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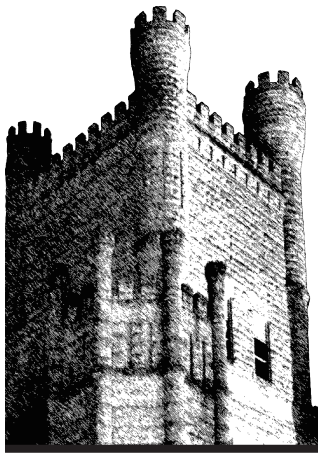
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Water

Water rates may increase for city

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

There may be a 5.5-percent increase in water and sewer rates for next year.

That is, rates may go up \$6 to \$7 per month from the current rate of \$54.60.

After a 20-percent increase in 1999, the city of Charleston has closely watched water and sewer rates every year so residents don't have such a big increase again. Each year the rate increases between 2 and 6 percent. Last year's rates increased by 6.2 percent.

The rate is calculated after looking at the waste plant, water plant and water and utility department.

"The rate reflex an increase in operations (in the departments)," said City Manager Scott Smith.

There was a 3-percent increase for personnel along with a 3- to 5-percent increase because of employee benefits such as healthcare. Also, the cost of utilities and chemicals has gone up.

The rate also helps pay off debts such as the new water plant put in last year. Last year's rate was higher because of out-of-pocket money used for the water plant, but the water plant could explain the lower rate increase this year.

"It's too early to be 100 percent certain if the water plant affects the water and sewer rates," Smith said. "But we are hoping to see some cost reductions because the plant is more efficient. But we can also see a slight increase in other areas."

The city also compared its water and

Average rate:
\$54.60

Increase:
\$6 to \$7
per month

Proposed
reconnect
fee:
\$25

1999 increase:
20 percent

2005 increase:
6.2 percent

Average rates
in Mattoon:
\$80.60
per month

Students gear up for water cost

By HOLLIE DOHERTY
STAFF REPORTER

Apartments and residential houses off campus may add on a \$25 reconnection fee to start the water in the beginning of the next academic year.

Water rates may also be going up approximately \$7 to \$8 per thousand gallons if the Charleston City Council approves the proposals at its meeting Tuesday. This means expenses will rise for students living off campus.

"There will be four of us (in one residence), but that's still going to be a lot more than we were expecting," says Susan Prignano, a freshman corporate communications major. "I will need to budget my money better to pay for it."

Shorter showers will become the norm for Prignano and her apartment roommates, she said.

"I'm not second guessing because it's still better than the dorms," said Sarah Biswurm, a freshman sociology major who will also live off campus.

Biswurm takes long showers but also plans to shorten the time next year to conserve water in hopes of lowering her bill, she said.

"I don't have a problem with the activation fee because so many things have those type of fees, and dividing that by four people is only \$6.25 (each), which is nothing," said Dan Jeck, a junior sports management major. "The price is going up, there's not really anything that can be done. The water bill is usu-

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ally the lowest of the bills, I just don't

DESIGN BY EVAN HILL | PHOTO BY JAY GRAIBEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS.

All work and no play makes finals more

By PAT SCHILLO
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern offers job opportunities on campus to students looking to add to their schedules, whether it is working to pay their tuition, to have extra money or just to pass time.

To help students that wish to work, Eastern offers job opportunities to all students who are enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester. Over the summer, employment opportunities are also offered, but students do not have to be enrolled in classes to take advantage of one; they just had to

be enrolled for six credit hours the previous semester.

Students are only allowed to work 90 hours per pay period during the school year and 120 hours during the summer. The pay period begins on the 16th of each month and ends on the 15th of the following month.

Eastern student workers' hours seem to be flexible when needed, especially during finals week. Students' bosses often help out with their hours

as much as they can.

"Every person that works with us has to work two shifts during finals week, but hours are usually pretty flexible if needed," said Beth Hackett, a sophomore biological sciences major. Hackett has worked in the dining center of Thomas Hall since September of 2005.

"I work so I have extra spending money to go out," said Kevin McNicholas, a junior social science

"I think it's really hard to get a job on campus because all the students are trying to make some extra money."

major. McNicholas works as a student ticket writer, ticketing cars for parking violations.

"During finals week, we don't have to work so it works out nicely for me," he said. "I get to study when I need to."

Both Hackett and McNicholas work around 12 hours per week.

Though some students find jobs easily, others find it difficult. People who want to work have to apply for jobs early in the semester because positions can become quite competitive.

"One of the first things I did when I got here was applied for a job any-

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HOLLY HENSCHEN
POLITICAL SCIENCE
GRADUATE STUDENT

"If these men had Islamic last names, they would be sus-

The bar has just closed, and you're meandering home or to afterhours, seemingly safe and inebriated. A little bit of stumbling



KYLE MAYHUGH
SENIOR
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"Never in American politics is the line from emotion to rationalization as

If reports that 500,000 immigrants marched in Dallas last week are true, that is a mind-boggling number. That is approximately one out of every 800 peo-

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
86	48	49	39	41
60	35	25	25	26

WTF?

Boy flames self alleged

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GILLETTE, Wyo. - A teenage boy accidentally set himself on fire early Wednesday morning after allegedly trying to siphon gas from a firefighter's car.

Police first learned of the injury after a 17-year-old boy and a 16-year-old boy claimed that someone had thrown gasoline on the 17-year-old at the Common Cents service station and lit him on fire, said Lt. Rod Hauge.

The boy was taken to the hospital with second- and third-degree burns on his

legs. Police were called to the hospital to investigate the incident and later learned that the 17-year-old spilled gas on his pants while siphoning gas. He then used a lighter to try to determine how wet his pants were and set himself of fire, Hauge said.

Both boys have been ticketed with larceny, Hauge said.

Thieves Steal Bleachers From Ball Field

LORAIN, Ohio - Stolen bases are to be expected at a baseball field, but stolen bleachers? Aluminum thieves made off with \$4,000 worth of

MUSIC IN THE AIR



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of string trio Fontana from Kansas City, Jenny Shyver, cellist; and Nell French, violist, practice outside of McAfee. The two played last night for Professor Murchie's music appreciation class.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

UIUC suspends Irish Illini

BY BRIDGET MAIELLARO
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

CHAMPAIGN - The Irish Illini has been suspended until the first day of the next academic year by the University of Illinois for promoting drinking through their listserv. The e-mail, which was sent on March 1 and concerned Unofficial St. Patrick's Day, informed club members when and where they would be meeting, along with information about the discounted prices they would receive on drinks.

"There was a correspondence distributed by the Irish Illini that specifically advertised the availability of alcohol for their members," said Brooks Moore, director of the Office of Registered Organizations.

The Irish Illini, a Registered Student Organization, encouraged and promoted drinking alcohol by stating

that people wearing the Unofficial Irish Illini shirt would receive discounted drinks at The Clybourne, 706 S. Sixth St., and Firehaus, 708 S. Sixth St, thereby breaking the Alcohol Policy Procedures and Guidelines for registered organizations, said Patrick Boyle, president of the Irish Illini.

"The Irish Illini, as a registered organization, distributed information to their members that advertised the availability of alcohol as an exclusive program for members of the Irish Illini," Moore said. "Student organizations cannot advertise the availability of alcohol and cannot knowingly sponsor, engage or endorse events that substantially abstract from the operations and academic instruction of the University."

As of right now, the Irish Illini are in the process of appealing the sanction. However, Boyle said he is unsure of

whether there will be a full appeal.

Students study porn industry, influence

DEKALB - "Deep Throat." Playboy. Classroom. Porn site. "One of these things is not like the others, one of these things just doesn't belong." Or maybe it does. According to a new article in the April 3 issue of Time magazine, "Sex in the Syllabus," many schools across the country are developing new classes to teach what has been dubbed "porn curriculum."

More sexuality in society, say statistics at Northern

Statistics say today more Americans watch porn than they do football, said Chet Meeks, assistant sociology professor at Northern Illinois University. In reaction to its



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CORRECTIONS

Eastern quarterback Bodie Reeder was incorrectly identified on page 10 of Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*. *The DEN* regrets the error.

Alicia, Michelle and Nicole Wroblewski were incorrectly identified in a photo on page three of Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*. The sisters appeared in the order listed from left to right in the photo. *The DEN* regrets the error.

PODCAST of the WEEK
Dr. Jim Painter
director of the film "Portion Size Me"
www.pounceonline.com

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Devon Nau, co-owner of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, prepares a sundae at her

Flesor sisters serve up

Career change comes for former teacher, her

By JULIA BOURQUE
SENIOR REPORTER

Not even through her first glass of wine, she said yes. Saying yes meant leaving behind \$36,000 a year plus benefits at Eastern Illinois University and becoming so far in debt "most people would wake up crying," but Devon Nau agreed in an instant to her sister's offer.

"I like to tell people she got me drunk and made me do it," Nau said with her illuminative sense of humor. Nau, who taught in Eastern's English department for 16 years, and her sister, Ann Flesor-Beck, purchased the 30-year vacant building at 101 W. Sale St. in Tuscola to reopen their grandfather's business, Flesor's Candy Kitchen. A year and a half and \$800,000 later, the building reopened and was renovated

from the roof down to replicate the charming soda shop that last stood in the 1970s. "I was a little teary when I had to leave Eastern," Nau said. "But, it was time for a career change. I wasn't being challenged anymore." But she soon received challenges. During her first two weeks in business, Nau pulled every muscle in her chest from stirring candy with a paddle in her copper kettle, which is

Read more in The Verge
u Read multiple stories about Flesor's Candy Kitchen in *The Verge*.

the same kettle her grandfather used. With three children, ages 4, 6 and 15, Nau comes into the shop to start cooking candy before she takes the children to school, goes back home to drive the children to school and then comes back to the shop to work until about 5 p.m. "Usually I have the kids here for a while and then we'll go home and eat dinner," Nau said. "Occasionally, I will take them home to their father and come back and work until 10 p.m. or midnight with my sister." Making candy is traditionally the male role in the confectionary business since it requires strength to stir the candy in the kettle. However, Nau takes on the job proudly and, of course, with a little humor. "Granted my biceps are huge now, I'm not a man," Nau said. "I'm the witch in the corner (of the kitchen) with her copper kettle. If I tried to roll the creams like Ann, they'd turn out like blobs, not nice little balls." Because of the large debt from the aggressive renovation, Nau and her sister bring home small paychecks, enough to buy groceries and that's it,



DAVID THILL/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Pictures of the original owners, the current owners' relatives, line the register's cage at Flesor's

Nau said. With the shop open seven days a week, Nau tries to take one day off a week because she has a family, but Beck only takes two days off a month, with the exception of one three-week vacation sometime during the year. "Owning your own business is not as romantic as it seems," Beck said. "Make sure you're willing to put a lot of time and money into it before you begin."

"There are so many wonderful memories here. People actually come in here and start crying when they see the soda fountain. My sister and I even shed a few tears when we finished put-



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COMMENTARY



CAMPUS EDITOR

MY LIFE, MY MOTHERBOARD

There are things in life that people discover that make them feel brand new. I recently discovered one of those things while experiencing a personal tragedy. It is the greatest thing about living in an off-campus residence: Video On Demand.

It all started when I was craving a Slurpee one night. I desperately needed a bonafide, 7-Eleven Slurpee. No Icee, no slushie, none of that business. Slurpee: plain and simple. So after gathering a group of friends who would be willing to drive an hour and a half to find a 7-Eleven, I decided that would be pointless, so I went to a BP gas station and got a mountain dew/blue raspberry Slurpee imposter. That was good enough for a Sunday night at 10 p.m.

"So I decided to jump off to rescue it, in a desperate attempt to sal-

So I get home with my pseudo Slurpee, hop on my bed with my laptop; VH1 celebrity on the television, "Slurpee" next to me. Needless to

say, I was in heaven. I don't know how it happened, but the "Slurpee" decided to take a fall off the bed for no reason. So I decided to jump off to rescue it, in a desperate attempt to salvage my sugary, icy lover.

One thing led to another, and a domino effect ensued: Slurpee, me, laptop, random cup of water. Slurpee landed on the floor, laptop landed on me, water landed on laptop - all over the fricking laptop.

The "Slurpee" survived, however, but my computer was NOT turning on. I didn't waste any time in hopes that it was just another malfunction (of which this laptop has experienced many).

So I get on the phone with the computer company trying to resurrect Margot (that's what I named my laptop) and nothing is working. I feel tears coming on, so I slurp the "Slurpee" a few more times and the company lets me know it is my motherboard, which is never a good thing.

Long story short, I'm out of commission for a week until a motherboard arrives. So I have no working computer, therefore I find my bedroom completely useless and I decide to explore other areas of my house, starting with the living room area.

This is when the greatest discovery of all time came about: V.O.D. Keep in mind, there are three weeks of the semester to go, and I have been paying for this service for seven months and didn't know it. It's amazing, it really is. I couldn't leave, and I didn't.

I planted myself on my couch and explored the glorious world of V.O.D. Did you know you can watch past episodes of "Sex and the City"? You can even fast forward and pause if you have to get up for a few minutes. Yes, you probably did. Because every time I shared

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



EDITORIAL

Kozik and Beck

The Daily Eastern News endorses Carolyn Beck for the position of student vice president for academic affairs and Kenny Kozik for the position of student vice president for business affairs in the Spring 2006 Student Government elections.

Beck seems to have a solid grasp of the scope of the position. The position's primary function is to go between the faculty and the students. There is much listening to and much explaining to the Faculty Senate, and Beck seems prepared for that.

She is also realistic about the Electronic Writing Portfolio. Students hate it and consider it a waste of time, but at the same time faculty and administration are not likely to bend on it anytime soon. Beck proposes to simply create a pamphlet that may clear up much of the confusion around the EWP to be handed out to new students.

Her opponent, David Keyes, has many of the same ideas. Both Beck and Keyes argue for better promotion of current academic services such as

At issue

The candidates for student vice president for academic affairs and student vice president for business affairs who are up for election.

Our stance

We chose Carolyn Beck for student vice president for academic affairs because she has a realistic grasp on what is expected in the position. We chose Kenny Kozik for student vice president for business affairs because he has studied up on

the writing center.

The primary place he separates himself from Beck is in his proposal of a mentoring program where volunteer seniors are paired with freshmen of the same major. This is an interesting idea, but it seems a long way from fruition.

For the position of vice president for business affairs, Kozik's experience is the decisive factor. As co-chair of the tuition and fee review committee, Kozik has a thorough knowledge of Eastern's finances.

Both Kozik and his opponent, Levi Bulgar, are strong proponents of Recognized Student Organizations receiving funding from the university. Both argue that it can be done without raising fees or cutting services, but this is a dubious proposition.

Bulgar is calling for mass e-mails to students to let them know when student fee money is being

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROCK WALL IS NOT A WASTE OF STUDENT MONEY

An issue that has managed to stay in the forefront of The Daily Eastern News has been the argument/discussion over the Student Recreation Center exploring the possibility of building a climbing rock wall. In a university with more than 11,000 students, it is unrealistic to believe that every student will be fully educated and briefed regarding how the wall will be used.

The purpose of the rock wall discussion should focus on the beneficial aspect that it will bring to Eastern. It will do this by bringing a new recreational experience to the students, which would not otherwise be afforded to them.

In addition, this rock climbing wall will help supplement the already popular rock climbing class, which is designed to provide realistic and hands-on experience with a rock wall; the class is forced to travel to Bloomington to

complete their curriculum.

The Rock Wall Task Force has only met once and has no plans to schedule a second meeting; we question whether the committee should have the confidence to declare that students do not support bringing a rock wall to campus.

They have focused their energies on the negative aspects without giving due consideration to the overwhelming positive attributes that the wall will provide for the campus community.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity came out on top, of Greek Week that is, earning the most points by participating and doing well during the week's philanthropic, competitive and just-for-fun activities.

Second place winners were Sigma Kappa sorority and Sigma Nu fraternity. Alpha Phi and Kappa Delta tied for third place in the sorority category, as Sigma Phi Epsilon took third place from among the fraternities.

The top two organizations got to take home large trophies, each in the shape of Old Main, which have been passed down over the years from winner to winner.

Overall winners were announced last night at the Greek Week Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

False alarms sound through Buzzard

Students in Buzzard got an unexpected break from their early afternoon classes Thursday when fire alarms sounded at least twice.

No fires were reported. The first alarm



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore elementary education major Sarah Greer receives a first-place plaque for the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority during the Greek Week awards banquet in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Thursday evening.

went off shortly after 11:30 a.m. Students and professors re-entered the building around 11:40 p.m. Ten minutes later the second drill sounded. A third fire drill was reported, but could not be confirmed. University Police Officer Art Mitchell said a faulty detector caused the alarms.

Event was done for Sexual Assault and Awareness

By TIFFANY KOCHANSKI
STAFF REPORTER

A candlelight vigil was held along Lincoln Avenue on Wednesday for Sexual Assault and Awareness Month.

This was the first year for the event, which was aimed at raising awareness.

"People in our community have no idea how often sexual assaults happen in Coles County," said Karen Petersen,

medical and legal advocate for Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service.

She initially started out as a volunteer, but a position opened up on the staff, and she has been with the group since.

"The vigil is an event where people in the community adopt a candle which is then placed along Lincoln Avenue," said Bonnie Buckley, executive direc-

tor at SACIS. "The purpose is to bring awareness to the community about sexual violence and to show support for survivors of sexual violence."

The event was coordinated by one of the group's staff members with assistance from other members.

The group is a not-for-profit agency that provides counseling and advocacy services, free of charge, to victims of sexual violence and to their significant

others.

"SACIS also provides institutional advocacy and professional training programs for professionals whose jobs bring them into contact with victims," Buckley said. "SACIS provides public education programs and information and referrals to inform the public about sexual violence."

The group has existed for 29 years. The staff in Charleston consists of

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not pay for their water bills directly, but management agrees with Cox.

everything nowadays is going up, so you almost have to expect it.” Kristie Winnett, assistant manager of Campus Pointe.

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Leak case lawyers want more access to

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Lawyers for a former White House aide say they need access to more evidence in the CIA leak investigation because a prosecutor has played up the roles of President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney in disclosing intelligence on Iraq to reporters.

In a court filing, lawyers for Cheney's ex-chief of staff said Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald is trying to "have it both ways" by refusing to turn over evidence while focusing on activities that

are broader than the charges in the case.

Fitzgerald revealed last week that Bush cleared the way for Cheney to authorize his aide, I. Lewis Libby, to counter administration critics on Iraq by leaking previously classified intelligence.

Libby is not charged with wrongdoing in passing intelligence to reporters, as Cheney told him to do.

Instead, Libby is charged with lying about what he subsequently told reporters about a CIA officer whose husband is a leading critic of the war and how he learned of it thereof.

WORK :
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Still working during finals

Matt Noonan, a senior corporate communications major who spent four weeks working for Ruffalo Cody Telefundraising, said his time working there was beneficial.

"My boss totally understood when I had to go home for Spring Break and needed some time off," Noonan said.

Noonan said one of the setbacks about working off campus is that not all employers find it easy to comply with activities and schoolwork their employee might be involved in on campus.

Kenny Styler, who has been working at Jerry's Pub since last year, loves working as a bartender. Styler said he thought it was a better choice for him to work off campus rather than on campus.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Leslie Coberly, a sophomore pyhsical education major, works the grill at Joey's. Coberly has worked at Joey's

best he can."

Styler said he enjoys having his work schedule be consistent every week since bars close at 1 a.m.

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In a separate development, the judge in Libby's case threatened on Thursday to issue a gag order for both sides because legal docu-

ments have been released to reporters before being placed on the court docket.

In a brief order, U.S. District Judge Reggie B.

Walton said such legal document leaks to the public by the lawyers could impair the court's "ability to ensure that both sides




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Democrats say no major problems holding up budget

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD - Democrats trying to craft a new state budget say an agreement is being held up by a series of little hurdles rather than one big stumbling

block. Negotiators say many of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposals to end tax breaks are out because they lack enough support to pass. House Democrats have suggested taking more money out of special-purpose funds than Blagojevich has proposed.

Lawmakers also might turn down the governor's plan to spend \$100 million on stem cell research over five years because of ideological differences.

And they're looking at modifying Blagojevich's ideas for a tuition tax credit and expanded preschool.

But insiders say the framework of a \$55 billion spending plan for next year is largely in

place. "I think there is still some uncertainty on the periphery, but at the core I think we're on the same page, which is nice," said Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago).

After blowing past their scheduled April 7 finale, lawmakers went home this week without a budget.

Despite delay, Democrats say no major problems are holding up the completion of the budget.

Official in corruption probe gets 2 months in prison

CHICAGO - A city worker who admitted taking payoffs but wore



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15 Personal

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45 Chasing

46 Buster?

- 50 "I Remember Mama" aunt

52 Swedish coins

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58 "The devil's tools"

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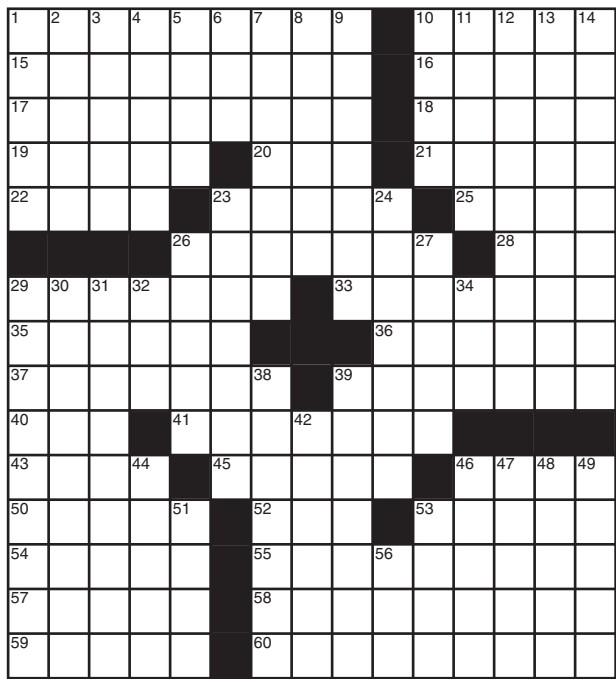
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- 11 Encourages when one shouldn't

12 Rot

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14 Didn't settle

23 Sicilian dessert wine

24 More oozing

26 Attacks from a snow fort, say

27 "Sailing to Byzantium" poet

29 "Oho!"

30 Disappear

31 Good one

32 A winner may break it

34 Sports stat.

38 "I won't stand in your way"

39 Inveigle

42 Usually you try to hit yours

44 Julio's opposite

46 Family name in "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"

47 ____ friends

48 Divides

49 Trough's opposite

51 Score just before winning, maybe

53 Ditch with a retaining wall used to divide land

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RETURN:

Tennessee State is in ninth place in the OVC and is also coming off of a split of a double-header this weekend.

The Tigers split with Lipscomb University winning the first game 6-3 and losing the second game 2-0.

Eastern’s split with Bradley marked the first loss at home for the team. The game was scoreless until the seventh inning when Molly Bergeson gave the Braves a 1-0 lead.

The Panthers committed two errors and the game ended 3-0. The Panthers redeemed themselves in the second game.

Senior Ashley Condon threw 5 1/3 innings giving up only one run when she was replaced by freshman Kathleen Jacoby who finished off the 3-1 victory.

Schuette said major focus for her players this weekend will be baserunning and putting the ball in play to take some pressure off of the defense.

“They have a few good hitters that we need to keep off of the bases,” she said.

Leena Worrell has collected 31 RBI in 38 games this season. Close behind her is teammate Nira Robbins who has 19 RBI and 21 runs under her belt this season.

Despite losing a game, Eastern has its sights set on climbing the OVC ladder, said senior Nicole Eichelberger.

“A lot of the good teams (high-ranked OVC

TRACK AND



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Chris Wesson takes off after being handed the baton by sophomore

By DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers will travel to Indiana State this weekend to take part in the Pace Setter Invitational at Indiana State University.

The meet starts tonight at Marks Field and will move to Rose-Hulman Institute’s William Welch Track and Field complex.

Fatigue could be a problem this weekend especially for the Panthers who have to participate in multiple events.

Junior Brenton Emanuel is one of those, and will run in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as well as two relays.

He is focused on the 100-meter and avoiding any early mistakes that could lead to a quick loss.

“In the 100 if you have one bad block-start its over pretty much,” Emanuel said.

“If you don’t have a good start then you can’t get out. As far as the group aspect of it is concerned it’s pretty much over. You can’t really catch up in this race.”

Sophomore Chris Wesson will run in two distance events this weekend, the 800-meter run and the 1500-meter run.

Resting in between events and getting reenergized is the one of the hardest parts about running multiple events, Wesson said.

“Not running the 1500 that often and then turning around and trying to run an 800 is kind of difficult,” Wesson said. “It’s kind of hard to try to get your energy back.”

There will be nine teams at the meet and Division I teams will be scored separately from non-Division I teams.

Many athletes plan ahead how they intend to recoup in

By PATRICK VITT
STAFF REPORTER

With a win Saturday, Eastern men’s tennis team would even up its record at 10-10, with the season after a 3-14, 10th place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The men’s team (9-10) is made up entirely of underclassmen, which includes junior Charles Levaque who leads the men with an overall singles record of 12-6 and views the team’s youth as a major asset.

“On Tuesday, the reason we won our doubles match was because of our two and three,” he said. “Brandon (Lenfert) and

I lost our No. 1, but they have been playing well the last couple weeks and picking up wins the last couple weeks.”

In their last five matches No. 2 doubles Chris Thomas and Sean Bush and No. 3 Vuk Milicevic and Jordan Nestrud have combined for an 8-2 record.

The women’s team (5-14) has expe-

rienced a season to forget about. Starting the season with a four-match losing streak and then losing five straight after getting their first two wins of the season.

However, head coach John Blackburn still sees a potential for a good ending to the season.

“Our senior, Jill Wirtz, one of our captains and a girl the team really

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Tourney win gives Sloat OVC Golfer of

Senior golfer Dustin Sloat was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Golfer of the Week after winning the Bullock Collegiate Classic in Dayton, Ohio.

Sloat led the tournament after all three days over the weekend and helped the Panthers come in fifth place in the 12-team tournament.

The Ohio Valley Conference tournament is next for the golf team. The tournament

will be held from April 22 to April 25 in Paducah, Ky. Football scrimmage set for Saturday

The Panthers' football team will have its second scrimmage of the spring Saturday at O'Brien Stadium at 10 a.m.

The team has been dealing with injuries all spring as well as a quarterback competition that is five deep.

Mike Donato continues to

WOIKE:

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The ramblings of a cynical sports writer

10.) Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said defensive end Kory Lothe and center Pascal Matla have gotten serious looks from

NFL scouts. While it's unlikely either will get drafted, both could sign free-agent contracts. Here's to hoping a couple of Panthers make it to the next level.

You've been great; enjoy Sixpence None the Richer. (I guess you can add ex-Sports Illustrated columnist Bill Scheft to the list of people ripped off here. Thanks guys for getting me through this.)

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Four Eastern players hail from same high school

Schmitz said that Vaculik had some injury problems in the summer of 2003, but that didn't stop Eastern from keeping tabs on him. After recovering from his summer injury, he worked out in a fall league and was immediately signed by the Panthers.

"It's a nice connection that we have," Schmitz said of Eastern's relationship with Providence. "We'll continue to hit that area."

The players say that the Eastern coaches were a big factor in influencing them to play for the Panthers. But the biggest recruiters were the players themselves.

"When we were in high school, Mark wanted to come to Eastern all along," Budde said. "Then we tried to get Vac and Firlit to come down. We did a little bit of recruiting ourselves."

		
Jacksonville State (16-17, 5-4)	@	Eastern Illinois (16-13, 5-4)
Last game 5-4 win UAB		Last game 6-1 win Indiana State
Standing 3rd place - 3 back (OVC)		Standing 3rd place - 3 back (OVC)

Schmitz claims that he doesn't have any strong connection to Rodeghero or Providence's baseball program, but the area in itself.

"That's a great area for baseball," Schmitz said. "Over the years, the SICA area has produced some great baseball talent. It may look like we have a pipeline to the area, but it's more coincidence and good fortune."

Junior infielder Ryan Campbell also lived in the same neighborhood as Vaculik and Chagnon, but attended Orland Park Sandburg High School instead of joining his friends at Providence.

The four players said they tried to get Campbell to join them at Providence. They

joke that Campbell made the right choice as he won a state title at Sandburg.

"He lets us know about it every once in a while," Vaculik said.


There's also the case of University of Illinois junior pitcher Brian Long. Long, who graduated from Providence with Chagnon and Vaculik, transferred from Eastern to Illinois at the end of his sophomore year.

Campbell's high school choice is not the only thing the four argue about. While Vaculik and Budde tie their Major League Baseball allegiance to the Cubs, Chagnon and Firlit are die-hard White Sox fans.

"(Mike and I) are getting a lot of hell right now," Vaculik said. "That's all we hear is world champions. It's kind of brutal."

Even though the four of them may have disputes on which teams they root for, they all agree that the transition from high school to college has been much smoother than what they originally anticipated.

"I didn't even know if I was going to transfer to Eastern," Firlit said. "When I was at



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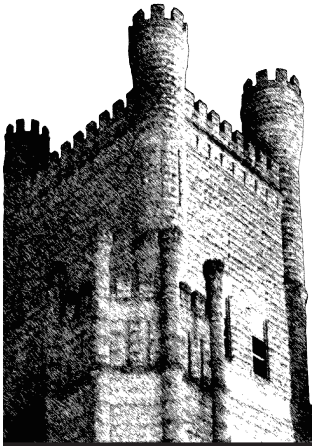
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	WOMEN'S TENNIS AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	3 p.m.
SATURDAY	TRACK AND FIELD AT WESTERN ILLINOIS/ PACE SETTER	All Day
	BASEBALL VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE	2 p.m.

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Senior pitcher Kenny Firlit allowed zero hits and one unearned run and struck out two batters in two innings of work in the Panthers' 6-1 win over Indiana State at Coaches Stadium on Wednesday. Firlit pitched 21 innings of relief this season with a 5.14 ERA and 13

OUTSIDE

By MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

Chris Vaculik, Mark Chagnon, Kenny Firlit and Mike Budde take the field to kick off another day of baseball.

However, they're not getting ready to play an Ohio Valley Conference team, but a team from the South Inter-Conference Association,

Their manager isn't Jim Schmitz, but Joe Rodeghero.

The school isn't Eastern Illinois. It's New Lenox Providence High School and 168 miles away. And it's four years ago.

But none of the four said they planned on coming to Eastern, conceding that it was more of a coincidence than anything else.

"It's hard to imagine four players from the same high school playing together," senior pitcher Kenny Firlit said. "I guess you could call it fate."

With Vaculik, Chagnon and Firlit growing up in Orland

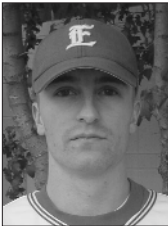
Park, they became friends and teammates long before they attended Providence.

"Me and Kenny played ball since we were seven," Vaculik said. "Chagnon lives 10 seconds away from my house. I guess it was meant to be."

Each has a different story on how they got to Charleston.

Budde, who grew up in Homer Glen, got the Panthers' attention in 2003 when he was playing in a late-season tournament.

Chagnon attended a summer



KENNY FIRLIT
SENIOR PITCHER



MIKE BUDDE
JUNIOR PITCHER



MARK CHAGNON
JUNIOR OUTFIELDER



CHRIS VACULIK
JUNIOR PITCHER

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The easy way out of writer's

Writing a few sports columns a week can be a little harder than you might think.

Coming up with topics that keep you, the reader, entertained can be quite the challenge. I have to find topics where I'm either a) knowledgeable enough to present a compelling argument or opinion or b) passionate and opinionated enough to fake the necessary amount of knowledge to write something worth reading.

This is one of those days where neither a nor b are possible.

Luckily for me, columnists with much more high-paying jobs have a way out of this.

Call it a gimmick; call it filler — it doesn't matter. I call it a lifesaver.

The Chicago Tribune's Mike Downey has his "Downey 10" column every week. ESPN.com's Sports Guy, Bill Simmons has his "Ramblings" columns.

Now, I realize I'm not in that league, and in this case, that's a good thing because I don't feel bad about stealing from them.

With that in mind, I give you the inaugural edition of



FROM
LEFT FIELD
DAN WOIKE
SPORTS REPORTER

"Woike's 10 Ramblings."

1.) Jim Thome looks pretty good through nine games. His big bat in the middle of the lineup gives the White Sox a "scare-factor" they haven't had since Ron Karkovice brought his ugly mug into the batter's box. Oh, and for the record, Thome is on pace for 198 hits, 216 runs, 108 home runs and 180 RBI — a pretty good year, but not Chris Shelton good.

2.) Because I don't want to be accused of a South Side bias, here's a Cubs nugget for you. New center fielder Juan Pierre has always been a favorite of mine — mainly because his hat tilts more to the left than The New York Times. Now he's upset me, though. Undereath his jersey, Pierre wears a plainly visible blue camouflage T-shirt making it look like he's kept his jammies on from the night before.

3.) Notice how I haven't written anything about the Duke Lacrosse scandal? It's intentional. I wouldn't touch this story with Jason Whitlock's pen.

4.) Wait a minute. Jon Garland isn't worth \$29 million over the next four years. Where's Ashton?

5.) God bless Comcast SportsNet. Watching this network gives me so much joy. Their studio shows look like they're being produced from a basement in Bridgeport, and the original programming is just fantastic. The Heartland Poker Tour is my new favorite TV show. Watching people play bad poker in rooms with bad lighting for bad cash prizes with bad commentators making bad jokes is nothing but good.

6.) Speaking of so-bad-it's-good, keep your eye on Paula (the really skinny one) and her ex-boyfriend Keith (the really crazy one) on the Real World: Key West. I know this isn't really sports-related, but it made me giggle.

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SOFTBA

Panthers return

Weak TSU team up next for Eastern

By KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern will face Tennessee State this weekend, a team in the lower half of the Ohio Valley Conference standings. That is not a comfort for the Panthers, however, who are coming off of a midweek split.

"They have nine new players," said head coach Kim Schuette. "They are a different team from what they have been in the past and they have played a lot of close games against tough teams this season. Their record is a little bit deceiving."

The Panthers left Charleston Thursday afternoon because of a change in the normal schedule that accommodates the team for Easter weekend.

	
Eastern Illinois (25-16-1, 7-5)	Tennessee State (15-24, 1-12)
Last game 3-1 win Bradley	Last game 2-0 loss Lipscomb
Standing 5th place - 5 back (OVC)	Standing 9th place - 11.5 back (OVC)

Instead of the usual Saturday doubleheader followed by a single game on Sunday, the games are moved up one day, and the series begins Friday.

Schuette said that the change in days will not affect their play. The players know that there is a lot of potential for a big weekend.

"We know that they are one of the lower teams in the conference and we need to take advantage of that," senior

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DAVID THILL/ON THE VERGE

The outside wall of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola appears today just as it did 105 years ago despite a fresh coat of paint. The shop opened in 1901 and stayed in business until the 1970s. Ann Beck and her sister Devon Nau bought, remodeled and reopened the business in 2004.

Sweet nostalgia

Flesor's Candy Kitchen mixes old-time feel with confection

HISTORY OF THE BUILDING

By David Thill | VERGE EDITOR

Beaming over a nearly century-old photograph, Ann Beck, owner of Flesor's Candy Kitchen, recalls the history of the building that has come to mean so much to its community.

The photograph in her hands shows Ann's grandfather, original owner and operator of the candy kitchen, standing in front of the outside wall of the store. The words "Candy Kitchen, Coca-Cola 5 cents" still remain just as they did in 1901 when the shop opened, despite a few new coats of paint.

Ann's grandfather immigrated to America in 1841 from Greece. The building that would become Flesor's Candy Kitchen was built in 1871. Their grandfather had eight children, two of whom survived. And no one got a free ride.

"Everybody worked," Ann said.

The shop opened in 1901 and, as Ann recalls, things have changed in 105 years.

The kitchen where Ann and her sister Devon Nau make their candies was not always meant for the cooking of confectionaries. That portion of the building was originally a barbershop, Ann said. Actually, one can still see where bricked-up portions of the wall were once windows.

"My grandfather used to make candy in the basement

until they told him that wasn't too healthy," she said with a laugh.

Ann's family owned the shop until the 1970s when they sold off the business and Flesor's Candy Kitchen closed its doors.

But the building didn't become another business, nor did it become an apartment complex. It just sat there. And sat and sat and sat.

It sat for 30 years until the sisters decided a change in career was needed and bought the building back and began trying to revive a business.

"This place was a disaster area," Ann said. "I mean, walls were falling down, we found dead birds."

She also said they would leave the front door open while rebuilding the business just so people could come in and see their progress.

"People would come in and say 'thank you,' and one man actually cried," Devon said. "This place has a lot of nostalgia."

Coincidentally, the man who bought the building from Ann's family had dismantled and kept all the original furnishings in a warehouse.

"If we didn't have the original furnishing, we wouldn't have gone forward with the business," Ann said. As it was, even with the original furnishings, reviving the business took a "small fortune," she said.

But the repairs may have been well worth the effort.

"It has become a neighborhood kind of place," Ann said. "Kids can ride bikes here from the park. For people who grew up in (the store), it feels like home. You can go home again."

GUS FLESOR: CANDY KITCHEN FOUNDER

By Ashley Rueff | VERGE REPORTER

In 105 years, the customers of Flesor's Candy Kitchen have changed, but the recipes have remained the same.

After arriving at Ellis Island from Greece, Gus Flesor found himself in Chicago working on the railroad before making his way south to Champaign-Urbana where he apprenticed at a Greek-owned confectionery, said his granddaughter, Devon Flesor Nau, the current co-owner of Flesor's Candy Kitchen.

In 1901, Gus Flesor took his new skills to the young town of Tuscola, where he established his own store on the corner of Sale and Main streets. Flesor opened his shop in the downtown district where he was able to play an influential role in the development of the town.

GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING



Chris Essig

Senior Verge reporter

Mario Kart is a life

Say I just overanalyze — or am entirely too obsessed with a videogame — but Super Mario Kart 64 is the playful but competitive cartoon rendition of the lives we lead everyday.

Life, in a nutshell, is a manifestation of the Nintendo racing game. Considering all the add-ons that the creators threw in there, it's practically an exact replica of the raceway of life. Let me explain.

The shells.

The homing red shells symbolize the inevitabilities in life. Whether you're receiving or sending them, they're going to happen/hit their mark. If you have them, there's nothing like knowing your about to screw someone's day over. If you're ahead of someone with them, watch out because they're headed your way.

The moral is taking the yin with the yang. The good things — having red shells — and bad things — being a target of a red shell — are both bound to happen. Don't get caught up in simplicity of each act because each is just a moment lapse of time. Considering there are three laps, there is plenty of time to make up for the set back.

The green shells — shells that go forward whether someone is in front of you or not — are one's skills. It takes skill to accurately fire the green shells, but remember they can come back to haunt you if not used properly. If it's not a calculated shot, they can miss the target sending the shell to deflect off the walls before it comes back to hit you.

The lesson is not being too greedy. While green shells — skills — are meant to be a good thing, things won't always turn out like you planned. It's all about making the right choices and using your skills at the right time. Sometimes it's just easier to not launch the green shells or fire them directly behind you; play it conservatively and wait until the moment rises to take advantage of it.

The other kind of shell in Mario Kart is the dreaded "leader shell". There is a long-standing strategy that if you're in first place and a blue shell — the shell that will hit the person in first place — is headed your way, you should slow down and let someone else get in first place. That way when it comes, you won't get hit because you're no longer on top.

Most of the time, this is ineffective and you still get hit while the person in second place soars by you. The point here is some things are bound to happen and you just can't stop your life — or your go kart — thinking you can avoid them. Sometimes you have to take the hit, regain composure and continue the race. Hesitation just doesn't pay.

Being on top means you have to be prepared to handle these responsibilities because you're a target; everybody wants to be you. It's a bitch being in first especially since you always get the weakest of handouts (or in Mario Kart, single green shells, bananas, etc.) and those behind you are getting lightning and stars (extremely dangerous weapons) like it's their job. Still, it's the same for

everybody. Everybody who is in first has to deal with these negative repercussions and everyone in last gets the powerful "weapons." No one's out to help the people on top. In the end there are no excuses because it's an even playing field. While this is not always true in life, most people who end up in eighth place have nobody to blame but themselves.

Then there are those misfortunes everyone has the same chance of receiving. At some point in time, we've all felt smaller than the rest of the crowd; like anyone could just strut on by and crush us like a peanut. The culprit could be a rainy day, the end of a relationship, or an illness in the family. In any event, it happens to all of us at some point in time, but it's temporary. One can't be too overwhelmed with the bad times. The lightning in Mario Kart — which shrinks everyone except the user (making them vulnerable to being crushed) — symbolizes this sorrow and is as every bit inevitable as it is in real life. It is short-lived and doesn't have to be your demise if you learn to handle and move on when the sorrow passes.

Flashiness should be a crime in life and Mario Kart is no different. In the game, if you hold onto a star or lightning for too long, someone could very easily get a ghost — the "weapon" that turns you invincible and takes another's item. If you have one of the more powerful "weapons," don't soak in pleasure for too long. Instead use it, take it in strides, embrace the moment, and let it pass. The second you let yourself indulge too severely in the fruits of life is the second it's taken by an untouchable opponent.

Bananas are the temptations that are up to us to avoid. In the game, other players will leave them along the track hoping you'll slip up on them. Most of the time they're blatantly obvious, but because they're right where you're expected to be, they're tough to avoid. You can often see them coming from a mile away, but for some strange reason you just walk right into them. Drugs, promiscuous sex and republicanism are all real life examples of these kinds of obstacles. You know they're bad for you and you know what will happen, but it happens.

One of the more subtle "weapons" in Mario Kart is the fake question mark box. Normal question mark boxes get you all of the above listed "weapons" but the fake boxes are the equivalent of running into a brick wall. These represent illusions which no matter how often they pop up along the raceway, they are unexpected. Common sense is the best defense against them. If you see a box blatantly out of place (the real boxes come in groups and are placed close together) it's probably fake. If you recognize that sometimes things are too good to be true — that boxes are just not going to randomly appear just for your taking — you're already ahead of the game. It's about being on your toes and preparing for the things that don't appear as they truly are.

THE LIST

Top 10 Bands that need to be reunited

- 1 Rage Against the Machine — They could pump out records every six months with the current Administration in power.
- 2 Refused — Imagine a hardcore Rage with nearly the same level of intensity, intelligence and talent.
- 3 At the Drive In — Their amazing arrangements and Cedric's ridiculous range make for music that you have to pay attention to even if you have no idea what he's talking about.
- 4 Phish — Anybody who has had the privilege of seeing them live knows why they are on the list.
- 5 Pink Floyd — This is the dreamer in us. While beautiful beyond words — will likely be the band's last performance. Bastards.
- 6 Neutral Milk Hotel — Certainly the weirdest and arguably the most layered band to come out of the 90s.
- 7 Botch — If they're not the birth of technical metal-core, they're pretty damn close.
- 8 At the Gates — Forming in 1990, At the Gates in their mere 6 years of existence proved themselves as one of the most influential Swedish metal bands.
- 9 The Smashing Pumpkins — Probably a no-brainer. Corgan had an uncanny ability to flawlessly perform practically any aspect of rock music and seemingly lost it when he formed Zwan.
- 10 Saetia — The definitive screamo band that showcases what the genre should be: aggressive, melodic, and smart. And you didn't think it was

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Left: Ann Beck, co-owner of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, "dips" chocolate Friday morning, March 24. Beck runs the shop along with her sister, Devon Nau. **The two make all of their confections by hand. Right:** Devon Nau, co-owner of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola, prepares the ice cream counter before opening shop March 24.

CANDY:

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With only a fourth-grade education, Flesor became successful enough to help his two brothers make the trip from Greece to Tuscola as well, said Devon's sister and business partner, Ann Flesor.

Today's Candy Kitchen is a replication of the original shop that was in operation over 100 years ago. A photo of Gus and his old Candy Kitchen hangs in the shop, making it easy to measure the accuracy of the restoration.

The history of Tuscola and the original owner grace every inch of the store. Even the lunch menu honors Flesor with the "gusb主rgers" that are named after the hamburgers he used to cook over his grill for his customers, Ann said.

The sisters have had no trouble building from their grandfather's foundation so far. Devon's three children spend a lot of time in the shop, just as their mother did when she was young. Devon is hoping to teach her 15-year-old son how to make candy this summer, a job that she was taught by her brother.

Ann currently holds the title of "candy dipper," but maybe she'll be passing that title on to another family member after a while, just as her mother passed it on to her.

THE SISTERS FLESOR

By Michael Peterson | VERGE REPORTER

Ann Flesor sits on a stool in the back room of Flesor's Candy Kitchen. With her right hand, Ann molds dough into tiny balls while simultaneously using her left hand to play with and work the dark, rich chocolate in a pan next to her.

After the dough balls are ready, she dips them into the chocolate. Like an artist signing her work, she labels the chocolate truffles, using the drips of chocolate to write with.

"But I'm not nearly as good at it as my mother was," Ann said. "We called her the 'master dipper.'"

Many children dream of growing up in a candy shop. However, both 50-year-old Ann and her sister never imagined they would end up in the family business. They had different plans of their own.

"Our parents never encouraged us to stay in the business, so we didn't. We all went to college and left," Ann said. "I couldn't wait to get out of Tuscola. I would sit on that stool over there and was like, 'Please God, get me out of here!'"

But in early 2001, Ann was driving through town when she saw a "For Sale" sign on her family's old candy kitchen, which had closed in the 70s.

It took a year-and-a-half of renovations, \$800,000 and a lot of sweat and hard work before the two sisters had the building and supplies all ready for business.

So why would someone with a master's degree want to leave it all for a tremendous amount of physical labor in an old building?

Ann explained that it was a combination of factors—the promise and challenge of owning her own business, the sentimental value and just "being bored to tears." She also said it felt like the right thing to do—as if all of the pieces of the puzzle fell into place.

Ann plans on working at Flesor's Candy Kitchen for eight more years and then will retire. But until then, she is going to continue to "work her butt off" by managing the kitchen.

"We are tired and we are in debt up to our armpits. And we love it."

ANN FLESOR,

CO-OWNER OF FLESOR'S CANDY KITCHEN

"(My sister and I) fight every day. We are tired and we are in debt up to our armpits," Ann said. "And we love it."

THE RESTAURANT

By Jesse Funk | VERGE REPORTER

Today is Friday and one of the two Daily Specials, offered seven days a week at Flesor's Candy Kitchen, is roast beef.

"We work really hard on the restaurant side of the business," Devon said as Ann effortlessly made strawberry crème-filled chocolates.

"If customers buy candy, something from the soda fountain and eat at the restaurant, we call that the 'trifecta,'" Ann said.

At Flesor's, it's almost too easy to complete the trifecta. The first time entering Flesor's, customers may be overwhelmed by the delicious fragrance of chocolate inside.

But between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily, a customer can smell one (or two) of twelve different specialty items being cooked for lunch.

Flesor's offers specials ranging from the traditional, including country ham and beans, meatloaf, and chicken and noodles, to more modern choices, ranging from taco salad, baked tilapia, to pizzaburgers.

Since the Flesor sisters share a Greek heritage, they also include some traditional Greek favorites like Spanikopita, a delicious spinach and feta cheese pie, and Greek salads with Kalamato olives and feta cheese.

"We try to keep the customers happy," Devon said while she made an ice cream sundae. "If we offered Greek food everyday, no one would eat it. That's why we like to rotate our specials and have a lot of local favorites."

On the off chance that something appealing isn't on the daily special list at Flesor's, customers can always order from the Bistro instead. Bistro choices range from frankfurters and brats to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and pulled-pork BBQ.

The only thing better than all of the tasty meals, candy and ice cream at Flesor's is the relaxed atmosphere of the candy shop which takes customers back to simpler times.

THE RESTROOMS

By Matt Daniels | ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

A painting hangs in a perfect position. It is not crooked, scratched or dirty.

Magazines are lined in rows, with a small, folded piece of paper declaring "Please, help yourself to a magazine" scrawled in neat penmanship with a black marker.

Such is the women's restroom at Flesor's Candy Kitchen.

It is the precision and the astute knowledge of paying attention to every detail that has this brick building in downtown Tuscola thriving as a business.

"We're here all the time," Devon said. This explains why the bathrooms are so shiny and well kept.

With the two Flesor sisters putting in 12- to 15-hour days at the store, nearly every day of the week, the restrooms are evidence of the attention to detail the sisters have put in.

Restrooms, you might say? Why would the restrooms be such a high priority for the current owners?

"We practically live here so we want to be comfortable," Devon said. "We have the cleanest bathrooms outside of Europe."

It's this attention to detail that makes this store unique and charming.

"If someone's not cleaning out the toilets right, I'll go in there and show them how to do it," Ann said.

While the women's restroom has a few more amenities (i.e. magazine racks and a desk with drawers), the men's restroom is not the typical male restroom, either.

When you walk into the bathrooms at Flesor's, you automatically feel that you are going into a bathroom at your own house—albeit cleaner than most home bathrooms.

The tiled floor is devoid of any noticeable dirt and the white sinks and toilets are spotless. There is even a can of Oust for customers to help the room stay fresh.

Devon Flesor describes the bathrooms as "cozy."

And that is the one word that best fits this shop—and its unique bathrooms.

THE CLASSIC COLA COUNTER

By Cathy Bayer | VERGE REPORTER

Flesor's Candy Kitchen was renovated in 2004. This included the installation of the soda fountain counter. The two Flesor sisters, Ann and Devon, received a \$25,000 grant from the American Soda Fountain Co. in Chicago to put everything from the counter back together.

"It was kind of a touchstone for us," Ann said.

People often come in and remember their first dates at the soda counter, or that they courted in the back booth.

While many drug stores used to have soda fountains, there aren't many left.

"Little Mom and Pop places are extinct," Devon said.

Six stools sit at the counter. They're the originals from when their grandfather owned the store. The wooden back counter, with shelves and cabinets of glasses, is also from the original store that opened in 1901.

The work that goes into keeping the counter clean and maintained is endless, Ann said. The counter doesn't have a defroster, so the freezer has to be scraped out by hand. Workers are constantly cleaning the equipment, including eight porcelain ice cream containers, which cost \$90 each.

The counter also includes vessels with different syrup flavors. These flavors make classic phosphates, a type of homemade soda drink.

The phosphates taste different than regular soda. They have a strong, nearly potent flavor that's unlike regular soda.

"We have people who won't go back (to soda)," Ann said, after they have tasted their fountain drinks.

Breaking up is hard enough

HERE ARE JUST A FEW TIPS TO GET OVER THAT NASTY-BREAK UP AND A FEW SOULFUL TUNES TO GET YOU THROUGH THOSE LONELY NIGHTS

By Michael Peterson
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Breaking-up is one of those inevitable, painful life experiences. One day you can be literally floating in the air and then suddenly the next day your emotions can be thrown into the gutters.

Thousands upon thousands of songs are written about heartbreak caused by the opposite gender, so obviously this is something that affects anyone and everyone. So go curl up in your bed with a tub of Ben and Jerry's and pop in your favorite tear-jerker CD before reading on.

WHAT TO SAY

While breaking up with your significant other may become inevitable, there is definitely more humane ways to approach the situation.

Cathy Schoonover, a psychology professor, said when you are breaking up with someone it is usually not in your best interest to blame the other person for the problems in the relationship. The best thing to do is to acknowledge your own responsibility in the situation and to make sure you don't put down the person.

"You can acknowledge that the person is a great person and they eventually make someone else a great girlfriend or boyfriend. But tell them it's not working for us together," Schoonover said. "Essentially, just don't psychologically demean or bring down the other person."

GOOD AND BAD WAYS

Now that you have decided on what you are going to say, the next step in your task is to figure out just how you are going to break up with them. The general consensus is that the "best" way to do it is in person.

"It may be the more difficult, but it is going to be the most humane way to do it," Schoonover said. "Something like a text message or a 'Dear John' letter is the cruelest, most chicken way to do it. It is running away from the responsibility...but it is easier."

While breaking up with someone by using an e-mail or a text message is bad, there is actually an even worse way of doing it.

Alison Stephens, a senior health studies major, said she had a friend that was actually dumped by her boyfriend just changing his "relationship status" on his Facebook

account to single.

"It was pretty shady," she said. "It took her like a day to figure out what had happened."

REACTIONS

It would be nice to believe that once the dumping process has ended that the situation is over, but this is far from the truth. In fact, after a couple has broken up, both parties may have very different reactions.

Schoonover said if the person being dumped was in a long-term relationship, it is very common for that person to go through a "grieving process," a reaction that is very similar to how a person will cope with a loved one dying. There may be extreme sadness or intense longing for the person.

On the other end of the spectrum, breaking up can also be hard for the person who is ending the relationship.

"There may be some guilt because you know that you caused that person pain," commented Schoonover. "There also may be rationalization for that guilt."

Other reactions to breaking up may be extra partying and drinking, sleeping around or even possibly suicidal thoughts.

Five beautiful break-up songs (in no particular order)

◆ **"Yesterday" - The Beatles:** "Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away/ Now it looks as though they're here to stay/ Oh, I believe in yesterday"

◆ **"Dry Your Eyes" - The Streets:** "Dry your eyes mate/ I know it's hard to take but her mind has been made up. There's plenty more fish in the sea/ Dry your eyes mate/ I know you want to make her see how much this pain hurts/ But you've got to walk away no, it's over"

◆ **"Dammit" - Blink 182:** "And maybe I'll see you at a movie sneak preview/ You show up and walk by on the arm of that guy/ And I'll smile and you'll wave/ We'll pretend it's okay/ The charade, it won't last/ When he's gone, I won't come back"

◆ **"Tiny Vessels" - Death Cab For Cutie:** "This is the moment that you know/ That you told her that you loved her but you don't/ You touch her skin and then you think/ That she is beautiful but she don't mean a thing to me"

◆ **"With or Without You" - U2:** "See the stone set in your eyes/ See the torn twist in your side/ I wait for you/ Sleight of hand and twist of fate/ On a bed of nails she makes me wait/ And I wait without you"

Spring into Love

College students date more as weather heats up

By Stacy Smith
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Less stress, less clothing and more activities generate new relationships among college students as the weather starts to get warmer.

Biologically circulating cycles relate to relationships because when days are longer people feel more alert and awake, said Jeffrey Stowell, assistant psychology professor.

Light comes through the eyes and creates a direct connection to the brain. This process makes people more attentive during the warmer months.

Some people experience seasonal fluctuations in mood, like feeling depressed in the winter, Stowell said. These people tend to act more confident and outgoing when the weather gets warmer.

Spring relationships are a "pseudo-scientific thing" because light puts almost everyone in a good mood along with the fact finals

are over make people more accepting of relationships, said Blake West, junior accounting major.

During cold weather, some people get depressed and shut off, he said.

West said considering people are outside more in warmer weather, they are more likely to meet other people, which can lead to the start of a new relationship.

Can weather be the deciding factor in dating?

Many students believe so. A common idea is during the warmer weather, people wear more attractive clothing, are more confident, have a good tan and are more open to new things.

Liz Mast, a freshman speech pathology major, said she finds herself dating more when the weather gets warmer.

Mast said she notices more men in the summer because she can check them out when she's at a swimming pool.

According to Mast, "Everybody looks better with a tan."

Girls aren't the only ones checking out the opposite sex as the temperature rises.

Trent Ellis, a sophomore undecided major, said he tends to date a lot more during warmer weather.

One reason may be the change of attire from winter to summer.

"People dress up a little more in warmer weather. During wintertime a lot of people wear sweatshirts and pants," said Drew Wright, a freshman accounting major.

Mark Ellis, a senior economics major, agrees with Wright and says summer fashion is better because of the brighter colors.

"Girls put on short shorts and short skirts and get all dolled up to go to the bar," he said. "You don't hit on girls with their big puffy coats and moccasins."

People become more active when the weather is warmer such as playing sports, exercising, barbecuing and sunbathing are only a few of the many summer pastimes.

Mark said he is currently involved in a three-year relationship.

There is only a limited amount of things a couple can do in the winter, he said.

This can lead to more fighting and tension between couples.

Roxanne Flores, a freshman psychology major, said she has been in a long-distance relationship for two years now.

"(Flores and her boyfriend) hang out more and get a long better when the weather is warmer," she said. "We're outside doing more things like swimming, and inside all you can really do is watch TV."

"The attraction to each other is higher because of clothing," Flores said. Like wearing bathing suits or being dressed better.

Stress is found to be related academically.

Most students' stress level will peak during the next couple weeks and through finals but will drop dramatically when summer approaches because they will have a break from classes, Stowell said.

"People are just glad to be free from being cooped up in the dorm," he said.