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VINYL: NOT DEAD YET



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Paul Weber, a junior finance major and six-month employee of 4th Street Records, sorts CDs Thursday afternoon. Some record stores have seen a decrease in sales as popularity in downloadable music sites increases, but employees of 4th Street think their diverse selection of music and other non-music items have helped them keep business strong.

Record stores take new approaches to lure customers from the Internet

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

Margaret Chickey refuses to buy a Britney Spears CD.

"I will never buy it," said the freshman elementary education major. "If it is just that one song, I'll just download it."

As the music world has crossed into the Internet, there has been one question: Are record stores losing money?

Susan Prignano, a sales associate at 4th Street Records, said she thinks record stores are struggling.

"There is so much access to the Internet and it's really hard to keep up with it," she said. "If you compare it to the '90s before downloading, there has been somewhat of a decline."

At 4th Street Records, the online age has not affected the store much.

"Music is still one of our top sellers, below Eastern hoodies," Prignano said.

She said the music market in the store is steady. At other stores, owners have decided to take a different route when capturing customers.

Jeff Brandt, owner of Exile On Main Street in Champaign, said he tries to carry music people can't find online.

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CAMPUS | VOLUNTEERING

Break not party time for these students

'Alternative' plans can include working with homeless, inner-city kids

By Sara Cuadrado
Campus Reporter

Abby Dehner said her mom jokes around and tells her to go somewhere fun next year for Spring Break.

This year, Dehner is participating in Alternative Spring Break through the Newman Catholic Center.

Dehner, a junior elementary education major, said she participated her freshman year and had a good time, so she signed up again this year. She said she likes volunteering, and this is a good way to get involved.

"I'm not into the whole Spring Break scene," Dehner said.

She said she went to Oklahoma her freshman year and worked with the Cherokee Nation Head Start Program. During this, she said she helped in the classrooms, played with the kids, cleaned the grounds and made copies for the teachers.

Dehner said she picked that program because she wanted to do something related to her major.

This year, Dehner said she is going to Kansas City, Mo., to work with inner-city kids in an after-school program.

This is just one of the nine different sites offered for Alternative Spring Break.

Sean Barth, coordinator for Alternative Spring Break, said a lot goes into planning the different trips.

He said they start planning for the trips almost a year ahead because it's competitive to get into the different sites.

Barth said after they have the sites set, they start getting publicity together.

"We get fliers and brochures out right before Christmas Break so they can take them home over break," Barth said.

After the publicity is set, Barth said they find site leaders who act as group leaders for each site and take charge in case of emergencies.

Barth said all the groups drive to the different Alternative Spring Break sites. This means about a nine-hour drive for those volunteering in Canada and about 13 hours for those volunteering in Florida or Philadelphia.

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UNIVERSITY | APPORTIONMENT BOARD

UB presents budget for 2008-2009 year

Board requests more for special events, less for Homecoming costs

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

The University Board requested \$38,797.19 more from the Apportionment Board than last year.

However, the total request of \$297,437.34 will be less than UB's current budget of \$310,662.15 that includes \$52,022 in additional allocations throughout the year.

Almost all the UB coordinators were present in case AB members had questions about specific budgets within the allocation requests. UB Chair Melissa Schaefer and vice chair Pat Lamorte presented the budget proposal.

The AMP magazine budget will decrease by \$6,000 because staffing will be reduced and paid positions will be eliminated. The special events budget will increase by \$19,600 for events such as "Up All Nite" and "Rush

Hour."

Special event programming this year included Family Weekend, outdoor movies and the Spring Fling.

Schaefer said 839 students attended the February "Up All Nite: Chuck Vegas" event and 100 percent of the students said they would attend the event again. Lamorte said the "Up All Nite" events have had increasing student participation and that the events are better known on campus than in past years.

An additional \$5,510 would go into the comedy budget to hire a more well-known comedian to visit campus and to continue the vastly popular Last Comic Standing, Lamorte said. The comedian is valued at \$9,000.

Homecoming expenses will also be reduced to \$20,235 from \$25,585, and an additional \$12,442 allocation.

However, the lecture budget would increase \$5,100 from last year to attract guest speakers such as C.L. Lindsay, Rob Corddry, Michael Showaler and Dr. Drew Pinsky.

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

University Board chairperson Melissa Schaefer talks at Thursday night's Apportionment Board meeting about how UB is cutting positions on their monthly magazine, AMP, because they felt some staff members were not doing their jobs.


MORE ONLINE

Sean Barth, director of the student volunteer center, explains the process and joys of alternative spring break.



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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Goldberg credits Swayze for past Oscar win

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — Whoopi Goldberg says her friend Patrick Swayze — who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer — is the reason she won an Oscar for “Ghost.”

“When I won my Academy Award, the only person I really thanked was Patrick,” Goldberg recalled Thursday on ABC daytime talk show “The View.”

Goldberg, who starred alongside Swayze in the 1990 film, earned a best supporting actress trophy for her portrayal of psychic Oda Mae Brown, who helps slain businessman Sam Wheat (Swayze) communicate with his grieving fiancée and solve the mystery of his murder.

The 52-year-old actress-comedian said Swayze persuaded director Jerry Zucker to cast her in the film amid “some resistance.” According to Goldberg, Swayze said, “I’m not making this movie unless you put Whoopi Goldberg in there.”

Rowland says she feels 'complete' after surgery

NEW YORK — Kelly Rowland has gotten a little more bustylicious. Rowland, who sang “Bootylicious” with Beyonce in the group

Destiny’s Child, tells People magazine in its March 17 issue that she had plastic surgery last October to bring her “from an A-cup to a B-cup.”

The 27-year-old singer, who has released two solo albums, said she hesitated to discuss the surgery.

“It is a decision I made for myself,” she said. “I like it, and that’s all that counts. For young people: Think about it before you just jump off and do something (you may regret later).”

Barron Hilton latest family member in trouble

LOS ANGELES — Paris Hilton’s 18-year-old brother was charged Thursday with four misdemeanor counts stemming from his Feb. 12 arrest on suspicion of drunken driving. Barron Nicholas Hilton’s charges include driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and being an unlicensed driver.

Hilton was stopped Feb. 12 after a witness reported seeing a black Mercedes-Benz weaving on Pacific Coast Highway, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department said.

Hilton was booked at the Malibu station and registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.14 percent — .08 is the

rate at which a driver is legally intoxicated in California.

Hilton was freed on \$20,000 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned April 14.

Springsteen to raise money for historic theater

RED BANK, N.J. — Bruce Springsteen plans to raise some money for the restoration of the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank.

Springsteen, who grew up in nearby Freehold, is scheduled to hold a benefit May 7 at the theater, which was built in 1926 to showcase movies and vaudeville.

Restoration and renovation work is expected to start this summer.

Paisley video leads CMT nominations with four

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Brad Paisley’s “Online” video received four Country Music Television awards nominations, and Sugarland received three for its video “Stay.”

Carrie Underwood, Kellie Pickler, Kenny Chesney, LeAnn Rimes, Rasca Flatts, Taylor Swift and Trace Adkins were next with three nominations apiece. The fan-voted nominations were announced Thursday by the Viacom Inc.-owned network.

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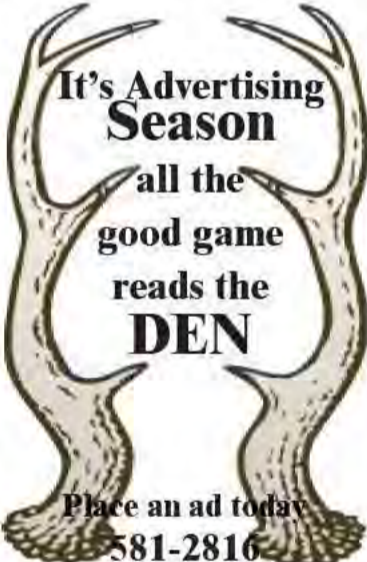
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CAMPUS | RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA president to volunteer during break

By Heather Holm
RHA Reporter

RHA president Jarrod Scherle is going to Alabama.

Scherle, a sophomore pre-engineering major, is participating in the Alternative Spring Break Program.

"The name of the program this year is called 'Eyes Wide Open,' which I think is how someone could best describe this type of situation," Scherle said. "Last year I went and played baseball with these kids and they are really amazing. We all had a great time."

Students will leave from the Newman Catholic Center on Sunday.

Scherle is going to the Big Oak Boys Ranch in Gadsden, Ala. Other locations include: Philadelphia, Springville, Ala., Atlanta, New York and Kansas City, Mo.

"There are houses set up with foster families that we take care of," Scherle said. "The kids are plucked from off the street, who were abandoned, beaten or raised in a no-good family. They are great kids and we want to help them out."

Also at the meeting, David Cross-



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Residence Hall Association member Brittany Kraft hands out the RHA member of the month awards during Thursday evening's RHA meeting. The meeting was held in the basement of Lawson Hall.

sett, a senior communications major, told RHA about El Salvador and the project going on to bring them clean water.

He said that 2008 is the International Year of Clean Water and

El Salvador is one of the 10 poorest nations in the world. From May 10-19, there will be a relief trip to El Salvador and on March 29 from 7-9 p.m. there will be a concert in the 7th Street Underground where dona-

tions will be taken.

In the energy conservation department, Michael Andrews, Stevenson Hall president and junior industrial technology major, is taking plastic bags to Wal-Mart from residence halls that leave them out. The person who has the most bags at the end of each month gets a prize.

"This project has been going on since last November," he said. "Stevenson has the most so far for the months of January and February this year."

Also during the meeting:

•The National Resident Hall Honorary will sponsor a Rollerthon and the End of the Year Banquet with RHA.

•Thomas Hall won the Second Annual Winter Olympics, beating Lawson Hall by only nine points. Thomas had 333 points, Lawson had 294 points, Andrews Hall had 294 points and Pemberton Hall had 292 points.

The next meeting will take place at 5 p.m. in Ford Hall on March 20.

Heather Holm can be reached at haholm@eiu.edu or 581-7942.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Library hours changing for Spring Break

Mary J. Booth Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday for Spring Break.

New hours will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The library will be closed March 15. Regular hours resume March 16.

Set clocks one hour ahead on Sunday

Daylight Saving time begins Sunday. The time change happens at 2 a.m.

People will lose an hour of sleep. Sunrise on Saturday will be about 7 a.m.

Sunrise on Sunday will be about 6 a.m.

Spring 2008 graduation deadline approaching

Students needing to apply or re-apply for spring 2008 graduation need to do so by March 19.

Students can log into their PAWS account and click on the "apply for graduation" link, then click on the "student and financial aid" link.

Contact Betsy Miller at 581-5221 for more information.

Walgreens opens doors of new building today

The new Walgreens, located on Lincoln Avenue and E Street, is scheduled to open today.

Construction on the new pharmacy began in August to replace the current Walgreens at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive.

The new Walgreens features a drive-thru pharmacy.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto and City Editor Matt Hopf

CAMPUS | FACULTY FEATURE

Eastern instructor takes on 'History Detectives'

Professor's passion for history leads to a feature on TV program

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

Edmund F. Wehrle had a television debut on PBS.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Wehrle, a history professor.

Last summer, Wehrle had an opportunity to appear on an episode of "History Detectives" on PBS.

"History Detectives" is a program that researches and investigates historical events.

Viewers can tune into the program and ask questions regarding historical events, landmarks, or important people throughout history.

Wehrle received a question about Camp David, a mountain retreat created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Wehrle said he was well acquaint-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eastern history professor Edmund Wehrle was recently featured on the PBS program "History Detectives," in which he responded to a question regarding Camp David.

ed with Camp David. "While getting my Ph.D. at Maryland, I did research on Catoctin Park for the National Park Service," Wehrle said. "I enjoyed the outdoors a great deal."

Wehrle said he also enjoys teach-

ing classes at Eastern.

When he came to the university, he was impressed by the faculty in the history department, Wehrle said.

Eastern was looking for someone in his field and he was offered a job.

Wehrle's specialties are U.S. diplomatic and labor history.

"It has been terrific, and I enjoy everything I have done here," he said of his time at Eastern.

Wehrle said he loves teaching history; however, he did not start off his college career studying the subject.

Wehrle received his bachelor of arts degree in English Literature at the University of Toronto.

"I started to take history courses and that was something very exciting to me," he said.

Wehrle then received his Ph.D. in history at the University of Maryland.

"I decided to become a historian," he said. "History was a little bit more grounded in the real world than maybe literature in some ways."

Wehrle's dissertation to obtain his Ph.D. focused on the non-commu-

DID YOU KNOW?

•The episode of "History Detectives" was filmed in southern California at the Reagan Presidential Library.

nist trade union movement in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Wehrle said students wanting to work in the field of history should be prepared to work for a long time.

"Unfortunately, to teach (history) on the university level, you have to get a Ph.D. — and that can take seven to eight years," he said.

As for history being made during the 2008 presidential election among John McCain, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, he leaves that debate to other people.

"We already have enough problems about the past, so I just leave it to the political scientists to figure that out," he said.

Jessica Leggin can be reached at 581-7942 or at jmlleggin@eiu.edu.

CORRECTION

On Page 1 of Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, a sub-head indicated a laptop initiative would be a campus-wide requirement. The initiative is actually a pilot project of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

The DEN regrets the error.



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GOODBYE 4TH AMENDMENT

U. Minnesota – Every so often, it's nice to pull out the old pocket-size U.S. Constitution, just for a bit of a refresher. In particular, you might want to take note of the 4th Amendment, because it might not be there much longer. Fans of probable cause look to be in for a tough week, because Congress is getting ready to finally legalize the entirety of the White House's warrantless wiretapping program.

If you value your privacy, now is a good time to invest in some alternative communication techniques – like smoke signals, or perhaps a new breed of carrier pigeon. Once the House of Representatives passes the comically-named Protect America Act, as they plan to do within the next few days, the precedent will be set: any surveillance is fair game.

It has been more than two years since the *New York Times* broke the story about the government's illegal wiretapping program. The *Times* revealed that the government had been spying without warrants on the phone calls and e-mails of "hundreds, perhaps thousands" of people who were on U.S. soil at the time, in blatant violation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

FISA requires the government to take its domestic wiretap requests to a secret court for approval. That secret court, from 2001 to 2004, approved more than 99 percent of all such requests.

The fight in Congress now comes down to what we should do about the legal status of those phone companies who participated in that illegal wiretapping. Various revisions to FISA over the last few years have stripped away nearly all of the remaining civil liberty provisions that battle has sadly been lost. Having already signed away our future civil liberties, Congress is now ready to do the same for our past.

Sadly, most of us don't seem to care. The House will vote on the bill, the president will sign it, and we'll all go on with our lives. Just try not to say anything too embarrassing on the phone – you'll never know who is listening.

John Sharkey
Minnesota Daily

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Drawn from the news | Dave Pennell



KEVIN KENEALY

'The sun's not yellow; it's chicken'

Sometimes things aren't always what they seem. Life's a funny thing, man. Wet, slippery sidewalks walking to class on a caffeinated buzz. Was it supposed to be like this? Interviews that are hit or miss.

At relatively the same place you're at as a senior in high school, but not really. Lost, like a rolling stone. You've gone so far and yet you're so alone. It's a big scary world out there and you're caught between branching your wings and looking for comfort in what you've known so long, the lawn-mowing, eating-white fence, America apple pie culture.

Let me say something before I go any further. This isn't the typical newspaper story. It is not of the "she said this" format or quote format or inverted pyramid. It is more along the lines or tangents of Allen Ginsberg-style.

Because my writing has been influenced by so many poets, authors, newspaperman, etc., I think it's important to embrace your different styles.

Obviously, the Allen Ginsberg and Bob Dylan-lyrical may not find their material on the *New York Times* news pages, nor should they. But while there is nothing wrong with news writing, there are those times you just feel much more connected with that lyrical prose. That being said ...

I went to this Battle of the Bands this week, set up my video camera as the official geek, but was I really? I was the only one standing, unless you count the band, the sound guy and anyone that got up to go to the bathroom.

We don't have much room for fun in this world, 40-hour work weeks, overtime, double, triple shifts coupled with double and triple bypasses. As a lover of work myself, this is kind of hypocritical, but I have a write (sic) to be critical of the horse tranquilizer-induced crowd that was the 7th Street Underground Wednesday night.

Even in light of the fact that they may not have enjoyed the musical spectrum offered throughout the night, wake up and put on a little make up (as the song goes). For those that had fun, my condolences, but it's hard for me to sense emotion on the faces of the concrete ocean that was the underground.

The "sun's not yellow; it's chicken." They're lyrics out of Bob Dylan's "Tombstone Blues" off his Highway 61 album. What does that have to do with anything? It has everything to do with this column and with anything really. It's the answer against conformity.

It's how you look at things. Things aren't always what they seem. You say the sun is yellow. I say it's the eye in the sky. Dylan says it's chicken. Eat up the sunrise. So if you take nothing else away from this tangent-ridden column, remember that nothing is what it has to be.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

New leaders settle old rifts

Andrew Methven has announced he is stepping down as the chair of the biology department.

Methven sent out a memo to biology department faculty on Feb. 19 stating he was stepping down but planned to return to a faculty position in the department.

Associate Chair Bud Fischer is leaving the department to take a new position at another university.

Soon, the biology department will need to start the search for a new chair and associate chair.

They will face the decision about promoting from within, or searching outside of the department for new leadership.

We urge them to search outside of their department.

In the past few months, there has been heated debate about the department deciding to use graduate assistants for supervised instruction. Instructors have left the department because of disputes and the faculty was considering taking a vote of no confidence against their chairs.

This is not a productive working environment. The ongoing rift has gone too far.

Feelings have been hurt and wounds still have

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Andrew Methven and Bud Fischer, the chair and associate chair, respectively, of the Biology Department, are both leaving.
- **Stance:** Because of the deep-seeded problem, the department should look to hire outside sources to fill the positions.

not healed from previous disputes.

An outside search would allow new leadership to come in and try to mend old disputes.

New leadership would have no side in the old graduate student teaching debate.

They would not be among the faculty proposing

ing a vote of no confidence against Methven and Fischer.

In short, they would be an impartial breath of fresh air to the department.

Methven stepping down and Fischer leaving Eastern is a loss to the biology department.

However, it is also an opportunity for a fresh start in a troubled department.

We urge the biology department to look outside its current faculty for a new chair and associate chair when they begin their search for new leadership.

"Soon, the biology department will need to start the search for a new chair ... However, it is also an opportunity for a fresh start in a troubled department."

Mraz saves UB's headache

Jason Mraz is "The Remedy" for University Board.

Mraz was named as UB's choice for the spring concert on Wednesday.

We are glad that UB has finally settled on a performer.

Mraz's style of pop, rock, folk, jazz, country and hip-hop will appeal to a large group of students and community members.

Mraz has opened for The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews Band, James Blunt,

Gavin DeGraw, Paula Cole, John Popper, Alanis Morissette and Jewel and is well known among the VH1-watching college set.

Mraz has an album coming out in May entitled, "We Sing, We Dance, We Steal Things." His newest single, "I'm Yours" was released on Feb. 12.

The audience will get to hear songs off his new album before it hits stores, which is always a treat for any music lover.

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** University Board came through and booked Jason Mraz for the spring concert.
- **Stance:** Students and community members should take advantage of the cheap entertainment and go see Mraz.

In addition to Mraz, the audience will get to see Bushwalla, a rapper from Cleveland and Justin Kredible, a comedian and magician.

While it is odd to have a magician open for a musical act, it may appeal to children and families and bring a larger audience to Lantz Area to see Mraz.

Tickets for the show are \$10 for students and \$12 for the general public.

That is cheap by any standard for a concert.

Eastern students should be thankful that UB finally signed a musical act to come to campus this semester and they should applaud UB's efforts by attending the concert on April 25.

"Mraz's style ... will appeal to a large group of students and community members."

CONTINUE THE DEBATE



ONLINE
Visit DENnews.com to read Jason Duarte's blog, "The woes of a vinyl collector."



"To some, this may sound ridiculous and absurd to own eight copies of the same album, on vinyl nonetheless."

-Jason Duarte

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» **Records**

FROM PAGE 1

Exile specializes in vinyl records. Brandt said these records are flawless in terms of sound.

"Vinyl is a complete, perfect style of music," he said. "Music on mp3 players sound awful."

Brandt said sounds on mp3 players, and even compact discs, are compressed files and filled with unnecessary noises.

"Things just get lost," he said.

Brandt said his sales in vinyl CDs have increased the last two years.

Children also find an appeal in vinyl records.

Steve Kisar, owner of Old Main Book Shoppe in Champaign, said parents bring their children in to buy records.

"I have all wide-ranged ages," Kisar said. "People in their 20s, college-aged, high school and middle school."

Kisar said owning vinyl records has become popular in his store.

"Someone just came in the store recently and bought \$1,400 worth of rare vinyl records – and paid cash," he said.

Kisar said one reason is because vinyl records tend to be cheaper than compact discs.

"Some people will have a downloading party and DJ party with the vinyl records," he said.

STEVE KISAR | STORE OWNER

"Someone just came into the store recently and bought \$1,400 worth of rare vinyl records – and paid cash."

Chickey said she usually burns CDs from her friends.

"It is just easier and cheaper," she said.

Chickey said if she likes more than three songs on a CD, then she might buy it in the store.

The Old Main Book Shoppe only sells used materials.

"I sell material that is not available online and has gone out of cir-

ulation," Kisar said.

The store also sells other merchandise to help bring in customers.

"We sell books, phonographic records, used postcards, magazines and paper goods," he said.

Stores have strayed away from the sale of popular mainstream music.

More popular music is heavi-

ly affected by online retailers like iTunes, said Jeff Nettleton, assistant manager at Borders in Champaign.

"We use other musical outlets," he said.

Borders tries to sell music in the jazz and classical area. Nettleton said the store has a different kind of shopper.

"Our customers tend to be more diverse," he said. "The Internet is not their key source for music."

At Exile, the owner still values his customers.

"People like shopping in record stores and having that environment," Brandt said.

Jessica Leggin can be reached at 581-7942 or at jmlleggin@eiu.edu.

» **Alternative**

FROM PAGE 1

Barth said volunteer opportunities vary from site to site.

He said those going to Florida would be working with nature to restore the area they are staying in.

He said the volunteers would be camping out all week and helping to maintain the trails.

For those going to Canada, Barth said they will be working with developmentally-disabled adults, and those going to Glen Mary Farm in northeastern Kentucky will work with the homeless.

Volunteers going to Glen Mary

Farm will have to choose one day all week to shower because the program wants the volunteers to embrace the lifestyle for the homeless as much as possible, Barth said.

They also are not allowed to bring cell phones, watches or iPods for that same reason, he said.

Barth said they would also have a student coming from another university with them because his girlfriend is going.

He added they have a woman who is almost 60 years old volunteering as well.

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» **Budget**

FROM PAGE 1

Eric Wilber, AB member, said he was impressed at how concise and detailed the budget was in comparison to the 2007-2008 proposal that had money removed from the request.

AB also presented its budget to itself, asking only for an additional \$600 for salaries.

Leah Pietraszewski, AB chairwoman, said all four budget proposals would be discussed at the March 20 meeting.

After discussion, if AB thinks its budget, UB's budget, Campus

By the numbers

AMP
• FY08: \$19,641.65
• FY09: \$13,521
Difference: -\$6,120.65

HOMECOMING
FY08: \$25,585 + additional \$12,442 received
FY09: \$20,235
Difference: -\$17,792

COMEDY
• FY08: \$16,020
• FY09: \$21,530
Difference: +\$5,510

SPECIAL EVENTS
FY08: \$30,200 + additional \$25,600 received
FY09: \$49,800
Difference: -\$6,000

Recreation or Student Government's budget request need to be adjusted, then re-proposals will be heard on March 27.

If there are no budget concerns,

voting will take place during the March 20 meeting.

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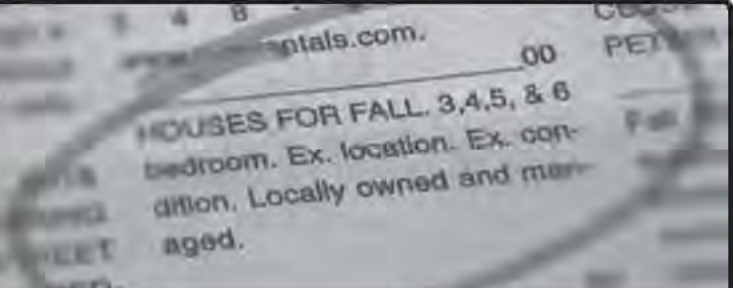
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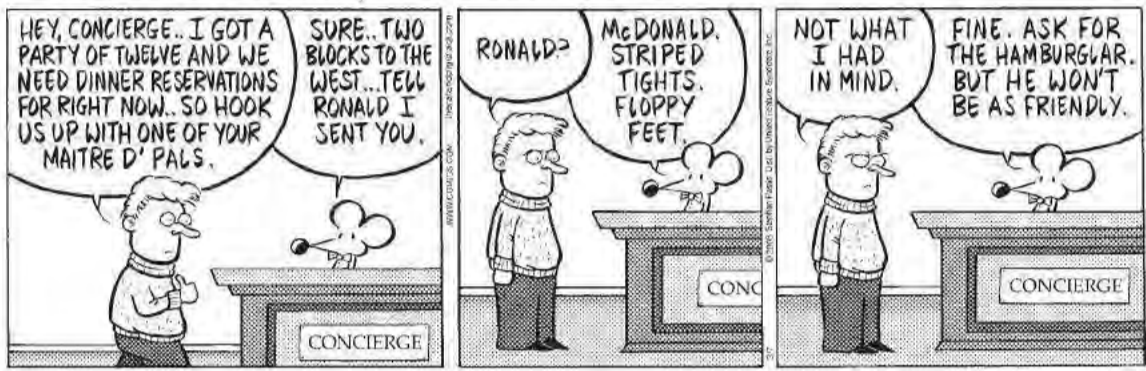
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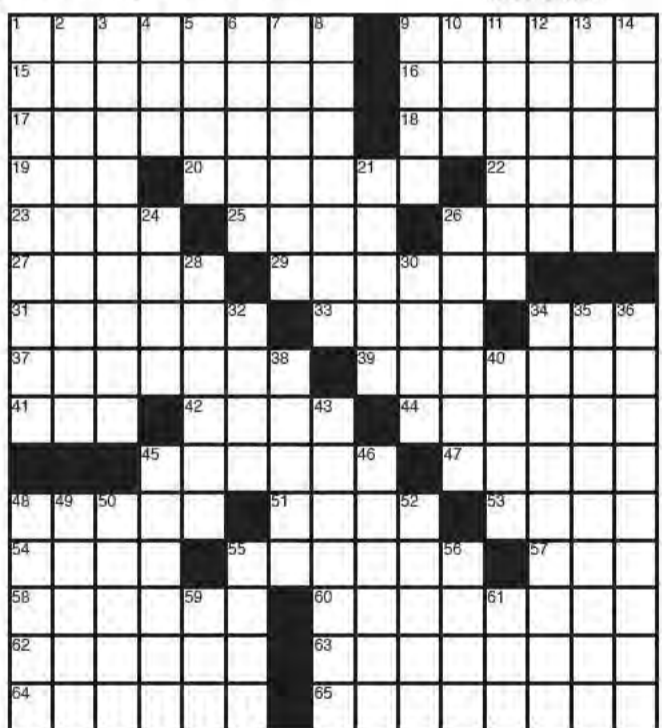


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- ACROSS**
- 1 War-torn Baghdad suburb
 - 9 23-Across and others
 - 15 One and only
 - 16 Weather Channel topic
 - 17 Fleet runner of myth
 - 18 Key that doesn't include 58-Across
 - 19 Up to
 - 20 Ape
 - 22 Habit
 - 23 Shade shade
 - 25 Biblical miracle setting
 - 26 Powerful piece
 - 27 Boarding spot
 - 29 Call from home
 - 31 1936 N.L. leader in slugging percentage
 - 33 Brooklynese pronoun
 - 34 Pilot's place
 - 37 Part of Manhattan's Alphabet City
 - 39 "Be honest"
 - 41 Onetime Serbian capital
 - 42 Show some spunk
 - 44 Drops in a theater
- DOWN**
- 1 Henry Clay or William Jennings Bryan
 - 2 It forbids religious tests for political office
 - 3 Versatile actors may play them
 - 4 Person found in a tree: Abbr.
 - 5 Buck
 - 6 Corinthian alternative



PUZZLE BY DAVID QUARFOOT

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

S P A R S O T C O C H S
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 S T D S D I D S H O E S

- 7 It might hold a couch potato's potato
- 8 Really hoped to get, with "for"
- 9 It can be drafted
- 10 ___ bark beetle
- 11 Stuck
- 12 11 1/2" soldier
- 13 Online memo
- 14 Archaeologist David who found the lost Roman city of Kourion
- 21 Made some waves?
- 24 Word in some British place names
- 26 Put out
- 28 School exercises
- 30 Zoo de Madrid beasts
- 32 Shade of blue
- 34 Enter gently
- 35 Head of state known to his people as "Dear Leader"
- 36 "Of course"
- 38 Exclamations
- 40 Piehole
- 43 Sweet Pea's creator
- 45 Edmond Rostand hero
- 46 Calm
- 48 Composed
- 49 Dirección sailed by Columbus
- 50 British poet Tate
- 52 Track-and-field equipment
- 55 ___ dixit
- 56 1982 film title role for Bruce Boxleitner
- 59 Traffic stopper
- 61 School dept.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

PANTHERS TRY TO DETHRONE CHAMPS

Defensive-minded teams to play in conference semifinals

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team has already made history – but the next historical step is waiting.

But the Panthers will have to defeat a team today they've lost to twice this year to reach Saturday's Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship. Eastern won its first OVC tournament game in program history with a 65-51 win against Tennessee State on Tuesday at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers, the No. 4 seed in the OVC Tournament, will now play No. 1 Southeast Missouri in the semifinals at noon today at the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

The winner will play either No. 2 Samford or No. 3 Murray State in the OVC Championship at 11 a.m. on Saturday with a berth in the NCAA Tournament on the line.

The Redhawks won 55-51 in Charleston on Jan. 5 and 46-41 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Feb. 14. SEMO beat Jacksonville State 67-45 in Tuesday's quarterfinal win, holding the Gamecocks to only 30 percent shooting.

Eastern and SEMO are the top two defensive teams in the conference, and the scores of both games are evidence of the defensive struggles. The second game featured 44 combined turnovers (21 combined steals), and neither team shot the ball better than 40 percent.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he believes his team can beat SEMO.

"If (my team gives) me the effort, I'll take us where we need to go," Sallee said. "This is the time of the year to play the game."

Samford head coach Mike Morris said Eastern's improved defense this year has made them better, and they're winning the close games. The Panthers have won six games this season by five points or fewer.

And the Panthers could play Samford in the championship game. Eastern split its season series with the Bulldogs and lost both games to Murray State this season.

But first, Eastern has to get past a team that has established itself as the dominant OVC team the past three seasons.

SEMO has won three straight regular season OVC titles, and the Redhawks (23-7) are looking for their third straight OVC Tournament Championship and NCAA appearance. The Redhawks are 63-13 in regular season conference games the past four years.

But Eastern forward Rachel Galligan said Eastern has a place, too.

"It was our goal to be down here (in Nashville)," Galligan said. "We feel like we belong here."

But SEMO head coach John Ishee said he isn't concerned about the past or who his team plays.

"It's not about matchups," Ishee said. "You just go out there and play a certain way."

Eastern, however, finished with its most ever wins in the OVC (15) and its highest finish (fourth) in the OVC



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman defends against Tennessee State's sophomore guard LaDonna Pierce during Tuesday night's Ohio Valley Conference quarterfinal game at Lantz Arena. Eastern, the No. 4 seed, will play the No. 1 seed Southeast Missouri at noon today in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament down in Nashville, Tenn.

• Visit dennews.com for complete coverage from Nashville, Tenn.
• Sports Editor Scott Richey, Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy and Photo Editor John Bailey will bring Eastern fans the latest news, photos and scores as the Panthers try for their first-ever OVC title.

this year.

"We felt like we haven't played our best against (SEMO)," Galligan said. "We want to play them."

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GALLIGAN, SIMS EARN CONFERENCE HONORS

• The Eastern women's basketball team earned Ohio Valley Conference honors on Thursday night.

• Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan was named First-Team All-OVC for the second year in a row.

• Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims earned All-OVC Newcomer honors.

• Murray State junior guard Ashley Hayes was named the OVC Player of the Year.

• Tennessee State head coach Tracee Wells was named the OVC Coach of the Year.

• Samford freshman guard Emily London was named the OVC Freshman of the Year.

2008 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

SEMIFINALS

No. 1 Southeast Missouri (23-7)

Friday - Noon -
Nashville, Tenn.
Municipal Auditorium

No. 4 Eastern Illinois (18-12)

No. 2 Samford (23-8)
Friday - 2 p.m. -
Nashville, Tenn.
Municipal Auditorium

No. 3 Murray State (22-7)

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday - 11 a.m. -
Nashville, Tenn.
Municipal Auditorium

Champion

GAME 31: SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

OVC Tournament Semifinal:

Location: Nashville, Tenn.

Where: Municipal Auditorium

When: Noon today

Capacity: 9,654

SEMO head coach: John Ishee (47-15 in second season at SEMO and 76-36 overall)

Eastern head coach: Brady Sallee (48-67 in fourth season at Eastern and fourth overall)

Series History: SEMO leads 20-8. Eastern lost the last meeting 46-41 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Feb. 14.

On air: WEIU 88.9 FM with Ben Turner (play-by-play) and John Twork (analyst): If Eastern beats SEMO, the championship game will be simulcast on WEIU TV and on WEIU 88.9 FM.

Probable Starters

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	R. Galligan	6-2	Jr.	18.4
F	L. Kluempers	6-1	Jr.	4.9
G	D. Sims	5-10	So.	9.6
G	E. Canale	5-9	Jr.	7.6
G	M. Edwards	5-7	So.	6.8

Top Reserves

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	M. Kloak	6-1	So.	6.9
G	A. Thomas	5-8	So.	6.3

Probable Starters

Southeast Missouri (23-7)				
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
G	A. Lovelady	5-7	Sr.	6.5
G	T. Nixon	5-6	Jr.	9.9
G	S. Daugherty	5-7	Jr.	12.2
C	M. Whitney	6-2	Sr.	14.5
F	R. Blunt	6-0	Jr.	7.9

Top Reserves

Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	PPG
F	C. Glenn	5-10	Jr.	6.3
G	S. Pal	5-7	Jr.	2.1

-Winner plays Samford or Murray State in Saturday's title game

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK
Today at Last Chance Meets |
All Day - South Bend, Ind.

WOMEN'S GOLF
Today - NIU Invite |
All Day - Sebring, Fla.

SOFTBALL
Today at Florida Gulf Coast |
10 a.m. - Boca Raton, Fla.

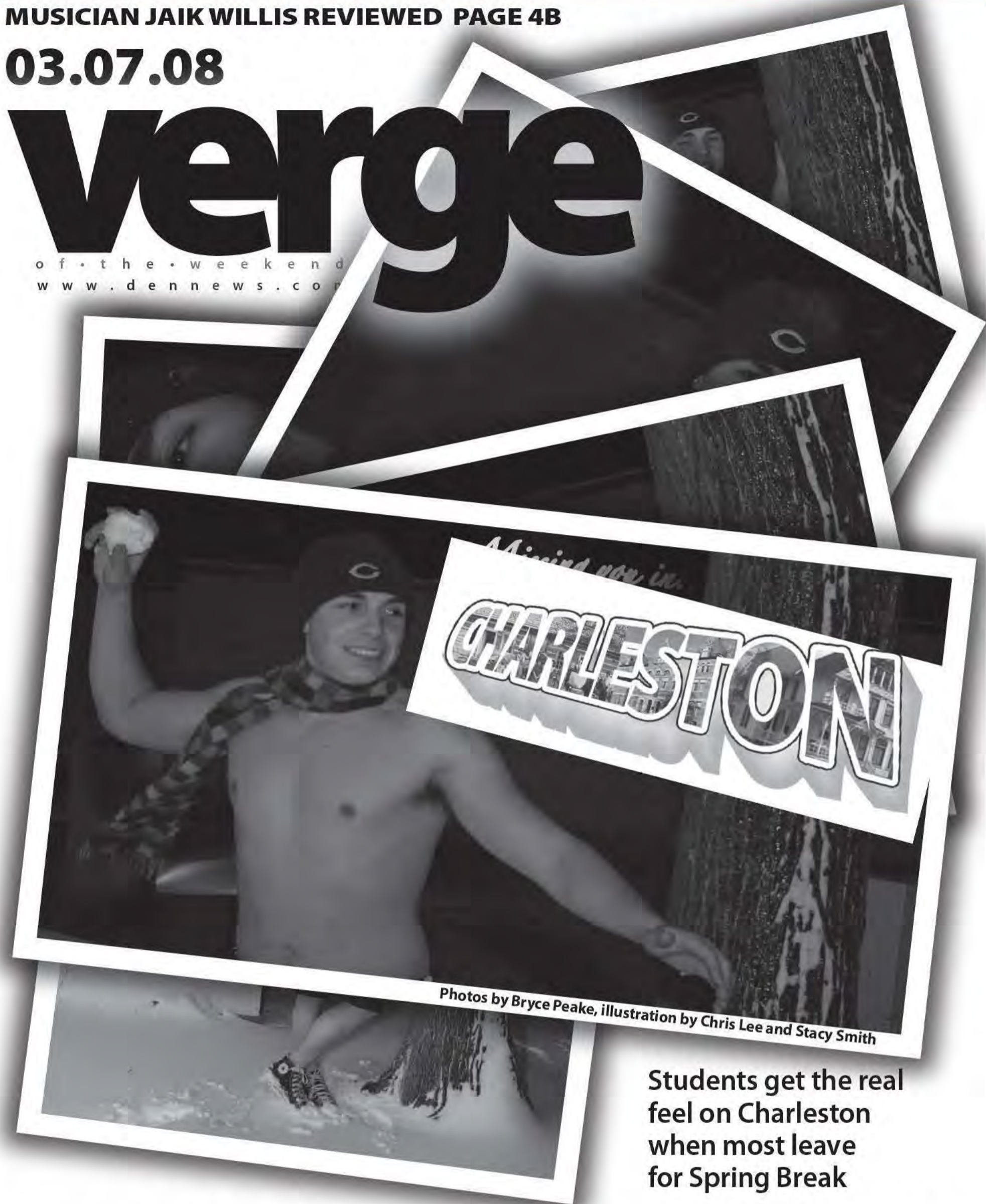
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Noon - Nashville, Tenn.

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Photos by Bryce Peake, illustration by Chris Lee and Stacy Smith

Students get the real feel on Charleston when most leave for Spring Break

SPRING BREAK IN CHARLESTON

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Verge Reporter

Ayaka Hisanaga doesn't know what to expect next week. While the campus will resemble a ghost town because students will be gone for Spring Break, Hisanaga will be sticking around. Hisanaga is an international student from Yokohama, Japan and will be one of several students staying on campus during break. It will be the sophomore psychology major's first Spring

Break in Charleston. Despite staying, Hisanaga plans on having fun. "I'm just gonna go to Champaign for shopping with my German friend," she said, "and maybe have some cooking parties or something with other internationals who are staying here." Hisanaga said many other international students are planning on traveling. "I know some of my friends are going to go snowboarding, and

some are going to Chicago," she said. University Police Department Officer Art Mitchell said he's looking forward to the calmness. "Most students that stay are international students and they very seldom have, or cause, trouble at any time," he said. Matt Boyer, an employee in the Housing and Dining department, said students have until the end of the week to sign up to stay during break in the Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas complex.

"We typically have between 10 to 20 students stay," Boyer said. Those who stay are often athletes, workers, student teaching or want to focus on their academics. The sudden decrease in student traffic during the course of the week is difficult for some businesses, like the University Food Court, which will be closed on Tuesday. "We have stayed open in the past and we do very little business and that business is

predominantly, if not solely, staff," said Judy Horn, director of Panther Dining. "There is very little activity on campus and what is there doesn't really justify staying open." Chris Clayton from the Panther Paw Bar & Grill said that business will be slower during Spring Break. However, he said employees are using the calm atmosphere to their advantage. "The Paw will be closed Monday and Tuesday of spring break for repairs," Clayton said.

how to...

Verge Reporter Tyler Angelo teaches you something new ...save money during Spring Break

Below are some tips to help keep your wallet full while enjoying the weeklong break.

- 1** All-inclusive trips save money and are easy. These promotions often include a room, transportation and food and drink expenses.
- 2** Carpool with friends to save money on gas. The environment might thank you.
- 3** Sneak as many people into a hotel room as possible. Stay in hotels that offer free continental breakfast in the morning and actually wake up for it!
- 4** Just say no to McDonald's. Pack food to bring on the trip so there are no stops to waste money on dreaded fast food.
- 5** If possible, stay at a relative or a friend's house wherever the destination is. You may be lucky enough to receive some free money!
- 6** If you plan on hitting the bars, drink beforehand to avoid a huge tab, or go to happy hour. Drinks can get quite expensive, especially with the tips.
- 7** Stay out of trouble. Going to jail is not cheap, and definitely not fun.

food

cheap, easy and quick



STACY SMITH | ON THE VERGE

The hot wing dip before being placed in the oven.

\$7 HOT WING DIP

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 4 oz. cheddar cheese
- 4 8 oz. chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp. ranch dressing

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Spread cream cheese on oven-safe pan.
3. Mix already-cooked chicken and ranch together. (If desired, add hot sauce.)
4. Spread chicken evenly on cream cheese.
5. Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top of chicken.
6. Cook in oven for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

THE COOK'S TAKE

The method Verge Editor, Stacy Smith, took to make this recipe.

The final product might look like a blob, but it tastes scrumptious on its own or covered with chips - especially tortilla or potato chips. But don't get crazy here, choose just one type of chips. Oddly enough, the recipe tastes just like hot wings. (Watch out, Buffalo Wild Wings!)

It's way easy to make and so good that I would recommend trying it at least 50 times.

The majority of the ingredients, like cheese, chicken and ranch dressing will most likely be in the refrigerator, so just do it!

I wasn't sure how it would turn out when I first made it, but it's about impossible to wreck.

The great thing about hot wing dip is it's one of those things you make to YOUR taste and don't need to measure anything out.

I personally love hot sauce, so I slathered it on. Unfortunately, my roommates don't like spicy food and were in for a rude surprise. I would definitely recommend asking whoever is eating it what they prefer.

Also, I'm not big on blue cheese but if you are, use it as a substitute for ranch.

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'DJ ICEBERG' MIXES THINGS UP

Hot shot of the week, Alex Berg, shows his skills

By Sam Sottosanto
Verge Reporter

After a concert in junior high, then-saxophonist Alex Berg and a friend decided to play their instruments on a street corner in hopes to earn some extra cash.

"I think he made a couple dollars," said Alex's mother, Susan Berg. "Then his teachers got mad and wanted to get him in from off the street."

Alex goes by "DJ Iceberg" and can be found spinning techno music or hip-hop at Club 217 on Thursdays and Fridays.

The junior marketing major has also mastered the violin, guitar and piano.

Susan said as a child, Alex was very strong-willed and always made his own decisions.

"He wouldn't sleep much and was always on the go," Susan said. "He had a very strong passion for music."

His obsession with music grew after he developed an interest in techno.

At 16, Alex went to Europe as a foreign exchange student.

While in

London, he went to a famous club called the "Ministry of Sound Club," which is known for booking top-quality disc jockeys.

After seeing the DJs perform, Alex wanted to try it himself.

As soon as he came back to the United States, he began to experiment.

What started as a hobby evolved into a successful job.

Alex thinks that playing instruments early in life gives him an advantage to DJing.

"I can mix music very well; I have a natural ear for rhythms and beats and notes," he said.

"It doesn't even feel like work most of the time," he said.

Alex has also DJed for other events across the state, such as Red Bull promotions, Canoe Club in Orland Park and Mother's here in Charleston.

Susan remembers seeing Alex mix with some co-workers at the Canoe Club.

"I was probably the only one in the crowd that asked the waitress, 'Can you ask him to turn it down?'" she said.

Alex said although he is behind the music, he doesn't feel like he's missing out on the dance floor.

He bobs his head to his music with the rest of the crowd.

"In my mind, I am just as much in the party as everyone else," he said. "I'm almost glad I'm back there because I'm bringing the energy level. I wouldn't change it for the world."

Mark Szachowicz met Alex three years ago when "rushing" him into the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Mark often bartends while Alex DJs at Club 217 and frequently listens to his music.

"He cares about what people like to hear," Mark said.

Alex's father, Norman Berg, is proud of his son's accomplishments.

"It's not only watching him—I really love watching the crowd, how they react," he said.

Alex has been DJing for five years and plans to continue doing so for as long as he can.

"As long as there's somebody willing to hire me, I am 100 percent willing to stay in the game," he said.

Alex's music can be downloaded for free at www.wardj.com/djs/1304.



FUN TIMES AT HOME, SWEET HOME

So you're stuck at home during break because you couldn't find enough money to head to Las Vegas or Mexico. Are you just going to sit around and do nothing? Well, you're in luck! Below, Verge Reporter Courtney Bruner gives some ideas to keep you occupied over the break.

1. Work

Everyone needs money. Call up the manager at that fast food restaurant you worked at over summer. They might just need the help, and you could get some extra money.

2. Shop

Hit the mall to find the new styles for spring. Look around to find the new styles and then hit the less expensive stores to find it cheap.

You could use that spring break job money to find a great new look to take back to school.

3. Family time

So, OK, maybe this does not sound like much fun at first, but if you take a big breath, it might turn out to be cool.

Besides, you probably have not seen them in a while and families would like to see you for once.

4. Spring clean

Look in your closet. Can you see the floor? Clean out those old clothes you will never wear. Take them to a charity, like the Salvation Army. Do laundry and organize your room that hasn't been touched in awhile.

5. Plant

Start planting flowers or vegetables in pots. It might still be a little early to plant outside but start planting seeds in miniature greenhouses.

Place pots around your house until late spring when you can plant them outside somewhere.

6. Eat

Have someone cook a non-dining hall meal for you or cook your own. Learn to cook something new and enjoy. Eat veggies and a nice piece of meat. You might not get this for a while.

7. Visit

Go bug old teachers you once had back in the day. Prove to them you are actually going to college.

Mess with the students who used to look up to you.

8. Socialize

People miss you back in your hometown and find who is on break, too.

Have fun with your "old friends." Do what you used to do when you were back in high school like hang out in someone's basement or stay out late at the local Steak-n-Shake.

9. Zoo trip

Pretend to be a little kid again. Ooo and awe at all the animals, and pick your favorite one. Buy a silly little stuffed animal to bring back to Charleston.

10. Relax

After a long, hard semester and midterms, relax for once.

Play some video games, read a book or take a nice hot bath.

You deserve this break.

IN REVIEW: JAIK WILLIS

Acoustic performer returns to Charleston to play Friends & Co.

By Chris Gajda
Senior Verge Reporter

If you saw Jaik Willis and then heard his music, you would never think the two would go together.

Willis, who sports the look of free America by living the dream and walking his own path, shows just that through his music, knocking listeners back into their seats.

Willis will perform March 16 at 9 p.m., at Mac's Uptowner. The show is 21 and older, with a free cover.

Willis will perform solo, followed by The Herbert Weiser Band, and then Willis and the band will collaborate.

Willis's music is a mixture of folk, jam and indie rock. He blends those genres to make his signature sound.

He uses the guitar and the mandolin to create toe-tapping beats strung together with memorable lyrics that leave you wanting more.

His musical variety keeps listeners guessing, not knowing what's coming next.

He busts out thought-provoking lyrics that make you ponder the many quandaries of life and smile at the same time.

He mentions everything from killing the president, like in "Checks and Balances," to having childhood dreams and following them until the end, like in "Anything

FYI

WANNA GO?

- **Who:** Jaik Willis
- **When:** 9 p.m. March 16th
- **Where:** Mac's Uptowner
- **Cover:** Free

Possible."

Willis, who usually performs solo, makes it sound like he has a whole band backing him up live, like he does on his album, "Anything Possible."

This is not Willis's first time in the Charleston area.

He has played at Jackson Avenue Coffee in Charleston and at Common Grounds in Mattoon, performing for packed crowds.

He was first convinced to perform at Jackson Avenue Coffee by *The Daily Eastern News'* Opinions Editor Nicole Weskerna, and senior art major, Megan Morrison.

Willis has performed for 18 years and has known that he's wanted to be a musician all his life.

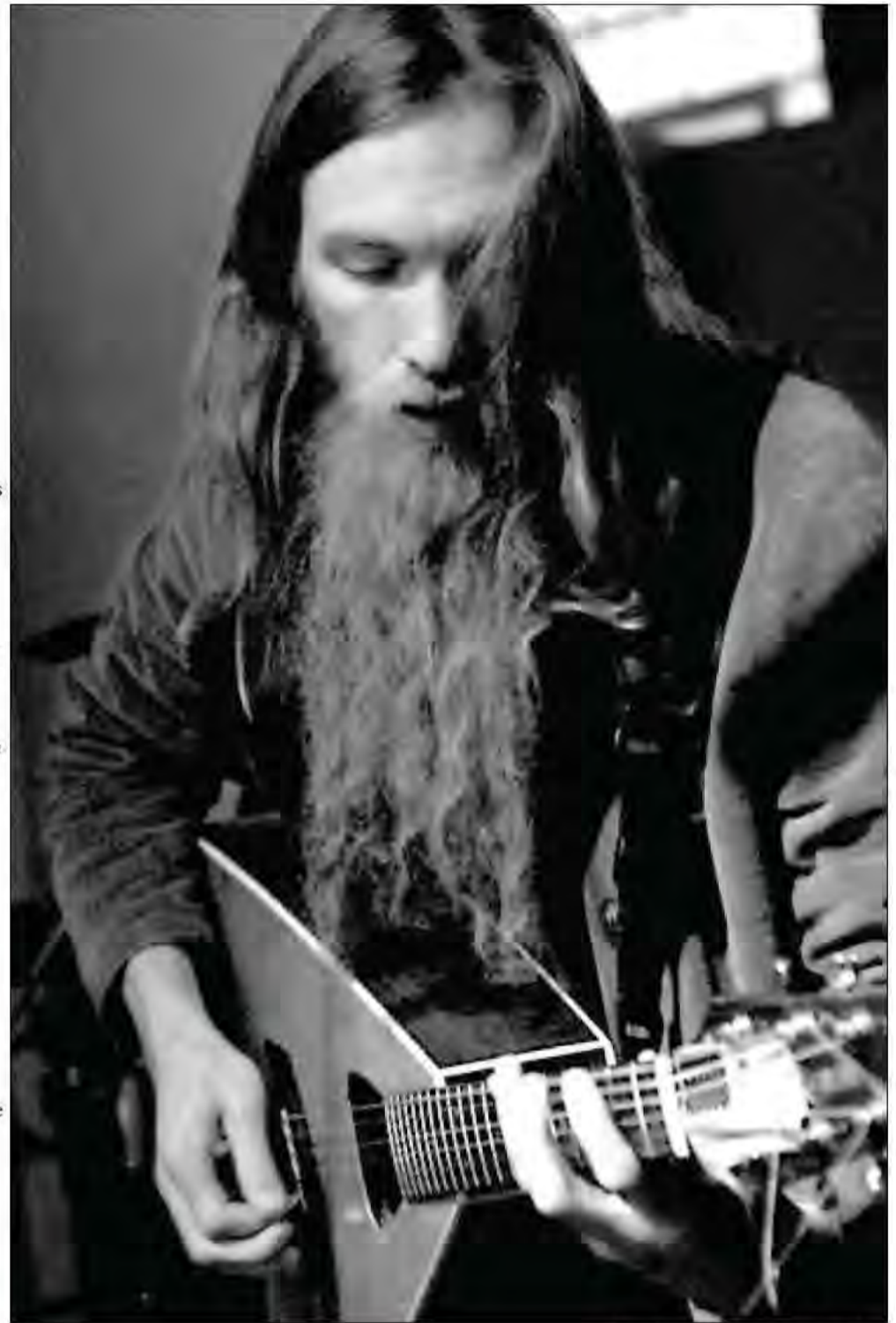
He wasn't just a dreamer, though. He went after what he wanted, sometimes practicing up to 16 hours a day.

Willis was the youngest student admitted into Hollywood's Musician's Institute when he was 16 years old.

He studied a variety of musical styles at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Illinois State University and California State University.

Willis tours all across the country including Illinois, Michigan, Georgia, Ohio, Minnesota, Texas, Montana and Oregon.

More information and samples of Willis's songs can be found at www.jaikwillis.com and www.myspace.com/jaikwillis.



SUBMITTED BY JAIK WILLIS

this weekend...

TODAY

Music: "Duo Concertante Plus"

Beethoven, Stravinsky and Brahms

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Tarble Arts Center
Cost: To be announced
581-2787

Music: Battle of the Bands (Feat. Learn To Fly, Friday Night Villain and more)

Music performance and competition
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Lake Land Auditorium, 5001 Lake Land Blvd., Mattoon
Cost: free
234-5253

Music: Santa, Butterfly Assassins, The Riktors

Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Cost: \$5 to \$7
344-2263

Art: Gallery Walk

Art, discussion, live music and refreshments
Time: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Place: Madden Arts Center and Blue Connection, 125 N. Water, and Gallery 510, 160 E. Main St., Decatur
Cost: free
423-3189

SATURDAY

Music: "Sinfonia Da Camera"

"Sinfonia Da Camera" will celebrate the work of Antonio Vivaldi

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Krannert Center, Foellinger Great Hall, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Cost: \$33 General Admission
333-6700

Music: Rock Bottom (21+)

Classic rock from Chuck Town
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Friends & Co.
Cost: \$4
345-2380

SUNDAY

Music: Zsolt Bogнар

Pianist since age 9, recognized by Harvard Musical Association
Time: 3 p.m.
Place: Krannert Center, Foellinger Great Hall, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Cost: \$10 balcony seating
333-6700

Jenny Keefe (21+)

Solo acoustic guitar performer
Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Mac's Uptowner
Cost: free
345-4622

Music: Sam West, Scott Joseph Phares, Plebzy, Stereofidels, Apteka, Sybris

Time: 9:30 p.m.
Place: Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Cost: \$5
344-2263

Music: Tracy Lawrence

Country musician
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Rosebud Theatre, 1325 Outer Belt West, Effingham
Cost: \$28 to \$58
540-2787

CONTINUOUS EVENTS

Play: Shakespeare's "Henry IV" Part 1

"Henry IV" is about the troubled relationships between father and son, rivalry between soldiers and the camaraderie of mates
Time: Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Colwell Playhouse, Krannert Center, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Cost: \$15 General Admission
333-6700

Dance: "Studiodance 1"

Kimber Andrews, Esteban Donoso and Chun Chen Chang's works
Time: 7 and 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday
Place: Studio Theatre, Krannert Center, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Cost: \$14 General Admission
333-6700

Jeanne O'Melia/AIE Artist Solo Show

Sculpture and painting by the 2008 Tarble Arts-In-Education resident artist from Milan, Ill.
Time: Friday through Thursday, April 10
Place: Tarble Arts Center, Brainard Gallery
Cost: free
581-2787

Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum

Illinois Aviation and Chanute Air Force Base
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday
Place: 1011 Pacesetter Drive, Rantoul
Cost: Adults \$7, seniors \$6 and children \$4
893-1613

Memorial Art Exhibit

Larry Wetherholdt's artwork displays
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Place: 33939 Nearing Lane, Decatur
Cost: free
423-7708

U.O. Colson Calendar Company Art, Bicentennial Art Center and Museum

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday
Place: 132 S. Central Ave., Paris
Cost: free
466-8130

Museum of Funeral Customs

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday
Place: 1440 Monument Ave., Springfield
Cost: \$4
544-3480

"Loose Lips Sink Ships," Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

Displays of World War I and II
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Place: 212 N. Sixth, Springfield
Cost: Students \$7, adults \$10, 800-610-2894