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Spring into activity with recent warm weather

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APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Revised UB, stu. gov. budgets approved

All four budgets total to maximum \$540,000

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

Eastern’s Apportionment Board officially approved all four budgets presented to them Thursday night after previously requiring both student government and the University Board to make extensive cuts.

Both organizations initially requested more money for Fiscal Year 2011 than they received for this year. The AB split the \$7,653 of the funds exceeding the \$540,000 maximum budget for the four boards, between the two.

Student government was asked to cut \$3,825 and complied by retracting two line items that adding to \$4,026.

These line items included \$1,001 in registered fees paid to vendors, which is the money paid to register delegates for the Conference on Student BUDGET, page 7

EVENT

University Board prepares for Drake concert

Weekday spring concert requires reorganization

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Eastern will be the first stop on Drake’s “Away from Home” tour Tuesday.

Tickets may still be available Tuesday night, and will call tickets can be picked up before the show at the Lantz Arena box office. The doors and box office will open at 7 p.m.

About 3,100 of the 3,300 Drake tickets have sold so far.

“This is still considered a sell-out,” said Ceci Brinker, director of student life.

For the concert, the University Board has assembled crews including catering, arrangements for a walk-through, sound and lighting crews, two Emergency Medical Technicians and riggers to find out where to hang the sound and lighting.

The Concerts Committee for the UB is also putting together student crews — stage crew, hospitality, security and ushers.

Krystina Lamorte, the concerts chair-elect for UB, said the committee has been preparing for the day of the concert for months.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Former student body president questions how fee is used

Fee to support new Physical Sciences Building

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

The student senate voted Wednesday to increase the campus improvement fee to support the construction of a new Physical Sciences building.

However, input from a former student body president about the fee’s origins may prove to be a challenge to President Bill Perry’s proposal.

Sean Anderson, a former student body president, contacted current student body president Michelle Murphy when he heard about the potential fee increase.

Anderson advised Murphy and senate members to turn down the proposal because he said the campus improvement fee was originally

created by a senate member for the direct benefit of the student body.

Anderson, who served from 2006-2007, said the administration should have no authority over the fee, whether proposing changes or planning how to spend the student-provided money.

“It should be known that if it’s a student fee, it should be student-led,” Anderson said. “It shouldn’t be this sum to pay toward the university on top of paying tuition.”

Anderson said the campus im-

provement fee has been previously used for projects such as improving the food court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, as well as the renovation of 7th Street Underground in 2005.

In the past, funds from the campus improvement fee were also used to pay for portions of the Doudna Fine Arts Center construction, the new boiler for the steam plant and repairs following the fire at Blair Hall.

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EVENT

‘Africa’ comes to campus



SAMANTHA BILHARZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alicia Cook a sophomore, economic major, Amanda Gaytan, a freshman undecided major and Shakari White, a senior family and consumer sciences major, are part of the Jolie dance troupe. They performed a traditional African dance Thursday night during the African Students Association’s second annual charity cultural arts and fashion show in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Traditional wear, skits highlight night

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

The sun came out Thursday morning and by that night people learned at the African Students Association fashion show that Africa actually means sunny in Latin.

Facts about Africa filled a giant screen before the cultural and fashion show began.

Attendants of the African cultural and fashion show learned that throughout the continent, Africa

has more than 2,000 languages.

Volunteers at the event donned African garments, including clothing for formal wear, casual wear and traditional wear.

People in Africa wear formal wear at events like weddings, casual wear is what Africans wear in their everyday life and traditional wear is what Africans wore in pre-historic times.

The Jolie Dance Troupe performed at the event and Stephen Tyler, a senior corporate communications major, read a poem called “The Gift of Grace” with lines like “black women and men brought together, Africa united we stand.”

Students put on skits about how a woman can still be sexy while standing up for her rights and the negativity of abusive relationships.

Tianca Radcliff, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, liked how the show had a lot of different models showing off various clothing styles.

Radcliff was a little nervous, but went onstage when the two emcee’s called for women in the crowd to dance onstage.

Willie Morris, the event coordinator, said most of the clothing at the fashion show was donated from family members of the people in the show and Kara Imports in Chicago.

“I hope the (African Students Association) continues this to show our campus something different,” Morris said.

Ogie Iyehen, a senior psychology major, was one of the volunteers who wore casual clothing for the fashion show.

“I’m from Nigeria and this is kind of like my passion,” he said.

All proceeds from the show, which cost \$3, went to the Flame of Ambition Children’s Movement, a charity for educating children in underdeveloped countries.

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WEATHER TODAY



Sunny - Breezy

HIGH

79°

LOW

53°

Unseasonably warm conditions continue today, with temperatures once again up near 80. Scattered showers make their way into the area late tonight, and should be around for the majority of tomorrow afternoon. The showers should move quickly, with Sunday looking to be dry, with temperatures near 70.

WEATHER TOMORROW

Saturday

Showers & T-Storms

High: 67°

Low: 56°

Sunday

Mostly Sunny

High: 70°

Low: 44°

For more weather information: www.eiu.edu/~weather

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Asian American Association hosting karaoke today

The Asian American Association is sponsoring a karaoke night at 6 p.m. in Stevenson Hall. The event is open to everyone.

Easter dinner at Taylor Dining

The Taylor Dining Center will have Easter dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

The dinner costs one meal swipe. Potato chowder and minestrone soup, pot roast with gravy, chicken and dumplings, baby red parsley potatoes, corn pudding, carrots, broccoli normandy, butter and egg rolls, and blueberry and pumpkin pie will be served.

African American dance class offered at Parkland

Ollie M. Ray will be teaching "African-American Influence on Dance, 1500s to 2000s" beginning April 9 and 10 at Parkland College.

The course will also be offered April 16 and 17 and April 30 and May 1.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

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Teeing it up



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Ryan Blaesing, a senior accouting major from Lake Zurich, partakes in a game called "Tolf" on the frisbee golf course Thursday afternoon. Tolf involves hitting a tennis ball with a golf club on a frisbee golf course.

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Which Easter candies do you know?

Easter is right around the corner. See how much you know about Easter candy by taking this quiz at DENnews.com.



Cultural show helps charities

The African Students Association put on a cultural fashion show yesterday to help raise money for the Flame of Ambition charity. See clips and hear interviews about the show at DENnews.com.

CORRECTION

An article in the Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly described the potential increase to the campus improvement fee. The fee increase is separate from tuition in the student bill.

The DEN regrets the error.

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ACTIVITIES



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Freshly bloomed daffodils grow next to the Panther Trail as a runner passes by.

Campus, surrounding area springing to life

By Allison Twaits
Staff Reporter

March 20 officially marked the first day of spring and with it students are looking for any excuse to be outside.

With temperatures beginning to rise after one of the coldest winters in recent years, Charleston has begun to crawl with life again.

Tony Panapinto, a sophomore marketing major, said he enjoys riding his longboard to class and around campus.

“When I’m not in school, I’m outside,” Panapinto said.

Josh Anderson, a business major, said he enjoys lying out on his back porch and listening music.

“It’s also going to be nice not having to walk through mud puddles anymore,” Anderson said.

Eastern has a number of activities students can take part in. Whether it is intramural sports or simply playing Frisbee in the Quad, the options are limitless.

The Student Recreation Center offers a list of outdoor and indoor intramural sports any student can participate in. Basketball, kickball, softball, including individual sports, racquetball and badminton are all available in the spring.

The Rec also offers spring special events like a home run derby or bags doubles, which are only offered during the spring.

Kevin Linker, the Rec’s intramural sports director, said there is definitely an increase of students who participate during the spring. The Rec itself is always full from spring break to the end of the year and it is

great to have some many active students.

There are no limits to the number of teams who can sign up.

Charleston also has a number of state parks where students can go to enjoy the weather.

The grand opening of The Coles County Dragway USA is April 18. The one-eighth mile drag strip is a division three racing track for racecars and motorcycles.

For those interested in taking a trip, the world’s fastest soda machine can be found in Lerna, a 20-minute trip from Charleston. Legend has it, at least according to the Facebook group dedicated to the pop machine, that this machine knows what a person want before he or she pushes the button.



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Corey Kelly, a junior kinesiology major from Orland Park, throws a frisbee on the 8th whole of the frisbee golf course on campus Thursday afternoon.

Spring Activities

Fox Ridge State Park, only an eight-mile drive from campus, offers hiking, playgrounds, hunting and camping.

Lake Charleston, a 440-acre lake, is a popular place to fish or have a picnic.

The Douglas-Hart Nature Center is full of trails that are open seven days a week. Pets are welcome on the four-mile trail. Visitors can eat outside to enjoy the weather or have a tour guide show you around through Illinois’ wetlands.

The Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail in Mattoon is a great place for a bike ride with miles of surface to bike, jog, or equestrian ride from dawn until dusk.

Miniature golf and batting cages are available at Putt-n-swing on 17th street, which includes a 19-hole miniature golf course and six pitching machines.

For more information on any of these places and activities visit www.eiu.edu/campusrec and www.charlestantourism.org.

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CITY

City seeks to charge underage drinkers

Staff Report

Charges against Mother’s Bar were dropped at a hearing on Thursday.

During the hearing, the city dismissed liquor license violations to the bar, located at 506 Monroe Ave. They will now be seeking charges against the six underage individuals who were on the property on Feb. 17.

The Charleston Police Department entered the establishment for an alcohol compliance check during a private party held by a campus Greek organization.

“We were able to identify the underage people who got into the establishment,” said City Attorney Brian Bower.

The individuals showed a fake identification to enter the establishment.

BOOTH LIBRARY

Booth shares many school memories

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

Booth Library is building a database of school memories.

As part of a larger exhibit, the library is building an exhibit on the memories citizens have had at school.

The exhibit looks at school life from K-12 and will include displays on education, along with a searchable database of community-submitted school memories.

Small displays of specific aspects of the school will be displayed, such as schoolhouse architecture or school lunches.

Because of Eastern’s history as a teaching college and its ongoing training of teachers, the alumni of Eastern are teaching all over the state.

“One out of three students get trained to become teachers,” said Allen Lanham, dean of library services.

Lanham also said the library has put a lot of effort into the exhibit and programs that go with it.

The exhibit will start in September



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Joey Veronico, a junior marketing major from Hoffman Estates, walks past the Greenwood School Museum Wednesday afternoon.

with programs running through October, with the exhibit continuing into November to allow the visiting accreditation team to see how education has impacted the community.

“None of us would be where we are without public education,” Lanham said.

The exhibit is open to the public and has two sections spanning 20 feet on two sides.

ed Lanham’s office about the exhibit.

There will be computers on site, allowing visitors to view memories or add their own.

If someone does not have a computer they can call the library, send a letter containing the memory or write the story down and drop it off at the desk.

Carrie Thoennes, a junior elementary education major, thinks the exhibit is a good idea and wants to know how it works out and how much feedback the library will get.

Thoennes said she is an education major because she loves kids and the positive memories of teachers who had a lasting impression on her.

“I think it’s good feedback, and a different way to hear what’s on a students mind,” Thoennes said.

As a teacher in training, Thoennes said she will probably go to see the exhibit, and believes the changes in teaching techniques that have happened over time are needed.

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VIEWS



Grant Sterling

Athletics spending too much

The editorial featured in the March 24 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, “University should follow Athletic department’s lead to improve,” seems to be based on misunderstandings and clouded thinking.

First of all, it states, “The university should follow the lofty goals set by (Athletic Director Barbara) Burke and continue to improve the campus as she has done with the athletic facilities.”

At the cost of more than \$300,000, the university is doing just that, moving forward with new campus master plans covering both new facilities and redesigned exterior spaces. The athletic department may come forward first, but a general plan is already in the works.

The clouded thinking lies in the implication that what athletics is doing comes entirely from external donors and therefore will not — hopefully — require a student fee increase. *The DEN* editors seem to believe — as I’m sure our athletic director intended — that this means the building plan will not cost students or the university any money.

The fact is that the university supports the operations of intercollegiate athletics with nearly \$1.7 million from its budget each year. That means that at the very time that we are harming the education of Eastern students by increasing class sizes, increasing workloads of professors and staff members, and dismissing good instructors with many years of experience, we are pumping huge sums of money into athletics.

This \$1.7 million is in addition to the money athletics receives from student fees.

So, the athletic department can claim these new facilities are being built entirely with gift money and not with state money, tuition money or student fees. Literally, that’s true, but they’re able to use the gift money to build new facilities because students and the university are pouring somewhere around \$4 million every year into their coffers to pay for their regular operations.

They could easily use their gift income for that and allow the university to reduce or eliminate the payments they’re making from the strained budget. *The DEN* said that, “With budget cuts, furloughs, and hiring freezes, the fact that the university is in a budget crisis is no secret,” but it is, apparently, a secret to the athletic department.

Athletics hasn’t seen any reduction in the funds directed toward it, and rather than do everything it can to cut expenses to help the academic side of the university (which is, presumably, our core mission), it chooses instead to plan to build new buildings to replace the ones it has recently renovated at great expense.

On top of all this, the university is about to begin a major fundraising campaign designed to make us less dependent on unreliable state funds.

But athletics has announced its own fundraising campaign first, which will certainly have the effect of reducing the money available for the university’s main effort. So, even the gift monies earmarked for the new construction are, indirectly, being taken from the university’s academic side.

The DEN also stated, “We hope, though, that the university continues to spend wisely and does not spend money on non-essential things...”

I am a long-time fan of Eastern athletics, but I submit that a new football field is precisely in the category of “non-essential things.”

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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.

Faculty senate attempting to hide petition signatures wrong

Personal accountability is one of the most basic concepts responsible individuals should live by. When a child breaks his mother’s prized vase with a baseball and denies doing so, parents will inevitably scold the child for not taking responsibility.

It is a basic building block of society: If something is worth doing and worth putting one’s efforts toward, one should have the decency and courage to stand by it and not keep it secret.

The faculty senate has recently been acting as though certain members of Eastern’s faculty do not have to be held personally accountable.

An article in Wednesday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News* said at the senate’s last meeting, “Members of faculty senate tabled Article XIII for another week to revise language regarding the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.”

“As the discussion continued, talk turned toward the section of the bylaw that reads ‘the senate asserts that petitions’ signature pages are exempted from inspection or copying by Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act,’” the article said.

It would seem the faculty senate would like to find a way to allow faculty members to sign a petition while keeping the names of those who signed it a secret from anyone who would like to use FOIA in order to see those names.

This an irresponsible and secretive move on the part of faculty senate members.

It should come as no surprise that this line of discussion is in response to the petition for a vote of no confidence circulating concerning Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“Faculty senate has been acting recently as though certain members of Eastern’s faculty do not have to be held personally accountable.”

We live in a society where one is allowed to voice his opinion without fear of repercussions. One should not be in fear of being chastised or losing his job simply for holding an unpopular opinion.

However, along that same line of thinking, if faculty members feel strongly enough to sign a petition that could ultimately affect the future of the university, they should certainly have the courage and decency to make their names known.

Living in America affords us the right to due process and the right to face our accusers, whether in a courtroom, office setting or college campus.

The faculty senate, wasting multiple meetings and time that could be used to accomplish important and valuable endeavors, has instead geared its efforts toward helping keep names secret.

Should the faculty senate discover that no area of the FOIA would allow them to hide said names, they have effectively done nothing but waste time.

Should they discover that they could keep those names secret, they have betrayed the trust of many and lost the respect of members of the student body.

Professors in higher education hold personal accountability and honesty in high esteem, but how can we as students take that seriously when they, themselves, aren’t practicing what they preach?

The masses, in this case Lord and the students the faculty educate, have a right to know.

And in the matter of a petition that has become public and important to this university and its leadership, the faculty senate needs to stop playing the name game and have the courage and decency to stand up and allow their names to be known.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Can’t have beer and drink it, too

By Britanny McKenna
Illinois State University

College. Often defined by “the nights you don’t remember with the friends you’ll never forget.” For many, it is in college that they get their first taste of freedom and cheap beer ... and lots of it.

It is from the cyclical routine of binge drinking, eating late night food and sleeping all day that the “freshman fifteen” piles on. For the majority of college students who want to lose this weight, get back in shape or improve their general health and fitness, they fail to put the alcohol down.

Even more surprisingly, it’s been found that those who exercise more drink more. A tele-

phone survey of approximately 230,000 Americans by the University of Miami discovered that light drinkers exercised 5.7 minutes more per week than people who did not drink alcohol and individuals who drank moderately exercised 10.1 minutes more.

It was also found that individuals who drank heavily exercised 20 minutes more than those who abstained from alcohol.

Any drinking was correlated with a 10 percent increase in the likelihood of engaging in physical activity.

This study highly contradicts previous studies that conclude those who drink heavily tend to make other unhealthy lifestyle choices such as

being sedentary. But what this study also shows is the contradiction made by those who binge drink and exercise.

First, exercising for slightly longer than usual cannot rid all the calories consumed during a night of binge drinking. Not only does drinking alcohol have no nutritional benefit, but it supplies almost twice as many calories as protein and carbohydrates, at 7 calories per gram. When coupled with “chasers” or other beverages with sugar, the total amount of calories consumed by the end of a night of drinking can be tremendous.

To read more, visit www.DailyVidette.com

STATE

Blago-appointed
director resigns

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The director of the Illinois health care agency that was a lightning rod during the tenure of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich has resigned.

Gov. Pat Quinn said Thursday that Barry Maram will continue serving as director of Healthcare and Family Services until a replacement is found.

The 64-year-old Maram was appointed when Blagojevich took office in early 2003. He makes \$142,340.

Maram led an agency that was praised for starting Blagojevich's health insurance program covering all children and for collecting record amounts of child support.

But he also found himself testifying before the House impeachment committee, which voted to oust Blagojevich in part because of the illegal expansion of subsidized health care to adults, regardless of income.

"Barry has been a tireless advocate for children, working parents and

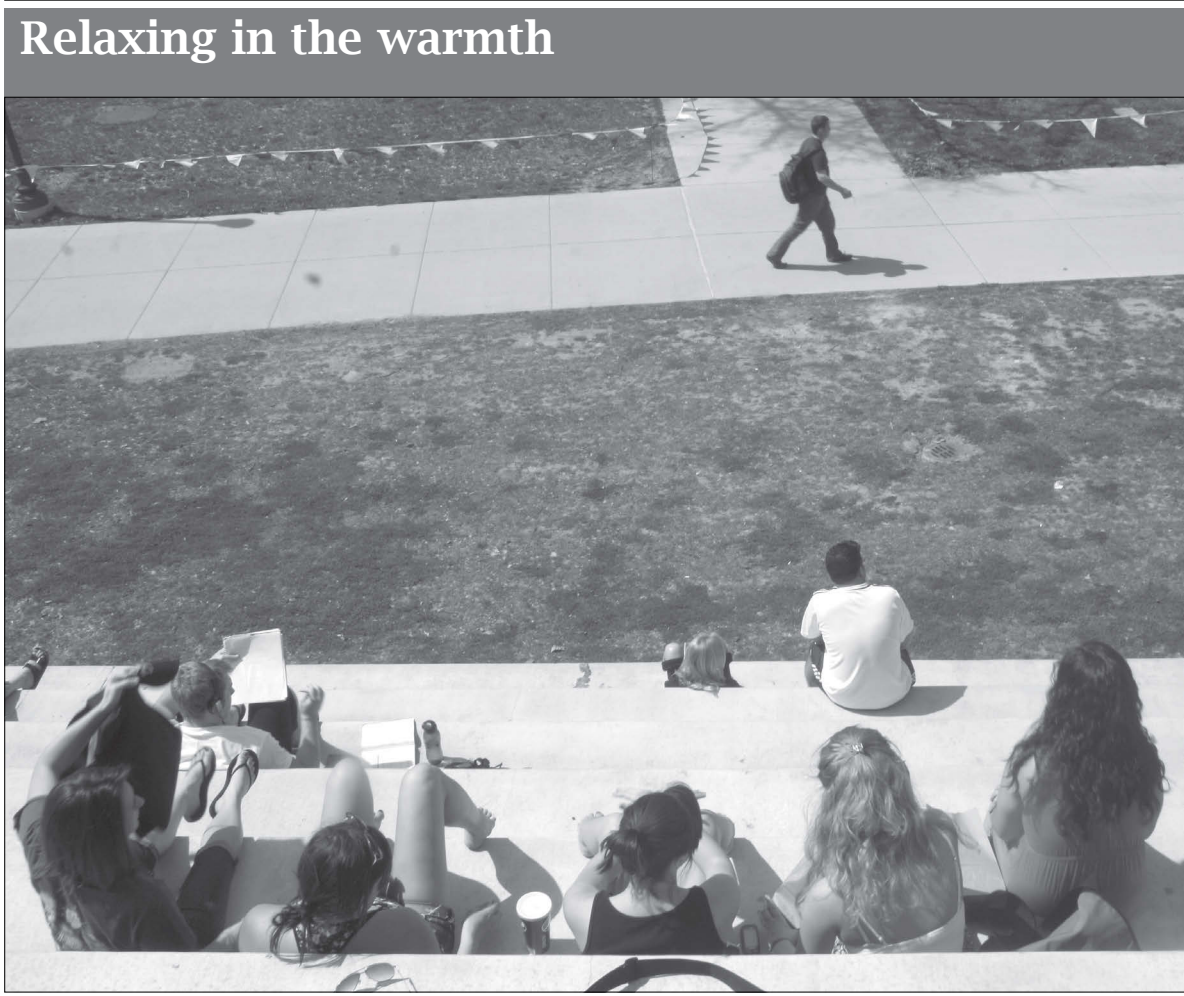
seniors," Quinn said in a prepared statement. "The people of Illinois have been well-served by him and we wish him well."

Agency spokesman Mike Claffey said Maram has not announced what he plans to do once he steps down.

Maram instituted Blagojevich's "All Kids" program in 2006, a national model for universal health insurance for children. But he was mired in a lawsuit filed to stop Blagojevich's "FamilyCare" program, which was intended to unilaterally expand state-subsidized health care, after the Legislature rejected the idea twice.

Quinn settled the lawsuit last summer after he and lawmakers agreed to allow DHFS to provide subsidized health coverage to an expanded number of participants, but not as many as Blagojevich had wanted.

Under Maram's tenure, Illinois has repeatedly collected more than \$1 billion a year in overdue child support payments, winning recognition for improvement in its program.



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students sit on the Doudna steps as people walk by on the sidewalk Thursday afternoon. With temperatures in the high 70s throughout the week, more students have taken to the outdoors to enjoy the nice weather.

STATE

Mayor of village in southwest Illinois fatally shot

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON PARK — The mayor of a decaying village near St. Louis known for its strip clubs and beset by financial troubles and embezzlements was shot and killed early Thursday.

Washington Park police Detective Kim McAfee said John Thornton, 52, was shot twice in the chest at close range in his car shortly before 6 a.m.,

and he died later at a hospital.

Police suspect the mayor was driving around checking on the 5,300-resident town in southwestern Illinois after working an overnight shift on a second job when the killer fired at him, McAfee said.

The shooter was in the car with Thornton when he was shot, McAfee said. The car then crashed into a tree, and witnesses said the shooter limped to a waiting car and fled.

Illinois State Police Capt. Todd Kilby said two people were arrested and taken into custody as "persons of interest," but no charges were expected Thursday.

Authorities would not discuss a possible motive.

Thornton narrowly won re-election a year ago to a second term and recently took part in anti-violence marches in his St. Clair County community, where the 2000 Census indicates nearly half

the population lives below the poverty line.

"Everyone is just in shock. It's just surreal, unbelievable," said Village Treasurer Loretta Brock-Longstreet. She said Thornton had appeared upbeat and energized Wednesday night at village hall as he pressed plans for a park renovation and a village-wide cleanup scheduled for the end of April.

Washington Park filed for rarely used Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection last

July, citing assets of less than \$50,000 and debt of more than \$1 million. Chapter 9 allows governmental units to restructure.

Washington Park, with a median household income roughly half the national average at just \$21,132 as of the 2000 Census, made a similar filing in 2004, claiming a \$1.6 million debt. But that case was dismissed because the village emerged from insolvency, albeit only briefly.

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NATION

Obama urges patience as health care law kicks in

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Facing a public still wary of his massive health care overhaul, President Barack Obama on Thursday urged Americans not to judge the nearly \$1 trillion legislation he signed into law last week until the reforms take hold.

During an enthusiastic, campaign-style appearance in Maine's largest city, Obama mocked the pundits and pollsters who say he isn't getting a boost from his yearlong campaign to pass the sweeping reform.

"Every single day since I signed the reform law, there's been another poll or headline that said, 'Nation still divided on health care reform. Polls haven't changed yet.' Well, yes. It just happened last week," Obama said to laughter.

He continued: "Can you imagine if some of these reporters were working on a farm and you planted some seeds, and they came out the next day and they looked and — 'Nothing's happened. There's no crop. We're going to starve. Oh, no! It's a disaster!' It's been a week, folks. So, before we find out if people like health care reform, we should wait to see what hap-

pens when we actually put it into place. Just a thought."

The president's overhaul extends health coverage to 32 million people who are uninsured and will shape how almost every American receives and pays for medical treatment. Some aspects of the plan go into effect this year, but the president himself has said it could take four years for the full plan to take hold.

Obama's trip to Portland took him to the home state of two moderate Republican senators, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe, whose votes for the legislation the president ardently sought but ultimately could not win. The White House said both senators were invited to attend the event, but neither did.

At a later stop in Boston, Obama celebrated the health care win at a Democratic fundraiser.

He reminded them of the doomsday predictions for health reform about two months ago, when Republican Scott Brown won the Senate seat long held by the late Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts. And he drew his laughs with a reference to a slip by Vice President Joe Biden, who had whispered into an

"Every single day since I signed the reform law, there's been another poll or headline that said, 'Nation still divided on health care reform. Polls haven't changed yet.' Well, yes. It just happened last week."

President Barack Obama

open microphone during the overhaul bill signing that it was a "big (expletive) deal."

"As Joe Biden said, who has a way with words, 'This ...' Obama started before the audience cheered. "What? He said it's a big deal."

Even as he reveled in defeating Republican opposition on health care, the president acknowledged that he has not succeeded in breaking down partisan gridlock as promised. "We have to admit that," he said. "I wanted to change the tone in Washington. It hasn't changed. Yet."

On the way to two fundraisers in Boston, Obama made an unscheduled

stop in Framingham, Mass., to get a briefing on emergency response efforts to the flooding in the state.

During his earlier speech in Maine, one in a series of appearances to sell the health reforms, Obama focused on his health plan's short- and long-term impact on small businesses, many of which have suffered during the economic downturn.

Under the plan, businesses that have 25 or fewer employees with average annual wages of less than \$50,000 will receive tax credits this year if they provide health care coverage to their workers. Those credits are expected to increase by 2014, with 4 million small

businesses benefiting, according to the White House.

"This health care tax is pro-jobs, it's pro-business and it starts this year," Obama said.

Also starting in 2014, companies with up to 100 employees will be able to buy insurance through new state-based purchasing pools, or exchanges, with the goal of giving small businesses the same kind of purchasing power as larger companies. About 22 million self-employed Americans will also be able to purchase insurance through the exchanges.

Congressional Republicans were united against the law and many predict that Democrats who voted for it will be dragged down in the November elections. Some Republicans are calling for repeal, and Obama said they should "go for it" but also be prepared to explain why they want to take away tax credits, a ban on denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions and other popular elements of the new law.

"If they want to have a fight, I welcome that fight. Because I don't believe the American people are going to put the insurance industry back in the driver's seat," he said.

STATE BRIEFS

Short billions, Illinois still cuts check for two cents

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Rep. John Fritchey was signing routine paperwork so the state could pay his office bills. One voucher caught his attention.

It was for 2 cents.

The state of Illinois plans to send Peoples Gas 2 cents in interest on an overdue gas bill for Fritchey's Chicago district office. It is also handing over 14 cents to Commonwealth Edison as interest on another late payment.

Those amounts aren't a fluke.

The Illinois comptroller's office, which writes the state's checks, has 4,900 vouchers for less than \$5 each awaiting payment, spokeswoman Carol Knowles said. At the sprawling Department of Human Services alone, the number of vouchers under that amount adds up to 4 percent of the agency's monthly total.

Call it a case of good intentions paving the way to fiscal foolishness.

The state is required to make the

tiny payments, thanks to a change legislators made last year in state law. But officials say clunky computer systems keep them from combining multiple payments — for instance, totaling all the money owed to Peoples Gas.

The result: one minuscule voucher after another, although the comptroller's office isn't paying them while it makes more pressing payments because of the budget deficit of \$13 billion or more.

Eastern Ill. man sentenced in daughter's death

SULLIVAN — A judge has sentenced an eastern Illinois man to nine years in prison in the shaking death of his 11-month-old daughter.

Michael Dilley of Sullivan was sentenced Tuesday after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Olivia Dilley. Murder and aggravated battery charges were dismissed.

Olivia died at her father's home on Feb. 24, 2009. Sullivan is about 40 miles southwest of Champaign.

An autopsy shows the girl was

shaken to death.

Michael Dilley's sentence also includes the loss of parental rights to another child.

Man fatally shot by Chicago police officer

CHICAGO — Chicago's Independent Police Review Authority is investigating a Chicago police officer's fatal shooting of a man who was reportedly a suspect in the fatal shooting of a 16-year-old boy.

Police say the unidentified man in his 30s was shot early Thursday morning on the city's West Side after he pointed a gun at an officer and refused to drop it.

Officers say they were in the area because of a gang conflict when they heard shots fired.

The Police News Affairs office says that as officers approached, several males fled, and one was shot and killed during the subsequent chase.

When officers checked the location they heard the shots coming from, they say they found a mortally wounded 16-year-old.

The boy, who died a short time later, was identified only as Jeremy Lindsey.

Psychologist sues homeless man

NAPERVILLE — A Naperville psychologist has filed a civil lawsuit against the western Chicago suburb's best-known homeless man.

In the lawsuit filed this week, psychologist Katherine Borchardt contends she has been defamed and had her privacy invaded by Scott Huber, who has spent a number of years living on Naperville's downtown sidewalks.

Borchardt says that when a DuPage County judge ordered Huber to leave the sidewalk spot he had occupied for nearly 10 years, Huber moved to the sidewalk outside her office.

She says that when she asked him to move because he was upsetting some of her patients, he invaded her office and harassed her.

Borchardt says that although Huber seems to have obeyed a subsequent court order to stay away

from her, he still has been attacking her in a blog he writes.

Jury: Death by car in central Ill. home a homicide

DECATUR — A coroner's jury has decided that the death of a central Illinois man killed by a car crashing through his bedroom was a homicide.

The jury ruled Wednesday in the death of 62-year-old David Hughes of Mount Zion.

On the same day, the man who police say drove the car pleaded not guilty to reckless homicide, aggravated DUI involving death and other charges. Craig Johnson is being held on \$500,000 bond.

Police arrested Johnson early March 14 after the car crashed into Hughes' home.

Police say an officer tried to pull Johnson's car over. When the officer turned on his car's overhead light, the car sped away and into the home.

Hughes' wife, 68-year-old Shirley Hughes, is still hospitalized with broken legs and other injuries.



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CONCERT, from page 1

As the show approached, the committee got more information concerning the artist's schedule and the lineup for the concert and worked with that information.

"We've been preparing since Christmas break," Lamorte said.

Lamorte said the committee would arrive around 7 a.m. on the day of the concert and will be in charge of making sure everything runs smoothly.

The UB has also been working with the University Police Department on issues concerning security and parking.

Preparations for the event will start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. The University Police Department will shut down Fourth Street from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to move four 55-foot buses and two semi-tractor-trailers with the equipment for the concert into the Lantz parking lot.

Different parts of the building will be shut down Tuesday and Lantz Arena will close Monday night.

Departments including the Health Studies Department, Kinesiology and Sports Studies Department, athletics and the Student Recreation Center will also relocate their practices and classes the day of the concert. "Otherwise, this would not be possible on a weekday," Brinker said.

At the moment, the UB is in the final parts of preparation.

"We are finalizing and confirming with Drake's management personnel," Brinker said.

"We are processing contracts so the artists get paid on time."

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K-OS profile

K-OS, or Kheaven Brereton, grew up around music.

He said that growing up, there were a lot of musical instruments around the house and no rules to using them.

Out of three brothers, he was the only one who went into music with a lot of musically talented uncles guiding him.

This will be his first college tour.

"Nothing will be like the first tour date," he said. "You don't know what will happen. People who see the first two to three shows will get the most honest shows."

Last month, K-OS had his first headlining shows in the United States in Los Angeles and New York.

"I am excited to play the first college ever in the United States at Eastern Illinois," K-OS said. "(There have been) a lot of firsts for me."

The Roots are a big influence on the performer and inspired him to start doing live band music.

"The live element is big in my music," he said.

Plus, in the last ten years, K-OS has started producing.

"I've picked up how I want records to sound like over the past few years and I know how my album wants to sound like," he said.

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"If students had an idea and they needed money, well, here's this fee that they created," Anderson said.

He also said that he is unsure of the year the campus improvement fee went into effect, but Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, estimated the fee was implemented approximately seven years ago.

Regardless of the date, Anderson maintains that the administration lacks the right to exert control over the fee as it is composed of money provided by the student body.

"That would be like the administration telling students where their student money will go," Anderson said. "That would be like if President Perry wanted to take the concert fee and use the money to paint Old Main."

Murphy, upon conducting further research after hearing Anderson's concerns, decided that the fee increase, while controversial, is a necessary evil to be encountered on the road to renovating Eastern by constructing a new Physical Sciences building.

She said a science building is likely the most expensive structure to build, as it not only requires classrooms, but laboratories and costly equipment as well.

"You could spend hundreds of millions of dollars on a science building and do the state-of-the-art deal, and what we're doing, by comparative analysis, is, what I think, a pretty modest proposal," Murphy said. "It's a lot of money, but the majority is not being paid out of the students' pockets."

Murphy said the only student funds that will go toward the new building are those provided by the increase, not the entire campus improvement fee. The increase will pay for about one-third of the entire project. The rest of the fee will still be dedicated to general upkeep of the university, Murphy said.

"I'd be against it if we were funding the whole job, because I'd hate to see all that money go toward one thing," Mur-

phy said.

Murphy said that if passed by the BOT, the university would still have to campaign for the millions of dollars that the fee increase will not cover.

"We're going to have to figure out a way, or we're going to have to turn the lights off and shut the doors and say, 'We're not going to have science anymore,' and God forbid we actually have to do something like that," Murphy said. "We can talk about it for 10 years, and then it'll either be too late, or it'll be in such bad condition that we'll have ruined our reputation in that department and nobody will want to come here for science."

The proposal ultimately passed by a vote of 23-3-1 and awaits the final vote by the Board of Trustees, tentatively scheduled for April 26.

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Government Associations.

The other line item retracted was non-employee travel to the conference, which was a \$3,025 reduction.

The AB voted to allow student government to keep the \$200 excess under registered fees paid to vendors.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy presented the cuts and told board members she anticipates student government will return next year and request that the retracted COS-GA funds be replaced from the reserve account.

The University Board also presented its revised budget to the AB.

Mike Usher, UB chair, and Matt Caponera, vice chair, told members they cut \$1,527 from general costs and \$500 from the marketing line item.

This left them with \$1,800 to trim from the budget.

Caponera said that in the effort to avoid cutting any one area too deeply, the UB decided to cut \$200 from

each of the nine committees, including an extra \$200 from marketing.

The marketing budget was decreased by a total of \$700.

The AB also approved \$220,000 for the student recreation center, along with their own budget of \$23,950.

In total, all four budgets amounted to the maximum \$540,000 provided by the student activity fee.

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7 Author of the best-selling investment book "You're Fifty — Now What?"

13 Participate in drag?

14 Thing turned while speaking

15 Source of the word "avatar"

16 Words of intimidation

17 They get many saves

18 Shout about Paris?

19 Something below the bar

20 Diet of Worms concern

21 Lewis Carroll's birthplace

23 "___ Growing" (Temptations hit)

24 One against another

25 Soeur de la mère

26 One concerned with entrances and exits

31 Stalemate

35 Start of a traditional love story

DOWN

36 They rock, sometimes

39 Far-away connection?

40 "The Art of Hitting .300" writer Charley

41 A diva may throw one

43 Not splurge on a 48-Across, say

45 Inits. by a dateline

47 Tony's consigliere on "The Sopranos"

48 It's often taken down Broadway

49 Make the rounds?

51 Completely in the dark

52 Cell assignment

53 Sci-fi smuggler

54 R-rated, say

55 Mean

6 Target of Durocher's "Nice guys finish last" sentiment

7 Body in a case

8 Breaks a bottle on, maybe

9 It ended in 1806: Abbr.

10 Capacious closet

11 Hold

12 Member of the 27-Down group

13 Item used for studio mixing

15 Big break

18 How a gull might feel

21 O.K.

22 What Greece has that Germany doesn't

24 Means of reaching the stars

27 Brothers who sang "Stayin' Alive"

28 Biodiversity setting

29 Period named for an earth goddess

30 Option for a hit

32 Setting for big rigs

33 "Yep, unfortunately"

34 Orchestra section

36 Dairy equipment

37 Remove, as carpet

38 A question of introspection

42 Very hot

43 Go to a lot

44 Very upscale?

45 DuPont discontinued it in 1990

48 Group sharing a coat of arms

50 Utah Stars' org.

51 City with both A.L. and N.L. teams, informally

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head into the first meet of the season, we are always unsure of how the team will respond to the training and how they will bounce back from the conference meet.

However, they practiced well and that turned into some consistent performances on the track and the field today.”

Bradley

The Bradley women’s team sent individuals out to the Stanford Invitational.

Senior runner Katie Nowak was named the Bradley Scholar-Athlete of the Week at the Stanford Invitational.

Nowak started the week with a 12th-place finish in her section of the 1,500-meter race as she finished in 4:37.97.

In her second race of the week, she clocked a time of 2:12.54 in

her section of the 800-meter race to better her own school record of 2:12.80.

Nowak finished second in the section to teammate Mary Goldkamp, who crossed the line in a time of 2:12.29.

Millikin

The Millikin men’s and women’s track team opened its outdoor season with a strong performance at the Rhodes College Invite in Memphis, Tenn., Saturday. Millikin’s performance included two new school records.

The Millikin women set two Millikin records and finished in fifth place in the team standings.

Freshman Leann Spesard won the shot put setting a new school record. Bridgette Starwalt finished second in the 400-meter hurdles for a Millikin record.

Chicago State

The Chicago State men’s track and field team opened its outdoor schedule on Saturday by placing sixth at the Southern Illinois Carbondale Spring Classic in Carbondale. Sophomore Uri Kuyoro led the Cougars with a pair of top-10 finishes at the meet. He finished fourth in the 400-meter dash and earned a sixth-place showing in the 200-meter dash.

The Chicago State women’s track and field also opened its outdoor schedule on Saturday by placing sixth at the Southern Illinois Carbondale Spring Classic in Carbondale. Freshman Tosin Idowu took seventh place in the 100-meter dash.

Rend Lake

This is the first outdoor competition for the men’s team after wrapping a third-place finish at the NJCCA National Championships. This is

the first outdoor competition for the women’s team after wrapping a fifth-place finish at the NJCCA National Championships.

Illinois Wesleyan

Illinois Wesleyan sophomore Shavantay Thomas was named College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Women’s Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week on March 24.

Thomas achieved an NCAA Division III automatic qualifying time in the 200-meter dash (24.40 seconds) at the Rhodes College Invitational on March 20. She also contributed to an automatic qualifying time in the 400-meter relay.

Both Illinois Wesleyan men’s and women’s teams have not competed since the Rhodes College Invitational.

Around the league

Eastern is not the only Ohio Val-

ley Conference team hosting a meet this weekend.

Both the Jacksonville State and Austin Peay women’s teams are hosting invitationals this weekend.

Southeast Missouri men’s and women’s teams are hosting events this weekend with the Joey Haines Invitational at the Abe Stuber Track & Field Complex.

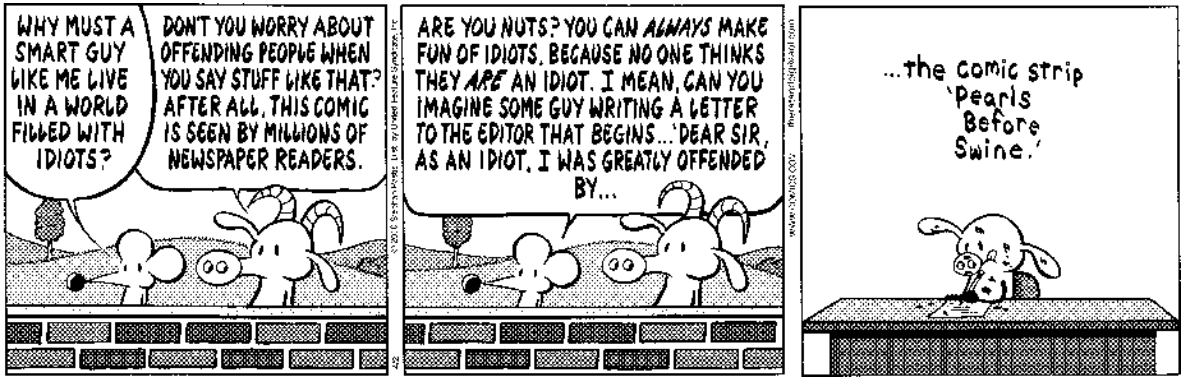
Austin Peay hosts the Austin Peay Invite, and JSU hosts the Gem of the Hills Meet. Tennessee Tech will be traveling to JSU’s Gem of the Hills, and Tennessee State is competing at the Austin Peay Invite.

The Murray State women’s team will be competing at SEMO’s meet. Eastern Kentucky is traveling to the University of Cincinnati Invitational and Centre College (Ky.) Invitational.

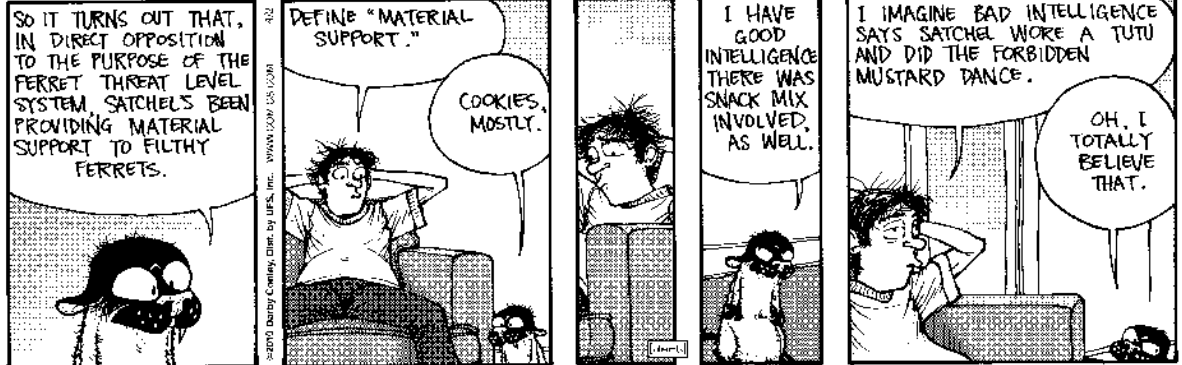
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PANTHER BRIEFS

Working to end dry spell on field

Panthers haven't won in Morehead since 2008

The Eastern softball team will look to break a dry spell as it travels to Morehead, Ky., today for an Ohio Valley Conference series against Morehead State.

The last time the Panthers defeated the Eagles was April 26, 2008, sweeping through a doubleheader with wins of 2-1 and 4-1.

The doubleheader begins at noon against the Eagles. It will serve as the first time the two teams have seen each other this season.

Eastern (15-11, 7-0 OVC) is riding a nine-game win streak, while Morehead State (14-13, 5-2 OVC) is currently on a two-game winning streak.

The Panthers' projected starter for the noon start time is junior pitcher Amber May, who is 9-7 with a 2.33 ERA on the season.

For the Eagles, senior pitcher Alex Gjevre is projected to be the starter. She is 7-7 in 20 appearances this season and has a 2.21 ERA.

Eastern will be coming off an offensive explosion in its mid-week doubleheader against Southeast Missouri.

Seven home runs were blasted in the two games for Eastern, including six in the doubleheader's nightcap. Eastern swept the series with wins of 3-0 and 10-2.

The last time Eastern defeated Morehead State, senior shortstop Megan Nelson, senior designated player Denee' Menzione, junior third baseman Kiley Holtz and junior first baseman Melinda Jackson all started the game. The four women are the only current team members to start that game.

Nelson and Menzione both registered two hits, while Gjevre, who pitched nine innings and only gave up one run, held Holtz and Jackson hitless.

This season, Menzione and Holtz are the Panthers' best hitters, averaging .364 and .324 at the plate, respectively.

Eastern is currently tied for the OVC lead with Tennessee Martin (26-4, 7-0 OVC), while Morehead State is solely in third place.

After today's doubleheader, East-



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EIU women's softball team cheers their teammates on March 24 at William's Field. The Panthers beat SEMO 3-0 Wednesday afternoon in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

ern will have one more fight against the Eagles Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. before taking a small break from OVC play.

The Panthers return home next weekend for an OVC series against Eastern Kentucky (8-16, 3-4).

Parrodi earns OVC Golfer of the Week

After a five-over-par, three-round tournament at the Western Illinois Invitational, which helped pace the Eastern men's golf team to a third place finish, sophomore Gino Parrodi was honored with the OVC Male Golfer of the Week award.

After rounds of 72, 74 and 74, Par-

rodi finished sixth in a field of 74 competitors.

Parrodi fell one stroke shy of his career-best 71, which he accomplished as a freshman. As a freshman, Parrodi was a member of the All-Newcomer team in the OVC.

Men's, women's golf teams get into groove

The Eastern men's golf team will hit the road for Springhill, Tenn., Sunday to participate in the Tennessee State Invitational.

The Panthers are coming off their best finish of the year, ending the Western Illinois Invitational in third place out of 13 teams.

The Eastern women's golf team will also be hitting the road but it will be headed for Peoria to play in the Bradley Invitational.

The women have played one more tournament than the men this season, sporting finishes of fifth, first and 13th in this spring's three tournaments.

Emcee chosen for Spring Fling

Former Eastern Illinois All-American and current ESPN Radio host John Jurkovic has been picked as this year's Eastern Athletics Spring Fling.

Jurkovic was a two-time Gateway Conference Defensive Player of the

Year during his time as a member of the Eastern football team.

After graduating, he went on to have an NFL career with the Green Bay Packers, Cleveland Browns and Jacksonville Jaguars.

Currently, he is a radio host on ESPN 1000 in Chicago for "The Afternoon Saloon" alongside co-hosts Carmen DeFalco and Harry Teinowitz. The show airs from 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

The Spring Fling will take place April 10 in Lantz Arena. The event kicks off at 6 p.m.

—Compiled by Assistant Sports Editor Alex McNamee

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TENNIS

Squads prep for busy weekend

Jacksonville State,
Tennessee State
visiting Eastern

By Dane Urban
Staff Reporter

The Panther tennis squads will play host this weekend as they welcome in Jacksonville State and Tennessee State.

Both the men and women will be looking to improve their Ohio Valley Conference record as the men sit at 0-3 and the women at 1-3.

On the men's (3-12, 0-3 OVC) side of the court, Eastern will be facing off against the Gamecocks (7-9), who are coming off of an OVC win against Murray State, improving their conference record to 2-1.

Last season, the Panthers lost to the Gamecocks 6-1 March 25 in Jacksonville, Ala. Senior Jeff Rutherford will be looking to better his performance from a year ago as he lost to Scott Robertson in three sets 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The action will kick off at 10 a.m. on Darling Courts.

The men will continue action on Saturday as it will take on Tennessee State (0-5) at 10 a.m. on Darling Courts.

Beating the Tigers easily last season, 7-0, the Panthers will be looking to do the same on Saturday.

The Panther women (4-9, 1-3) will also play host this weekend, first to Jacksonville State on Darling Courts at 10 a.m. on Friday then the Tigers Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Gamecocks (8-7, 4-0 OVC) will be coming into the match with a spotless record in OVC play this season.

Eastern fell to the Gamecocks last season by the score of 5-2, with the two Panther points coming off the rackets of sophomores Shannon Brooks and Annie Egan.


Brooks won her match over Kristen Fuller, 8-5. Egan defeated Kimberley Ferris 8-6. Saturday, the Panthers will be taking on the Tigers (0-7) and will be looking for better results from a season ago as the Tigers swept them, 7-0.



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Junior Cara Huck makes a serve against IUPUI March 24 at Darling Courts. The Panthers are going to try to end a 3-match losing streak Friday morning at Darling Courts against Jacksonville State.

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Kevin Murphy

Future solid for women’s distance

Sophomore Olivia Klaus finished eighth at the Ohio Valley Conference cross country championships.

Klaus started the outdoor track season with a second-place finish in the 1,500-meter run. Junior Caitlin Napoleoni is finally starting to feel healthy. Freshman Britney Whitehead won the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the EIU Invitational. Add in the rest of the freshmen, the women’s mid-distance and distance crew appears to have a solid scoring punch for the women’s track team this season.

They get another test this weekend with the Big Blue Classic.

While Eastern will graduate Eastern senior Erin O’Grady, her career isn’t over yet. She started to peak at the end of the cross country season and at the indoor track season. The senior may have a bad meet within the final weeks, but her leadership has carried her portion of the track team.

This is all without a formal mid-distance coach. The team has two volunteer distance coaches, but O’Grady and red-shirt sophomore Megan Gingerich are there to lead the way. Sophomore Brittany Arthur has also stood out as a top runner.

The freshman class is critical because there are so many. Danielle Dickman, Gaby Duenas, Britney Whitehead and Paige Biehler are a part of that class.

Don’t forget about freshman Liz Dole, who Eastern head track coach Tom Akers calls a ‘fighter’.

Dole picked up one point at the OVC Indoor Track Championships in the 3,000-meter run.

Sophomore Erika Ramos and Erika Foltys also lead the pack in the sophomore class.

Ramos was seventh in the mile at the same meet, and Klaus was fourth at the mile as well. Foltys and Biehler were fourth and sixth in the 800-meter run at the indoor conference championships. And Gingerich and Foltys were part of the winning distance medley relay team at the indoor conference championships.

Even if these athletes aren’t the best, their numbers alone are going to help in track meets.

The Eastern women’s cross country team finished third at the conference meet, only mere points behind Murray State. This will bode well for the future.

O’Grady’s relished this opportunity to lead this young pack this season.

“We haven’t shown how good our program is,” O’Grady said right before the OVC cross country championships. “I feel we have a whole new team dynamic this season.”

Well, the Panthers executed then.

They should continue to execute in the OVC outdoor championships and the rest of their careers.

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Track | Notebook

Decathlon satisfies Hopkins

Red-shirt senior leads event at midway point

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

The Eastern track and field team started the Big Blue Classic by starting with the Neil Moore multi’s Thursday at O’Brien Field.

Red-shirt senior Sean Hopkins finished the first five events of the decathlon with 3,425 points.

He ran a personal best in the 100-meter dash in 11.42 seconds and a personal best in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 8 inches.

“It went downhill in the next two events,” Hopkins said.

Hopkins said he didn’t perform well in the shot put and the high jump, but rebounded for a solid 400-meter dash time (52.8 seconds).

Hopkins said he should finish with around 6,800 points. But he also said if he didn’t hit that goal, he would be satisfied of getting at least 6,500 points.

Hopkins said typically the second day of the decathlon isn’t the best for him, but he’s feeling confident about the javelin and pole vault.

“Overall, I’m pleased with the first day,” he said.

The final five events of the decathlon continue today at O’Brien Field.

The final three events of the heptathlon continue today at O’Brien Field. No Eastern competitor was in the heptathlon event this year at the Big Blue Classic.

Hopkins placed first in all five events against Wisconsin Milwaukee’s Ryan Rayekse and Illinois

“It went downhill in the next two events.”

Sean Hopkins,
red-shirt senior

State’s Kendric Smith.

On the women’s side UW Milwaukee’s Moriah Myles holds the lead after the first day in the heptathlon following completion of four events. Myles is competing against teammate Illinois State’s Laura Hamel and Illinois State’s Morgan Schaefer. Myles has 2,621 points.

Looking at the weekend’s competition

Teams scheduled to compete this weekend include Bradley, Chicago State, Illinois State, Illinois Wesleyan, Millikin and Rend Lake.

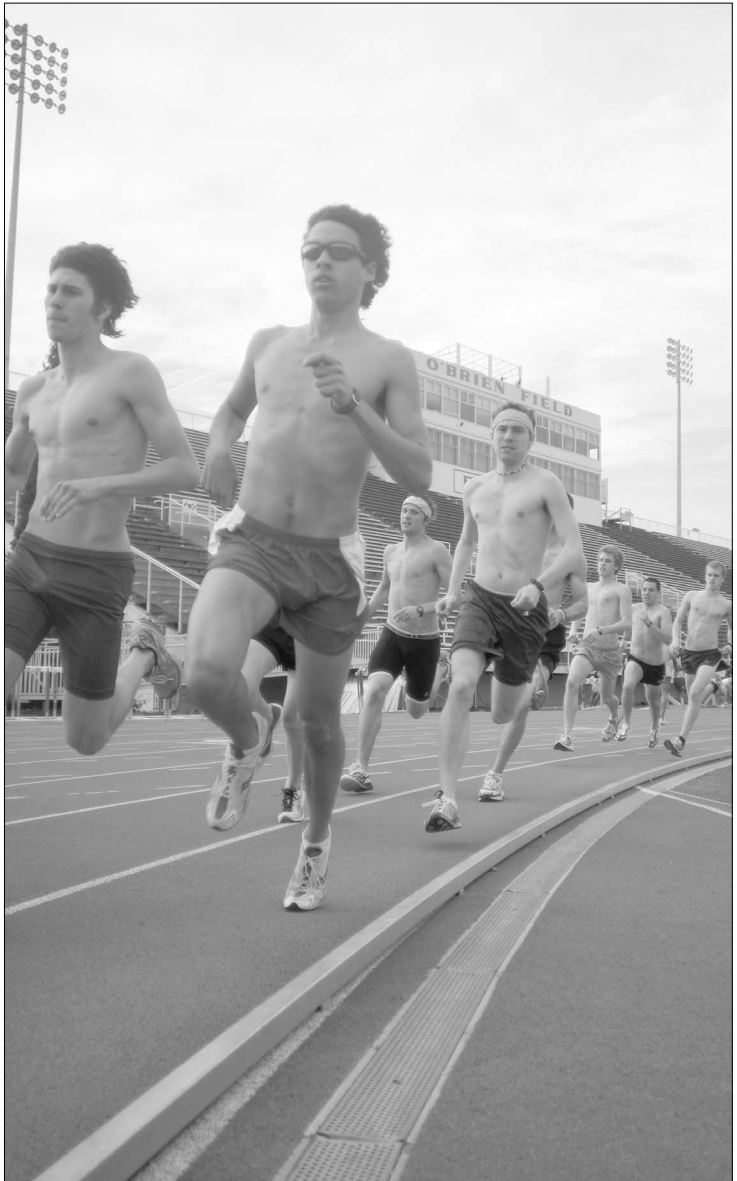
Wisconsin-Milwaukee also has athletes competing in the multi’s. The main event will be a non-scoring meet.

Illinois State

Both the Illinois State men’s and women’s team finished second to Missouri Valley Conference foe and host Southern Illinois Carbon-dale at the SIU Gill Spring Classic Saturday afternoon at Lew Hartzog Track.

The men’s team finished with 157 points behind the Salukis with 216 points and the women’s team finished with 181 points compared to SIU’s 263 points.

Other teams competing at the



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Long distance runners from the men’s track team complete drills during practice Wednesday afternoon at O’Brien Stadium.

scored meet included Marquette, St. Louis, Chicago State and Lincoln College.

“I was impressed with the way

we started the season today,” Illinois State head coach Elvis Forde said in a press release. “When you head

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Baseball

Weekend series critical for team

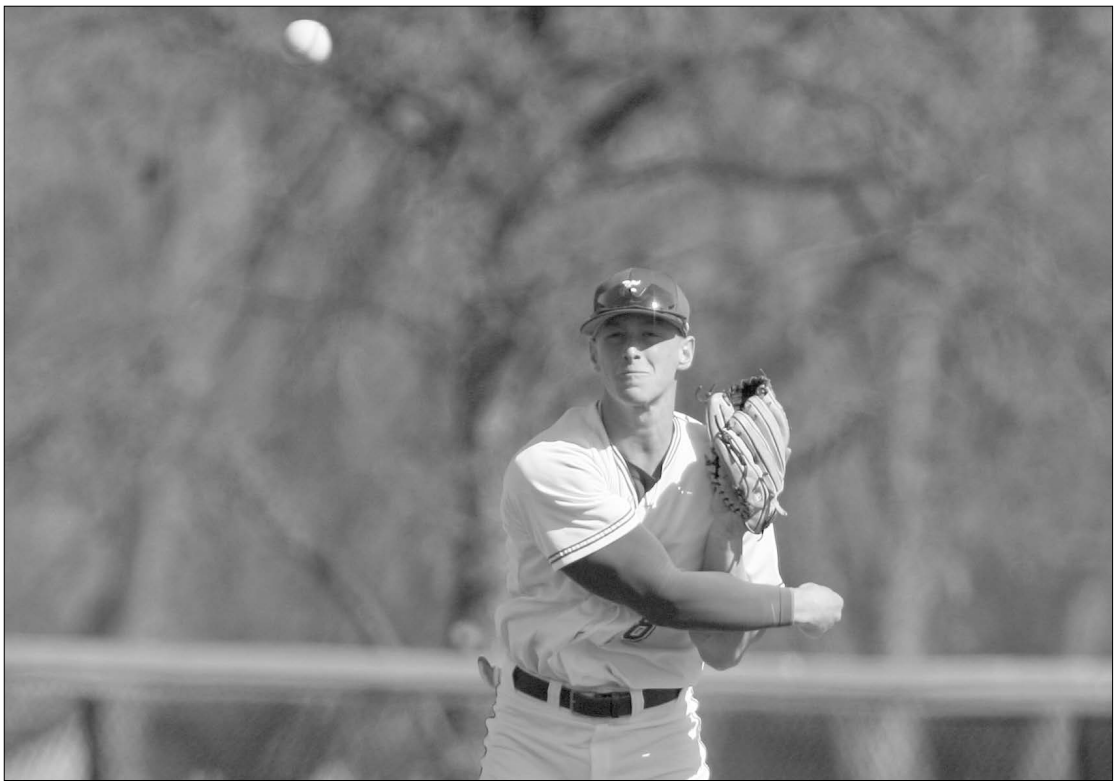
By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

This weekend is of vital importance to the baseball team, as Eastern tries to get its first conference win against Austin Peay at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers were swept last weekend to Eastern Kentucky to start 0-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference. This is the worst league start for head coach Jim Schmitz in his 16-year tenure. Eastern has lost five straight games and 10 of its last 11.

If the Governors (14-10, 2-1 OVC) win two out of three or sweep the Panthers, Eastern will probably be out of league contention.

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Sophomore infielder Zach Borenstein makes a putout from third base against Chicago State March 23 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers are on a five-game losing streak and face Austin Peay this weekend.

Eastern Sports Schedule

Men and women’s tennis
Today at Jacksonville State
10 a.m. – Jacksonville, Al.

Softball
Today at Morehead State
Noon – Morehead, Al.

Baseball
Today vs. Austin Peay
1 p.m. – Coaches Stadium

Men’s tennis
Saturday vs. Tennessee State
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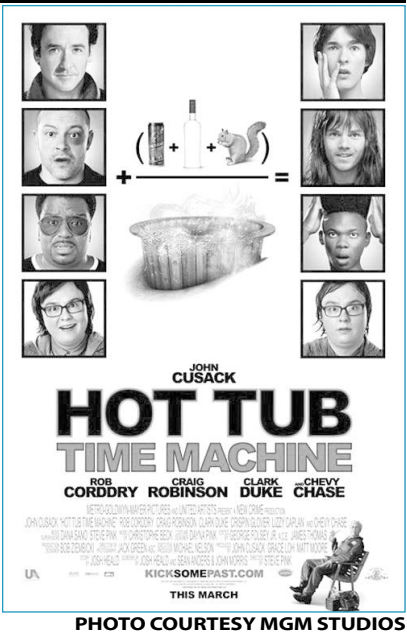


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J.A.C. opens doors to all

Cafe begins live music event every Saturday evening

By Brad York
Verge Editor

Jackson Avenue Coffee (J.A.C.) is a location to go blow-off steam, study for hours on end and socialize as the creamy fragrance of lattes, cappuccinos and hot chocolates stream though the air.

J.A.C., located at 708 Jackson Ave., may sound like an unusual place for a concert setting, but Dan Reible believes it is the perfect location for live music that has not been offered to Charleston in some time.

“In the Charleston area there is no place to relax and listen to music except for a bar,” Reible said. “I’d like a place where people can come relax, have a cup of coffee, sandwich, bagel and take it easy and listen to some good acoustic music.”

Reible and his wife Vicki are currently shuffling through papers in order to become the rightful owners of J.A.C.

Reible moved to Mattoon in 1984 after serving in the Navy and soon became a truck driver, traveling the nation with his wife.

Reible has played for various bands in the past and mentioned to his friend, Ryan Dawson and the current owner of J.A.C., he was looking for a place to host weekly concerts on Saturday evenings.

Dawson then asked Reible if he ever pictured himself owning a café. Reible expressed an interest, and soon, Dawson offered to sell the business.

Dawson said the Reibles’ have been his customers since J.A.C. opened nearly eight years ago.

“I planned on going back to school this summer to complete a degree in teacher’s certification,” Dawson said. “We were ready to move on to new things. I figured it is best not to run anything into the ground, so I offered to sell the place.”

Dawson has high hopes for



BRAD YORK | ON THE VERGE

Dan Reible , owner of the Jacksno Avenue Coffee enjoys sunse viewing the humbling setting from his newly titled “retirement bench” at the J.A.C.

the future of J.A.C. and feels as as though hosting live musicians every Saturday night is only the beginning of the growth J.A.C. will see.

The first Saturday night performer will be “Reverend” Robert Reynolds Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m. at J.A.C.

None of the performances will come with a cover cost, but instead a hat will be passed around around for donations, which go entirely to the artist.

Robert Reynolds is a musician who plays blues music from the ‘20s, ‘30s and ‘40s, and is glad Reible is opening his doors to local musicians.

Reynolds said he has known Reible for a while because they have been playing music together through the years.

“It is good to play one close to home. This is more intimate than the festivals and blues bars I’ve been playing at lately,” Reynolds said. “I play electric when I’m with my band, but this show will be all acoustic.”

The intimate setting offers a place for begging and practiced musicians alike.

Reible wants to show people in Charleston music they may not have heard before.

He plans to host various artists from various genres each weekend.

“I’ve got things booked all the way through the end of June,” Reible said. “It’s mostly people I have heard in the area and a lot of local musicians. We are open

to all different styles. It doesn’t matter if I personally like it or not. It’s whatever I think our customers will like.”

Reible said his customers are an eclectic group, and notices that he has a lot of high schoolers come there every evening. He said parents know it is a safe place.

Reible said he is open to any style of music and musicians who are interested in performing the Saturday night events should come out to J.A.C. Open Mic Night every Thursday.

These open mic sessions are used as auditions of sorts for the diverse music Reible hopes to incorporate with the Saturday night performances.

In addition to the open mic night artists, Reible searches the Web and various local music hot spots in order to find performers.

“I’m hoping to get a lot of music in here that people haven’t experienced before,” Reible said. “People may have heard blues, but it probably isn’t the old delta blues that (Reverend Robert) will be playing.”

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“Reverend” Robert Reynolds plays his guitar; He will play acoustic at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Jackson Avenue Coffee.

Music lyrics strike cord with heart, soul

Whether it is from your favorite band or an unknown artist that possibly 1 percent of people have actually heard, music lyrics have meaning and sometimes the meaning can be attached to the heartstrings like a marionette to a puppet.

But honestly, who has really given thought to the meanings of artists' lyrics in a particular song?

I can say that up until a certain point I never did, but I give consideration to the lyrics in my favorite bands' songs.

Artists and groups like Flyleaf, Green Day, Evanescence, We Are the Fallen, Amy Winehouse, My Chemical Romance and others have mass-produced music over the years.

Up until recently, the lyrics never really meant anything, but claimed it as simply music.

I used to say the exact same thing until songs by my favorite artists really started meaning something to me. They would attach meanings to my heart or pick me up when I felt down and out.

A prime example of this is a group called Flyleaf, an alternative Christian band from Texas.

Flyleaf's single "Fully Alive" is



Jose Gonzales

an example of this because whenever I am at my worst; this song can pick me right back up, especially with their chorus lyrics "Fully alive, more than most / Ready to smile and love life / Fully alive, and she knows how to believe in futures."

Songs can have more than one meaning, in fact a multitude of meanings; it just depends on who is listening to the music and how he or she interprets it. I interpret songs very personally.

On the other side of the spectrum, lyric meanings can pierce the heart in ways no one can imagine, unless people witness it first hand. Lyrics can relate to peoples' feelings.

Take groups like Evanescence and Green Day for example; their lyrics can bond with a certain host and reject another. Many say Green Day turned their

backs on their loyal fans by taking an anti-war stand with their album "21st Century Breakdown."

I do not agree with this because they used their musical talents to point out a major flaw within the nation at the time.

Groups like this get a bad reputation for their lyrics because of the conservative society we live in, where everything is supposed black and white.

I am sorry to say that everything is not that simple. You cannot deny the shades of gray areas there are and their freedom to express themselves. Just because their message is offensive to the masses or considered "secular" to conservative Christian types who only live their lives by the Bible and nothing else does not merit the music for someone else.

It is unfair to label lyrics that send a secular message to peoples' brains just because the group singing the song is considered "satanic," unpopular or reject the ideal conformity of the masses of people listening to music every day.

These people have a voice too and only want the opportunity to use it to benefit society by giving people hope, a cause, a way of life.

Homemade Easter egg dyes

Spring is here, and Easter is just around the corner. Coloring Easter eggs is a common spring tradition, but one does not have to use the store bought egg-dyeing packages. Easter egg dyes can be made at home using basic staples found in the cupboard.

Ingredients:

- hard-boiled eggs
- white vinegar
- food coloring
- boiling water
- vegetable oil

Tools:

- newspaper
- slotted spoon or tongs
- paper towels and thier cardboard rolls
- plastic cups

Lay newspaper over a flat workspace. Cut the paper towel roll into one-inch round sections.

To make one color, pour ½ cup boiling water into a plastic cup. Add one teaspoon of white vinegar and food coloring until the desired hue is reached. Mix together. Repeat the step for each color.

Drop an egg into the dye and let soak for five minutes. Remove the egg with a slotted spoon and let it dry on the paper towel roll.

To shine up the egg once dried, wipe with an oil-soaked paper towel. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

Other fun options:

Use stickers or a white crayon to create decorations the dye will not stick to. Make two-toned Easter eggs by dipping one-half of the egg in one dye color; hold for 5 minutes. Let dry, then dye the other half in another color for five minutes more.

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CAT still actors’ playground after 20 seasons

By Colleen Kitka
Assistant Verge Editor

A half block east of Charleston’s square and across from the aging Will Rogers Theatre, a rusty metal sign with a cat logo and the words “Charleston Alley Theatre” tells what lies beyond the building’s corner.

Walk off the beaten path through the alley and a green awning welcomes people, showing the entrance to Charleston’s only privately owned and operated theater company.

The intimate 40-seat CAT is celebrating its 20th season this year and continues to be a playground for actors, stage workers and theater patrons alike, putting on four shows and one stage reading every year.

Duke Bagger, executive producer of the theater along with his wife Linda, said the CAT is an environment theater because they can change it to their needs and desires. The audience sits close to the actors; sometimes they are closer to the actors than other on stage-cast members are.

Show selections vary to appeal to a wide variety of audiences, and the CAT has done around 95 in its 20 seasons. Bagger, said they try to put on family-friendly shows, like “A Christmas Carol” around the holiday season.

William Shakespeare performances including “Macbeth” and “King Lear” often make their way to the stage, as well as musicals like the “Rocky Horror Show.”

Five playwrights have premiered in the small theater, including several of David Radivich’s scripts. Radivich is a retired Eastern English professor.

The CAT has also been known to do non-main-stream productions that draw different crowds.

Tony Cox, a director and CAT board member said sometimes there have even been more people in the 20-to-25-member cast than people who actually sat in the audience.

Cox said, “Our mission is to provide a theater experience you may not get anywhere else in this area, original works or lesser-played shows.”

Some of those fewer-played shows are plays written by one of the board’s favorite

playwrights, Christopher Durang.

Bagger said Durang is called an equal-opportunity curmudgeon because he is not afraid of offending anyone.

“If you think of a crotchety old man who is not afraid of offending people, he will say it,” Cox said. “It’s a dark-twisted sense of humor.”

Cox said because the theater receives no public funding, they are able to make their own decisions and put on shows they want. It is difficult to gauge the audience turnouts though.

“You never know who will come down the alley and why. Some shows surprise (us) because the audience just comes and comes and fills the house every night,” Bagger said. “And some people just don’t come in the crowds we had hoped. ‘King Lear’ and ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream,’—thought we would have more academic support than that.”

Bagger keeps it all in perspective when they have such a variety of shows.

“Pay your nickel and take your chances, you just never know,” Bagger said. “That’s why we like to stay small, so we can absorb shows that just don’t have a high attendance as we would like.”

Over the past two decades, the theater has seen more than 500 actors and behind-the-stage help come through its doors. They make up an eclectic bunch of Eastern students, high school students, community members and others from surrounding towns like Greenup, Mattoon, Ashmore and Casey.

Craig Banyai, of Charleston, an Eastern alumnus and cast member, is now practicing for his eighth production with the CAT.

“This is just a great venue to get away from work. When you are here practicing and working on lines, it’s relaxing,” Banyai said. “This is where we come to play. I guess it is a clubhouse.”

The CAT is not all fun and games though; the company relies all on volunteer help and many hours go into building sets, gathering music, casting and practicing. Many of those heavily involved in the CAT are versatile.

“Around here we do a little bit of everything,” Cox said. “I direct, act, work on



COLLEEN KITKA | ON THE VERGE

The Charleston Alley Theatre, off the square on Madison Avenue, still welcomes visitors to come through its back alley door. Tonya Wood, the theatre’s founder wanted to keep life on the square and opened the theater two decades ago.

sets.”

The CAT was set up by Tonya Wood, a professional actor from Russia. She always wanted her own theater and a place to play. The actress married an Eastern professor, Leonard Wood, and he bought the building at 718 Monroe Ave. It was formerly a tire store.

Bagger said Tonya called him and his wife down and told the Baggers she wanted them to be the technical directors; Tonya wanted help to make it into a theater.

The first few shows were shown in the

Lincoln Book Shop on the square, but they got the CAT up and running. The Woods died in a car crash six years ago, but the theater shows still went on.

Years later, the CAT is still around because of a non-profit organization set up to purchase the building and to continue Tonya’s legacy. That legacy is for experienced actors to come together and do what they love— to play and act at the theater.

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Mix of big-name artists influence local musicians

By Michael Cortez
Staff Reporter

Ask any band member where he get his influences from and many will say something like the Beatles, Led Zeppelin or any other older band. But what about the modern local bands still active and playing?

Che Frederick, senior communications major and drummer for Mugwump Specific, said his music playing is influenced by modern bands such as The White Stripes, The Black Keys and lots of blues bands including the Muddy Water Blues, a MySpace chain group. However, Frederick finds it difficult to narrow his choices to specific bands or artists, let alone a specific genre.

“I have a crazy range of music on my computer that I like to keep on shuffle,” Frederick said. “I recently got a Little Boy Jr. CD. Those guys are real kickass.”

Michael Pond-Jones, senior musician education major and sousaphone player for Funk Biscuit, said he gets his influence from Chicago and Earth, Wind and Fire. Pond-Jones enjoys listening to bands that emphasize on brass with powerful horns that sound together.

“I enjoy horns that are not just a side group and are actually part of the action,”

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“Honestly, it’s anything that sounds good. I’m not into one genre. As long as the band is talented and works hard, and I enjoy listening (to) them.”

- Scott Chaplinski, local singer and guitarist

Pond-Jones said. “I enjoy bands that do that with brass.”

Funk Biscuit gets its influence from other modern bands such as the Young Blood Brass Band, Rage Against the Machine and Hot 8 Brass Band. However, Pond-Jones says he cannot just pick specific bands that give him an influence.

“I get an influence from everything I listen to,” Pond-Jones said. “There is never really a time that I don’t listen to music and don’t get influences.”

Ian Winston, also known as I2K, is a local hip hop solo artist and a senior art major. He gets his influences from musicians such as Lupe Fiasco, Rage Against the Machine, Public Enemy and J Dilla. Winston said he has something in common with the artists who influence him.

“They all have a message they want to give out,” Winston said. “They are not like everyday artists and groups. They don’t talk about nothing. These guys have a message. Rage and Public talk politics in the community.”

Winston said he listens to other artists and different genres, even if they do not give him as big of an influence. When Winston was little, his sister introduced him to Flaming Lips.

“I was amazed. I was about the rock when I was a kid,” Winston said. “Still, everything I listen to gives me some type of influence.”

Scott Chaplinski, guitarist and singer who also schedules bands for bars, said he gets his influences from almost all music.

“Honestly, it’s anything that sounds

good. I’m not into one genre,” Chaplinski said. “As long as the band is talented and works hard, and I enjoy listening (to) them. Eric Clapton is my No. 1 in everything he does. Everything he does is really cool.”

Chaplinski said he listens to a lot of radio and whatever everyone else listens to.

“I don’t really buy CDs myself,” he said. “I don’t have an iPod. If I hear a song and I like it, I will listen to it. I’m always listening to something new.”

Adam Lily, communication studies senior and drummer for Buried in Black, said he gets his inspiration from DevilDriver and Coal Chamber. He said he also enjoys Five Finger Death Punch.

“I like how they mix the heavy with the soft,” Lily said. “The singer still screams but has good, clean vocals. It’s not my kind of style, but I still enjoy it very much.”

Many of Charleston’s local artists and bands get their influences from all sorts of different modern artists. However, as musicians, they can all agree that they get some kind of influence from any song that reaches their ears; some more than others.

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Waterlogged with ‘Hot Tub Time Machine’

Rating: D

By **Brad York**
Verge Editor

Most hot tubs are used as sources of relaxation or possibly for relations with someone the user is quite fond of.

In contrast, a time machine is a mystical device used to travel through time. Many times, well according to Hollywood, time machine users are warped into a time or place. It is usually the past, where the user must accomplish a goal, event or fix the time machine in order to return safely and not disturb the future or past as they know it.

“Hot Tub Time Machine” is a film that attempts to combine these two ideas in a quirky, yet cheeky manner while keeping the audience enthralled in a world of grotesque-natured laughs and subtle hints of love and true friendship.

A key role in developing “HTTM” was Eastern alum Luke Ryan. Ryan graduated from Eastern with a degree in journalism. Ryan is currently the senior vice president of production at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Basically this means that it is his job to develop ideas into full-length feature films. It is also his job to view

a movie after its production, and see if it is up to the studio’s film standards and they can profit from.

The plot is based on the premise of three friends and one of their nephews returning to a ski town, which was a past spring break destination for the group to mend their kinship. They return to the town that is currently in shambles after years of partying and straying cats. The friends return to the same room in the same hotel from the past only to find it is nothing like they remembered it.

The group ventures to the back deck where a broken hot tub sits as a tomb for a decaying feline. The group returns minutes later to find the hot tub in perfectly cleaned and working condition.

After a night of drinking and partying the group awakes to find neon-clothed patrons filling a 1986 ski lodge.

I am not trying to step on Ryan’s feet, but this movie lacks the quality of past comedies such as “The Hangover” or “Wedding Crashers,” and instead the film seems to take the path that far too many comedies travel to, a limbo between brilliant and simply dumb.

The movie attempts to balance all the things viewers hope a film to be, but the attempts fall short of being a must-see by more than a few feet.

With a cast of John Cusack, Craig Robinson of “The Office,” Rob Corddry of “Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay” and Clark Duke of “Sex Drive,” the movie seems as though it would be knock-down hilarity.

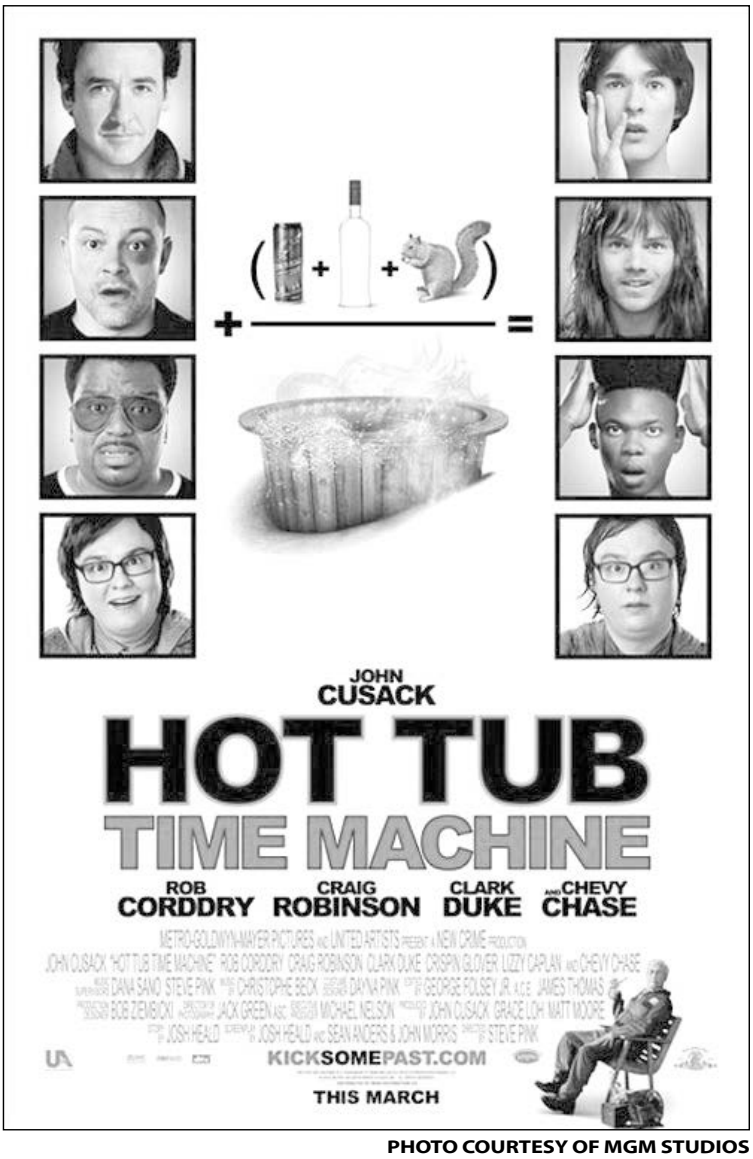
Robinson and Corddry steal the spotlights of the film as they spin one-liner after one-liner with ample ease. Corddry’s character becomes overbearing at times, but it is all in good fun as the role of Lou.

Cusack misses the mark by bubbling into a character developed on relationship instability that is all too eager to show his calloused nature as the character Adam. Instead of this role elevating Cusack to comedic genius, the role is an obvious type-cast that makes dull use of such a big name in Hollywood.

Chevy Chase also appears in the film but offers few comedic lines.

The jokes seem to become background filler in a movie that just tries too hard. In a movie like “HTTM,” the viewer goes into the movie expecting a barrage of raunchy meaningless comedy with little plot depth. Although this film incorporates some of this comedic silliness, it simply tries too hard to be something it is not, a classic comedy.

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‘Magpie’ album sends Murder by Death on tour

Rating: A

By **Sarah Ruholl**
Administration Editor

Murder by Death really wanted to celebrate the release of their new album on Tuesday night.

“I always just wanted to say: ‘I’d like to buy 1,000 beers,’” said Adam Turla, Murder by Death’s singer and guitarist. “One-thousand beers, please. Just put it on the tab.”

The band decided to throw the party at The Bluebird in Bloomington, Ind., just three weeks prior, Turla told the crowd. Every

guest was given a copy of “Good Morning, Magpie” and two tickets for a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon, compliments of the band, at the door.

The band’s hometown crowd came out in droves to join the party. The Bloomington Burlesque Brigade performed to an assortment of hoots and catcalls, and local rock act STATE opened the show.

The party atmosphere prevailed throughout the course of the evening and leaned heavily toward their romanticized outlaw reputation. During sound check, a tall, curly haired fan passed a plastic flask, almost certainly containing whiskey, to Turla.



MEGAN MATHY | ON THE VERGE

Adam Turla and Sarah Balliet of Murder by Death play at the band’s CD release party Tuesday night in Bloomington, Ind. Thrown together in three weeks, the release party was a success with a free PBR and a lavish burlesque show.

Turla smelled it, held it up to his ear, grinned and took a swig.

The whole band seemed to be having the time of their lives at what was also a going away party. Murder by Death began a three-month tour, promoting “Magpie,” at Off Broadway in St. Louis the next night.

Not only is the band from Bloomington, the album features only local musicians and was recorded there, too.

Sarah Balliet (cello/keyboards) joked that if the crowd didn’t like the album it was their own fault.

The audience had as much fun listening to the new material as the band did playing it. It was the live debut of both the title track and funny-folk ditty “You Don’t Miss Twice (When You’re Shaving With a Knife).”

Most of the album was written while Turla was on a solo camping trip in the Smoky Mountains, and he related tales of his adventure to the crowd, including the first time he tried to shave with a knife.

“It’s harder than Paul Hogan makes it look,” he said in his deep growl.

The most crowd involvement came after the band finished playing the album start to finish and moved onto wider known songs such as “Brother” and “Spring Break 1899.”

Everyone already seemed able to sing along to “Magpie’s” lead single, “As Long as There is Whiskey in the World,” a video for which Turla said was just shot at his cabin outside Bloomington.

‘Magpie’ stands as departure from old sound

Rating: A-

A more insightful and mature Murder by Death emerged on their fifth full-length album, “Good Morning, Magpie.”

It is a collection of classic folk sounds that is a decided move away from the band’s outlaw-obsessed back catalogue. Not since their debut album, “Like the Exorcist but More Breakdancing,” have they put out an album that did not revolve around a concept, generally involving drinking whiskey and hunting for the devil, both internally and externally.

Adam Turla’s voice grows deeper with each album, and the growl heard on “Magpie’s” darker songs is reminiscent of Johnny Cash in his heyday.

The songs still reflect the hard living, wild ways depicted in story songs of the past, but now they are just memories.

Many of the lyrics are about making amends and moving on, not raising hell.

“You wouldn’t believe all the things that I’ve done,” Turla sings on “Piece by Piece.” “You just can’t

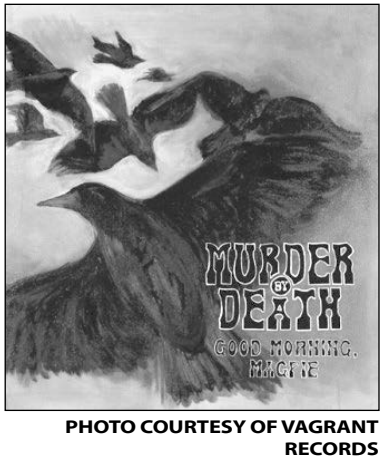


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see it ‘cause you’re young / I paid my dues, and I had my fun.”

Turla wrote most of the songs on a two-week solo camping trip in the Great Smoky Mountains. Introspection and his true fondness for whiskey show throughout the album.

Though I have always considered Murder by Death my principle source for love songs to whiskey, they solidified themselves as the greatest with the lead single, “As Long as There is Whiskey in the World,” which is about life’s ups and downs and man’s best drinking partner.

Written to pass the time alone on the trip, the novelty mountain man ditty “You Don’t Miss Twice (When You’re Shaving With a Knife)” should immediately be taught to all children on camping trips.

Overall, “Magpie” is a solid step forward for the band, and Turla as a songwriter specifically, when they could have relied on the gimmick of a concept album.

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