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LOCAL | POWER PLANT



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This drawn picture, released by the FutureGen Alliance, of the FutureGen power plant shows what the building will look like when it is built in Mattoon.

FutureGen Alliance needs millions more

The Associated Press

FutureGen Alliance must produce hundreds of millions of dollars more for building its power plant that will burn coal in a more clean way.

The federal government has committed \$1.073 billion, mostly from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to restart the FutureGen project at Mattoon. In turn, FutureGen Alliance must rise up to \$800 million as its share of the renewed private-public partnership agreement announced by Secretary of Energy Steven Chu on Friday.

The agreement comes after several months of discussions between the alliance, a group of energy-related companies and governments, and the Department of Energy.

FutureGen Alliance Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Mudd said the alliance and DOE would work together through the rest of the year to refine the facility's design to reduce cost and technical risk. He explained several technology configurations will be considered and upcoming discussions with equipment vendors, the engineering team and economics will shape the final design of the facility. The alliance's total anticipated

financial contribution is \$400 million to \$600 million, based on a goal of 20 member companies each contributing \$20 million to \$30 million over a four- to six-year period. Adding new members to the Alliance, which now numbers 13 companies is part of the goal for raising the private share under the new financing plan.

Chu said the FutureGen project could become "a flagship facility" to demonstrate carbon or greenhouse gas capture and storage at a commercial scale. He added developing this technology is critically important for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, and around the world.

Yet a final decision rests with the DOE on whether FutureGen moves forward. That decision is expected sometime in January 2010. That would be two years after DOE under the Bush Administration canceled support for the energy project.

But Mudd and other FutureGen supporters believe the decision will be different this time around.

"The Alliance is extremely grateful to Secretary Chu and DOE, for the tremendous support and tenacity of Sen. (Richard) Durbin and proj-

ect champions on Capitol Hill. Further, the hard work and resources that Coles Together, the State of Illinois and the people of Illinois have contributed to make Mattoon an attractive site is commendable," said Mudd.

"The jobs created at FutureGen will result in important technology to reduce emissions from coal-fueled power plants at home and around the world. The Alliance is honored to work in partnership with such unwavering supporters, and remains committed to testing and proving CCS technology so future generations can have cleaner energy for a secure future."

Even with the final hurdle for approval next year Durbin said the announcement of the agreement between DOE and FutureGen Alliance is great news for Illinois, the country and the world.

The federal government withdrew support for FutureGen in January 2008, citing rising costs of almost \$2 billion at the time. However, the estimated cost now is \$2.4 billion, including \$1.9 billion for the construction phase, Durbin said. It will take three to four years to get the plant online for generating up to 275 megawatts of electricity.

"The important news here is we're back in

business," Durbin said during a Friday press conference in Washington. "A lot of people walked away from this. But the important thing is we've reached this point. I feel positive on the outcome."

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson agreed the news is welcomed.

"Today's news represents a very positive and long overdue development for the FutureGen project. I applaud the FutureGen Alliance and the Department of Energy for coming to an agreement that brings us closer to construction of this much-anticipated project in Mattoon," said Johnson. "The people of Coles County and Illinois have invested their time and energy into this project over many years. It's been a heartbreaking process at times but they have kept the faith and their leaders have maintained the momentum even when the process seemed to be moving backward."

A Record of Decision from DOE on approving the FutureGen site is expected by the end of June as part of the renewed public-private partnership on FutureGen at Mattoon on a site west of the city. That approval has been withheld for more than 18 months.

UNIVERSITY | COMMITTEE

Eastern uses open door policy

By MICHAEL BAIRD
Staff Reporter

The Council on University Planning and Budgeting (CUPB) has recently started a new initiative of Cost Containment. The program hopes to help lessen the costs associated with running and maintaining Eastern. This program also seeks to improve the functionality of the school through the people that know their areas the best.

CUPB is under the auspices of the Office of the Eastern President William L. Perry. The program is designed to set up a committee of people representing each of the different facets of Academia at Eastern. Each of the major departments of the school has at least one or more representatives on the council.

Jocelyn Tipton, associate professor of Booth Library, has enjoyed working on CUPB. Tipton found it enjoyable to "work with faculty members from different departments" that she would not normally work with under normal circumstances. Tipton cited one of the major benefits is its "grass-roots" appeal. Departments are asked to look within their own area and to find spots that can have costs reduced. Students need not fret over a loss of services.

Cost reduction should not affect any services offered at Eastern.

Ideas do not have to be ground breaking. They can be as simple as switching the type of light bulb used within their departments offices. Other cost cutting ideas have included distributing the catalog electronically, eliminating printing costs and other energy cutting ideas.

This program is being designed like its predecessor program, Parking. Ideas will be gathered by smaller departments and eventually town hall style meetings will be given to discuss the viability of the proposals.

CUPB is made up of several sub-committees. Main CUPB meetings are scheduled once a month. However, CUPB will not meet if there has not been any significant change from the previous meetings to discuss. Tipton said a lot of their work depends on news that comes from Springfield. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18 of this year.

This committee does not have direct jurisdiction nor direct power needed to enact any proposed changes. This is purely for the development of a proposal for Perry to act upon.

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EVENT | LEARNING

Girls State helps build leadership

By KAYIEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Online Editor

At approximately 5:15 Sunday evening, 458 high school girls from all over the state began to pour out from Lawson, Thomas and Taylor halls into the South Quad. They gathered into groups around the flagpole and chatted while the rain began to slowly drip down. At 5:30, the girls fell silent.

This time women, all wearing purple polos, lined up and began to march from the steps of Taylor hall to the flagpole. A lone bugle player began "Taps," and one woman unraveled the ropes and lowered the flag.

The girls, with hands over their hearts, stood in complete silence as the flag was folded and carried off, and the only sound that could be heard after the bugle player finished was that of the rain drops coming down.

And so began Illinois Girls State of 2009.

Since 1984, Eastern has been the location for Illinois Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It was previously held at McMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Girls entering their senior year of high school from all over the state



SUBMITTED BY AMIR PRELLBERG

Americanism Chairman of Illinois Girls State, Pat Williamson, takes down the American Flag Sunday afternoon in the Quad.

of Illinois commute to Charleston to stay for a week of learning about patriotism and leadership, said Allison Martin, assistant director of Illinois Girls State.

Sixty-one people make up the staff for Illinois Girls State and everyone is a volunteer.

"Girls State is a leadership program where we emphasize the impor-

tance of patriotism, civic involvement, responsibility and proper flag etiquette," Assistant Director Allison Martin said. Martin participated in Illinois Girls State in 1998, when she was elected as governor, and has been involved with the program for 12 years.

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The White Rabbits



JON GITCHOFF | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Stephen Patterson, lead singer and pianist of White Rabbits, performs songs off their critically acclaimed new album, "It's Frightening," at The Firebird in St. Louis on June 10.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Student charged with keeping teachers from grading

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. — A high school computer whiz didn't get a high grade for a recent feat: designing software to shut teachers out of the grading system.

A New York State Police spokeswoman said 16-year-old Matthew Beighey has been charged with unauthorized use of a computer and third-degree identity theft. He was ordered to return to court Wednesday.

The school district said the teenager temporarily blocked teachers' ability to enter grades at the high school in upstate Clifton Park. They needed technical support to regain access.

Umpire ejects crowd during game

WEST BURLINGTON, Iowa — An umpire has emptied the stands at a high school baseball game, ejecting the entire crowd of more than 100 fans for being unruly.

West Burlington Superintendent James Sleister said he didn't see any unusual behavior and said he thought the umpire overreacted.

The game resumed after a 40-minute delay. West Burlington won 12-11.

The umpire called police as a precaution. West Burlington police officer Al Waterman said there were no arrests and saw no unruliness himself.

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UNIVERSITY | BUILDING

SSC moves into new home

By BRAD YORK
Opinions Editor

Yesterday the Student Success Center moved from its temporary location at 1125 McAfee to the new addition of the Ninth Street Hall.

After being cramped up on the first floor of McAfee, Cindy Boyer, assistant director of the Student Success Center, is excited and hoping the new building will help not only the employees but the students as well.

"We will have a formal reception area, which I have not had in the past," Boyer said. "So, I will have a full-time staff member to greet students, direct students and to handle incoming calls, which will make the flow of the office much better."

The new building also offers students more privacy than the previous location.

"In our previous space, which I was very appreciative of and has worked well for us, there have been limitations as to privacy, so I feel the students will appreciate that," Boyer said.

The Student Success Center was originally known as the Learning Assistance Center. It wasn't until 2004 that the center took on the new name, the Academic Success Center. In 2007 it became the Student Success Center. The center was formed to help students who are struggling or may need help achieving both academic and personal goals.

"There will also be an expansion of service in the new Student Success Center, because it also houses three classrooms that will be used for the instruction of EIU 2919 - Strategies for Academic Success," Boyer said. "It is the required course for students who fall on academic warning the first time. The classrooms will also be used for university foundations instruction. They will also be open for other departments across campus as the need arises for them to have additional classroom space."

Other additions that Boyer is excited about is a newly acquired video board and a computer kiosk for students.



SAM STRYKOWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Student Success Center has moved to Ninth Street Hall. It is expected to be open as early as Wednesday.

The computers allow a place for students to come in between class times and check their e-mail accounts or class schedules. The board will show information about campus events.

"Students can pop in and see if they want to check out a workshop or a speaker," Boyer said.

The move to the new building was originally set for June 9, but construction misunderstandings caused the move to be slightly postponed.

"Structural steel delivery delays early in the project caused the project to be an outside winter work, rather than doing the interior work during the winter months," Steve Shrake, associate director of design and construction in facilities planning and management said. "The steel delay caused the elevator installation to be delayed, and then fitting it into

the elevator contractors time schedule prevented us from completing some finish work near the elevator doors. That forced us to have various trades leave the project and re-man it later to finish up."

After a month of packing, Boyer is ready to get everything unpacked and set up at her new permanent location.

"The wonderful people from facilities and planning, who have worked incredibly hard on this building, have made an amazing structure," Boyer said. "Their dedication and hard work has been overwhelming. I hope to be able to welcome students who would like to visit the center by Wednesday."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Textbook Rental closing in two weeks

The Textbook Rental Service will be closed Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2, for inventory.

There will be no business conducted during this time.

Textbook Rental asks that Textbook Rental business be made prior to or after that time.

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Students are required to return all textbooks for courses they have dropped and/or withdrawn from within two days of the drop and/or withdrawal to avoid charges. The charges would include the replacement cost of the textbooks, late fines per book, and a non-refundable processing fee per book.

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—Complied by Editor in Chief,
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

BLOTTER

Bobby Magee, 34, of 20236 Arrowhead Rd. in Ashmore was arrested at 5:35 a.m. Saturday at Tenth Street and Lincoln Avenue. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and had a blood alcohol concentration of over .08.

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Locals undecided
on FutureGen

As the decision passes to give FutureGen the go-ahead, many local residents share concerns over the new one of a kind facility and its ideas of carbon sequestration.

FutureGen is a new idea based around 30 years of research with the intentions of placing carbon dioxide, a byproduct of coal, almost 2 miles beneath the ground rather than letting it escape into our atmosphere contributing to global warming.

The idea sounds environmentally friendly and carries more than enough monetary appeal to the state, but as for the locals of Coles County, some are not convinced that it is the right course of action.

If you're a local, and chances are even if you're not, you know the look of distress in the eyes of the numerous displaced workers who have watched their jobs and lives fold as the factories that have kept many going for so long have folded before them.

Many fear that FutureGen, being a test facility, might have the potential to become another empty shell taking up space on the outskirts of town.

As the energy crisis grows so does alternative research, which in the end might prove more logical and efficient than FutureGen. If that proves to be the situation, FutureGen could become outdated before it ever takes off.

At first glance, it looks like an enormous benefit to Illinois and to Coles County. It has the potential to create up to 4,000 construction jobs as well as the possibility of up to 200 in plant jobs and the possibility of another 1,200 or so spin-off jobs. The monetary gain for Illinois could reach \$135 million annually as well as \$85 million annually for Coles County.

Almost sounds peachy keen, right?

On the other hand, many are concerned that once more technology is researched – thanks to our growing energy crisis – Mattoon might be stuck facing an empty factory. They will face broken hearts of former employees that again have to go home and worry about how they will feed their children and face their families with no income, as well as the permanently stored carbon miles beneath the land.

Many question the safety of underground carbon sequestration as is.

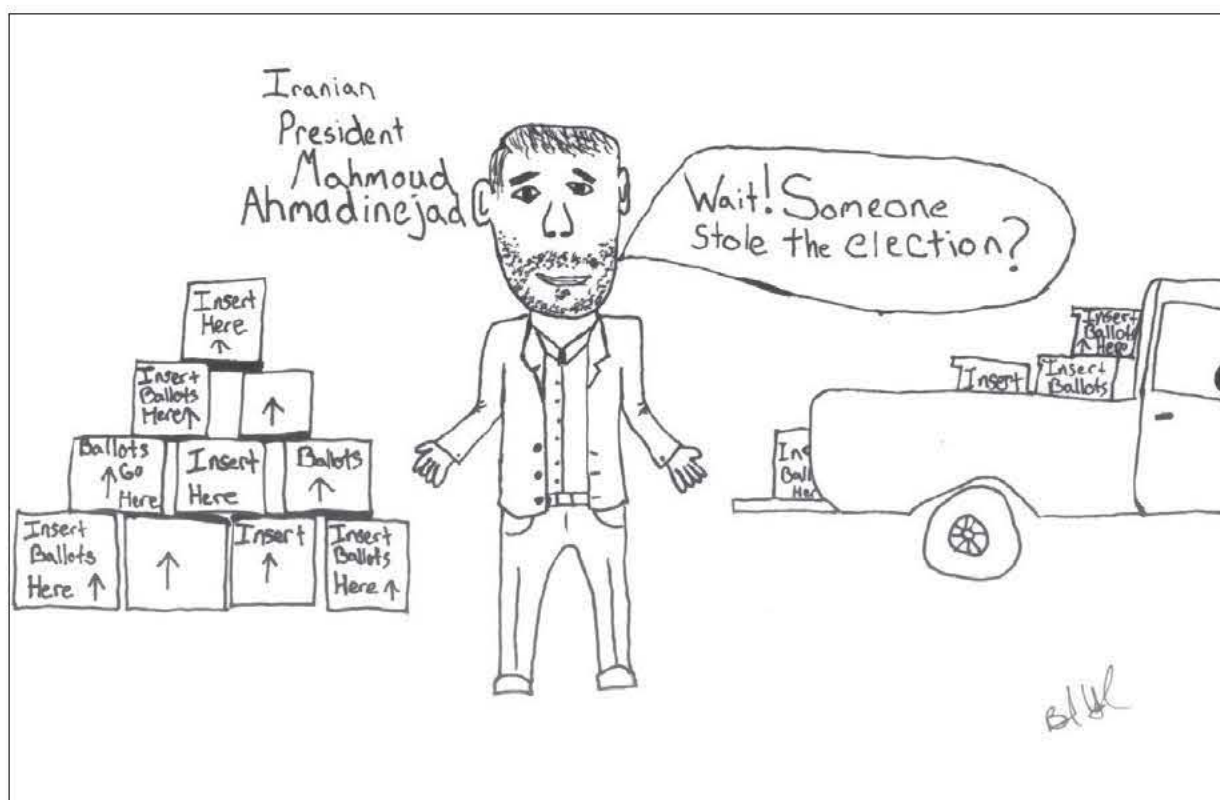
For one, Mattoon sits in a spot that has the potential for rather destructive earthquakes, as do many locations in Illinois within so far of the New Madrid fault line. Residents question the ability of these storage facilities to withstand such powerful quakes in the event that they occur. After all what is the point of underground storage if it has the potential to one day resurface causing greater damage?

On August 21, 1986, natural carbon deposits in Lake Nyos, located in Cameroon on the west side of Africa, surfaced, killing 1,700 people and over 3,000 cattle.

Many share the concern of Mattoon virtually becoming the guinea pig in the fight to end America's ever growing energy crisis and wonder the real future of FutureGen, as well as the future safety of their children and grandchildren to be.

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Drawn from the News | Brad York



STAFF EDITORIAL

A letter to pop music:
We've had enough!

Dear Pop Music,

Please stop assaulting our ears. We've had enough of your oligopolistic control of the airwaves. Everywhere we look, whether it is television, radio, the Internet or our classmates' ring tones, we just can't seem to get rid of you.

In economics, an oligopoly is when a few firms – or, in our case, bands or record companies – dominate the industry. They create "barriers of entry," which means that they have so much power in the industry that it is nearly impossible for anyone else to enter the market.

Bands like Hinder, Buckcherry and Nickelback are especially ruining things for anyone trying to enter the world of rock 'n' roll. How many times can you write a song about trying to get your woman back or life on the road? And yet they sell more records than any rational music lover could find feasible.

This week on the Billboard Hot 100 list, the top 10 artists are The Black Eyed Peas, Pitbull, Keri Hudson, Jeremih, Lady Gaga (who has spots 5 and 6), Shinedown, Beyonce, Sean Kingston and Jamie Foxx. There is only one rock band on the list, and most rock music listeners would agree that Shinedown isn't really a rock band; more of a pop band trying to be edgy without it really working.

This whole concept is blinding the "MTV generation" into thinking that, if a band has tattoos, black hair and wears their guitar at their knees, they're worth listening to.

Before the movie *Twilight* came out, how many people really listened to Iron & Wine, Mutemath or The Black Ghosts?

The situation boils down to this: it is now nearly impossible for bands like Charleston's pop rock band Firesky Future, to break into the industry, even though they're good enough to have opened for bands like New Found Glory. And though their predecessors – like Green Day and Blink 182 – have a

"How many times can you write a song about trying to get your woman back or life on the road?"

huge following, the whole genre of pop punk rock seems to have become one big joke.

"If you're trying to be a musician that plays pop punk music there just isn't a whole lot of enterprise. That's sort of what the whole record is about," said Andy Long, bassist for Firesky Future, in the April 17 issue of the *Daily Eastern News*. "Local Tragedy" (the name of their album) is about people that I know that I feel there is so much lack of support. It's nothing against them, but they just don't understand. It's almost as if people can't wait to see you fail. It's not exactly easy telling Mom and Dad, 'Hey I'm going to be in a band.'"

When will it stop? It won't until big record companies remember why they began in the first place: to allow the public to hear some small town's best-kept musical secret. Music shouldn't be about the money. It should be about the invocation of moods and the application of creativity and artistry in a completely unique way.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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OTHER VIEWS IN THE NEWS

IS COLLEGE USEFUL?

It seems like every year, when the graduation fanfare has subsided and the confetti has reached the floor, graduates turn their eyes to the piece of paper standing in for four years of trial and tuition and ask the rather pressing question, "What did I just put myself through?"

Granted, some skills you learn in college are directly applicable to specific fields. If you want to be an accountant, studying accounting is really the only way. The criticism usually focuses on people who choose more esoteric, liberal-arts majors. In place of finance expertise, the job market tends to see the choice of per-

sonal fulfillment as a handicap.

Graduating college means you are trainable, capable of seeing something through to the end and presumably smarter than you were before. But none of that can necessarily be traced back to college, especially by potential employers. Maybe you were already smart enough for the job in question before you went to school; maybe you were always committed; and maybe studying art history won't actually help you sell real estate or insurance.

Meanwhile, universities, responding to a greater desire from high school graduates who wanted to stay competitive for

the best jobs, opened up more campuses and created more paths to a college degree.

All this has a very polarizing effect. The uppermost get the jobs they were always going to get; the middle get the jobs they had before; but the least fortunate suddenly find that they cannot afford to pursue opportunities they used to have.

And, yes, the general population is left better educated. It is also poorer and has less choice. Is that a burden we want to impose on our citizens?

Jacob Levin
Indiana Daily Student

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BOOTH LIBRARY | EXHIBIT

Burl Ives exhibit at Booth Library

BY SPENSER NOBLES
News Editor

Burl Ives never forgot about his alma mater, then known as Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College, after becoming a star.

Known for his acting as well as his voice, Ives is remembered both for his singing and as the voice of Sam the Snowman in the 1964 film, *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

The Booth Library exhibit allows people to learn more about one of Eastern's most famous alumnae, showing photos of him during different stages of his life and career.

Several photos of Ives during his collegiate career are on display, including a photo of the football team that Ives helped lead to a conference championship, and also

"The Players," Eastern's dramatics club.

There are also photographs of different films that Ives was in.

A large part of the exhibit consists of items that were given to the university by Ives and his wife, Dorothy. Some of the items on display range from a Winchester rifle to a beaded buckskin jacket that was worn by Ives while portraying his character Prater Beasley in a 1969 guest appearance on the TV show, "Daniel Boone."

An outfit that is comprised of a hat, jacket, kilt, muskrat purse and shillelagh, displaying Ives' Scottish-Irish ancestry, is another item in the exhibit, along with other attire that the Eastern alumnus wore in his life, like the white and red plaid outfit he wore for stage concerts.

There are several different costumes on display along with the Ibanez guitar, which was also used in portrayal of Prater Beasley.

Along with memorabilia from his acting career, the exhibit also holds items that represent Ives' musical career, like the Song Hits Magazine Award trophy that was given to him, naming him "America's Outstanding Folksinger."

Part of Booth Library's collection of films is "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," along with other DVD versions of several of the entertainer's films.

According to documents supplied by the Office of University Marketing and Communications, Ives made several returns to his alma mater after leaving and gave multiple performances also.

At the age of 76, the actor/musi-

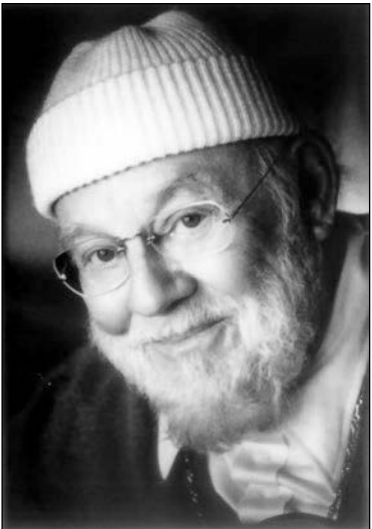
cian/author returned to Eastern, just 23 days after having cataract surgery, and gave a performance at a benefit concert on Eastern's campus despite his doctor's recommendations that he wait at least one month before taking the stage.

The campaign helped to raise funds for the university's art department and art studio building. In 1990, he returned to participate in the dedication of the art studio hall, which was named after him.

The images and artifacts from Ives' life and career will be displayed in Booth Library until August.

Burl Ives died on April 14, 1995.

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Submitted Photo

Burl Ives was an Eastern alum who is famous for his music and such roles as Sam the Snowman.

» Girls

FROM PAGE 1

"The girls are exposed to a lot of dynamic speakers. We also have elections where we stress the importance of the whole election process," Martin said.

The girls are divided into cities consisting of 23 to 24 girls, where they elect city officials; such as a mayor and a city clerk, Martin said.

Then, within the cities, a county government is elected.

Ultimately, all 458 girls participate in the mythical state of Illinois Girls State. The girls, or "citizens," are divided into

two parties, the Federalist Party and the Nationalist Party.

Finally, a governor and state officials are voted upon along with an executive branch and judicial branch of government.

The girls must petition to become elected by making posters and talking with each other about why they should be elected.

The inauguration of the state government officials will be on Thursday evening in Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

"It isn't just about the election process though, we have a lot of opportunities for the girls," Marin said. "We have a Girls State Chorus, we also have a tal-

ent show they can try out for."

Throughout the week, the girls will also listen to different speakers talk about the importance of patriotism and leadership.

Monday night was the first time the Illinois Girls State has held a patriotic ceremony.

Six members from the armed forces spoke about the importance of being involved with the army and what the girls can do to help.

"We definitely stress the importance of supporting our veterans and we take that stance as does the Auxiliary," Martin said. "The girls also learn about responsibility and what it is like to leave home for the first time."

Circuit Court Judge Mark Drummond from Quincy, gave a lecture titled "Seven Reasons to Leave the Party" on Tuesday night.

"He talks about and focuses on the fact that it is OK to make the right choice, and you don't always have to fall into peer pressure," Martin said. "All of the participants are going to be seniors in high school and that really is a hard age."

Friday night will be a banquet where a lot of the past department presidents from the American Legion Auxiliary will come as special guests.

"This has been a great way to get to know girls from our 'cities' and even a great thing to put on a college resume,"

said El Paso High School senior Paige DeVary, who is a participant in the program.

For many girls, this is their first experience with being away from home and the girls are able to realize not everyone is like them, Martin said.

"Overall, the girls take home a lot of knowledge about the way the election process is run, leadership skills and they network and make friendships that will last a lifetime," said Martin.

Editor in Chief Sarah Jean Bresnahan contributed to this report.

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OLYMPICS | BRAZIL

Brazil president wants Rio as spot for 2016 Games

The Associated Press

GENEVA— Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva urged the IOC to break new ground by awarding the 2016 Summer Games to Rio de Janeiro. “The Olympic Games cannot be kept by the rich countries,” Silva said Monday before this week’s presentations to the International Olympic Committee. “The IOC must see the Olympics as

the chance to transform Brazilian society.” Rio is competing against Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo. The IOC will vote on the host city on Oct. 2 in Copenhagen. “Brazil is among the 10 biggest economies in the world and it is the only one of the 10 which has never organized the Olympics,” Silva said through a translator. “Europe has already organized too

many Olympics. There is no novelty in Europe. “Can you imagine the possibility for a continent which has never had the chance to organize an Olympics, and how much that can motivate people?” Rio’s budget has been estimated at \$14.4 billion — \$2.8 billion for the organizing committee and \$11.6 billion for infrastructure projects such as venues, transportation and accommo-

dations. Bid organizers say much of Rio’s infrastructure is scheduled to be completed by 2014. Rio and its three rivals will put their cases to IOC members this week in Lausanne. At least 94 of 107 members are scheduled to attend formal presentations Wednesday and private meetings Thursday in what is a trial run for Copenhagen.

“Brazil is better prepared to come out of the economic crisis than the United States, Spain or Japan,” Silva said. “I don’t want to speak badly of Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo. I want to convince them that Brazil can do better than them.” Silva is expected to attend the October vote. Chicago bid leaders hope President Barack Obama will be there in support of his home city.

BASEBALL | CHICAGO

White Sox, Cubs seek spark in charged series

The Associated Press

CHICAGO— White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen swears he sees rats bigger than pigs in the batting cage and gets sick whenever he visits Wrigley Field. Cubs ace Carlos Zambrano acknowledged this season he turns ivy green with envy when he sees the facilities at other stadiums.

The old ballpark, for all its charm, certainly has its flaws. But it’s going nowhere. So, for that matter, are Chicago’s baseball teams at the moment. “It might be the battle of who’s the worst in town,” Guillen said over the weekend in Milwaukee.

He was joking. Sorta. Division winners a year ago, both teams are big disappointments heading into their three-game series at Wrigley that starts Tuesday. The Cubs are 30-30 after winning back-to-back NL Central titles and just fired their hitting coach in an effort to jump-start their sputtering lineup. The news isn’t much better on the South Side, where the White Sox are 30-34.

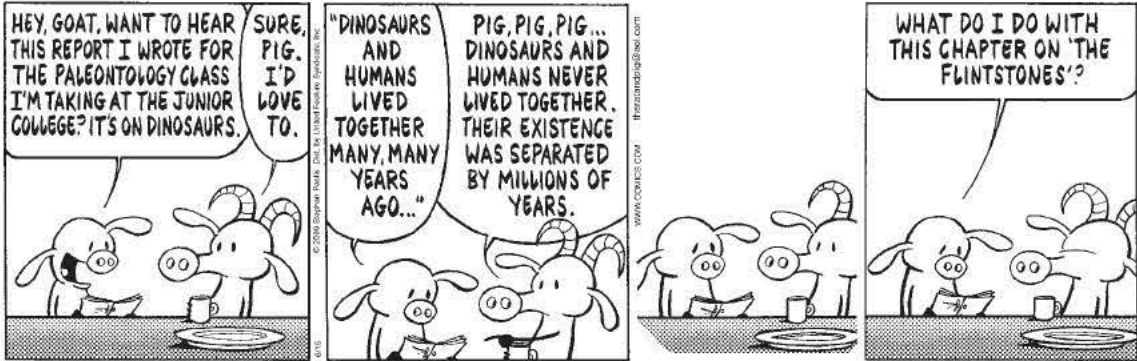
The White Sox rank 24th in the majors with a .251 batting average, while the Cubs are 26th at .246. A healthy and productive Carlos Quentin would certainly help the White Sox, but he was struggling before he went on the disabled list with plantar fasciitis in his left foot. The Cubs miss Aramis Ramirez, who was batting .364 when he dislocated his left shoulder last month. Compounding matters is that Alfonso Soriano (.229), Milton Bradley (.227) and Geovany Soto (.223) are stuck in season-long slumps. Kosuke Fukudome is in a 3-for-36 skid after another quick start, but apparently this rut is nothing like last year’s freefall.

“It is definitely different from last year,” he said through an interpreter. Manager Lou Piniella would like him to shorten his swing. He also had another request. “Why don’t we focus on the positive thing, which is our pitching has been good?” Piniella said before Sunday’s 3-2 win over Minnesota. “Why don’t we talk about pitching? Why don’t we talk about some of the good defensive plays that we make and the fact that these kids are playing hard and they’re trying? Why don’t we focus on those things?” About a half hour after he

made that request, general manager Jim Hendry announced hitting coach Gerald Perry was fired. So much for that warm, fuzzy, feel-good moment. For all their struggles, the Cubs are just 2½ games out of first place and the White Sox are only 4½ off the AL Central lead. “We’ve been trying to tell ourselves stay positive no matter how much negativity we hear because we’re still right there,” the Cubs’ Derrek Lee said. Now they’re heading into what figures to be an emotionally charged series even if both teams are struggling. It usually is whether they’re both in first place, as they were a year ago, or not, and the White Sox’s A.J. Pierzynski often winds up in the middle of the drama.

Three years ago at U.S. Cellular Field, he barreled over Cubs catcher Michael Barrett and smacked the plate. Barrett punched him in the face, one big swing sparking a bench-clearing brawl, and there was more drama the next day. Pierzynski had a conversation with Barrett during the seventh, a few innings after a heated exchange with Zambrano. That happened when Pierzynski clapped his hands after hitting a home run in the fourth, and the pitcher yelled and gestured. As he crossed the plate, Pierzynski thumped his chest twice and pointed toward the sky, as Zambrano does after innings. Teammates restrained Zambrano as he shouted at the White Sox dugout, and the White Sox lined the top step but stayed put. Zambrano later said he made a mistake acknowledging Pierzynski and that he was actually yelling at third-base coach Joey Cora. Pierzynski landed another big hit a few weeks later at Wrigley Field when he drove a three-run homer off closer Ryan Dempster to cap a two-out rally in the ninth and lift the White Sox over the Cubs 8-6. Fans showered the field with cups, plastic bottles and other items, causing about a five-minute delay. “There’s just been so many things that’s happened,” Pierzynski said. “The fans get into it. In the five years I’ve been a part of it, there’s been so many crazy things that have happened, it’s just good times.” But right now, it’s rough times for both teams. Will it last? “In the end of the season both teams should be in the pennant race — both teams, no doubt,” Guillen said.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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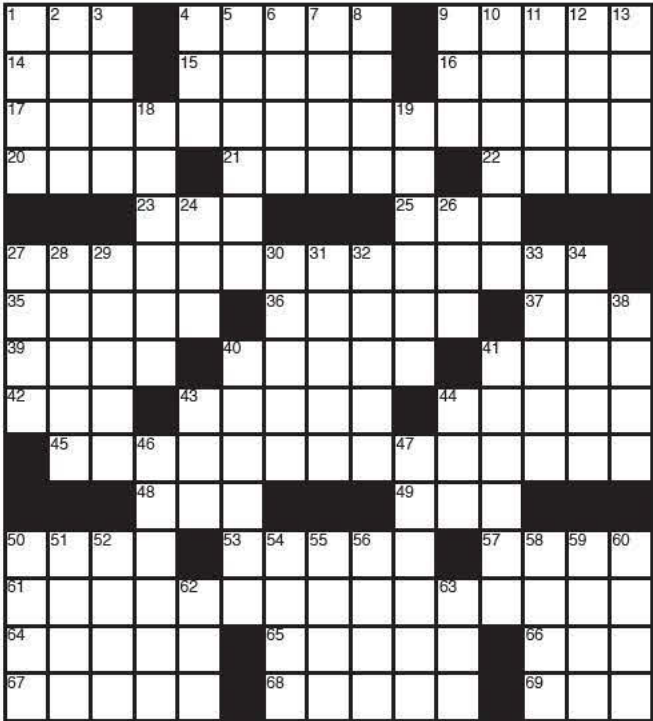
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 - 1 Get some sun
 - 4 Blow one's stack
 - 9 Kid-lit pachyderm
 - 14 Naked _____ jaybird
 - 15 Sine, cosine or tangent
 - 16 Tourist mecca off the coast of Venezuela
 - 17 "Beat swords into plowshares"
 - 20 Way off
 - 21 Parasel's offering
 - 22 Cathedral area
 - 23 Grazed, say
 - 25 Silver of the silver screen
 - 27 "Ignore the red, white and blue"
 - 35 Marx Brothers-like
 - 36 Meat favored by Sarah Palin
 - 37 With 44-Across, a traditional Catholic prayer
 - 39 Ring decisions, for short
 - 40 Chuck who sang "Maybellene"
 - 41 Petty quarrel
 - 42 Moray, for one
 - 43 "Peachy keen!"
 - 44 See 37-Across
 - 45 "Oust from practice, then interrogate"
 - 48 Take steps
- DOWN

 - 1 Bit of verbal trumpeting
 - 2 "A likely story"
 - 3 Shuttle org.
 - 4 Pull a boner
 - 5 Any of several Egyptian kings
 - 6 Six-sided state
 - 7 _____ colada
 - 8 Rocker Rundgren
 - 9 Ovine sound
 - 10 Giorgio of fashion
 - 11 Fist _____ (modern greeting)
 - 12 Lincoln and others
 - 13 Like proverbial hen's teeth
 - 18 A Musketeer
 - 19 Rejection of church dogma
 - 24 Behavioral quirk



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- 27 Palm fruit
- 28 Put one's John Hancock on
- 29 Vodka brand, informally
- 30 Makeup mishap
- 31 Main artery
- 32 Mental midget
- 33 Blue Grotto's isle
- 34 To no _____
- 38 List-ending abbr.
- 40 Bang, as a drum
- 41 "No Exit" dramatist
- 43 "30 Rock" network
- 44 Dugout V.I.P.: Abbr.
- 46 Rio dances
- 47 Moved like a hummingbird
- 50 Miley Cyrus, to teens
- 51 Owls' prey
- 52 Where pirates go
- 54 Score after deuce
- 55 Mute, with "down"
- 56 Feminine suffix
- 58 Portfolio holdings, briefly
- 59 Sugar unit
- 60 One-named New Age singer
- 62 Tiny colonist
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JEFF JURINEK

Non-conference games lack glamour, but not appeal

Over the past week, the first round of 2009 college football season previews appeared on magazine racks. The annual early-summer reminder that football season is just around the corner, the magazines offer endless mountains of statistics.

The magazines serve another purpose, at least for me- they allow for a first look at can't-miss matchups for the upcoming season.

This season's highlights, at least on paper, include early-season match-ups such as Southern Cal at Ohio State on Sept. 12 and Alabama vs. Virginia Tech in Atlanta on Sept. 9. As far as non-conference showdowns go, these two games are about the only truly intriguing contests.

Following a decade-long trend in the wake of the BCS, marquee programs rarely square off during the early weeks of the season as they once did. According to ESPN writer Pat Forde, in 1988 there were 15 games that matched top-20 teams; in 1998 there were eight, in and 2008 only four.

Most fans and writers are quick to criticize title-contending teams for scheduling Football Championship Subdivision teams in an attempt to rack up easy wins. Most major programs are choosing this route rather than scheduling blockbuster match-ups with others in the hunt for a championship because they are, correctly, fearful that even one early-season loss will eliminate them from a chance at the title.

It may seem as if the big-money programs are simply taking the easy road to a championship; in many cases, they are. But as we learned in 2007, when defending FBS Champions Appalachian State defeated fifth-ranked Michigan in the Big House, it is only a matter of time before some of the more talented FCS will be able to compete with the big dogs.

College football today is a changing game. Talented recruits, eager for playing time, are slowly straying from traditional powerhouses and opting for lesser-known schools where they will be a bigger name. Two "mid-major" programs, Boise State and Utah, have erupted onto the national scene with impressive performances in BCS games over the past few years.

This season, many programs are facing harsh criticism for the scheduling of weaker opponents. But these non-conference games are not the cakewalks they used to be for marquee programs. If the current trend continues, and talent continues to spread out from the major conferences, some of the most memorable games of the upcoming season may be FCS and mid-major upsets of top-ranked teams.

TRACK | NCAA OUTDOOR TRACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boey falls short at Nationals

Freshman standout fails to advance, finishes 26th overall

By JEFF JURINEK
Sports Editor

Sprinter Zye Boey's remarkable freshman season came to an end June 10 at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Boey finished seventh in his 100-meter dash preliminary with a time of 10.50, three-tenths of a second slower than his season-best 10.20 that seeded him tenth in the nation in the event.

The 100-meter dash featured four preliminary heats, with the top three finishers in each heat plus the six next-best times advancing to the semifinal round. Boey finished last in the second heat, which was won by Clemson sophomore Jacoby Ford with a 10.01.

Five of the seven competitors in Boey's heat advanced to the semifinals. His season officially came to an end after his time of 10.50 was not among the next six-best times for the semifinals. The last runner to qualify for the semifinal field was Kansas State senior Mike Myer, with a 10.31.

Boey placed 26th overall in the

event, which was eventually won by top-seeded LSU junior Trindon Holliday with a 10.00 in the finals on June 12.

The 2009 season, which was Boey's first at the collegiate level, was highlighted by his numerous accomplishments, including appearances at both the indoor and outdoor NCAA National Championships. In March, Boey qualified for the NCAA Indoor National Championships in the 200-meter dash, but was disqualified after a false start in his preliminary race.

Boey was named OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year for both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

He was the conference champion in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes at the OVC Outdoor Track Championships on May 2.

Boey also made his way into the Eastern all-time record books. He set two new school records during the indoor season with times of 6.66 in the 60-meter dash and 20.93 in the 200-meter dash.

In the outdoor record books, Boey now ranks second all-time in the 100-meter dash at 10.20, and fifth in the 200-meter dash at 20.91.

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FOOTBALL | CHAZ MILLARD



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Senior offensive guard Chaz Millard (right) has been selected by Lindy's Football Magazine as a preseason All-American. The two-year starter is carrying a streak of 26 games without allowing a sack into the 2009 season.

Senior named preseason All-American

STAFF REPORT

Eastern offensive guard Chaz Millard has been named a second-team preseason All-American by Lindy's Football Magazine as part of the publications 2009 FCS preview.

2009 will be the third season

for Millard as the Panther's starting right guard. The 6-foot-3, 289-pound senior was the only offensive lineman to start all 12 games at the same position for the Panthers during their injury-laden 2008 campaign, which resulted in a 5-7 record.

Millard has been named first

team All-Ohio Valley conference in each of the last two seasons. He has also been named an honorable mention for the All-American team the past two seasons.

Last season, Millard tallied 57 de-cleater blocks on the season for an average of 4.75 per game. He is entering the 2009 season carry-

ing a streak of 26-straight games without allowing a sack.

As part of the FCS season preview, the magazine also predicted Eastern to finish fifth in the OVC conference standings in 2009. The Panthers open up the season at home on September 5 against Illinois State.

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