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Trading caffeine for Ca\$h



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Students give up soda for two weeks to raise money for clean water

By Micky Deming
Staff Reporter

Wyatt Waterkotte loves an orange Crush soda. He enjoys the taste of soda in general and his body is used to the caffeine.

For two weeks, he about 50 other Eastern students didn't hear the pop of the tab on a soda can, or the sound of coffee brewing in the morning. The only liquid going into their bodies was available in their own faucets, boring water.

These students participated in the H2O Project, a nationwide challenge to drink only water. The money

that would have been spent on other drinks is donated toward efforts to build wells in other parts of the world where clean water is not so accessible.

The money went to the Blood/Water organization and Convoy of Hope, as \$1,050 was collected at Eastern to build a well in Africa.

Christian Campus House brought this unique idea to Eastern and CCH intern Elise Whitlatch led the project. She decided on the appropriate dates and made flyers to put around campus. This was the second year CCH has participated in the project.

"It was something I knew I wanted to do because through it, I personally have learned just how much even a tiny bit can make a difference for someone," Whitlatch said,

"Clean water for a whole year, when we spend \$1.50 for 12 ounces."

Brenda Koinis started the worldwide project in 2000, after hearing the staggering statistics of problems caused by unclean water, something taken for granted in this country.

The World Health Organization gives the eye-opening facts. More than one billion people in the world don't have access to clean water and have to drink from polluted or infected water sources.

The WHO also said 1.8 million children worldwide die from water bourn diseases, which translates to 5,000 deaths a day. More than half of Africa's population doesn't have sanitary drinking water, according to the United Nations. Women and children often walk two hours each way to retrieve water, which is usual-

ly dirty, for their families.

"I had just bought two 12-packs of orange Crush and a 12-pack of Coke when I heard about this project," Waterkotte said.

He decided to leave his fresh sodas unopened and put his caffeine addiction to the test.

"The first week was difficult," he said, "I had a few headaches, because my body is used to having some caffeine during the day."

That sacrifice is the intention of the project: for someone to give up something that seems like a necessity, but is truly just a luxury. Water is a necessity. In the U.S. we can have it whenever we want, and we often have to buy bottled water because the tap water isn't good enough for us. It is hard to fathom water bad enough to cause blindness, guin-

ea worm or even death. The U.N. has even recognized the water crisis across the world.

"We shall not finally defeat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, or any of the other infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation and basic health care," Kofi Annan, the U.N. attorney general has said.

The quote comes from the Web site of the Blood/Water mission, a non-profit organization started by the Grammy-award winning band Jars of Clay. The mission has recognized clean water as the easiest way for people to contribute to the well-known problem of AIDS, and other deadly diseases in Africa.

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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs William Weber is currently the interim budget director for Eastern. As of July 1, Weber's duties as interim budget director will end and a new budget director will be named at that time.

Weber ends double shift

Interim Budget Director reflects on his six-month term

By Rick Kambic
Editor-In-Chief

Budgeting in Illinois has become a complicated field in the past few years, but William Weber volunteered to be Eastern's budget master.

Weber is an associate vice president for Academic Affairs, but he stepped into the limelight last October when Budget Director Jim Shonkwiler retired. As interim budget director, Weber had to coordinate department financing throughout the campus and file reports with the state of Illinois.

"The budget office interacts with all areas of the university," Weber said. "It may not always be clear who needs to know about a change that we're considering doing or who may have the (required) information."

Weber's interim duty concludes on July 1 when a newly hired direc-

tor takes over.

"We're working on it," said Paul McCann, director of Business Affairs. "We think we're going to have something to announce fairly shortly, but we still have a few things to sort through."

McCann said hiring Weber as the interim budget director wasn't a tough decision, despite having worked 20 years in the Academic Affairs department.

"For the Provost, he's worked a lot in the budgeting area and helped develop the budget for the Academic Affairs area," McCann said. "So he was a natural when we started looking around for people with experience in the university."

Weber happened to be curiously interested.

"Basically, it is a position that was of interest to me that I wanted to learn more about," Weber said. "I already knew a lot about the budget, especially from the appropriated side, from my work with Academic Affairs. I wanted to get more of

a university-wide perspective on the budgeting process."

His responsibilities as an associate vice president included being director of summer sessions, being a liaison to the faculty development department, and budget management.

"When you look at the money we get from both state taxes and tuition, Academic Affairs represents about two thirds to three quarters of that budget," Weber said.

Faculty salaries were a considerable element of his budget responsibilities.

"One thing that I do on a normal, routine basis is estimating what it's going to cost the university to fund faculty salary increases," Weber said. "If I'm too far off in my estimates, that could cause some consequences."

He said the current faculty budget is \$ 38 million and some of his projections would be for years in advance.

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THURSDAY



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Mostly
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WEATHER THIS WEEK

It will be a mostly sunny end of the week, with storms popping up on Saturday and then clearing out by Saturday. Next week will start out clear but storms will move in by mid-week and continue through the rest of the week.

NEWS

Bush to Congress: Embrace energy exploration now

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON--- With gasoline topping \$4 a gallon, President Bush urged Congress on Wednesday to lift its long-standing ban on offshore oil and gas drilling, saying the United States needs to increase its energy production. Democrats quickly rejected the idea.

"There is no excuse for delay," the president said in a statement in the Rose Garden. With the presidential election just months away, Bush made a pointed attack on Democrats, accusing them of obstructing his energy proposals and blaming them for high gasoline costs. His proposal echoed a call by Republican presidential candidate John McCain to open the Continental Shelf for exploration.

"Families across the country are looking to Washington for a response," Bush said.

Congressional Democrats were quick to reject the push for lifting the drilling moratorium, saying oil companies already have under lease 68 million acres on federal lands

and waters — outside the ban area — that are not being developed. Drilling proponents say that number is misleading because sometimes it takes years for actual development to take place.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Democrats' presumptive presidential nominee, rejected lifting the drilling moratorium that has been supported by a succession of presidents for nearly two decades.

"This is not something that's going to give consumers short-term relief and it is not a long-term solution to our problems with fossil fuels generally and oil in particular," said Obama. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, lumping Bush with McCain, accused them of staging a "cynical campaign ploy" that won't help lower energy prices.

"Despite what President Bush, John McCain and their friends in the oil industry claim, we cannot drill our way out of this problem," Reid said. "The math is simple: America has just three percent of the world's oil reserves, but Americans use a quarter of its oil."

White House spokesman Tony Fratto retorted: "Anyone out there saying that something can be done overnight, or in a matter of months, to deal with high gasoline prices is trying to fool people. There is no tool in the toolbox out there that will lower gas prices overnight, or in weeks, or probably not even in months."

With Americans deeply pessimistic about the economy, Bush tried to put on the onus on Congress. He acknowledged that his new proposals would take years to have a full effect, hardly the type of news that will help drivers at the gas stations now. The White House says no quick fix exists.

Still, Bush said Congress was obstructing progress — and directly contributing to consumers' pain at the pump.

"I know the Democratic leaders have opposed some of these policies in the past," Bush said. "Now that their opposition has helped drive gas prices to record levels, I ask them to reconsider their positions."

ENTERTAINMENT

Seinfeld's lawyers see humor, not defamation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK--- Jerry Seinfeld claims a cookbook author is cooking up some fancy semantics by calling him an actor rather than a comedian to minimize the humor in statements she says defamed her.

Lawyers for Seinfeld say Missy Chase Lapine's lawyers resorted to the switch in words to describe Seinfeld when several weeks ago they filed a rewritten version of her lawsuit against him and his wife in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

"Jerry Seinfeld is an enormously wealthy and well-known actor," Lapine's revised lawsuit said. The original had called him a comedian.

Lapine, the author of "The Sneaky Chef: Simple

Strategies for Hiding Healthy Foods in Kids' Favorite Meals," accused Seinfeld's wife, Jessica Seinfeld, of plagiarizing her cookbook when in October she published her own, titled: "Deceptively Delicious: Simple Secrets to Get Your Kids Eating Good Food."

During an appearance on CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman," Jerry Seinfeld said Lapine was accusing his wife of "vegetable plagiarism" and compared her to the three-name killers of John Lennon and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"If you read history, many of the three-name people do become assassins," Seinfeld said. "Mark David Chapman. And you know, James Earl Ray. So that's my concern."

His lawyers said in court papers filed late Tuesday: "No reasonable viewer could have thought that Seinfeld really meant that Lapine ... might become an 'assassin' simply because she has three names."

Lapine's lawyers have said Seinfeld, best known for the sitcom "Seinfeld," used the Letterman appearance to begin a "malicious, premeditated and knowingly false and defamatory attack" on her.

"The issues of law will be decided by the court, and we are confident of the outcome," Lapine lawyer Howard B. Miller said Wednesday.

Seinfeld's lawyers asked a judge to toss out the lawsuit on First Amendment grounds.

In separate court papers, lawyers for Jessica Seinfeld accused Lapine of falsely claiming she invented the idea of hiding fruits and vegetables in children's meals when "countless prior works utilized this very same unprotectable idea," including a 1971 book. They called the lawsuit "opportunistic."

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Superheroes celebrated



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

It may have been a festival for Superman, but that didn't stop other superheroes like Batman and Robin from showing up to the 2008 Superman Celebration in Metropolis, Ill. on Saturday, June 14.

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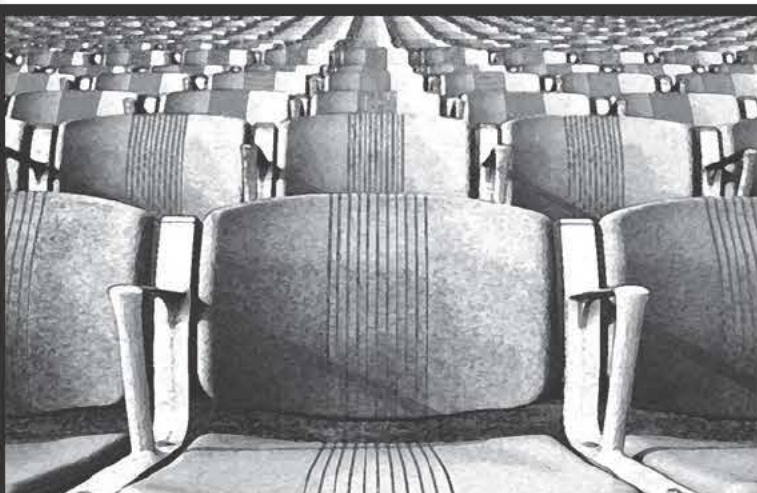
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City approves water ordinance

Discharge stipulated 10 feet on residential property; Illinois State Police get discount on fingerprinting

By Ashlei Maltman
City Reporter

The City Council approved an ordinance for discharging water into the City's sewer system at Tuesday's meeting.

This ordinance is for those individuals whose sump-pumps discharge into the right of way of the city.

The discharge must now go through 10 feet of the individual's yard before reaching the right of way in hopes of having some of it soak into the ground.

The length was not stipulated before, Mayor Inyart said. The council made it 10 feet so as to have a set length.

The council hopes to stop any sort of pooling effect on the roads during the summer and to avoid as much icing and damage to the roads in the winter.

This regulation will mean less

maintenance to the streets and sidewalks if the water is absorbed into the ground first, Inyart said.

However, those who have direct access to the storm sewer should still discharge directly into it.

The council also approved of a resolution for the execution of Illinois State Police criminal history record information. Recently, the Federal Bureau of Investigations lowered the cost for fingerprinting from \$24 to \$19.25.

This cost was lowered because much of it is done on the computer and not on paper, so the workload is down, Police Chief Mark Jenkins said.

"It's like a credit for making the system work more efficiently," Inyart said.

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Erin Matheny/The Daily Eastern News

In a fun moment following Tuesday night's city council meeting, mayor John Inyart leans over his desk to examine the newly redesigned council chamber.

Writing camp taps into student creativity

High schoolers to learn different ways of expressing their ideas

Ashlei Maltman
City Reporter

Many people write poetry, short stories, and novels in hopes of expressing thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Developing someone's ability to write could lead to a career in publishing, journalism, or teaching.

A five-day Summer Creative Writing Camp

for local high school students has been in planning for over a year and will finally begin Monday.

At the camp, students will be writing two short stories, several poems, and participating in exercises for starting a novel.

Students will also receive individual guidance from Letitia Moffitt, a professor of creative writing, literature and composition in Eastern's English department.

This camp could be helpful because "poetry and creative writing doesn't get much attention in high school," said John Martone, camp administrator and professor of English at East-

ern.

Eight students are currently signed up for the camp, which costs \$95.

Moffitt will be instructing most of the sessions, but Martone will teach the concrete poetry class.

Moffitt has been teaching at Eastern for two years and has published a few books of poetry, but her focus is in short fiction.

"This is for people who love to write, for students who might need a push towards different ideas of things they've never thought of," Moffitt said.

There will be two monetary scholarships

offered from the Coles County Arts Council, Martone said. At the end of the camp, a book will be made of the students' writings and a public reading will be held.

Martone and Moffitt would both like to see this camp continue in future years and Martone also mentioned an idea of opening it up to college students.

This is a fun outlet in the summer for "the development of creative writing in the community," Moffitt said.

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» Weber

FROM FRONT PAGE

"When you're looking at the faculty salary base, you're dealing with large sums of money," Weber said. "It's a little intimidating when you realize you're dealing with six, seven, eight figures."

The transition

Weber said he hoped his responsibilities in the Academic Affairs office would overlap enough for him to do both jobs.

"The agreement we made at the beginning was that I would try to spend about two-thirds of my time on the budget director side," Weber said. "We thought that would be doable because some of the responsibilities overlapped."

He had to relinquish his responsibilities as liaison to the faculty development office.

"I continued with summer sessions in particular because we're in the middle of a few changes that I didn't feel like I could simply drop," Weber said.

McCann said Weber noticeably became busier and appointments with him became hard to come by. However, Weber said he never took work home with him because he felt a separation of mindsets was needed.

"I think because he's doing two jobs, there is some pressure on him," McCann said. "If you ask the previous budget director, he was pushed to make sure that there was money

there and that it was analyzed."

Playing with the big boys

McCann said much of that pressure came from government officials because most inquiries were funneled through the budget office.

"There are a lot of questions that the governor and legislators can dream up and they expect answers immediately," McCann said. "So there is pressure at times to come up with the right answer."

Having only one person answer questions keeps a level of professionalism instead of making politicians call a phone tree, McCann said.

Having to answer to the governor's office and the Illinois Board of Higher Education was one of the most difficult and important parts of the job, Weber said.

"Narratives are included in reports in which legislators ask for information such as organizational charts, programmatic priorities, board information, and so on," Weber said.

"Gathering massive amounts of information and putting it into readable narratives was a difficult task," Weber said. "I found that I needed my writing skills over here more than my mathematical skills."

When working with his number analysts, Weber said he quickly had to learn the power of executive decision.

"You need somebody to make certain decisions at crunch time when the question may not be as specific as you like," Weber said.

The end is near

Weber was one of the seven applicants who applied to be the new budget director. However, he was not one of the three finalists. The chosen candidate will relieve Weber on July 1.

"He considered applying and he ended up withdrawing his application because, I think, he saw that it just wasn't what he wanted to do," McCann said.

"It's still not a position that I rule out for someday in the future," Weber said. "When I came into the position, I came in thinking it might be a good post retirement job for me sometime at some place, not necessarily at Eastern, once I retire from here."

Eastern stopped accepting applications in mid-January and three of the remaining candidates were interviewed in April.

"After my time here I still think that, but the budget director position here simply wasn't the right job for me at the right time," Weber said. "After considering everything, I've decided that it's not the best route. It was a very difficult decision."

Weber said the job is definitely one of those key positions that could lead to higher promotions within the university, but he's comfortable with his associate vice president job.

"My commitment runs through June," Weber said. "So for the first half of July, I have a two week vacation scheduled and I'll be on a cruise."

» Cash

FROM FRONT PAGE

The goal of the mission is to build 1,000 wells in Africa. This organization received most of the money raised at Eastern from the two-week project.

Other options for contributing to building wells can be found on the H2O project's web site. Examples of these include, Living Water International, World Vision, Inc., Thirst Relief International and others.

The most exciting part of the H2O project was how it provided a way for people who don't have much time or money to offer to still make a difference. In just two weeks with a small group of college students, enough money was raised to build half of a well.

"I missed having some soda," Waterkotte said, "But it feels great to be able to take a little bit of money and know it can save a life."

Literally.

The official Web site of the H2O project says \$1 can give a person in

Africa clean water for a year and \$10 would be enough for a lifetime.

So when Waterkotte went to McDonald's and had some water with his meal instead of his usual Dr. Pepper, he put the dollar saved aside and made a difference in the world.

"Knowing how bad things are in the world compared to here, I had to do this project," he said. "I wish more people knew about this and could take part in this great opportunity."

Whitlatch agrees, and she said this project helped her gain a better perspective of the world we live in.

"It really makes you think how much we really are blessed and what we actually can do to help others who need it," she said. "It is another way to love our neighbor in both a small and big way: giving up my coffee for two weeks and giving them water for life."

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CORRECTION

In a page one story on the June 17 issue, Randy and Donna Taggart's wedding anniversary was misidentified.

They were married in 1979 and last year would have been their 28th year anniversary.

Randy Taggart's position on the University Police Department was misidentified. He was a patrol officer.

In a page one caption on the June 10 issue, the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps was misidentified.

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UNFAIR SCARE TACTICS

At a high school in Oceanside, Calif., highway patrol officers and faculty members announced that an unbelievable 26 students out of the 3,100 who attend the school, had died in drunken driving-related accidents over the weekend.

The truly shocking part about this horrific story: it wasn't even true. The school decided to scare the students to keep them from drinking and driving.

As the story spread across the school, students were crying hysterically in the halls: they were truly and understandably traumatized by the “accidents.”

Yes, trying to prevent drunken driving is extremely important. We understand the seriousness of drinking and driving and the sad results it can, and usually does, yield.

However, shocking teenagers about fake tragedies is not the way to go about it. This was a horrible attempt to scare these kids into safety.

There are enough real-life tragedies from drinking and driving accidents. No one needs to make them up.

In reality, students can be told over and over to make the right choices, but it's up to the individual when they get behind the wheel. Most everyone knows what can happen when one drinks and drives, but some chose to anyway.

Instead of taking advantage of these malleable youths' emotions with lies and fake stories of death, why not teach them to do the right thing so they value their lives and the lives of others?

-The Daily Gamecock

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Toothpaste for Dinner



STAFF EDITORIAL

Trouble in paradise

Times they are a changing. Ask anyone, really, they'll all tell you the same thing. Policy is becoming increasingly vague, and everyone knows why, or at least they think they know.

This year, the tuition coming in from Eastern students surpassed the funds allocated by the Illinois state government. It's true, just look at the Illinois Board of Higher Education's website, click on 'data and statistics,' then go to the data book and look at chapter 10. The information is available to the public. Take a look.

Students, or parents, or whoever foots the tuition bill, paid \$304,800 more than the state government allocated to Eastern.

So should we still be called a state-funded institution, or rather a state-assisted institution?

In 2002, the state government apportioned \$54.6 million, which was \$28.3 million more than the university itself too in. Incidentally, Eastern received the most state appropriations in 2002 out of any of the past ten years.

From 2002 until 2006, we received less money each year, and the last two years have seen marginal increases in state funding.

This would not be such a big deal if it weren't for the fact that this is a public university, and for any democracy to work, its citizens must be well informed.

It's no secret that tuition costs rise every year; that's missing the point. If this trend continues, tuition will not just rise steadily as it has been, it will explode.

Add this to the fact that most students can't afford to fill up their gas tanks.

The establishment is making it harder and harder to get decent health-care. Well, unless you've got a job or are covered by a parent's insurance. The best option for a lot of students is to stall graduation, or enroll in graduate school to

OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** California recently passed legislation that lets same-sex couples get married in the state, even if the couples are non-residents.
- **Stance:** This is a wonderful step towards equality of all Americans, and is even better because the law allows love to flourish.

stall the inevitable phase of being a penniless, uninsured jobseeker.

Something has gone rotten in the government, and apparently citizens aren't priority number one anymore. If we stay apathetic, or partisan on any of these issues, nothing will happen. It isn't politics; it's simple humanity.

Democrats took control of congress a few years ago with the promise that things would get better. They haven't, and the future isn't looking so hot. America's face is tarnished and we've bought the illusion that we have no control.

Eastern students don't be naïve and think that you can't do anything about the situation. We can vote. We can make our voices heard. We have to stick together. We can write letters.

We can change things.

But the first thing that we need to do is become informed on what is happening. Unless we start now, we'll have no ground to change later.

It is only logical that at the rate state appropriations are crawling in comparison with the rise of university income, we will have to start going without. Without what has yet to be decided, but it's not looking pretty for anyone, especially young people.

We still live in a society founded on the principle that if citizens don't like something, we do have a say. If we keep letting ourselves be overlooked and not heard, things will go downhill fast.

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ADAM TEDDER

Thoughts on Russert

Last week, Tim Russert, television journalist for NBC and moderator of “Meet the Press,” died unexpectedly.

He was 58 years old, and widely respected in the industry as an earnest journalist and a master of the craft.

His death has led to seismic coverage of his career by all major news stations and newspapers.

His life has been honored and his contribution to journalism trumpeted as legendary.

This outpouring of respect for Russert reveals the role the best of the broadcast medium can have in the United States. Some are looked at as celebrities, the minutiae of their lives regarded as common knowledge.

Films such as George Clooney's “Good Night and Good Luck” chronicle the mystique surrounding these people who give a face to the news.

However, I believe that the evidence exists to prove that the days of celebrity news anchors are dwindling, and that journalists-cum-icons like Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein, and Edward R. Murrow might have entered the annals of history with no successors in sight.

As evidence, I point to a diminishing level of consistent quality in journalism. While print and some television news retain respectability, blogs authored by non-journalists but read by thousands and 24-hour news channels reporting on non-news in order to boost ratings are commonplace.

H.G. Bissinger, Pulitzer Prize-winner and the author of Friday Night Lights, is one of the blogosphere's fiercest critics. In a piece by the New York Times, Bissinger says the following: “I think blogs are dedicated to cruelty, they're dedicated to dishonesty, they're dedicated to speed.”

Bissinger asserts that the burgeoning prevalence of blogs is inversely affecting the quality of journalism overall, leading to less reliance on proper journalism training and more on sensationalism.

24-hour news channels employ the same techniques. While their occasional coverage of real news permits the illusion of legitimacy, their tendency to run fluff stories about Lindsay Lohan and employment of over-the-top pundits rather than journalists to deliver the “news” — Keith Olbermann and Bill O'Reilly jump to mind— suggests their motives have ratings firmly in mind.

And while we may have the likes of John Stewart and Stephen Colbert to lampoon the ridiculousness that some of these channels offer as news, sadly a sizable percentage of Americans rely on these Comedy Central programs as their primary news sources.

Clearly, the fourth estate is in danger. Americans are increasingly turning to blogs and the 24-hour channels and their sensational packaging of the news, and the journalistic integrity of these outlets is highly suspect.

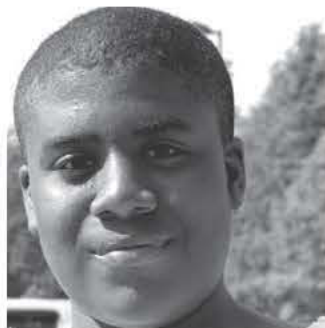
Members of the news media know the industry is waning, and perhaps that's why Tim Russert's death is such an event. Those vested in quality journalism fear there may never be another like him.

-Christopher Kromphardt is a senior political science major.

Photo Poll: What are your plans for the 4th of July?

Katie Kaye
Lamont, IL

“I'm going to downtown Chicago to watch fireworks at the Navy Pier.”

Devaughn Davis
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“I'm going to chill with my family.”

Cheslynn Litke
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“I'll be at a softball tournament out of state.”

Jesse Cuddy
Charleston, IL

“I'll be out in Colorado to see my brother.”

Jury finds former Illinois officer guilty

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. ---- A former Bloomington police sergeant whose home computer contained depictions of violent sex forced on women was convicted Wednesday of raping four women and stalking a fifth toward the end of his 17-year law enforcement career.

Jurors in Bloomington deliberated over parts of three days before convicting Jeff Pelo on 35 counts, including 25 of aggravated sexual assault.

Pelo, who spent much of the trial looking at the table in front of him and taking notes, shook his head and sobbed as the verdict was read. His wife, Rickilee, yelled and ran from the court with the couple's three teenage children.

She later apologized for her outburst but insisted to reporters: "They've got the wrong man."

"I feel badly for the victims," she added. "I stand behind my husband. I know my husband is not guilty."

Defense attorneys had argued Pelo was a wrongfully accused man arrested on flimsy evidence. The six men and six women jurors reached their decision despite a lack of DNA or similar forensic evidence linking Pelo directly to the rapes, acknowledged prosecutor Mark Messman, who added he was pleased for the victims.

"There was no smoking gun; (but) there were several very strong pieces of evidence," he said.

Messman said he would expect jurors had varying reasons for finding Pelo guilty.

"I wouldn't be surprised if you polled the jurors...if you got 12 different responses, or three or four different responses," he said.

Defense attorney Michael

Rosenblat said he likely would appeal.

He planned to file motions arguing Circuit Judge Robert Freitag shouldn't have let jurors view pornographic images found on Pelo's home computer, and should have let Rosenblat call an expert witness to testify about the reliability of eye-witness identification of suspects.

"I believed before opening statements and I believe today that Jeff is not guilty," Rosenblat said.

The most serious charges against Pelo carry sentences of up to 45 years in prison, and prosecutors have said the 43-year-old could spend the rest of his life behind bars after his Aug. 12 sentencing.

Pelo was charged in the rapes of four women between 2002 and 2005 and the stalking of a fifth woman.

Gov. Blagojevich monitors flood levels

The Associated Press

PLEASANT HILL, Ill. ---- Kathy Gates lived in Grafton during the devastating 1993 floods and lost her house and everything in it. Now she lives here, about 50 miles to the northwest, and she's counting on the levees to hold back raging Mississippi flood waters coursing south through Illinois.

The anticipation of possibly going through another flood is almost too much for Gates to bear.

"I cry every day," the 56-year-old said Wednesday.

Gates has spent the last few days at a sandbag site at the Pike County fair grounds despite recent back surgery that means the only work she can do is tying white sand bags with green twine.

But she can't seem to tear herself away.

"I don't want them to go through what I went through," Gates said about her family and friends.

Gates was at the sandbagging site in Pleasant Hill, about five miles west of the river, when Gov. Rod Blagojevich visited during a daylong tour of flood-ravaged areas.

The governor sat riveted to a helicopter window during an aerial tour of areas north and south of Quincy.

"I've never seen that kind of flooding before," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

He added an ominous note, saying, "It's going to get worse." In anticipation that flooding will hit communities down the river in days to come, Blagojevich also announced Wednesday that a separate Illinois Emergency Management command center will be set up in Alton, in the Metro East area.

Blagojevich on Wednesday also checked out breached levees near Meyer and the Indian Grave system. At both breaches, the grayish brown water poured in and spilled out across the land — dipping in places like a waterfall.

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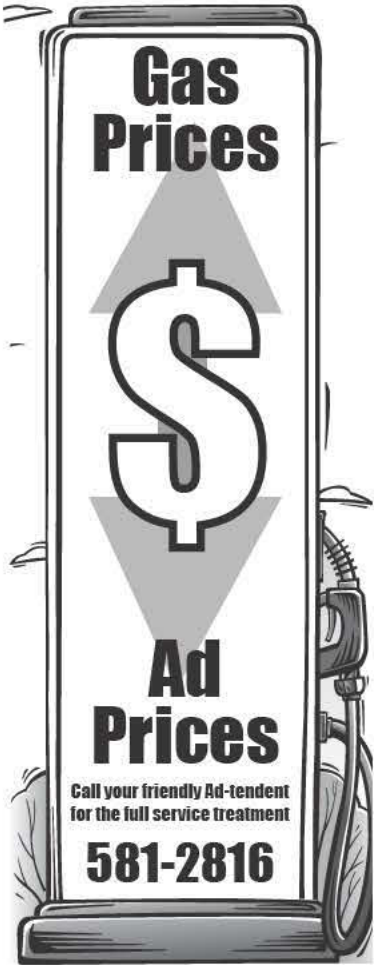
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If a batter received four balls, then an at-bat would start over one time for the batter.

Schmitz also said that the Panthers have had some current players on the team play for the showcase in the past.

"We've had freshman pitcher, Zach Carney, come out before along with freshman outfielder, Neil Wright," Schmitz said.

Spoof Football Camp

Yesterday was senior Adam Baker's first and only day of football camp.

The Champaign Central native was here for the one-day portion of the camp.

The linebacker, long snapper and fullback decided to come to the Eastern football camp because of the Panthers' reputation.

"They have an awesome football team," Baker said.

Baker said that he is looking into a future career at Eastern, but also has other schools in mind.

"I'm looking at all of the state schools, like Eastern and Illinois (Champaign Urbana)," Baker said.

According to Baker, his favorite part about coming to camp is getting his name out there. If he works hard enough he just might catch the eye of camp director Roc Bellantoni.

Bellantoni has been with the Panthers for seven years as the defensive coordinator, linebackers coach and assistant head coach.

Bellantoni's favorite part about the camp is the players' intensity.

"We've got kids coming in for only a day, so they bring intensity to try to get noticed," Bellantoni said.

One challenge to some of the athletes at the camp is that they are playing with a whole new team.

"We only have two teams with us at this camp, DuQuoin and Casey-

Westfield," Bellantoni said. "The rest we call the Panthers."

The Panthers are the other athletes who get thrown together to form different teams to play against each other.

"It's pretty neat to watch them all come together," Bellantoni said. "By the end of camp, kids are exchanging phone numbers and e-mail addresses."

Baker said that it takes time getting used to the other players.

"There's no chemistry," Baker said. "But it works out eventually."

However, there is more to the camp than coming together and getting noticed.

The players also get informed about NCAA rules.

"We have a recruiting seminar, and we also talk to the kids about the regulations for the (NCAA) clearinghouse," Bellantoni said. "Basically everything we do has to be NCAA compliant."

Student-athletes who want to compete at the collegiate level must fill out a form with the NCAA clearinghouse. In order to be eligible to play at the collegiate level you must meet the standards of the clearinghouse. The standards are that a student-athlete must graduate high school and have a GPA of at least 2.00 in a core curriculum of thirteen academic subjects. Student-athletes must also achieve a minimum score on the ACT or SAT. For the ACT, the score is between 37 and 86, and 820 and 1010 on the SAT.

The football camp has also produced some current players at Eastern.

"We usually get one or two (players) from the camp," Bellantoni said.

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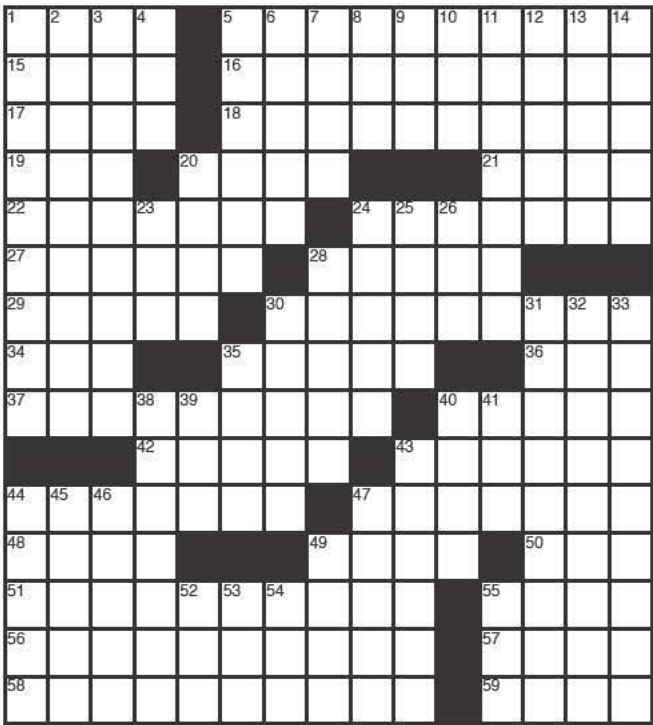
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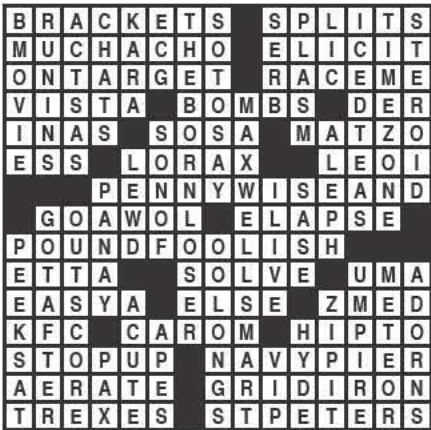
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 - 5 Play for which Julie Harris won the 1952 Tony for Best Actress
 - 15 Galley output
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 - 17 Burdens on some shoulders
 - 18 Something damned with faint praise, in British lingo
 - 19 Navigation abbreviation
 - 20 Desktop accessory
 - 21 Married woman abroad
 - 22 Drones
 - 24 Call
 - 27 Old-style call to arms
 - 28 Kind of skeleton or symmetry
 - 29 Like Olympic races
 - 30 Rhapsodize
 - 34 Ending like -like
 - 35 Torpedoes
 - 36 Syst. of unspoken words
 - 37 Song title followed by the lyric "Lovers say that in France"
- DOWN
- 40 Gunsmith Remington
 - 42 Croaking flier
 - 43 Cousin of the sandpiper
 - 44 Titular author of two books of the Bible
 - 47 Swedish soprano noted for her Wagnerian roles
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 - 49 Synthetic
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Panthers to face Purdue

Panthers face elite opponent first time in years

By Bob Bajek
Sports Reporter

The women's soccer team will face an old foe in 2008.

The Panthers are scheduled to play powerhouse Purdue University for the first time in six years.

Eastern's last game against the Boilermakers was a November 15, 2002, loss in the Nation Collegiate Athletic Association College Cup, 2-1.

Head women's soccer coach Tim Nowak said he personally knows the coaches at Purdue, and talks frequently with them. He was able to pencil in the Boilermakers on Aug. 26 at West Lafayette, Ind.

According to the Rating Percentage Index- a combination of a team's winning percentage, opponents average winning percentage and their opponents winning percentage- Purdue was ranked 43 in 2006 and 13 in 2007 out of 314 teams.

Eastern has been ranked 204 and 161 the past two seasons, respectively.

In the last three years, Purdue's scoring has nearly doubled from 35 goals forced in 2005 to 65 goals last season. Purdue also passes extremely well with 57 assists last season.

The Boilermakers defense allowed just 12 goals and 11 assists last year while opponents' shot percentage was a meager .059.

Despite Purdue's credentials, Nowak said his team will benefit from playing an accomplished opponent.

"In order to play well in conference, you have to play the toughest teams to be best prepared physically and mentally," Nowak said. "Non-conference teams show us different skills."



File Photo

Freshman forward Rachel Hamilton makes a move past an opponent during the 2007-2008 season.

The Panthers will also face Northern Illinois University in the Northern Illinois Tournament on Aug. 29. This will be their first match since 1996 when the Panthers won 4-1.

Nowak said that many Panthers and Huskies players know each other.

"It's nice to play teams in state," Nowak said. "It maybe provides something extra (to the game)."

One team that is consistently on Eastern's schedule is Illinois State University. The Redbirds have won four out of five contests against the Panthers in the last five years.

Nowak said he isn't worried about this trend continuing. He noted that three of those losses were one-goal games.

"They don't do anything special against us," he said. "It shows we both are good teams that are competitive."

In the past three seasons, the Panthers haven't scored more than 26 goals a year with only 18 goals scored in 2005. Nowak said that his team doesn't have a defensive or offensive style of play. He builds around the strengths of the personnel he has.

Nowak did say he hopes the Pan-

thers will play good defense. Defense is the key to gaining more attacks, he said.

Eastern has a balanced team with eight recruits, while having nine juniors and seniors on the team. Nowak hopes that his team would come together in a short training camp.

"We have only two weeks before we play," he said. "We have to gel and know our roles before the season."

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TENNIS | UPDATE

Tennis gains international talent

Frey, Milgert bring first class talent

By Bob Bajek
Sports Reporter

Head tennis coach John Blackburn has won the international lottery with acquiring foreign student-athlete standouts, Juliana Frey and Matyas Hilgert, to complete the 2008-2009 recruiting class.

Frey is a talented player from Brazil who competed in the 18-and-under division. She ranked as high as the third best player in the country and will move to America to join the women's squad at Eastern.

Blackburn was notified by his Brazilian contact, Mauricio Cabrini, about Frey. The coach never saw her play live, but he viewed a video of Frey's play, and liked what he saw.

"She's a player with a lot of talent, and she should be able to help us right away," Blackburn said.

Other schools pursued Frey, but Blackburn said she didn't inform him of who they were.

According to the website, Tennis-Core, Frey competed in the Copa Gerdau and Banana Bowl Tournaments this past March. However, she struggled in these international tournaments by losing in the first rounds.

Hilgert, the men's team recruit, is a Czech Republic native. He was ranked 70th in his country's 18-and-under division and 215th in the senior division. He has also won several national titles.

Blackburn also had a contact in the Czech Republic with Hilgert's recruiting coordinator, who provided the recruit's contact information.

"I was impressed with his rankings and results in the Czech Republic and the video he provided," Blackburn said.

Frey finalizes the women's tennis recruiting. Blackburn signed Shannon Brooks of Aurora, Annie Egan of Rochester and Amanda Dibbs of Allentown, Penn.

On the men's side, Drew Grimaldi of Saginaw, Mich., and Brendan Pontow of Orland Park join Hilgert as future Panthers.

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SUMMER CAMPS | UPDATE

Killing two birds with one stone

Athletic camps help high school athletes attain skills, catch recruiters' eyes

By Molly Clutter
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Eastern's athletic camps are more than just about teaching high school kids the game.

They are also about recruiting, skills, and informing athletes about the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

This week the four big athletic camps on campus are tennis, track & field, football, and baseball.

Baseball Showcase

The Eastern Baseball Showcase Camp was a one-day camp for high school athletes only.

This one-day camp was put on only for players graduating in 2009



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Brett Herberer slides into third base during the baseball camp's hitting practice Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

through 2012.

The camp was composed of 88 players who were split up into four

different teams: black, grey, white and blue.

The baseball camp first started

with an hour instruction from the coaches.

Then the players hit and fielded to work on their skills.

The teams who were playing in the first game had a pre-game, which consisted of more fielding and hitting.

This same process was repeated for the next game.

Before their games started, each player had a one-on-one session with the coaches to talk about NCAA rules.

"It's a win-win situation," baseball head coach Jim Schmitz said. "They go home learning about the game. We also get to do a little bit on NCAA recruiting rules, and we get to see them live."

A complete game included nine innings, with only five batters for each team an inning.

Each pitcher faced five batters, and there are no official walks.

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CURRENT INTERNATIONAL TENNIS ATHLETES

Men's Team
Felipe Gamae
• Natal, Brazil

Vuk Milicevic
• Norma Valley,
South Africa

Women's Team
Sandra Sasidharan
• Chennai, India