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Area attractions draw the masses

By Angela Harris
NEWS EDITOR

Mattoon's annual Bagefest provided an array of entertainment this weekend. Spectators were treated to a carnival full of rides and games, food vendors and live entertainment.

Even the younger crowds got involved as children joyfully anticipated the mounting the carnival rides, grabbing some snacks and even playing at the park playground.

Brenda Fidler, a Mattoon nativesaid, "I came for the kids and the rides, and I come every year."

Some visitors attended the previous days events downtown including Scott VanHyfte who said his family had attended the parade on Friday and that this was his first day of the event. VanHyfte said, "actually we've been coming for the past couple years."

Melvin the clown, from the Weste friends clown show, made and gave out balloons. says they give out balloons to the kids.

"You can never put a dollar on a smile." Weste Friends Clown Show has been an organization for three

and a half years. Melvins associate, Sadie the clown was also busy giving out balloons for smiles. Glenda Owens has attended the bagefest ever since it started except for last year when her granddaughter had a softball tournament.

Owens spoke of the bagefest moving to Peterson Park. "It's cooler down here, but I think it had a bigger crowd when it was on Broadway. I think the entertainment is much better down here, it was on the hot street downtown it was really hot," Owens said.

Highlights of the bagefest included the annual bagel baby contest at the Cross County mall on Thursday

night.

On Saturday morning was the world's largest bagel breakfast on Broadway which served up thousands of bagels; the talent show, bow wow contest and country music performers all filled the Saturday events at the Bagefest.



The Mattoon Fire Department was in attendance.

CASEY CARROLL/PHOTO EDITOR



Sadie the clown entertains youth at Peterson Park in Mattoon Saturday as Mattoon's Bagefest comes to an end.

CASEY CARROLL/PHOTO EDITOR

Soil and water sponsors air tour

By Kimberlee Boise
STAFF WRITER

Kids young and old flew for the first time Saturday at the annual Air Tour at the Coles County Airport.

"I thought that I would bring my grandson out to see his house and my farm," said Clifton Cole, a veteran of the annual air tour.

"I hope to bring my older children out here some year and show them the farm just north of Charleston that I grew up on," Cole said.

"It was an adrenaline rush," said David Cole, also a first time flier, "it was neat to see things from a different angle."

The tour is put on by the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The tour was originally started so that area farmers could go up in one of the smaller airplanes and look down on their crops and land.

"We have been doing this for approximately 15-20 years," said Nancy Pals a resource conservationist. "This event used to attract 200 but these days we usually get about 75 people."

"I have been flying this event for the past seven years. There are people that come back three or four times in the same day," said one of the pilots. The pilots typically give 20-25 rides apiece.

"This event attracts kids as young as three on up through 90," said Pals. "There have been people that come in year after year. A lot of people are first time fliers and get scared, but then they land and want to go right back up."

There are two to five airplanes that take people out to look over



Clifton Cole of Mattoon and grandson David Cole of Arcola flew for the first time this weekend at the annual air tour sponsored by the Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District

PHOTO BY CASEY CARROLL/PHOTO EDITOR

anywhere in Coles county. People like to look at the country side, campus, the lake, or go over their own houses. The event attracts a lot of people that come into town for Bagefest.

"It was awesome," said Lana Keigley, a first time flier, "it was nothing like riding on a commercial plane."

"It feels like everything is going in slow motion underneath you, but you are going at 135 mph, its real-

ly pretty," said Keigley.

They charged \$20 for 20 minutes and in the end they break out even. "We don't gain any money from this," said Pals.

"This is an event to get the Conservation District's name out and to entertain people in the area for the day. It's really a good deal," Pals said.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY CARLA SMITH
A reality Illinois demonstrator was one of the many attractions at Coles County Fair

Coles County Fair now open

By Angela Harris
NEWS EDITOR

The oldest continuous fair in Illinois since 1854 opened Sunday with quite a crowd showing up for food, rides and exhibits including the Reality Road Show.


Reality Illinois, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health, is funded by the settlement money that was paid to each state from the tobacco companies. Carla Smith, a representative of reality illinois, spoke of the program saying "we target teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18, against smoking." "The program is led by kids." For more information you can log on to www.realityillinois.com or call 1-866-QUIT-YES.


Another exhibit at the fair includes The Curiosity Show sponsored by Lincoln Log Cabin State Park, where you can also buy tickets for a handmade quilt.


The quilt is being made by volunteers at Lincoln Log Cabin where you can watch and it will be given away at the Fall Frolic.


Many articles in the Curiosity exhibit included wilbeast, warthog, a bear supposedly caught by Daniel Boone, and other taxidermy. A 100 year old chinese brick of tea and other aged real and not so real articles can be found at the exhibit. A lot of the taxidermy and articles were bought by Tom Vance, a park ranger, from all around the country. For more information about Lincoln Log Cabin, you can log on to www.lincolnlogcabin.org or call 345-1845.


At the fair barn, information tables are already setting up including one with FS ethanol stickers, Secretary of State office, and political information for the Democrats and Republicans. The fair, in its 150th year, will continue though Saturday, August 2.


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U.S. hunts for Saddam near Tigris

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) - American forces focused their hunt for Saddam Hussein around his Tigris River hometown and reported a near-miss Sunday in a raid to capture his new chief of security — and perhaps the ousted dictator himself. A U.S. soldier was killed south of Baghdad, the latest death in a spike of guerrilla attacks.

Troops of the 4th Infantry Division, acting on tips from informants, hit three farms in the Tikrit region in a pre-dawn attack but learned their specific target — the security chief — had left the area the day before.

"We missed him by 24 hours," said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, who led the operation that was witnessed by an Associated Press reporter.

The raid was prompted by Thursday's capture in Tikrit of a group of men believed to include as many as 10 Saddam bodyguards. Soldiers learned from them that Saddam's new security chief — and possibly the dictator himself — were staying at one of the farms, Russell said.

Hundreds of soldiers, backed by Bradley fighting vehicles, surrounded the farms as Apache attack helicopters hovered above. No shots were fired as about 25 men emerged from the houses peacefully. They were detained briefly and released later Sunday.

"The noose is tightening around these guys," said Col. James C. Hickey, a brigade commander. "They're running out of places to hide, and it's becoming difficult for them to move because we're everywhere. Any day now we're going to knock on their door, or kick in their door, and they know it."

The army would not name the man they targeted, but said he was believed to have taken over Saddam's security after the June 17 arrest of Abid Hamid Mahmud al-Tikriti, Saddam's cousin and presidential secretary.

Mahmud, who was No. 4 on the U.S. list of most-wanted Iraqis, controlled all access to Saddam. He and Qusai Hussein, one of Saddam's sons, were believed to be the only two people trusted with knowledge of Saddam's whereabouts.

The U.S. military also had mounted a mission to get Saddam on Tuesday in Mosul after killing Qusai and his brother, Odai, a military source familiar with the operation told the AP. The second raid by elements of the 101st Airborne Division came after intelligence sources reported Saddam as being at a different location in the city.

"We missed him by a matter of hours," the source said on condition of anonymity.

Later Sunday, U.S. forces raided the home of Prince Rabiah Muhammed al-Habib in an upscale west Baghdad neighborhood and killed an undetermined number of people, witnesses said. One hospital reported at least five Iraqis killed.

The prince, one of Iraq's most influential tribal leaders, was not there when the raid occurred but told the AP he believed the Americans were searching for Saddam.

"I found the house was searched in a very rough way. It seems the Americans came thinking Saddam Hussein was inside my house," al-Habib said without elaborating.

The American military said it would have no comment on ongoing operations.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited 4th Infantry commanders in Tikrit on Sunday and later told reporters in Baghdad that Saddam "was too busy trying to save his own skin" to lead the insurgency against American forces.

"He is so busy surviving he is having no impact on the security situation here," Myers said. "It's a big country, but we'll find him."

Myers met with Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez,

commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq, and planned to leave Monday.

The military said it had no further information on the 2:35 a.m. attack that killed the U.S. soldier. The death brought to 48 the number of U.S. forces killed in combat in Iraq since President Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

So far, 163 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq, 16 more than were killed in the 1991 Gulf War.

There had been hope that the killings of Odai and Qusai might demoralize the resistance. Instead, their deaths appear to have inspired a wave of revenge attacks.

In Karbala, hundreds of angry demonstrators gathered at the Imam al-Hussein Shrine, Iraq's second-holiest site for Shiite Muslims, protesting the alleged shooting by U.S. forces Saturday night of a 51-year-old restaurant worker.

U.S. soldiers, accompanied by local Iraqi police, tried to enter the shrine but were blocked by Haider Hanoon, the alleged victim, and workers inside, witnesses said. Troops and police allegedly withdrew after the shooting, in which nine people were wounded.

"We will take revenge for this. ... We will make life miserable for the Americans," the crowd chanted.

The U.S. military in Baghdad said it had no information on the incident.

An official of the American-led Coalition Provision Authority, meanwhile, said Iraq's Governing Council will meet Monday. The Americans hope the governing body will adopt internal rules for electing a president and establishing a committee to write a new constitution, the U.S. official said on condition of anonymity.

The council is acting much slower than

expected, the official said.

The bodies of Saddam's sons remained unclaimed at the American base at Baghdad International Airport. Iraq's American-backed Governing Council said it was discussing with U.S. authorities what to do with the corpses.

According to Islamic tradition, the brothers should have been buried the same day they were killed in a shootout.

"If no one claims the bodies, other measures will be taken. This is what we recommended and I expect that coalition forces will go with this recommendation," council member Samir Shakir Mahmoud said without elaborating.

It was believed the brothers might be buried secretly to prevent their graves from becoming a shrine for supporters.

Instead of receiving a quick burial, the bodies were returned to Baghdad. The Americans released pictures of the pair and allowed reporters to see the corpses.

The images, both before and after U.S. morticians worked to make the bodies look more lifelike, were broadcast on satellite television in an attempt to convince Iraqis the brothers were dead. The reaction among the population was mixed.

In another development, the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera said U.S. troops arrested one of its journalists in northern Iraq, but American military officials said they knew nothing about the reported detention.

Al-Jazeera reported that U.S. soldiers detained Nawfal al-Shahwani and his driver Saturday in Mosul, the third time a journalist from the Qatar-based station reportedly has been detained by American troops since Saddam's regime was ousted.

Rebel shells kill 14 in Liberian capital

MONROVIA, Liberia - Mortar rounds pounded homes in Liberia's rebel-besieged capital, killing at least 14 people, while the U.S. ambassador appealed Sunday to insurgents to withdraw from the bloodied city and reopen its port for desperately needed food and aid.

It was the eighth straight day of deadly bombardments of schools and churches in crowded neighborhoods of Monrovia, where rebels are pressing home their three-year campaign to drive out warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor.

One mortar round landed before

dawn Sunday on a tin-roofed shack near a bridge leading from the rebel-held island port to downtown, killing four, according to aid workers collecting bodies.

Another shell fell on a nearby house late Saturday, the aid workers said, killing an entire family of eight adults and two children.

Taylor claimed Saturday that as many as 1,000 people have died since rebels launched their third attempt in two months to take the capital. Aid workers placed the week's toll at about 400.

With desperation mounting in the refugee-choked city, U.S.

Ambassador John Blaney called Sunday for a new cease-fire line — urging rebels to pull back to the natural boundary of the Po River outside the capital.

The line, about six miles northwest of Monrovia, would leave rebels with some of their recent gains in territory but reopen the port, with its food warehouses and outlying refugee camps, to aid workers. It also would help long-promised monitors and peacekeepers to secure a cease-fire.

Blaney said Taylor — blamed for much of the turmoil engulfing the country for almost 14 years — had agreed to the proposal and urged rebels of the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy movement to do the same.

"The LURD needs to show that they have regard for the people of Liberia, that it is not indifferent to the great human suffering that is taking place here," Blaney told reporters at the heavily guarded

U.S. Embassy. "If they want to get to a post-Taylor era, this is the way to do it."

George Dewey, leader of the rebel delegation at off-and-on peace talks in nearby Ghana, said his movement had not yet received the proposal — a claim denied by the embassy. The United States oversaw founding of Liberia by freed American slaves in the 19th century, and remains a leading foreign influence here.

Under mounting international pressure to intervene, President Bush has ordered U.S. ships to take up positions off Liberia to support a promised West African-led peace force. But he has stopped short of saying the Americans would participate directly in a peacekeeping mission, demanding that Taylor step down first.

Taylor, who agreed to resign in a

broken June 17 cease-fire, has repeatedly reneged on the promise. He has said he will accept an offer of asylum from Nigeria — but only after peacekeepers arrive.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Sunday that the United States wants Liberia's neighbors and the United Nations to take the lead in dealing with the political turmoil in the West African nation.

"We are assisting, and we are taking a responsibility in Liberia," Wolfowitz told "Fox News Sunday."

Taylor, who won elections in 1997 after launching Liberia into a ruinous 1989-96 civil war, is wanted by a U.N.-backed court for alleged war crimes in neighboring Sierra Leone.

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Weekend of events at a glance

◆ Bagelfest, the 150th Coles County Fair, and the Air Tour at the Coles County Airport topped the weekend of annual events

150th annual Coles County Fair schedule



ANGELA HARRIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom Vance, a traveling Park Ranger shows off the curiosity exhibit which included wildebeast, a bear supposedly caught by Daniel Boone.



CASEY CARROL/PHOTO EDITOR

Sadie the clown entertains youth at Peterson Park in Mattoon Saturday as Mattoon's Bagelfest comes to an end.



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2003 Coles County Fair

- ◆ **Monday**
- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Swine & Sheep Show - 4-H Arena
- 1:00 p.m. Harness Racing-Grandstand
- 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H Extension Center Open
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Goat Show 4-H Arena
- 7:30 p.m. Fair Queen Pageant - Grandstand
- 8:00 p.m. Jr. Goat Show - 4-H Arena
- ◆ **Tuesday**
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Art Hall Open
- 8:00 a.m. Jr. Swine Show - 4-H Arena
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Show -4-H Arena
- 1:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Kids Day at Carnival
- 1:00 p.m. Harness Racing - Grandstand
- 1:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4 -H extension Center Open
- 6:30 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pull - Grandstand.
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Tractor Pull - Beef Arena
- ◆ **Wednesday**
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Art Hall Open
- 8:00 a.m. Jr. Sheep Show & 4-H Llama Show followed by Jr. Bef Show - 4-H Arena
- 11:00 a.m. Floriculture & Horticulture Judging Art Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Harness Racing - Grandstand
- 6:30 p.m. Grand Ch. 4 Showmanship Competition
- 7:30 p.m. 4 Sisters & A Cousin - Grandstand
- ◆ **Thursday**
- 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Art Hall Open
- Noon - 8:00 p.m. Swine & Carcass Show - Oakland
- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Kids Day at Carnival
- 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. 4-H Extension Center
- 5:00 p.m. Twilight Harness Racing -Grandstand
- 6:30 p.m. Grand Ch. 4-H Livestock Auction
- 7:30 p.m. Little Miss Coles County
- ◆ **Friday**
- 8:00 a.m. Dairy Show 4-H Arena
- Noon - 8:30 p.m. Art Hall Open
- 12:30 p.m. Mule & Thoroughbred Racing - Grandstand
- 5:00 p.m. Open Llama Show - Grandstand
- 7:00 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pull - Grandstand
- ◆ **Saturday**
- 8:00 a.m. Western Horse Show - Grandstand
- 6:00 p.m. Demolition Derby - Grandstand
- Source: County Fair Pamphlet

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EDITORIAL

Students should take advantage of county fair

The 150th annual Coles County Fair started a week of festivities with the Coles County Fair Queen pageant and will conclude next Saturday with the demolition derby. In between, thousands of people will walk the midway.

Prizes will be won, rides will be enjoyed and a wide variety of food will be consumed.

How many of those people at the Coles County Fair will be Eastern students? Not enough.

Eastern students too often pass on activities happening in the community because that is something they would attend with their parents back home.

Don't let the fear of becoming your parents keep you from ski ball, the merry-go-round or Al Krietemeyer's Cotton Candy (wow that stuff's addictive) that are at the same place only one week a year. From July 27 thru Aug. 2 just happens to be the week and if you are reading this paper the chances are quite good you're in Charleston this week.

At issue

The Coles County Fair is scheduled for this week.

Our stance

Bridging the gap between students and the community has never been this much fun.

Get up right now and head to the northwest edge of town because from 6 a.m. until 1 a.m. there is something to enjoy at the corner of E Street and Madison Avenue.

The Lions start serving breakfast at the fair with the rise of dawn and rides continue until there are no more patrons (so 1 a.m. is a loose ending time).

The primary concern for all college students is cost and admission is free the majority of the day so the cost comes down to the food and the tickets for rides.

The food will cost you more than a bag of Ramen noodles, but the atmosphere and experience of the fair is much more enjoyable than walking the food aisle at Save-A-Lot. Splurging for the fair, even one day, should be a priority.

To save some money, try riding your bike or walking instead of driving because parking is atrocious anyway.

Any negatives that come about will be erased from recollection when the Ferris Wheel stops at its peak, sitting there watching all the people enjoy themselves and all the colorful lights.

This week brings a chance to get away from business and just relax and enjoy a piece of rural America that is gone from too many of us. Take some time and enjoy what began 150 years ago.

The Coles County Fair only comes once a year so get up from watching that reality television show and go enjoy everything that makes people come back year after year to the longest continuing county fair in Illinois.

Regrets will be had by none.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

'Social norms' fail to resonate with many students



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Before I proceed with my assessment of anti-binge-drinking campaigns, I invite you to consider this scenario, a composite culled from my own experience, stories others have told me, and one very special episode of *Charles in Charge*:

Fresh off his fraternity's weekly compulsory viewing of *Animal House*, a university student and frequent binge drinker goes to a party, drinks 12 beers and blacks out. He awakes the next morning on a campus sidewalk with two skinned knees and a throbbing headache, lying prone in a pool of his own vomit. He stands and rubs his eyes, congratulating himself on another Tuesday night well-spent. But his reverie is shattered by an inscription in pink chalk on the sidewalk before him, partially obscured by the half-digested burrito he deposited there the night before: 0-4 and no more.

As he reads he is gripped by a profound realization. He at once understands the error of his ways and resolves never again to consume more than four consecutive drinks. *If most of my fellow students drink responsibly*, he reasons, *why shouldn't I?* The student goes on to graduate college with honors, serve in the Peace Corps and pilot a yacht to victory in the America's Cup. The end.

All right, I lied. None of this happened to me or anyone I know, and I've never watched a com-

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plete episode of *Charles in Charge*. I would contend, in fact, that no seasoned binge-drinker has ever been even remotely affected by such banal sloganeering. Harvard University agrees with me on this one—I know, I can hardly believe it myself—in the form of a study conducted by that institution's School of Public Health.

Published on July 24, their findings indicate that anti-binge-drinking campaigns emphasizing "social norms"—that is, those advertising that excessive consumption of alcohol is the exception rather than the rule—consistently fail to put a dent in binge-drinking on college campuses. Of the 37 colleges surveyed that employed "social norms" programs, none exhibited any marked decrease in binge drinking; in a few cases, binge drinking actually escalated.

As one of the many binge drinkers undeterred by "social norms" campaigns, I feel quali-

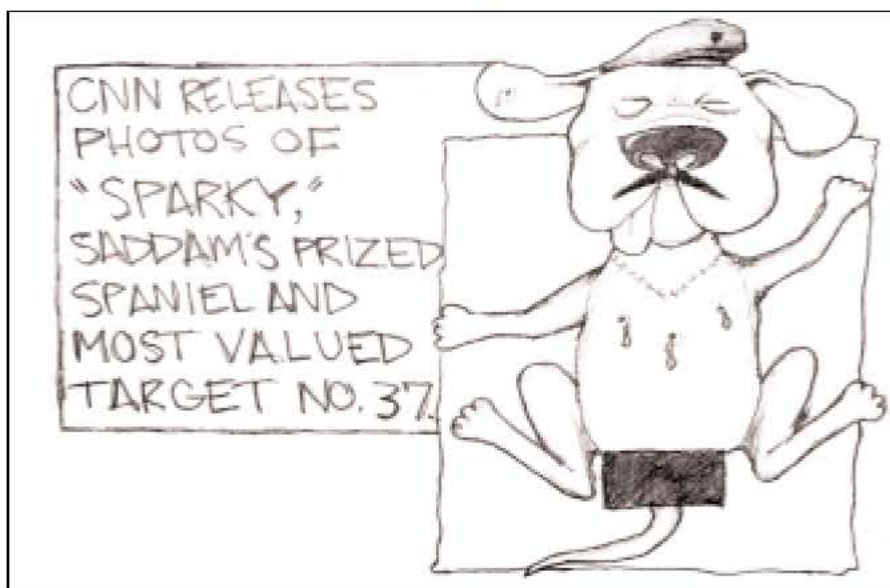
fied to explain why they don't work. The fact that a majority of Eastern's student body heeds the "o-4 and no more" credo means nothing to me and my fellow collegiate rummies. I don't know or consort with a majority of the student body; of the people I do know and consort with, those who stop after four drinks fall into a tiny minority.

Who are these people? we wonder between happy hours. I envision a veteran R.A. with an insatiable Jones for *Dr. Who*, whose involvement in online *Halo* tournaments allows no time for anything but the occasional wine spritzer.

Binge drinkers are influenced by the people with whom they spend the most time, not the people they've never met. No matter how overwhelming the majority constituted by responsible drinkers, bingers will continue to take their cues from their circle of friends, who are infinitely more likely to be binge drinkers themselves.

If you want to discourage binge drinking, resort to gore. Show me a picture of a horrible car crash caused by a drunk driver. Hang a poster of an alcoholic's liver that has been reduced in appearance to a moldy chunk of foie gras. Until then, my friends and I will work tirelessly to pick up the slack left by these so-called "normal college students."

Cartoon by Andy McCammon



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal stance? 'Four' get about it

Dear Editor,

In his opinion column on July 21, Mike Wurl was wrong about at least one thing.

He was absolutely correct in strongly criticizing the Daily Eastern News editorial about the Antwon Oliver rape case. However, he is very wrong in claiming that the editorial was an example of "liberalism."

There was nothing "liberal" about the editorial. Liberals believe very strongly that people are innocent until proven guilty and that they should be given all their rights under the Constitution.

In fact, liberals are often criticized for allegedly going too far in defending the basic rights of those accused of crimes.

Conservatives over the years have been the ones who often want to skirt basic rights and "throw the book" at defendants, regardless of the law or the constitution.

The person who wrote the editorial may not know it but he or she wrote a very right-wing editorial.

Furthermore, Mr. Wurl might not realize it but he probably has more liberal tendencies than he realizes or would like to admit.

Tom McIntire
EIU Alumnus

Dear Editor,

The cover story on the "EIU 4" program basically hands on, without much reflection, the claims that the new program makes for itself.

I wish the DEN would take a more critical look at what has always seemed to me a misguided initiative. The problems I see are as follows:

The program proceeds from a faulty premise, that students at Eastern and elsewhere are "failing" to graduate in four years because required classes are not offered as needed. In my seven years as an academic advisor, I have never seen a situation of this kind. Students stay at EIU for 4.5 years, 5 years, or more for one of two excellent reasons:

A) Good things take time, education is hard, and they needed a little more work and growing-up time than first expected;

B) They find their experience here meaningful and worthwhile and surprisingly affordable, and simply want to prolong it. In neither case does the average time-to-degree constitute a "problem" that needs solving. Indeed, it is in many ways an index to Eastern's strengths as an institution.

* EIU4 imposes a new layer

of redundant bureaucracy on students and their advisors, with new forms to be filled out, new meetings to be had, and no doubt plenty of e-mails to be sent. But nothing of real substance is added to the academic programs of the students.

The very existence of the program implies scant appreciation of the excellent academic advising that has always been one of Eastern's strengths. The network of professional and faculty advisors already in place on the campus has always provided exactly what EIU4 now promises with such misplaced fanfare: sure guidance through the maze of academic requirements leading to a degree. Four-year graduation from eligible programs has always been guaranteed to Eastern students who do the work, have the necessary skills, and really want to finish quickly.

Behind the scenes, the program is generally defended as "marketing," but what kind of marketing is this? Rather than underscoring the strengths we have, we pre-

tend to solve a "problem" we never had.

In the process, rightly or wrongly, we are going to give plenty of people the impression of low or declining standards. Think about it. Last time I checked EIU's home page, the EIU4 slogan was, "Graduate in Four Years, Guaranteed." This sounds way too much like "Eastern-We Pass You No Matter What."

These are my doubts, anyway. I know others will feel differently, and would welcome further discussion in the DEN. And I would emphasize that I have heard nothing but good things about the energy and enthusiasm of the new program's coordinator, Joshua Hayes, my jaundiced views notwithstanding.

Sincerely,
John Kilgore
Eastern English Professor

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NASA studies breast cancer at Eastern

By Kenneth Bauer
VERGE & FEATURE EDITOR

In a small office atop Old Main, Ph.D. Suhrit Dey can be found staring into a computer screen while working on the program that could very well be cancer's undoing.

"The computer program is a result of NASA (National Aeronautic and Space Administration) wanting to find a way in which they can strengthen the immune systems of their astronauts while in space," said Dey.

According to Dey, NASA chose breast cancer because the disease can be contained and stopped through immune system stimulation. The program entitled Mathematical Modeling and Computer Imaging of the Anatomy of Breast Cancer or Computational Immunization, is funded through NASA's university space research association.

The computational immunization program uses information provided by medical doctors to create a three-dimensional model of each patient's tumor and their bodies reaction to it. The program uses magnetic resonance imaging to capture accurate details of a patient's tumor. Doctors run tests on the four body fluids of each patient and from those results we can get an extremely accurate view of the condition of that patient's immune system, said Dey.

"Patients currently in the program are given customized care beyond what is currently offered anywhere else," said Baptu Chatterjee, a computational programmer for the project.

According to Chatterjee, a lot of the guess work currently being used by medical doctors will be a thing of the past once this pro-

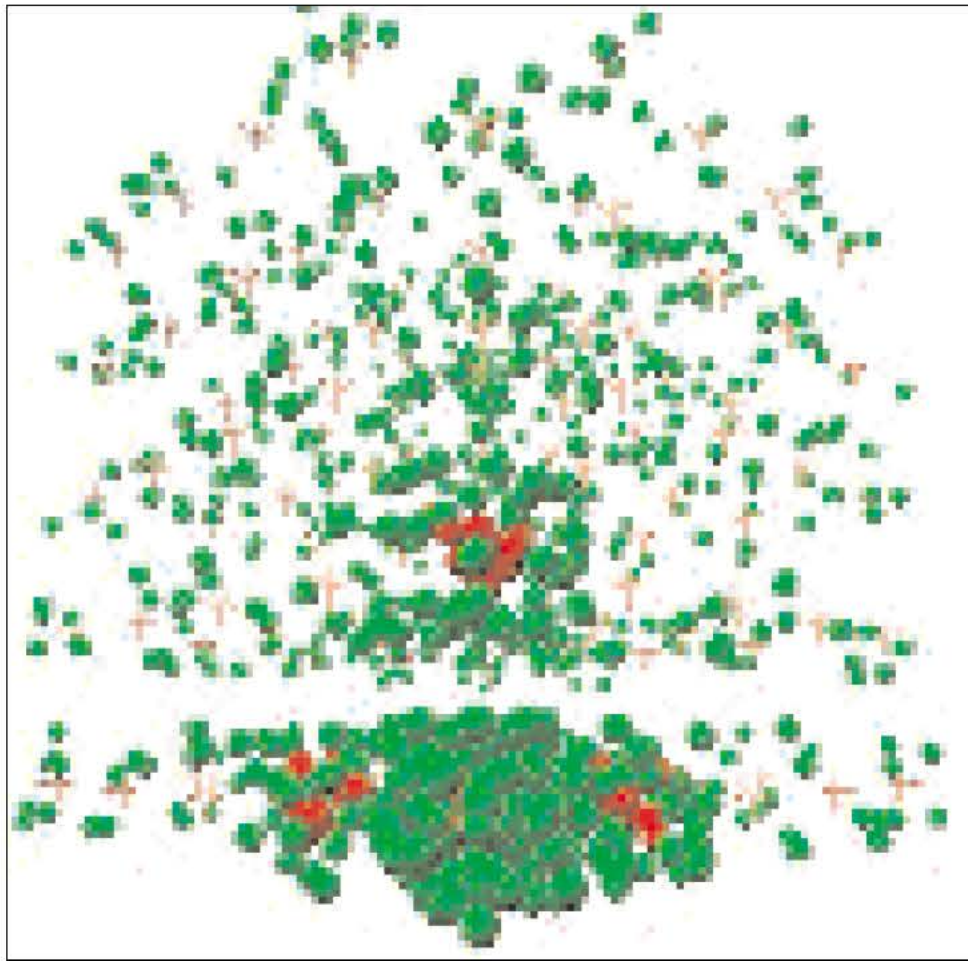


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Computational imaging accurately shows doctors their patient's antibodies swarming cancer cell clusters. Ph.D Dey's computational imaging has been featured repeatedly by NASA Magazine.

gram is complete. As of right now there are a lot of anti-cancer drugs out there that may work for one patient but not for another. The computational immunization program finds all the specifics of a patient's immune system and from that we can accurately say what treatments will work for that particular patient.

Cancer cells are of a very different type that are not bound by the same limitations that normal human cells are bound by. According to Dey, cancer cells lack the substance that causes normal cells to stick together. Therefore, they can more freely float away and spread throughout the body. Also, cancer cells do not have the same apoptosis (innate programming) that normal cells have.

All normal cells are naturally pro-

grammed to complete functions and then weaken and die. This innate programming makes way for more cells to reproduce. Cancer cells are not programmed to die, said Dey. The very first cancerous cell in a human body will remain alive unless something from the immune system comes along and actually kills it.

Dey said there are cancer cells that were extracted from a woman in the 1950's that have been continually fed and are still alive today. The longest living normal human cell lives only 7 years. When cancer cells don't die to make way for new cells they grow on top of each other resulting in a tumor. The average human body has 100 trillion cells.

Computational immunization has two goals. The first goal is to complete the validation process by scientifically proving,

through living patients, a consistency in the results the team has thus far experienced. The results we have so far received from the medical doctors validates our findings.

The second goal of the program is still a few years away. It consists of both giving all the data to NASA where it will be applied directly to the immune systems of astronauts for long term space missions and dispersing the results through the medical world so it may be applied. Dey said all the information should be given to all people of the world.

I have been approached by private industries with offers to buy our findings. I am very proud to turn them away. Money is not why I am doing this, said Dey.

Not to mention that because NASA pays for it, it belongs to the public and actually isn't our property, Chatterjee adds.

Dey's acceptance as head of this program is not random chance. According to him, he is bound to fulfill the completion of the program through his personal and spiritual beliefs. Mothers are superior to everything else in the world, Dey said. The very first drink of life for all humans comes from inside the mothers breast. It is as close to heaven as anything on this Earth.

Dey's team consist of people on multiple campuses including collegiate scholars in India. The local members of the team include Ph.D. Dey, EIU; S. Charlie Dey, Ph.D. University of Illinois; John K. Koontz, ITS Director of UNIX Services; and Baptu Chatterjee, graduate student, Eastern.

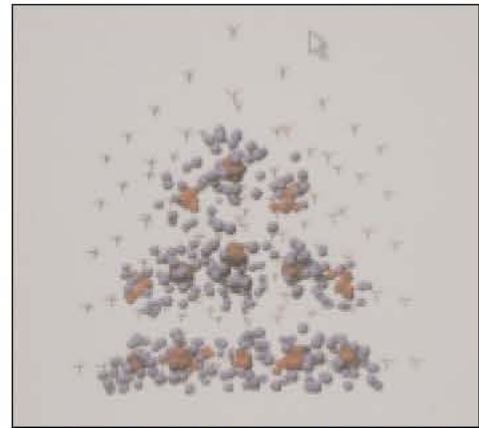


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Dey's three-dimensional imaging (shown above) gives doctors a perfect real-view of what is occurring between cancer cells and anti bodies in patients breasts.



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Baptu Chatterjee, left, is a part of the NASA research project at Eastern that is studying breast cancer for NASA. Dr Dey, right leads the team.

Tombraider sequel outdoes the original

(AP) - Once again, Angelina Jolie is all dolled up with plenty of places to go as adventurer Lara Croft.

Unfortunately, she's again dragging a lot of empty baggage in a movie whose trappings fail to measure up to Jolie's flashy persona.

"Lara Croft: Tomb Raider — The Cradle of Life" is better than its 2001 predecessor, "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," a vapid adaptation of the video game whose only asset was the ultra-cool presence Jolie brought to the character.

The sequel has a somewhat more interesting story, slightly more villainous villains and a more furious onslaught of action, the latter largely due to the rapid-fire style of director Jan de Bont ("Speed," "Twister"). The costumes, exotic locations and a few of the stunts would fit snugly into a decent James Bond flick.

Yet there's still too little for Lara to hang her hat on. She's so plainly superior to all around her that she never feels truly in peril. In her supremely capable hands, anything antagonists can throw at her seems like a walk in the park.

It's as if Lara's a full-bodied dynamo fleshed out to a glorious three dimensions courtesy of modern game graphics, while everyone else is a flat, monochromed Pong paddle.

The movie opens with a promising undersea exploit as Lara goes diving in the Mediterranean to retrieve a map revealing the location of Pandora's Box.

Jolie's entrance in a black bikini riding a jet ski, and her dive in a body-hugging silver wet suit, make for an eye-catching start. That's followed by a taut underwater gunfight with bad guys and a narrow escape from an ancient submerged chamber.

"Cradle of Life" then settles into a modestly more engaging version of the go-fetch routine of the first "Tomb Raider" movie as Lara cavorts through

Hong Kong, China and Africa in search of Pandora's little hope chest.

In Lara's world, Pandora's Box is not the Greek myth of a woman who unleashes all the world's evils from a forbidden receptacle. Rather, it's an artifact containing the origin of life on Earth, along with an "anti-life" force that could loose a devastating plague (the movie never bothers to explain just who left the box and why).

Lara's rival for Pandora's Box is international meanie Jonathan Reiss (Ciaran Hinds), a Nobel-winning scientist who's apparently run through his prize money and has turned to evil to pay the rent.

British intelligence conveniently teams Lara with old flame Terry Sheridan (Gerard Butler), a former agent turned mercenary. Sparks between them do not ensue, because Butler's a bore.

Also in Lara's corner are her men Friday, computer geek Bryce (Noah Taylor) and butler Hillary (Christopher Barrie), who as in the first movie, are potentially fun characters with too little screen time to come to life. Ditto for Djimon Hounsou as Lara's African buddy Kosa, a conceivably formidable ally who only pops up in the movie's final act.

And so "Cradle of Life" amounts to the Lara show, carried by Jolie's bemused elegance, aristocratic assurance, classy British accent, and grandly clad body to die a million video-game deaths for.

Good stuff if Jolie were strutting a fashion-show runway. Thin and forgettable to build an entire movie around.

"Lara Croft: Tomb Raider — The Cradle of Life," a Paramount release, is rated PG-13 for action violence and some sensuality. Running time: 117 minutes. Two stars out of four.

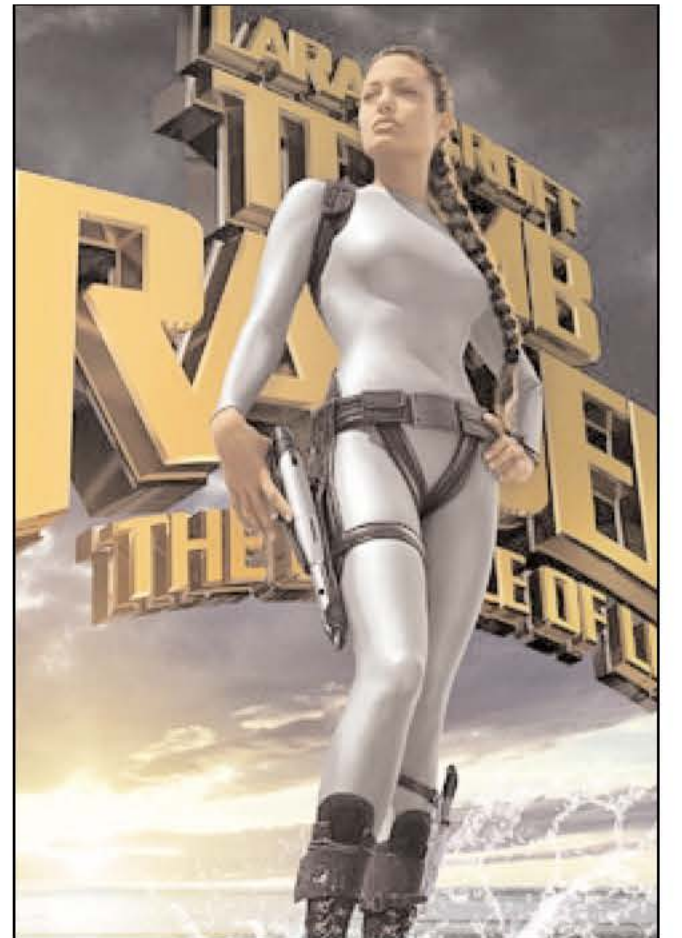


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Angelina Jolie returns as Lara Croft in the Tombraider sequel.

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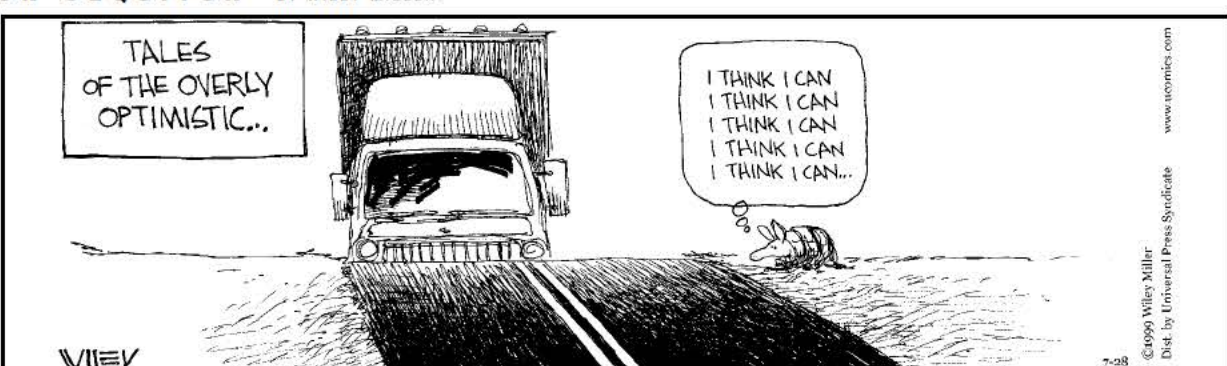
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Armstrong wins fifth straight title

PARIS (AP) — Sipping champagne to celebrate, Lance Armstrong won his hardest but sweetest Tour de France title Sunday — a record-tying fifth straight victory that places him alongside the greatest cyclists ever.

The 31-year-old Texan and Spanish great Miguel Indurain are now the only two riders to win the sport's most grueling and prestigious race five times in a row — a record Armstrong plans to break next year.

Savoring his feat on a largely processional final stage past distinguished Paris landmarks, Armstrong sipped from a flute of champagne and toasted his achievement with a "Cheers!" as he rode, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey that he had so ardently coveted.

"It's a dream, really a dream," Armstrong said in French after climbing the podium while "The Star-Spangled Banner" rang over the Champs-Elysees. "I love cycling, I love my job and I will be back for a sixth."

The indefatigable Armstrong overcame illness, crashes, dehydration, team and equipment problems and uncharacteristic bad days during the 23-day, 2,125-mile clockwise slog around France to win by his smallest margin — 61 seconds over five-time runner-up Jan Ullrich of Germany.

Armstrong shared the podium with Ullrich and third-place finisher Alexandre Vinokourov, holding their hands above his head in a fitting tribute to the two men who battled him to the end.

Armstrong's victory hardly resembled the previous four, when he demoralized rivals by dominating in lung-burning mountain ascents and super-speedy time trials. He had never before won by less than 6 minutes — even in 1999, three years after undergoing surgery and chemotherapy for testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and

brain.

A perfectionist, Armstrong said the closeness of the victory was already motivating him to come roaring back in 2004.

"The other years I won by 6, 7 minutes. I think it makes it more exciting and sets up an attempt for number six," said Armstrong, the leader of the U.S. Postal Service team. "Before the Tour started I was very confident about winning. But before next year's Tour, I won't be so confident."

He said this victory had humbled him. "It makes me appreciate this victory and the other victories more because you realize the best form and the best conditioning are not a given," said Armstrong, who favors the Tour above all other races and prepares meticulously for it.

The intense rivalry between Armstrong and Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner, turned the race into a gripping drama, unlike his previous four victories when Armstrong was virtually assured of winning days before the finish on the cobblestones of the Champs-Elysees.

But this year, he only sewed up his win in a rain-soaked time trial Saturday when he managed to stay upright on a slippery road while Ullrich skidded and crashed.

So action-packed was this Tour that Armstrong was prepared for the unexpected — even Sunday, on the largely processional final stage.

"If a plane landed in the race I wouldn't be surprised," he said before setting off from the Paris suburb of Ville d'Avray on the 92.4-mile ride through streets packed with cheering spectators, many waving American flags.

France's Jean-Patrick Nazon wept after winning the stage in a fierce final sprint. Australian Baden Cooke was second, earning enough points to win the green jersey as

the Tour's best overall sprinter. For a record-tying sixth time, Richard Virenque of France won the pink polka-dot jersey as the Tour's best mountain rider.

But it is the yellow jersey that counts the most, and Armstrong proudly wore it every day since July 13, a week into the race.

He got a congratulatory phone call from Postmaster General John Potter shortly after crossing the finish line.

"We think that Lance really, and the team, showed courage and determination like never before," said Anita Bizzotto, a senior vice president of the U.S. Postal Service. "We're extremely proud of him."

Besides Armstrong and Indurain, just three other riders have won the Tour five times, but not consecutively. They are Belgium's Eddy Merckx, and Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil and Bernard Hinault. If Armstrong doesn't win a record sixth title, the question of who is the best will long be debated.

"Armstrong's courageous, a fighter. Somebody who perseveres until the end," said Hinault, whose wins came in 1978-1979, 1981-1982 and 1985.

"You have to do like him to beat him. He's certainly a star, but I don't know if he's a superstar. It's a new generation of riders. They have radios, they work more closely in teams. It's a different era," he said.

Indurain said he still views Merckx as the greatest.

"He competed in virtually every cycling competition, whereas Armstrong really only focuses on the Tour," he told The AP.

The Spaniard, who held the Tour in an iron grip from 1991-1995, said Armstrong would be hard-pressed to win six.

"Of course it's possible. But every year it gets more difficult, and he'll face some tough rivals," he said.

Ullrich, returning from two knee operations and a ban for taking amphetamines, entered the race saying he didn't expect to win. But when it became evident Armstrong wasn't at his best, the German and other key rivals pressured the Texan as never before, attacking him relentlessly on grueling mountain stages in the Alps and Pyrenees.

Ullrich was most impressive in a time trial July 18, when he sliced a whopping 96 seconds off Armstrong, who had never before been beaten by the German in a race against the clock on the Tour.

Armstrong wilted in scorching heat that day in the south of France, hanging onto second place but losing about 11 pounds. His performance prompted speculation that at 31, he was too old to win again.

But Armstrong stormed back three days later on a mist-shrouded 8.3-mile ascent to the Pyrenean ski station of Luz-Ardiden, one of the Tour's hardest climbs. Armstrong recovered from a fall, caused by a spectator's outstretched bag that caught his handlebars, to roar past Ullrich, who sportingly waited for him to get back on his bike. Other than a victory in the team time trial, it was Armstrong's only stage win of this Tour and marked a turning point. From then on, Ullrich was chasing Armstrong's lead.

"At the start of the climb, I knew that that was where I needed to win the Tour," Armstrong said. "At the finish I was confident that that was enough."

Armstrong said that in previous years, his preparations for the following Tour began almost immediately after his victory celebrations. Not this year.

"This Tour took a lot out of me," he said. "I need to step back from cycling and from the races and relax a little bit and focus on 2004 in due time."

Cameras allowed in Bryant hearing

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — News cameras will be allowed inside the courtroom at Kobe Bryant's hearing on a sexual assault charge on Aug. 6, a judge ruled Friday.

A live audio feed will also be permitted, Eagle County Court Judge Fred Gannett said. He placed no restrictions on what the cameras could record.

Gannett's order allows one pool TV camera and one pool still photographer in the courtroom.

The Los Angeles Lakers star guard was charged with felony sexual assault after a 19-year-old woman told authorities he attacked her at an Edwards resort June 30. Bryant said the sex was consensual.

He is free on \$25,000 bail.

Bryant may not be required to attend the hearing but is expected to, said Krista Flannigan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Mark Hurlbert. She said officials will know in advance whether he will be there.

Bryant's attorney did not return an after-hours call seeking comment.

The hearing is to formally advise Bryant of the charge and the possible sentence he faces if convicted, and could include a discussion of whether to change his bail.

Chief Judge W. Terry Ruckriegle, who oversees the courthouse, has not ruled on a media request to station pool cameras in a hallway outside the courtroom and at the courthouse entrance.

Representatives from the county, the town and the district attorney's office met Friday morning with Ruckriegle to discuss that request and other arrangements for the flood of reporters and television crews covering the hearing.

About 25 television satellite trucks are expected to arrive the day before the hearing, about 10 more than were present when Hurlbert announced on July 18 he was filing charges.

Ruckriegle wants to limit the number of trucks in the

court's small parking lot, said Christine Yuhas, administrator for the 5th Judicial District, which includes Eagle and three other mountain counties.

"It's just a normal community and we do have normal business that we have to keep going," Yuhas said.

Officials are also considering how to accommodate all the reporters and members of the public who want to be in the courtroom for Bryant's first appearance since his July 4 arrest.

The largest courtroom in the building at the edge of town accommodates 68 people. The courtrooms were designed to handle typical small town court cases, such as traffic offenses and domestic violence, Yuhas said.

Assistant County Administrator Becky Goddel said officials have no estimate of how many people will show up for the hearing but said allowing television coverage should help prevent large crowds.

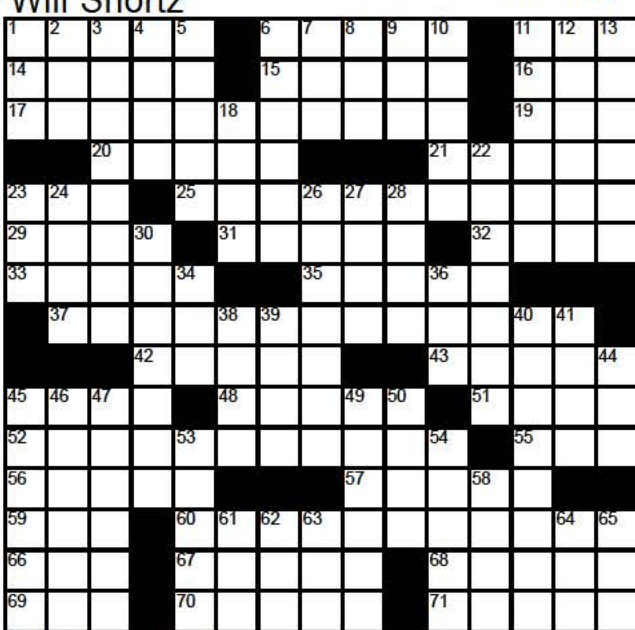
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- 14 French cinema star Delon
- 15 Therefore
- 16 Confederate soldier, for short
- 17 Get on board
- 19 Mentalist Geller
- 20 Pub perch
- 21 Early (one up at 6 a.m., say)
- 23 Nevada town
- 25 "Sweet Caroline" singer
- 29 "Like It Hot"
- 31 Soup eater's need
- 32 Vegetables that roll
- 33 Teacher's charges
- 35 Designer de la Renta
- 37 Game show originally hosted by Monty Hall
- 42 Opposite of froths
- 43 From east of the Urals
- 45 Pet protectors' org.
- 48 Bloodhound's clue
- 51 Spanish girl: Abbr.
- 52 1990 road film starring Nicolas Cage and Laura Dern

- 55 With it, 50's-style
- 56 N.B.A.'s Shaq
- 57 Bullwinkle, for one
- 59 Genetic info dispenser
- 60 Planter's tool
- 66 Room with an easy chair
- 67 Online letter
- 68 West Pointer
- 69 Radical 60's campus grp.
- 70 Slender and long-limbed
- 71 Befuddled
- DOWN
- 1 Muslim pilgrimage
- 2 "Xanadu" rock grp.
- 3 Li'l Abner's love
- 4 Force
- 5 Writer Chekhov
- 6 Nickname for Leo Durocher
- 7 room (site for a Ping-Pong table)
- 8 Photo blow-up: Abbr.
- 9 Antique French coin
- 10 Actress Winger
- 11 Literary cast-away
- 12 Venus's sister on the courts
- 13 Sporty Fords, informally
- 18 Weed whackers
- 22 Awe
- 23 Computer key: Abbr.
- 24 Laze
- 26 Peek
- 27 Amount of medicine
- 28 Peruvian Indian
- 30 Erik who played Ponch on TV
- 34 NNW's opposite
- 36 Nabokov novel
- 38 A crow's-nest is atop it
- 39 Keystone site
- 40 Bubblebrains
- 41 Missing a deadline
- 44 Quick shuteye
- 45 Musketeers' weapons
- 46 Fastened (down)
- 47 Gets rid of dust bunnies
- 49 To wit
- 50 1982 Jeff Bridges film
- 53 Author Horatio
- 54 Raven-haired Puccini heroine
- 58 Lover's quarrel
- 61 Doctors' org.
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- 63 Unkind remark
- 64 Fiddle-de-___
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Summer's closing time arrives

I don't even want to think this, so I can't believe I'm writing this: **SUMMER IS NEARLY OVER.**

Too many indications have come to my attention recently that my favorite season is quickly coming to an end, but it isn't all bad.

The first began yesterday, the 150th consecutive Coles County Fair. The event that brings in each August (the dreaded month when school resumes) means corn dogs and Ferris Wheels are just a few blocks away at Charleston's north edge.

Most of the time I wouldn't travel to the north side of Charleston, but for the longest continuous county fair in Illinois, I will make an exception. The only other reasons I can think of to go beyond Monroe Avenue are for Dairy Queen and baseball games at Baker Field.

As much as I enjoy going to the fair, I resent the ending of it because then there are not many days until I must return to the grind of school. Hopefully, this year the fair won't end on Saturday and magically continue for a little while longer so the thousands of students in town can forget the looming first day of classes.

A second sign of summer's conclusion was released on Friday and titled "Seabiscuit." When I was watching Funny Cide win the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness last May the release of the Toby McGuire movie seemed so far far away.

On Friday, I went to see this spectacular film. Seabiscuit is the best sports movie I have seen in a theater since Happy Gilmore, but the tone of the two movies is completely different.

Seabiscuit's heroics helped me forget for two hours that summer was ending soon, but the thought returned when I got out to my car and saw a shirt from the Charleston Middle School Shooting Camp sitting in my car's back seat.

My summer was so filled with basketball and on Wednesday the Shooting Camp concluded, ending all my basketball until tryouts on Oct. 20. I took teams to compete at Tuscola, Chatham Glenwood and the first Eastern Team Camp compiling a record of 5-15.

OK, that record wasn't so great, but I finished with that before June was over and since I have been working with the eighth grade coach at nine open gyms and then three days of Shooting Camp.

Before the Shooting Camp, I worked two straight weeks of basketball camps at Charleston High School along with watching several sessions at two Eastern basketball camps.

All that is over now and I must accept that I will be starting school soon and giving the bookstores hundreds of dollars for books and other such school necessities.

Oh, one other sign summer is almost over. There are only three more issues of the Daily Eastern News this summer. Can this all be upon me already?

Bring back May.

Seabiscuit revives horse racing in America

NEW YORK (AP) - In the final lines of "Seabiscuit," jockey Red Pollard says everybody was wrong. It wasn't the owner, trainer and rider who fixed a broken down racehorse: "He fixed us. Every one of us. And I guess in a way, we kind of fixed each other, too."

More than 60 years later, thoroughbred racing is hoping Seabiscuit can do it again.

The much-publicized film opened Friday, just in time to give racing another chance to build on its rising popularity.

Racing already has made inroads with the casual fan thanks to Funny Cide's run at the Triple Crown. And track officials have jumped on the Seabiscuit film's promotion wagon to help increase exposure for a sport that improved three spots to 11th in popularity in a 2002 ESPN poll.

"The film is a gift from the marketing gods," said Tim Smith, commissioner of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, formed five years ago to generate more interest in racing. "I don't know where it all will lead, but I know it's very positive and promising for the sport."

Based on the best-selling book "Seabiscuit: An American Legend," by Laura Hillenbrand, the film tells the story of three lost men and the horse that brought them together, giving hope to a struggling nation during the Depression.

Until recently, racing's popularity was low. But the public started paying more attention as five of the last seven years produced a Triple Crown contender.

Funny Cide's story was the most heartwarming — the first gelding to make a Triple try in the Belmont, a group of small-town owners, a jockey cleared of wrongdoing in his Derby ride and a secretive trainer who drew comparisons to Seabiscuit's handler, Tom Smith.

"The film dovetails amazingly with the Triple Crown story of this year," Smith said. "And that's another big boost to getting the interest of the general sports fan and those who aren't sports fans. The Belmont was the highest rated of any show on TV that week. Now comes Seabiscuit."

And hopefully a full field of new fans. "I think it's going to interest a lot of people in our sport," said Chris McCarron, the retired Hall of Fame rider who plays War Admiral's jockey in the film.

McCarron said the story was told with such pageantry that "a lot of people are going to go

'Wow, I've never been there' or 'I haven't been there in a long time, I'm going back to check it out.' It's going to have a real good shot in the arm for us."

At venerable Saratoga Race Course, trainer John Ward was anxious to see the film — and optimistic it will help racing.

"Once the public starts to understand the mystique of racing, of how hard it is to win a race and to train a horse and all the human elements involved, they become fascinated with it," Ward said. "And that's the story Seabiscuit tells. The outcome, win or lose, brings out an outpouring of emotions."

During a recent screening, there were cheers after Seabiscuit defeated Triple Crown winner War Admiral in their famous 1938 match race, and applause at the film's conclusion.

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens, who played jockey George Woolf in the film, was moved to tears the first time he saw "Seabiscuit." "It's going to be a 'Gone With the Wind' type of thing," he told the Thoroughbred Times, a racing industry newsmagazine.

Even before the film hits theaters, a positive impact is being felt in racing circles. Tracks are featuring Seabiscuit giveaways.

At Del Mar, there's Seabiscuit Day on Aug. 2. Ceramic mugs with the colors of Seabiscuit owner Charles Howard will be given away and Stevens will sign autographs. Similar mugs will be handed out at Saratoga on Sunday.

Dozens of screenings of "Seabiscuit" were held the past few weeks in the major racing states of California, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland and New York, with many events benefiting racing charities.

At an auction of "Seabiscuit" memorabilia in Beverly Hills, Calif., a buyer from Virginia paid in the \$150,000 range for a battered kangaroo leather saddle trimmed in lizard skin worn by Seabiscuit. Hillenbrand spent at least \$17,900 on items, including \$13,000 for a shoe worn by Seabiscuit in the race with War Admiral.

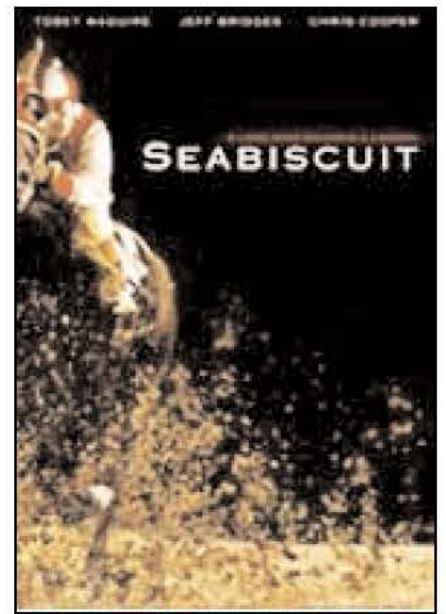
For its part, the NTRA has prepared a three-minute infomercial on racing that will play



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Seabiscuit raced into theatres this weekend.

before the film in more than 5,000 theaters through Aug. 21. They've also partnered with Canadian manufacturer Roots and Universal Pictures, which produced the film, in selling Seabiscuit merchandise.

"If racing can't cash in on this one," Ward said, "we better get a new guide book."



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Seabiscuit chronicles the story of an oversized jockey and a small horse.

Decomposed body could be that of missing Baylor basketball player

WACO, Texas (AP) - A body found at a rock quarry near Baylor University was too decomposed to immediately determine whether it was that of missing basketball player Patrick Dennehy, authorities said Saturday.

The body was found by an investigator Friday night in an area not previously searched, but in the general vicinity of where authorities had been looking for the Baylor athlete, said McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch. The scene, five miles southeast of Baylor, was secured and guarded overnight.

"This morning, at first light, we began a thorough collection of all evidence and examination of the area where the badly decomposed body was found," Lynch said.

He said he notified Dennehy's family Saturday that an unidentified body was found, and that it was being taken to a forensic lab for an autopsy and positive identification.

Dennehy, a 6-foot-10, 230-pound center, was last seen on campus June 12. His family reported him missing June 19, and his Chevy Tahoe, missing its license plates, was found in a Virginia Beach, Va., parking lot June 25.

Maryland native Carlton Dotson, 21, who played basketball for Baylor last season and

had been living with Dennehy for a few months, was charged with Dennehy's murder last week. He remains jailed without bond awaiting extradition to Texas.

Waco police said Dotson told FBI agents in Maryland he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him. But after his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press he "didn't confess to anything."

Dotson gave police three locations in Waco where Dennehy's body might be found, Dennehy's family said. The body was found in one of those locations.

An investigator with the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office who declined to give his name said the body was "greatly decomposed" and it could take days to identify the remains.

Dennehy's stepfather and mother, Brian and Valerie Brabazon, and his girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, left Waco on Friday after spending four days cleaning out Dennehy's apartment and meeting with police and Baylor officials. The couple spent the night at a hotel in Albuquerque, N.M., where De La Rosa lives.

Brian Brabazon and De La Rosa each confirmed they spoke Saturday with the sheriff.

Brabazon said authorities did not give him a description of the body or where it was found, but De La Rosa said the sheriff told her the body was found in water.

"We still have hope that Patrick is still alive, but we want closure," Brabazon said, adding that he and his wife would delay driving home to Carson City, Nev.

Weldon Brandon, who lives in the rural area where the body was found, said Saturday his son found a "gold-colored basketball shoe like the Baylor team wears" across from the area where investigators conducted the latest search. He said the shoe, discovered last month after Dennehy's disappearance, had blood in it and was taken to the sheriff's department.

Friends of Dennehy say he told them he and Dotson had been threatened, and that the pair obtained guns. Dennehy's family also said he told coaches he feared for his life.

Head coach Dave Bliss has repeatedly said he and his staff were not aware of any threats.

"We all share the family's agony over these past several weeks and the horror his friend has been charged with murder," Baylor athletic director Tom Stanton said.