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'Harry Potter' series ends as movie is released today

Mattoon theater to show movie on seven screens By Alex McNamee Editor in Chief

Thousands at the AMC Showplace 10 theater in Mattoon will see the final movie from the "Harry Potter" series Thursday at midnight.

Kelsey Kash, a manager at Showplace 10, said four-of-seven screens have been sold out as of Wednesday. Kash said she is expecting a big showing to come see the seventh "Harry Potter" movie.

"We expect more (people) for this movie because it's the last," Kash said. "We anticipate six or seven theaters to be sold out." If the Showplace 10 sells out all seven theaters showing the "Harry Potter" movie at midnight, Kash said it would equate to about 1,500 to 2,000 tickets sold.

If all seven theaters sell out for the midnight showing, Kash said the theater will have one showing at 3 a.m. Friday morning; however, she said the decision to have a 3 a.m. showing wont be made until about 9 p.m. Thursday.

Brandon Heller, former president of Eastern's Harry Potter Club RSO, is one of the people who bought tickets. However, he'll see the movie with fellow club members Friday to prevent from affecting classes on campus Friday morning.

"(We) will be going in our Quidditch team uniforms or the Deathly Hallows shirts we made for the first (Deathly Hallows) movie," Hell"We expect more (people) for this movie because it's the last. We anticipate six or seven theaters to be sold out."

Kelsey Kash, Showplace 10 manager

er said.

Before any of the Harry Potter Club members or any other moviegoers see the final movie, Kash and her staff will get to see it. Some saw it in a test screening Wednesday at midnight.

Those workers who saw the movie at midnight Wednesday were there not only to watch the film but to make sure there was nothing wrong with it as it played. "They come in for a test to make sure nothing is wrong," Kash said.

The half who didn't see the movie at midnight Wednesday are going to the theater at 9 a.m. today to see it in 3-D, Kash said.

Kash, a "Harry Potter" fan in her own right, said seeing the movie in 3-D will add something different to the movie, titled "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."

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Legislators to discuss health care

By Jennifer Brown Administration Editor

CAMPUS

The Eastern Annuitants Association will host its chapter meeting in the Neal Welcome Center today at 8:30 a.m. to update annuitants on the current issues that are happening in Springfield.

State Sen. Dale Righter said he'll update the annuitants on the health care issue that affects pensions.

"Right now we're in the midst of the 90-day extension," Righter said. "We're trying to negotiate contracts. We don't know when the contracts will be complete."

Currently, the general assembly is at a break, but that does not mean they are taking a break from the real issues.



Senate members discuss committee requirements

By Jennifer Brown Administration Editor

The Staff Senate discussed the outline of the committees and what requirements of committee members should be upheld to as senate members.

Suzann Bennett, senate secretary, spoke at the meeting about the distinguishing marks of the committee requirements.

"We looked at the committees and at the constitution," Bennent said. "The requirements are as accurate as they can be."

Bennent said many of the committees that have been involved with the senate have roots with the university.

These are organizations such as CUPB and the Faculty Senate, Bennent said.

"We know what we're all supposed to be doing on our committees," Bennent said. "If we change anything in the constitution, it'll take an amendment."

Brad Green, administrative clerk at office of research and sponsored programs, said the CUPB requires two members of the Staff Senate to be in attendance at the CUPB meetings.

"CUPB wants two representatives from staff senate, but our committee could have three or four according to our constitution," Bennent said. "Two of those may want to go to CUPB and the other two may want to work on strategic planning."

Bennent moved for there to be a motion in which all the committees will write out their requirements and how many members they would like to have.

"There should be a parking appeals committee that reads the appeals from students and faculty that get parking tickets," Bennent said.

Bennent said each person on a committee can go to other meetings when the staff senate meeting is not is session.

The committees can attend campus meetings and report what they have learned to the Staff Senate, Bennent said. "That's how it should work," Bennent said. "The individual committees haven't been meeting separately."

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State Rep. Chapin Rose said senators spend the break traveling to speak with communities about what has gone on throughout the year.

"We travel to five counties. It's very informal," Rose said. "We spend time on the road talking to rotaries and schools."

Rose said the issue of Eastern pensions will be discussed at the meeting.

"We'll talk about the Bill that was passed for Eastern." Chapin said. "It was the tuition incentive program aimed at lower income students to keep them from going out of state."

Rose said the bill for the health care is sitting on the governor's desk waiting to be moved further along in the process.

"The contracts have been contracted for 90 days and the bill should be extended for two years," Rose said.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

State Rep. Chapin Rose talks about the economic downturn Jan. 27, 2010 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Rose and State Sen. Dale Righter will talk at the Eastern Annuitants meeting Thursday about current issues in Springfield.

Green said the council would be appointing another member from the university administrators to the Staff Senate.

"We're adding a non-negotiated person," Green said. "One was elected and was appointed from the university administrators."

Motion to approve the new member was moved to the next meeting which will be held August 10, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The senate took nominations and elections for the presidential, vice presidential, secretarial and treasurer offices during the meeting.

Anita Thomas was appointed president, Angie Campbell was appointed vice president, Suzann Bennent was appointed secretary and Tina Jenkins was appointed treasurer.

All senators were appointed to their offices, effective immediately.

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what's on tap

THURSDAY

2:00 p.m. Gettysburg: Turning point in the Civil War

Explore the historical events that escalated into the Civil Wat, the shifts of power during the struggle, and the battle that led to the ultimate victory.

FRIDAY

1:00 p.m. EIU Open House Come see for yourself all that Eastern has to offer. While you're here, you will have an opportunity to meet with faculty and/or student service personnel, hear from financial aid, housing and current EIU students, tour campus, the residence halls and Greek Court.

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Puppy playtime



Joe Shaul, a student at the University of Radford, in Radford, Va., plays with Lincoln, a boxer puppy, at Morton Park Wednesday evening. Shaul was visiting Charleston.

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2009 University Police purchased six new bicycles from Bike and Hike in Charleston to replace older bikes.

2005 The search for a new assistant director of Student Life was narrowed down to three candidates. Shawn Peoples, Chasity Bree and Isaiah Collier were the remaining candidates.

Faculty and staff began to get their smoke-damaged office property back nearly three months after a fire in Blair Hall.

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TECHNOLOGY

Workshop provides safety tips

By Alesha Bailey **Campus Editor**

Social media sites such as Facebook are examples of websites that can expose personal or private information.

"People who want to get your information will get it one way or another. That's what it all boils down to," said Brian Hyder, LAN (Local Are Network) support specialist.

Hyder presented the "Safe on the Internet" workshop Wednesday at Booth Library and explained how social media sites such as Twitter and Facebok have had privacy issues with its users.

"If you have had your profile completely locked up, then Facebook would change the privacy settings overnight, wouldn't tell anybody, and have your profile opened wide up," Hyder said. "It would be "Anyone that has access to a web server can access your emails. Your internet service provider can go in and see your emails."

Brian Hyder, LAN support specialist

your responsibility to lock it back up again.

Hyder also mentioned how problems with Internet security have affected Eastern students.

In his lecture, Hyder used the example of how Eastern students would give out their passwords to an email sender claiming to be from Information Technology Services (ITS).

If you've ever expected that you've accidentally sent out personal information, you can inform ITS immediately," Hyder said.

Hyder started the lecture by defining personal identifying information (PII) as information that identifies people online. PII includes licenses, social security numbers, names, home addresses and email addresses.

One PII protection tip that Hyder gave was to not send information through email.

According to Hyder, Facebook is the worst communication method to use when giving out personal or private information, and email is just as bad as Facebook.

Hyder said communicating over the phone is more reliable. He said talking rather than texting is safer.

Hyder said email can be unreliable because the messages are written in plain text.

"Anyone that has access to a web server can access your emails," Hyder said. "Your Internet service provider can go in and see your emails."

Hyder said the type of computers used also factors in protecting privacy.

He said Windows is targeted the most because most people use Windows and the program is not very secure.

He added Apple computers are more reliable, but may be more unprotected in the future as its computers and software increase in popularity.

Hyder also addressed computer viruses sent over the Internet and how to protect computers were other topics.

Hyder said most viruses are sent through Adobe products, such as when a person downloads a job application with Adobe Flash.

Hyder suggested to get antivirus software and antimalware software to prevent from getting computer viruses.

"A lot of the free software out there is just as good, if not better, as the one you have to buy," Hyder said.

Other tips that Hyder gave in order for others to protect their privacy included not giving out information to relatives, checking credit reports and limiting the amount of information given over the phone or websites.

Hyder also said to read privacy policies seen in places such as social media sites and always watch for changes in the policy terms.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Professors mixed about Obama using Twitter

By Greg Sainer **Activities Editor**

President Barack Obama held the first ever "Twitter Town Hall" July 6, answering questions posted by Twitter users about a wide range of topics.

Over 169,000 tweets appeared using the #AskObama hashtag, related to the economy, the federal deficit, the environment, and more, according tothe Boston Globe.

With the use of one of the latest popular ways for people to communicate, Easter's political science profressors wonder if the opportunity to directly ask the president questions presents an opportunity for more discussion on current issues.

The professors gave mixed opinions on the effect Twitter could have on civic discussion across the country.

Andrew McNitt, a political science professor, said Twitter's 140 text character limit was "not enough" to hold an effective political discussion.

Kevin Anderson, a political science

professor, said Twitter presented a useful opportunity.

"It can be a very useful tool to connect with a segment of the population that uses a lot of technology," Anderson said. "The best advantage of Twitter is the immediate response, because you have 140 characters, so you tend to have to get to the point."

Anderson said Twitter only covers a certain section of the population. He said the president and other politicians still need to communicate with con-

many tools to communicate with people," he said.

Jeffrey Ashley, chair of the political science department, said Twitter was just a newer way to attempt to contact the president.

"It's just another form of contact," he said. "People used to write letters. People used to make phone calls, then people would email the White House. Now people communicate via other means, such as Twitter."

Anderson said the use of Twitter to discuss civic issues could be a way for the country to come together depending on how far away the discussion would travel from the social media users.

"It will unify that group that uses Twitter," Anderson said. "Could you get people to rally around a specific point? Absolutely."

Other discussion has revolved around the possibility of President Obama using the White House Twitter page as a way to connect with constituents prior to running for re-election

Ashley said Twitter was one of many forms of communication with the President and would not always guarantee connection.

"They don't respond to every phone call, Ashley said. "They don't respond to every letter. They don't respond to every emai. So it is just meeting people where they are and being more accessible. I don't think it really changes how they respond, but it does allow for

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Kevin Anderson, political science professor

more people to get involved and make comments."

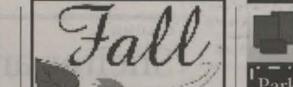
Anderson said that it would be difficult for Obama to influence his reelection chances directly through Twit-

"It can become an important tool," Anderson said. "(But) you're not going to do anything major on Twitter."

Anderson said that Twitter's brevity was part of the limitation imposed on Obama.

"It limits exactly what you can say specifically," he said. "So, to a certain degree, you're never going to get that inspirational message out there. You might be able to put something out on Twitter that provokes people into thinking, but can you make a coherent argument?"

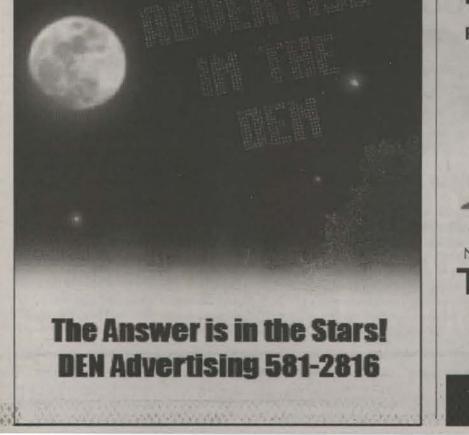
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Summer events are good idea

In the July 12 edition of The Daily Eastern News, the July 7 concert at the Doudna Fine Arts Center featuring folk artist Mieka Pauley and the American roots duo Switchback was considered a success. Those interviewed said they would enjoy seeing the artists return, and the artists reciprocated that feeling.

Dr. Bonnie Irwin, dean of the college of arts and humanities, also said in the article that Doudna would like to expand the summer programs if the audience proved large enough for the events. Dr. Irwin also stated that Doudna would attempt to bring new and emerging artists to perform, thereby providing a new experience for Doudna patrons.

We at the DEN feel that an expansion of the summer programs held at Doudna would have a positive effect for Eastern as well as the Charleston community.

If more summer programs are held during the summer at Doudna, the fine arts facility will not be used only for summer classes and summer camps for non-college students, but also to provide summer entertainment for the Charleston community as well as Eastern students taking classes at the same time.

This provides the opportunity for Doudna to increase awareness of guest artists who perform during the academic year, which could increase community attendance of guest concerts.

With increased attendance comes increased ticket revenue, which in turn will allow Doudna to offer a wider range of choices for fine arts patrons and students during the academic year and summer. Increased revenue would also allow Doudna to keep its facility up to date and attractive for artists who come to perform.

As Dr. Irwin said in the July 7 article, artists who come to perform at Doudna have complimented the newer facility and expressed a willingness to return to perform again.

For new and upcoming artists, a chance to perform at a fine arts center provides the opportunity to expand their recognition and potentially increase their popularity. Performing for the Charleston community as well as students in the summer provides those patrons the opportunity to be exposed to new and different genres of music and fine arts, increasing their appreciation for fine arts as a whole.

This increased appreciation for fine arts could positively affect the music, theatre, and art programs that call Doudna home by increasing patronage of student concerts, performances and shows.

COLUMN One last chance for us to enjoy Hogwarts

Friday one of the most famous franchises in entertainment and literary history will come to a conclusion as "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" is released in theaters nationwide.

For those who may not follow the adventures of the bespectacled wizard, the film is the eighth depiction of the fantasy world created by British author J.K. Rowling. With the release of the final movie, an era of sorts comes to an end.

Since 1998, the American public has been entranced, angered, and captivated by Harry Potter, and has experienced a depiction of his world on film since 2001. The effort by the ensemble cast who have appeared in all eight films is hardly unnoticeable, as each character has been immortalized on the screen and in the minds of millions of fans.

Who will likely forget Alan Rickman's legendary depiction of potions teacher Severus Snape, or Michael Gambon's portrayal as Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore? And of course there is the famous depiction of Harry, Ron, and Hermione by Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson.

Never before have three actors almost literally grown up on screen before the eyes of an audience, and it is doubtful if such a feat will be



Greg Sainer

seen very soon.

Now, before I am accused of pandering to Potter-mania, allow me to explain why I think this is important. Of all of the things in our world that might bring people together, Harry Potter stands out as one that has affected an entire generation of young people and adults alike.

As of right now, I would venture to say that many of the fans who grew up loving Harry Potter are mostly in college or have graduated within the past five years. Harry Potter is the piece of the millennial generation's culture that captured its imagination and gave many common ground amongst each other.

Where else would millions of people gather for a common undisputed reason besides a religious gathering than a Harry Potter book or film release?

To be clear, I am not equating Harry Potter's importance to a holy event. I am looking at this in pure terms of literature, film, entertainment, and pop culture. Essentially, Harry Potter provided the outlet for the millennial generation to use its collective imagination and escape the real world together for small spaces of time.

One of my favorite authors, J.R.R. Tolkien, perhaps described fantasy works like Harry Potter best when he said, "Fantasy is escapist, and that is its glory. If a soldier is imprisoned by the enemy, don't we consider it his duty to escape?...If we value the freedom of mind and soul, if we're partisans of liberty, then it's our plain duty to escape, and to take as many people with us as we can!"

So if you are a fan, feel free to revel this weekend in the final chapter of Harry Potter and enjoy one last journey to Hogwarts. Expelliarmus!

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In turn this will allow for increased community exposure of the efforts put forth by students at Eastern, thereby increasing the appreciation of student work and the fine arts fields they are a studying.

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My dog is my best friend. He is a Rat Terrier, Shih-Tzu mix. I got him when he was around 3 years old. He was house trained, didn't bark unless a squirrel or motorcycle passed, and loved everybody. He also loved, and still does, to cuddle (and by that I mean curl up as close to me as possible otherwise he won't be able to sleep well). He also does what I like to call a "dance"

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where he stands, sometimes walks around, on his hind legs and waves his two little front paws in the air. Needless to say, I think he is the best dog in the world.

However, I didn't adopt Sawyer from a family environment or from a breeder. I got him from a shelter where the employees said that they had found him as a stray.

Now, I have no idea how a dog who had been alone on the streets for who knows how long could end up as well as he did, but I am glad he did his dance when I walked by his kennel to make me fall madly in love with him.



Melissa Sturtevant

Almost everyone has seen the commercials with the sad looking dogs and cats that have been abandoned, and since I have adopted Sawyer, I now can't help but think of him.

Thousands upon thousands of animals are abandoned or euthanized every year because of overbreeding, or because they simply weren't wanted. Quite honestly, it makes me almost sick to think about those poor animals not be-

ing taken in.

I think more people, if they decided to adopt an animal, should go to shelters. Those animals need just as much love as a newborn puppy does.

If I would have decided to get a new puppy, I might not have known what real cuddling is, or that a dog could tilt his head so far while listening intently to what I'm saying. Even if the dog is a stray, it may be able to surprise you with its ability to learn and know what not to do inside the house: Sawyer is living proof of that.

I'm not saying people shouldn't ever go for puppies, I'm saying that shelter animals should be considered just as much. Who knows, a best friend may be discovered just like my best friend Sawyer.

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People react to verdict

Many students say verdict was unfair

By Melissa Sturtevant News Editor

The trial for Casey Anthony and the "not guilty" verdict has many Americans reacting.

The trial, which ended with the verdict on July 5, now has many people questioning whether or not the jury made the right decision.

Crystal Shipps, a junior recreation administration major, said that she is unsure of whether or not the "not guilty" verdict was fair.

"I am 50/50 with that," Shipps said. "I think (the verdict) was (fair), and then I don't. They didn't tell the media all of the evidence they had."

The verdict also brought many people on social media networks together to voice their opinions.

There are some Facebook groups that have been formed in reaction with titles such as "Casey Anthony is guilty despite the jury's verdict," "Outraged at the verdict of Casey Anthony," and other groups with more vulgarities in the titles all have members of the groups speaking their opinions.

Other Facebook groups state that the verdict was fair, and others, such as "People Who Are Tired of Hearing or Reading about Casey Anthony Verdict," may prefer not to hear any more about the trial whether positive or negative.

Queenie Adeboyejo, a senior psychology major, said she feels that the verdict was fair,

"I feel like the defense didn't argue

"It doesn't make me doubt (the system). Some people just know how to get around it. They know how to work the system."

Crystal Shipps,

junior recreation major

as well as they should've," Adeboyejo said. "Only circumstantial evidence was presented."

Anthony is set to be released July 17. "But she shouldn't have been able to get free as fast as she did," Adeboyejo said. "I think she had some part in it, but I'm not sure whether or not she actually committed (the murder)."

Adeboyejo said she thought that the prosecutors should have done a better job arguing their points.

Shipps said that even though she was not sure whether or not the verdict was fair, she does not think the judicial system is any less effective.

"It doesn't make me doubt (the system)," Shipps said. "Some people just know how to get around it. They know how to work the system."

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"I'm excited it's in 3-D," Kash said. "It adds something extra."

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Showplace 10 will be showing the movie in both 3-D and regular 2-D in multiple theaters. They are also starting the movie at staggered times, most beginning at midnight but three others starting at 12:05 a.m., 12:10 a.m. and 12:15 a.m., respectively.

Showplace 10 has even set up a double feature for two theaters, where both Deathly Hallows films will be shown back to back. Part 1 will be shown at 9 p.m., followed by the new film at about midnight.

Kash said she expects the theater to be busy, starting at around 7 p.m., when she said people will start showing up for the movie. "It's going to be quite a spectacle," Kash said.

For the midnight showings of the movie, Kash said the theaters will open up at around 9 p.m. for people to start filing into their seats.

Kash said she's excited to see how the movie portrays the book.

"I'm faithful to the books, but I'm excited to see how they finish the series," Kash said. "I hope they end the movie the same way they ended the book."

A big fan of the books, Kash said she thinks the moviemakers have done a good job making each book into the movies.

Heller said he expects the movie to be good, based on the reviews he has read. "The reviews are simply superb," Heller said. "The energy surrounding it seems so great that we believe that the crew definitely has done (the book) justice from the reactions of the fans in London who have seen it."

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Kash said the theaters in Champaign are all sold out, so she said she expects to see some people from Champaign today trying to see the movie in Mattoon.

After the midnight showings, Showplace 10 is scheduled to show the movie 45 more times over the weekend, 15 per day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, according to Fandango listings.

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Righter said he is not certain when the contracts will be complete in the general assembly.

"I think this is a regularly scheduled meeting," Righter said. "We have heard from a lot of people that are concerned about how the governor's handling the health care."

The politicians agree the event has a good turnout and is informative to the community.

"We've done this every year for eight years," Rose said. "We go over what happened in Springfield. It's an enjoyable event."

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STATE Illinois GOP rep says Obama 'lying'

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois congressman accuses President Barack Obama in a video released Wednesday of "lying" about the impact of not raising the national debt ceiling in the next three weeks and goes on to ask, "Have you no shame, sir?"

Republican Rep. Joe Walsh says "President Obama, quit lying," in the video posted online. He says there is "plenty of money" to pay debt and cover Social Security even if the limit isn't raised.

Walsh claims Obama will not get congressional approval to increase the \$14.3 trillion debt limit unless the Democratic president backs a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which Obama opposes. Obama says the country will default if Congress doesn't raise the ceiling by Aug. 2.







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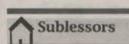
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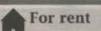
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NATION **US beats France, advances to World Cup final**

By The Associated Press

MOENCHENGLADBACH, Germany - Abby Wambach sure knows how to deliver.

A goal, a promise and soon, she hopes, a World Cup title.

The U.S. women had fans on edge once again until Wambach broke a tense tie with her header off a corner kick in the 79th minute Wednesday. Alex Morgan scored three minutes later to seal a 3-1 semifinal victory over France, and the Americans let loose with a party that carried all the way across the Atlantic Ocean.

Next up, a trip to the World Cup final Sunday in Frankfurt that will be the first for Americans since 1999, when they last won it all. They'll play Japan, which upset Sweden 3-1 to move one step away from realizing its own dream.

"We've achieved part of our goal. We're in the final," Wambach said. We want to complete it. We want to be world champs.

So do their fans, new and old.

The Americans captivated the crowd back home with their epic, come-from-behind win over Brazil on Sunday, and a little thing called a workday wasn't going to deter them. Some fans skipped work - bars opened early for the noon EDT kickoff - while others

sneaked peeks at the game in the office. At the Phoenix airport, dozens of fans crowded around TVs to watch the game.

When the final whistle blew, Hollywood celebrities, pro athletes and ordinary folks who didn't know a free kick from a corner kick just a few days ago flooded Twitter with congratulations. "My heroes. Wambach. Boxx. Rapinoe. Solo. That TEAM! Our team!" actor Tom Hanks tweeted. Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers said, "Awesome job US Women, finish it off Sunday now."

Wambach and company were glad to share the moment.

These wins, we can't do it alone. We know a whole nation is cheering us on," Wambach said. "We believe in ourselves and we're in the final. I couldn't be happier."

A little relieved, too.

France was the surprise of the tournament, making the semifinals with a creativity and flair that was breathtaking to behold. And for much of the game, the U.S. couldn't contain Les Bleues.

We didn't play well today," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "However, we find a way to win and that's a credit to the players' hearts. That's what makes it so wonderful to be coach of this team."

With the U.S. struggling to create opportunities in the middle, Sundhage replaced Carli Lloyd with sparkplug Megan Rapinoe early in the second half, moved Lauren Cheney inside and pulled Wambach back to the midfield.

The difference was noticeable immediately. The Americans were able to push forward and began threatening French goalkeeper Berangere Sapowicz.

Finally, in the 79th, the Americans won a corner kick.

"I told (Cheney) at halftime, 'Put the ball to the back post, and we're going to get a goal," Wambach said.

Cheney delivered the ball perfectly to the far post and, just as Wambach had predicted, she soared over the scrum and pushed the ball past Sapowicz.

"I knew Abby was going to beat her," Cheney said, referring to the French defender who practically mugged Wambach to try and contain her.

Asked how, Cheney said, "Because she's Abby Wambach.

Wambach let out a scream and did a sliding sprint into the corner, where she was mobbed by her teammates. It was her third goal of the tournament and 12th of her career, tying fellow American Michelle Akers for third on the all-time World Cup scoring list.

Morgan then put the game out of reach, outracing four defenders and then stutter-stepping in front of the

goal, throwing Sapowicz off and leav- ly lead by Cheney's goal in the ing the American with a wide-open shot.

The priority is not to accept another goal," France coach Bruno Bini said through a translator. "When that happens, you've had it. We conceded another goal and that was it for us."

Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy and Co. got the rock-star treatment during the '99 World Cup, and every team since then has lived in their shadow. Part of the problem is no team's been able to duplicate that group's success. But nobody's been able to captivate the U.S. public like that golden group, either.

Until now.

Nothing to take away from them because what they did was special. What they did gave us the opportunities all of us have here," Wambach said. "This generation is cool because we want to make a name for ourselves. We want the next generation to be ours.'

Despite the loss, the World Cup was a resounding success for the French. In just their second World Cup appearance, they reached the semifinals and qualified for next summer's London Olympics.

"Do you know any coach who will tell you it's fantastic to lose?" Bini asked. "But we must give credit where credit is due."

The U.S. was staked to an ear-

ninth minute. But with the silky smooth Louisa Necib calling the shots, France dominated for most of the game, finishing with a whopping 25-11 advantage in shots. The French missed two great chances in the first half, with goalkeeper Hope Solo having to tip a Gaetane Thiney shot away in the 30th and Sonia Bompastor rattling the crossbar two minutes later.

Finally, in the 55th, France got its equalizer. Bompastor floated in a cross from about 30 yards and, with the dangerous Gaetane Thiney right in front of her, Solo had little opportunity to move. The ball flew right past her.

But part of the blame goes to Becky Sauerbrunn, who was starting in place of the suspended Rachel Buehler and fell behind Thiney.

"I think (Thiney) got a step ahead of her," Solo said. "But I definitely expect our defenders, when the ball goes in the box, to get it out of there.'

But just as they did Sunday against Brazil, the Americans got stronger and stronger as the game went on before Wambach - who scored a critical goal in the waning moments against the Brazilians - came through.

'In the end, we're in the finals," Wambach said, "and that's all that matters."

STATE Bears need 1 day to prepare for HOF game, Martz says

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The way Mike Martz sees it, the Chicago Bears could play in the Hall of Fame game on a day's notice if necessary.

Of course, that's not realistic and he wouldn't want to try. But if they absolutely, positively had to?

"If we report to camp and they say, 'Tomorrow, you're playing the game,' that'll be plenty," Martz, Chicago's offensive coordinator, said Wednesday.

The Bears are scheduled to open training camp at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., late

next week and play St. Louis in the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 7. All that is in doubt at the moment because of the lockout.

Chicago star Devin Hester said he thinks players would need a weekand-a-half of practice to prepare for the Rams game. Martz wouldn't say exactly how much time they would need, but he did say they could be ready rather quickly.

"You don't do game plans for those games, anyway," he said. "It's not like a regular-season game at all. There's not a whole lot of game preparation. You look at personnel, things of that nature, and clean things up execution-wise. The preparation for preseason games, particularly the first one, is not real hard.

Coming off a wild season in which they made a big turnaround and advanced to the NFC championship game, the Bears might be in a better spot than most teams to withstand an offseason in which there were no organized team activities and no real opportunities to work with the coach-

Most of their core players are under contract.

They've been running the same cover-2 defense for years under Lovie Smith and are entering their second season in Martz's offense, so they won't have to adapt to new systems. That could work in their favor.

There are, however, some question marks on the offensive line and at wide receiver, although Martz insists he's happy with what he has.

He's assuming veteran center Olin Kreutz will re-sign once he's allowed, that first-round pick Gabe Carimi will adjust to the line quickly and a unit that was a mess early last season because of injuries and poor play will build on the

progress it made over the second half, giving Jay Cutler the protection he needs and Matt Forte the holes he wants.

The pounding Cutler took last season was well-documented. The Bears gave up a league-leading 56 sacks, but got better using the same five players over the final nine weeks.

They ran the ball more often, too, giving up 2.8 sacks per game after allowing 4.4 over the first seven weeks. Forte wound up with 1,069 yards rushing, and Martz said the model they followed in the second half is one they will continue to use.



BASEBALL

Former Panther now a Beach Bum

Pitcher signed contract on July 3, suited up that night

Jordan Boner Managing Editor

A former Eastern pitcher is continuing his career in the Frontier League.

Right-hander Matt Miller signed a contract on July 3 to play for the Traverse City Beach Bums in Traverse City, Mich.

Representatives from the Beach Bums called Miller on July 2 and asked him if he could travel to Michigan to throw a bullpen session for them right away, Miller said.

"I drove up the next day and threw a bullpen for them, and they wanted to sign me right after," Miller said. "I was in uniform that night."

Miller's contract runs through the rest of this season, ending the first or second week of September, he said.

Miller said he is thankful for the chance to continue his baseball career.

"I just wanted to keep playing and just wanted to get an opportunity, and I got one," Miller said.

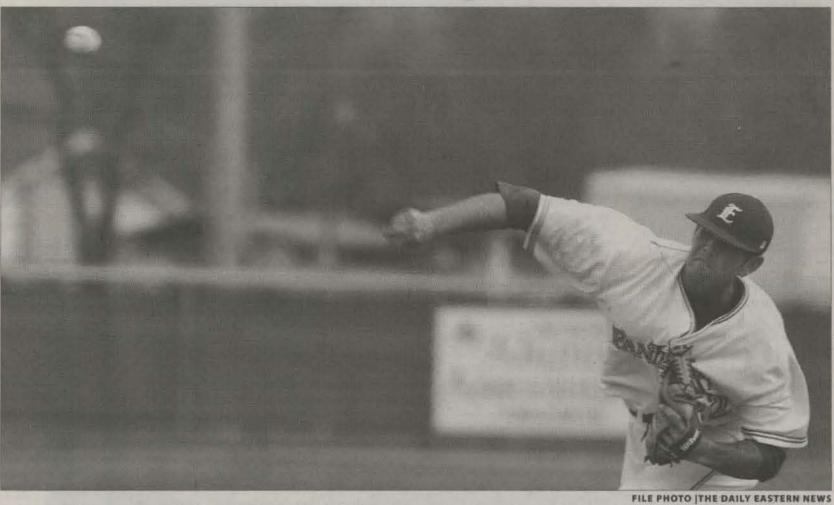
Miller appeared in one game against the Evansville Otters and threw one inning. Miller allowed one hit, one walk and one run in the inning.

"It was good to get on the mound again and throw," Miller said.

Frontier League players are set up with a host family in the team's hometown. The host family gives the player a place to stay and food to eat.

Miller said he has not met his host





Sophomore Matt Miller pitches against Indiana State on April 8, 2009 in Coaches Stadium. Miller signed a contract on July 3 to play for the Traverse City Beach Bums of Traverse City, Mich., a Frontier League team.

"I just wanted to keep playing and just wanted to get an opportunity, and I got one."

Matt Miller, former Eastern pitcher

family yet because the team went on a six-game road trip right after he signed his contract.

Miller said he wants to make an impact right away by being the player

who can throw every day and be a factor out of the bullpen.

The game on the Fourth of July at Traverse City against the Florence Freedom was memorable, Miller said.

The team wore red, white and blue jerseys and auctioned them off after the game.

Miller's host family bought his jer-

The Beach Bums open a three-

game series at home against the Windy City ThunderBolts Friday.

The team is scheduled to play the Normal Cornbelters at Normal's Corn Crib Aug. 9-11 and the Southern Illinois Miners at RentOne Park in Marion Aug. 12-14.

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Garoppolo growing into leadership role

By Alex McNamee Editor in Chief

Jimmy Garoppolo was thrown into the fire last season as a freshman starting quarterback for the Eastern football team. He said doing that in his

his leadership of the team, he said. "I feel like the guys on the team trust me more than they did last year as well

as the coaches," Garoppolo said. At the end of the season, as Garoppolo began to get more experience, he said the team statted to come togeth-



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Freshman quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo looks for an open receiver as he is pressured by Southeast Missouri State red-shirt freshman defensive tackle Frankie Davis during a game on Oct. 2 at O'Brien Field. freshman year was difficult.

The football team went 2-10 last season and Garoppolo threw for 1,639 yards, 14 touchdowns and 13 interceptions in eight games played.

Garoppolo said going through the season was good experience for him as a quarterback.

"That was very difficult at times, but I felt like it really made me more of a mature player than I was before," Garopollo said.

This summer, Garoppolo has been able to work on his game in the weight room, film room and on the field.

He said the mental part of his game, which is improved through studying film, is the most important part of a quarterback's game.

"I've been studying unbelievable amounts of film and the playbook, which really pays off when we start facing all the other teams."

Having only won two games last season, Garoppolo said there are many areas to improve for him and the team. Another way he has improved is in er.

"Winning two of our last three games is a real confidence booster going into next season," Garoppolo said.

Garoppolo said he has also been working on creating chemistry with his receivers. He said that is another important aspect of quarterbacking.

"Knowing where and when a player is going to be somewhere is what offense is all about," Garoppolo said. "I need to be able to trust that they'll do the right thing and they need to have that same trust in me."

Now, Garoppolo is trying to look past the idea of a sophomore slump in his second season.

"I think the best way to avoid a sophomore slump is just to not think about it and go out and play the game that you know how to play, Garoppolo said."

The team's first game is against Illinois State at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 1 at O'Brien Field.

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