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Nintey-plus degree heat continues through today with the heat index at a predicted high of 97°

By Jane Ruppert
Activities Reporter
and
Ashley Rueff
Senior Reporter

As temperatures reached the 90s this week, Eastern students and faculty feel the heat and take necessary precautions to stay cool.

Walking to class Thursday afternoon, Matt Oliver, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, did not feel affected by the high temperatures.

"I worked outside all summer, so it's not too bad. Drink water, lots of water," he said.

Eastern students around campus showed their discomfort as sweat slowly dripped down their faces. From water bottles, to

wet shirt sleeves, students faced the sun with positive attitudes.

Ashley Jackson, a freshman business Management major, sat under shade of the bridge between Lumpkin and Coleman before her class.

"It's very hot, but it's not affecting me," said Jackson. "I'm drinking a little more water."

Students may have been uncomfortable for 10-15 minutes as they walked to class but that was nothing compared to what Brent McCullough was feeling.



ERIC HILTNER | DEN

Geoffery Rice and Tanner Gray, both 8-year-olds, stand under a waterfall at Charleston's Rotary Pool zero entry pool Thursday evening while attempting to cool off during this week's near-100 degree weather.

SEE HEAT, PAGE 2

Governor approves most of Ill. budget

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — After 23 days, Illinois finally has a state budget or most of one.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the roughly \$60 billion budget into law Thursday, except for \$463 million that he called "special pet projects and other spending that we simply can't afford."



Gov. Blagojevich

But he spared money for state officials' raises and for the pet projects requested by some legislators, while cutting funds for health care, veterans and even the upcoming Abraham Lincoln bicentennial.

The Democratic governor also renewed his promise to add government health programs that legislators had refused to support. He plans more than \$400 million in new or expanded services despite questions about whether he has the money or the legal authority.

Approving the budget means the state will start delivering school aid, worker's compensation, health care payments and other checks that were halted when the state's old budget expired July 31. The portions he vetoed go back to the General Assembly.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Of the \$60 billion originally proposed, \$463 million was cut, for what the Governor called "pork."

- **\$400 million** plus in new or expanded services
- **\$597 million** for elementary and secondary schools
- **3.5%** for constitutional officers and legislators, including the governor's \$171,000
- **\$40 million** in cuts for Medicaid funds from hospitals
- **\$50 million** in cuts for funds from nursing homes.

The new budget includes an increase of \$597 million, or 9 percent, for elementary and secondary schools. It depends largely on natural growth in state revenues during the coming year, as well as ending a handful of tax breaks for business.

It does not have any major tax increases or gambling expansions, two of the many ideas discussed in the long months of bickering over the budget. Blagojevich signed the spending plan despite arguing earlier this month that it was perhaps \$1 billion out of balance.

SEE BUDGET, PAGE 9



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Georgia Eller admires zinnias with her granddaughter at the Farmer's Market on 6th Street.

Farmers market brings freshness downtown

By Emily Zulz
Staff Reporter

Every Wednesday morning, Charleston's courthouse square transforms. Vibrant reds, oranges, yellows and greens appear as every fruit and vegetable imaginable is laid out on tables at the Charleston Farmers Market.

Not only can customers buy produce, but flowers, bake goods and

crafts are also available.

Bill Cornwell's table is filled with produces galore.

The Toledo resident sells multiple fruits and vegetables — including eggplants, peppers, cucumbers, squash, apples, peaches, green beans, blueberries, nectarines and pears. He sells just about everything when it's in season.

SEE FARMERS, PAGE 9

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TODAY
93° | 70°
Isolated T-storms



SATURDAY
81° | 62°
Isolated T-storms



SUNDAY
83° | 62°
Sunny



AN EPIC DUEL



DIXIE SEXTON | DEN

Brant Ruishouser reacts to a surprise attack from Megan Anne Ozark while using the Library Quad as a practice arena for Belegarth, a foam fighting sport, on Thursday evening.

Stay hydrated to beat the heat

HEAT, FROM PAGE 1

An arborist and tree surgeon for the university, McCullough spent his morning and afternoon cleaning off dead limbs and pruning trees around Booth Library. "We drink lots of Gatorade, take frequent breaks and find a little shade when we can," McCullough said.

Brittany Niwa, a junior English education major, stood in the Prowl booth on the Library Quad for spirit Thursday.

The Prowl booth is organized to give information about Eastern to students. Niwa asked trivia questions so that students could win

prizes including Eastern gear: water bottles, hats and sandals.

"I'm ok with it," she said about the heat. "I'm in the shade, and there's a nice breeze."

The cross country team has also been taking safety measures to stay healthy. Head coach Geoff Masanet makes sure his team has plenty of water breaks. One day this week, the team stayed on the Panther Trail rather than running in town.

Staying close to campus gives the team more opportunities for water breaks. "We continue to emphasize with these guys and girls that they stay hydrated," Masanet said.

He also said that, in the past, they changed their practice times

to morning hours when it is cooler outside. But they have not resorted to that yet. To take a break from the heat, the team will hit the pool for alternate training tomorrow.

As the first week of school comes to a close, the high heat index wears on for Friday at around 100.

In the Charleston-Mattoon area, August has had above normal temperatures, which usually average in the mid-80s.

The weekend, however, will bring campus about a quarter to half an inch of rain, causing the weather to be significantly cooler and less humid. Highs are presumed to be in the mid to upper 80s by Sunday.

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ZWETTLER PODCAST

Sports editor Adam Tedder sat down with volleyball players Eliza and Alex Zwettler to find out what it's like for sisters to play on the same team.



VOLLEYBALL PODCAST

Staff reporter Matt Daniels sat down Lori Bennett, Eastern's head volleyball coach, for a preview of the 2007 volleyball season.



DAILY NEWS ROUNDUP

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Online Poll Question of the Week: Are you satisfied with your major?

A. Yes B. No C. I haven't picked one yet

Poll results and next week's question will be on **Page 5** of Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



DIXIE SEXTON | DEN

Christie Roszkowski, the chair of Council on Academic Affairs, discusses the Banner System drop down menus during the CAA meeting in Booth Library on Thursday afternoon.

Council looks in new direction

Faculty looks to replace former members

By Sara Cuadrado
University Reporter

Finding a replacement faculty member and two new student delegates were among the items discussed at Eastern's Council on Academic Affairs meeting yesterday.

Other items on the meeting's agenda included a discussion on the benefits of the updated online catalog and handbook, proposal deadlines, enrollment and general council duties.

The council will need to replace member Julie Campbell of the Eng-



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Hendrickson

lish department because she will not be able to attend meeting this semester due to a schedule conflict.

Christie Roszkowski of the his-

Alison Kostelich, student vice president for academic affairs and junior business major, will need to find new members to fill out the council as well.

She is in charge of appointing two more student delegates. She said that the student delegates should be there for the next meeting.

When the council reviews a curriculum, it looks for duplication of



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tory department said she feels the council has been fulfilling its duties well.

However, she also said that she feels the council could improve by taking a more active role in policy change.

She said that, in the past, the trend of the council has been to change policy when somebody notices it needs to be changed.

To combat this, the council stressed the importance of getting in proposals early for course revisions.

When the council reviews a curriculum, it looks for duplication of

content, proliferation of courses and maintaining desirable standards.

Non-voting members Blair Lord vice president of academic affairs, and Academic Advising Member, Lora Green, were also present at the meeting Wednesday.

Even though these members cannot change policy through a vote, Jean Dilworth of family and consumer sciences said that these members' presence during the meeting alone can influence the other members' votes.

"You can look at the new and amazing changes in the world of Eastern Illinois University," said Mary Herrington-Perry, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Blood drive at Union

A blood drive will be held Monday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

It is recommended to eat within four hours prior to giving blood and to drink lots of water. Identification is required.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Tecnet workshop today

A Tecnet workshop for the Citrix server will be today from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in Room 1214 McAfee.

The workshop is to "expose participants to the concept of application servers."

For more information, call 581-8397.

Clinic holds fall sessions

The Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences is offering group sessions during the fall.

Three four-week sessions will be available for anyone considering hearing aids or anyone with hearing aids.

The sessions are offered Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences on the second floor of the Human Services Center. Registration is required. For more information, call 581-2712.

Spiderman comes to EIU

• Movie: Spiderman 3 in Buzzard Hall. 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Presented by the University Board.

Theatre meeting today

• Theatre Arts Majors Meeting at Tarble Arts 5:30 p.m.

--Hayley Clark, News Editor

CORRECTION

On Page 3 of Thursday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, junior art major Jim Figora was incorrectly identified.

On Page 5 of Thursday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, a member of the Council on Academic Affairs was incorrectly named. Julie Campbell is not a member of the CAA this fall.

The DEN regrets the errors.

ONCAMPUS

Today

Event | Study Aboard Information

Time | 4 p.m.

Location | 1207 Blair Hall

More info | 581-7267

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GREEK LIFE

Barbecue raises money for good cause

Annual Greek Life BBQ to benefit St. Jude

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

Students will have an opportunity this Sunday to raise money for those in need.

The annual barbecue hosted by Greek Life will go to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The three Greek governing councils – Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Interfraternity Council – sponsor this event. It is also sponsored by the honorary organization Lambda Alpha Delta.

"This event started over eight years ago as a way to welcome students back for the new academic year and

to highlight the important work of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is the philanthropic charity sponsored by the entire Greek community," said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life.

The meal will be at Carman dining center. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and cookies will be served. Students can use a meal swipe to enter.

Every year this barbecue benefits the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude's has a special meaning for some of the Greek Life members.

"Throughout the years we have had members of EIU's Greek community who are cancer survivors and have also benefited from the great work of St. Jude's Hospital," Dudolski said. "We fully support the

work that the hospital does in curing childhood terminal illness."

There will be a table set up with information about Greek Life at Eastern; however, the primary goal of the barbecue is to raise money for St. Jude's.

Resident Assistants were given sheets to pass out to their floor providing a sign up for the two games that will be played during the barbecue: four square and sand volleyball.

Students from resident halls then form teams and pay an entry fee to participate. Each team, whether playing four square or sand volleyball, pays a \$5 entry fee to play.

Jeff Margalus, senior physical education major and Interfraternity Council of recruitment vice presi-

dent, has been involved with the barbecue for two years.

The barbecue helps join the Greek students with the non-Greek students.

"There is an even group of Greeks and non Greeks that go to the barbecue," Margalus said.

Catie Pankow, senior English with teacher's certification major and vice president of recruitment and retention, said that the barbecue is a great way to come learn about Greek Life.

"You get to know other people and see how we do a lot of great things that don't involve just parties," Pankow said.

The St. Jude's barbecue will be Sunday with the games from 3-7 p.m. with the meal starting at 4:45 p.m.

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"It's easy to say Vladimir Putin, president of Russia, is a great danger. What is harder to explain is why."

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TODAY'S OP-ED PAGE

See the opposing opinions of two Eastern graduate students on today's op-ed page featuring "Let's give them something to talk about."

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAN NIWA



STAFF EDITORIAL

Prowl is improving;
keep on trucking

Prowl has become an influential part of the orientation process. It has taken the liberty of introducing new students to the campus the past two years. The *Daily Eastern News* feels it has been truly beneficial to the freshmen and transfer students.

Prowl is a transition program for new students and was started to help students be successful meeting their academic goals and campus expectations. It provides ongoing support and education for these students, and in the past year, the program has been strengthened and encouraged by the attendance it brings to each activity.

Activities begin on move-in day and go on for the first six weeks of the fall semester. Each day of the week is assigned a theme and something is happening every day. More information can be found at www.eiu.edu/~orient/panther_preview1/panther_prowl.php.

The idea Prowl runs with is an effective one. Students coming to Eastern need the transition that Prowl provides to interact with other students and the campus itself. By the programs that Prowl provides, new students not only meet each other, they are introduced to new learning experiences that can teach them anything from personal wellness to EIU traditions and culture. For those students who came into Eastern without Prowl, the choice to learn these traditions was not available. If it was,

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students would be more likely to have a stronger connection to Eastern and its surroundings. Therefore, the incoming students who have this chance should take advantage of it.

For only starting the program last year, Prowl has been greatly successful in fulfilling its goals. It has raised attendance since last year and participation is always substantial. New activities have been added to the schedule that give more opportunities for the incoming freshmen and transfer students. This year, Prowl made the new student check-in mandatory, for the purpose of connecting and communicating with the students. Although it was mandatory, the new students received a visit from President William Perry to welcome them to campus.

Prowl also offers incentives for showing Eastern spirit. By wearing blue on Thursdays, students can win prizes such as Eastern gear. These incentives are for students to "show their passion for Eastern and their pride in the community."

As long as the Prowl staff continues to organize and plan numerous activities (and does not end up wasting our money,) we support them.

Prowler should be proud.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EASTERN IS A MELTING POT

Chris Walden's column "Learn to be a Global Citizen" promotes a culturally diverse campus in Charleston. EIU is culturally diverse, regardless of what a freshman, who has only been here for about a week, thinks. Eastern, over my five years, has hosted students from places like Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, Jamaica, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, and Whales—just to name a few. Then Eastern also has a GLBT community (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender). There are several different religious institutions around the university for students to become involved with. But also look at where other students come from; we come from rural and urban communities. We are poor, working-class, middle class, upper class, not to mention the students that come from out of state. We have students from different regions of the country like the south, east coast, etc. EIU is truly a melting pot. EIU also has African-American students, Latino-American students, and European-American students. So to say that EIU is not a melting pot is misinformed. I know that during Freshman year it can be tough getting used to a new environment, so please, everyone, take time to get to know the community around you. Chances are you will never live in a culturally diverse community like this one again.

Dan Freberg
Senior History and Political Science
Major

STATE LEGISLATURE, NOT
JUST BLAGO FAILING ILLINOIS

Over the last two months the State Legislature and Governor have not been able to agree on a state budget. This has created problems for state employees, who had not been getting a paycheck until the courts intervened. This also created problems for state-funded projects and institutions like EIU. Now, Governor Blagojevich should take a portion of the blame for not actually signing a budget and playing politics with the state budget. However, I agree that the budget should not be full of pork spending. Thanks to the Legislature, we have that budget before the Governor. So, while the Governor is taking time going through the budget vetoing pork spending, the State of Illinois operates without a budget, the Legislative and Executive Branches of government have failed the people of Illinois. This entire process should have been complete on May 31. Now is the time to say enough is enough. We need new representation in the State government, so how about we start with Rep. Chapin Rose, our representative, and Dale Righter, our senator.

Dan Freberg
Senior History and Political Science
Major.

**Editor's note: in his column Chris Walden said "Charleston is a melting pot of different ethnicities and credos."*

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

The *Daily Eastern News* has a weekly spot open on Wednesdays for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a column.

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"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

Is Blagojevich doing his job with the budget?

COLUMN | FROM THE LEFT



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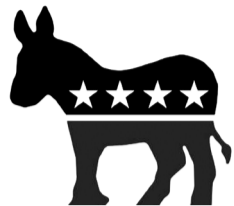
"VIVA BLAGO REVOLUTION!"

Will Rodgers once said "I'm not a member of any organized party, I am a Democrat!" Looking at the intra-party bickering going on in Springfield I would most certainly have to agree.

From a verbal fisticuff between speaker Madigan and Governor Blagojevich dealing with their showdown over the state budget to seeing how the Republicans have been relegated to irrelevancy this is truly the Democrats' problem. However, there is a silver lining to this debacle. The governor has proposed some truly revolutionary policy initiatives.

Since he swept to victory in November, he has proposed a rapid-fire succession of changes. Ranging from an ingenious new tax to subsidized health care for all Illinoisans. This tax would have provided a critical level of monies for his health care initiative and properly place most of the burden on corporations and the wealthy. Those that should be providing the social services for the masses.

The governor also signed into law the Illinois public smoking ban, thankfully Illinois now joins majority of the nation in saying no to smokers. Certainly people have the right to enjoy certain vices; however, that right ends when it interferes with the right of regular citizens to breath clean air.



I would also like to remind smokers that nowhere in the constitution is their 'right' to smoke granted. Although, the government's duty to provide for our general well being is. Perhaps most relevant to the readers is that the governor has made a complete 180 degree turn on higher education and is planning on making college tuition more affordable. While it's not quite as grandiose as the completely subsidized, it will, if enacted, reduce the cost of attendance greatly.

All these issues have recently come to a head in the state budget debacle that is playing out in Springfield right now. The peculiar thing is that, since Republicans have been regulated to irrelevancy, the debate on the budget is strictly an intra-party affair. Which is sad, because the party of the people needs to remember what it stands for. What the governor is proposing will help thousands of people and improve the quality of life for Illinoisans.

We need to stop this inane party bickering and unite as a single force, realize the enemy isn't in the party on the other side of the aisle, realize that this is putting in danger everything the party has worked so hard for. The party needs to stand true the values of its modern founder FDR, help those who need it, and the Governors budget does that.

From health care to education to public health the governor has redeemed himself.

"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

To submit your opinion on next week's topic, bring it in with identification to the DEN at 1811 Buzzard Hall or submit it electronically from the author's EIU e-mail address to DENopinions@gmail.com by 4 p.m. Thursday.

COLUMN | THE RIGHT OPINION



Justin
SINNER

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BLAGO?"

Before we discuss how terrible Blago's performance has been, I just want to review his original budget.

His FY 2008 budget proposal contains the largest tax increase in Illinois history and sweeps socialized medical programs. A gross receipts tax unfairly attacks business, hampers new firms trying to survive, and makes out-of state purchasing even more desirable than it already is.

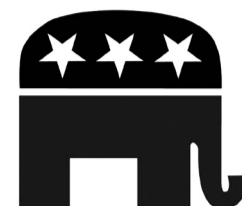
Thankfully our republicans led the fight to kill the proposed tax. Additionally, socialized medicine is fundamentally immoral. Replacing the commodity of money with the commodity of waiting in line all day will lead to patient death.

Moreover, socialized medicine destroys patient incentives to save money, destroys physician incentives to provide the best care possible, unfairly discriminates by rewarding individuals who carry the least tax burden and contribute the least to society, and increases the size of government which leads to inefficiency and less freedom. Also, affordable healthcare for all is just what it sounds like, an empty campaign promise.

Partisanship aside, Blagojevich's performance during this budget crisis has been an utter disaster. A governor is supposed to provide leadership, promote compromise, and simply get things done.

Republican or Democrat, we expect the governor to advance conflict resolution, not create conflict.

We are talking about \$7.6 billion in projected revenue just from the proposed gross receipts tax alone. Let's not forget the



multi-billion dollar Illinois Covered health plan. When one is dealing with such large sweeping proposals, cooperation and coordination with the affected entities, such as lawmakers, business owners, health care professionals, insurance companies, and educators, is extremely necessary.

Unfortunately, the Governor has a tendency to do things on his own, and act like a spoiled child. Seriously, when you propose the largest tax increase on business in history wouldn't you at least bring Illinois business representatives to the table? No, not Blago. He chooses to spout ant-corporate left-wing rhetoric by running around in a tour bus saying, "health care for all" and "fair taxation."

This is the same pattern we see today. Alienating, antagonizing, and embarrassing your political opponents does not create compromise. The General Assembly is run by Democrats, and he can't even get them on board. These are individuals who are probably sympathetic to his liberal proposals, but they just hate his guts. The Democrats are doing the Republicans job for them.

Back door deals are necessary in politics, and especially in Illinois politics. Behind the scenes compromising is part of our political culture. Rightly or wrongly it is reality. Why has he completely abandoned his role as the chief executive?

The only thing I can assume is that he is thinking about higher future political office. If he really wanted to get things done he would not act like a stubborn idiot. He is trying to be the liberal crusader fighting for the "little guy," the idealistic martyr defeated by evil business interests. Well, no one is buying it.

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STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

U.S. court to rehear Peoria, Ill. man's enemy combatant case

RICHMOND, Va. - A federal appeals court will reconsider its ruling that a legal U.S. resident being held as a suspected enemy combatant should be charged or released from military custody.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in June that the Military Commissions Act, passed in 2006 to establish military trials, doesn't strip Ali al-Marri, of Peoria, Ill., of his constitutional right to challenge his accusers in court.

The Bush administration requested a rehearing by the full court, arguing that national security will be jeopardized if the administration is not allowed to indefinitely hold suspected terrorists as enemy combatants inside the U.S.

The court granted the rehearing in a brief order Wednesday. Arguments will be held the week of Oct. 31, and the court's decision likely will come a few weeks later.

WEATHER

Northern Illinois socked by more storms

Heavy rains and winds cause damage throughout Chicago

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - A fast-moving storm packing winds over 70 mph turned skies from day to night across a wide swath of the Chicago area Thursday, damaging homes and businesses and bringing planes and

trains to a halt. And as workers and residents worked to clean up from the storm, the area was bracing for another.

A roof collapsed at the dock area of an industrial building in the suburbs, injuring 40 people, authorities said. West Chicago Police Department spokesman Mike Uplegger said seven people were sent to hospitals and the rest refused treatment at the scene. None of the injuries was considered life threatening.

A large piece of metal scaffolding at Northwestern Memorial Hos-

pital's Prentice Women's Hospital collapsed during the storm, and two people suffered minor injuries but refused treatment, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said. Also, the rear wall of a four-story building under construction on Chicago's North Side collapsed, but no injuries were reported, he said.

Elizabeth Schreiber, who works at a public relations firm in Chicago, was in a cab returning from a work lunch around 3:45 p.m. when she looked out the window and noticed

a tree had fallen across the street where her 1998 Toyota Camry was parked.

The 29-year-old got out of the cab and ran down the street in the pouring rain in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood, where damage reports were among the worst in the city.

The uprooted tree lay across two other vehicles and her car, completely crushing its roof.

"It looks crazy around here," she said while waiting for help. "It's really bad."

CRIME

Body found in Illinois State U. laboratory building

Mother discovers depressed son dead

U-WIRE

NORMAL, Ill. - The body of a 35-year-old male Illinois State University graduate was discovered on the third floor of the ISU Science Laboratory Building this morning, according to McLean County Coroner Beth Kimmerling.

The man's body was discovered at 8:30 a.m. by his mother, and was pronounced dead by Normal rescue authorities at 9:02 a.m.

The Coroner's office will not release the man's name or cause of death until toxicology results are completed. Kimmerling did say, however, that the death was not accidental and there is no foul play suspected. She also said there were no injuries on the body.

According to Kimmerling, the

man's mother had last spoken to him around 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, when he indicated he might harm himself and described a scenario in which he would do so in the lab building.

She also said the man's mother filed a missing persons report before finding him this morning. Students were not allowed to attend classes until noon, as the coroner's investigation continued for two hours.

"[His family] believed he was de-

pressed because he was not able to find employment and because of this he was worried he would not be able to pay his student loans," Kimmerling said.

ISU Media Relation Director Jay Groves said the man was a graduate from ISU in 1999, and received a graduate degree in 2006 in chemistry. He said the ISU Critical Incident Response Team was notified of the situation and responded immediately.

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WEIRD FROM THE WIRE

Big Mac celebrates 40th birthday

Sandwich sells 550 million per year in the U.S.; subject of Facebook groups

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Few people would eat a 40-year-old sandwich.

But don't tell that to the millions who flock to McDonald's each year to chow down on a Big Mac.

The triple-decker burger, which helped breed America's super-size culture and restaurants' ever-expanding jumbo meals, is turning 40.

For some fast-food junkies, that's cause for celebration.

"The flavors that come together — it's like heaven in your mouth," said April Kohlhaas, a 31-year-old Chicago resi-

dent. "It's just tradition, like American comfort food."

The Big Mac was first introduced in 1967 by Jim Delligatti, a McDonald's franchise owner in Uniontown, Pa. A year later, it became a staple of McDonald's menus nationwide.

Since then, the sandwich has become a veritable pop culture phenomenon, spawning everything from an impossible-to-forget jingle ("Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun," anyone?) to a currency-evaluation index created by The Economist.

"The Big Mac is certainly one of our most popular sandwiches," said spokeswoman Danya Proud. "There is only one Big Mac and there will only ever be one Big Mac."

McDonald's estimates 550 million

Big Macs are sold each year in the U.S. alone. Do the math and that's about 17 per second. Weighing in at nearly a half-pound, with 540 calories and 29 grams of fat each, it's enough to make nutritionists cringe.

Andrea Hawkins had her first Big Mac in high school and likes the treat so much she started the Facebook group "Big Mac-aholics."

She's put her Big Mac attacks on hiatus while she gets ready for her wedding next month. But that's not stopping her friends from building a cake-like tower of McDonald's hamburgers for her upcoming bachelorette party. At the top, of course — a Big Mac.

"(The) first treat on the way to the honeymoon will be a Big Mac," jokes the 25-year-old from Dayton, Ohio who prefers hers without cheese.

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Locals gather to share produce, stories

FROM FARMERS, PAGE 1

Cornwell has been participating in the farmers market for four or five years now, but, for him, it started long before that.

He has been coming to various markets since he was about four or five years old.

"I enjoy growing stuff," Cornwell said. "It's just something I do."

These days, participating in the farmers market is just a hobby for Cornwell but that wasn't always the case. Last year, after the factory he

worked at closed, attending farmers markets became a main source for his income.

He would go to three or four markets around the area and set up a table at each one. He now owns his own metal shop, so he has scaled down a bit.

The hardest part is getting everything picked when it is ripe and ready, but it is also the most important thing to Cornwell, who wants to make sure his product is always the best it can be.

"I always pride myself in having

the fresh stuff," said Cornwell.

During the summer, picking and getting everything ready for the market takes 20 hours per day, four days a week for Cornwell.

"You give up your summer," said Cornwell, who usually does not even go on a vacation. If he does take a trip, it's only for a few days. Everything is behind when he gets back, which is not worth the vacation.

Every week, Cornwell arrives an hour early to set up. He usually has help from his wife and kids, but he's on his own now that school has

started.

Mark Knoop has been the market manager for 11 years and is there every morning with coffee ready for everyone. But supplying the coffee is not his only responsibility.

"I make sure everyone has an assigned spot," said Knoop.

Negotiating conflicts, advertising and setting the dates are some of his other duties.

During the height of the season, Knoop said there are generally 20 to 25 vendors. The market will see approximately several hundred cus-

tomers.

Unfortunately, Knoop does not see as many college students as he would like.

"They need to come up and visit the square. Come up and visit the farmers market and talk to the vendors," said Knoop.

Angela Griffin and her daughter Hope have been coming to the farmers market for three years, ever since they moved to Charleston.

"We come almost every week," said Griffin. "Especially you," she said turning to her daughter.

Disagreements not finished with budget

FROM BUDGET, PAGE 1

His signature largely resolves the most contentious issue of a bizarre legislative session marked by bitter disagreements among Democratic leaders and a record-breaking overtime session.

But the disagreements are likely to continue when lawmakers return to Springfield to consider the vetoes and try to come up with money for roads, bridges and mass transit, perhaps by expanding casino gambling.

Blagojevich did not explain why he made each cut or he settled on a total of \$463 million. He did say some of the legislative projects "had little to do with the core mission of state government" and offered examples such as improvements to a volleyball court, a drill team and planning funds for an arboretum.

Money set aside for Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago, to dole out to his members was untouched.

"We know the Senate president shares our priorities," Blagojevich spokeswoman Rebecca Rausch said in an e-mail.

Pay raises of 3.5 percent for constitutional officers and legislators remained in the budget. They are along with 10 percent raises that Blagojevich approved earlier this month. The governor's salary will now be \$171,000 a year, while the base pay for rank-and-file legislators will be \$65,353.

Most "member initiative" money for House Republicans were spared, too, while projects for House Democrats and Senate Republicans were slashed.

Steve Brown, House Speaker Michael Madigan's spokesman, said it would take days for staff to "count up all the mistakes" in the governor's veto message and decide when legislators should return to Springfield.

In some cases, similar projects were treated differently — for instance, one grant for a handicapped-accessible van was approved while another was vetoed. And while planning to expand some health services, Blagojevich cut \$40 million in Medicaid funds from hospitals and \$50 million from nursing homes.

He also slashed funding for pandemic flu preparedness,

home services to the disabled and 80 new beds at the LaSalle veterans retirement home.

Patty Schuh, spokeswoman for Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson, R-Greenville, said Blagojevich sends a mixed message "when he talks about making health care a priority but cuts the legs out from under the people who provide those services."

An effort to override the vetoes would collide with Jones and his promise to uphold the Democratic governor's cuts.

The budget debate began in March, when Blagojevich proposed the largest tax increase in state history to fund an ambitious agenda for health care, education and debt reduction. His idea bombed with lawmakers, who did not share his fervor for health care or his interest in a major business tax.

The disagreements yielded a new record. When the legislative overtime session reached 55 days on July 25, it became the longest in modern Illinois history — and the record has just kept climbing since then.

Unable to agree, officials let the old budget expire July 31. State paychecks continued going out, thanks to a court order, but the impasse blocked payments to schools, Medicaid providers and companies doing business with the state.

Comptroller Dan Hynes said his staff will work around the clock to deliver the money.

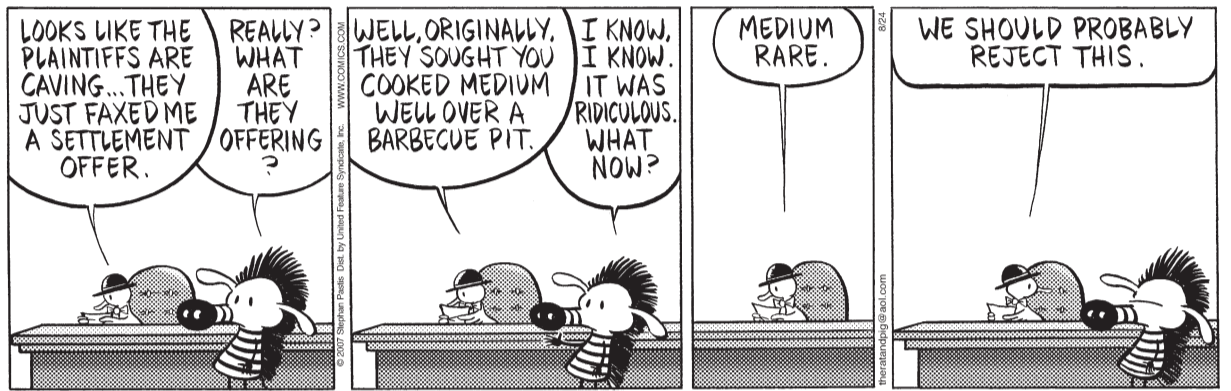
"Some of these recipients have been waiting nearly an entire month to receive their checks, funding they depend on for everyday needs.

They shouldn't have to wait any longer," Hynes said in a statement.

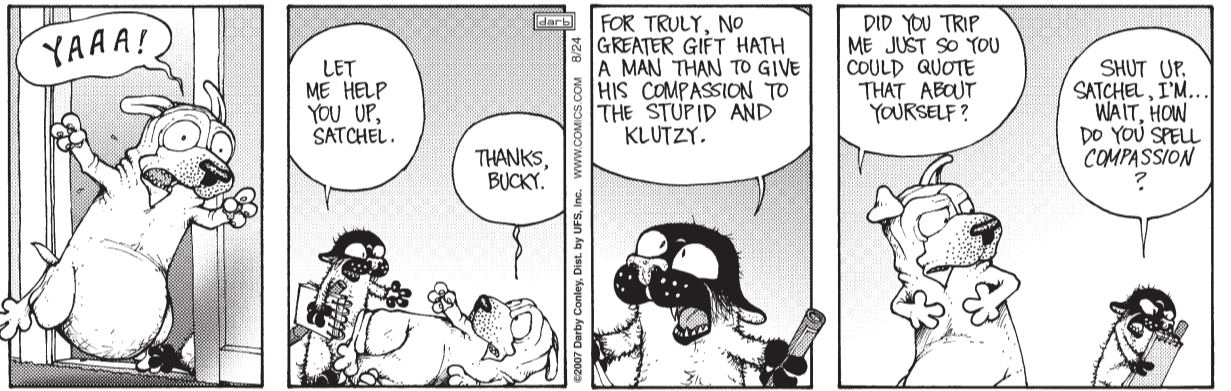
Blagojevich intends to launch many of the health programs he proposed earlier in the year, even though lawmakers have not agreed to pay for them. The initiatives include subsidies for families struggling to pay for health insurance, coverage for poor adults who don't qualify for Medicaid and cancer screenings for every uninsured woman.

"While I'm pleased that we're making a record investment in education, families across the state are still being priced out of health coverage and don't have a way to see a doctor when they need to," Blagojevich said.

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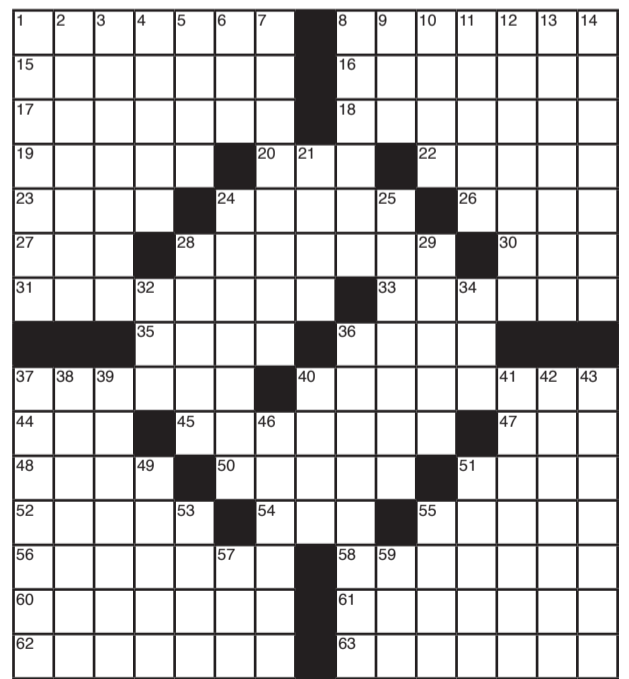
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Athletes need to stay focused

GROOVE, FROM PAGE 12

When school comes around, athletes are ready for class because it gives us a break from the activity, from the heat, and from the coaches.

However, getting ready for school can almost be just as stressful as pre-season.

For freshmen, it's all about finding their classrooms, getting used to the different class hours, and learning how to balance school, practice, homework, eating and sleeping. It can be overwhelming at times, but they always have their older teammates to lean on, the ones who have already gone through it.

On the other hand, it can be just as stressful for upperclassmen. We have to figure out what classes we want to take and they get harder each year once we start getting closer to graduate. We have to worry about staying on track in order to graduate. You have to take the right classes and the right amount of hours.

There is also the hassle of housing.

Most upperclassmen live off-campus, so they have to find people to live with and a house to live in and pay rent.

Another thing both freshmen and upperclassmen have to keep on top of is their financial aid and scholarships.

Sometimes things can get crazy in the financial aid offices and the workers get caught up in the work, but that's no reason to get frustrated with them.

They are doing their best. It's not easy knowing that you have somebody's future in your hands and with the press of one button you can change everything.

It is the athlete's responsibility to stay on top of those things. There are a lot of students at Eastern. How can you or the workers know something is wrong unless you keep checking?

Sooner or later athletes tend to get into a little groove and everything starts moving along smoothly. Before you know it, midterms are coming up and you are halfway through your season.



FILE | DEN

Participants run around the second turn of the 1,500-meter run at the Big Blue Classic held at O'Brien Stadium in March. Wheeler, pictured in the sunglasses, is one of the upperclassmen running with the cross country team this fall season.

Freshmen transition to college running

FACES, FROM PAGE 12

He said he wishes it is easier for the freshmen this year.

In high school, guys are expected to run a 5,000-meter race or about three miles but in college they can run up in between 8,000 to 10,000 meters.

Freshman Bradley LaRocque said the mileage wasn't the part he had to get used to; it was the speed.

"In high school it was seven minute practice per mile and here it is six minutes, or a 6:20 pace," LaRocque said. "And it's college, it's D-1. It's definitely a higher level."

Masanet even recruited two runners from his hometown of Crystal Lake.

Freshman Ryan Hoklas is one of those freshmen. The other is Derek Ericson.

Hoklas has been sore ever since he arrived here and is definitely feeling the difference from high school.

"It is much more intense," Hoklas said. "But we have a great team, so it is all going to be worth it in the end."

Masanet said the Panthers are trying to build and continue to get better for this year as well as the next few years.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY 2007 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown/High School
Kevin Adamowski	Fr.	Orland Park/Sandburg
Dave Anczyk	Fr.	Prospect/Prospect
Nic Atkinson	Jr.	Rochester/Rochester
Harrison Bueno	Fr.	Lake/Prairie Ridge
Brad Butler	Sr.	Monticello/Monticello
Keith Butler	So.	Monticello/Monticello
Mario Castrejon	So.	Chicago/Highland Park
Matt Dettloff	Fr.	Palatine/Palatine
Derek Ericson	Fr.	Lake/Central
Ryan Hoklas	Fr.	Crystal

David Holm	Jr.	Lake/Prairie Ridge
Aaron Iuan	So.	Calgary, Alberta/Western Canada
Nic Kuczvara	Fr.	Springfield/Springfield
Bradley LaRocque	Fr.	Elmhurst/York
Jake Larson	Jr.	Forest/Sandburg
Eric Pederson	So.	Downers Grove/Downers Grove South
Jared Righter	Sr.	Lisle/Naperville North
Nic Rousonelos	Fr.	Sullivan/Sullivan
Dave Sherman	Fr.	Shorewood/Minooka
Jon Towner	Sr.	Belleville/West
Jeremy Wheeler	Jr.	White
		Springfield, IL/Lanphier

Panthers face new opponents in Dallas

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She has a lot of confidence in her team as she said she thinks her team will get comfortable quickly.

Bennett said her only real concern was with her team's immaturity.

She said she was not referring to the players' personalities, but in their experience.

The team has 10 underclassmen this season and she feels that their inexperience on the court is something that may take time to adjust to.

"I don't think they yet have the understanding to know what it takes to win and the basics of the court," Bennett said.

Senior Eliza Zwettler said she feels the team is ready for the season.

According to Zwettler, being a young team is to their advantage because the teams have been so competitive during practice.

Bennett said she thinks all of the teams will give them good compe-

dition. She did concentrate on SMU in particular.

"We expect [SMU] to be a tough opponent," she said. "We expect them to be bigger and more athletic."

Bennett said though ball control would be a 'huge necessity' for the weekend in order to pull off wins.

Other strengths Bennett said she feels she has her returning starters to step in and run the team the way it is ran every day in practice.

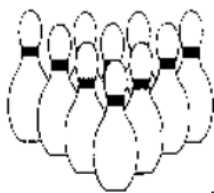
SMU's finished with a 17-15 last season while McNeese State finished 15-4 and Western Carolina finished 8-28.

The Panthers have hardly played any of their opponents for this weekend.

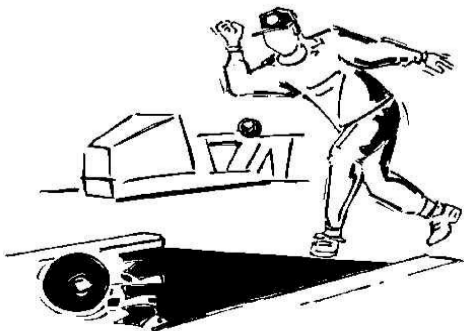
Eastern has never played SMU or Western Carolina and have lost to McNeese State in one meeting.

The tournament begins at 4:30 p.m. today with the first match against McNeese State then follow tomorrow against Western Carolina at 11 a.m. and SMU at 7 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 31 at Belmont Invitational (5K) Nashville, Tenn., 9 a.m.
 Sept. 8, EIU Alumni Meet (4M). EIU Panther Trail, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 14., EIU Panther Open (8K), EIU Panther Trail, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 22 at Southern Illinois Invitational (8K), Carbondale, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 6 at Memphis Twilight Invitational (8K), Memphis, Tenn., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 12 at Bradley Invitational (8K), Peoria, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 27, at OVC Championships (8K) ... hosted by Samford, Birmingham, Ala., 10 a.m.
 Nov. 10 at NCAA Midwest Regional (10K) ... hosted by Bradley, Peoria, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 19 at NCAA Championships (10K) ... hosted by Indiana State, Terre Haute, Ind., 11 a.m.

RUGBY

Sept. 1 vs. Indiana College All-Stars, Indianapolis, Noon
 Sept. 8 vs. Purdue, Lakeside Rugby Field, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 15 vs. West Chester (Penn.) ... first-ever contest between two NCAA programs, Lakeside Rugby Field, 1:30 p.m.
 Sept. 21 at Indiana, Bloomington, Ind., 6 p.m.
 Oct. 6 vs. Ohio State, Lakeside Rugby Field, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 12 at Oregon, Eugene, Ore., 3 p.m.
 Oct. 19 at Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind., 3 p.m.
 Oct. 27 vs. Eastern Kentucky, Lakeside Rugby Field, 11 a.m.
 Nov. 9 vs. South Carolina All-Stars, Clemson, S.C., 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Thu, Aug. 30, Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
 Sat, Sept. 8, at Purdue, 12 p.m.
 Sat, Sept. 15, Illinois State, 7 p.m.
 Sat, Sept. 22, at Indiana State, 6 p.m.
 Sat, Sept. 29, at SEMO, 7 p.m.
 Sat, Oct. 6, Eastern Kentucky, 2:30 p.m.
 Sat, Oct. 13, at Murray State, 4 p.m.
 Sat, Oct. 20, Tennessee-Martin, 2:30 p.m.
 Sat, Oct. 27, at Tennessee State, 7 p.m.
 Sat, Nov. 10, at Jacksonville State 1 p.m.
 Sat, Nov. 17, Samford, 2:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24 vs. McNeese State (SMU Invitational), Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
 Aug. 25 vs. Western Carolina (SMU Invitational), Dallas, 11 a.m.
 Aug. 25 at SMU (SMU Invitational), Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 31 vs. Memphis (EIU Pepsi Challenge), Lantz Arena, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 31 vs. Indiana State (EIU Pepsi Challenge), Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 1 vs. Loyola (Chicago) (EIU Pepsi Challenge), Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 4 at Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 7 at Ball State, Muncie, Ind., (at Ball State Classic), 6 p.m.
 Sept. 8 vs. Illinois State, Muncie, Ind., (at Ball State Classic), 11:30 a.m.
 Sept. 14 * at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, Tenn., 7 p.m.
 Sept. 15 * at Tennessee State, Nashville, Tenn., 2 p.m.
 Sept. 18 * Southeast Missouri, Lantz

RUGBY | PRACTICE



KAROLINA STRACK | DEN

With a temperature reaching a high of 96 degrees, members of the rugby team take a water break during their afternoon practice on Thursday to prevent dehydration.

Arena, 7 p.m.	Oct. 12 * at Jacksonville State, Jacksonville, Ala., 7 p.m.	mond, Ky., 1 p.m.
Sept. 21 * Tennessee-Martin, Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.	Oct. 13 * at Samford, Birmingham, Ala., 2 p.m.	Nov. 2 * Samford, Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.
Sept. 22 * Murray State, Lantz Arena, 2 p.m.	Oct. 19 * Tennessee State, Lantz Arena, 6 p.m.	Nov. 3 * Jacksonville State, Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.
Sept. 28 * Eastern Kentucky, Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.	Oct. 20 * Tennessee Tech, Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.	Nov. 6 * at Murray State, Murray, Ky., 7 p.m.
Sept. 29 * Morehead State, Lantz Arena, 2 p.m.	Oct. 23 * at Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 7 p.m.	Nov. 10 * Austin Peay, Lantz Arena, 2 p.m.
Oct. 2 * at Tennessee-Martin, Martin, Tenn., 7 p.m.	Oct. 26 * at Morehead State, Morehead, Ky., 6 p.m.	Nov. 15 at OVC Tournament (thru 11/18) TBA (hosted by top seed) TBA
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NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Former Bears coach campaigns for former NFL players

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka brought together his charity work and harsh criticism of the NFL Thursday, announcing a golf tournament and autograph show to raise money for former players who are needy and sometimes destitute.

Flanked by former players, Ditka lashed out at the NFL for doing too little to help players whom he said helped build the league.

Ditka, a former Hall of Fame player, said that the charity event will raise money both for the former players as well as an area residential facility for people with developmental disabilities.

"It's not about embarrassing the league or anybody, it's just about doing what we think is right," he said at his downtown restaurant.

But Ditka was clearly trying to draw attention to what organizations like his Mike Ditka Hall of Fame Assistance Trust and another called Gridiron Greats are doing — and the NFL and the players' union are not.

San Francisco's Cain outpitches, outslugs Cubs

SAN FRANCISCO — Bruce Bochy wasn't surprised Matt Cain outpitched Cubs starter Carlos Zambrano. Outslugging him was a



FILE | MCT

Chicago's Carlos Zambrano wipes his brow after giving up two runs to the Cincinnati Reds on Aug. 14. Zambrano pitched 5 and 1/3 innings and gave up four runs on six hits. He walked four and struck out four to take his tenth loss of the season. The Cubs lost 4-1 to San Francisco.

shock.

Cain shut down Chicago for seven innings and hit his second career home run off one of baseball's

best slugging pitchers to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 4-1 victory Thursday.

"If you thought a pitcher was

going to hit a home run today I don't think Cain would have been your pick," Bochy said. "He did it all. The kid pitched great and that

was a big home run."

The Cubs had their lead in the NL Central cut to a half-game over the idle Milwaukee Brewers.

Tigers trade slumping Monroe to Cubs

SAN FRANCISCO — Craig Monroe quickly found himself back in a pennant race Thursday when the Detroit Tigers traded the slumping outfielder and cash to the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named.

Despite hitting only .222 before Detroit designated him for assignment last Friday, Monroe was productive against left-handed pitching. That's how Cubs manager Lou Piniella plans to use him.

"I think it gives us a good balance," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "It was just one of those situations where you couldn't pass up a guy who has already been there and helped lead a club to the postseason. We've had our ups and downs against lefties. It gives Lou some options here that we didn't have before by just adding one good batter against left-handed pitching."

Monroe is hitting .302 with five homers and 22 RBIs in 102 at-bats against lefties. The NL Central-leading Cubs are just 12-19 against lefties and are batting 20 points lower as a team than against right-handers.



PANTHER SCHEDULES

Check out the schedule sheet for upcoming Eastern games and matches.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Sammy Sosa

The Texas Rangers became the first MLB team to score 30 runs in 110 years. The Rangers defeated Baltimore on Wednesday, 30-3. The Ranger offense exploded for 29 hits after they had trailed 3-0.

Texas scored five runs in the fourth inning, nine runs in the sixth, 10 in the eighth and six more in the ninth. Texas also defeated the Orioles, 9-7, in the second game of the doubleheader. Sammy Sosa (above) went 2-for-5 and scored a run in the nightcap.

Here are three other significant baseball records that have been tied or broken this season.

1. Barry Bonds — Whether you like him or not, Bonds has the most prestigious baseball record of all. 760. The home run record. Bonds passed other great such as Hank Aaron and godfather, Willie Mays on Aug. 7. Bonds also has the hardware to back his powerful bat.

2. Ichiro Suzuki — The Mariners outfielder has successfully stole 44 consecutive bases without being caught. Suzuki's streak lasted from April 29, 2006 to May 16, 2007. Suzuki holds the American League record.

3. Bobby Jenks — The White Sox reliever tied a major league record by retiring 41 consecutive batters. Jenks shares the record with San Francisco's Jim Bar who set in 1972. Going into Thursday's game, Jenks has 35 saves this season and 82 career saves.

— Kevin Murphy

Getting in the groove



MOLLY CLUTTER

School is back in session and that means one thing for the athletes: no more preseason.

Preseason is one of the most important part of a sports season.

It is a time for the veterans to shake off the rust. It is the chance for freshmen to learn what it is like to play at the collegiate level and better learn the game. It is also the best time for everybody to get into shape.

Preseason usually consists of four practices a day with time slots for weights and running.

Athletes eat, breathe and sleep their sport — especially during preseason. There is no time to think about anything else.

SEE GROOVE, PAGE 10

'WE'RE PREPARED'

Panthers open up season against unfamiliar opponents

By Adam Tedder
Sports Editor

Today marks the official start of the Panthers volleyball season as they travel to Dallas for the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Invitational.

Eastern will open its season with three other teams as well: McNeese State, Western Carolina and SMU.

The Panthers said they are not concerned or nervous for the opening of the season, even though last season they had a 3-13 Ohio Valley Conference record and 8-19 overall.

Coach Lori Bennett was not concerned with last year's record; she said this team is different.

"It's different with just how competitive they are," she said. "They never back off. [They're] more athletic and better volleyball players."

Bennett said they are more excited than nervous.

"We're not nervous," she said. "We're ready to play."

Bennett said preseason was short, but it still felt long and the team is "ready to go out and compete."

Bennett added her thoughts, though, if the team was feeling stressed about this tournament.

"Even if they were nervous, that won't take their focus off being successful," she said.

Sophomore libero Shaina Boylan said earlier in the week that she was excited to see the season approaching and to play different opponents other than themselves.

Bennett did say that they may not be nervous, but they are anxious.

"They're all excited," she said. "But I think it's natural to be a bit anxious for the first weekend."



ERIC HILTNER | DEN

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Sophomore outside hitter Jessica Wheeler practices her serve during practice Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

New faces for a new year

A young Eastern team motivated to compete in the Ohio Valley Conference

By Brandy Provaznik
Sports Reporter

There are nine new faces on the twenty-man roster of the this year's Panthers cross country team.

Head men's cross country coach Geoff Masanet said there were some changes that needed to be made after Eastern's fifth place finish at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships

last year.

"I just went out and recruited hard, and I think it's going to pay off," Masanet said. "These young guys are really, really talented and it is by in large one of the best recruiting classes we've ever had — if you go back thirty years even."

This young men's cross country team is preparing for its final week of training before its first meet on Aug. 31 at the Belmont Invitational.

The men's team was picked by the Ohio Valley Conference coaches to finish fifth again.

Masanet said when it came down to putting ten new guys on

the roster or keeping some older guys that hadn't produced as much, he went with the ten new guys.

"It is a tough decision between holding on to that guy that tries really hard but only has maybe one year left or bringing in a new guy that can help us now and in the long run," Masanet said.

Some of the older guys on the team have noticed a change in the way practices go now with all the freshmen.

"I definitely have to do a lot more leading. And that's a little bit different, since we have definitely had some good leaders in the past,"

senior Brad Butler said.

Even though they are new to the team, the older guys said they know better than to underestimate them just because they are freshmen.

"We've been showing them the ropes and stuff," sophomore Aaron Iau said. "But they are all really good, so we definitely have a lot to look forward to. They are going to be an immediate impact on our team this season."

Iau remembers how difficult the transition from high school to college level running was for him.

SEE FACES, PAGE 10



Running for a cause

By Stacy Smith
Senior Verge Reporter

Students, staff and community members will don their athletic shoes Sunday as they run or walk the 1.8-mile Panther Trail.

Everyone is invited to participate in the first "EIU: Run for a Reason, Run Red" at 6 p.m. People are also encouraged to cheer on the sideline for those participating.

"The people on the sideline supporting the cause are just as important as the athletics or individuals involved," said John Pommier, professor of recreation administration.

Valerie Karr, Coles and Clark counties office branch manager, realized the importance of events like EIU Run after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks because many people are affected financially and emotionally by unexpected occurrences.

"Many people live paycheck to paycheck these days and don't always have the ability to be prepared when a natural disaster or fire occurs," Karr said. "The Red Cross helps people get through with emergency funding until they can get back on their feet and live their normal life."

Each year, the Red Cross sponsors about 20 to 25 disaster local services, she said.

Some examples include fire department assistance, armed forces, house fires, floods and tornadoes. Many fires happen in Charleston throughout the year because of combustible items too close to heat sources.

According to Assistant Chief Pat Goodwin of the Charleston Fire Department, 103 fires occurred in Charleston in 2006.

Although participants of the EIU Run may not be connected directly

FAST FACTS

- **What:** EIU: Run for a Reason, Run Red
- **When:** Sunday at 6 p.m.
- **Where:** Panther Trail around the Campus Pond
- **Cost:** \$25 for participants and donations

to fires or other disasters, news stories inform the public of people affected by such hardships. Pommier said this is an opportunity to help others.

Pommier has seen many college students step up and support causes.

"College students know to support a great cause because they have a higher order of learning instead of 'what can I do for myself,'" he said. "The world is much larger than just our backyard."

EIU Run will raise money through donations. Donations will be taken on and before the day of the race, but each participant must submit \$25, which is donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

"The benefits are given locally to the Red Cross which affects the community, students and faculty," Karr said. "Anyone can be affected at any time."

Alisa Rogers coordinated EIU Run after she found a web site about a run/walk in Springfield, Ill., which supported the Red Cross. Those interested in participating can contact Alisa Rogers at 581-6435 or e-mail orient@eiu.edu.

The senior elementary education major and student orientation director decided she wanted to unite the Charleston community and Eastern students by bringing awareness to the Red Cross.

"The race isn't for winning a trophy or getting the best time, but to do a good cause," Pommier said.

ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | ON THE VERGE

Alisa Rogers is coordinating the "EIU: Run for a Reason; Run Red" on Sunday at 6 p.m. The run will take place on the Panther Trail, which is located around the Campus Pond near Lantz Arena.

Room 16: Charleston's own French invasion

French band Room 16 to perform at Mac's Uptowner has connections to Eastern

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Verge Reporter

Straight from Bordeaux, France, Room 16 is bringing their power-pop sound to Charleston.

The band will be performing at Mac's Uptowner tonight at 8. Room 16's sound is a mixture of blues, pop and straight up rock 'n' roll.

Auria Brahmi, the band's lead singer, said the group has various influences.

"It's a kind of rock with punk influences and catchy rhythms and lyrics," Brahmi said. "Dirty, crazy teen-weirdo music."

Although the band members are native French, the lyrics to their songs are English.

"What people tell us here in France is that we sound very American," Brahmi said.

Although they have yet to release an album, the year-old band has three songs as well as a video of them covering A-Ha's "Take On Me" on its Web site.

"Our album hasn't released yet; it's still a demo," Brahmi said. "I guess we need to have another drunken night so it gets born."

Some may wonder what lead the French band to decide to come to Charleston, but



PHOTO COURTESY BY ROOM 16

Auria Brahmi, second from the right, graduated from Eastern in 2006. She moved to Bordeaux, France where she joined the other members of Room 16. The band decided to perform in Charleston after discussing it one night.

AURIA BRAHMI | ROOM 16 LEAD SINGER

"IT'S KIND OF ROCK WITH PUNK INFLUENCES AND CATCHY RHYTHMS AND LYRICS."

it turns out that Brahmi was an Eastern student. She graduated in 2006.

"It's like a second home for me as I spent seven years in the states," Brahmi said. "I recently moved to Bordeaux and I decided to come home (to) visit. My band decided to follow me after another drunken night where

the idea that 'Eastern was cool,' was born."

Room 16 met near Paris in 2006. The band started with Sylvavio (Sylvain Viole), bass and donDiego (David Gaslain), drums, when they were students in Reims, which is near Paris.

"Once they both moved to Bordeaux,

FAST FACTS

- **Who:** Room 16
- **What:** Performance by the punk/rock band from Bordeaux, France
- **When:** 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Mac's Uptowner
- **Web site:** www.myspace.com/roomsixteen

they decided to find people to start a band of their own," Brahmi said. "They put up ads on the Internet looking for a lead guitar. That's how they met Brice Martin."

After a long list of vocalists auditioned – and failed – Brahmi entered the picture.

"They first tried out a guy who sounded great but never answered his phone. They finally got in touch with (me), because (I) knew that guy and could maybe help them establish contact with him," Brahmi said. "They arranged a meeting at the bar, and after a bunch of cigarettes and beer, everyone forgot about the guy and a few months later, Room 16 was born. Oh, Alcohol abuse."

The name Room 16 came about after a night of the band's drunken antics, party-crashing cops and annoyed neighbors on the street where Brahmi lives, which is Rue du Soleil. Rue du Soleil literary means 'Street of the Sun'.

"It actually is never sunny there; It's one of the most narrow streets in Bordeaux," Brahmi said.

The story was made into a song with the same title as the street, and that song will be played at the band's show tonight.

Singer to bring sounds of Texas

Texas singer Abi Tapia is performing in Mattoon, challenges herself to use her best voice in her shows

By Sam Sottosanto
Verge Reporter

Abi Tapia will bring some Texas culture and folk music to Common Grounds, a Mattoon coffee shop, tonight.

Tapia, an acoustic/folk/country singer from Austin, Texas, will perform at the coffee shop at 8 p.m.



"I've heard that in Austin, they've got their own unique culture. I'm excited," said Ciara Shook, music coordinator of CommonGrounds.

Shook said she thinks those attending Tapia's performance will enjoy it.

"I think that she's got a sound of her own," she said.

Tapia is also looking forward to her performance. "I love the physical act of singing; the challenge of using my best voice in every show," she said. "I love the feeling of (writing) words that I truly believe in, and getting to show that to other people."

Tonight, Tapia will be performing songs from her current album, "One Foot Out the Door," as well as a new song she has been working on.

After listening to Tapia for the first time, Nicole Darrow, sophomore special education major, enjoyed her music.

"I think (she) has a really strong voice. I would recommend a lot of people to go (tonight)," Darrow said.

Darrow also said, Tapia could be a hip new country singer for Eastern students who like the genre.

"I know a lot of people who love country, and they're always looking for a new hip country singer," she said. "And (Tapia) could be (that) new hip country singer if the word gets out fast enough and far enough."

Music might not be the only draw to Common Grounds, but the atmosphere as well.

Shook said that when any band performs, the atmosphere usually draws in a crowd.

"It's either really loud or really calm—to be honest, the mood goes back to what kind of music is being played," Shook said. "Either way, the crowd and employees have fun."

When Tapia gets her audience to laugh—particularly to her song, "Hand Over Your Heart," she said it becomes one of her favorites to perform. However, some songs stem from serious concerns.

"When I'm struggling with an issue and can then package my feelings up into a song, I feel a sense of resolution," Tapia said. "Lately, I feel a bit like an



PHOTO COURTESY OF ABI TAPIA

Abi Tapia is an acoustic/folk/country singer from Austin, Texas. She will be performing tonight at 8 in Common

FAST FACTS

- **Who:** Abi Tapia
- **What:** Performance by the acoustic/folk/country singer from Austin, Texas
- **When:** 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Common Grounds. 1612 Charleston Ave., Mattoon
- **Web site:** www.myspace.com/abitapia and www.abitapia.com

ostrich. I've been jealous of those birds that can fly, but can't seem to get off the ground."

In addition to Tapia's performance, Common Grounds has other items and events to offer.

"Our shop is pretty spacious, yet cozy," Shook said. "We have a wide selection of drinks, sandwiches and pastries."

Some treats the shop offers are lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, smoothies, hot subs, salads, soups, cinnamon rolls and sticky buns.

Bands are always performing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and every Tuesday, starting in September, will be open mic nights.

"I started out by singing at open mics," Tapia said. "I kept at it, gaining skills and confidence."

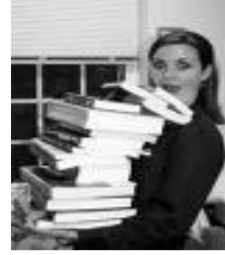
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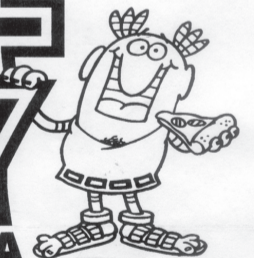
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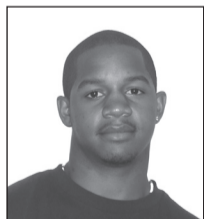
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- "Real People"
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- "The Game"
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K-Fed will appear on "One Tree Hill"; how many times does he have to guest star to realize he will never be THE star?

Dive on in to area pools, lakes

There are plenty of places to swim in the area before they close for the season, before the temperature cools

By Kristina Peters

Verge Editor

The summer's heat is still present and with swimming season near its end, now is the time to dive into the cool waters.

Charleston and the surrounding area offers both indoor and outdoor pools as well as lakes for those wanting to take a dip.

They can drive down the street, stay on campus or even take an hour road trip.

Administrators at the local pools and lakes commonly see students taking advantage of its facilities for hanging out. However, some students prefer to use the time for exercise.

Lantz Natatorium

Students primarily use the pool located near the Student Recreation Center for exercising and relaxing.

It is not used for playtime, but a time for students to cool off, relax and swim laps, said Mark Bates, graduate assistant for the Student Recreation Center.

The pool has open swim hours Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 10 p.m., on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Bates said Eastern students use the facility a lot and about 20 to 30 students can be seen there each night.

Bates said anyone interested in swimming laps or relaxing should.

"The pool is theirs," he said.

The graduate assistant said he used to swim on Tuesdays for relaxation and because other people were there, it was also a time to socialize.

Lantz Natatorium was redone this year. It may look the same, Bates said, but there is a new filtration system and leaks were repaired.

Charleston Rotary Aquatic Center

Eastern students visiting the Charleston Rotary Aquatic Center tend to gravitate to the north end of the facility.

"We call that the EIU corner," said Gena Bunch, Rotary pool manager.

Bunch said the north end is deeper and students are always hanging out there.

The aquatic center, located at 920 17th St., was recently remodeled and features a zero-depth children's pool, diving boards, water slide and permanent lap lanes.

Eastern students also gravitate towards the zero-depth pool, which is filled with water toys and does not exceed two feet.

"It's fun for everyone," Bunch said.

Two weeks ago, some of the Eastern football players visited Rotary and made their way to the zero-depth area.

It was funny to see some of them standing under the water jets, Bunch said.

Bunch said the new lap lanes are a big feature of Rotary. The lanes can be used anytime during the pool's hours, which are Monday – Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Although some students visit Rotary, Bunch said she does not see a lot of them.

The pool was open for just six weeks last summer and was closed before Eastern students returned so they may forget about the Rotary pool, Bunch said.

Rotary closed for renovations the summer of 2005 and re-opened on Aug. 2, 2006.

Now that it is back open, Bunch said it is a place where students can relax and have fun.

Rotary pool will close after Labor Day weekend and has an entrance fee of \$4 for those 10 years old and over.

Lake Mattoon

In proximity to Eastern, Lake Mattoon is the closest lake with a public beach for swimming.

Located south of Mattoon, the lake offers a free place for students to swim.

"If you're an outdoorsman, it's a good place to hang out and swim," said Joel Pittman of the Mattoon Parks



FILE PHOTO

Swimmers not only work hard, but they play even harder. Six of last year's swimmers like to have fun even at practice at Lantz.

FAST FACTS: PLACES TO SWIM

LANTZ NATATORIUM

- **Location:** Student Recreation Center
- **Hours:** Monday - Thursday from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.
- **Features:** A place to swim laps, exercise or relax
- **Fee:** Free for students

CHARLESTON ROTARY AQUATIC CENTER

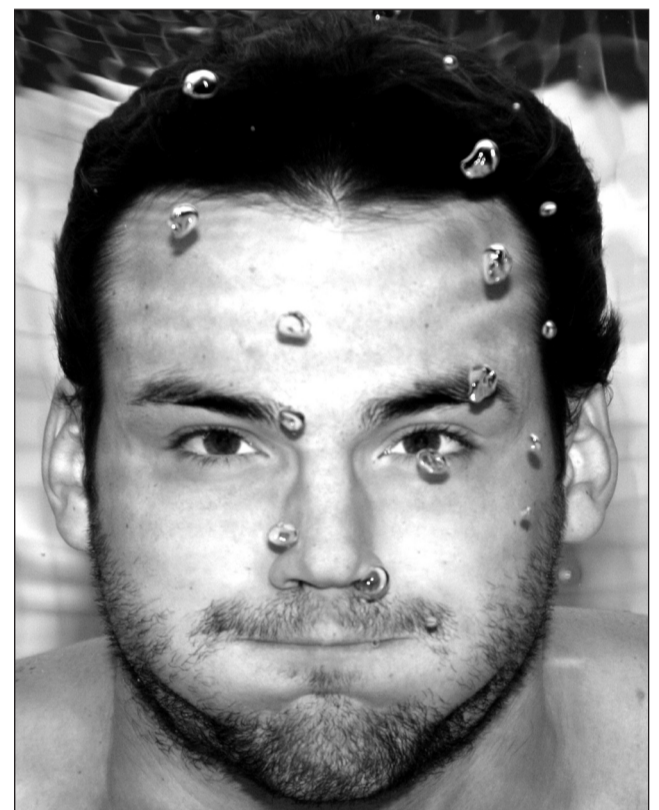
- **Location:** 920 17th St.
- **Hours:** Monday - Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Features:** A place to play, relax, swim laps or hang out with friends
- **Fee:** \$4

LAKE MATTOON

- **Location:** Exit 177 off of I-57
- **Hours:** Open until Labor Day
- **Features:** A place to swim, boat, fish
- **Fee:** Free

LAKE SHELBYVILLE

- **Location:** East of Shelbyville
- **Hours:** Open until Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to sunset
- **Features:** A place to swim, boat, fish and picnic
- **Fee:** \$1 per person or a maximum of \$4 per vehicle



FILE PHOTO

Senior Matt Latham was named All Access last semester and is photographed underwater at the Lantz Natatorium.

DARLA STANFORD | OFFICE MANAGER OF LAKE SHELBYVILLE

"THEY (STUDENTS) CAN HAVE A GOOD TIME. THEY CAN GET A BIG GROUP TOGETHER AND THERE WILL BE ROOM."

department.

The lake will be open until Labor Day.

It is still warm outside and the water is the perfect temperature for swimming, Pittman said.

Because it is a lake, visitors can also enjoy a variety of other activities.

At Lake Mattoon, visitors can have picnics, fish, boat or camp.

Lake Mattoon does not see much of a college crowd, but the lake has plenty to offer and is not far away, Pittman said.

The stocked fish at Lake Mattoon include bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie.

Eastern students probably do not have boats, but the fishing is just as good along the shore, Pittman said.

The lake has a maximum depth of 35 feet and the average is 10.5 feet. It is about four miles long and half a mile wide.

Lake Shelbyville

Although Lake Shelbyville is about an hour away, Darla Stanford, office manager of the lake, said it is great for large groups.

"You can have more friends and have picnics at the beach

and you can't at a pool," she said. "They (students) can have a good time. They can get a whole big group together and there will be room."

The fee for swimming at Lake Shelbyville is \$1 per person or a maximum of \$4 per vehicle.

For a cheaper price, visitors get the setting of the sand and beach, Stanford said.

Lake Shelbyville has three public beaches that are open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Stanford said the best time to swim is early morning or late afternoon.

"The middle of the day is the best time to get burnt," she said.

Because of its distance from campus, as well as a busy schedule, Lake Shelbyville does not get many Eastern visitors.

"After they (students) go back to school, they are too busy," said Gary Shea, Lake Shelbyville park ranger.

Lake Shelbyville also offers grills for cooking out, picnic areas, fishing and boating.

There are also two state parks that border Lake Shelbyville: Wolf Creek State Park and Eagle Creek State Park.

"(There is) lovely scenery here and there's more to do than swim," Shea said.

The lake is open until Sept. 9.

No need to rent movies with UB

University Board allows students to see recent movies for free

By Jason Duarte
Associate Verge Editor

Every week, students can see movies that are not available to rent at video stores, but also not in theaters anymore.

University Board provides students with these movies every Friday and Saturday nights. “They’ve been doing it forever

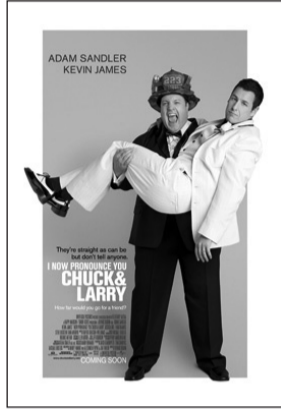
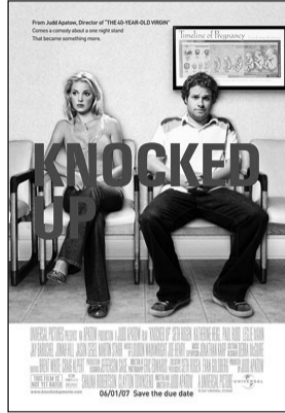
— over 30 years,” said Matt Feely, graduate student advisor for UB movies.

The movies are shown every weekend in Buzzard at 8 p.m. with a few exceptions.

“If we have a three-day weekend like Labor Day, there’s no movie, and during homecoming there’s no movie because there’s a whole bunch of other things going on and attendance will suffer,” said Nick Gracyalny, UB movie coordinator.

It takes a license from a contractor to show these movies before they can be rented.

“You know those warning signs before a movie? They get a license for that so they can show them without getting in trouble,” Feely



NICK GRACYALNY | UB MOVIES COORDINATOR

“IT’S SOMETHING ELSE FOR STUDENTS TO DO. IF THEY DON’T FEEL LIKE GOING OUT, THEY CAN GO TO A MOVIE.”

said.

The on-campus movies give students another option of what to do on the weekend.

“It’s something else for students to do. If they don’t feel like going out, they can go to a movie. I think it’s just another way for them to entertain themselves,” Gracyalny said.

Unlike renting, there is no fee to watch the movies provided by UB.

“They’re free, so they’re affordable,” Feely added. “It helps as being leisurely and relaxing without worrying about the pressures of consuming alcohol. That’s what’s great about it.”

The movie showings have been pretty successful. Since Gracyalny

began his position in October, the attendance was “okay” he said.

“Now, every weekend, the attendance is at least 100. For many shows, it’s been over 200. That’s a pretty good amount compared to a lot of other times,” Gracyalny said. “Sometimes we’ve had as little as 40 people, so I try to pick the movies that are more popular in theaters and we get more people.”

There’s no concessions stand in the lobby, but UB does have its own little treats during the movies.

“We buy prizes for the students to give something back to them. From the company, we get posters from the movies that we show and in addition to that, we order other

DVDs,” Gracyalny said.

And UB gets crafty as well. Many of the prizes have a direct correlation with specific details in the movie being shown, and did so when “Pursuit of Happiness” was shown last year.

“In it, Will Smith plays with a Rubik’s Cube a lot, so I bought Rubik’s Cubes. I try for something that kind of goes with the movie or a movie similar to it,” Gracyalny said.

But the prizes aren’t randomly strewn out into the movie-going crowd. Rather, raffle tickets are distributed beforehand.

“Your chances of winning are pretty good,” Feely said. “He (Gracyalny) gives out raffle prizes

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF UB’S MOVIES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

- **Spider-Man 3:** Aug. 24 and 25 at 8 p.m.
- **Knocked Up:** Sept. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.
- **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End:** Sept. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.
- **Shrek the Third:** Sept. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.
- **Mr. Brooks:** Sept. 28 and 29 at 8 p.m.
- **Surf’s Up:** Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m.
- **Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry:** Oct. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m.
- **1408:** Nov. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m.
- **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix:** Nov. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.
- **Superbad:** Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.

either before or after the movie. So you get a free movie, and a chance to get free stuff.”

For the movies being shown, the rating is not so much of a concern. However, Gracyalny likes to keep it relatively safe and not too vulgar.

“Maybe the most vulgar thing we’ve shown was Jackass II,” Gracyalny said. “We don’t really show too many vulgar things because a lot of times, we get people from the community that will come in to see the movies too.”

Local community events calendar for the weekend

TODAY

Event | Jeff Helgesen

Time | 5 p.m.

Location | Iron Post in Urbana

More info | Jeff Helgesen is a jazz musician and a native resident of Champaign-Urbana. In 1987, Helgesen became a soloist with the Ray Charles Orchestra. He recorded and toured internationally with the Orchestra until late 1990. The show is free of charge.

Event | Rooney

Time | 6:30 p.m.

Location | Canopy Club in Urbana

More info | Rooney is a punk/rock band from Los Angeles. The band’s influences include The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Bob Marley and The Clash. The show is \$14 in advance or \$16 at the door.

Event | Spider-Man 3

Time | 8 p.m.

Location | Buzzard Auditorium

More info | In Spider-Man 3, Peter Parker continues to battle villains; this time around it is the

Sandman, the second Green Goblin and Venom. This movie is rated PG-13 and is 140 minutes long.

SATURDAY

Event | Spotting Waldo and Pink Flood and the Magenta Tide

Time | 9 p.m.

Location | Mac’s Uptowner

More info | Spotting Waldo is a jam band from Edwardsville, Ill. Members of the band are Jack Schurk, guitar; Josh Shaw, guitar; Kyle Anderson, bass; John Byrd, auxiliary percussion; and Shaun Spiker, drumset. Pink Flood and the Magenta will also perform and it is a punk jam band from Olney, Ill.

Event | Elsinore

Time | 9:30 p.m.

Location | The Bottleneck in Effingham

More info | Elsinore is a rock/folk/indie band that started in Charleston. Now living in Champaign, the band is doing a lot of traveling to perform its music. The band’s Web site is www.elsinoremusic.com. The show is free of charge.

Event | Corn Desert Ramblers

Time | 9 p.m.

Location | Iron Post in Urbana

More info | The Corn Desert Ramblers is a bluegrass/folk/blues band from Urbana. The band members formed in 2005 and played their first gig at the Iron Post in November 2006.

SUNDAY

Event | Cultivating Creativity

Children’s Art Exhibit

Time | Noon to 1 p.m.

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | This exhibit showcases the art of 44 students from 44 different east-central Illinois schools. The art features a variety of styles and media and was created in 2005-2006 school year. For more information contact 581-2787.

Event | Welcome to campus

picnic and 4-square and volleyball

Time | 3 - 7 p.m.

Location | Carman Hall

More info | Students are invited

to go to Carman Hall for food, 4-square and volleyball. This is a part of Prowl, which provides programs for new students that help them get accustomed to the campus and meet new people. The event is free of charge.

Event | EIU: Run for a Reason, Run Red

Time | 6 p.m.

Location | Panther Trail around the Campus Pond

More info | Students, staff and community members will run or walk around the Panther Trail to support the Red Cross. Participants must donate a minimum of \$25 and other donations will be accepted. For more information check out page 1B.

Event | Slow Riot

Time | 8:15 p.m.

Location | Iron Post in Urbana

More info | Slow Riot is a rock/alternative band from St. Louis. The band’s influences are the Smashing Pumpkins and U2. Band members include Jesse Flatte, guitar; Mark Grilliot, vocals and bass; Shaun Kilman, guitar; and Jay Seabaugh,

drums and percussion.

Rolling events

Event | Permanent Collection

Recent Acquisitions

Duration | Thru Sept. 16

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | This exhibit features landscape paintings by Paul T. Sargent, a “blueprint” photo quilt, books of woodcuts by Charles Turzak, Native American beadwork and contemporary art. The largest grouping is a selection of oil landscape paintings by the Charleston native and Eastern alumnus, Sargent.

Event | Celebrating the Collection

Duration | Thru Oct. 14

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | This survey of art holdings in Tarble’s collection of art includes works that represent the major collection areas: paintings by Paul T. Sargent (recently restored) and Robert M. Root; Illinois folk arts; American Scene art on paper; contemporary Midwestern art on paper; and Oaxacancarvings from Mexico.