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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI|DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Field Operations Manager of the State Treasurer Julie Vahling speaks to Charleston residents about possible loans that are available to them to help repair the damages incurred during the storms over the past weeks at the Charleston courthouse Monday evening.

Illinois offers financial relief

Disaster victims meet to discuss options

By Ashlei Maltman
City Reporter

Approximately 17 Coles County residents attended Monday's town hall meeting to get information about financial relief for weather related damages.

er related damages.

The Illinois State Treasurer's office organized the event in the Coles County Courthouse in Charleston and Field Operations Manager Julie Vahling was the delegated official.

She explained how to apply for two possible loan programs worth up to \$100,000 to aid in weather related damages.

Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, and Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, were also in attendance to support Vahling and provide clarification for their constituents.

"The program itself is always available throughout the state of Illinois to respond to a disaster," Rose said.

However, this is the first time the

program has been offered for flood damage in this area, Rose continued.

Vahling's initially asked who in the audience were farmers, but no one raised their hand. She said other residents affected by the storms might not have been informed of the town hall meeting because damages may have caused computer accessibility to be limited. Newspaper and

city Web sites posted various articles and notices about the times and places of the town hall meetings

Many residents in attendance were concerned that cleaning up their property would jeopardize their chances of getting a loan.

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Rare blooming attracts public's eye

Titan Arum flowers on local, national stage

By Kristina Peters
Campus Reporter

The rare Titan Arum plant in the Thut Greenhouse bloomed Saturday after maturing for six and a half years.

Once the plant blooms, it contains fruit that have seeds for reproduction.

Steven Malehorn, manager of the greenhouse, said about 3,000 people have visited the plant since the word got out. The plant bloomed around 1:25 p.m. Saturday and started closing at 5 a.m. Sunday.

It normally takes five to seven years for the plant to bloom and during its vegetative growth, the plant produces one leaf that can reach 20 feet high and 15 feet wide.

"One thousand came through Saturday," Malehorn said.

Before entering the greenhouse, visitors are asked to sign a guest book where they write down their name and where they are from. Some people are driving extensive distances to

JANA MESSER | CHARLESTON RESIDENT

"I missed the big bloom, so I'm a little disappointed. But, I'm still glad I came."

see the plant.

"Some alumni drove about five hours," Malehorn said.

Jana Messer, from Charleston, took pictures by the plant Monday afternoon.

"I missed the big bloom, so I'm a little disappointed," she said. "But, I'm still glad I came."

Once the leaf dies, the underground tuber, which stores energy, goes dormant for about six to nine months before another leaf grows.

As time goes by, the energy stored in the tuber accumulates and eventually becomes strong enough to mature the plant to flower.

Malehorn said the Titan Arum was obtained as a seed from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001. The seed was from the pollination of "Big Bucky" and "Mr. Magnificent" from the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Fla.

He said that as a member of the Association of Greenhouse Curators, he was asked if he would care for the plant and he enthusiastically agreed.

Word about the flower has spread, and an article the Journal Gazette/Times Courier printed appeared on The Associated Press Wire. Janice Hunt, public information specialist, said the AP story could be seen on the Chicago Tribune and suburban Chicago Daily Herald's Web sites.

The flower has also caught the attention of TV and Radio stations.

Hunt said Champaign's TV station WCIA came down Monday and Champaign's radio station WILL did an interview with Malehorn that has appeared on national public radios.

Malehorn is posting updates and pictures on the Web site, www.eiu.edu/~biology/news/titan_arum.htm.



ERIN MATHENY|THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, speaks with Thut Greenhouse Manager Steven Malehorn on Friday evening, the first day of the Titan Arum blooming.

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WEATHER THIS WEEK

The nice weather will be off and on this week, with sun on Tuesday and Thursday and storms Wednesday and Friday. The weekend will see a bit more storms, but those will clear out by the beginning of next week.

ENTERTAINMENT

Carlin leaves behind legal, comedic legend

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — George Carlin, who died Sunday at 71, leaves behind not only a series of memorable routines, but a legal legacy: His most celebrated monologue, a frantic, informed riff on those infamous seven words, led to a Supreme Court decision on broadcasting offensive language.

The counterculture hero’s jokes also targeted things such as misplaced shame, religious hypocrisy and linguistic quirks — why, he once asked, do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?

Carlin, who had a history of heart trouble, went into St. John’s Health Center in Santa Monica on Sunday afternoon complaining of chest pain and died of heart failure later that evening, said his publicist, Jeff Abraham. He had performed as recently as last weekend at the Orleans Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas.

“He was a genius and I will miss him dearly,” Jack Burns, who was the other half of a comedy duo with Carlin in the early 1960s, told The Associated Press.

Carlin constantly breached the accepted boundaries of comedy and language, particularly with his routine on the “Seven Words” — all of which are taboo on broadcast TV to this day.

When he uttered all seven at a show in Milwaukee in 1972, he was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace, freed on \$150 bail and exonerated when a Wisconsin judge dismissed the case, saying it was indecent but citing free speech and the lack of any disturbance.

The words were later played on a New York radio station, resulting in a 1978 Supreme Court ruling upholding the government’s authority

to sanction stations for broadcasting offensive language during hours when children might be listening.

“So my name is a footnote in American legal history, which I’m perversely kind of proud of,” he told The Associated Press earlier this year.

Carlin produced 23 comedy albums, 14 HBO specials, three books, a few TV shows and appeared in several movies, from his own comedy specials to “Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure” in 1989 — a testament to his range from cerebral satire and cultural commentary to downright silliness (sometimes hitting all points in one stroke).

Survivors include his wife Sally Wade, his daughter, Kelly Carlin McCall, and his brother, Patrick Carlin.

Brokaw gets “Meet the Press” through election

NEW YORK--- Veteran news anchor Tom Brokaw has agreed to moderate NBC’s “Meet the Press” through the November election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Tim Russert.

Brokaw will start next week, the network announced Sunday. Anchor Brian Williams did the show this week and announced the decision at its end.

Brokaw first talked to NBC News President Steve Capus about what the network would do when the two men rode a train back to New York from Washington following Russert’s funeral and memorial service on Wednesday. Brokaw told him Saturday that he would do it, Capus said.

“I’m just thrilled that Tom has agreed to do this,” Capus told The Associated Press.

The decision gives NBC a well-known, authoritative presence at the

helm of the broadcast in an election year. “Meet the Press” dominated the Sunday morning ratings under Russert, reportedly earning \$60 million in revenue, and Brokaw’s presence could blunt any effort by ABC’s second-place “This Week” with George Stephanopoulos to cut into the edge.

Brokaw was the nation’s most popular news anchor when he stepped down from “Nightly News” following the 2004 election. He has continued to make documentaries for NBC News and was a frequent commentator on MSNBC during primary night coverage this year.

He said he volunteered for the job in part as a tribute to Russert, who died of a heart attack on June 13. The two men were close friends who spoke almost daily and Brokaw gave the opening speech at Russert’s Kennedy Center memorial.

“Tim was the first to say that ‘Meet the Press’ was a national treasure and he was a temporary custodian,” Brokaw said by phone from Montana. “We both understood the importance of it to the country and to NBC News and he took it to an entirely new level.”

He intends to follow Russert’s template of aggressive questioning based on research of a guest’s public record. The show will continue to be Washington-based, with Betsy Fischer as executive producer.

Brokaw, 68, wouldn’t be the oldest Sunday morning anchor if he decided to stick with it: CBS News’ “Face the Nation” host Bob Schieffer is 71.

However, Brokaw has made it clear the move is temporary, Capus said.

“The plan is for me to be in place until they can find somebody who can take it over on a permanent basis,” Brokaw said.

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Mass. mayor says no proof girls had pregnancy pact

The Associated Press

GLOUCESTER, Mass.--- In a closed-door meeting with city, school and health leaders on Monday, the city’s mayor said Monday there is no evidence a group of young girls made a pact to get pregnant and raise their babies together, seeking to dispel an explosive theory put forth by the high school principal.

Conspicuously absent from that meeting was Gloucester High School Principal Joseph Sullivan, who has not responded to repeated requests for comment after he was quoted last week in a Time magazine story saying the girls planned to get pregnant together.

Kirk cited privacy concerns in refusing to answer many questions about the 17 girls who became pregnant this school year — more than quadruple the number who generally become pregnant as the school.

Kirk said she and Superintendent Christopher Farmer have been in touch with Sullivan, and that he was “foggy in his memory” about how he came to believe there was a pact.

“When pressed, his memory failed,” Kirk said.

Authorities have talked to school and health officials who work most closely with the children and, Kirk said, “The people that worked with the children on a daily basis have said there has been no mention whatsoever of a pact.”

Farmer said there was a “distinct possibility” that the girls who found themselves in similar, challenging situations later decided to “come together for mutual sup-

port.”

He said the Time magazine piece did not distinguish between “a pact to become pregnant or a pact because we are pregnant.”

Farmer also said it was clear some of the girls were not trying very hard not to become pregnant. The principal had said some girls gave high-fives and planned baby showers while others were sullen if their pregnancy tests at the high school clinic came back negative.

Gloucester resident Annette Dion, a 45-year-old private music teacher, said school and city officials should have done more to find out whether the girls truly made a pact to become pregnant. She said denying such a pact existed is “pretty naive.”

“I don’t think we heard the truth today,” Dion said, adding that pop culture has glamorized teen pregnancy and that movies and celebrity pregnancies do not give girls an accurate picture of parenthood.

“My personal feeling, my impression, is they probably talked and discussed and thought it would be cool to get pregnant together,” she said.

Brendan Henry, a 17-year-old going into his senior year at Gloucester, said he did not doubt that a pact could have existed.

“It definitely sounds like something that would happen at Gloucester High School,” he said. “It doesn’t sound too far fetched at all.”

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Tidwell: A teacher of teachers

Journalism chair wins prestigious award for involvement with high school media

By Kristina Peters
Campus Reporter

James Tidwell's interest in journalism began as sports editor of his high school paper in Oklahoma.

"I got the bug back in the ninth grade," said Tidwell, professor of journalism and chair of the Journalism Department.

An English teacher at his high school got a group of students together to start a newspaper and although he wasn't present at the first meeting, it didn't matter.

"I didn't go to the meeting, but they named me sports editor," he said. "Right away, I said, 'Oh my god, I love this.'"

Tidwell never once changed his mind about journalism and on Aug. 7, Tidwell will receive the Scholastic Journalism Division's Journalism Educator of the Year award.

It will be presented to him during the SJD business meeting at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Chicago.

"So many people change their minds and majors, but I didn't," he said. "I guess I was boring."

Leaving his mark

Tidwell continued to work with high schools as executive secretary of the Illinois Journalism Education Association from 1988 to 2005. He stepped down to focus on his Eastern duties as journalism chair.

John J. Gonczy, vice president of IJEA, said the organization's goal is to support journalism teachers, advisers and students by promoting quality media programs in high schools across the state.

"It is hard to imagine IJEA without James Tidwell because he has been such an integral part of this organization from the beginning," Gonczy said. "His years of service to IJEA, his leadership and his willingness to support us continue to keep our organization vital."

Gonczy met Tidwell seven years ago during a fall conference at the University of Illinois. Gonczy was taking the roles as an adviser for a high school paper and thought it seemed like a good idea to attend

conferences and workshops on high school journalism.

"(Tidwell) was leading a session for new advisers," Gonczy said. "Well, that's what the program said. But it was a ruse to get warm bodies and fresh blood involved in IJEA. 'The next thing I knew, James talked me into being on the board, and now I am vice president.'"

Tidwell continues to help out high school advisers with a summer online course he teaches.

People from all over the United States and a few from other countries have taken.

Tidwell said he has taught people from various places like Italy, France, California, New York and Texas.

Sarah Doerner, president of IJEA, took several of Tidwell's advising courses. She first met him around 1990 when she was elected as the IJEA regional director from the southern part of Illinois.

"As a small school journalism teacher and yearbook and school newspaper adviser, at first, I was awed by his quiet command and support of the subject at hand - scholastic journalism and his empathy for advisers," Doerner said.

Now, Doerner considers Tidwell a friend who she can now call "James."

"It has been only in the past few years that I have been able to stop saying 'Dr. Tidwell' and instead say 'James' when talking to him or referring to him," she said. "At first he was an educator, then a mentor, and now he is a friend."

Tidwell's work with high school journalism extends. He worked with the Illinois High School Association to develop a statewide journalism contest. It is in its third year and high school students are brought to Eastern in April to compete.

"The IHSA competitions give students from all over the state the opportunity to engage in journalistic activities, practicing their writing, editing, designing and photography skills under deadline pressure," Tidwell said. "The enthusiasm and excitement demonstrated at the awards ceremonies are a site to behold."

Tidwell began working at Eastern in 1987. Throughout the years he has also taught news writing, journalism and democracy and media law. Media law is the only class he teaches now besides a summer course. Tidwell calls the media



Robbie Wroblewski/Daily Eastern News

Dr. James Tidwell, chair of the journalism department, will receive the Scholastic Journalism Division's Journalism Educator of the Year award at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Chicago on August 7.

law class his "baby."

"That's the one course I sort of would be lost if I didn't teach," he said.

The course material for the class is Tidwell's book "Media Law in Illinois," which is required reading for anyone working in Illinois media.

Tidwell said about 700 of 1,222 journalism graduates since 1987 have taken his law class.

'A good gig'

Tidwell's interest in law began when he took a constitution law class at Oklahoma Baptist University. He received his bachelor of arts from there in 1970 and received his masters from the University of Oklahoma in 1972.

It was in 1976 when Tidwell became more involved with law.

He was working at the Tulsa Community College as a journalism instructor when the school paper ran an editorial that the college did not like.

Tidwell said they threatened to fire him, but the media stepped in and supported him.

"They sort of calmed things down," he said. "Out of that, I thought I should go to law school."

The college didn't fire him, but he left in 1978 to work at the Indiana University Southeast. He said he was the only faculty member in the journalism department who didn't have a doctorate.

"I felt like a second-class citizen,"

he said.

Tidwell then applied for law school in the fall of 1981 at the University of Louisville School of Law. He received his degree after three years and is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Kentucky.

Tidwell had an opportunity to take a job as a lawyer, but he chose to continue his work with journalism.

He said he thinks he could have been a good court attorney, but he has no regrets.

"Higher education is a good gig," Tidwell said. "I'm not complaining."

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Erin Matheny/The Daily Eastern News

Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs, answers a question regarding new signs that will be put up on campus to help direct visitors and new students at the board of trustees meeting Monday afternoon.

Eastern's energy woes continue

By Rick Kambic
Editor-In-Chief

While another energy conservation measure was approved during Monday's Board of Trustees meeting, the cost for utilities is projected to continue rising.

The fiscal year 2010 proposal includes a 15 percent increase for utilities that would equal approximately \$525,000.

A \$5 per gallon fuel cost is projected for the fiscal year 2009 budget, which is 46.6 percent higher than the \$3.41 per gallon price in fiscal year 2008. Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs, said gas prices are unpredictable and the university needs to be cautious in

fiscal year 2010.

Electricity rates also will rise approximately 18 percent entering fiscal year 2009. Later in the meeting, a purchase order was approved for phase three of Eastern's Energy Conservation Project.

The purchases would be for \$250,000 and would begin another energy audit of the campus for potential electricity saving opportunities.

Honeywell International would conduct research regarding potential power line replacements, steam plant upgrades, possible wind propelled electricity technology and upgrading current electric conduits that could allow higher wattages to be transferred.

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NEW SAT POLICY HELPS
RICH, BAD TEST TAKERS

The College Board, the organization behind the SAT, announced a new policy that will allow college applicants to choose which test scores they want admissions officers to see and which ones they do not.

The policy, which will begin with the high school graduating class of 2010, was implemented in response to students' complaints concerning test anxiety.

At a time when college admission rates are more competitive than ever, this change seems like a step in the wrong direction. Many universities and colleges across

the country have reportedly begun to place less emphasis on applicants' test scores, a move that should help those suffering from excessive test stress.

A main point of concern is the advantage this policy will give to students who are able to afford to take the test multiple times until they receive a score with which they are satisfied.

Students pay \$45 every time they take the test, and the distinction between applicants in different economic classes is already an issue with such SAT prep classes as Princeton Review and Kaplan costing upwards of \$1,000.

More affluent applicants who already have extra opportunities will now receive another big benefit. The new policy does not directly punish those who can't, or choose not to, pay to take the test multiple times, but it indirectly hurts these students' chances of being accepted into the college(s) of their choice by not holding other students accountable.

The College Board should think twice before widening this gap.

- The Daily Bruin

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Wrestling dead at Eastern
but not to wrestlers

The decision to cut Eastern's wrestling program last summer was met with heated debate and overwhelming public support on both sides.

'Save EIU Wrestling' signs were posted in front yards all over town. Forums were held on campus to save wrestling, but in the end, it was no match for strict NCAA rules.

The official explanation for cutting the wrestling program was a failure for the team to make grades; the team didn't meet established rules to stay sanctioned.

Fortunately for those on the team, the scholarships were not yanked for the following year and many stayed in school. Former wrestling coach, Ralph McCausland, was offered reassignment.

For former team members, wrestling wasn't just a sport; it was a way of life. It was something that perhaps only wrestlers understood, which is why the campus was teeming with adamant supporters who tried to band together to get their voices heard and the ruling to cut wrestling overturned. Most were former wrestlers.

The dedication that wrestlers have to their sport is nothing short of spectacular. Waking up early to train, facing strict diets and throwing caution to the wind to make weight is something that most outsiders just don't understand, but it isn't hard to see why so many former wrestlers banded together—they know what it takes to be good at the sport. That camaraderie isn't something that goes away when the season is finished.

But while the wrestlers were sticking to their training regimen, most neglected their grades. The NCAA uses the APR, or academic progress rate, to determine if student-athletes are making the grade. Eastern wrestlers weren't.

The NCAA says that a perfect APR is 1000, and the cutoff rate is 925. Wrestling's 26 athletes scored an 851.

Wrestling at Eastern came with scholarships, and these athletes were students. It may be hard to hold much sympathy when a team fails, repeatedly, to make grades. The purpose of attending college isn't to play sports; it's to get an education.

Eastern wrestling faced problems with the NCAA repeatedly and the entire athletics department was placed in jeopardy.

This might seem a little harsh, but it turns out that if Eastern athletics would not have been able to rectify the situation on their own, the entire athletics program would have been placed on

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Last year, Eastern made the decision to cut the wrestling program.

• **Our Stance:** Even though there is no longer an Eastern wrestling team, former members still wrestle and hope the decision is reversed.

correspondent membership and the whole athletics program could have lost all NCAA membership privileges.

Former Athletics Director Rich Duffie said he made the decision to cut the wrestling program after the NCAA released a three-year report and spring '07 grades were released.

Former EIU wrestler Adam Beeler graduated from Eastern before the program was cut, but remembers the wrestlers were "really bummed out."

Beeler still trains regularly in Hillsboro, Ill. and still wrestles. He trades options for a company in which he invested money.

Anthony Genovese graduated from Eastern this past spring and will start a job at Addison Trail High School, where he will coach wrestling.

"It's my way of life," Genovese said about wrestling. "It's my bread and butter."

Genovese said that Duffie did not give wrestling a fair shake.

"He was not a friend," Genovese said. "He hated wrestling." That the wrestling program was cut "was the worst thing

that could happen."

According to Genovese, Eastern did not adhere to the NCAA's rules for academic probation. Wrestlers were not given the requisite time to get grades up, the team was only given one year, then suddenly cut.

Thomas Johnson, another former Eastern wrestler, is also now a wrestling coach. He coaches at Warren Central High School, in Indianapolis.

These three former wrestlers say the same thing: that wrestling is a sport that diehards will compete in whether or not they are part of an official program. You can take wrestling out of a school, but you can't take wrestling from the athlete.

Genovese puts it best, "with wrestling, you just want to share it. That's the way of life. That's what happens. I just want to share everything I know."

Wrestling is done at Eastern for now, but the wrestlers themselves aren't.

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ASHLEI MALTMAN

Summer camp
memories

In high school, I was on a dance squad, called the Streatorettes. After making the team in May, we would go to a college in June for our annual summer camp.

We would learn new routines, play games, and make new friends.

Being at Eastern over the summer and seeing these camps being conducted makes me miss those days.

After my senior year camp was over, I knew I would miss it but I haven't felt this desire for camp in a long time.

Learning the new routines and pushing myself past the point I never thought I could was something I will not forget.

I made many new friends and camp would bring our overall team closer than someone outside the team could ever imagine.

Kayten Nash, a first year camper, and Haley Chambers, a second year camper, are currently at Eastern's softball camp. Both are interested in and play softball on teams.

"I want to become a better player than I was before I came here," Nash said.

Chambers is also interested in learning new plays at camp this year.

The best part of camp, Chambers commented, is making new friends and being able to see them again at tournaments throughout the year.

At our camp, the general schedule would be to wake up around six in the morning, eat breakfast around eight, dance from nine in the morning until about nine or ten at night, with lunch and supper breaks.

Once we would get back to the dorms, we would practice our dances in our rooms until all hours of the night, shower, and go to sleep.

Camp would always end with a showcase of the dances to our fellow teams and family members and an awards ceremony.

It was always exciting to not only have the team given awards in front of everyone, but it was also an energy rush when you would get an individual award, with everyone recognizing your hard work and your dancing abilities.

Now, as I walk to class everyday, I hear instruments from the field or see teams walking together and I miss those days. Having that schedule and knowing that I would be able to do my favorite thing, dance, for the majority of the day was always my favorite time of the year as a Streatorette.

Kate Stake, the assistant softball coach at Eastern, helped with a softball camp as a graduate student last year.

"I hope they learn a lot," Stake said. "Hopefully we throw enough drills at them so they can take them home and work on them more."

Stake said meeting new people is a big part of camp and that practice is where the campers get to know each other the most.

They are practicing with others "who love the same thing they love," Stake said.

Watching fellow dancers practice and perform was always something that touched my heart.

Knowing that so many others felt the same feeling as I feel when I dance was amazing and I would not trade those days for anything in the world.

-Ashlei Maltman is a junior journalism major. She can be reached at 581-7942.

>> Relief

FROM FRONT PAGE

Vahling emphasized repeatedly to make sure pictures are taken to document the damages. She told residents to keep lists of where damaged property has been relocated in case assessors from the bank want verification.

A loan will only be given for the "estimated cost and repairs for recovery," Vahling said.

A member of the audience explained how his family had to remove several inches of mud from his garage so they could live in it because the house is uninhabitable.

He was concerned that bank assessors would not arrive before more repairs are made and that an assessment would not reflect the initial damages.

Residents must apply for the loan from a participating bank. Only two banks in Coles County work with the treasurer's office.

First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust in Mattoon and Charleston is one of the possible lenders and Federal Savings and Loan in Charleston is the other.

Another audience member said

his family has completely moved out of their home and plans to rebuild a house somewhere else in the county. He continued to express a concern about his bad credit and how he fears a bank may not give him a loan.

According to Vahling, if applicants do not qualify for a loan, then there are state grants that can be applied for. State grants are not guaranteed either.

If residents are awarded with grant money and receive a state loan, they would need to put the grant money toward the loan, Vahling said.

Only residents of a county that has been declared a disaster area can apply for the loans. Governor Rod Blagojevich declared Coles County a disaster area on June 10.

Residents have within 90 days to apply from when the area was declared a disaster area.

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amount of disaster relief money in total for effected areas.

The state deposits taxpayer's money into the banks to insure payments. The funds given are then "guaranteed by the bank to be returned to the state of Illinois," Vahling said.

Ashlei Maltman can be reached at 581-7942 or at anmaltman@eiu.edu.

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Olympic

FROM BACK PAGE

"We respect him because he cares about all the athletes and will do anything for us," Uhe said.

Tobler had a rule that his jumpers and vaulters can't swear. If the group said 10 swears in a week, they would face an early morning Friday practice as a consequence.

"That first week, we had the limit by Tuesday," Uhe said. "After that, we didn't have any more early 6 a.m. practices."

The jumper said that she is grateful that her coach is teaching them good vocabulary and self-respect. Later in the year, she was shocked with another team's language.

"The team next to us used the f-word every other word," Uhe said. "It sounded awful and uneducated."

Beijing and beyond

If Tobler makes the Olympic cut, he is prepared to travel to China and he already obtained a passport earlier this year.

The Olympic hopeful said it would be the first time ever traveling internationally.

The media circus at Beijing would not daunt Tobler. He plans to answer all their questions, as he did in the past as a student-athlete and a coach.

The track athletes said they would follow their coach to Beijing, but Tobler isn't promising them tickets.

"I don't think I'll be able to give tickets," the coach said. It's something they would have to pay for."

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Brief

FROM BACK PAGE

Tokarz was named the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament's MVP earlier this spring.

Morrell is a member of the Quincy Gems who are currently tied with the Dragons. Morrell is pitching with an earned run average of 2.63 with one win.

Derbak is a little farther from home in North Canton, Ohio. The sophomore infielder is playing with the Stark County Terriers in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League.

Derbak is batting .214 in six games played.

Some Panthers found homes on the east coast.

Brett Nommensen is currently playing in the Coastal Plain League for the Edenton Steamers in Edenton, N.C. He is batting .326 and has three RBIs in only eleven games played.

He also has an on-base percentage of .420 with 10 stolen bases out of 11 attempts.

Ryan Linquist and Matt Miller are both in Wellsville, N.Y., with the Allegany County Nitros, which are part of the New York Collegiate League. Miller has a slender ERA of 1.50 with two wins in only two games started. Linquist is batting .464 with 13 hits and nine RBIs in only eight games played.

Junior Jordan Kreke is also in New York with the Watertown Wizards, which are also a part of the

New York Collegiate League. Kreke is batting .382 with 13 hits and four RBIs as he's started all nine games that he's played in.

Hyndman new FC Dallas coach

Former Eastern soccer player and head coach Schellas Hyndman was recently announced as the new head coach of FC Dallas, which is a Major League Soccer team.

FC Dallas lost their first game under Hyndman. It lost 1-0 to the New York Red Bulls last Saturday night.

FC Dallas will play next at Houston Dynamo Thursday night.

Hyndman was a member of the 1969 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship team.

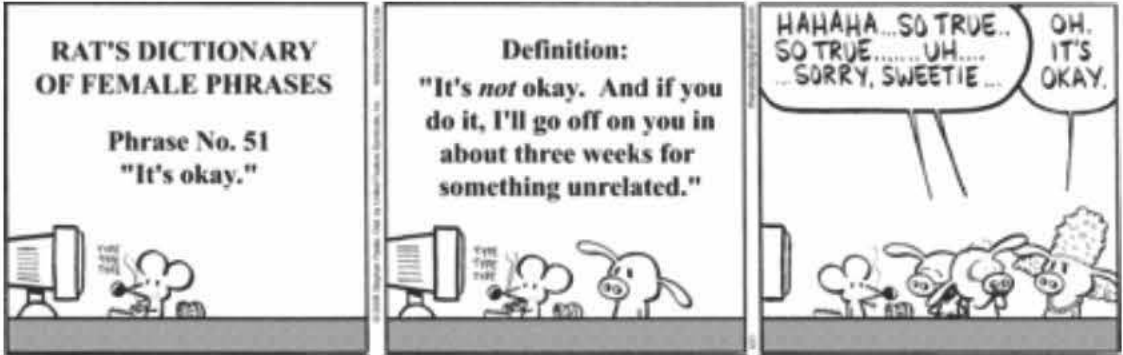
While at Eastern, Hyndman earned his bachelor's degree in physical education, and after graduate school he played one season with the Cincinnati Comets of the American Soccer League in 1975.

He then moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil to serve as an apprentice at Escola Graduata de Sao Paulo, and trained regularly with Sao Paulo FC.

He returned to the U.S., and started coaching at Eastern in 1977, becoming the university's first full-time head coach.

Compiled by Sports Editor Molly Clutter.

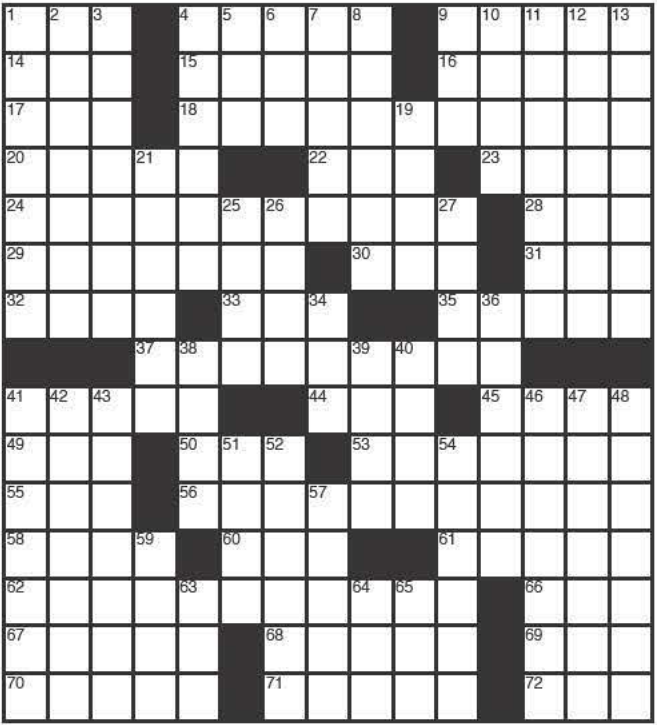
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Big weekend for Cubs

I normally don't watch that much baseball. I'm not going to lie, unless I know someone who is playing, I don't like to watch it at all.

Most of the time I just catch the really good parts on SportsCenter.

However, I did notice this weekend that Major League Baseball had one of the biggest rivalry series in America this past weekend.

The Chicago Cubs swept the Chicago White Sox in a three-game series.

Normally I could care less about who wins since I normally don't follow either team, but I do like to watch a good game from time-to-time because blow-outs get boring.

The Cubs had an all-around outstanding performance this weekend and proved to be the better team.

Aramis Ramirez went 6-for-13 with eight RBIs and four home runs.

One of those home runs came in the ninth inning of the first game, which gave the Cubs a 4-3 win over the White Sox.

On the other side during Friday's game, John Danks of the Sox only allowed one run in six innings, and Jermaine Dye went one-for-four with a home run in the second inning.

The Cubs broke out in fourth inning of the second game by scoring nine runs and winning the game 11-7.

White Sox pitching couldn't stand up to Cubs bats as Jose Contreras gave up nine runs in three innings.

After watching and reading about all three games, I must side with the Cubs this time.

This weekend the White Sox lacked a little in their offense and defense, while the Cubs were on cue in both areas.

However, I will give the Sox the benefit of the doubt since every team has an "off-game" or let's say, "off-weekend" in their case.

I'm going to have to give it to the Cubs. They had big plays in the right moments, like Ramirez's second home run in the ninth inning of the first game, and the nine runs scored in the fourth inning of the second game.

It seemed like the White Sox just couldn't find the big plays to make up for the damage the Cubs did.

However, the White Sox may get their chance at redemption when the rivals square off again this coming weekend at the U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

Will this be another chance for the Cubs to sweep the Sox, or will home field advantage give the Sox an extra boost?

From the looks at this past weekend's series, the Sox need all the help they can get.

TRACK AND FIELD | UPDATE

Jumping for the gold



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern jumps coach JaRod Tobler demonstrates his long jump for attendees of the jumps camp at O'Brien Stadium on Friday, June 20.

Assistant track coach to compete in the long jump Friday

By Bob Bajek
Sports Reporter

Assistant track coach JaRod Tobler had a dream. As a sophomore track standout at Illinois State University, that dream was to be an Olympic athlete.

Many athletes have this ambition that never comes to life. For Tobler, however, his goal is almost a reality.

Tobler will compete as a long jumper in the Olympic Trials Friday at Eugene, Ore., in the hopes of making the Olympic Track team.

"It's always been my dream to be on that podium and watch the flag go up," Tobler said.

Training for the Games

Tobler, 25, began training in earnest for the Olympics in mid-February.

The jumps/vault coach commenced an independent training program to rebuild stamina, and fine-tune his technique.

One of the major areas that Tobler targeted for improvement is form. He said he had a bad habit of running on a slight angle.

He concentrated to keep his knees up to apply more force on the track, making movement more efficient.

"The force you are asserting is going to the right locations that are specific and interrelated," he said.

Part of the reason that Tobler has a strong desire for self-improvement comes from his high school basketball career. He was a guard for West Aurora's 2000 state championship team.

He said basketball taught him the value of repetition in order to achieve a high level of athletic ability.

Depending on Tobler's schedule, he would wake up at 5 a.m. or stay until 10 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium to train. The coach would stretch about 10 to 15 minutes and do drills for another 15 minutes. He then moves on to approaches and jumps.

Tobler said that the training and conditioning he does is self-taught and self-motivational. He also attributes his strong drive for qualifying for the Olympics to God.

"God motivates me," Tobler said. "For the most part, He has given me the oppor-

tunity to train and coach at EIU."

Making the cut

Tobler embarked on his Olympic quest at the Iowa State meet. He competed against collegiate athletes in an exhibition, and did well sprinting and jumping.

The coach kept training and competing in collegiate meets. When the Vanderbilt Invitational rolled around, he was ready for the next step.

Tobler had a jump of 26 feet and 9 inches, which qualified for the Olympic Trials.

He said there are 24 athletes competing in the long jump event of the Olympic Trials. In order to advance to Sunday's finals, he needs to be one of the top nine jumpers, Tobler said.

He added that the top three jumpers who have three jumps out of six over 27'9" will qualify for the Olympic Team.

According to USA Track & Field's website, if there aren't enough "A Standard" athletes in an event, a "B Standard" or reserve athlete will be able to compete on the team. Tobler said a maximum of four jumpers would probably be selected.

A coach first

Head men's track coach Tom Akers said that he was interested in hiring Tobler to his staff last season. Head women's track coach Mary Wallace recommended the youthful and charismatic Tobler, who finished a year as a graduate assistant at East Tennessee State.

Akers also liked Tobler's collegiate accomplishments. Tobler was All-Missouri Valley Conference eight times, and 2004 MVC Most Valuable Male Track Athlete.

"It gives our athletes more confidence that he is showing them the right thing," Akers said.

Akers said Tobler's first year at Eastern was impressive because of his smooth conversion to coaching.

"Some outstanding athletes struggle with coaching," Akers said. "He's made the transition."

Tobler attributes selfishness and immaturity to why star athletes are unable to coach well.

"Sometimes it was difficult going to track meets and not competing," he said. "I got that out of my system."

Tobler said he is working on a Level 2 coaching certification in which he will specialize in sprinting or jumps/vaulting. His ultimate goal is to be a head track coach someday.

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PANTHER BRIEFS | UPDATE

SUMMER ATHLETES STILL GOING STRONG

Track standouts, summer ball, and Hyndman fill Eastern's headlines

By Molly Clutter
Sports Editor

Head men's track coach Tom Akers added two more names to his men's roster.

DeMarcus Brooks and Lamarr Pottinger will round out the men's roster for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Brooks is a sprinter from Springfield Southeast High School who won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes this year at the Illinois High School Association Class AA state meet.

Brooks finished the 100-meter dash in a time of 10.68 seconds and 200-meter dash in 21.37.

Brooks has also won the 100-meter dash three

years in a row.

He first took the title in 2006, and followed up the next two years with first place finishes.

He also holds the school record in the 100-meter dash at 10.4.

Pottinger is a high hurdler who hails from Antioch High School.

Pottinger posted a time of 14.95 in the preliminary heat of the 110-meter hurdles at the IHSA state meet.

He also holds the school record of 14.2 in which he ran at his high school's sectionals.

Brooks and Pottinger will join six other athletes who have already signed for the 2008-2009 track and cross country seasons.

They will be joined by Reid Basting (Normal West HS), Tyler Carter (Tuscola HS), Matthew Feldhake (St. Anthony's HS - Effingham), Connor Kustief (Dundee-Crown HS), Jordan Patterson (Williamsville HS), and Sean Wiggan (Waubensie Valley HS).

Panthers have a ball

Eastern's baseball hasn't missed a beat since their appearance at the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Regional Tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

Several players are playing in summer collegiate wood bat leagues.

Staying local are Jordan Tokarz, Brian Morrell, and Richie Derbak. Tokarz and Morrell are playing in the Central Illinois Collegiate League.

Tokarz is a member of the DuPage Dragons who are currently tied for second in the league with a record of 7-6.

Tokarz is batting .171 with seven hits and four runs batted in. He also has a fielding percentage of .978 with only one error in ten games played.

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