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SUMMER CAMP



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Energizing Emerging Entrepreneurs Camp compete in a team-building exercise where they have to synchronize steps while racing on Monday at the Campus Pond. The campers had a chance to win money Wednesday by giving formal business presentations on theoretical products they had developed.

E3 teaches about business

Students compete to present their business ideas

By Seth Schroeder  
News Editor

High school students visiting Eastern for the Energizing Emerging Entrepreneurs camp this week had a chance to win \$100 for a business presentation they develop.

E3 was sponsored by the Business Solution Center at Eastern as well as several local businesses. The campers arrived Sunday and participated in various activities until they gave their presentations Wednesday.

Jeanne Dau, the camp’s director and director of the Business Solution Center, said the presentations are similar to the TV show “Shark Tank,” where different teams compete to earn funding from entrepreneurial judges.

“The whole premise is if you have \$100,000, what business would you start,” Dau said.

She said the winning team’s students each received \$100.

Dalton Painter, a 14-year-old from Newton, and Sarah Locke, a 16-year-old from Strasburg, said their team’s product was transition glass for windows in buildings.

They said the windows would be like transition sunglasses, turning dark in the presence of bright light and clearer with minimal light.

Locke said the windows would help conserve energy by keeping houses cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

Painter said he came up with the idea while staring at the blinds in the room.

“I thought, ‘Why not get rid of the blinds?’” he said.

Both Painter and Locke said they had siblings attend the camp in previous years and that the camp sounded like fun.

“It’s been a whole lot of fun so far,” Painter said.

Dau said the campers participate in numerous games and activities in order for them to learn through doing.

“It’s not all about business,” Dau

said. “It’s about creativity, problem-solving and passions.”

She said the camp also has several regional entrepreneurs visit to speak to the campers. Sunday’s speakers were open to the public and included Jack Schultz, CEO of Agracel, and David Orr of fruper.com.

Locke said she found the speakers to be very inspiring.

Dau said some Eastern faculty also gives talks on the entrepreneurial activities they are involved in.

She said the theme this year was to be interdependent and to show those participating that they do not have to do everything on their own to be successful.

Dau said she has seen many students participating in the camp come back to Eastern. She said the new business education options have helped recruit students from the camp.

“It’s a good pipeline into the entrepreneurship minor,” she said.

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CAMPUS

BOT to vote on FY ’13 budget

By Seth Schroeder  
News Editor

Members of the Board of Trustees will meet to approve the budget for Eastern’s Fiscal Year ’13 during their meeting 1 p.m. Monday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The proposed budget would allocate around \$16 million of federal financial aid to students. About \$400,000 less would be allocated than in FY ’12.

Jerry Donna, director of the financial aid office, said despite the decrease in aid there will not be a smaller percentage of students receiving access to funds.

“As our enrollment drops, we can’t pull in as much money for federal aid,” Donna said. “There are less people accessing those funds.”

Donna said this does not reflect the institution’s attitude to giving aid to students. The administration has expressed a greater desire to help students and put more funds in aid, he said.

Donna said funding situations are going to get better for incoming students as there is a recent push to give out merit scholarships to them.

“This is something we need to do,” Donna said. “It’s the right thing to do. The administration recognizes it’s a time where more students need (aid) in order to go to school.”

During their meeting, the board will also vote on potentially adding a Master of Sciences in sustainable energy degree.

Ryan Siegel, campus energy and

sustainability coordinator, said the degree would be a part of a new, versatile curriculum.

“We’re expecting a very broad student base,” Siegel said. “Whether that be philosophy to psychology, or be it physics to chemistry, or even the arts.”

He said the program would be cross-curricular with 10 or more departments involved. Through the program, he said students could study different renewable energy sources, the science of energy conversion, the entrepreneurship and economic aspects of renewable energy, as well as several other fields.

Siegel said students will have some flexibility in the program based on their interests so they can better use their chosen skill set in the field of renewable energy.

He said the program would include not only classes but potentially an internship and job-shadowing at the Renewable Energy Center as well.

At the meeting the board will also:

- Discuss labor agreements
- Vote to approve the contract of Lee Buchanan, the new women’s head basketball coach
- Review internal auditing charter revisions
- Discuss the building location of the new Center for Clean Energy Research and Education
- Revise the Tarble Arts Center code of ethics
- Review the 2013 board meeting calendar

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CITY

Ike's getting facelift

By Marcus Smith  
Online Editor

Andrew Phipps, new owner of Ike’s, 409 Lincoln Ave., said he is renovating and cleaning the bar to keep the feel of the atmosphere.

“It was in pretty beat-up shape and just needed some care,” Phipps said.

He said he is going to keep the old floor plan. Phipps said he plans to replace booths, fix and repaint the walls, place new tile and do various other small projects.

He said his father and brothers are doing the work, which began June 1, and they are hoping to reopen in time for the Red, White and Blue Days.

“We’ve been just slowly grinding away and getting everything done step-by-step,” Phipps said. “I’ve been there almost everyday.”

Phipps said he started out managing Ike’s before buying it, and he is looking forward to the experience.

He said he hopes to be open through the Fourth of July week, as well as the weekends for the rest of the summer.

“I plan on having an event in the fall to kind of open for the new management and to get the Eastern students to come back,” Phipps said.

He said he is looking forward to reopening Ike’s.


“I’m just excited, I hope the students come back in the fall and enjoy the changes and bring the kind of atmosphere that Ike’s has had this last year.”

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## CORRECTION

In the photo for the article "BOT discusses new challenges for Eastern" in the June 19 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, William Weber's position at Eastern was incorrect. He is the vice president for business affairs.  
*The News* regrets this error.

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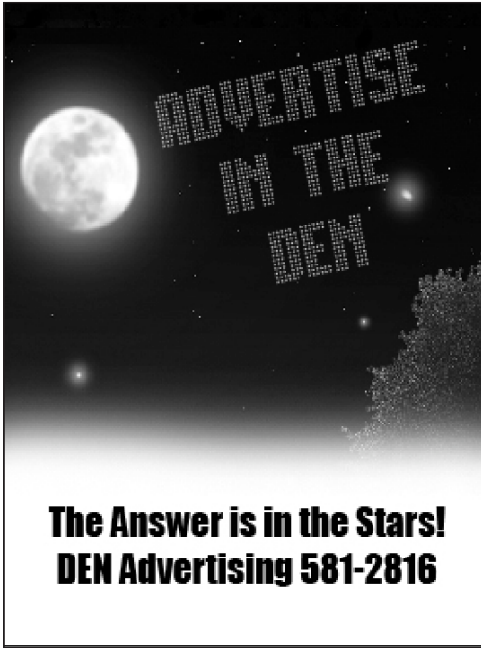
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## Veggies of one's labor



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Charleston residents Curtis Uphoff and his grandfather, Ron Uphoff, arrange sweet corn cobs in the back of their pickup truck Wednesday at the farmers market on the square in Charleston. The men grow the sweet corn north of Fairgrange and have been selling their crops at the farmers market for 16 years. The farmers market began June 6 and takes place from 6 to 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday until Oct. 10.

## SUMMER CAMPS

# Girls State teaches importance of relationships, diversity

By John Downen  
Opinions Editor

When Colleen Staudenmaier first came to Charleston, she did not expect to run for state governor.

The Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program at Eastern gives high school students a chance to participate in a week of mock state government.

Staudenmaier, a senior at Mount Zion High School, applied for the program after her high school counselor suggested she participate.

Three days after arriving on Eastern's campus, Staudenmaier was already amid a campaign for the program's gubernatorial position.

"When I first came here, I wanted to be a top position," Staudenmaier said. "My city completely supported me and really helped me."

The 410 girls participating in this year's Girls State are divided into smaller groups called "counties," Staudenmaier .

For the larger government roles, a candidate must have 10 people from their county sign a petition, as well as another 15 people from outside their county.

Candidates must complete their petition in four hours, and because all participants can only vote once, Staudenmaier said finding signatures is sometimes difficult.

"I just stood outside the dining hall and asked people to sign my petition, although it was difficult because a lot of people had already voted or promised to vote for someone

else," Staudenmaier said.

She said the first person to turn in their petition is rewarded with the top spot on the ballot.

Staudenmaier won Wednesday's primary elections, beating out around nine other candidates, she said.

She said she hopes to win the final election.

By winning the program's governor spot, Staudenmaier said she hopes to learn how state and local governments operate from an interactive point of view.

She also said that the governor, as well as two party leaders, is allowed to attend Girls State the following year, which she said would be exciting.

Staudenmaier said she plans to use her experience at Girls State at an Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring, where she said she plans to study engineering and hopefully fly planes.

"Eighty percent of people who come here get into military academies," she said. "This program is a great way to understand how government works."

Celeste Aguzino, a senior from Downers Grove, agreed with Staudenmaier's claim.

"The program has really taught me the power of relationships," Aguzino said.

Still in high school, Aguzino has already participated in a variety of government agencies, including a jury for juvenile defenders and the Downer's Grove's Village Commission for Transit Parking, of which she



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Colleen Staudenmaier and Celeste Aguzino pose with the Girls State banner. Aguzino is running for the program's Secretary of State spot, and Staudemaier is campaigning to be governor their election will be this evening.

is a voting member.

Aguzino is currently campaigning for the program's secretary of state role and hopes to translate her experiences at Girls State into the political realm.

"I always enjoyed political science and history, and it's very interesting to come here and apply the skills I've learned in school," Aguzino said.

She said she hopes to pursue a liberal arts degree, possibly in political science or pre-law, from George Washington University after graduation.

Both Aguzino and Staudenmaier agreed the program has taught them valuable lessons and said their abilities to network have greatly improved over the last few days.

Staudenmaier said the biggest les-

son learned thus far has been the importance of being relevant among your community, as well as always trying to make new relationships.

Aguzino agreed that being well known is important in politics, but said the camp has taught her a lot about people.

"I think the biggest thing I learned was about diffusing stereotypes," Aguzino said.

"Even though people are diverse, people really are similar," she said. "We all have similar interests and experiences, and that's what I've really taken away from the program."

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## CAMPUS



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Students participating in the Summer Institute for Higher Learning program study Wednesday in Booth Library. The students are all recent high school graduates who will live on campus during the length of the program to get a taste of college life.

# Program gives opportunity to high school graduates

**By Tenicha Hudson**  
Staff Reporter

Summer Institute for Higher Learning kicked off Monday for high school graduates wanting to pursue their college career at Eastern for the fall.

The five-week program allows 53 high school students who have already applied to Eastern but have to take courses that will determine if they will be admitted the Fall 2012 semester. The students were accepted into the program by the admissions office based on their ACT score, GPA and ACT writing score.

Taisha Mikell, program director, said the program is a bridge that gives students who just missed the requirements the opportunity to attend Eastern.

The students are taking two courses, six credit hours, this summer that will count towards their credits for the school year if they are admitted.

"All the students are required to take the English 1001 course. Half of the students are taking Cultural Geography 1100, and the other half are taking Introductory to Sociology 1838," said Merry Lucas, assistant program coordinator of the program.

Students have the choice to take the

intro of the geography or the cultural geography courses.

While the program will help students, there are requirements that students must meet.

"In order to be accepted into Eastern, the students must maintain a 2.5 GPA, and I believe the students are going to maintain that," Lucas said.

Jeff Cross, associate vice president for academic affairs, came up with the idea, Mikell said.

"This program has been in the works for a few years. A variety of offices, including the student success center, came together to start the program," Lucas said.

Students are living in Andrews Hall, where their day starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The peer learning assistants are there to help them every step of the way.

There are five undergraduate peer learning assistance that go to class with the students. They also help the students find resources, Lucas said.

The peer learning assistants are in class with the students, helping them with student success courses and seminar classes.

Jessica Rhymes, a senior psychology major, said the peer learning assistants

help with supplemental instructions such as note taking and test taking skills. So, during study tables if the students need help they are able to receive help from the assistants because they know the information as well.

The peer learning assistance are also for the students when having personal problems. In the fall, the five undergraduates will become their mentors, helping them with their first year of college.

"The most important thing is teaching them the difference between high school and college by helping them to adjust to college," Rhymes said.

Students moved in on Sunday, when they had orientation, and will be here until July 21. Classes started Tuesday. They do have to pay room and board as well as tuition for the classes they are taking.

Mario McCart, a senior sociology major, said the program is a real way to help students succeed.

"This program is giving students a chance who were not admitted in schools that they have applied to," said McCart.

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## CITY

# Douglas Hart to host photography workshop

**By Seth Schroeder**  
News Editor

Photographers of all ages will get the chance to practice their skills or learn the basics of taking pictures Friday.

Robert Wiseman, award-winning photographer and professor of library services at Eastern, will be teaching a workshop on photography starting at 9 a.m. at the Douglas Hart Nature Center, 2204 Dewitt Ave. E., Mattoon.

Wiseman said he plans to work with those attending individually. He said he will go over the basics of using a camera, give those attending a chance to take pictures at the center and then go over the pictures they took.

"It will be a fun kind of thing, nothing complicated," Wiseman said. "It will be hopefully simple and interesting for those who attend."

Recently Wiseman had two photos accepted and one photo honored at the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association.

He said he has been involved with photography all his life.

"I've practically done everything in photography," Wiseman said.

He said he is interested to meet those who have signed up for the workshop and plans to tailor things to their interests. He said he finds there are always people in a community interested in photography.

"I want people to use their cameras as sort of a fun day," Wiseman said.

Jennifer Tariq, the education director at Douglas Hart, said the center has had workshops before, but this is the first time they have had Wiseman visit.

She said the workshop will consist of both classroom work and field work. Participants will take macro, or close-up, shots and landscape photos, she said.

Tariq said the workshop will be open to adults and children, though the employees of the center prefer if children are accompanied by an adult. She said the workshop is expected to end around noon.

Wiseman said there are currently

five people signed up for the workshop. Tariq said they expect more and there are still spots open. Since they want Wiseman to work with participants individually they do not want to sign up too many people.

"We don't like big crowds," Tariq said.

She said during the end of the workshop, participants will download their photos and share them with each other.

"They'll go over what worked and what didn't work," Tariq said.

Wiseman said he will bring his computer, printer and other necessary equipment for the workshop. He said participants will likely get the chance to make prints of the better photos they have taken.

He said since the workshop is aimed at being simple and straightforward, participants do not need an expensive camera.

"Most people have simple cameras, which will work just fine for what I have planned," Wiseman said. "My camera equipment is probably overkill for 99 percent of the people, I suppose. Whatever they have that works for them, that's what they need to have."

Wiseman said running a workshop is not something he has done before, though he has wanted to do it for a long time. He said he is glad to be able to do it this summer.

"Summertime is a nice time because there are so many things to take pictures of," Wiseman said. "It's a better time, more possibilities and such."

He said the nature center is also an excellent place to take photos of.

"It's quite nice," Wiseman said. "People should really take advantage of it."

Registration for the workshop costs \$5 and proceeds go to help fund the Douglas Hart Nature Center. Wiseman said he will try and find a place for anyone without the money to register.

Those interested can call the center at 217-235-4644.

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## CITY

# Council votes to close streets for Fourth celebrations

**By Marcus Smith**  
Online Editor

The Charleston City Council on Tuesday voted to close several streets for Independence Day celebrations and approved the purchase of a new sewer jet truck for the city.

The council also approved a permanent easement to lay a water service line and voted to grant tourism funds for upcoming events.

The council voted unanimously to approve a raffle license and street closings for Red, White and Blue Days and Habitat for Humanity's Four on the Fourth Foot Race:

### July 3-4, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

- Pierce Avenue from Division Street to Second Street
- Division Street from Pierce Avenue to Lincoln Avenue

### July 4, 7-11 a.m.

- First Street from Polk Avenue to Pierce Avenue

### July 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Polk Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street
- Monroe Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street
- Jackson Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street
- Seventh Street from Jackson to Avenue to Monroe Avenue
- Sixth Street from Monroe Avenue to Polk Avenue
- Division Street from Polk Avenue to Grant Avenue

The council also voted to approve the purchase of a new sewer jet truck from Vac-Con. Mayor John Inyart said the truck will better suit the needs of Charleston.

Inyart said the truck is used to clear gutted pipes through the use of suction or high-powered water

blasts. The truck can also be used to cut roots that might obstruct the city's pipelines, he said.

Inyart said the city is getting \$45,000 trade-in value for the old sewer jet truck and the new one will cost \$252,000, which will be financed locally at around 3 percent interest.

He said council members looked at two trucks with two different companies before deciding on the Van-Con sewer jet truck.

"I think we have determined that many of these features are going to be advantageous to the operators as well as extend the life of the equipment," Inyart said.

The council also approved an easement costing \$655,000 to pay residents for the use of their property on Kimberly Drive to lay the water service line.

The water service line will run to

the VFW Park, 1821 20th St.

The council also approved a raffle license for the Brian Wilkerson Charity Fund Spirit Run June 23 at Lefty's Holler. The charity will be raising funds to buy awnings for local athletics.

The council also voted to approve two expenditures from the tourism funds: \$650 for the East Central Antique Farm Equipment Show July 20-22 and \$400 for the Coles County Airport Airshow Aug. 25.

"The sole purpose of that fund (tourism fund) is to promote more overnight stays in Charleston," Inyart said.

The tourism fund is funded through taxes on hotel room stays.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Online courses not threats to true education

Of all the inventions, wars and historical turning points, finding one definitive accomplishment of the 20th century proves to be a difficult task.

One could point to the invention of the automobile, or the forming of the United Nations.

Hitler's Nazi Germany irreparably changed the world, as did countless other people ideas.

However, despite the many great advancements of the 20th century, one could very well argue that the crowning achievement of the last hundred years is an intangible asset.

The evolution of the Internet has played a large role in the globalization of economics, politics and familiarization.

While it would be asinine to argue against the countless advantages of the Internet, that does not mean that every second of life need be put online.

With that being said, the news that companies like Udacity, who offer free enrollment to collegiate-level courses, detracting students from actual college campuses seems preposterous.

Granted, there are a handful of advantages of holding classes online. For many, the convenience of online classes works to the advantage of their often-busy schedules, and considering the weak economic state of the country at the moment, online classes seem a cheap alternative.

It would be unfair to argue that all online courses are ineffective. There are many advantages of using the Internet as a tool for education.

However, companies like Udacity are not, nor will they ever be, as effective in educating students as actual campus classes.

Real education and intellectualism is not enhanced through a computer screen, nor can it flourish without sincere and diverse discussion and debate.

Relegating education to an online discussion group may help a student earn credit hours, or offer them some basic insight on a subject. However, it does little to enhance critical thinking skills or unique thought.

William Weber, Eastern's vice president for business affairs, recently stated that companies like Udacity are "turning the tuition model on its head."

According to Weber, courses offered by Udacity can sometimes enroll up to 160,000 students per class, all at no expense. This, he said, creates significant competition for universities around the country.

Unfortunately for most universities, technological advances in the last century have significantly changed their business models. However, online classes lack the most important and crucial aspects of the college experience—experience itself.

True learning does not come from textbooks and Google searches, but from discussion and examination. Students can learn some basic theories and perspectives through online classes, but at the end of the day, their ideas will remain unchallenged and consequently stagnant.

Eastern should be worried about the effect of online companies like Udacity, but only to a certain degree—real students possessing true integrity would never relegate their learning to a laptop and a textbook, and if universities can retain those people, online classes pose little threat.

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COLUMN

## Everything was political and nothing hurt

My dad once told me that "everything is political."

Quite young and quite naïve, this claim didn't sit well with me.

However, as my knowledge of politics evolved past blind faith in Jon Stewart and an occasional reading of *The New York Times*, my dad's words struck me with serious pessimism. Faith in politics seemed a pointless venture—government serves its own interests, not those of the people.

Having slowly cultivated my father's mindset, President Obama's new immigration policy left a sour taste in my mouth.

The policy allows illegal immigrants under 30 to work in the U.S. without fear of deportation, provided they were brought here before the age of 16, have clean criminal records, are enrolled in/have completed high school or have served in the military.

While I agreed with the policy, I was still saddened by what seemed a purely political move.

The policy gave optimism for 800,000 people, yet still seemed another futile attempt to grab votes come November.

However, after scrutinizing the actual ramifications of Obama's policy, my quest for political integrity found some much-needed silver lining.

Come November, roughly eight states will decide who our president is, and while Obama's move seems political, it realistically gives him little advantage.

The assumption is that these swing-states can be taken through the Latino vote, and that by showing sympathy to illegal immigrants, Obama can cruise to another term.



John Downen

This is simply not the case.

In the 2008 election, the influence of the Latino vote in swing states was dismal. Of the eight current swing states, Latino voters accounted for an average 3 percent of each state's total polling.

In 2008, one-third of that 3 percent voted for John McCain, indicating that appeal to Latino voters is not absolutely necessary to winning a state.

In fact, the two states considered "tipping points" this year have less than average Latino voter turnout, and while these votes do matter, they don't drastically alter the state's final vote.

"But what if Obama is trying to motivate other Latinos to go and vote for him?"

In the last election, 68 percent of Latino voters saw immigration policy as "very important."

While that number seems high, roughly one-third of Latinos still voted Republican.

These numbers imply that while immigration is important to the Latino population, it's hardly the crux of their voting patterns.

Ultimately, Obama's policy may bring one or two more voters to the polls, but it probably won't affect current trends.

If this policy was indeed only political, then

we can assume one of the following:

Either the Obama campaign can't access basic PEW Research data, or they are severely misinformed on their standing with Latino voters. Obama fan or not, it'd be hard to argue for such incompetency.

The fact remains that this policy helps the country more than it does the President.

Don't agree with me? Let's ask the staunchest of the Republican base:

Bill Kristol: "It's the right thing to do, actually."

Joe Trippi: "The policy's the right one."

Karl Rove: "Relatively narrow, but compassionate policy." (Didn't see that coming did you?)

Yes, this policy is a short-term fix to a much larger problem.

Yes, it could possibly (although not likely) help grab Latino votes.

Yes, its timing was convenient for Obama's campaign.

But no, it won't be a "game-changer" come November.

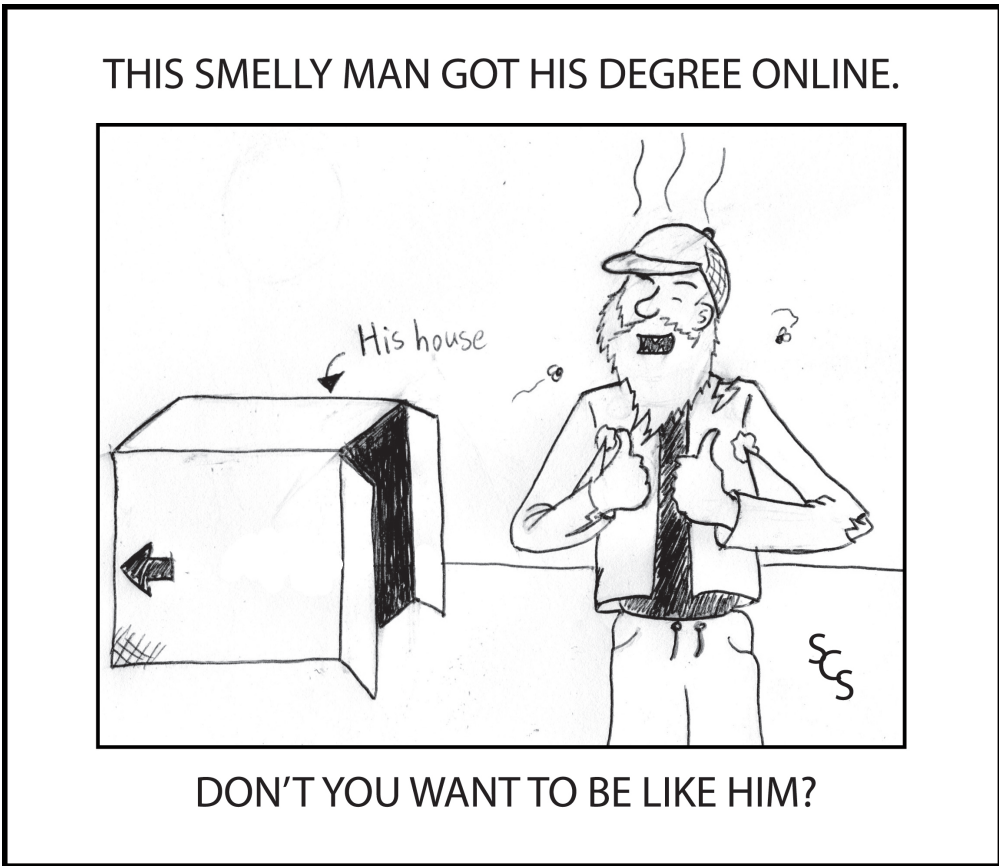
Label this move a "political act" until your face turns blue, but the general consensus seems to favor it. Either way, sensible policy has finally emerged from Washington, and that alone is worth celebrating.

As for my dad's words of wisdom, I still stand by them.

However, while everything *is* political, that doesn't mean everything is bad.

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FROM THE EASEL



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Disagreements blown out of proportion

During the 1950s Joseph McCarthy, a World War II veteran and a senator from Wisconsin, from his Senate Committee vigorously investigated individuals in search of their possible Communist affiliation.

Some might say he and others were "finding" Communists under every rock.

In today's post 1960s America, disagreements and conflicts emerge among the different races in America.

If we are to "get along," then we need to

cease finding a racist under every rock, as some seem to be doing.

This is especially important in a presidential election year when one of the candidates is of African descent.

Disagreements between the candidates over public policy are just that, disagreements.

People who support certain public policies do so from the conviction that they are better for Americans as a whole, that the

people both today and tomorrow are better served this way and not that way.

By looking for racists where there are none we are distracted, overlooking the real issues about the economy, spending, and taxes.

Very truly yours,

*Leonidas H. Miller*

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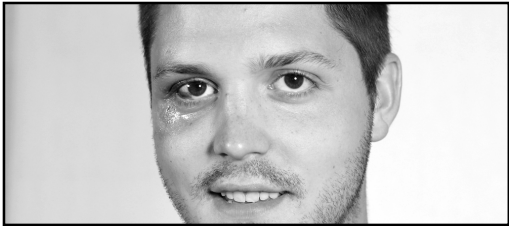
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Movie Review



John Downen

‘That’s My Boy’ somehow funny

Still recuperating from his most recent big screen disaster “Jack and Jill,” “That’s My Boy,” seems another futile attempt by Adam Sandler to reclaim his long-lost respect and credibility.

I have to say I was hesitant to see the film, and for good reason.

It seems that Sandler has lost touch with the comedic base of his early career, choosing to resort to crude humor as a means of staying relevant.

“That’s My Boy,” also starring Andy Samberg, received mostly gloomy reviews, making a dismal \$13 million in its opening weekend (to put that in perspective, “Jack and Jill” made \$25 million.)

For the most part, however, Sandler fans seem to disagree with the critics, rating it significantly higher than most professional reviews.

Both respective camps are justified in their claims, though.

“That’s My Boy” is a testament to the recent downfall of Sandler’s career, playing on immature and physical humor to generate cheap laughs.

The film’s plot is predictable, to say the least.

The stereotypical Bostonian accent which Sandler carries throughout the film only draws attention from other characters, and seems a new low in his quest for comedic originality.

The constant barrage of cameos takes away from the plot’s credibility, ultimately resorting to forced laughs and unoriginal characters.

However, at the end of the day, cheap laughs are laughs nonetheless.

While critics may point to the array of the film’s glaring flaws, it still succeeds in its main purpose: entertainment.

Sandler’s accent, while irritating at first, eventually takes a back seat and is virtually unnoticeable by the time credits roll.

The ridiculous amount of cameos, while indicative of the film’s unoriginality, are still somehow hilarious.

Vanilla Ice, who sees a significant amount of screen time, plays on the stereotypical lives of ex-stars after their 15 minutes of fame dry up.

Nick Swardson plays an equally ridiculous strip club pervert, and although his character is absolutely unnecessary, it is the over-the-top scenarios in “That’s My Boy” that make the film surprisingly entertaining.

The thought of New York Jets coach Rex Ryan appearing on the big screen may seem a leap to most moviegoers, yet his role as a New York lawyer with a concerning love for Tom Brady is quite funny.

Samberg’s role is surprisingly refined as well.

Playing Sandler’s nervous, anxiety-ridden son, Samberg moves away from the slapstick comedy that he gave us through Saturday Night Live and his infamous Youtube parodies.

Ultimately, his role is the most successful of the cast, drawing little attention from the plot while remaining subtly entertaining.

Unfortunately, Sandler’s character does little to enhance the humor in “That’s My Boy.”

Instead, it is the ridiculous array of cameos that make the film funny.

Baron Davis, Ciara, Todd Bridges, Dan Patrick—these seemingly innocuous roles grant the film most of its humor.

Without them, “That’s My Boy” wouldn’t be nearly as successful.

The film has some obvious flaws, and for the most sincere Sandler fans, it might only serve as another milestone in Sandler’s fall from comedic grace.

For those hoping for deep and meaningful cinema, I’d stay away from “That’s My Boy”—it’s R-rated immaturity catered to younger and profane audiences.

That being said, “That’s My Boy” is still entertaining.

It may not be worth paying today’s expensive theater ticket prices, but for those seeking cheap laughs and quick entertainment, the film is worth seeing, although I’d wait until it hits Redbox or OnDemand.

And for those still hesitant to rent the movie, remember one thing-- Leighton Meester.

On the Tube



Classic reboot picks up where original left off

Reviewed by Marcus Smith

Christopher and John Ross are still fighting over the same things as their fathers--namely women.

The war is back on in Southfork as a new generation of Ewings are set to pick up where the last generation left off.

As this series starts, the Ewings are out of the oil business and Bobby Ewing is concerned with ranching, while JR Ewing is in a long-term care facility suffering from depression.

For those of you that are new to the series the Ewings are an oil baron family that is well connected.

JR plays the brash, cutthroat businessman, always wheeling and dealing looking to own everything.

Bobby the younger more thoughtful and honest of the Ewing boys, is constantly watching out for the big brother and his shenanigans.

There are backroom deals, espionage and blackmail constantly a foot, and that is where the conflict of the show comes.

It looks to be the recipe the shows producers and directors are going to maintain.

John Ross, who was like 12 last time I remember watching this show, is of course his father’s (JR) son.

He schemes and plots before the sounding of the start of the race.

Christopher, Bobby’s adopted son, is the reliable, big-hearted hero of the story. The conflict appears as though it will

still arise from unseen, dirty tricks and sneaking.

Things are sure to never be dull on the Southfork Ranch.

The series starts back out with John Ross drilling for oil on Southfork, which is and always has been forbidden by the family.

Bobby is looking to sell the ranch to a conservation, in order to make sure that Miss Ely May’s dying wish is kept and the ranch’s resources are preserved free from drilling.

Bobby starts out by visiting JR to confide in him that he wants to buy the hatchet and he doesn’t want Christopher and John Ross to follow down the same road that they did.

Christopher and John Ross are still fighting over the same things as their fathers-- namely women.

And, of course, control of The Ewing Empire.

I like the new series and truly appreciate the fact that it looks like they are going to stick to making the same show they quit making over a decade ago.

I find it refreshing that new Hollywood is doing something old Hollywood did without ruining the themes and tones of the original.

It’s similar, right down to polishing up the old opening credit roll, which took me back to Friday nights as a young child.

It is a definite must watch, and would of given it all four, but it is just reviving an old series and is not original programming.

So sit down, tune in and get hooked. Dallas is waiting.



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22 "Steady \_\_\_\_ goes"

25 Looks for oneself, in a way

30 \_\_\_\_ motel

32 What a walk in the ballpark will get you

33 It's spelled out in an Aretha Franklin hit

34 First satellite to transmit a phone call through space, 1962

38 Cold showers

42 Help board a plane, say

44 Young partner

45 It's spelled out in a Travis Tritt hit

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37 Sorry bunch?

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40 Makes a 46-Down of

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## CONSTRUCTION, from page 8



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A member of Hellas Sports Construction shovels dirt while working on the O'Brien Stadium track Tuesday.

He said before doing construction on the track workers from facilities planning and management performed soil-boring tests to see what was below the track's surface.

Shrake said they found only clay soil beneath the rubber surface and not the rock drainage base that had supposedly been built in 1968.

He said plans for the track originally included a rock base but since it was built before any of the current facilities planning and management employees were at Eastern, they have no knowledge of why it was eliminated.

Bonstetter said he has seen problems resulting from the poor foundation for as long as he can remember.

"There has probably never been proper drainage under that track," he said. "We hope we don't have this problem again."

Shrake said the clay soil would trap water beneath the track and when the temperature rises each year water vapor is driven through the rubber surface causing it to bubble.

He said the rock and drainage tile they will place beneath the track during this construction will allow moisture to go in a different direction and prevent bubbling.

"Now that we know, once we found out why, we're going to do it right," Shrake said.

He said the project first started back in April. Shrake said the project took a break for the IHSA state track competition but it has a target end date of Aug. 8 so the football team can begin practice before the start of the semester.

"There may be some incidentals but at least it will be to the point where they can get out and practice," Shrake said.

He said the football turf in O'Brien will also be replaced during construction.

The field has become worn out and has out lived its lifespan, Shrake said.

He said working on the field at the same time as the track means they do not have to come back in later and protect work they have already done.

Bonstetter said he is excited about the new field and he thinks it will excite the coaches and players.

"That field is over ten-years-old and has taken a lot of abuse," he said. "It's

beyond its years to be honest."

Bonstetter said between the various teams, camps and bands that practice on the field it is in use constantly. He said it has become matted and flat, the logo is wearing away, and it is potentially not safe.

Both Bonstetter and Shrake said much of the construction will make the track and field more NCAA compliant such as the grading and cage of the shot-put and javelin areas.

Shrake they are also moving the long jump and triple jump areas outside of the track and putting them closer to the visitor's stands.

He said this makes the design of the facility cleaner and gives a clear distinction between track and football.

They also plan to put up a retaining wall by the visitor's stands to maintain the grade of the jump areas, he said.

Shrake said they are also going to run the electricity needed for the tailgating area underground. He said in the past they needed to run cables over ground but the new design will make the area cleaner.

Both Shrake and Bonstetter said the construction being done has caused several displacements for groups who normal use the stadium during the summer.

Shrake said he was personally disappointed The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps, a group that practices at Eastern every summer, was not able to perform their normal dress rehearsal at O'Brien.

Bonstetter said the construction has displaced all of Eastern's athletes and the Smith and Walbridge band camps who normal use the field during the summer. He said athletics has been working with the housing and dining department to make sure each group has had a space at Eastern.

"We understand it's an inconvenience," Bonstetter said. "It's progress, it's worth it for something we're working on."

He said the new construction should Eastern one of the best track and field facilities in the Midwest, which will help with recruitment and keep IHSA coming back each year.

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## STATE

# Numbers hint at cost of state pension shift

By The Associated Press

Illinois schools could see costs rise by nearly \$600 million after five years of a plan to make them shoulder the expense of providing pensions for teachers, according to new figures meant to support Gov. Pat Quinn's argument for shifting some state retirement costs to school districts.

But critics remained dubious Tuesday. They said that amount — a small percentage of overall education spending — could still force many districts to cut programs and staff or raise local taxes. They also questioned whether reliable estimates are possible with such a complex, changing issue.

"I don't have any confidence in the upper end of those numbers," said Michael Chamness, a spokesman for the Illinois Association of School Administrators.

Top state officials are trying to come up with a plan to strengthen Illinois' worst-in-the-nation pension systems. There's general agreement on the idea of cutting costs by reducing cost-of-living increases for retirees, but Democratic leaders also want to change the way Illinois provides pensions to teachers and other school employees.

Right now, state government pays

the employer's portion of pension costs for downstate and suburban Chicago schools. Only in Chicago does the local district pay the pension costs of local employees.

Quinn and Democratic legislative leaders want to shift the pension expenses to local districts over a period of years.

Quinn presented figures for two versions of the proposed shift.

Under the more aggressive version, the added cost to school districts would total \$97 million in the first year and reach \$580 million in the fifth year. The shift would be complete in the sixth year, when school costs would be \$625 million above current levels.

Illinois schools spent about \$16.6 billion in local funds during the last full fiscal year, according to the advocacy group Voices for Illinois Children. So that \$625 million works out to about 3.8 percent over six years.

If you consider the shift a cut in state school aid, it would amount to a 9 percent reduction — again over six years.

"The proposal that I believe in will not hurt property taxpayers. It will help taxpayers," Quinn said Tuesday, although he wouldn't discuss the numbers in detail.

The impact of a cost shift is a matter of debate.

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