Blackburn didn’t have much of a Rec Center,” Walters said. “It was more of a weight lifting room with maybe a treadmill or two. Eastern’s Rec Center is nice because of all the different equipment. I really like the classes, too.”

While the fitness classes are an easy way to get a fun and direct workout, the most popular area in the center is the cardio area; specifically, the elliptical machines.



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Students work out on the ellipticals at the Student Recreation Center Wednesday evening.

These machines are on from when the Rec Center opens at 5:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, to when

it closes at midnight on those days. There are 22 elliptical machines in total.

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future for Eastern students to come, or if they would continue to sit and watch the university fall apart around them.

“Yes, this is an 83 percent increase in the campus improvement fee, but it’s a less-than-3-percent increase in tuition,” Wilber said.

Over the course of the 90-minute discussion, many senate members changed their opinion to support the increase.

Senate member John Poshepny opposed the resolution because he said it would cost students too much, which could discourage enrollment and place an unnecessary burden on students.

He was one of three who opposed the resolution, joined by fellow members DeMarlon Brown and Otis Seawood.

Brown voted against the resolution

because he said some students cannot afford to pay their tuition as it stands.

“Now is not the time to add more money on top of all that,” Brown said. “I just don’t feel that this is right.”

Michael Stopka, chair of the shuttle bus committee and candidate for the executive vice president position, told senate members that he changed his mind about voting down the resolution because he said he came to view it as a necessary evil.

He went on a tour of the Physical Sciences building on Tuesday along with fellow senate member Roberto Luna, who reported poor conditions, including cracked countertops, overcrowded offices and brown water trickling from rusted sinks.

“These facilities need improvement, and we cannot count on our state for

**“I hope this is the only fee increase planned, because we cannot handle any more.”**

Michael Stopka, chair of the shuttlebus committee

help,” Stopka said.

Stopka addressed Perry, who sat in the audience, and pleaded with him in the effort to avoid subsequent fee increases.

“President Perry,” Stopka said, “I hope this is the only fee increase planned, because we cannot handle any more.”

In addition to the fee increase, the senate also approved several other resolutions.

Senate members voted 26-2-0 to reimburse two faculty members for driving delegates to the Lambert–St. Louis International Airport prior to attending the Conference on Student

Government Associations, as well as voted unanimously to officially honor the womens’ basketball team for their work over the years.

Members also approved emergency legislation for \$82.22 elections advertising for posters and literature.

A resolution requesting \$153.72 to purchase eight plaques for the Registered Student Organization Awards was tabled until next week.

Aside from examining legislation, the student senate was given an online tour of the virtual resource center by Justin Schuch. The virtual center Web site is for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer community on campus and is currently under construction.

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## Holy Week Schedule

### April 1, Holy Thursday

**Mass -** (with washing of feet) **7:00 pm**  
**Adoration -** **8:00 pm til 11:45 pm**  
(keep watch with the Lord throughout his trial)  
**Night prayer -** **11:45 pm**

### April 2, Good Friday

**Service -** **Noon**  
(with veneration of the cross)  
**Service -** **7:00 pm at St. Charles**  
(with veneration of the cross)

### April 3, Holy Vigil

**Mass -** **7:00 pm at St. Charles**

### April 4, Easter Sunday

**Mass -** **8:30 am at St. Charles**  
**Mass -** **11:00 am**  
**No 9:00 pm Mass**



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## Quinn focuses on immigrant, labor efforts

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The Flame of Ambition charity promotes education for children in the developing world, also known as “third-world” countries. The charity is a non-governmental organization that serves in Africa and other parts of the developing world.

The ASA also reached out to the African Students Associations at Northern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University, as well

"It's our hope to give our membership a chance to share our cultures and countries with Eastern," Morris said. "You don't see this very often."

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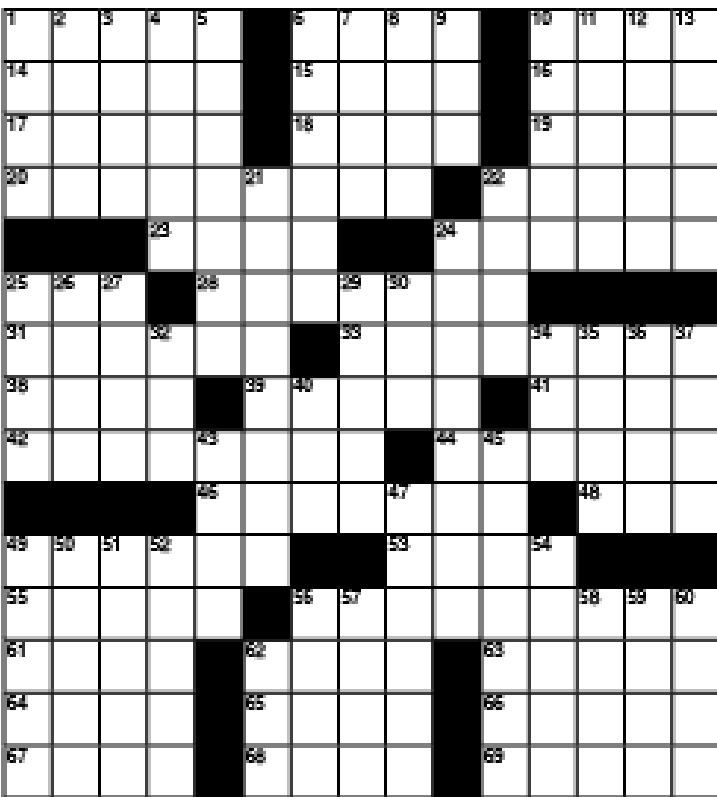
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16 Choice at checkout
17 Inspiration for "Trollus and Cressida"
18 "Look at me, \_\_\_\_ helpless ..." (opening to "Misty")
19 See 23-Across
20 When said three times, a yuletide song
22 Picnics, e.g.
23 With 19-Across, borderer of four states
24 Frees, in a way
25 Follow relentlessly
28 Simple sort
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38 Clod
39 Title role in a 1950s TV western
41 Bear in the sky
42 Stick-to-it-iveness
44 Artisan whose work is featured in this puzzle?

46 County seat on the Des Moines River
48 \_\_\_\_ pal
49 Well-defined
53 Bean pot
55 Is too cool
56 1957 Disney tearjerker
61 One in civvies who maybe shouldn't be
62 Lost traction
63 Santa \_\_\_\_, Calif.
64 Scratch
65 What a getaway car may be waiting in
66 Literary invalid
67 Remnants
68 It's not good for conducting
69 Oddballs

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1 Fly (through)
2 "Sleeping" sensation
3 Amble, e.g.
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Schuette knew a new record was etched in the Eastern history books, so she decided to make a team announcement.

She had the game ball and gave it to Menzione, who then passed it along to freshman left fielder Melise Brown, who Menzione said had done something much more noteworthy.

“Mo had a big moment getting her first home run so I thought she deserved the ball,” Menzione said. “I mean, I’ve already hit my first home run, and I know how much that means to me, so I gave the ball to her.”

It was a special moment for the Panthers after the game, and it spoke volumes about the team’s character to

Schuette.

“You know things are going well ... when Dence’ passed the ball on,” Schuette said. “It shows a lot about how close our team is.”

After hitting her first career home run on Saturday, freshman catcher Abby Wood kept her hot hitting on track by blasting her second career homer.

Wood was 2-for-3 in the second game, with her home run and two RBIs, which signals her hitting progress.

“She’s an athlete and she’s letting her instincts work and they are working well for her right now,” Schuette said.

Freshman pitcher Natalie Wunderlich (5-3) won the nightcap, by throwing six innings, striking out one

batter and surrendering 11 hits.

The doubleheader’s first game saw junior pitcher Amber May (9-7) demolish the Redhawks (10-18, 1-6 OVC) at the plate, only surrendering three hits.

“Amber got her curveball working well,” Schuette said. “She got ahead of hitters, and when that happened, she got them to start chasing balls and got strikeouts.”

Eastern (15-11, 7-0 OVC) will continue its road trip Friday, traveling to Morehead, Ky., to play Morehead State (14-13, 5-2 OVC) in a double-header beginning at noon.

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vaulting this outdoor season, and hasn’t pole vaulted since the last outdoor season.

Junior Joe Noonan had a stress fracture. Noonan wore a boot for the longest time and is now getting ready for the summer when he can start competing again.

**Wiggan, Arnold pick up league honors**

Sophomore Sean Wiggan was named the OVC Male Track Athlete of the Week after winning the 800-meter run at the EIU Invitational at O’Brien Field. He finished in 1:54.22, which is the best mark in the OVC.

He also ran a leg of the winning 1,600-meter relay team that ranked 3:16.26, which is also first in the conference.

Eastern senior Kandace Arnold was named the OVC Female Field Athlete of the Week.

Arnold threw 171 feet and followed with a second-place finish in the discus and first-place throw in the shot put. Arnold’s throw broke the previous record set by Keisha Dunlap in 2000.

Arnold now owns records in the indoor shot put, the indoor 20-pound weight throw, the outdoor discus, the

outdoor hammer throw and second in the outdoor shot put.

**Around the league**

Eastern Kentucky sophomore Lutisha Bowen was named the OVC Female Track Athlete of the Week. Bowen was a member of the 800-meter relay team that won at the N.C. State Raleigh Relays this past weekend in 1:38.65. The sophomore also notched a 14.20 in the finals of the 100-meter hurdles, placing 10th in the meet that included teams such as Ohio State and Wake Forest. The 14.20 is fastest in the OVC by .29 seconds and ranks her 28th in the East Region and 48th nationally.

Southeast Missouri junior Tyler Terry was named the OVC Male Field Athlete of the Week. Terry won his first long jump title of the outdoor season at last weekend’s Alabama Relays. The jump of 24’-1.50” was nearly a foot better than his closest competitor as the junior beat out 31 other contenders. The height ranks atop the OVC best list and is a new personal best.

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director Mark Bonnstetter and assistant sports information director Bart Rettberg are part of the search.

“We have people in mind,” Price said. “It’s exciting to go through the applications. I’m pretty much open to anything.”

Price is the third Eastern head volleyball coach in three seasons and was hired on March 1.

Price is preparing the team for a tournament at Loyola of Chicago on April 10. National Signing Day is on April 14, and at this point

Price said she is wrapping up this year’s recruiting class with at least three players.

Price has been working on the team with ball control and instructing players with their workouts.

“I can’t complain,” she said. “We all have one thing on our mind: Try to get to the top of the (Ohio Valley Conference).”

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## Top Cat with Amber May, junior pitcher



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Junior pitcher Amber May shows her strength after pitching 327 pitches as part of the key ingredient to the team's successes over the five games played last week.

# Foes can't touch May; haven in circle

Pitcher cues success with a smile, keeps succeeding

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

If Eastern junior ace Amber May isn't smiling in the pitcher's circle, she's not going to be on her game. Part of May's mound success is staying loose and happy. She designates the "keep me happy" responsibility to junior first baseman Melinda Jackson. So, after every out the two juniors make eye contact and wink at each other, bringing a smile to both, while keeping May smiling and concentrated. May had much success last week, finishing the week with four wins in

five games, a 0.76 ERA over a three-game weekend series, 28 strikeouts and 26.1 innings pitched. "I feel much better when I'm relaxed," May said. "I think (Jackson) knows that and I think the team knows that. If they can get me relaxed, it helps them out." While exchanging winks helped May stay focused, she also had much to be happy about, including tying her collegiate career-high for strikeouts with 10 against Tennessee Tech in the first game of the doubleheader at Williams Field. "I think I could've gotten more," May said. "I could've thrown a few more changeups in that first game. I know coach doesn't ever want me to ... just so I can have that in the second game, so they don't know what I'm throwing." Eastern head coach Kim Schuette

said she was impressed with May's performance and excited that the team's horse – May – is throwing the ball well. However, she threw a high number of pitches, 327, in two days and three games' worth of work. But Schuette said pitch counts and innings aren't such a big deal in softball. "Underhand (softball) is a natural motion for your body so you can go as long as your legs can handle it," Schuette said. "Overhand baseball is the improper motion, so you have to keep track of innings." May's legs could handle it. Schuette said May didn't complain about being tired until after the final game. Actually, she began to realize she was wearing down in the last few innings of Sunday's game as the Panthers won 6-3. "I had to spin it a little harder be-

cause they were hitting me harder," May said. "It's more mentally exhausting than anything." Although she began to tire down, the Heartland transfer still believed she had the competitive edge over everyone else but that is just her personality. "If somebody gets a hit off me, I'm just telling myself 'OK this next girl isn't going to get a hit off me no matter what,'" May said. "I don't care what I have to do. If I have to hit her, I'll hit her." In Saturday's second game, May gave up a home run but wasn't fazed. "It's like, if you're hitting off me then I'm striking you out next at-bat – good job for you," May said. "I think if they get a hit, I'll give it to them – they earned it. I made a mistake throwing it right down the middle. She hit a home run. Good for her." The cocky attitude may be surpris-

ing to some, but for the staff's ace, it's part of the territory. "You have to be a little cocky when you're out there, and you can't let people walk all over you," May said. With May's big weekend, Schuette said she wants to see what else her No. 1 starter can do. "When you're No. 1 is throwing like that, you want to win the games you can win, especially in conference," Schuette said. "She felt strong, so we kept going." As a pitcher, May said it's all about your attitude. That's why the Normal Community High School product has shined – she has a "nobody can touch my attitude." Last week, nobody touched her.

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BASEBALL | SPOTLIGHT

# Journey from fielding to blogging

Derbak providing character in Ping! Baseball posts

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Senior first baseman Richie Derbak is quite the character—so he was picked to represent the Eastern baseball team in a blog by Ping! Baseball.

Thus, Derbak came to be the team spokesman through a blog.

Pitching coach Skylar Meade said Ben Turner, assistant sports information director, e-mailed Meade about the opportunity for a blog and thought there was no one better than Derbak.

“He’s really personable, really intelligent and a guy like that is great to follow,” Meade said. “He’s pretty humorous in most of his blogs and he has fun with it. That’s the guy you want; you don’t want a dry-as-wood guy to do it.”

Meade said about 28 college baseball players blog around the nation.

Derbak, a Lebanon, Ill., native, was approached this fall with the idea of a blog from pitching coach Skylar Meade. He began blogging for Ping! Baseball in January.

“I’ve been recognized with them a couple times and they were interested, and Skylar did a great job getting me into the position to do it,” Derbak said. “It’s been fun. I don’t have Facebook or Twitter, so I can go out there and talk about baseball, something I love.

“It’s nice to talk when you have down time. It’s pretty neat to let the world know what you are thinking.”

Head coach Jim Schmitz said he likes the idea of Derbak blogging despite not reading it.

“I don’t have time to do much of that stuff but I think it’s nice,” Schmitz said. “He kind of gives people a capsule on how we are doing.”

Schmitz said even with last season, baseball at Eastern does not get much



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Senior first baseman Richie Derbak gets the out during the game against Chicago State on March 23 at Coaches Stadium.

publicity with the media, so Derbak’s blog is important for the team marketing itself.

“Any publicity is good for the program,” Meade said. “The guys enjoy it, which gives them a bit of the spotlight. They’ve earned that.”

Derbak, a former closer for the Panthers before undergoing Tommy John Surgery in the fall, has talked about the team’s early struggles this

year, team bonding and once even Groundhog Day.

His teammates love reading the blogs. Sophomore left fielder Ben Thoma said he gets a kick out of Derbak’s thoughts.

“It’s pretty cool,” Thoma said. “It’s kind of funny because he and I live next to each other in the same apartment (by McHugh’s on Division Street), so I give him crap about it.”

Thoma said Derbak has a saying — “Risk it for the Biscuit” — that he never says in public, but the team “makes fun of him for it.”

Derbak enjoys his teammates reading his posts.

“They like it,” Derbak said. “They read it when they can. Whenever I post something, they give me a little feedback.”

On the recruiting note, Meade—

who is also the recruiting coordinator—said the blog shows people care about Eastern and shows the team to recruits.

“You don’t want to just show them wins and loses, you also want to say you could be on the Internet or TV, so they can have fun and share with their family and friends,” Meade said.


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Sophomore outfielder Jen Saucier had two runs, one hit and two RBIs during the weekend series against Tennessee Tech at Williams Field.

# Bats catch fire against rival, 2 wins under belt

Eastern powers out seven home runs; wins of 3-0 and 10-2

By Alex McNamee  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Panthers softball players had an extra pop in their bats Wednesday as they swept through Southeast Missouri in an Ohio Valley Conference doubleheader with wins of 3-0 and 10-2.

The nightcap of the doubleheader featured all the action, with the Panthers routing the Redhawks 10-2, after powering six home runs.

The wind was blowing out of the ballpark, but that alone wasn't

enough to take away from a stellar, and unique, night in the Panthers' batter's box.

"I'm not going to take away anything from our offense because they had a good night at the plate," head coach Kim Schuette said.

Sophomore second baseman Jen Saucier hit the second of her two home runs of the night in game two. The long balls were Saucier's first two this season.

"I'm feeling a lot more relaxed at the plate, and I'm just hitting the ball well," Saucier said.

Saucier, who went 3-for-6 with three RBIs on the day, was starring at the plate.

Schuette also noted she made some big plays at second.

"She made some really good plays in the field in the second game that

"I'm feeling a lot more relaxed at the plate, and I'm just hitting the ball well."

Jen Saucier, sophomore second baseman

really helped us," Schuette said.

Senior designated player Deneé Menzione also starred in the second game when she broke the career home run record, blasting the 24th career bomb and fifth of the season.

At the end of the second game, FIRE, page 9

VOLLEYBALL | UPDATE

## Assistant coach search process starts

### National Signing Day around the corner

By Kevin Murphy  
Staff Reporter

Kate Price has spent only about one month as head coach, and there are plenty of tasks to occupy her time.

The Eastern head volleyball coach is trying to coach, pick up recruits

and within the last month trying to find an assistant coach.

A national search was posted on the NCAA Web site on March 2.

Price said the search committee is in the process of going through the applicants and does not have a timeline of selecting an assistant volleyball coach.

"We're not rushing it right now because the team is the priority," Price said.

Price, senior associate athletic SEARCH, page 9

TRACK & FIELD | NOTEBOOK



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Junior distance runner Caitlin Napoleoni and freshman middle distance runner Britney Whitehead hurdle the barrier during the women's 3,000 meter steeple chase during the EIU Quad Meet Saturday morning at O'Brien Field.

## Big Blue Classic starts with multi's

By Kevin Murphy  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern track and field team starts the Big Blue Classic beginning with the Neil Moore multi-events, which commence today. The multi-events feature the heptathlon and the decathlon. Both the heptathlon and the decathlon will be contested today and Friday. The heptathlon events start at 11 a.m. today and 10 a.m. Friday. The decathlon events start at 11:30 a.m. today and

11 a.m. Friday.

On Friday, field events start at 2 p.m. and running events start at 5 p.m. On Saturday, field events start at 10:30 a.m. and running events start at 11 a.m.

Last season, red-shirt senior Sean Hopkins won the decathlon, competing as an unattached runner.

Noonan watches on the sidelines

The former Ohio Valley Conference freshman of the year isn't pole BIG BLUE, page 9

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