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UNIVERSITY | FRESHMEN

Experiencing ‘Debut Day’

By SPENSER NOBLES
News Editor

High school seniors sometimes have a hard time transitioning from high school to college, feeling anxious and sometimes intimidated by the new atmosphere. Programs such as EIU Debut help ease those feelings by playing a role in the students’ transition from their high school to Eastern.

All incoming freshman are required to attend a Debut day, which serves as an orientation, advisement and registration program. During that time, students are presented with information that can prove to be vital to making a smoother transition from being a high school senior to a college freshman.

Students are able to learn about the academic expectations during Debut day, rather than entering their first college semester with no knowledge about what is required of them to obtain a degree.

During Debut, students and parents are also given information that does not relate to academics, like the uses of Panther cards, financial aid and Eastern’s billing process.

According to Kimberlie Moock, director of New Student Programs, there are usually a number of questions from students about the adjustment to college. ‘What will it be like to live in university housing?’ and ‘how do I get involved on campus?’ are two common questions that have been asked throughout the years.

“We have a lot of those (adjustment conversations),” said Moock.

The importance of involvement and connections is something else that is expressed to students during their Debut day. Students are informed about different parts of the campus they can go for help such as Career Services and Health Services.

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GIRLS STATE



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Citizens of Illini Girls State watch as American flags were retired Thursday afternoon in the South quad.

UNIVERSITY | STUDENTS

Renewable Energy Center a little closer to reality

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Online Editor

Within just of few hours of each other, the Governor signed the bill for Eastern’s Renewable Energy Center followed by the Board of Trustees with their own approval of the project on Monday.

Cameron Schilling, Legislative Advisor to Governor Pat Quinn and a 2006 graduate of Eastern, returned to Eastern and took the podium in front of the Board of Trustees with a message from the governor.

“The General Assembly sent us these bills late last week. Technically we have 60 days to act on them, but we want to get this moving as fast as we can,” Schilling said.

President William Perry described this project as a sustainable solution to a long-standing problem.

“It gives us a renewable energy center that generates steam and some electricity and power for the campus,” Perry said. “It includes energy conservation measures across the campus, produces cleaner ener-

gy, presents a teaching and research opportunity for our faculty and staff, and generates cost savings in the short and long run.”

Paul McCann, vice president for business affairs, gave a power point presentation explaining the center in all of its aspects from the design to the finances, and everything in between.

The current steam plant, which was built in the 1920’s, has cost the university about \$16 million in deferred maintenance.

“This just gets it back up to where it can efficiently in 1920’s technology, what we would like to do with this project is bring us into the next century,” McCann said.

McCann explained they will have to buy the 2-inch woodchips to fuel the plant from the Terra Haute area, but in the future they are hoping to be able to use resources from the local area.

“Eventually what we would hope we would be able to do is turn this into, instead of a woodchip burner, we could do it with agricultural

materials, like corn husks and corn cobs,” McCann said. “Turn it into something our local farmer can produce.”

The center will now be sent to the Board of Higher Education for their approval.

In other business, the budget for the 2010 fiscal year was approved.

The total expenditure for the year will be just under \$200 million, McCann said.

The projected budget will be \$51,403,000 from state general appropriations.

The income fund, including tuition and fees, is projected to be \$55,014,000.

“This number is down a little bit from 2009,” McCann said. “We are trying to be conservative on that number, trying to make sure we are not over counting the number of students.”

A few major changes have been made to the budget compared to previous years.

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Staff Report

State Representative Chapin Rose said they are taking the necessary steps to move forward the new Renewable Energy Center yesterday.

Governor Pat Quinn will be signing the legislation that allows the development of the center.

The new center is planned to cost \$75 million to build, but Rose is hoping the building will be worth the money in the long run.

“This project creates jobs, saves student’s and local taxpayer’s money, and helps protect our environment - it’s a win-win-win proposition,” Rose said. “This is exactly the type of solution we need to be focusing on in terms of the ‘big picture’ as we head back to Springfield this week to continue work on the state budget.”

The center will take the place of the already existing 1920’s era coal fired power plant located on the north side of campus.

Although the steam plant has been repaired through the years, many of its features are out of date.

Students and taxpayers do not have to pay for the building. The project is going to be funded entirely through the energy savings made in upcoming years. Previously, this type of financing wasn’t allowed in new construction projects, but with the signing of the bill the new exception to the law will go into effect.

It will be built near the intersection of 18th Street and Edgar Drive.

“The new energy center will provide reliable service, greatly reduce the University’s maintenance costs, and reduce CO2 emissions by 85 percent,” Rose said. “Most importantly in our current economic climate, it will create much-needed jobs for families in our community. In addition to thanking Governor Quinn for signing this legislation, I also want to thank the local building trade unions who helped work on this bill.”

UNIVERSITY | STUDENTS

Eastern, Kankakee Community College host ‘Upward Bound’ program

By MICHAEL BAIRD
Staff Reporter

Countless students are letting their minds go idle during the long summer months. But 23 participants of Upward Bound treated the summer differently by participating in Kankakee’s Upward Bound Program.

The Upward Bound Program is set up by the Department of Education. It seeks to help first generation or low-income students receive benefits they would not have otherwise. Upward Bound was designed for high school freshmen and sopho-

mores to prepare for college. The summer program is held both at Eastern and Kankakee Community College.

The program’s six weeks is divided evenly among Eastern and Kankakee Community College.

The students are never without activities.

Students take advantage of Eastern’s Rec Center by playing basketball and swimming.

Tuesdays are used for community service projects. Mentoring groups are arranged on Thursdays.

But they aren’t here just to have

fun. Studying is also required.

Students are required to take a set of core classes that directly further their education. Credit is given toward their high school graduation. Professors for the classes come from their local high schools and Eastern’s faculty.

One of Eastern’s faculty participants is Minority Affairs director Mona Davenport. Three different electives are offered: Spanish, Media Studies and African American Studies.

The program also arranges tours of varying universities.

This year they have gone to University of Illinois, Illinois University, Wayne States and University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Multicultural events were part of the itinerary. Program attendees recently saw the play “The Mystery of Irma Vep” at University of Illinois’ Krannert Center.

This program would be impossible without its staff. This year they have five male mentors and eight female mentors.

Megan McGhee is one of the Resident Advisors and an Eastern student majoring in corporate commu-

nications.

She said she enjoys mentoring the students.

Director Jamal Hawkins quoted that 100 percent of participants went to later graduate high school and that 95 percent are placed in institutions of higher education.

This year’s program will end off with an awards banquet Friday, June 26.

Voting on some awards will take place June 22 and 23.

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EIU WEATHER

TUESDAY  92° 73° Hot & Humid NE 5-15	WEDNESDAY 91° 72° 	WEATHER BRIEF Hot and humid conditions continue today through tomorrow. A heat advisory has been issued by the National Weather Service until 7 p.m. Wednesday. Expect a chance of rain showers on Thursday. For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather
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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Hot, hot heat



CARI WAFFORD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The sun was still beating down on Eastern's campus at 7 p.m. yesterday. The National Weather Service reported temperatures in the upper 80s and heat index values throughout the day as high as 102.

NEWS | ENTERTAINMENT

Megan Fox dismisses comparisons to Angelina Jolie

The Associated Press
 LOS ANGELES — Megan Fox dismisses comparisons between her and Angelina Jolie as the product of a lazy media.

The two actresses are both brunettes with tattoos who are known for their candor — and that has been enough for some to pro-

claim Fox the heir apparent to Jolie's crown. Fox says the parallels are the product of a lack of media creativity, but adds, "you live with it."

The 23-year-old Fox stars with Shia LaBeouf in the new film "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen." She says she and the ac-

tor, who were paired in the first "Transformers" movie, enjoy a brother-sister relationship.

LeBeouf says rumors the two are dating are just that. He described himself as a "red-blooded 23-year-old," but said the connection with Fox is strictly professional.

NEWS | ENTERTAINMENT

Books by Martin Luther King Jr. to be republished

The Associated Press
 ATLANTA — Four books that have been long out of print by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will be published again under a deal with Beacon Press brokered by King's youngest son.

In a statement, Dexter King called the deal "an historic partnership."

"Beacon Press will be a dedicated public outlet for his work and will help bring his urgently needed teachings of nonviolence and human dignity, and his dream of freedom and equality to a new global audience," said Dexter King, chairman of his father's estate.

Beacon, a department of the Unitarian Universalist Association, publishes books on social justice, human

rights and racial equality. Among the authors it has published are James Baldwin, Derrick Bell, Cornel West, Howard Thurman, Marian Wright Edelman and Roger Wilkins.

On Jan. 18, 2010 — the federal holiday observing what would have been King's 80th birthday — the Boston-based publisher will release new editions of several of King's most important works, which have been unavailable for nearly two decades, including:

— "Stride Toward Freedom," first published in 1958, King's memoir of the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955 and 1956;

— "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?," first published in 1967, King's last book

and an analysis of the state of American race relations and the movement after a decade of U.S. civil rights struggles;

— "Trumpet of Conscience," first published in 1968, containing five lectures King gave in 1967;

— "Strength to Love," first published in 1963, a volume of his most well-known homilies and the book in the civil rights leader's briefcase when he was killed on April 4, 1968.

Under the agreement — called "The King Legacy" — Beacon will also compile King's writings, sermons, lectures and prayers into new editions with introductions by leading scholars. The financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

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Schools trying new schedule

Recently, a number of school districts have decided to adopt a four-day school week policy mainly with the intentions of saving money.

This decision comes with its ups and downs, as many decisions do.

So far, ten different states and over 180 districts have decided to adopt this policy. Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming and, most recently, Minnesota all have districts with the four-day school week currently in use.

The system was put into place for economic reasons such as saving money on utilities, buses and salaries.

The four-day system has also allowed some schools to keep their dying arts and music programs, which always seem to be the first to go on a dwindling budget.

Some schools choose to have Fridays off because of the large amounts of sports events on these days, but some feel that having Mondays off is more economically fit, due to the fact that on Fridays the furnaces and heaters remain on for sports events.

Some clear benefits that states have begun to notice are the decline in the drop out rate, a decline in disciplinary problems, attendance has improved, an increase in positive attitudes and a gain in extracurricular activities participation.

For the most part the results have been positive and have proven to be worthy. However, there are a few concerns with the system such as childcare for the day off and slightly longer time spent at school during attending days, as well as the worry that special needs students will have a hard time retaining information with an extra day off.

So far these worries have proven to be miniscule.

One answer to the childcare problem might be to apply the four-day system simply to high schools, but that doesn't exactly save on transportation costs.

When you think about it, the high school students really are the ones who need the break. In many experiences, college has proven to be a bit more stress free than high school.

For example, in Charleston the high school students go everyday and have eight classes everyday, with one being a study hall for half a period and lunch the other half. They only get five minutes in between these classes and 30 minutes for a lunch break.

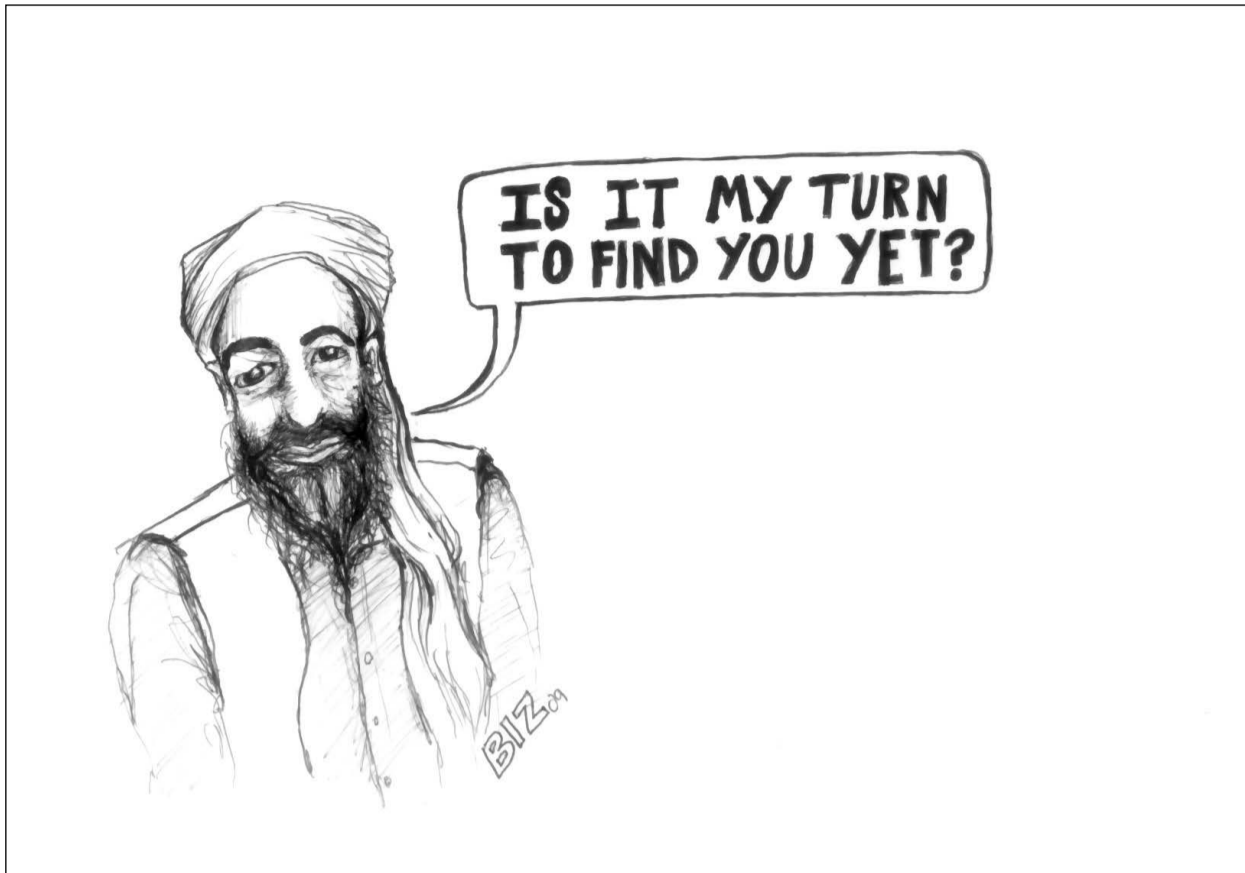
If you have homework in seven classes that require a textbook, then chances are you're stuck lugging home at least five textbooks. That is if you can get some of it done in study hall.

Compared to the average college student schedule, this is stressing.

In college you have an average of five classes that you can take online or all in the same day or every other day. Not to mention you can schedule as big of a gap in between classes as you'd like. In addition, in college you also have the benefit of taking classes you enjoy.

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Drawn from the News | Biz Jacobsen



STAFF EDITORIAL

WARNING: New Legislation on tobacco redundant but needed

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, signed into law yesterday in a historic move by President Obama, gives the Food and Drug Administration more power than ever before to regulate the tobacco industry.

The bill will allow the FDA to consider reducing the amount of nicotine in cigarettes, bans many flavored cigarettes and requires tobacco companies to provide the federal agency with a complete list of additives in their products.

The new law also enforces strict rules on tobacco advertising: it will eliminate all advertisements within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds, and bans phrases such as "light" and "mild" from being used to describe cigarettes in advertising, in an effort to curb tobacco use by future generations.

The bill is being hailed as a landmark event for public health, and why shouldn't it be? Of course everyone is aware of the dangers associated with smoking, including lung cancer, heart disease, and emphysema.

There is another provision of the bill, one that seems to ignore that it's already public knowledge how harmful smoking can be: cigarette packages will be required to carry warning labels that will cover 50 percent of the front and back panels, feature the word WARNING in large capital letters and carry blunt, to the point statements such as "cigarettes cause cancer" and "smoking can kill you."

The warning labels evoke memories of the 2006 film "Thank You For Smoking," in which the main character, a tobacco lobbyist, fights a law that would place a picture of a skull and crossbones on the front panel of cigarette packs. In a memorable scene, the lobbyist attacks the Vermont sen-

ator who introduced the bill, questioning why cheese from his state does not come with a warning label for the high fat and calorie content.

For years, many other nations have required large, blatant and sometimes obscene warning labels on cigarettes. In Brazil, for example, packs include images on the front panel showing an unhealthy fetus or a cadaver with a hole in the throat.

While the warning labels in the U.S. will not go this far, they are still an unnecessary addition to the bill. The other provisions are focused on making cigarettes less addictive and slightly safer. The warning label serves little purpose; the general public is well aware already of the health risks, and anyone with a pack already in their possession will not be turned away from smoking the expensive cigarettes they have already purchased because of reading yet another warning.

The FDA is correct in pursuing to lower the nicotine content. Nicotine is the addictive chemical in cigarettes, and the only way for people to quit is to cure their addiction of nicotine.

Bombarding the public with government warnings everywhere they look does little more than desensitize people to the importance of a government warning.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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OTHER VIEWS IN THE NEWS

CRAIGSLIST KILLER INDICTED

Boston University School of Medicine second-year student and alleged "Craigslist killer" Philip Markoff was indicted late Thursday by the Suffolk County Grand Jury on charges of first-degree murder in the April shooting of a 25-year-old New York woman, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office announced Sunday afternoon.

The grand jury returned seven indictments Thursday, formally charging Markoff with the April

14 killing and attempted robbery of New York masseuse Julissa Brisman at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel and the April 10 armed robbery of Trisha Leffler, 29, at the Westin Copley Place, according to the District Attorney's office.

Markoff was also indicted on charges of armed and forcible confinement of both women, and two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm, according to the District Attorney's office.

Markoff's case will now move into Suffolk Superior Court,

where Markoff is expected to be arraigned Monday morning. The probable cause hearing set for July 1 in Boston Municipal Court is canceled by Thursday's indictments.

Markoff is also charged in an arrest warrant with attempting to rob a prostitute April 16 at a Warwick, R.I. hotel.

Markoff allegedly contacted all three women through the online advertising site Craigslist.

*L. Finch
The Daily Free Press*

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CAMPUS | SUMMER CAMPS

High school students learn about creative writing at week-long camp

By Kaitlyn Peters
Staff Reporter

Creative Writing Camp is spending its second summer at Eastern Illinois University teaching high school kids how to enhance their poetry and fiction writing skills.

From June 22 until June 26 students, ages 14 to 18, work from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day completing exercises to develop their own stories.

According to Beth Craig, who works in the Office of Academic and Professional Development, “students will be writing their own stories and poetry

ideas and learn how to pursue a career after high school.”

This program is also supported by the Coles County Arts Council, which awarded two scholarships to participants who handed in a short story or poetry sample with their registration.

Participants Sydney Hastings and Kelly Nicholson won the full ride scholarships for the camp.

The camp fee was \$85. Assistant professor of English, Letitia Moffitt, taught the camp last year and is looking forward to teaching again this year.

“I did not know what to

“This is one of the best teaching experiences I’ve ever had”
—Letitia Moffitt, Apportionment Board member

expect last year, but this is one of the best teaching experiences I’ve ever had,” Moffitt said.

Moffitt has the kids perform different methods for crafting stories like how to create characters and conflict within a story.

Four Eastern English majors with a focus in creative writ-

ing are there to help Moffitt as well.

Moffitt said the students who come to the camp all want to be there.

The first day they are nervous, but she hopes by the last day they leave with the eagerness to continue writing.

Two kids returned to the

writing camp after attending last year.

“For most kids writing is associated with bad things like homework,” said Moffitt.

Success for Moffitt is to have the kids walk away from the camp with the excitement and urge to write.

On Friday, June 26, students will give a public reading of their favorite story at 11:00 a.m. in room 2103 at Blair Hall.

Craig said the program was developed last year from a request in the English Department.

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» Debut

FROM PAGE 1

“It’s really important for new students to get connected to as many things as possible,” Moock said.

Another way the New Student Programs office attempts to make the transition to college easier for incoming freshman is through the students that are selected to be orientation leaders in the Debut programs.

“We look for a well-rounded group of student leaders who have had a wide variety of experiences,” said Moock. “We want to make sure we have a well-diversified group of students.”

The Debut program, as well as other similar programs, are described as “really critical” by Moock, who believes they play a very important role in the students’ success throughout col-

lege.

“The more ways we can connect to a student, the more successful they are going to be,” Moock said. “Our goal, as in institution, is to make sure we start every new student off to the best of their abilities - with as much information and as prepared as we possibly can.”

Moock believes the programs play a major role not only in

the student transition to college, but also to the freshman retention rate.

She said the likelihood of a student who attended the program being retained, when compared to a student who did not, is “significantly different.”

“Eighty-one percent of our freshmen are back for the fall semester,” said Moock. “And that’s well above the national

average.”

There are 26 freshman programs that will run through July 21.

Incoming freshmen are also required to be involved with EIU Prowl, another transitioning program, in the fall.

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STATE | HEALTH CARE

Ill. gov., businessmen settle suit on health care

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD— A lawsuit that challenged the former Illinois governor’s unilateral expansion of state-subsidized health care ended Monday when Gov. Pat Quinn gave up his predecessor’s fight.

Court documents indicate Blagojevich’s successor, Quinn, settled the lawsuit, and the Illinois Supreme Court dismissed it.

The lawsuit was filed by a lawyer and two prominent businessmen in December 2007, after Rod Blagojevich’s “FamilyCare” plan began, even though the Legislature had repeatedly rejected it.

The settlement follows a compromise lawmakers and Quinn agreed to months ago that allows the state Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide subsidized health coverage to an expanded number of participants, but not as many as Blagojevich.

Blagojevich — impeached and removed from office in January amid corruption charges — attempted to create universal health coverage in 2007 with a massive business tax.


Blagojevich’s plan failed, so he tried to get permission to provide health care on a sliding scale for wealthier people — up to \$83,000 a year for a family of four. When

lawmakers rebuffed him, he started FamilyCare anyway.

The lawsuit followed and a Cook County judge stopped the program in April 2008, ruling that Blagojevich had exceeded his power.

In November, the Supreme Court stepped in to review, but Quinn took office and ended the administration’s defense of the program.

The law Quinn signed in April allows coverage for people at or below 185 percent of the level. Officials could not immediately say whether those above that level whom the Blagojevich administration signed up would continue to be covered.



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FOOTBALL | ST. LOUIS

LA'ROI GLOVER RETIRES AFTER 13 SEASONS

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS— La'Roi Glover, a six-time Pro Bowl selection at defensive tackle who once led the NFL in sacks, announced his retirement Monday after 13 seasons.

Glover, who turns 35 on July 4, spent the past three seasons with St. Louis. He was not re-signed following the 2008 season, when he had 30 tackles and one-

half sack. A Rams spokesman said the team had no comment.

"I'm blessed that I was able to play this game that I love for so long. It has been such an incredible journey," Glover said in a prepared statement.

Glover was selected by Oakland in the fifth round of the 1996 draft out of San Diego State. Considered undersized at 290 pounds, he played in just two

games as a rookie, with two tackles and no sacks.

His career took off a year later in New Orleans, where he had 50 sacks over five seasons, including an NFL-best 17 in 2000 — a rare feat for a tackle. From 1998 through 2000, only two players had more sacks than Glover's 35.5 — Kevin Carter (39.5) and Warren Sapp (36).

Glover had 21.5 sacks in four seasons in Dallas, and 12 in three seasons in St. Louis. He signed with the Rams as a free agent before the 2006 season.

Glover had 627 tackles and 83.5 sacks for his career. He was also known for his durability. After playing 15 games in 1997, Glover played in all 16 games each of the past 11 seasons.

He has also earned off-the-field hon-

ors. He established the La'Roi Glover Foundation in 1999, providing scholarships to San Diego area students and assisting children's charities. He was the Rams' 2007 Walter Payton Man of the Year award winner.

The Rams are getting younger under new coach Steve Spagnuolo. Veteran quarterback Trent Green, 38, announced his retirement earlier this month.

BASEBALL | KANSAS CITY

La Russa joins 2,500-win club

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— Cardinals manager Tony La Russa pan-tomimes a few swings in short left field as his team takes bat-ting practice, occasionally turn-ing to make a point to Kansas City's Trey Hillman, who flashes his glove at balls whizzing by.

A night earlier, just an hour before the game, the two oppos-ing managers could be found sit-ting on a bench atop the Cardinals' dugout, leaning on the rail, again talking shop.

One of the best minds in base-ball history and the most recent member of the exclusive 2,500-win club, La Russa is more than willing to share that knowledge with anyone who'll listen — as long as they're serious about the game he loves.

"I know what a manager's time constraints are during the course of the day and you see him out there sharing, encourag-ing, asking questions," Hillman said. "He loves talking about the game. He's said some very detailed things over the years and he's always offered to give any advice or answer any questions, no matter how out of bounds other managers might think they are."

In a career filled with mile-stones, La Russa passed a big one Sunday against the Royals, join-ing Connie Mack (3,831) and John McGraw (2,763) and the only managers with 2,500 career victories. Even with his place in history secure and the post-game champagne soaking he took from his players, La Russa still doesn't see himself in the same league as those two great managers from baseball's early days.

"I'm not lumped in with them," said La Russa, his hair mottled and a towel draped over his shoulders after Sunday's 12-5 win over Kansas City, and the NL Central-leading Cardinals' eighth in 11 games. "I don't even feel close to them. I don't think about it that way. I think about the good fortune I've had."

An infielder who bounced between the minors and majors for 16 seasons, La Russa got his start as a big-league manager in 1979, with the Chicago White Sox. He spent 18 seasons in the American League, winning a World Series ring with Oakland in 1989.

Always known as a superb in-game strategist, La Russa has been able to show the full pan-orama of his lineup-manipulat-ing prowess since becoming the Cardinals' manager in 1996.

A master of the double switch, working around the pitcher's

spot — all the possibilities the National League offers — La Russa has taken St. Louis to the postseason seven of the past nine years, including a World Series title in 2006 that made him only the second manager to win it all in both leagues.

In 31 big-league seasons, La Russa is 2,500-2,177 and has roughly 500 more victories than any other active manager.

"I think about the good fortune I've had," he said. "The two guys I grew up with I felt were great managers, (Jim) Leyland and Tom Kelly, if they were in my situation, they would have the (2,500 wins) and I would have less. It's good fortune and I refuse to take it personal."

That fortune has shaped La Russa's philosophy toward teach-ing others.

A manager with his resume could easily stayed up on a ped-estal, refused to talk with oppos-ing managers or players, kept all those trade secrets to himself.

Not La Russa.

Like a baseball professor imparting knowledge to his stu-dents, he'll talk to anyone about the game as long as they're sin-cere. Search for La Russa before a game, chances are he'll be around the batting cage, in the dugout or, like he did with Hill-man, standing in the outfield, discussing the game that's been such a big part of his life.

"That's the way I was raised. A lot of coaches on this club, we were really raised that if you real-ly love the game and you want to learn it, somebody is going to talk to you about it," he said. "It's like going to graduate school over the years."

Hillman has had a few sessions with Professor La Russa.

A rookie in the big leagues last season after 18 years coaching in the minors and Japan, Hillman wasn't sure what to expect from one of the game's elder statesmen when he first met La Russa. One they started talking, the manag-ers of the cross-state rivals never really stopped, getting togeth-er every chance they get the two times a year their teams meet.

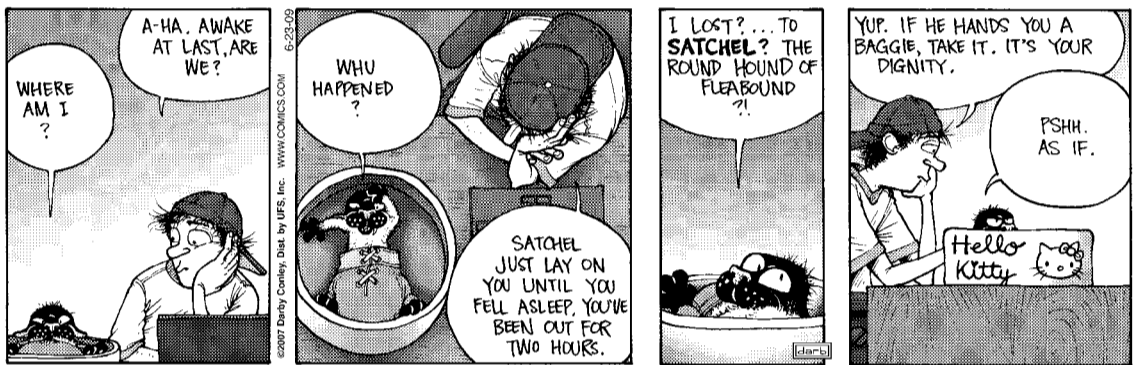
Almost nothing, as long as it's baseball-related, is off-limits.

"I don't want to call it surpris-ing, but you don't know what to expect with a veteran manager when you come into a brand new situation," Hillman said. "He told me at the beginning of last year: 'I'll talk to you about any-thing. If it's something I think it'll give you and edge with, we won't talk about it.' But he's been very forthcoming with his experience."

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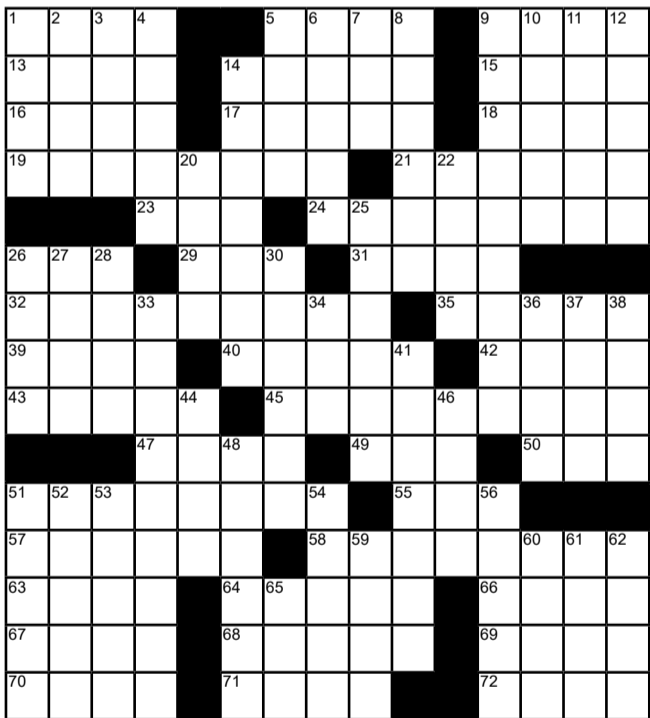
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- 48 Gung-ho
- 51 Trace of color
- 52 Messages that may contain emoticons
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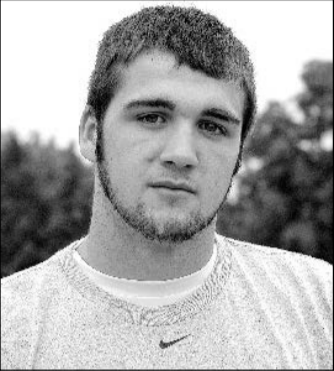
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BASKETBALL

Pratl named Sun-Times male athlete of the year



Shaun Pratl

By JEFF JURINEK
Sports Editor

Eastern basketball recruit Shaun Pratl, a standout in two sports at Richards High School in Oak Lawn, has been named the Chicago Sun-Times' 2009 Male Athlete of the Year.

Pratl played football and basketball at Richards. The wide receiver finished his football career with 10 touchdowns and 52 receptions for 1,026 yards with the Bulldogs.

On the court, the 6-foot-8 center finished with 1,016 career points with Richards, which places him third all-time in scoring for the school. He was a member of the 2008 team that won an IHSA state championship.

He averaged 14.5 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in his three years of varsity basketball, helping Richards to an 82-10 record during that time.

For the 2009 season, Pratl averaged 20 points and 9.5 rebounds a game for the Bulldogs, and finished the season with 10 double-doubles. He helped Richards to a 23-6 record, before the team eventually lost to Crete-Monee in the class 3A regional finals. Pratl scored 16 points and secured 15 rebounds in the loss, which was his last high school game.

Pratl received scholarship offers from Illinois State and Indiana State to play football, however, he eventually decided to pursue a collegiate career in basketball. He accepted a scholarship offer from the Panthers despite offers to play basketball from St. Louis and Boston, citing the Panther's youth as a key factor.

Pratl was the sole recruit to sign with the Panthers during the early signing period in November. He will join a Panther team that went 12-18 in 2008-2009. With the Panthers losing only one starter from last season, forward Billy Parish, Pratl will join a core group of young talent in 2010.

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FOOTBALL | ERIK LORA

Recruit to play for Junior Team USA

Receiver to compete in inaugural junior international football tournament

By JEFF JURINEK
Sports Editor

Eastern football recruit Erik Lora will compete for USA Football's Junior National Team in the inaugural International Federation of American football junior world championships in Canton, Ohio, beginning June 27.

The tournament is the first international American football competition for high-school aged players. The event will feature teams from eight countries- Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Sweden, and the United States – and will take place at the historic Fawcett Stadium at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The U.S. team is the first junior national team in the history of the sport. The team is made up of incoming college freshmen from 22 states, entering 33 different college football programs in the fall.

One of those players making up the national team is the 5-foot-11, 175-pound Lora, a wide receiver who has committed to Eastern and will make his debut with the Panthers in the fall. The involvement with Team USA allows him a few extra days of practice this summer before arriving at Eastern's camp. It also gives him an opportunity to play alongside some of the highest-recruited players in the nation.

Lora, who played for Columbus High School in Miami, Fla., was a First-Team All-Dade County selection and finished the year

ranked second in receiving yards in Dade County in 2008. The receiver pulled in 29 catches for 649 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior, helping Columbus to a 10-1 record. He also returned 11 punts for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

Team USA kicks off competition in the world championships against France on June 27. The tournament will run throughout the week, leading up to the championship game on July 5.

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FOOTBALL | TONY ROMO

Romo finally understands he's the leader

By JEAN-JACQUES TAYLOR
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS— We've all known the Cowboys will go only as far as Tony Romo leads them. Maybe, as he enters his fourth season as a starter, he finally understands that.

If you listen to his comments earlier this week at the Cowboys' final off-season minicamp, it sounds like Romo has figured out that good isn't good enough if winning a championship is the goal — and that's the standard for the Dallas Cowboys.

These days, he's talking about being a better leader. Remember, he scoffed at the notion a few months ago. The other day, Romo talked about pushing himself to get in better condition to help him perform just as well in December as he does in September, October and November.

When Romo talks about the importance of protecting the ball, it's an indication that he realizes 21 turnovers — seven lost fumbles and 14 interceptions — won't enable the Cowboys to end their wretched streak of 12 seasons without a playoff win.

When he talks about winning games without flashy plays, you should take that as indication that he's maturing as a quarterback.

It sounds to me like the cocky quarterback has been humbled.

Don't misunderstand, I admire Romo's belief that every play can be turned into a touchdown. I like the emotion and passion he displays when he plays.

If we're honest, though, it's easy to see how and why he regressed. In less than a year, Romo went from a fairly anonymous backup quarterback to a Pro Bowler who became the face of America's Team.

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Without Bill Parcells grinding on him the last two years and challenging him to be the best he can be every play, Romo has regressed.

See, this isn't about stats. For a quarterback, stats never tell the whole story. And when you play for an offensive coordinator who loves to throw the ball, stats will never tell the entire story.

"I can give you some stats that showed he had a better year last year, but that doesn't count. We didn't have a better year because of the winning," Cowboys Owner/General Manager Jerry Jones said. "We all know it didn't go to his satisfaction last year on an individual or team basis. I think you're seeing him go to work and do something about it."

"He's just trying to take care of business. There's too much at stake. There's too many people trying to get the same thing. Any of us are naive if we don't understand the challenge it takes to win and be a champion, because there are a lot of pitfalls."

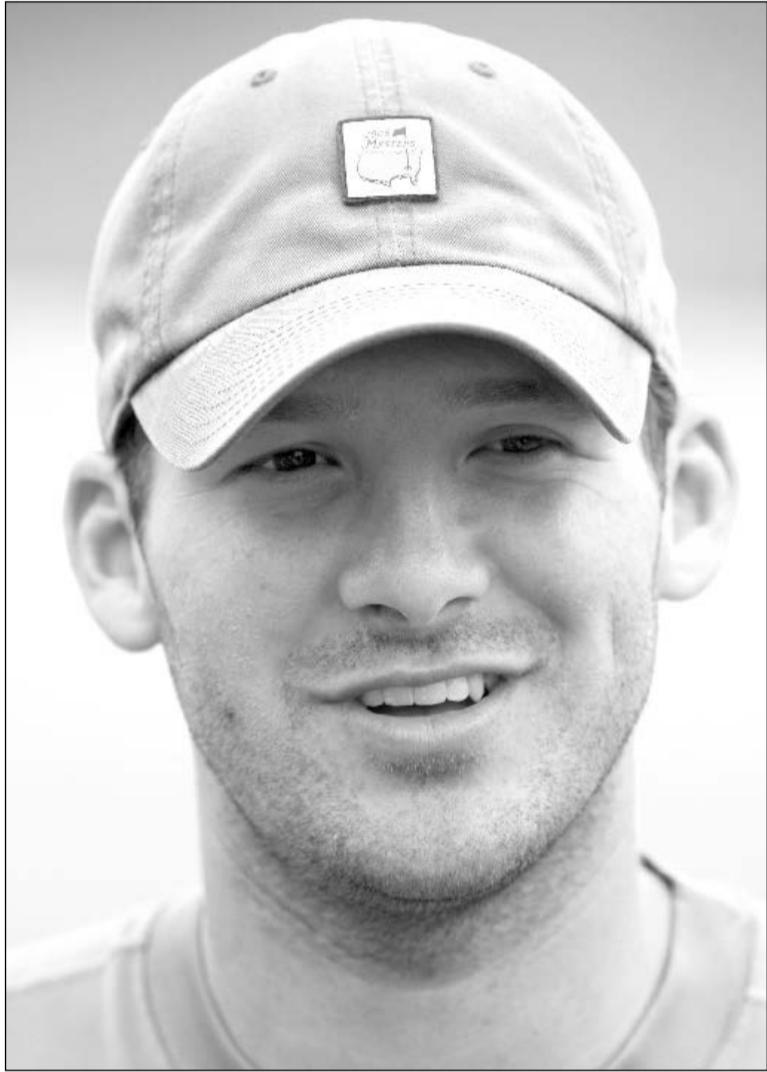
Romo has immense talent. No one has ever doubted that.

We've all seen him do some amazing things on the field, but for the Cowboys to win in December, when the games are most important, and in the playoffs, when legacies are forged, Romo must play better.

It's that simple.

The owner, though, is not surprised at the metamorphosis that appears to be taking place.

"What I see is him addressing ways to improve. If he was at a different stage of his career, he might be worried about his health or whether his arm is live enough," Jones said. "That tells me his arrow is going up. His entire attitude in every respect is good."



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tude in every respect is good.

"When you have that attitude for improvement and you're willing to address it, you get better. Anyone who's underestimating his mind or his responsibility as quarterback is underestimating him."

Words alone won't get it done. We know that.

Still, Romo's moving in the right direction. The way you fix a problem is admitting you have one. It sounds like he understands that now, but we won't know for sure until the season begins.

It's one thing to talk about change in the calm of the summer and quite another to do it during the pressure of the season.

TRACK | JILL MACEACHEN

MacEachen earns three golds in final high school meet

Staff Report

Eastern women's track recruit Jill MacEachen finished her high school career in Canada by winning the provincial gold medal in the long jump, triple jump, and 80-meter hurdles at the Alberta Provincial High School Championships

in Calgary, Alberta. The senior also finished second overall in the 100-meter dash final.

McEachen narrowly came away with the gold in the long and triple jumps, winning both the events on her second-to-last jumps.

Besides competing for her

high school, George McDougall, MacEachen also ran for the Calgary Warriors Track Club. After receiving offers from other U.S. schools such as Colorado State, Idaho State, and Nevada, she ultimately committed to Eastern after a recommendation from Warriors coach Al Holm,

whose son, David Holm, is a cross country and track middle distance runner for the Panthers.

McEachen holds the ASAA Provincial record in the 80-meter hurdles with a time of 11.78. She will join the Panthers for the 2010 track season as a hurdler and long jumper.

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