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UNIVERSITY

Dean search starts internally

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

The search is on for a new dean of the Hon-or’s College, and it’s an internal one. Blair Lord, provost and vice president for aca-demic affairs, said he decided to go with a three-year appointment after considering a one-year interim appointment. Lord said a national search would have to be-gin in the fall, and so was not an option for this year. “I believe that a one-year interim would basi-cally be a placeholder position,” Lord said. “That you haven’t really authorized somebody with the kind of authority to start doing some program-matic initiatives if they only a single year. There are a number of things in that external review (by the National Collegiate Honors Council) that I would like the next honor’s dean to work on, and I think it would be more likely to have a person have some success in that if they have some time.” The position will be open July 1 when Bon-nie Irwin, current dean, moves to her new role as dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. DEAN, page 7

CITY

Mad Hatter’s to undergo summer renovations

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

Mad Hatter’s will be closing its doors this summer for renovations to open in the fall under a new name. Peter Christos, a senior business management major from New Lenox, purchased the building, currently known as Mad Hatter’s, March 15. “I felt that they were under-utilizing the space,” Christos said. “I think it can be pretty big if you (put) enough money and work into it.” The bar will remain open as Mad Hatters on Fridays and Saturdays until April 24. “Then we are going to shut down and remodel the whole place,” Christos said. Renovations will be done to the inside and a new patio will be made outside. “We will be completely closed over the summer; there is a lot of work to do,” Christos said. After the upgrades are complete, the bar will be reopened as The Penalty Box. “We are going to try to compete with all of the bars around here,” Christos said. The bar will have a full kitchen and a late night walk up for pizza. HATTERS, page 7

EVENTS

Students ‘RelaXXX’ at fair



KIM VINCENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students put condoms on rubber penis’ during the Sex Fair Monday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom.

Sex fair teaches positive aspect of sex, masturbation

By Pablo Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

Students were able to “RelaXXX” at Pride’s Sex Positive Fair. Pride, a recognized student or-

ganization since 1992, organized the second-annual Sex Positive Fair Monday. Fair attendees had the opportunity to learn, express and view the positive aspects of sex. Lisa Taylor, a sex educator for the school of family consumer sciences and pre-senter at the event, said sexual intercourse and masturbation is good for people. “Sex is for everyone regardless of

age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical ability and religion. It’s for everybody,” said Taylor. “And when sex is practiced on a safe and respectful manner, sex is good for us.” Taylor also came up with a list of 25 ways of why sex is good for people. The audience responded enthusiastically by clapping after every item on the list was read. “I teach sex education and I have

a lot of old sex-ed textbooks,” Taylor said. “I probably have about 12 and so I went through them, and I knew about the benefits of mas-turbation because I talk about that specifically, but I did a little more to pull together how it benefits a couple.” The event was full of different sex presentations, each one showing the pros and cons of certain SEX FAIR, page 7

CAMPUS

ATAC determines need for computer labs

By Shea Brunson
Staff Reporter

There never seems to be enough computers labs available when you need them, yet the Academic Technology Advisory Committee says there may be too many. Michael Hoadley, assistant vice-president for Academic Affairs for Technology, said there are 41 computer labs on campus. Out of those 41 labs, Gregg Triad, Lumpkin Hall and Booth Library have open labs, 14 are used for classes and are open when not in use, and the 25 other labs are spread throughout different departments. Hoadley is part of the Academic Technology Advisory Committee, which funds 17 of the 41 labs; the other 25 are funded by outside sources. The question of what Eastern is trying to do to reduce the amount of labs is difficult to answer, Hoad-

ley said. Eastern is currently not trying to reduce the amount of labs, but it is a possibility if they are not presenting enough documented need for use when ATAC does their yearly review of labs on campus. “Every year four labs come up for review,” Hoadley said. “It’s not a matter of just consolidating, it’s determining the need.” Laura Brauer, a junior accounting and finance major, said she agrees with closing down computer labs on campus. “There’s really no need for 41 computer labs on campus because a lot of people have laptops, and I didn’t know about all the labs so it’s hard to say who’s using them,” Brauer said. ATAC funds the labs that have a documented need for more funding. Yet even when a lab does not show a need for continued funding, that does not mean it will au-

tomatically be closed down. Many of the labs that do not qualify for additional funding get upgraded computer equipment, provided by ATAC, which gives the labs two to three more years of use. ATAC also looks at the changing face of the campus when reviewing labs. Hoadley said about 94 percent of students who come to Eastern bring a computer, and about 50 to 60 percent of them are laptops. Along with that, many departments, including communication studies, journalism and art are beginning to require students to have a laptop for course work. With such high numbers of students who have computers already, the number of labs needed may be decreasing. Two years ago the geography and geology department labs were up for review with ATAC, and the department decided they needed no further funding from ATAC for the labs because of lack of use.

The job that ATAC does, determining which labs would be better suited with more funding and those that are best closed down, gains mixed reviews from students. Marquez Woods, a junior exercise science major, disagrees with ATAC reducing the amount of labs on campus. “I think we need more computer labs, because a lot of times even if you have a computer you don’t want to risk it crashing or freezing when you’re doing class work,” Woods said. Hoadley mentioned that in the future a centralized building for computer labs, like those at a school such as Purdue University in Indiana, may be more efficient and might be something that ATAC and Eastern would look into.

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WEATHER TODAY



Sunny

HIGH
79°

Summer-like conditions continue this afternoon. Temperatures will be near 80 through Thursday. Overnight lows will continue to be mild in the mid 50s. The next chance for rain will be Friday afternoon, but we will quickly return to sunny conditions on Saturday. Weekend temperatures will be in the mid 60s

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TAX TIP OF THE DAY

Countdown to Tax day:
Three more days to file

Tax day is April 15, and people everywhere will be rushing to send off the infamous paperwork. While some people may be uncertain about tax technicalities and find tax time stressful, look for daily expert tax advice in The Daily Eastern News to help you on your way.

Today's tip:

Learn how withholding and other filing issues affect your taxes

"No one wants to be surprised by owing money to the IRS when it's time to pay taxes, just because you didn't figure your withholding correctly," said Ronny Pearce, the franchise owner of the Mattoon H & R Block. "Reviewing your current withholding amount, and other issues that affect how you file taxes, are especially important because of recent changes in federal law."

Plan the size of your refund (or to plan for no refund) by choosing the proper number of allowances on your W-4.

Figure the best ways to withhold income taxes if you receive regular pension distributions, Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation and other periodic payments.

Know the ins and outs of paying estimated taxes if you are self-employed or have capital gains, lump-sum distributions, dividends and interest, or other taxable income without automatic withholding.

—By City Editor Kayleigh Zyskowski

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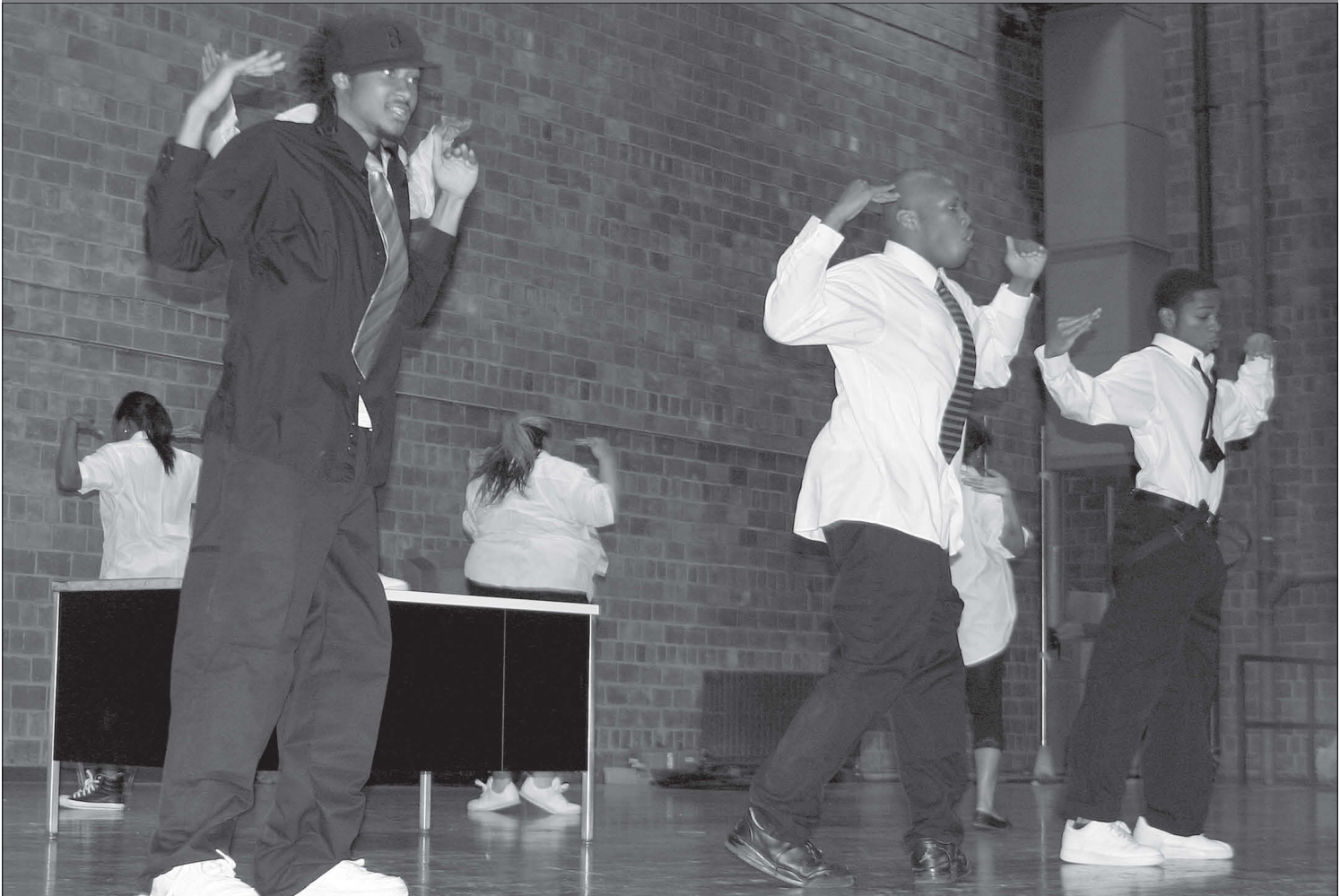
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Who's the best?



KIM VINCENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rythm and Xtacy performing at the Phi Beta Sigma Award Show in McAfee Gym Sunday evening. The award ceremony was honoring students voted in such categories as "Best Dressed," "Most Swag" and "Prettiest Smile."

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Present controversy

Online Editor Sam Sottosanto talks about whether or not it's OK to buy presents for your significant other on a regular basis in her relationship blog on DENnews.com.



National Conference
for Undergraduates

Find out what the National Conference for Undergraduate Students is and why a select few Eastern students will be heading to Montana Tuesday in a podcast on DENnews.com.

BRIEF

A residential burglary was reported Friday at Douglas Hall. The incident is under investigation, the University Police Department said.

Troy Wilson, 42, of 1293 CR

750 N., Toledo, was arrested at 1:13 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Division and Grant. Wilson was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and released at 4:44 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, the UPD said.



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DIVERSITY



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students and faculty watch the movie "A Most Unlikely Hero" Monday afternoon in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther Luther King Jr. Univresity Union. The movie is about an Asian-American who fights for just in the United States Marine Corps.

Workshop offers insight on Asian American discrimination in U.S. Miltary, United States alike

By Chacour Koop
Staff Reporter

As part of Asian Heritage Month, students and faculty attended a workshop Monday to discuss racism against Asian Americans in the military, but then the topic changed to racism in America.

The diversity workshop was offered by Jin-hee Lee, a history professor, and Karl-Ludwig Konrad, a professor in the foreign languages department.

Lee and Konrad showed a film by Steve Okino, "A Most Unlikely Hero," which documents the struggle of a Japanese-American in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The discussion was devoted to racism and discrimination in America, especially in the military. Lee said talking about issues such as racism and discrimination is difficult because it is a sensitive subject.

"A documentary film is useful because it helps discussion on the issue," Lee said.

The film told the story of Bruce Yamashita, who was born in Hawaii. After graduating from Georgetown University in Washington D.C., Yamashita decided to enlist in the Marine Corps in 1990. While in officer candidates' school, he experienced what he described as blatant racism. Yashamita was then kicked out of school after nearly completing the nine-week program.

According to the film, minorities are "dis-enrolled" from officer candidates' school at a significantly higher rate than whites.

Lee said bringing this issue to the forefront is important.

"Ignoring the situation is simply an injustice," Lee said.

Lisa Brown, coordinator for the study abroad program, attended the

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Lisa Brown, coordinator for the study abroad program

workshop and was surprised that Japanese-Americans were targets of racism in the military.

"I was surprised it happened with an East Asian because they have been around longer than many other minorities," Brown said. "It has been so long since we were at war with Japan."

Discussion topics not only included racism in the military, but also racism in the American public.

Konrad values an open discussion

on racism. However, he admits that such discussions on racism do not happen often enough.

"Creating that climate to be able to talk about that is difficult," Konrad said.

Although the discussion about Asian Americans in the military is a specific topic, Lee, who is also on the organizing committee for Asian Heritage Month, sees this particular event and discussion as an extension of the broader goals of Asian Heritage

Month. Both this event and Asian Heritage Month seek to promote greater awareness, especially for Asians and Asian Americans.

"Lumping everyone together by the color of skin is problematic," Lee said.

Lee said she believes that it is a responsibility of students to have global awareness. She also sites the low percentage of Asian Americans attending Eastern as an important reason to bring more visibility to Asian heritage.

Brown said she agrees that global awareness is valuable and she recognizes that events like the diversity workshop are important.

"It's easy to lump people together to make sense of the world," Brown said. "It's dangerous to refer to one race as a whole."

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CAMPUS

LGBTQA Web center educates, promotes awareness

By William Lee
Staff Reporter

In an effort to expand campus diversity a new LGBTQA Web center has been added to the Eastern Web site.

The mission was to create a location for a campus community committed to an open, safe and just environment for diverse people of all sexual orientations and genders.

Justin Schuch, a first year gradu-

ate student for counseling student development, was one of the main people involved in starting the site.

Schuch said he got involved because he heard about the goals the LGBTQA Advisory Committee was trying to accomplish and believed this was needed for Eastern's community.

The committee is dedicated to helping those who suffer from forms of discrimination and prejudice such as racism or bias against

economic classes.

They also hope to create a positive and welcoming environment that contributes to LGBTQA students' academic success.

This web page will educate students, as well as Charleston residents, and promote LGBTQA awareness.

Sections of the site include information resources for coming out, symbolism, history and frequently asked questions.

The 'frequently asked questions' portion of the Web page has everyday questions people may have.

Another section provides campus resources about courses with LGBT topics, campus services and gender-neutral bathrooms.

Schuch said the most important part of the site is a section linking to EIU Pride and other on campus and community groups relating to LGBT.

Schuch said the LGBT struggles

for equality are still prevalent today.

He said much progress has been made and will continue to be made; however, there is still much work that has to be done and Web sites like this help build the awareness and create a more positive social atmosphere.

The Web site's address is <http://www.eiu.edu/~lgbtqa>.

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VIEWS



Steve Puschmann

Is she out of your league?

When the movie “She’s Out of My League” was released on March 12, it got me thinking whether the whole premise and theme of the movie was realistic.

The question: Which is more important in looking for a significant other. Physical beauty or a good personality?

I spent the better part of two weeks speaking with more than 50 women on campus trying to determine what they look for in a man. But my ultimate goal was determining if the “rating system” discussed in “She’s Out of My League” truly did exist.

Most women I spoke to said they did not use the rating system themselves, but almost all claimed they thought other women did.

So, I decided to dive in and tempt fate, asking women if they would rate me, right there on the spot.

My “rating” ranged from six to an eight point five, with me taking my shirt off twice at the request of the women so they could better judge me, not that I protested that request.

After my “fact-finding mission” across campus, I realized I had gained something of an internal cheat sheet to gauging whether women were interested in a particular man.

I put this theory to work at several social get-togethers over the weekend. Suddenly, I could tell when a woman was “into” a man or when she was totally turned off and simply being polite.

I performed a little experiment to put this “social politeness” theory to the test.

When speaking with some women, I asked for their number and gave them mine. I noticed some simply scribbled the number on their notebook instead of saving it in their phone.

I think if one of those aforementioned women would have really wanted my number, they would have saved it to their phone rather than a piece of paper, is much easier to crumble and throw away.

In the end, it seems women — and men, let’s be honest — tend to make up their mind on a man based on the first impression of looks. While some may wait and give the man a chance to impress with conversation and a strong personality, I believe if you fall shorter than a six on their “rating” system, you’re probably in trouble.

I would like to thank the participants across Eastern’s campus who aided in my social study. Along with what I believe proves undeniably the existence of the “rating system,” I received some interesting quotes that I submit for your interpretation, Eastern:

- “Girls tend to think about sex way more than guys do, even though most people believe guys think about it more. It is always on our mind. Sometimes, I’ll think about it a lot during class,” Woman No. 49 surprisingly said.
- “Girls tend not to like the nice guys because the nice guys often end up being way too clingy and no girl wants that,” Woman No. 34 said.
- “I think that guys not only should, but it is basically the rule that if a guy wants to talk to a girl than he should go to her, she should not have to come to him,” Woman No. 43 said.

While my long and tiring experiment proved to me that looks *do* matter and the “rating system” does exist, ultimately, it seems even women don’t really know what they want.

Guys, it looks like we don’t have a chance.

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Online forum a good start for LGBT; efforts shouldn’t end there

It seems many times at Eastern when a group or department takes one step forward, it takes two steps back as well.

However, in regards to Eastern’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organization, it would seem the group’s recent step forward is a big one, so long as its effort to find a home doesn’t end with this one step.

The group has announced it will soon launch a Web site that will feature an online forum for members of LGBT or people on campus who would like to join discussion concerning LGBT issues and lifestyles.

We would like to take this opportunity to applaud the decision to launch such a Web site, though, we would like to caution against such a format becoming too permanent.

While members of LGBT on campus continue to look for a building of their own, a place they can call home, this Web site would give people a place to meet and talk, albeit a virtual place.

We hope the Web site is met with great enthusiasm and success, but at the same time, we still implore members of the LGBT advisory board and members of student government not to let the issue of finding a building LGBT can call its own fall to the wayside.

All too often, when a topic such as a possible LGBT center of operations is met with resistance and struggles to find funding and support, people can take the first alternative proposed and run with it.

While an online forum is a great idea for the group, if members of LGBT fail to continue to push for a place to

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call home, the Web site could become too permanent of a solution.

The reality of the situation is that Eastern is a small university with a finite area of space with which to operate. Finding a place for the LGBT may be difficult, but it is a move that needs to happen.

The LGBT community is one that is growing all the time. As society becomes more tolerant and accepting of people of all lifestyles from all walks of life, more and more people who wish to live those lifestyles will feel more comfortable being open and honest about it.

The problem lies in the simple truth that someone questioning his own sexuality and struggling with the decision coming ‘out of the closet’ and beginning to live the lifestyle he thinks will make him happy has a difficult road ahead. Some families and friends are nothing but accepting, others can be so cold and cruel, one can be left feeling utterly alone at a time when he needs the most support.

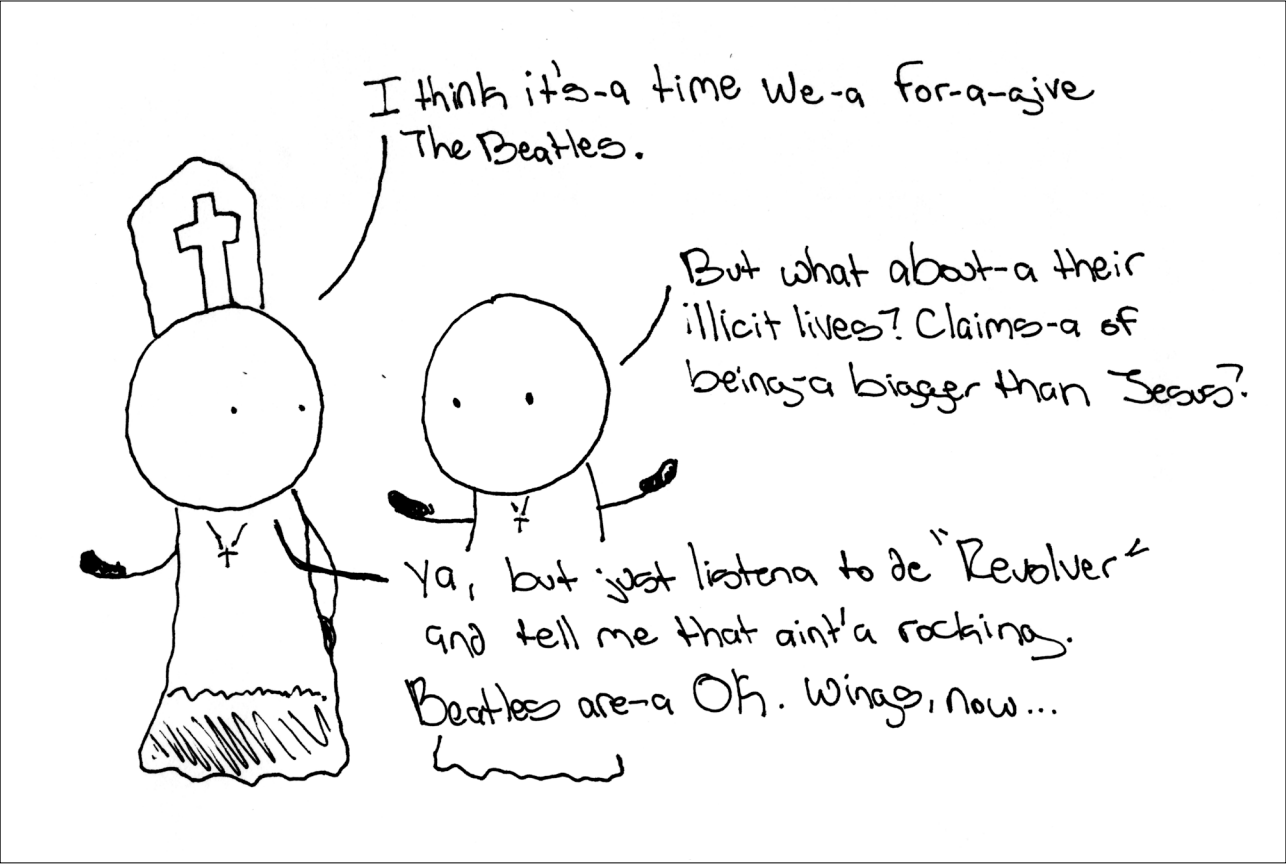
That being said, for a college student trying to make that decision, having a place to go where others who live the same life and face those same struggles is absolutely necessary.

We feel the end result must be an actual place the LGBT members can call home.

While it does not have to be a whole building, at least a permanent spot that is not solely online is what this campus and members of the LGBT community deserve.

The proposed Web site and online forum is a fantastic start, so long as it is just that: A start, not the end.

FROM THE EASEL



NATION

List of Obama’s Supreme Court candidates adds another name

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's candidates for the Supreme Court include a new name, federal appeals court Judge Sidney Thomas of Montana, and at least six others who were contenders when Obama chose his first high court nominee last year, The Associated Press has learned.

Among the others under consideration are former Georgia Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, federal appeals court judges Diane Wood and Merrick Garland, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

The president is seriously reviewing about 10 people as a potential nominee to replace Justice John Paul Stevens, who is retiring this summer.

Seven of those names are now confirmed to the AP by the administration.

A senior administration official said the president's consideration is not just centered on the three people receiving the most public attention: Wood, Kagan and Garland. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcements have been made about the people Obama is considering.

Thomas, 56, of Billings, Mont., serves on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the largest of the nation's appellate courts. He was nominated to the federal bench in July 1995 by

then-President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in January 1996, with no controversy, in a voice vote.

He comes from Western roots — born in Bozeman, Mont., bachelor's degree from Montana State University, law degree from the University of Montana. Thomas worked in private practice in Billings and was an adjunct community college law professor there for years before becoming a federal judge.

The White House on Monday quickly ended speculation about another potential nominee: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Her named had been floated as a possibility by Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, but White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama "is going to keep her as his secretary of state."

Obama's list includes three people whom he interviewed as finalists when the court had an opening last year — Wood, Kagan and Napolitano. The president ultimately nominated federal Judge Sonia Sotomayor to replace retiring Justice David Souter. She was later confirmed in a 68-31 vote by the Senate.

With his second nomination in less than a year, Obama is in a far different position this time.

He has the experience of having gone through a successful search, and a ready-made list of names from that effort. But administration officials say Obama is also intent not to rely on the candidates from last time and that new ideas are in the mix, cautioning

about an over-reliance on conventional wisdom.

So far, most of the known candidates under Obama's review are familiar within Washington's political and legal circles. They are:

—Wood, an appeals court judge in Chicago who has worked at the State Department, the Justice Department and in private practice. Like Obama, she taught at the University of Chicago Law School.

—Kagan, who stepped down as dean of Harvard Law School to become the nation's first female solicitor general. Like Obama, she has her law degree from Harvard and taught at the University of Chicago Law School.

—Granholm, the Michigan governor and former federal prosecutor and Michigan attorney general.

—Napolitano, the homeland security chief who is a former Arizona governor and a former federal prosecutor.

—Garland, of the federal appeals court in Washington, a former high-ranking Justice Department official.

—Sears, the first black female to serve as the chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, who is now in private practice after a long career on the bench.

As for Thomas, an individual who answered the phone at his chambers in Billings said he was not in town on Monday and a message was not immediately returned. Attorneys who know him well described him as an independent thinker.

WORLD

Vatican to bishops: Report sex abuse

By The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican responded Monday to allegations it long concealed clerical sex abuse by making it clear for the first time that bishops and clerics worldwide should report such crimes to police if they are required to by law.

The policy, spelled out in a guide for laymen and posted on the Vatican's Web site, matches the policy worked out by U.S. bishops after an explosion of sex abuse cases in 2002.

Unlike the American norms, however, the Vatican guide contains no call for "zero tolerance" for priests who rape and molest children, and victims immediately criticized it as insufficient.

The Vatican insists it has long been the Catholic Church's policy for bishops, like all Christians, to obey civil reporting laws. But such an explicit policy had never been spelled out — until Monday.

"Civil law concerning reporting of crimes to the appropriate authorities should always be followed," said the newly posted guideline.

That phrase was not included in a draft of the document obtained Friday by The Associated Press. The Vatican offered no explanation for the addition. However, Pope Benedict XVI has come under increasing pressure to show the Vatican is serious about confronting clerical abuse and cracking down on church officials who let it go on virtually unchecked for decades.

The Rev. Thomas Reese, a Vatican analyst, said the guidelines will help parishioners hold bishops accountable.

"While the Vatican never told bishops they could not report abuse to the police, this is the first time the Vatican has been so clear on the responsibility to follow civil law concerning reporting of crimes," said Reese, a Jesuit priest and senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University.

Still, it was unclear what enforcement mechanism the guideline published Monday might have. It is just that — a guideline — and not an official instruction to bishops from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In addition, the guideline makes clear that bishops are to report "crimes" — not just allegations.

Victims were not impressed by Monday's action.

"Let's keep this in perspective: it's one sentence and it's virtually nothing unless and until we see tangible signs that bishops are responding," said Joelle Casteix, western regional director for SNAP, the Survivors Network for Those Abused by Priests, the main victims' group in the U.S. "One sentence can't immediately reverse centuries of self-serving secrecy."

She said if the Vatican truly wanted to change course "it would be far more effective to fire or demote bishops who have clearly endangered kids and enabled abuse and hid crimes, than to add one sentence to a policy that is rarely followed with consistency."

STATE

Ill. lawmakers may let schools adopt 4-day week

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The rural Jamaica School District in eastern Illinois spent \$380,000 on transportation two years ago — 9 percent of its budget and more than twice the percentage the average Illinois district spent.

That got Superintendent Mark Janesky thinking: What if its buses were parked one day? What if kids were in school just four days? Jamaica, headquartered in Sidell, about 25

miles southeast of Champaign, would save \$100,000 a year, he estimated.

The House has approved legislation allowing schools to drop one day of classes after Janesky convinced Rep. Bill Black that administrators should have that option. Black, a Danville Republican, sponsored the measure that now awaits Senate action.

Students wouldn't miss any time in school because the four in-session days would be longer. But with Friday or Monday off, transportation costs would drop, along with some

utility bills and costs for hourly workers, such as cafeteria cooks and custodians.

Lawmakers overwhelmingly supported Black's bill once they understood the change would be voluntary. But it wasn't unanimous.

"Parents simply are not ready for this," said Rep. Karen Yarbrough, D-Maywood, who voted against it. "I want to expand school. This is going the wrong direction."

The idea is not new. About 100 districts in 17 states have four-day weeks,

according to the Education Commission of the States, a Denver-based research and policy clearinghouse.

But it has its detractors, including Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago, who said parents would struggle to find extra child care. Others say students, particularly little ones, can't concentrate for longer periods. And sometimes it doesn't save the money expected.

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FBI tapes of Blago at issue in case

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's brother's attorney said Monday that all of the FBI's tapes of the ousted governor talking on the telephone should be kept sealed or else all of them should be released so the public can hear them in their entirety. Michael Ettinger, attorney for businessman Robert Blagojevich, told U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel in court papers that prosecutors will be able to paint a one-sided picture of the defense if they're allowed to pick and choose which tapes or portions of tapes get released. Rod Blagojevich is charged with scheming to sell or trade President Obama's former U.S. Senate seat and using his powers as governor to pressure campaign contributors il-

legally for money. His brother is accused of helping him as chairman of the Friends of Blagojevich campaign fund. Both have pleaded not guilty and deny any wrongdoing. Zagel is deciding how much of a sealed document outlining the government's corruption case should be made public and how much should remain under seal. According to Ettinger's brief, the sealed document quotes from the FBI tapes. "Our position is that it is manifestly unfair to make public only portions of sealed tape recorded conversations, which are taken out of context by the government," Ettinger said. The document in question is called a Santiago proffer. It describes the evidence and may provide hints of what

trial strategy the government plans. Prosecutors file such documents in hopes persuading the judge to allow them to introduce testimony from co-conspirators that would otherwise be inadmissible. The Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times and The Associated Press asked Zagel to unseal the document. Defense attorneys have objected to making the document public. "To be fair to the defendant, we urge this honorable court to keep everything sealed or, in the alternative, unseal everything," Ettinger said. "We submit that this proffer will be summarized and quoted by the media again and again every week leading up to trial." "Parts will be quoted on television, in print, on radio and on the Internet," he said.

STATE BRIEFS

Non-profit operator guilty of embezzlement

By The Associated Press

URBANA — An eastern Illinois man who operated three nonprofit groups has pleaded guilty to embezzling \$667,000 and using the money to buy an airplane hangar, a motorcycle and two SUVs. According to the U.S. Attorney's office, Kenneth M. Best Jr. of Kankakee pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Urbana to theft of federal funds, filing false tax returns and money laundering. He will be sentenced July 22. Best ran Unipar, United Develop-

ment Services and United Production Services. The organization purportedly provided job training. In addition to the hangar, SUVs and motorcycle, the 62-year-old Best also used the money to buy an RV, maintain his airplane and landscape his home. He also donated \$15,000 to a theater, claiming the money was his own. **Teacher accused of sex, drug counts** QUINCY — A college student teaching at an elementary school in the Mississippi River city of Quincy is

accused of sexual misconduct with a teenage boy and of drug charges. Thirty-six-year-old Darrold Frisbie was arrested early Monday and jailed in Adams County on charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, delivery of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Authorities say Frisbie is a Quincy University student and was teaching at Adams Elementary School. Police say an investigation began Sunday when the teenager complained. Authorities also allege that Frisbie gave prescription pain medication to juveniles.

STATE

Giannoulas says he's raised less than Kirk

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Illinois Democrat Alexi Giannoulas said Monday his first-quarter fundraising in a state where Democrats hold every statewide office didn't match the money raised by Republican Mark Kirk in their race for President Barack Obama's former Senate seat. Giannoulas' campaign did not disclose the actual amount he raised but said it was not as much as Kirk, a five-time congressman who said last week that he raised \$2.2 million in the first quarter of 2010. Still, Giannoulas said his campaign posted its best fundraising quarter yet, raking in more than the \$1.1 million raised during the first quarter of last year after he announced he was exploring a Senate run. Both candidates' federal fundraising reports are due Thursday. Giannoulas, a first-term state treasurer who is trying to hold on to the Senate seat for Democrats, said he wasn't troubled that his campaign failed to match Kirk's first-quarter results. "Making a pledge not to take money from federal lobbyists and corporate PACs, I can tell you, makes things tougher. That's the reality of it," Giannoulas said. Unlike Kirk, Giannoulas had a tough primary fight, which he said took him away from fundraising for the November election. Giannoulas denied any "softness" in his fundraising because of the highly publicized

problems at his family's bank. Regulators have given Chicago-based Broadway Bank until later this month to raise \$85 million in new money. Heavy into real estate loans, the bank lost \$75.3 million last year and Giannoulas has said it will be tough for the bank to survive. The bank's problems, including revelations it apparently loaned two convicted felons \$20 million, have become a political liability for Giannoulas, who worked there as a loan officer before he was elected four years ago. "Money's the least of his problems," DePaul University political science professor Michael Mezey said.

Mezey said it's too early to read too much into Giannoulas' fundraising numbers and that he'll likely keep up with Kirk in the long run. But he said the bank's problems and scheduled corruption trial this summer of the state's disgraced former Democratic governor, Rod Blagojevich, could hinder Giannoulas' campaign. Giannoulas tried Monday to turn the heat back on Kirk during a speech at the City Club of Chicago, painting him as "obsessed" with Broadway Bank's troubles to the exclusion of other issues on voters' minds. "Just about every sentence that Congressman Kirk utters these days is a noun, a verb and Broadway Bank," Giannoulas said to chuckles from the more than 200 people who attended.

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NATION

Conan makes TBS late-night home

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The late-night guessing game is over, with a startling twist: Conan O'Brien has chosen TBS as his future talk-show home.

Expected to debut in November, the as-yet-untitled show will return O'Brien to the air after an absence that began in January when he abruptly left NBC, his employer of 17 years.

O'Brien's new program will air Mondays through Thursdays at 11 p.m. Eastern, which will shift "Lopez Tonight," starring George Lopez, from 11 p.m. EDT to midnight.

O'Brien's show will originate from Los Angeles, where he moved from New York for his short-lived stint hosting "The Tonight Show." For the second half of each show, he will face off against Jay Leno, who replaced him.

The five-year contract gives O'Brien ownership of the show, according to a person familiar with the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to publicly discuss it.

Upon TBS' announcement Monday, O'Brien quickly fired out a celebratory tweet.

"The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in November! The bad news: I'll be playing Rudy on the all new Cosby Show," he posted on Twitter.

TBS said that talks with O'Brien accelerated last week after Lopez called O'Brien to ask him to come aboard.

"I can't think of anything better than doing my show with Conan as my lead-in. It's the beginning of a new era in late-night comedy," Lopez said in a statement released by TBS.

Steve Koonin, president of Turner Entertainment Networks, said he flew from Atlanta to George Lopez's office on the Warner Bros. lot in Los Angeles last Wednesday to enlist the comedian's help.

Koonin pitched Lopez on the idea that both he and O'Brien are in their 40s (O'Brien turns 47 on Sunday) and appeal to a young demographic, while Leno and David Letterman are older and play to an older crowd.

"He got very excited," Koonin said. "George saw the vision."

Lopez picked up the phone to speak with O'Brien immediately. With his own show just months old (it began in November), Lopez agreed to have "Lopez Tonight" pushed back an hour.

Within days, a deal was struck. "Hopefully, this will be something that lasts for the next decade," said Koonin.

The deal happened quickly, so there was no discussion about how many staff O'Brien could keep.

"In the 90 hours we had to do this, we didn't get into that," Koonin said.

He declined to reveal the budget for the show. "They told us what they needed to make the show, and we said, 'Let's go make the show.'"

Koonin said he was optimistic that O'Brien will have more freedom on cable, saying "cable has historically had a different temperament than broadcast," but noted, "Conan's not a dirty comedian. That's not what he does."

O'Brien's bitter break with NBC took place after he had hosted "The Tonight Show" for just eight months. Having followed Leno with "Late Night" since 1993, O'Brien had been guaranteed his promotion to the "Tonight Show" last summer in a succession plan announced in 2004.

To keep Leno in the NBC fold, he was handed a prime-time show last fall that quickly flopped.

When O'Brien's ratings flagged, NBC angled to move Leno to 11:35 p.m. Eastern, pushing O'Brien to a post-midnight slot. O'Brien refused, walking away with a \$32 million settlement package.

Although that put him in play to host a show for another network, the exit deal barred him from appearing on TV until September. And within the TV industry as well as among viewers, the split launched a new parlor game: What Will Conan Do Next?

UNIVERSITY

Faculty senate to discuss Article XIII at meeting

Staff Report

The faculty senate will meet at 2 p.m. today in the Booth Library Conference Room to vote on the Article XIII bylaws. If approved, the article would mean that if 20 percent of Unit A signed a referendum petition, the senate would have to vote on that referendum.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president of academic affairs, will give a report on the university.

The Budget Transparency Committee will also give their report.

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Irwin is also the president-elect of the national council that reviewed the college last month.

The reviewers noted that Eastern's program had strong faculty, staff and administrative support, but the college also faced some challenges, Irwin said. The gap between departmental and university honors programs, a lack of upper division courses and a capstone experience and a lack of financial resources for honors faculty are some of the challenges the reviewers mentioned.

The reviewers, Irwin said, did recognize that Illinois' budget climate made the financial situation a particularly difficult challenge.

Lord said he hoped having a three-year appointment, as opposed to a one-year, would provide the college with some stability.

"We're entering an uncertain time in the next few years as an institution fi-

nancially because of our problems with the state," Lord said. "I thought having a little stability would be advantageous."

Review of applicants began this week, but interested faculty can send letters of interest and resumes to Karen Johnson until the interview process begins.

Patty Poulter, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, is chair of the search committee. Poulter said they expect to begin interviewing on April 26.

Lord said he hopes to have an appointment made before commencement May 8.

"Because it is an internal search, I believe the timeline can be fairly expeditious," Lord said.

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SEX FAIR, from page 1

sexual activities.

Some of the presentations of the event were: The Ins and outs of Anal Sex, Oral Sex, Sex Positivity Defined and What's Good Sex.

The audience had the opportunity to participate in any presentation. Anything related to sex was exposed, from how to correctly put a condom on or to simply share a sex story or fantasy.

William Kendall, the organizer of the event, explained that the activities were ideas of the members of Pride and of previous sex fairs at other universities.

"I came up with some of the ideas," Kendall said. "Some other members came up with ideas like the 'Find the Clitoris in the Vagina,' fun things like that, so it was kind of across the board. Some ideas we got from

sex positive fairs that have happened at other universities in other places around the country."

In comparison to last year, this Sex Positive Fair was different in that the activities were more personalized.

Sean Callihan, a member of Pride, said the structure and message of the event was the same; the only thing that changed was the way the presentations were delivered.

"The presentations are slightly different, people get to personalize a little more because, like all groups, our members changed each year so they get to display who they are, so it's different but the same concept, the same message," Callihan said.

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William Kendall, event organizer

HATTERS, from page 1

"Pretty much you will see Buffalo Wild Wings and The (Panther) Paw all in one," Chirstos said.

Christos plans to host live music during the week as well.

"We are definitely going to try to reach out to every genre, Greek life and the music crowd," Christos said.

Chirstos has taken on opening a new bar while still an Eastern student.

"I will be taking classes this summer, take a class next semester and then graduate in the spring," Chirstos said.

But even after graduation, he still plans to be hands on with the establishment.

"I'd rather work it myself and make a good amount of money," Christos said.

"Pretty much you will see Buffalo Wild Wings and The (Panther) Paw all in one,"

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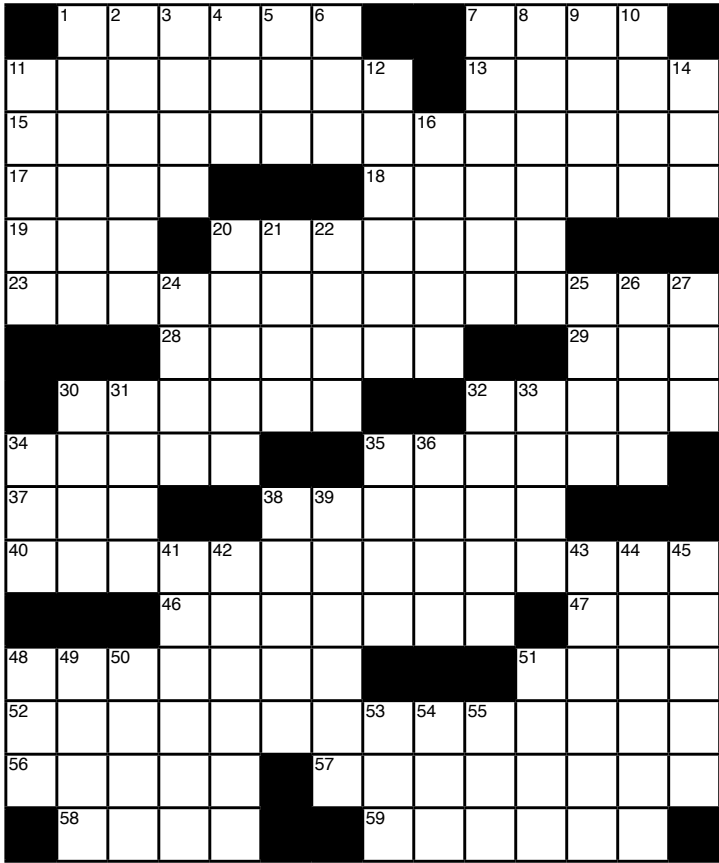
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- 7 Stick in one's
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- 13 Protection
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- 17 Heavy coats
- 18 Respectful acts
- 19 Rapper ____ Rida
- 20 Says "Nice job!" to
- 23 See 15-Across
- 28 "Given the situation ..."
- 29 Alberto VO5 product
- 30 With 35-Across, source of 15-/23-Across
- 32 Support for an ear of corn
- 34 "Olympia" artist
- 35 See 30-Across
- 37 Belief system
- 38 Like 10, but not X
- 40 15-/23-Across location
- 46 "England hath long been mad, and scarr'd ____": Richmond in "King Richard III"
- 47 Lost soldier, briefly
- DOWN
- 48 Hall providing entertainment
- 51 "Dear" columnist
- 52 Creator of 30-/35-Across
- 56 Family name in early violin-making
- 57 "Our Miss Brooks" star of 1950s TV
- 58 Like two peas in
- 59 Emphasize

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- 25 "Zounds!"
- 26 Depend (on)
- 27 Yellowstone roamer
- 30 —
- 31 "I didn't know I had it ____!"
- 32 Knucklehead ____, Paul Winchell dummy of old TV
- 33 Lab ____
- 34 Alex Doonesbury's school, for short
- 35 Lawyer's assignment
- 36 Silver coin of ancient Greece
- 38 Open-air lobbies
- 39 Fix, as a boot
- 41 ____ blaster
- 42 Classic tale in dactylic hexameter
- 43 Some Iraq war reporters
- 44 Cuba ____ (rum highballs)
- 45 Store, as supplies
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HOME RUNS, from page 12

Borenstein turned on a third in-ning pitch to rightfield to tie the game 2-2.

On Sunday, the Buffalo Grove native drilled Morehead State red-shirt sophomore Josh Schneider (6-3, 7.71 ERA) for a 9-5 Eastern lead. That blast was Borenstein’s team-leading sixth home run.

Also during Sunday’s competi-tion, Wallsten drilled two homers while leading off the third and fifth innings. Both shots were off Eagle sophomore pitcher Tyler Hieneman.

“The key is what we did last year, going up by four runs in the last in-ning,” Schmitz said. “If we are only

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Jim Schmitz, baseball head coach

up by three with two on, one hit ties us up.”

The biggest dinger came off the bat of senior first baseman Alex Gee in the seventh inning. With senior rightfielder Curt Restko and Borenstein on first and second with two outs, Gee took the pitch passed left-centerfield to give Eastern the 7-4 lead. Gee teed off Morehead State sophomore Matthew Robertson (0-2, 10.30 ERA), who was tagged with the loss.

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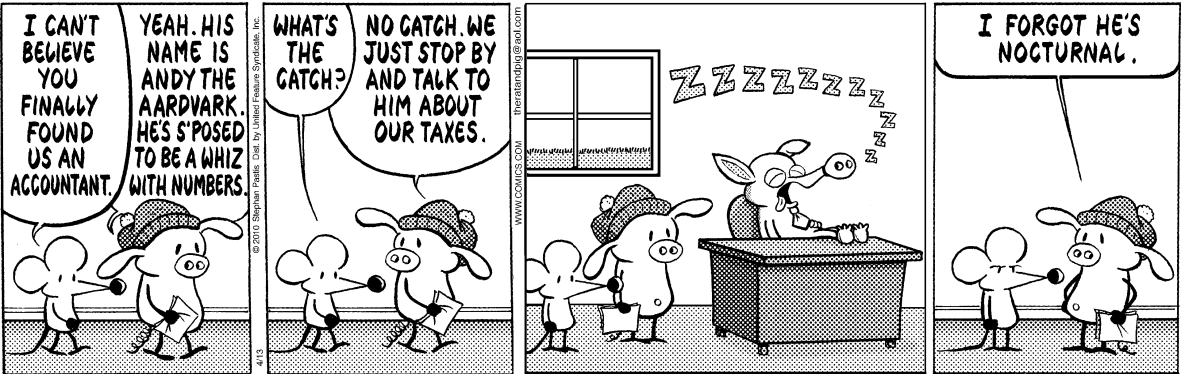


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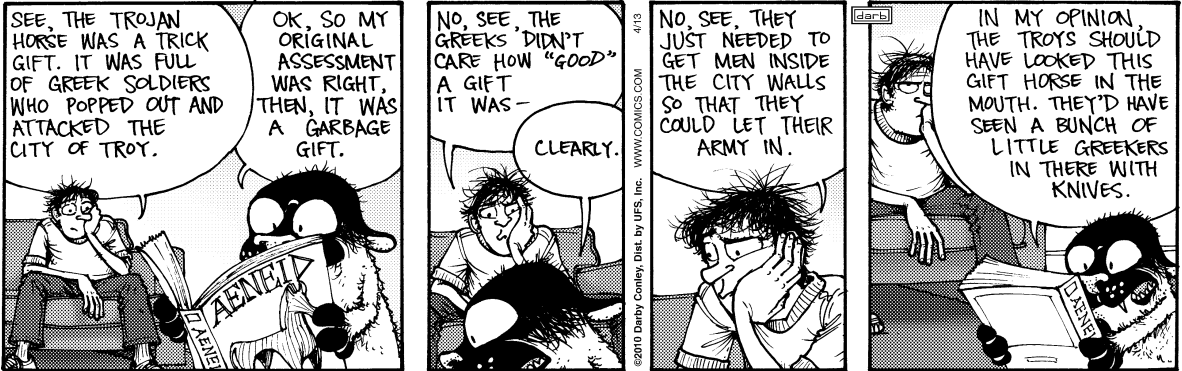
Freshman outfielder Melise Brown had fours hits and three runs during the weekend series against Eastern Kentucky University at Williams Field.

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TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP

OVC tournament berth slips away with loss

By Dane Urban
Staff Reporter

It was a tough weekend for the Panthers' tennis teams as both squads fought for their Ohio Valley Conference tournament lives but fell short dropping both matches this weekend.

Both the men and women started the weekend off on the road Saturday as they traveled to take on Murray State (5-11, 2-4 OVC).

The men (4-15, 1-6 OVC) lost a close match to their conference foes 4-3 with the three points coming out of singles.

Senior Jeff Rutherford and freshmen Justin Haag and Michael Sperry picked up the points for the Panthers.

Haag and Sperry won in dominant fashion, winning in straight sets, and Rutherford pulled out a grinder winning 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

The men then traveled home to play host to Austin Peay (6-5, 2-4 OVC) yesterday on Darling Courts.

In order to qualify to the OVC Tournament, the Panthers had to win the match, but they fell short again losing another close one 4-3.

Rutherford was disappointed after the match and knows what the loss means.

"It means that we are not going to make the OVC tournament this year," Rutherford said. "It's kind of tough because I have made it every year I've been a part of this program."

Even after a tough loss to end the season, Rutherford still found some weekend highlights.

"I thought we fought pretty hard this weekend and definitely showed some positive things out on the court that we can build upon for next year," Rutherford said.



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Senior Jeff Rutherford plays his final home match against Austin Peay Sunday afternoon at Darling Courts.

This was Rutherford's last season as a Panther as he will be graduating this year.

He had a few things to pass down to his teammates for next year.

"Each individual should try to constantly improve," Rutherford said. "Play over the summer to gain more confidence, so they can play more aggressively out here in the matches, therefore turn in results."

The women (6-12, 3-6 OVC) had the same results this weekend, with their tournament fate in their own hands.

They traveled to Murray State (8-10, 5-4 OVC) and fell short, getting swept 7-0.

Like the men, the women traveled back home yesterday to face Austin Peay (15-3, 7-1 OVC).

However, they were swept again. Freshman Kristen Laird was disap-

pointed the team did not win once this weekend to fall short of the OVC Tournament.

"It's disappointing that we could have pulled it out, but we played hard," Laird said. "We fought to the end."

Laird also felt like they played well, but doesn't feel like the score reflects their efforts.

"We could have fought a little longer but we played good," Laird said.

"The score 0-7 does reflect of how we played."

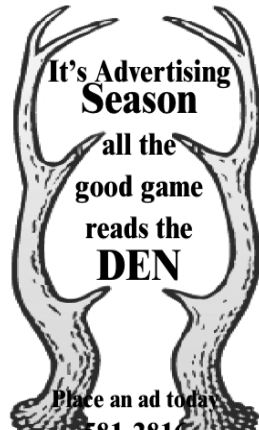
Both squads will be looking to improve their game for next season over the summer.

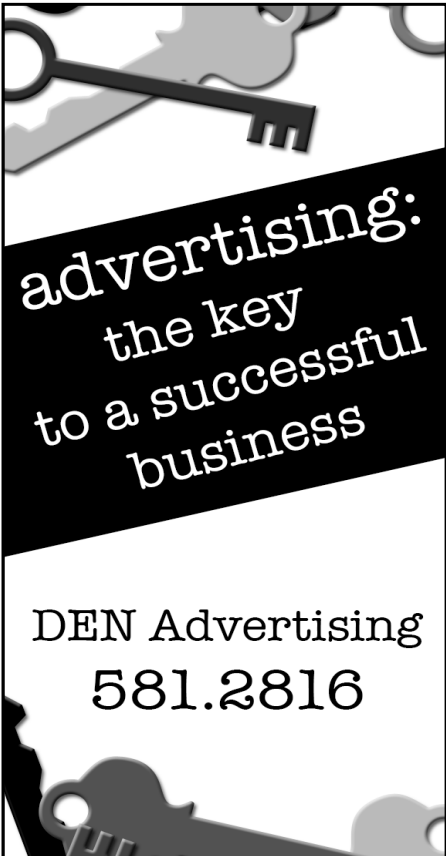
"You get better in practice, just keep giving it all and it will come around," Rutherford said.

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TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Feldhake sets new personal best

Junior thrower red-shirting outdoor season

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Matt Feldhake knew what he had to do immediately coming off the track.

He should have started the race faster.

Feldhake, a sophomore on the Eastern track and field team, won the 10,000-meter run in his try at the event at Western Illinois' Lee Calhoun Invitational on Friday in Macomb.

He finished in 31 minutes, 41.51 seconds, and he pulled away from Marquette sophomore Keith Schueler in the final 2,000 meters.

Feldhake said he finished the first half of the race in 16:03, and the final half of the race he ran in about 15:38.

Feldhake said the pack went out slow and gradually a group of Eastern junior Matt Dettloff, Western Illinois junior Tyler Buckles, Schueler and himself pulled away from the rest of the runners at the race's midpoint.

Feldhake made a surge and pushed himself through the final part of the race.

"I did a lot of the pacing," he said. "I never really struggled with it."

Feldhake credited distance coach Brad Butler for guiding him.

Feldhake's time in the 10,000-meter run ranks third in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

"It's just starting to reinforce that all of the hard work is paying off," he said.

Sophomore Harrison Bueno's sixth-place finish in the 10,000-meter run marked his first race in that event in his college career. Freshman Danielle Dickman finished her first 10,000-meter run in 39:38.72 to finish in seventh place.

Vast improvement

Dettloff shattered his personal best in the 10,000-meter run at Western Illinois. Last year, he finished the



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Senior Caitlin Finnegan earned second place in the women's 400-meter hurdles and third place in the women's 100-meter hurdles Saturday at the Lee Calhoun Classic at Western Illinois.

race in 33:03.06 at the same invite. This year he finished in 32:11.55.

Romero red-shirting

The Eastern coaching staff is planning to red-shirt junior thrower Donald Romero for the outdoor season.

Romero helped the men's team capture an indoor conference championship in February. He finished fourth in the shot put and third in the 60-pound weight throw at the OVC championships.

Romero will still have a season of indoor eligibility left along with two outdoor seasons.

Around the league

Every OVC team competed this weekend.

The Eastern Kentucky women's team finished fourth at the University of the Cumberlands Invitational. The Eastern Kentucky men's team finished second at the invitational. The two teams combined to win 10 events.

Both teams also competed at the Tennessee's Sea Ray Relays. Senior Kathryn Pagano won the open 3,000-meter run in 9:59. The women's shuttle hurdle relay team won in Knoxville, Tenn. The Colonels return to action by hosting the ECU Open on Friday in Richmond, Ky.

The Austin Peay women's team sent individuals to the Tennessee's Sea Ray Relays with the Lady Gavs earning three top 10 finishes. On the track junior Chiamaka Obi finished in eighth place in the 400-meter hur-

dles in 1:01.86. The Lady Gavs return to action on Friday at the Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn.

The Jacksonville State women's team wrapped up competition with three top-10 finishes at the Ole Miss Invitational. The Gamecocks will compete at the Auburn Invitational on Saturday in Auburn, Ala.

The Morehead State men's and women's teams wrapped up competition at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational. The men's team finished 12th out of 15 teams, and the women's team did not score any points. Both teams are competing in the ECU Open on Friday.

"We carried our competitive spirit from the Centre College meet last week to this week and once again left everything we had out on the track," said Morehead State coach Tommy Barksdale in a press release. "We are getting better each week and at the right time. If we can continue to keep it up, we are setting ourselves up to be successful at conference, which is our ultimate goal."


The Murray State women's team wrapped up competition with one win at the Ole Miss Invitational. The Racers return to action by hosting the Racer Invitational on Saturday.

The Southeast Missouri track and field teams recorded 11 top-10 finishes at the Ole Miss Invitational on Saturday afternoon. The men's team recorded eight of those finishes, including the lone individual title. Both Redhawk teams return to action at the Memphis Invitational on Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

The Tennessee Tech women's team won seven events at Tennessee State's Boston-Moon Classic Saturday. The Golden Eagles return to action on Friday at the Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn.

The Tennessee State men's team posted two wins at its own Boston-Moon Classic. The TSU men's team is competing at the Auburn Invitational on Saturday in Auburn, Ala. The Tennessee State women's team posted four wins at its own Boston-Moon Classic. The Tigerbellies are competing in the ECU Open on Friday.

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VIEWS



Bob Bajek

Middle of lineup carries team

Time and again this season, Eastern baseball head coach Jim Schmitz said the No. 2 through 5 hitters will be vital for the team's success.

These hitters showed their importance to the Panthers' season this weekend against Ohio Valley Conference Morehead State.

Sophomores, third baseman Zach Borenstein (No. 2) and leftfielder Ben Thoma, (No. 3), and seniors, first baseman Alex Gee (No. 4) and designated hitter Richie Derbak (No. 5), batted an atrocious 1-for-15 during game one of a doubleheader Friday.

Despite a two-run Borenstein homer in the third off of Eagle senior pitcher Michael Bottoms (3-2), the Big Four did not rally the troops as Bottoms pitched a masterful complete game in the 6-2 Eagle victory.

"(Bottoms) just pitched a good game," Schmitz said. "I was disappointed in our hitters. We weren't going the other way with some pitches and didn't do a good job.

However, the Big Four's production increased the next two games in the series, resulting in 14-0 and 9-5 wins to take the series 2-1.

Game two saw No. 2 through 5 go 8-for-16 for 6 RBIs and eight runs scored. In the fifth inning during the 10-run offensive explosion, the Big Four had four hits and reached base safely all eight times. They had six RBIs. Derbak, fresh off an ankle infection that sidelined him eight games, had four of them.

"It feels great to have run support," sophomore pitcher Mike Hoekstra, who threw a seven-inning shutout in game two, said. "I know it sucked for (junior pitcher) Mike Recchia, but it's nice to get some run support and know they are behind me at the plate and on the field the whole day."

Game three was a bit less hot for the Big Four's bats but they still batted 6-for-17 with 5 RBIs and five runs scored. The biggest moment of the game came in the seventh as Gee blasted a three-run homer to left-centerfield for a 7-4 Panthers lead.

"We said it at the beginning, you've got to be patient with them, and if they don't carry us and produce, you hope pitching or someone in the bottom of the lineup would do well," Schmitz said. "Ben Thoma was awful in game 1, just not getting pitches to hit and getting jammed up with 85 mph pitches, but he did a much better job in game two."

So far this season, No. 2 through 5 have 14 of the team's 20 homers, 81 of 145 RBIs and is batting .290, .017 more than the team's average.

Schmitz said it was plain and simple, that if the middle of the lineup produces like it did the last two weekend games, it would be hard to beat the Panthers the rest of the way.

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BASEBALL | NOTEBOOK

Hoekstra brings in honor

Team has 20 home runs this season

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

Sophomore pitcher Mike Hoekstra came in during Saturday's nightcap of a doubleheader against Morehead State looking to get Eastern back on track after a tough 6-2 loss.

The Lansing native did just that in tossing a complete-game shutout on the league's most potent offense, and thus gaining Ohio Valley Conference co-Pitcher of the Week honors.

The Eagles average 8.08 runs per game, but Hoekstra mowed them down in a 14-0 Eastern triumph.

"I just had to throw the ball down in the zone," Hoekstra said. "I've got a good defense behind me and let them make plays for me. I didn't have overpowering stuff today, only had two strikeouts, but I let them play with me."

Hoekstra (3-1, 3.06 ERA) threw seven scoreless innings, giving up only three hits, striking out two and walking one. The 6'2", 165 pound pitcher threw 74 pitches with 52 going for strikes.

There were seven fly ball outs tossed by Hoekstra with no RBIs or homers given up. Morehead State has 63 home runs.

"I was keeping them off-balance by throwing fastball in, changeup away," Hoekstra said.



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Junior shortstop Cam Stang had four hits, two runs and one RBI during the weekend series against Morehead State at Coaches Stadium.

"Off-speed was working well down in the zone. They tried to get under it, but they didn't get enough of it."

"I just had to think, keep the ball down in the zone and they couldn't beat me."

Sophomore catcher Gerik Wallsten was impressed with Hoekstra's performance on the mound.

"'Hoek' usually hits his spots as he only had one walk in game

two," Wallsten said. "He was just mixing them pretty well with sliders and off-speed pitches, even getting his sliders over on righties and spotting up with his fastball. He is getting ahead, and when you get ahead in counts, you win almost 90 percent of the time with even good hitters."

This is the first time Hoekstra has received the honor. Junior pitcher Mike Recchia (3-3, 4.94 ERA) was OVC Pitcher of

the Week April 5 for throwing 7 1/3 innings of one-hit baseball to Austin Peay April 2.

Bringing out the bats

The Panthers hit five home runs this weekend, increasing their seasonal total to 20.

Sophomore third baseman Zach Borenstein went yard in game one Saturday against Eagle senior pitcher Michael Bottoms.

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SOFTBALL | NOTEBOOK

May puts in long work on mound

Team puts ground ball practice to use against ECU

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

This weekend junior pitcher Amber May threw more innings than she has all season in a three-game series. In fact, her 21 innings pitched is second most this season, behind a total of 22 innings in a five-game tournament at the Arkansas Razorback Invitational.

At the invitational, May pitched 22 innings, giving up 24 hits and 14 runs, compiling a 4.14 ERA and a record of 1-3 in five appearances.

In those five games, May struck out a total of 11 batters, while in Eastern's three-game Ohio Valley Conference series against Eastern Kentucky this weekend, May

fanned 10 Colonels in the series' rubber game.

"They came out swinging today, which makes sense because they're a good hitting team," May said. "Coach told me to keep it off the plate and get the change-up going. So, that was good because I hadn't used that in a while."

All across the board, May's stats were better compared to Arkansas Razorback Invitation in early March.

In this weekend's series, May pitched 21 1/3 innings, only gave up 16 hits and six runs, while compiling a 0.98 ERA and a 2-0 record in three appearances.

"They came out swinging today, which makes sense because they're a good hitting team."

Amber May, junior pitcher

Putting practice to test against ECU

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said the Panthers have been working considerably on hitting ground balls in practice.

"We've practiced a lot on hitting ground balls and putting the ball in play with two strikes," Schuette said.

In the weekend series against Eastern Kentucky (12-27, 6-7 OVC), Schuette said Eastern used that practice often in game situations to its advantage.

In the series' two close games, Schuette said ground balls kept the Panthers' offense at the plate, and

they delivered with clutch hits.

"We set ourselves up in a lot of innings to score but didn't quite score as many runs as I thought we could have," Schuette said. "But we got clutch when we needed them and those were ground balls."

Umpires questioned after nightcap

Despite arguing a couple calls in Saturday's nightcap, Schuette said the umpires did a decent job calling the game.

However, there were two calls Schuette said she had to question.

"I thought they missed the call of a batter hitting the ball off her foot, and one other one but otherwise I think they did fine," Schuette said.

Even though Schuette disagreed with two calls, she said sometimes she challenged calls to pump up her team in a game Eastern (19-17, 9-4 OVC) lost 7-0.

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