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FACULTY

Professor dies at 88

By Sam Sottosanto
Editor in Chief

Alphonso DiPietro, a mathematics professor at Eastern for 50 years, died on May 31 at Meadowbrook Health Center at Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana, Ill.

His visitation will be held this Friday at 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 921 Madison Ave.

His funeral will also be at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

DiPietro, who was 88, started teaching at Eastern in 1959, and later became the chair of the mathematics department for 20 years.

He retired in 1987, but shortly after his wife, Luisa passed away in 1992, he started teaching at Eastern again part-time.

Peter Andrews, chair of the mathematics department, said DiPietro was a rather amazing person.

"Full of life, and energy, and loved people," Andrews said.

DiPietro was well known for the stories he would

tell to his students during his classes. One story, Andrews recollected, was about his bow tie.

"He told me once that he started wearing bow ties because when he first started teaching, most faculty members wore a jacket and tie, but he was so short that his tie kept dragging on the chalk board," Andrews said. "He wore them ever since. He would love to tell you stories like that."

DiPietro had been teaching at Eastern until Spring 2009, when he fell in his apartment and broke his hip. Because of this, he had to miss the last class of the semester.

He was brought to a nursing home in Champaign and was expected to leave and return to classes this upcoming fall.

"I thought of him as a good friend and confidant," Andrews said. "Whenever you saw him, he always perked up a little bit like he was happy to see you. He was the special one; he was a very special person."

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CITY COUNCIL

Streets to close for race

By Abby Allgire
City Editor

The Charleston City Council appointed police chief Bryan Baker to the Coles County Emergency Telephone System (911) Board and approved the closing of city streets for Independence Day festivities.

Inyart said the 911 board will set policies and handle the budget for the agency that runs the 911 Dispatch Center for Coles County.

The council approved the temporary closure of streets for the Habitat for Humanity foot race.

The race is scheduled for the morning of July 3.

Pierce Avenue from Division Street to Second Street will be closed to traffic and parking on July 3 from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Monroe Avenue from Sixth Street to

Seventh Street, Jackson Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street, Sixth Street from Monroe Avenue to Polk Avenue, Seventh Street from Jackson Avenue to Monroe Avenue, and Division Street from Polk Avenue to Grant Avenue will also be closed to traffic and parking 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. July 4.

The council also approved the temporary street closures for the parade and festivities on July 4.

From 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. July 4, First Street will be closed to traffic from Polk Avenue to Pierce Avenue.

Polk Avenue will be closed to traffic from Sixth Street to Division from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 4. Division will be closed to traffic from Pierce to Lincoln from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. July 4.

There will be no parking on Division from Pierce Avenue to Lincoln Avenue 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 4.

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LOCAL



ROB WARREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Northbound motorists were detoured to Illinois routes 190 and 192 Monday after a nine car accident including one tractor trailer hauling 42,000 lbs of cargo smashed into a GMC Envoy on the evening of May 31, 2010.

Crash still under investigation

By Charles LeGrand
Staff Reporter

A nine-car accident on I-57 Monday caused by a Louisiana man driving a semi-truck, resulted in the deaths of three Mississippi women, according to Illinois State Police.

Coles County Coroner, Ed Schniers, released the names of the women killed on Tuesday. The deceased are Sheila H. Douglas, 61, of Batesville, Miss.; Doris Hamblin-Mayo, 68, of

Sarah, Miss.; and Juanita Hall, 80, also of Sarah, Miss.

The Illinois State Police Capt. Stuart Shaver said 12 others were injured Monday in the collision, which was north of Mattoon.

Officers tested the blood and urine of the semi's driver, 55-year-old Everett Van Duzee of New Iberia, La., but there was no trace of drugs or alcohol.

Shaver said the crash was likely caused by driver inattention.

The investigation indicates the motorists were preparing to switch lanes for one-lane traffic in a construction zone a few miles north of Mattoon, Sgt. Bill Emery of the Illinois, he said.

Shaver said the crash accident is still under investigation.

Sean Junge, Captain Paramedic of the Mattoon Fire Department, was the Incident Command Officer.

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CAMPUS

Art classes to begin soon

Student art workshops include sculpting, painting, metal smiting

By Jennifer Brown
Assistant Photo Editor

Beginning Tuesday, the Tarble Arts Center will offer art classes and workshops for children ages 4-14.

Kit Morice, curator of education for the center, said the Tarble Arts Center is a non-profit organization supporting the arts.

The funds organization receives are used to create classes and the workshops for children.

Also, the center only charges for instructor fees and the cost of materials. If a family is a member then they receive 20 percent off the workshop price.

Dorothy Bennett, professor of arts, said the summer art school and workshops are a preparation for the students' future college experience.

Bennett said the students are able to enroll in three out of four classes, including sculpture, painting, metal smiting and drying.

"They're in art classes for 6 hours, 5 hours a day. Each class is 2 hours," Bennett said.

Deven Powell, a student worker at the Tarble Arts Center, is co-instructing "Stop-Motion Filmmaking" with Gabe Przygoda starting July 19.

Powell said he plans to teach the children the basic principles of making motion pictures.

"It's a week long course for middle school kids to show them how to make acclamation films like they see on YouTube," Powell said.

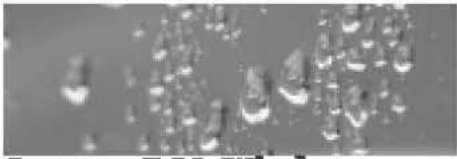
Powell said students will be using Windows Movie Maker to make movies which hopefully become a minute long.

"We hope they learn to use media and take one picture at a time and understand the picture as a whole and learn the basics of cartoons," he said.

For more information about the classes and workshops, contact Kit Morice at 217-581-2787.

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WEATHER TODAY



Sunny - P.M. Winds

HIGH 83° Scattered showers will move across our area this morning. Skies will clear up as we move into the afternoon hours. Rain will return to the area again Friday evening. Mostly cloudy skies will continue.
LOW 71°

WEATHER TOMORROW



Friday
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Saturday
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Low: 67°

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ONLINE TEASERS



Podcast: Open Mic Night

The English department had an open mic reading at Jackson Avenue Coffee last night. Hear some readings and interview with participants at DENNews.com.



Video: Wetlands

Fox Ridge had an educational presentation on wetlands and vernal pools. Watch a video at DENNews.com.



Animal Blog: Jellyfish!

City Editor Abby Allgire blogs about the world's largest jellyfish. Read about it at DENNews.com.



Food Blog: College eats

News Editor Rashida Lyles-Cowan blogs about where college students can go to eat. Read it at DENNews.com.

Drumming in the fields



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The snare drum line of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont, Ill., practices on the soccer practice fields on Wednesday. The Cavaliers will be on campus throughout the week practicing for their upcoming touring season and competitions.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Flower plant in greenhouse expected to bloom next week

Steven Malehorn, manager of the H.F. Thut Greenhouse, is expecting the "Corpse Flower" to bloom this Monday or Tuesday. The blooming is expected to happen within a few hours and only lasts for one night.

The Titan Arum bloomed last June and attracted hundreds of flies and many more visitors with its "road kill aroma."

For anyone who needs to drive to the greenhouse to see the flower, parking is available in the S-Lot, Ninth Street Lot and the W-Lot.

Admission into the greenhouse is free, and hours for the greenhouse are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., but the greenhouse stays open until midnight when the flower blooms.

—Compiled by Activities Editor Alesha Bailey

CORRECTION

In a column in the sports section in last Thursday's edition, the year the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup last was incorrect. The Blackhawks last won the Stanley Cup in 1961.

It was also reported that Audrey Edwards said she has graded each assignment 100 times. She has graded approximately over 1,700 times. She gave one assignment to over 40 students per semester for 42 semesters.

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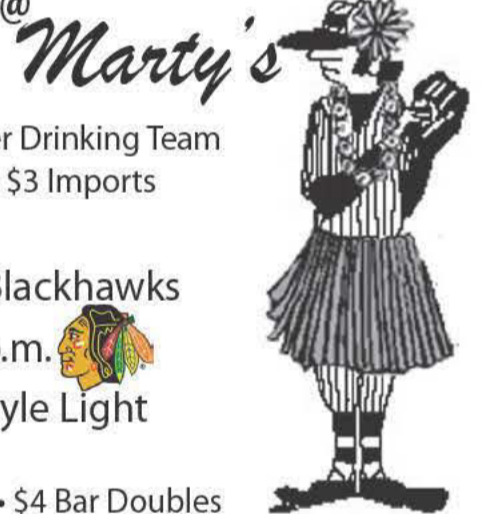
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LOCAL

Vendors talk about harvesting experiences

By Alesha Bailey
Activities Editor

Vendors at last weekend's Garden Ramble elaborate on their farming projects and past events.

The ramble took place on May 29 through 30 and sponsored Rincker Family Produce, 5-Acre Farm Daylilies and University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners.

Jim and Sharon Rincker have worked on their crops since February, where they began to grow their products in their basement.

"We have gourd lights, so we grow our flowers and our seeds in the basement, and we move them out to the greenhouse in late March," Sharon Rincker said.

The Rinckers started growing sweet corn ten years ago and have continued to expand their crops. They grow and sell gourds (plants from the same family of the cucumber, squash and pumpkin), other vegetables and flowers.

"After Earth Bash, pretty much after the first of June, the flowers are pretty well," Jim Rincker said.

Other than Earth Bash and the Garden

PHOTO GALLERY

Take a look through Wesley White-side gardens in the photo gallery at DENnews.com

Ramble, the Rinckers go to the Farmer's Market in Charleston and sell everything that they grow.

Sharon Rincker said the farmer's markets are popular because people like to buy fresh produce.

"It's a whole different take. We're having fresh lettuce salads now if anyone needs one, and the lettuce is just a whole different taste than what you can buy at the store," she said.

Sharon Rincker said she enjoys going to the ramble for fun instead of profit.

"We like to come and talk to people and meet. We meet a lot of nice people," she said.

Rod Kroemer of 5-Acre Farm Daylilies also goes to different places to meet people. He said the farm does other garden shows all over the state to promote their products.

"Other sorts of garden clubs will call, and they'll want presentations, and they'll want

someone to come and make the plants available for sale," he said.

Kroemer displayed and sold the farm's day-lilies, honey, garden gloves and a hand hoes; the farm holds 700 kinds of daylilies.

"They are very, very easy to grow, and they only need to be watered every third to fourth week, and a nice big sunny window," he said.

Kroemer said he enjoys doing events because of his own experiences with planting.

"I like the fact that I'm semi-retired, and I've been able to go back to gardening once again," he said. "I grew up on a farm, my father and my grandfather were both farmers, and I'm just so glad to come back to do this once again."

Not only does Kroemer said he likes to plant and grow, but he thinks it's important for others to do the same.

"I think it's very important for people to be in contact with the earth, and grow things and have a connection with the world," he said.

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JENNIFER BROWN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The woods are alluring as guests walk through the pathways to see the flowers on display.

STUDENTS

Students travel to foreign countries for summertime

By Harrison Bueno
Staff Reporter

Eastern communication studies majors and professors from the department will embark on an adventure filled with koalas, crocodiles, and snakes.

They will travel to Australia and New Zealand for a month this June and will be staying in hotels throughout the two countries.

Claire Dau, a junior communica-

tion studies major, said this opportunity could not have been handed to her at a better time because of her busy schedule during the school year.

"I really enjoy traveling and I've always wanted to study abroad," she said.

Dau said this is a perfect time to take this trip because she has more time in the summer.

Excited to visit a number of places in New Zealand and Australia, Dau said she wants to see major cities,

museums and hike on glaciers.

"I would love to see kangaroos and koalas and dingoes," she said. "It'd also be fun to see some crocodiles or snakes...but only in a controlled environment."

Nathan Schwalm, a senior communications studies major, said he has never studied abroad.

Schwalm said he is excited because the trip seems like an adventure.

"To me overall, this is like an adventure of a lifetime. It's the time in

my life to take advantage of this opportunity," he said.

Schwalm also said he does not feel nervous jumping into a different culture because he is open to learn about new places and people.

"It's like anthropology: we're very influential to their cultures, but both are also dominated by a number of (other) nationalities," he said.

Along with traveling, the students will be taking classes.

Sara Boro, a senior communica-

tion studies major, said she has studied abroad a number of times.

Boro said her class schedule usually consists of six credit hours, three for Intercultural Communication and three for an independent study.

"I am trying to keep my mind open and try as many things as I can while I am there," she said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Dining options for summer pose problem

Imagine that you live on campus and you're done with classes for the day. It's 3 p.m.

Where do you go to eat?

The Union Food Court is closed and the dining halls are closed between lunch and dinner.

Those that live off campus are used to foraging for themselves.

For those students living on campus this summer, finding places to eat can be a hassle.

Students living on campus this summer received a 12-meal plan and \$25 dining dollars. But let's face it; those dining dollars won't last very long.

Pretty soon if a student wants to eat at the Food Court, they'll have to pay out of their own pocket.

Not every student can do that over the summer, especially if they don't have a summer job.

For the first few weeks of summer, students with a meal plan could eat at Taylor or the Food Court during specific hours.

This week, students are being shuffled off to eat at Carman or the Food Court. It is convenient for students to be able eat on campus but it isn't convenient when the dining center they're allowed to eat at is so far away from their classes.

Carman and Taylor have the same hours even though they're not open the same days. Carman is open June 1 through 19 for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Taylor is open June 4 through 19, but it's only open for Girls and Boys State Track.

June 20 through 30, Taylor will be open to students for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Union Food Court is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the summer.

What happens when a student has only 45 minutes between classes at Coleman?

They'll take about 20 minutes to walk to and from Carman.

If they're lucky, there won't be any lines at Carman and they'll have 20 minutes to eat (they lose five minutes to get food and sit down).

It would be a lot easier if food was served at Taylor all summer. It doesn't take long to get there from classes on campus.

Students need to plan accordingly to the changes in the dining hall schedule. When food is only served at Carman, students need to know that ahead of time so they don't waste precious time between classes walking over to Taylor.

PAWS Go vegetarians!

By Sam Sottosanto
Editor in Chief

Okay, okay, I'll admit it: I'm not a vegetarian. But that doesn't mean I haven't tried. I have respect for all the vegetarians out there who are "cold turkey"—no pun intended.

But even though I'm not a vegetarian, the only meat I really eat is chicken, and occasionally beef.

My problem is I'm so picky that I probably wouldn't be able to survive without eating meat.

But becoming a vegetarian is a good thing. Two classes I have taken at Eastern have shown films that have greatly influenced my feelings toward vegetarians. These films show the gruesome way animals are killed and handled before they become that piece of steak you're having for dinner.

Doesn't it ever touch you that your steak once lived, breathed and moved?

Flash back a few months. The steak you will be eating is alive and breathing. It's kind of depressing to think about, isn't it? How would you feel if there was a smarter species on earth that wanted to kill you for food?

While I'm not saying everyone out there should become a vegetarian, because I know it can be hard in some cases, I am at least saying that people should show respect for vegetarians.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard people bug vegetarians about their eating habits.

So next time be a little more courteous and put yourselves in their shoes.

CLAWS I love meat!

By Rashida Lyles-Cowan
News Editor

When I think of the word, "vegetarian," I automatically know it is not for me.

However, I do give my props to vegetarians because I cannot see myself giving up any type of meat.

Honestly, animals are here for a reason and that reason is to eat them.

Vegetarianism is the practice of following a plant-based diet including fruits, vegetables, cereal grains, nuts, seeds and sometimes with or without dairy products.

In this practice, most vegetarians do not eat meat such as: red meat, fish, poultry, and so on.

Don't get me wrong. I love fruits and vegetables.

However, I have to have meat. I do not want to sit down at dinner and eat a plate full of vegetables. I like to see my plate balanced with meat and vegetables.

Not only is meat delicious, but it also provides nutrition needed in a balanced diet.

Although vegetarians can find some of this nutrition in other types of foods, meat is the best source.

Meat provides protein containing amino acids, which builds and repairs human cells.

Meat also contains vitamins and iron.

I can't express how many times people have tried to convert me into a vegetarian or make me feel bad about eating meat.

I am not here to do that but I strongly feel that eating meat is nothing but beneficial.

FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Dance is much more than just a movement

The dictionary defines dance as a movement, but it is so much more.

I absolutely love to dance. It relieves my stress and makes me feel amazing.

When I dance, I feel like there is no anger, hurt or envy around—only peace.

At age nine, I started to perform a spiritual dance, called praise dancing. I performed in many of the local churches near my area.

I can still hear the pastor's voice welcoming me to the stage.

"Now we will have one of our precious youth to perform," he said.

I was nervous and shy as I walked to the stage.

Suddenly, the music began to play and my fear went away. I felt amazing. I danced as if I was trying to make others believe there is always hope. Back then, I figured out that one of my purposes in life is to dance.

This was only the first step of my journey. After that day, I was inspired to get others



Angelica Moore

together and create a dance group.

The first group I created was called "Heavenly Angels."

Together we choreographed dances that we hoped would help minister to individuals going through hard times.

Later, I was encouraged to give youth the same opportunity I had by preparing them to take on the leadership of the group. The group still continues to perform today.

Dance inspired me to take many leadership roles in my community, be responsible and to be a role model to youth. But I wanted to do

more than just dance—I wanted to motivate.

I believe that if it weren't for dance, I wouldn't be the person I am today.

Dance has not only taught me how to perform and keep rhythm, but I have also learned so much more.

When I dance, I feel freedom. I have learned that I have that same freedom when the music stops.

I have the freedom to choose my path in life and make the right decisions.

Whenever I feel stressed out or feel like I have no one to talk to, I remember I have dance. It's something that will be with me forever.

At any time you feel troubled or just need some peace of mind, get up and dance and remember that it's more than just a movement.

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STREETS, from page 1



ABBY ALLGIRE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

City Attorney Brian Bowen talks to City Manager, Scott Smith before Tuesday's meeting.

A bid award was given to the lowest bidder for materials for the new water plant treatment on 20th Street and McKinley Avenue.

Mayor John Inyart said the bid was surprisingly low. The water plant now has all the materials needed.

Inyart appointed Jodi Cline to the Charleston Library Board of Trustees.

He also re-appointed Nora Pat Small an Ex Officio and appointed Jacqueline Wilen as Ex Officio Member of the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission.

In addition, city manager Scott Smith announced at Tuesday's city council meeting the kid's splash pool at the Charleston Public Pool will be

closed the rest of the week because of technical problems.

The splash pool closed Tuesday because of problems with the piping.

It is not clear when the pool will be up and running, but Smith said the pool owners are doing everything they can to accommodate younger children and have the pool ready. The water slide also overheated on Tuesday, but it should be fixed soon.

The next city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 15 in city hall.

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LOCAL

Bar offers 'something new'

By Kristin Jording
Managing Editor

The Penalty Box sports bar, formerly known as Mad Hatter's, will be under construction all summer.

The current owner of the bar, Peter Christos, was looking for a catchy name and stumbled upon the name Penalty Box in a unique way.

"I basically just made my status 'looking for a catching name,'" he said.

Christos said he hopes to have the bar completely finished by Aug. 1, in order to open by Aug. 20.

It took a month to get the bar cleared out and another month to finish the ceilings and the walls, he said.

Christos said he plans to have the inside of the bar completed by the end of June.

Construction will cost approximately \$100,000 for everything.

Christos did not want to share his secret plans for the bar, but said there will be a new dance floor as well as new light effects.

"I can't give away all my little secrets," he said.

After the inside is completed, work will begin on the new outdoor patio.

There will also be new siding on the building.

"I think people are just waiting for something new, and it's going to be a little different," Christos said.

The Penalty Box will offer food from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. at a pick up window from Tuesday through Saturday night. The bar will offer food throughout the day as well.

"If people don't wanna go to Jimmy Johns, and they want some greasy food, they can come to us," he said.

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CRASH, from page 1

"My guys did a tremendous job," Junge said. "Obviously with that amount of cars and people involved and they worked there rear ends off. We want to thank the other agencies that helped."

The resulting crash scene and debris forced the closure of the I-57 northbound lanes for more than seven hours, reopening at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Deputy Coroner Michael Bennett is un-

sure about the details of memorial arrangements. Bennett said the deceased's times of death are unknown.

Relatives seeking information on loved ones involved in the accident can contact the Illinois State Police District 10 headquarters at 217-265-0050.

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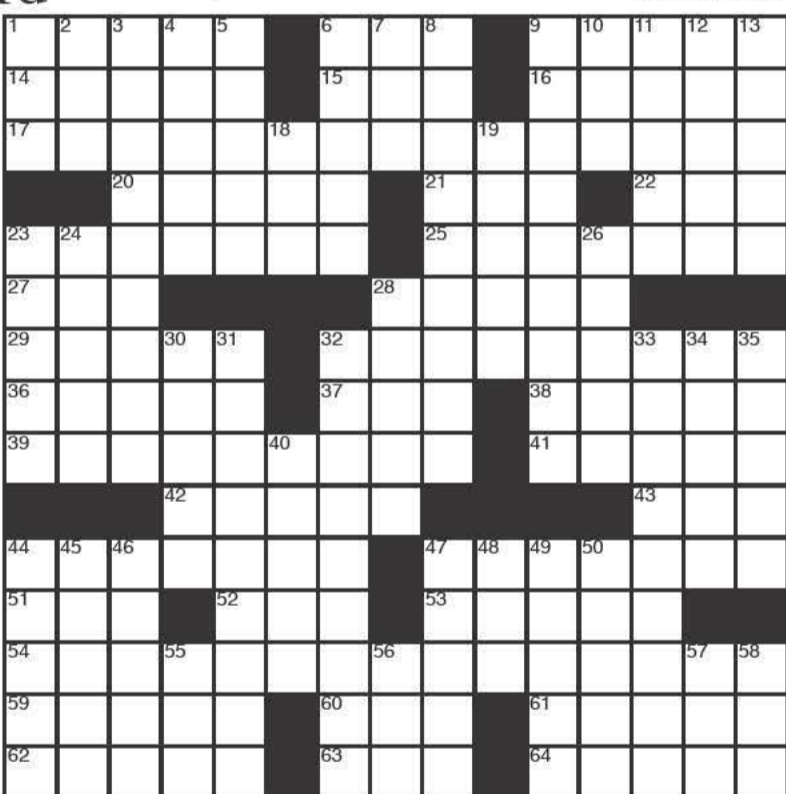
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 - Clear
 - With 37- and 54-Across, curious property of this crossword
 - "Whether ____ ..."
 - Common item in a purse
 - Mellow, say
 - King with a statue in Trafalgar Square
 - Imitates a penguin
 - It may actually be a hunch
 - "Interest paid on trouble before it falls due," per W. R. Inge
 - What hawks do
 - Asian spiritual guide
 - "Jerusalem Delivered" poet
 - See 17-Across
 - Nail's partner
 - Enter surreptitiously
 - Dictionary listing
 - Lizard that chirps
 - Something that may be let out
 - Actress Harper
 - Quiet
 - "____ fancy you consult, consult your purse": Benjamin Franklin
 - Foundation
 - Hold over the fire, say
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 - Smooths
 - Some sports scores, briefly
 - U.S. term for a British "saloon"
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- Subpar grade
 - 60 minuti
 - Rot
 - Autumn shade
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 - Peruvian volcano
 - Dir. from Paris to Bordeaux
 - Olympic sport since 2000
 - Parch
 - Procter & Gamble's first liquid laundry detergent
 - ____ metabolism
 - Dictionary topic
 - Code carriers
 - "____ did not!"
 - Abrogate a peace treaty, maybe
 - Isn't serious
 - City on the Nile
 - Big name in vacuum cleaners
 - Conjoined with
 - County name in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma
 - Pot contents
 - Totally beat
 - For the reason stated
 - French beings
 - Gun, for one
 - Less welcoming
 - Mythological subject for Titian and Botticelli
 - One of the ABC islands
 - It may be found often in a shop
 - Mini-section of an almanac
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Baseball season comes to an end after OVC Tournament

Abby Allgire
City editor

The Eastern baseball season has come to an end after being eliminated from the OVC Conference Tournament.

After a win against SEMO in the OVC tournament, the Panthers lost back-to-back games against Jacksonville State and Murray State.

Senior pitcher Mike Recchia said the

team seemed to lose energy after getting down against Murray State in the first two innings.

The Panthers finished the season with a record of 18-32.

Recchia said he felt the team played with a lot of heart.

Even though the team didn't win the OVC tournament, Recchia said the team did learn a lot and progress as the season went on.

The Panthers plan to take what hap-

pened this season and build on it for next year.

Recchia said the team really grew as a family this year and learned to play together.

The overall season may have been disappointing, but Recchia said that things are only going to get better for the program.

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Jordan Boner

History stolen away by umpire

Major League Baseball lost out on a historic moment Wednesday night.

Armando Galarraga, a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, was perfect through eight-and-two-thirds innings. He had one man left to retire.

Galarraga winds up and delivers.

The batter hits a ground ball to the right side. The first baseman picks it up, throws to Galarraga. Galarraga steps on the bag and the umpire makes the call:

"Safe!"

The stadium exploded with boos.

A replay clearly showed that Galarraga had beaten the batter to the bag. Joyce had stolen a perfect game away from Galarraga.

How could this happen? A third perfect game in three months is broken up not by a blooper to left, an infield single or an error by the rookie outfielder but by, of all people, the first base umpire.

History would have been made.

Granted, it was a close play but it could have easily been avoided.

This has got to be the final straw for the MLB. Instant replay must be implemented for such calls. How can a commissioner Bud Selig stand for such a ridiculously bad blown call?

The argument against expanding instant replay is that it will make the already lengthy games even longer. Games are long, but that's baseball. It's part of the game.

When I go to the ballpark, I plan on spending hours there reveling in the experience.

No what? How is that even relevant after Wednesday's epic failure?

With today's HD TVs and related technology how can looking at a replay of a play like Wednesday night's take longer than 10 seconds?

If necessary, give managers the ability to challenge only two blown calls a night. That would stop teams from challenging every call that's within a step.

Baseball needs to quit worrying about the length of games and start worrying about the quality and integrity of umpires.

Instant replay expansions would help umpires to control the game better.

Umpires could make the correct calls and do a better job of satiating the wrath of managers after a close call.

Baseball must do something.

This cannot go without consequence or rep- aration.

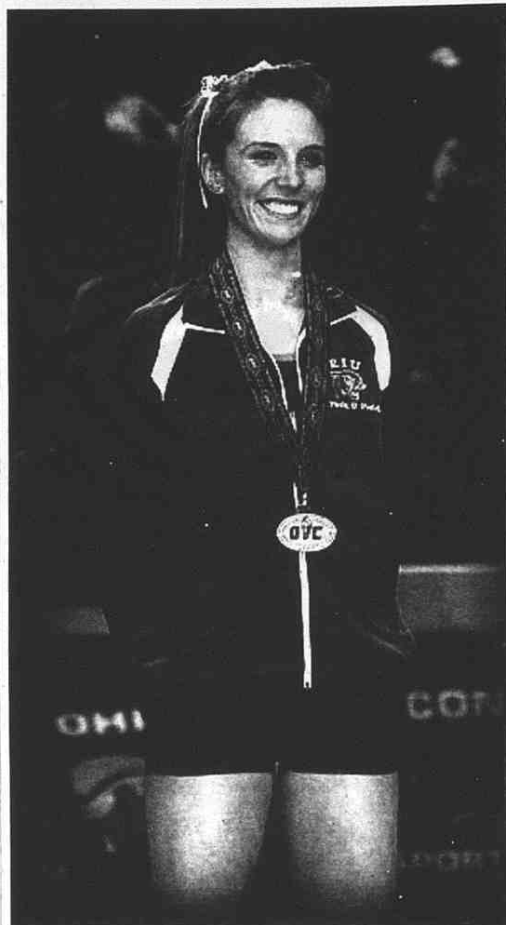
I cannot imagine what Galarraga feels like after last night's game. He was one out away from being the 21st pitcher to reach perfection. He was about to make history.

Next time Bud Selig thinks about expanding instant replay he needs to think about one thing: What would Galarraga do?

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All Access with Erin O'Grady

By Abby Allgire
City Editor



O'Grady receives her medal for her first place finish in the 3,000-meter at the 2010 OVC Indoor Track Championships.

Erin O'Grady may be finished with her track and cross-country career at Eastern, but she has definitely left her mark. In her senior year alone, O'Grady won the OVC indoor track title in the 3,000-meter race and distance medley relay, and she took second in the mile. She also broke the school record for the steeplechase.

This year she was part of the Eastern team that won both the indoor and outdoor OVC conference championships.

O'Grady's accomplishments don't end there.

She was nominated for the OVC scholar-athlete award and chosen to speak at this year's Academic-Athletic Banquet.

O'Grady was also put on the OVC Commissioner's honor roll for her grades.

O'Grady was selected for the EIU Extend-a-Paw award. This award is given to an athlete who excels in their sport, has a high academic standing and is a leader in the community.

Running has almost always been a part of O'Grady's life. She joined her middle school's track team in seventh grade and the cross-country team in eighth grade.

O'Grady was inspired to join track after beating out most of the boys in the mile run when she was only in fifth grade.

Through her four years in high school, O'Grady played basketball and ran track and cross-country.

Before every competitive race, O'Grady makes sure to have a green band on her right ankle that says, "Donate Life."

This band was given to her after her senior year in high school when her grandmother passed away.

"It's my grandma racing with me," O'Grady said. "I don't get on the line without her."

O'Grady said she loves the challenge of running and pushing her body to the limits. She also loves the team aspect of running.

"My teammates are the world to me," O'Grady said.

Even though her college running career is over, O'Grady plans to make running a part of her future. She now plans to run in road races, which she was not able to do in college.

"Running a marathon does not sound appealing to me," O'Grady said. "But the shorter races are my thing."

O'Grady wants to be a high school Spanish teacher, as well as coach high school track and cross-country in the future. She takes satisfaction in being able to show others what it takes to be a successful runner.

O'Grady said she is going to miss the Eastern track and cross-country team, especially her teammates and coaches.

"It always made me really proud to represent EIU on the track," O'Grady said. "But now I can't do that anymore."

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TRACK

AAA State Track and Field Finals

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Runners exchange the baton for the second preliminary heat of the AAA State Track and Field Finals.

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Volleyball
Friday vs. UT Martin
7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

M&W cross country
Saturday - OVC Championships
10 a.m. - Nashville, Tenn.

Women's soccer
Saturday vs. UT Martin
12 p.m. - Lakeside Field

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Volleyball
Saturday vs. Murray State
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