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PANTHERS KICK OFF SEASON RIGHT

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ONE INTENSE COOL OFF

ROTC cadets take a dip in Rotary Pool for Combat Survival Training

By Katie Anderson
Campus Editor

2 P.M. Thursday. The sun heats up the patio of the Charleston Rotary Pool.

Five dry Eastern ROTC cadets sit in their grey shirt and black shorts around a picnic table on the patio as Sergeant Bret Rogowitz loudly outlines instructions for the day.

It was lab day for ROTC – Water Combat Survival Training.

The cadets would shortly be in the cool blueish waters of the pool with senior cadets and other ROTC members yelling out times and encouragement.

Cadet Timothy Andries, senior recreation administration major, said around 35 cadets would train by the time the day was done.

Cadets Alanna Casey, Chris McLennand, Bri Lan-



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Leonard Morris, a sophomore biological sciences major and ROTC cadet, takes a swim during the ROTC's swim training at Charleston's Rotary Pool Thursday afternoon. For the cadets Water Combat Survival Training, they had to swim a length of the pool wearing a battle dress uniform, a load-bearing equipment strap and carrying a rubber rifle.

throp, Jay Holden and Ashish Desai were in the fourth group out of five to test.

All had done the training before and had an idea of what the day would bring.

First on the rigorous schedule was the 10-minute swim. In order to earn a "go" for this stage, each cadet had to swim continuously for 10 minutes straight with-

out touching the sides or bottom of the pool.

"Keep going! Conserve your energy, nice and easy," shouted Rogowitz to the cadets.

Holden, a sophomore psychology major said the test was easier for him this year.

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DOUDNA PROGRESS

Arts center to affect more than just EIU

Inyart talks of economic impact on city when it opens in 2008

By Katey Mitchell
Senior Campus Reporter

The students and faculty of the art departments are not the only ones excited about the near completion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Charleston Mayor John Inyart took a tour of Doudna on Aug. 21 for reasons unrelated to fine arts.

"(Doudna) is a major asset to the community," Inyart said.

He calls the project "a work of art."

"There is still a lot of imagination to do at this point," Inyart said. "Glass, metal and mirrors throughout the facility are not in place yet. It takes some imagination to see what it will look like in its finished form."

Inyart said the tour was to gain a feel for the type of people and businesses the building will be drawing.

Inyart and other city officials are planning to visit Chicago in October for a retail convention. At the convention they will shop around for food and lodging businesses interested in investing in Charleston. They see Doudna as a major marketing tool.

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Employees complete their day's work at the Doudna construction site. The new fine arts complex is scheduled to open its doors to students and faculty in Fall 2008.

DOUDNA PROGRESS, SECTION BY SECTION

SECTION A & B

- Mechanical Rooms Systems
- Ceiling panels, light fixtures, wall fixtures and trim installed
- Ready for floor coverings and finishes
- Concrete steps on west side of B are being installed
- Dean's office frosted windows installed

SECTION C

- Final coats of paint
- Hanging light fixtures and pulling electrical wiring work in progress
- Mechanical spaces with water piping systems under construction
- New elevator is currently being installed

SECTION D

- Copper roofing work in progress
- Structural steel decking installed on east and south sides
- Concourse roof nailable deck insulation installed
- Copper siding installed on the west side of Theater building
- Wiring being installed for lighting grid.



Education task force to tour campus

20-year blueprint in future plans

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior University Reporter

State Rep. Chapin Rose questions the priorities of the politicians in Springfield when it comes to higher education.

He said the United States is falling behind many first world nations, and a few third world nations in per capita output of doctorate degrees.

Rose, R-Mahomet, believes a stronger focus on higher education will affect global competitiveness, will grow a vibrant economy and will ensure there are quality jobs for everyone.

"The general idea is I want to start a drumbeat for higher education," Rose said. "I want to make the case to the people of the state of Illinois that higher education is what creates jobs."



Rep. Chapin Rose

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WEATHER OUTLOOK

TODAY
81° | 55°
Sunny



SATURDAY
83° | 58°
Sunny



SUNDAY
87° | 60°
Sunny



Doudna expected to reach beyond EIU

DOUDNA, FROM PAGE 1

"The Doudna center will be a draw for the entire region," Inyart said. "We want to see what the facility will be so we can find comparative businesses."

Inyart sees the building of Doudna and the transformation of the Art programs at Eastern as a way to better the university and draw more students. He recognizes that in doing this, Charleston will prosper.

Doudna not only affects the businesses of Charleston but also the other art facilities located in and around Eastern.

When the original fine arts building closed in 2001, many programs were taken in by various groups and organizations on and off campus.

One of the biggest helpers was the Tarble Arts Center. When Doudna opens next year, Tarble sees itself as the primary visual arts facility for the community and region.

Many programs and groups, like the Charleston Community Theatre, plan on continuing their work and productions at Tarble.

Michael Watts, director of Tarble, said the addition of Doudna is "going to generally elevate the arts on campus and in the region."

"It's the same thought everyone has," Watts said.

Watts said everyone wonders how Doudna will affect Tarble now that there will be a new incredible art center on campus.

"But like everything else in life, it's what you make of it. We look at it as an opportunity," Watts said.

With the addition of Doudna, Eastern will have the best visual and performing art centers in the entire region for a school its size, Watts said.

Putting the two together will elevate Eastern as an art center.

However, construction of Doudna



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A worker finishes up Thursday at Doudna. Michael Watts, director of Tarble Arts Center expects that the new building will elevate arts on campus.

will not be completed until the end of Fall 2007. Slight construction on the project began in 2001 and major construction began in 2005.

Steve Shrake, associate director of design and construction for Facilities Planning and Management, said construction should be completed at the end of this semester. However, the building will not be ready to move into until after spring.

"The completion expectation is unchanged but remember that end of construction does not correlate with occupancy," Shrake said. "We will still have a lot of equipment and furniture installations to complete during the spring semester."

Shrake said the Facilities Planning and Management Web site has weekly and sometimes biweekly updates on Doudna's progress.

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LAST NIGHT'S GAME

Eastern started its football season Thursday night against Tennessee Tech. For online exclusives from the game including position breakdowns and an additional football story, visit www.dennews.com.



EIU ATHLETICS PREVIEWS

Eastern athletic teams start their seasons this weekend. Staff reporter Matt Daniels sat down with Eastern's head rugby, cross country, and women's soccer coaches for previews of their upcoming seasons.



DEN BLOGS

The Daily Eastern News blogs on topics ranging from sports to world politics to music and more. Scott Richey blogged live from Eastern's first football game. Check www.dennews.com if you missed it.

Online Poll Question of the Week:

Should Michael Vick be allowed to play in the NFL again?

A. Yes B. No

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A NEW SPIN ON THE TERM COLLEGE KIDS

University Apartments offer unique housing for non-traditional students' families

By Barbara Harrington
Staff Reporter

Charlie Eriksen has been married for two months.

The sophomore, who is a certified nursing assistant, married Austin, who also attends Eastern.

Because of married student housing, the Eriksens live comfortably at University Apartments.

"We really don't have to pay anything besides our food and our wants," she said. "I mean, we struggle every once in awhile, like if the kids want something and we don't have it because we have to pay our cell phone bill and our car insurance and we've got two cars. But other than that, we're OK."

For graduate students, married students, single-parent students or married students with children, the apartments are a housing option that might make getting an education affordable and more convenient.

Both furnished and partially furnished apartments are available, as well as one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

Charlie Eriksen, 20, has been living in the University Apartments for about a month with her husband, stepdaughter and son.

Applicants who are married or have children are given preference in two room units over graduate students. The larger, furnished apartments work best for families.

The Eriksens live in a partially furnished two-room apartment that includes a bathroom, living room/kitchen and bedroom.

"The only disadvantage is it's kind of small with all four of us," Eriksen said.



DIXIE SEXTON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rico Coleman, 3, plays on the playground equipment near the University Apartments on Thursday afternoon. The 154 apartments for grad students, married students with or without children and single-parent students have been fully occupied for the past few years.

However, for the Eriksen family the small size was offset by the low cost of living in the University Apartments. Most of the expenses are covered by Eriksen's husband's financial aid.

Kelly Miller, the assistant direc-

tor of housing, said the complex was built in two phases. The first 60 University Apartments were built around 1956 and included single story units. The two story units were completed in the mid-1960s.

"Prior to that, there were old military surplus (corrugated steel) huts that were homes to EIU families," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

Fourteen married couples and 27 families with children are living in the apartments. For the past few years, all 154 apartments have been occupied.

"Today, students appreciate more space, so the number of families is less, though there are still some, and more graduate and non-traditional students fill these units," Hudson said.

Rent for a university apartment is \$1,780 to \$2,000 per semester. All utilities are included in the semester rate. The utility bills are added to a student's university account, which allows their financial aid package to cover the costs directly.

Eriksen also likes the convenience of the location. The University Apartments are on the edge of campus, off of Fourth Street.

Because of its location right next to Charleston Community Daycare, which is housed in the Wesley United Methodist Church, parents are close to campus and childcare, making the complex both a convenient and economical home. The complex is also a stop on the Charleston Public School system bus route.

On the weekends, the Eriksens take their children to the movies, park and swimming pool. Within the complex there is a playground, swing set, and basketball court, which makes it easy entertain the children without having to drive to a different area of town.

Eriksen encourages other married couples or parents to consider the University Apartments when looking for a place to call home.

"This is the best way to go – financially and with kids," she said. "It's less stressful financially because it's all in one package. You really don't have to worry about a lot of finances."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Observatory open for viewing tonight

Eastern's physics observatory will be open to the public for a viewing of the Ring Nebula starting at 8:30 tonight.

The Ring Nebula is a planetary nebula – gas and dust surrounding a dying star – and is in the constellation Lyra.

The nebula is about 2,000 light-years away.

This observatory open house is sponsored by the physics department and the Astronomy Club.

If the weather does not permit the viewing, tours will still be given.

The observatory is located between O'Brien Stadium and the intramural softball fields.

For directions, go to www.eiu.edu/~physics/campusmap.pdf.

Class registration/drop deadlines today

The deadline for submitting requests for credit/no credit courses is today at 4 p.m.

It is also the deadline for dropping a course with no grade and no charge, the deadline to request an insurance refund, and the deadline to withdraw from Eastern or reduce classloads with a refund of tuition and fees.

For more information, contact the Registration Office at 581-3831.

Two new preschool series to air on WEIU

WEIU, local channel 6 and Eastern's television station, will be showing two new preschool series, "Super Why!" and "WordWorld," beginning Monday.

"Super Why!" is a superhero show with interactive fairytales adventures with games designed to raise reading abilities.

Wyhatt, the little brother of Jack from "Jack and the Beanstalk," and his friends turn into the "Super Readers," who are talented at reading.

The group jumps into books to find answers to common preschool questions.

"WordWorld" is a story about WordFriends, a group of friends that happen to be words.

WordWorld is a place where friends use WordPlay to meet challenges and have fun.

The new additions are a part of PBS KIDS' Ready to Learn program.

A sneak-peek of "WordGirl," a fifth-grader who becomes WordGirl, a superhero whose super power is her definitions.

This series will begin as a full half-hour series on Friday as a part of PBS KIDS GO!

— Hayley Clark
News Editor

RHA members make 'Connections'

First meeting of semester mostly for introductions

By Jordan Crook
RHA Reporter

Members of the Resident Hall Association "connected" through an icebreaker activity during the inaugural meeting Thursday night in the basement of Andrews Hall.

Students stood in the middle of the room and said their name, residence hall and a random fact about themselves in a game called Connections.

When two students shared a similar random fact they would cry out "me too," link arms and create a chain, which eventually swung around to make a circle.

Jarrod Scherle, RHA president, said the activity helps students learn about each other and become more comfortable working together.

Marcus Waller, of Carman Hall, said the activity helped him become acquainted with the new surroundings of RHA.

"It was a nice way to get to know everyone else," Waller said.

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, said he liked the game and joined in the circle when a student gave her random fact as being from Charleston.

"It was a unique way for students to get to know one another," Hudson said.

Scherle said he received positive feedback about the game from many of the members and plans on having similar activities before meetings for the rest of the semester.

New members like Waller were given brief descriptions about the various aspects of RHA business and introduced to members of the RHA Executive Board, each of whom gave a brief report.

Brian McGuigan, RHA vice president, told representatives they were required to join at least one of the various committees of which he is in charge.

He encouraged students to volunteer to work as chairman for the committees, which do not have leaders yet.

Ashley Hoogstraten, RHA program director, told members that Eastern President William Perry, Charleston Mayor John Inyart and



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Resident Housing Association met for the first time Thursday evening. In order to "break the ice" RHA president Jarrod Scherle (pictured on the far left), a sophomore pre-engineering and physics major, encouraged the members to participate in an activity, known as "Connections," that allowed everyone to learn a little about one another.

other members of the faculty and RHA would participate next week's EIU Squares event.

A dinner will be held before the event with the local celebrities.

Hudson explained he has been involved with RHA for 30 years and it has become an important part of his job.

"If it was Thursday night and I wasn't at an RHA meeting, I

wouldn't know what to do with myself," Hudson said.

"This was a great way to start off RHA for this year," Scherle said.

Waller said there was a lot of information to absorb at first, but, after hearing the executive board speak, he said he thinks it will be a good experience.

"I'm really excited about working for RHA this year," Waller said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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I wonder how long it's going to be before someone from SUP and says something akin to, "It's not our fault we're the only party, it goes in waves - there's bound to be 6 parties before long. If you're concerned about Student Government, then run!"

But that's the problem: it seems like the only people who care about Student Government are the ones who run. Need evidence for this claim? Look at voter turnout in last winter's elections. I myself was one of the candidates, and will freely admit that most of my votes came from my friends, and that was 3 votes shy of getting me elected. No one votes in terms of policy, they only vote in terms of who they know.

When Eastern students become a better informed electorate, then Student Government will be forced to become a more diverse, better functioning group. The student body would weed out those candidates just in there for power or a resume-line item and instead choose the most committed and qualified individuals. Until that happens, we can write all the editorials we want, run all the independent campaigns we can, and it won't mean much so long as irresponsible Parties dictate everything from election day protocol to semester-wide agendas.

So please, Student Government, take some personal responsibility and clean up this mess.

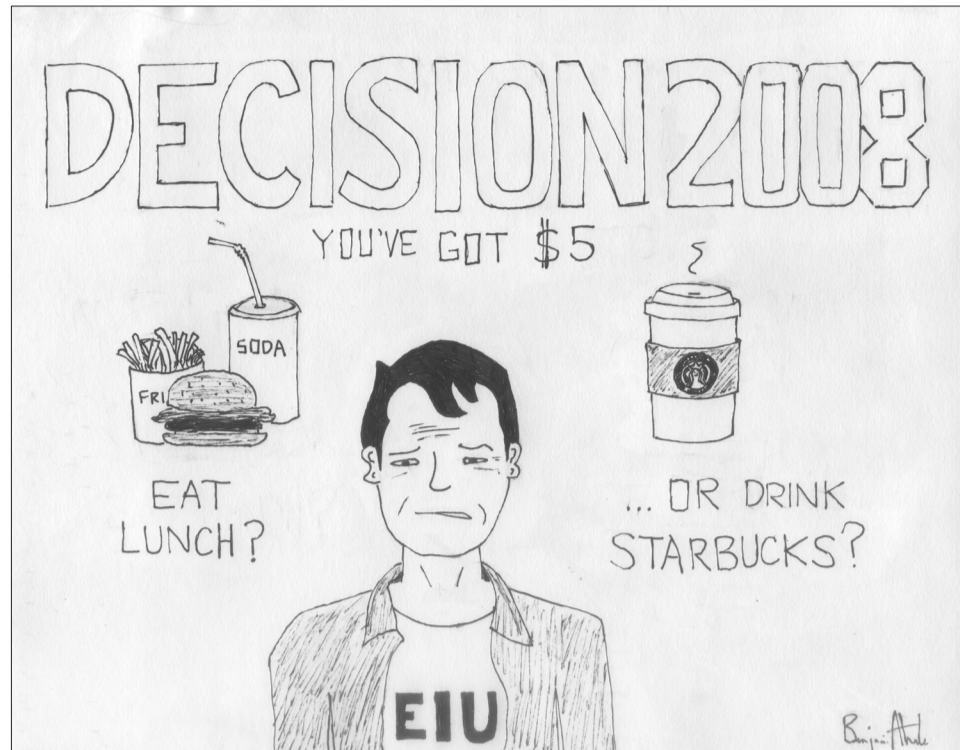
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TODAY'S OP-ED PAGE

See the opposing opinions of two of Eastern's political leaders on today's op-ed page featuring "Let's give them something to talk about."

Why should Eastern students participate in politics while in college? How will this benefit them?

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | Ben Aberle



STAFF EDITORIAL

Starbucks will be a
good thing for students

Well, it's finally official. After months of speculation, secrecy and rumors regarding which national coffee chain is coming to Charleston, a sign on the road finally confirmed that Starbucks will arrive near the intersection of University Drive and Lincoln Avenue.

Some might complain that bringing a large chain into a small town could drive others out of the market.

True, there are three coffee shops in town and they might see a hit from the franchise's arrival.

But the bottom line is that Starbucks' arrival gives students yet another choice. And choice is always a good thing.

Not to mention, competition will help students out in the long run by forcing some small stores to adjust with the market and offer either more promotions or more varied entertainment.

For example, Jackson Avenue Coffee already offers live entertainment and many students enjoy the place and will probably continue to do so.

This type of shop shouldn't be concerned with a Starbucks. Especially with its location on the square and the new Starbucks closer to campus.

Jitters & Bliss, on the other hand, has to face the competition face-to-face. It is located on Lincoln Avenue, just a stone's throw away from the new location.

This could lead to competitive price wars that might benefit students directly.

Starbucks is a large chain and is very prominent in Chicago and its suburbs.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of the DEN editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at:
DENopinions@gmail.com

The arrival also shows the city of Charleston listens to Eastern students, who comprise nearly half of all residents in the city for two-thirds of the year.

Charleston Mayor John Inyart, said "a lot of the students who come from the metropolitan areas" have expressed a desire to see a Starbucks spring up in town.

According to the Office of Planning and Institutional Studies, 43 percent of students enrolled in the fall of 2006 were from that region. Although they were not all coffee drinkers, many of them got used to drinking Starbucks long ago.

The 36-year-old chain has been at the center of immense commercial growth in the past half-decade in the suburbs.

When a big chain comes in to a small town, it gives the area some notoriety. In the spring there were several vacancies in very prominent locations on Lincoln Avenue.

But seeing a big chain like Starbucks come into town could attract more businesses and that is also a good thing for the Chamber of Commerce.

With Charleston being a college town, and with half its population being college students for eight months out of the year, attracting a national chain that students have wanted to see here in the past is a good move by Inyart.

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COLUMN | OUTSIDE VIEWS

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own opinion

(U-WIRE) LUBBOCK, Texas — History, current events and sensible interpretation of intelligence should preclude egotism and manifest destiny from major decisions in our republic. Regrettably, this is not the case.

There were no weapons of mass destruction, and Saddam Hussein was not involved in the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The 9/11 Commission report outlined what happened, contradicting Bush: "We have no credible evidence that Iraq and al-Qaeda cooperated on attacks against the United States."

Thanks to the all-seeing and all-knowing lens of the Web site YouTube, there is a 1994 clip of Vice President Dick Cheney prophetically saying invading Iraq would not be possible and would become a quagmire.

"The question for the president (George H.W. Bush), in terms of whether or not we went on to Baghdad, took additional casualties in an effort to get Saddam Hussein, was how many additional dead Americans is Saddam worth?" Cheney said. "Our judgment was, not very many, and I think we got it right."

While we spend \$200 million a day in Iraq so Americans will be safer here at home, bridges collapse because of dollars we do not have to repair and retrofit. Levees failed because of the dollars we did not have to strengthen them.

First, we were told we would have to stay the course for four years. After the Democrats took over Congress in 2006, those words are no longer being used, but the message is the same. President Bush, in a speech at the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention, told the crowd that withdrawal from Iraq, "without getting the job done," would be devastating.

We are told the surge is working. But an Op-Ed piece in *The New York Times* on Aug. 19 written by seven soldiers who were actually on the ground fighting for 15 months says we are not winning and can not win this war.

"The claim that we are increasingly in control of the battlefields in Iraq is an assessment arrived at through a flawed, American-centered framework," according to the column. "To believe that Americans, with an occupying force that long ago outlived its reluctant welcome, can win over a recalcitrant local population and win this counterinsurgency is far-fetched."

If this war is so important, why have the administration and political backers not sent their own kids? Anyone 18 years old to 42 years old can enlist. Lord, we know how badly foot soldiers are needed. Bush has two daughters and a soon-to-be son-in-law, Cheney has two daughters, Rove has a son, Mitt Romney has five sons and five daughters-in-law, and Giuliani has a son and daughter in college.

If we went down the list of all the U.S. senators and representatives who continue to back the war and have kids of this age range, we might just make a platoon. Why should we believe them when they are not making their own sacrifice?

When did telling a lie become so popular? Why are so many people given a free pass when they lie? Are we a nation of slugs who only believe what a talking head tells us?

As college students, we are the future of this country, and we must not take any information at face value. We have to do our own research and ask the deep and hard questions. Are you up for it?

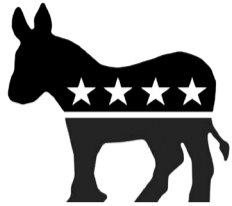
"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

Why should Eastern students participate in politics while in college? How will this benefit them?

COLUMN | FROM THE LEFT



RYAN
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"WHERE HAS THE PASSION GONE?"

Only a generation or two ago, college campuses were the premier source of political activism. Throughout the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War, students constantly discussed and debated ideas, held massive demonstrations and formed huge organizations which were actually capable of effecting change in their world.

Today, especially on our campus, it's rare to see young people even talking about politics, let alone getting actively involved in it. EIU has many active political and issue-based groups, but over the past few years, these groups have had incredible difficulty maintaining enough membership to do the sort of activism that college students used to be celebrated for.

Unfortunately, most of the student apathy toward politics can be blamed on the miserable state of our current political leaders. Students watch the news and gather that politics is simply about Democrats fighting with Republicans.

Students see that politics is about finding the differences between everyone, not about working together. They see that politics isn't about change, but about maintaining a status quo.

But how do most students respond to this negative view toward government? Not by campaigning for competent candidates. Not by demanding change from our current representatives. Not even by simply going out and voting. Most students on this campus deliberately, or from my experience, aggressively avoid all things political.

I've worked voter registration tables here

on campus, and I can easily say that more people pass by and either yell at me or give me the finger than actually stop to register to vote. Every now and then, someone will attempt to justify why they won't register with, "politicians are all evil," or "one vote doesn't matter," or "government doesn't affect me," etc. At the moment, some of these claims may be partially true. But the solution to these problems isn't to ignore them. College students need to realize that they could be a huge, effective instrument of change if they started getting active.

We need to realize that once we're out of school, all those things that don't seem to affect us (like taxes or healthcare or social security) will suddenly play a huge part in our lives.

We need to realize that regardless of political affiliation, there are issues that bind most, if not all, college students together. Issues like getting better funding for higher education or increasing the amount of grants and lowering interest rates on loans. If we work together, real differences will be made.

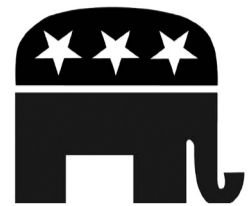
We need to realize that people our age have the lowest voter turnout among anyone. Only 24 percent of 18-30 year olds voted in the 2006 election, and that was the highest it's been in 20 years. If we all got out there and voted for candidates who support things we all agree on, we would have a significant influence. And once we start turning out better numbers at the polls, politicians will have to start listening to us to keep the votes they want.

We need to realize that if we want to see our government change for the better, it is us, the college students, who need to demand it.

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College students should participate in politics because they want experience, a resume filler, familiarity with their community, or intellectual growth.

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Unfortunately, those reasons do not motivate our particular age group. Students have heard these reasons for involvement before and still avoid political participation. It was not too surprising that when told to "Vote or Die," our age group overwhelmingly chose to "Die."

Some people have said that college students are lazy.

They register to vote but fail to make it in to the voting booths.

Although blaming the uninvolved is easy, perhaps giving them new motivation would be more useful.

Using community involvement, civic duty, and making a difference sounds great, but it's not very effective.

If those things mattered to students, they should already be involved.

So, how will political involvement benefit students that do not care about that junk?

When looking for a new significant other, students should try a political event first. Lines such as, "Nice Birkenstocks," or "You're

hot...because of global warming," work well at hunger strikes.

You'll have lots of time to get to know new people when you are both chained to the same tree.

If you're going to a more conservative event, start a conversation with, "What tax do you hate the most?"

If you would like to avoid that much involvement, simply walk up to the most attractive person and state, "Hillary Clinton eats live kittens."

What if college students just want to have a good time? Rallies, protests, dinners, mixers, and bake sales are all just fancy words for "Party!"

You may not care about the state budget or who has raised the most money for the upcoming comptroller race, but you definitely want to have a bowling party.

Need an excuse to throw back a few? Election Night is your ticket.

If your candidates win, drink to celebrate. If your candidates lose, drink to forget all the campaign letters you folded.

What's important is finding a reason to get involved that matters to you.

If you can't find a benefit to get involved in politics, at least find a benefit of not being involved.

If you get really involved, you might be asked to try and write an opinion piece for the DEN.

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- A. Yes 71%
- B. No 23%
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Cadets overcome water training

ROTC, FROM PAGE 1

Last year, he was in the pool with more people at once and it was hard to keep moving without touching because everyone kept knocking into one another.

Rogowitz said the test is used mostly as a diagnostic to determine where the cadets are at and who needs to be worked with.

The cadets stayed moving and finished the test and after a 10-minute poolside break, they moved to the diving pool.

Next was the tread test. Each cadet had to tread water for 5 straight minutes.

Near the end, as the cadets got tired and began to struggle, some of the senior cadets and superior officers jumped in the pool and surrounded them or leaned over the edge shouting encouragement and tips to help them push through the last difficult minute.

Out of breath and soaked the ca-

dets dragged themselves out of the pool and rested for another few minutes before donning retired battle dress uniforms for their next test.

Now in uniform, the cadets were split into two groups for the final round of tests.

A circuit that included a deep-water equipment drop, blindfolded plunge off a diving board and a 15-meter equipment drop.

Each exercise was to be done in BDUs with 7-pound rubber rifles and 8-pound-when-wet load carrying equipment – backpack like harnesses which contained two ammunition pouches and two full canteens. Holden and McLennand started at the diving board.

Wearing a wet LCE and holding a rubber rifle, senior cadet Nhilven De Chavez walked McLennand backward down the length of the diving board. He pulled a black skicap over the cadet's eyes and told him to find the edge of the diving board with his heel.

"Do you trust me?" Chavez asked.

"Yes," replied McLennand.

Chavez then pushed McLennand off the diving board into the pool. Each cadet went through the same procedure at this station answering yes and then being pushed off backwards into the deep water. They had to resurface and swim to the edge of the pool with the ski-cap and rifle in their hands. Each cadet passed.

While Holden and McLennand completed the diving board station, the other three were completing the deep-water equipment drop. Each cadet had to pencil dive into the pool from the edge throw away their gun and remove their LCE before breaking the plane of the water again.

For Casey, this station was the most difficult. She had to go on with the circuit and come back to finish the task after she completed the last circuit.

After switching stations, the whole group went to the lap pool where they completed their training for the day. Each cadet swam 15



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ROTC cadets tread water for five minutes during their water training.

meters while wearing the LCE's and keeping their rifles above the water.

Lieutenant Colonel Larry Coblenz said the day is a positive experience and confidence builder for the cadets.

"A lot of them just aren't familiar with water or don't think they can do it, and when they prove to them-

selves they can – that's my favorite part," Coblenz said.

Andries said the majority of the cadets passed on Thursday and the one's that did not will have the opportunity to enroll in an Eastern swimming class and get personal attention from the senior officers to work on improving for next fall's training.

Chapin, task force to take on higher education issues at Eastern

CHAPIN, FROM PAGE 1

Rose sent a letter to the Illinois House Higher Education Committee and the Appropriations-Higher Education Committee suggesting a need for a long-term, strategic review of higher education.

"Ideas come from a highly trained, highly skilled and highly educated work force," Rose said. "You take that, and couple it with the fact

that we are well behind our peer nations in the amount of idea generators (the U.S.) are putting out; it's a recipe for disaster."

Both committees liked the idea, and the Higher Education Task Force was formed.

The task force toured the University of Illinois campus and Lakeland Community College's work force training center Thursday and will tour Eastern today starting a 9 a.m.

By personally traveling to each university, they will be able to see first-hand the conditions of Illinois universities, Rose said.

"You can't see these things sitting in Springfield," Rose said.

He said he wants to gain insight on what faculty members and the student population think about their universities and what needs improvement. Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said the task force

made recommendations to Illinois universities as to what issues the task force should address. She said issues the task force will address were approved by State Rep. Kevin McCarthy, D-Orland Park, chairman of the Higher Education Committee. McCarthy is a member of the task force, Rose said.

Some issues the task force plans to address are affordability of a world-class higher education, faculty and

staff retention, state funding and infrastructure needs.

Nilsen said the task force will tour Eastern's steam plant and the Biological Sciences Building, which are both in need of renovation, Nilsen said. It will also tour Doudna to see an example of new construction.

An open meeting will be from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Students accused in fireworks death enroll

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"Bradley University is following its published policies and procedures that have permitted David Crady, Ryan Johnson and Nicholas Metgen to enroll for the 2007 fall semester," the school said in a statement.

The students could have been expelled from the 6,100-student campus after the Aug. 12 incident. Prosecutors contend the trio were among four students who set off Roman candles in their apartment after drinking.

The fireworks led to a fire that killed 19-year-old Dan Dahlquist, authorities said.

Marine testifies in hearing

Largest case against U.S. service members in Iraq centers on charges of 17 civilian murders

The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine testified Thursday he saw a roomful of frightened women and children moments before they were killed by his squad mates in Haditha, Iraq, but said he did not see who killed them.

Lance Cpl. Humberto Mendoza testified as the first witness at military hearing to determine whether Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich should face a court-martial on murder charges.

He was charged with murdering 18 Iraqis in a bloody combat operation that left 24 Iraqi civilians dead, but at the outset of Thursday's hearing prosecutors withdrew one murder count.

Wuterich's case remains the biggest to have emerged against any U.S. service member to have served in Iraq. It centers on whether Wuterich, who had never experienced combat before, acted within Marine rules of engagement when he shot men by a car and then led his squad in a string of house raids.

One of Wuterich's military defense attorneys, Lt. Col. Colby Vokey, said the government was no longer charging Wuterich with murdering an Iraqi man who died in the final house cleared by Marines, leaving him charged with 17 counts of murder.

The charge was withdrawn after the general overseeing the case dismissed charges against another Marine accused of killing three other men in the same room of the house, ruling that they posed a legitimate threat, Vokey said.

Mendoza described the events of Nov. 19, 2005, as a fast-flowing series of engagements. After a Marine Humvee driver was killed in

a roadside bomb, the troops raided several homes.

In the second house he helped raid, "When I opened the door, the first thing I see is womens and kids laying down on a bed," said Mendoza, who is from Venezuela and has a heavy accent. "I believe they were scared."

Mendoza testified that he shot an unarmed Iraqi man who opened the front door to the home, and that he shot a different man in another house who he thought was reaching for a weapon.

Mendoza said the killings were within combat rules because the occupants of the homes had been declared hostile.

Mendoza is one of several Marines to have been given immunity. How useful his testimony will be to prosecutors was unclear, as Mendoza has claimed not to have directly seen Wuterich kill anyone in the two houses he helped clear with the defendant.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Suspect chemical found at U.N. building in N.Y.

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. weapons inspectors discovered a potentially hazardous chemical warfare agent that was taken from an Iraqi chemical weapons facility 11 years ago and mistakenly stored in their offices in the heart of midtown Manhattan all that time, officials said Thursday. The material was found Aug. 24.

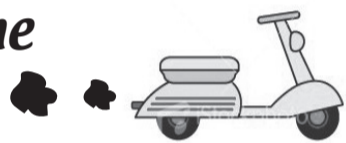
Steroid sting nets 10 violations by wrestlers

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — World Wrestling Entertainment has suspended 10 of its wrestlers for violations of a policy that tests for steroids and other drugs, the company said Thursday. Stamford-based WWE says it issued suspension notices based on independent information from the prosecutor's office in Albany County, N.Y.

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New wellness center busy since opening in June

Eastern alum returns to Charleston to fulfill dream of being a chiropractor

By Kristy Mellendorf
Assoc. Pounce Editor

Brandon Combs always knew that he wanted to be a chiropractor. He recalls declaring just that at a very early age.

"I remember being 5 years old and telling a local chiropractor what I wanted to be," Combs said.

Opening the Combs Chiropractic and Wellness Center in June, his business contains a digital X-ray machine, two chiropractor rooms and a massage room.

The Combs Chiropractic and Wellness Center can be found at 1200 W. Polk.

Clients using the facilities also have showers and a sauna located just a door away.

Large windows let in sunlight, which reflects off of

white walls, bringing in the lighting in the facility. Granite-colored floors contrast the white walls. Gold fixtures accent every door.

Oak wood can be found in the bathrooms, continuing to keep the place light. A sauna and five individual showers are found in each bathroom. Incense burns in the bathroom to keep clients relaxed.

Combs graduated in December from Logan University Chiropractic College in St. Louis. While training, Combs developed a bounty of knowledge.

He spent 3 1/2 years in St. Louis after graduating from Eastern with a degree in biology. School in St. Louis was year-round with no summer vacation.

"I learned anything any

other med student would," Combs said.

Combs spent two years seeing patients in the St. Louis area before returning to Charleston.

In June he opened his business. A bank in the area worked with Combs and his family. He was able to draw up an extensive plan for the business and get it under way.

Sue Hildebrandt was referred to Combs Chiropractic and Wellness Center by the developer.

She has been able to attract several clients to the new business from former endeavors. Hildebrandt worked in Charleston as a therapist and hair colorist for several years.

"It's been nice to come here, I'm staying busy," Hildebrandt said.

Hildebrandt is the sole massage therapist working at the Center. She has had a steady stream of clients since the opening of the business.

Hildebrandt works with

the client to make sure she cures the problem.

"Each client is different, whether it is something deep tissue or muscle," Hildebrandt said.

Combs has noticed a difference in the clients between the two cities.

"In St. Louis, they're more open to the wellness factor and usually come in monthly," Combs said.

The Combs Chiropractic and Wellness Center contains an upstairs clubhouse with dining sets, kitchen, television and fireplace.

"I plan to rent this out to smaller theme parties," Combs said.

His practice involves working with sports injuries, low force techniques, physical therapy.

"I center my work around how (the client) feels," Combs said.

Combs makes sure to check out the patient before providing any care. He has



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Dr. Brandon Combs and licensed massage therapist Sue Hildebrandt sit in one of their chiropractic rooms. Combs opened the Combs Chiropractic and Wellness Center in June.

had a few patients whose back problems are not something he can fix.

"I once saw an older gen-

tleman who had an underlying problem," Combs said. "After doing an X-ray, I sent him to the hospital."

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COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Meeting turns into a Q & A with the president

By Chris Lee
Staff reporter

President William Perry's presence stole the spotlight Thursday during the Council on Academic Affairs meeting.

While the meeting's agenda included revising prerequisites for an accounting course and reclassifying two journalism courses from writing-intensive to writing-centered, the arrival of Perry shifted the focus to a question-and-answer session about Perry's plans for Eastern.

Questions ranged from faculty concerns about the increasing enrollment num-

bers and how classes are getting larger, to how Perry would handle a situation such as the recent firing of a professor for anti-Semitic comments in a classroom at the University of Colorado.

"The questions are mostly manifestations of competing interests of the faculty," said Christie Roszkowski, Chair of CAA and a College of Business representative.

Perry opened the question-and-answer session by stating what he is doing to get improvement ideas, including compiling information on desired changes.

"I'm finding out what people on campus think needs to be done," Perry said.

The bulk of the questions then focused on the future of Eastern, rather than the present.

"(Perry) seemed to be just gathering information, which is good," Roszkowski said. "He held back his vision, and instead told us about his fundamental beliefs and that is very encouraging."

"I've had other presidents come in, tell us what their vision is and say 'Here, this is what we're going to do.'"

Among Perry's fundamental beliefs was a focus on scholarship would improve Eastern in the long run.

"It is my opinion that better scholars are

better teachers," he said. "If you are working with something like calculus that hasn't changed for hundreds of years, a scholarly teacher would be researching new aspects and new problems within their field. In this way, a teacher who is struggling with a problem may be more sympathetic to their student who's struggling with a problem they themselves figured out years ago."

Issues such as revisions of classes and whether to add a new Global Threats and Problems class to Eastern were approved for the agenda of next week's meeting.

The CAA meets at 2 p.m. every Thursday in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Student turnout needed for input

Chair says increase in attendance will help determine where money goes

By Jordan Crook
RHA Reporter

Theresa Finke, a junior family consumer science major, does not know how the money she pays for student fees is used.

"I'm always looking over my bills and wondering, 'What am I paying for?'" Finke said.

Finke also had never heard of the Apportionment Board and did not know that it was responsible for the allocation of the money she pays in student fees.

Chair of the Apportionment Board Leah Pietraszewski said, although the board is in charge of money taken from student fees, she thinks many students, like Finke, are unaware of the board's existence.

Pietraszewski also serves as the student body vice president for student affairs and recognizes the conflict this presents.

"The greatest duty of the Apportionment Board is to get student input, my opinion shouldn't matter, it's all their money," she said.

The board approves budgets submitted from the Student Recreational Center, the University Board and the student government.

Pietraszewski said the approval process deals mainly in ensuring that the costs reflect the best interests of the students.

Pietraszewski said since students are unaware of the board, they fail to attend meetings and voice their opinions on issues concerning their money. She said, however, this is a trend she and the board plan to change this semester.

The board has tried many programs to increase student involvement in the Apportionment Board, but most have met with mixed results, she said.

The board created a Facebook group called, "Show Me the Money," in order to show people where their money is being spent, she said. The group page gives a list of how much money is given to each

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

- **What:** Apportionment Board meetings
- **When:** 7 p.m. every Thursday beginning Sept. 13.
- **Where:** Arcola-Tuscola Room of MLK Jr. University Union
- **Who they are:** Three faculty members and five student members with three openings remaining for interested students
- **How to get involved:** Call AB chair Leah Pietraszewski at 581-7671 or go to the student activities office

group.

Though the group has 255 members, Pietraszewski said the number of students coming to meetings has not increased.

She said, however, there are other avenues of getting the message out which she hopes will improve the number of student participation at meetings.

Pietraszewski is teaching a foundations class this semester and said she often encourages students to come to the meetings and also asks them for ideas to make the board meetings more appealing to students.

Pietraszewski is not alone in her goal to get students more involved in the board.

Student board member and geography major Keith Darby said this semester, the board will try to increase its presence on campus through advertisements in student publications, flyers and the Eastern television channel.

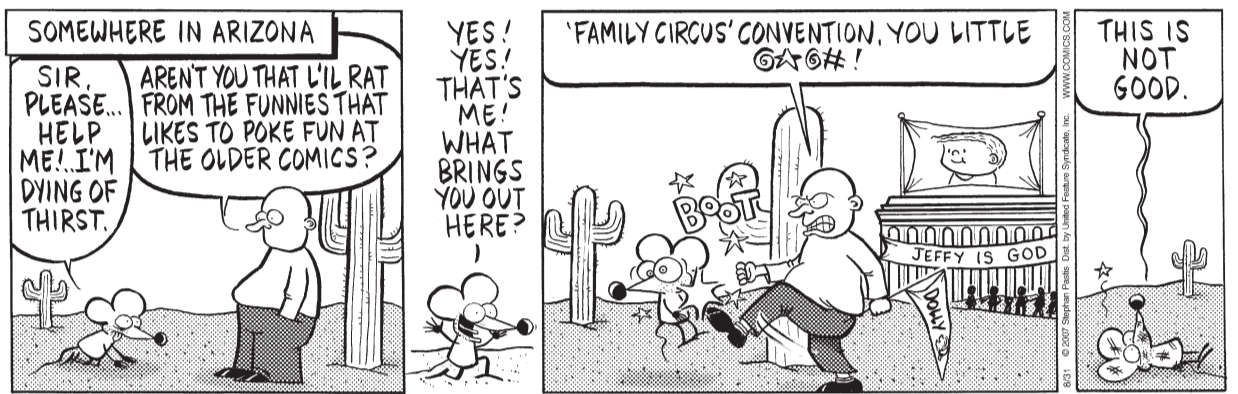
Darby is in the last half of his two-year term as a board member and said he wants to bring students out to meetings before his tenure on the board is up.

He said he hopes students take a more active role in Apportionment Board affairs because they are providing the funds through which many of the organizations on this campus are run.

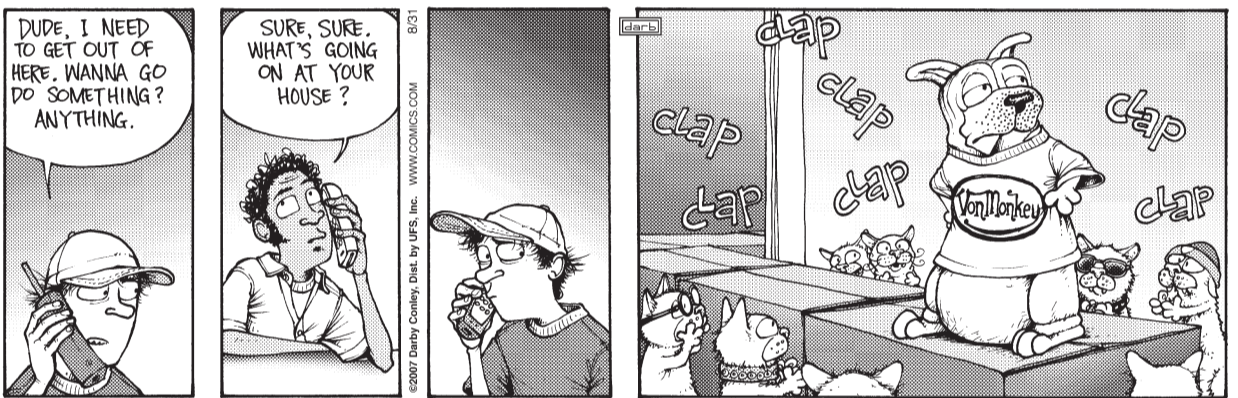
"All the money is from students, so student input on where it goes is important," Darby said.

Darby said there is a section of each board meeting set aside for student participation, which is rarely used because students do not show up.

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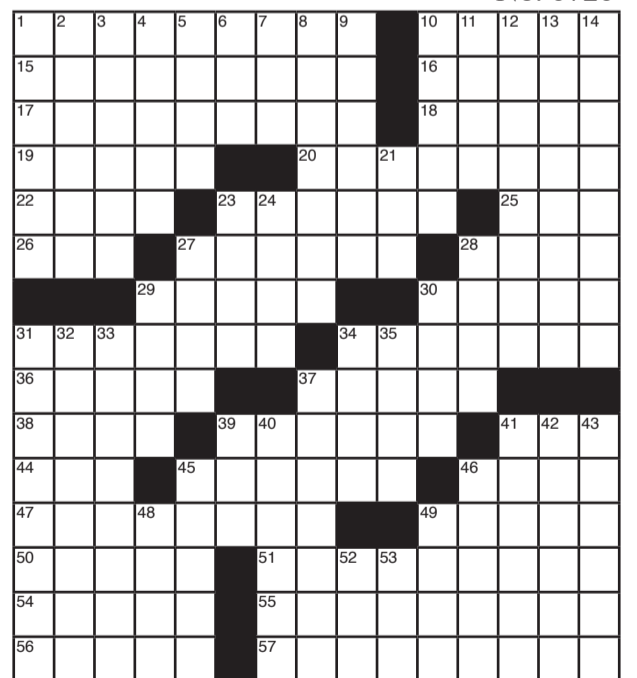


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0720

- ACROSS
- 1 Positive
 - 10 Vacuum maintainers
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 - 18 Royal jelly consumer
 - 19 Jungian principle
 - 20 Samoan, e.g.
 - 22 Kind of party
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 - 27 Hacker of the Middle Ages
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 - 34 Unwelcome discovery on a credit card statement
 - 36 Period to find out more
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 - 38 Minor leader?
 - 39 Carving in an Egyptian tomb
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 - 45 Unproductive
 - 46 Rubberneck
 - 47 Where cell phones don't work
 - 49 Weed-B-Gon maker
 - 50 200 milligrams
 - 51 Popular reference work
 - 54 Match point?
 - 55 "Shoot!"
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Puzzle by Barry C. Silk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 37 Otherworldly one
- 39 It's appetizing to aphids
- 40 What ochlophobists fear
- 41 Big-league promotional event
- 42 For some time
- 43 Drinks a toast
- 45 It's massive and relatively hot
- 46 ___ Waitz, nine-time New York City Marathon winner
- 48 King Claudius, e.g.
- 49 Artist John, known as the Cornish Wonder
- 52 Malay Peninsula's Isthmus of ___
- 53 Publicity

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CROSS COUNTRY | BELMONT INVITATIONAL

Runners have plan of attack

By Brandy Provaznik
Sports Reporter

Run with a teammate or two or three and stay with that "pack."

Keep within contact of the desired race position.

And try to get into a rhythm and keep it going throughout the race.

This is head cross country coach Geoff Masanet's race plan for the first meet of the season, this weekend, in Nashville, Tenn.

Masanet said this plan is pretty general and will work for the other meets down the road but since this is the first meet of the season it is important to see how well these things get accomplished.

"We go there deliberately with a very specific race plan that we expect them to follow," Masanet said. "If it means they don't race up to their potential because they were held back by my race plan then that is part of the design too."

In cross country, a "pack," or a group of teammates, running

together is very important because the pack will help to encourage each other and maintain a certain pace throughout the race.

Masanet said in the early meets especially, the packs will start to settle in and the team gets a chance to see who runs well together which will set the tone for the rest of the year.

"We want to really pack it up and run hard as a team not as individuals because that will help show the freshmen how we try to stay unified in races," junior Katie O'Brien said.

The next part to Masanet's race plan is to keep within contact of your position.

Masanet said by looking at last years finishes and times they can try to determine a projected place finish for each individual.

Masanet said by asking them to remain in contact with that position, it helps the runners to keep that position in sight to where at any given time they can surge and catch up to that placing.

The last part Masanet made sure to emphasize was to get into a rhythm and keep it going throughout the race.

"We are going to float or cruise the first half and then the last half is when you actually race," sophomore Mario Castrejon said. "You have to really push during the last half and not strain to much in the first half."

Masanet said the varying terrain in cross country makes it harder to maintain a certain rhythm but that is exactly what he wants the runners to do.

"If they are running erratically throughout the race it will tire them out more than keeping a steady rhythm throughout," Masanet said.

The course at Percy-Warner Park in Nashville is mostly flat and hard but with a few hills.

Masanet said the hardness of the ground and the flat terrain should make for a very quick race with fast times.

The team is not expecting the hills to be much of a challenge because they are smaller than the hills the Panthers practice on in Charleston.

PANTHER BRIEFS

Soccer programs open on the road

By Dan Cusack
Staff Reporter

The Eastern soccer program has a busy weekend ahead of them as the men's and women's teams both begin their regular season with two games on the road.

The men's team begins the Holiday Inn City Centre Classic at Bradley University with games Friday against Belmont and Saturday against Lipscomb.

Men's head coach Adam Howarth is confident and feels winning both games is an attainable goal.

"Our team is ready to play and we are ready to start beating up on someone else," Howarth said.

The men's team comes into the game completely healthy and men-

tally focused, according to Howarth.

"We are ready to get the first couple of games out of the way so we can start evaluating and make ourselves better," Howarth said.

The women's team also begins its regular season on the road this weekend with games Friday against Eastern Michigan and Sunday against Bowling Green.

Third-year head coach Tim Nowak feels opening on the road is no different than opening at home.

"As long as there are four corners and a round ball, we are ready to play," Nowak said.

Last season, the women's team dropped games to both opponents 2-0, but Nowak has high expectations for the road trip.

"We feel we can win the game,"

Nowak said. "We want to play the style of soccer we had talked about throughout the preseason."

The women's team comes in with a few knocks, but no major injuries.

The team is anxious to begin the regular according to Nowak.

"The girls are a little nervous, but excited to play," Nowak said. "I'd question their passion for the game if they were not excited."

Rugby to play Indiana College All-Stars

Eastern will open the fall season against the Indiana College All-Stars on Saturday.

The Panthers will play at noon in Carmel, Ind.

This is the 10th season of the program.

Jones is more than meets the eye

CLUTTER, FROM PAGE 12

When junior Crystal Jones started playing last year, she was only about 115 pounds.

People were like:

"No way can she play."

"She's too small, she'll get hurt."

If you don't know Jones then don't ever say she's too small to do something because she will take that and throw it right back in your face.

When she goes on that field and runs through people, it's like she's 5'7" and 150 pounds.

She has a big heart and a big attitude, which the rest of the girls have as well.

Coach Frank Graziano's lifting program isn't made for us to bulk up and get huge.

It is for us to stay fit and to be strong.

Some people don't realize that you don't have to look muscular or be huge in order to be strong.

We have girls on our team between 5 foot, 3 inches, 125-130 pounds and 5-7, 150 who can bench in the 140, 150 and 160 range, but if you saw us in normal clothes you wouldn't be able to tell.

We don't have muscles ripping out of our shirts.

When people think of rugby they think of football and that is mostly male dominated and then you have to be tough to play; which is true, we are tough, but we are not manly.

We don't go around advertising it, but that doesn't mean that we aren't proud.

I'm proud to be strong and proud to be a part of something that not everybody can be a part of.

I'm also proud to say that I play rugby to those who ask and for those of you who giggle or don't believe me just because I'm short and petite, come to a game and see where that puts me on the field.

Guarantee you won't believe it's the same girl.

Just like you won't believe the rest of the team if you ever meet any of them.

We aren't just rugby players when we wear our uniforms or our "funny little hats," we are rugby players in the classroom, at home, and even when we do our homework.

It doesn't define who we are, but it is a part of who we are.

So I guess next time someone tells you that they play rugby, don't sound so surprised when you respond.

Oh, and watch out for Jones.

Eastern defense steps up in season opener against OVC

FOOTBALL, FROM PAGE 12

Defensive lineman Trevor Frericks fell on the ball at Tech's 16.

Two plays later, junior fullback Chip Keys scored on a three-yard run to give the Panthers a 24-10 lead.

"That's a complete team game,"

Rucker said. "At first, their quarterback was looking good. And we knew we were going to be able to get some turnovers and that's what happened. We got two quick ones and anytime we get a quick turnover and good field position, we're going to take a shot at the end zone."

Eastern increased its lead to 21

points early in the third quarter, again thanks to an 18-yard touchdown pass from Stinson to Rucker.

Stinson finished with his best game since he's been at Eastern, completing 19-of-26 passes for 308 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions.

He was helped out by Rucker,

EASTERN ILLINOIS 45, TENNESSEE TECH 24

Thursday at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final	
Tennessee Tech.....	10	0	7	7	-24	Record: (0-1, 0-1)
Eastern Illinois.....	7	17	7	14	-45	Record: (1-0, 1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 12:14 **EIU** - Gadson 13-yd run (Wilke kick) **EIU 7 - TTU 0**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 5 plays, 46 yds, T.O.P. 2:46

1st 07:21 **TTU** - Kraemer 27-yd field goal **EIU 7 - TTU 3**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 10 plays, 63 yds, T.O.P. 4:50

1st 01:53 **TTU** - Shipp 15-yd pass from Sweeney (Kraemer kick) **TTU 10 - EIU 7**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 7 plays, 80 yds, T.O.P. 3:07

2nd 09:36 **EIU** - Wilke 29-yd field goal **EIU 10 - TTU 10**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 6 plays, 19 yds, T.O.P. 2:26

2nd 02:26 **EIU** - Rucker 31-yd pass from Stinson (Wilke kick) **EIU 17 - TTU 10**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 1 plays, 31 yds, T.O.P. 0:09

2nd 02:07 **EIU** - Keys 3-yd run (Wilke kick) **EIU 24 - TTU 10**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 2 plays, 16 yds, T.O.P. 0:13

3rd 11:29 **EIU** - Rucker 18-yd pass from Stinson (Wilke kick) **EIU 31 - TTU 10**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 5 plays, 44 yds, T.O.P. 1:54

3rd 01:53 **TTU** - Jackson 2-yd run (Kraemer kick) **EIU 31 - TTU 17**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 6 plays, 43 yds, T.O.P. 2:35

4th 14:56 **EIU** - Keys 1-yd run (Wilke kick) **EIU 38 - TTU 17**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 4 plays, 65 yds, T.O.P. 1:07

4th 02:48 **EIU** - Keys 3-yd run (Wilke kick) **EIU 45 - TTU 17**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 15 plays, 97 yds, T.O.P. 7:21

4th 00:37 **TTU** - Waters 19-yd pass from Sweeney (Kraemer kick) **EIU 45 - TTU 24**
DRIVE SUMMARY: 8 plays, 64 yds, T.O.P. 2:05

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FIRST DOWNS.....	19	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	30-109	32-83
PASSING YDS (NET).....	308	302
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	19-26-0	28-41-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS..	58-415	74-398
Punt Returns-Yards.....	3-136	4-117
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	4-46	6-82
Interception Returns-Yards.....	2-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg).....	5-45	2-28.0
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	9-75	7-57
Possession Time.....	27:12	32:48
Third-Down Conversions.....	4 of 9	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 0	1 of 2
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	2-8	0-0

RUSHING: Eastern Illinois — Bess 11-16; Stinson 1-minus 4; Adeniji 10-17; Jordan 1-11; Gadson 3-19; Keys 3-7; Tennessee Tech — Sweeney 8-12; Waters 3-6; White 18-69; Jackson 3-7.

PASSING: Eastern Illinois — Stinson 19-26-0-308; Tennessee Tech — Sweeney 28-42-2-302.

RECEIVING: Eastern Illinois — Rucker 9-169; Bess 2-20; Adeniji 1-5; Noinzor 4-81; Steckel 1-16; Keys 1-8; Campanella 1-9; Tennessee Tech — Shipp 6-92; Ottrix 2-60; Waters 9-36; Jackson 1-12; Allen 1-19; Solima 7-62.

INTERCEPTIONS: Eastern Illinois — Haynes 1-31; Westrick 1-0. Tennessee Tech — None.

FUMBLES RECOVERED: Eastern Illinois — Frericks 1-0; Tennessee Tech — None.

Stadium: O'Brien Stadium Attendance: 6,935

Kickoff time: 6:06 pm End of Game: 9:25 pm Total elapsed time: 3:19

Officials: Referee: Mike Purcell; Umpire: John Graham; Linesman: Tom Danner; Line judge: Add Owen; Back judge: Tony Barcett; Field judge: Bob Powell; Side judge: Greg Koerner;

Temperature: 77 Wind: N-NE 10 mph Weather: Warm, clear

who finished with nine catches for 169 yards.

Junior Alicus Nozinor also had four catches for 81 yards.

Sweeney finished 28-of-41, for 302 yards and two touchdowns.

But he never seemed to get in a rhythm again after his first interception, and said Eastern's defense didn't

change throughout the game.

"It was just a couple mistakes," he said. "Mistakes happen. There wasn't any changes (offensively). I just ran the play that was called."

— Online Editor Scott Richey contributed to this story

ALL ACCESS WITH ... MAREN CRABTREE

Quiet senior says volleyball is about attitude

The self-described shy Maren Crabtree says she'd like to backpack Europe and says she'd like to compare the feeling of winning the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament this year with the feeling she had when her high school team won state. She sat down with Sports Editor Adam Tedder and talked about her love for volleyball, traveling and her plan of a quiet retirement.



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior setter Maren Crabtree is one of only two seniors returning to the Eastern volleyball team. Crabtree says when she is not thinking about volleyball she enjoys reading books.

What first got you interested in volleyball?

Back when I was in elementary school, there were a bunch of camps and I always participated in them and my high school was very good back then.

What year did you get serious about volleyball?

I started in fifth grade, but I got more interested in my freshman year of high school and tried to play on a club in the offseason. With our high school team, if you weren't serious, you shouldn't even be playing. The competitive atmosphere and coaches made it more serious.

Are sports a way of releasing stress?

Yeah, if you have a bad day, then you just leave that all behind when you get to the gym. But I'm definitely different when I'm on or off the court. When I'm off the court, I'm quiet and shy, but when I'm on the court, not so much.

Do you prefer college or high school sports more?

Well, there are advantages to both. In high school, we won the state championship and that is still the best day of my life. Now in college, everyone plays for different reasons, but it's a good chance to continue playing longer at a competitive level.

What if you won the OVC Tournament?

I'm not sure. I'll have to see when that happens. But state was definitely the best day ever.

What are some of your favorite kinds of foods?

Definitely ice cream. Just a vari-

ety of foods, I'm not a picky eater. Seafood is up there. I just like a variety of things.

What are some of your aspirations?

After college, I'm not exactly sure what I want to do. I'm in the field of marketing. The hotel business is kind of attractive to me. Maybe something along that line.

Is your focus more on academics or athletics?

You have to balance it out. Like this past weekend when we were in Dallas, I had to take my books there and study on the plane and on the trip back. So, you can't have one priority over the other.

What were your sports friendships like?

All of my best friends play volleyball too. My best friends were on my team as well, so that was great. We were friends with all the other athletes in the school, but I come from a small school.

What is one of your interests outside of sports?

I read a lot and watch a lot of movies.

What would say is your favorite movie?

Hmm. I always go back to the classics like "Tommy Boy" and "Dumb and Dumber." So, I'll have to stick with those for right now.

Would you be interested in writing your own book?

I don't see that happening, no. I'm a really slow writer. Maybe if a

"It's not always about the best players. It's not about the players — it's about attitude towards everything. Attitude towards winning and competing and you'll be successful."

—Maren Crabtree
senior setter

topic interested me enough, but not right now.

Do friends on the team relieve the athletic stress?

It makes it a lot easier. I have 12 other girls I can go to and they'll always be there for me.

Do you have any siblings? If so, do they play any sports?

Yes, I have an older brother. And no, he doesn't play any sports. He's more into the rodeo and farming type stuff.

Do you get to see him often?

Yeah, I see him when I go home. He just had a baby in December, so I get to see my niece a lot too.

Did you meet your boyfriend on campus?

No, we actually went to high school together and graduated together. But we weren't friends back then, we just became friends recently.

What is the most important thing about volleyball?

It's not always the best players. It's not about the players — it's about attitude towards everything. Atti-

tude towards winning and competing and you'll be successful.

How is this year's roster different from last years?

It's everyone's competitiveness. Every day at practice is like a war when we compete against each other. And it's just our attitude towards playing and wanting to be there everyday and giving 100 percent.

How is your relationship with Coach Lori Bennett?

It's good. I can go to her and not just with volleyball stuff, but with life things in general.

Do you think volleyball will be part of your future?

I don't see myself coaching right away, but I don't know. I'll be doing something with it eventually. It's been such a big part of me for so long, I can't just let it not be. I'm not exactly sure what it will be.

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be?

I want to go to Europe sometime. I'm not sure what part exactly, but I'd like to backpack a little. There are

just so many exotic and historical places. I'd like to see that.

What would be your dream job?

I'd really like when I'm older and retired, to own like a coffee shop or flower shop. Something quiet like that.

Who are some of your favorite authors?

I like a variety of them. I really like one of everyone. I have a lot of scary books, so Dean Koontz and John Grisham.

What match-up are looking forward to this season?

Next weekend we're going to Ball State and Muncie, Indiana is where I'm from. So that will be the first time since high school that some family and friends will see me play. I'm really excited for that.

Which teammate do you relate to the most?

The only other senior, Eliza (Zwettler). We have a lot in common when it comes to volleyball. But it's not just on the court. We're pretty close on and off the court.

Do you feel pressure or pride being one of the only seniors?

We try to set good examples on and off the court. We really hope the younger girls will get something out of that.

What holidays do you enjoy and hate the most?

The Fourth of July. I love fireworks and watching fireworks in the summertime. I don't dislike any holidays. You get to be with your family.

QUICK HITS MAREN CRABTREE

On other sports she likes...

» I like to watch basketball, not necessarily play. I also like to watch football and tennis.

On regrets being an athlete...

» No. I have never regretted being an athlete.

On having athletic kids...

» I would like them to be athletes but if they're not, it's ok.

On what she can't stand...

» I'd say when I've been injured. I've never been injured badly, but sprained ankles and stuff like that — i just don't like sitting out.

On hating science...

» I'm not a science person at all. I'm not good with experimenting and putting stuff like that together.

On the transition to college...

» I transitioned pretty easily. I knew how to do most stuff like laundry and cooking already.



CRABTREE DISCUSSION

This week's All Access is with senior setter Maren Crabtree.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Lori Bennett

Volleyball coach Lori Bennett (above) in her third season with the Panthers enters today's EIU Pepsi Challenge tournament. This will only be the second time Bennett will be the head coach while a tournament has been held here.

Bennett's overall record is 26-29 with the Panthers.

Here are three reasons why Bennett's Panthers should win this weekend's tournament.

1. Zwettler x 2 — Senior Eliza Zwettler and her freshman sister Alex both proved they were ready for the season last weekend by posting good numbers. Both had double-double performances and Alex was even named to the All-Tournament squad.

2. Returning starters — Returning alongside Zwettler are senior setter Maren Crabtree, junior Lauren Sopic and sophomore libero Shaina Boylan. All stepped up big last weekend.

3. Renewed focus — The bad taste of last year's season still lingers. Through this short season, the Panthers have stressed that they are more determined, more focused and more competitive, even with each other. Last weekend's 8-game winning streak backed up some of their words.

— Adam Tedder

The not so perfect mold



MOLLY CLUTTER

Most of the time when I tell people that I play rugby, I get different responses.

The most frequent ones, however, are what interest me.

"Really?"

"No way."

"Where do you hide it?"

"So, do you have to wear those funny hats?"

Sometimes I love telling people just to see what response I will get next.

First of all, "Where do you hide it?", what is that supposed to mean?

Is that supposed to be a compliment?

Just because you play rugby doesn't mean that you have this manly figure.

You don't have to be a certain weight, height, or body type.

You have to be fit and have an attitude.

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FOOTBALL | EASTERN 45, TENNESSEE TECH 24

PANTHERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TURNOVERS

Eastern opens Ohio Valley Conference, season, capitalize on Sweeney's miscuses

By Matt Daniels
Staff Reporter

It took Tennessee Tech quarterback Lee Sweeney nearly a quarter-and-half to have his first incompletion.

It only took 28 seconds for Thursday's night opener to go from a tie game to a two-touchdown advantage for Eastern.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Sweeney connected on his first 12 passes, frustrating Eastern's defense and giving the Golden Eagles an early 10-7 lead midway through the second quarter.

But it was his first incompletion that changed the momentum of the game and swung it into Eastern's favor.

The Panthers took advantage of three Tech turnovers in the second quarter to score two quick touchdowns and take its first lead of the game — a lead they would never relinquish en route to a 45-24 win in Thursday night's season opener at O'Brien Stadium.

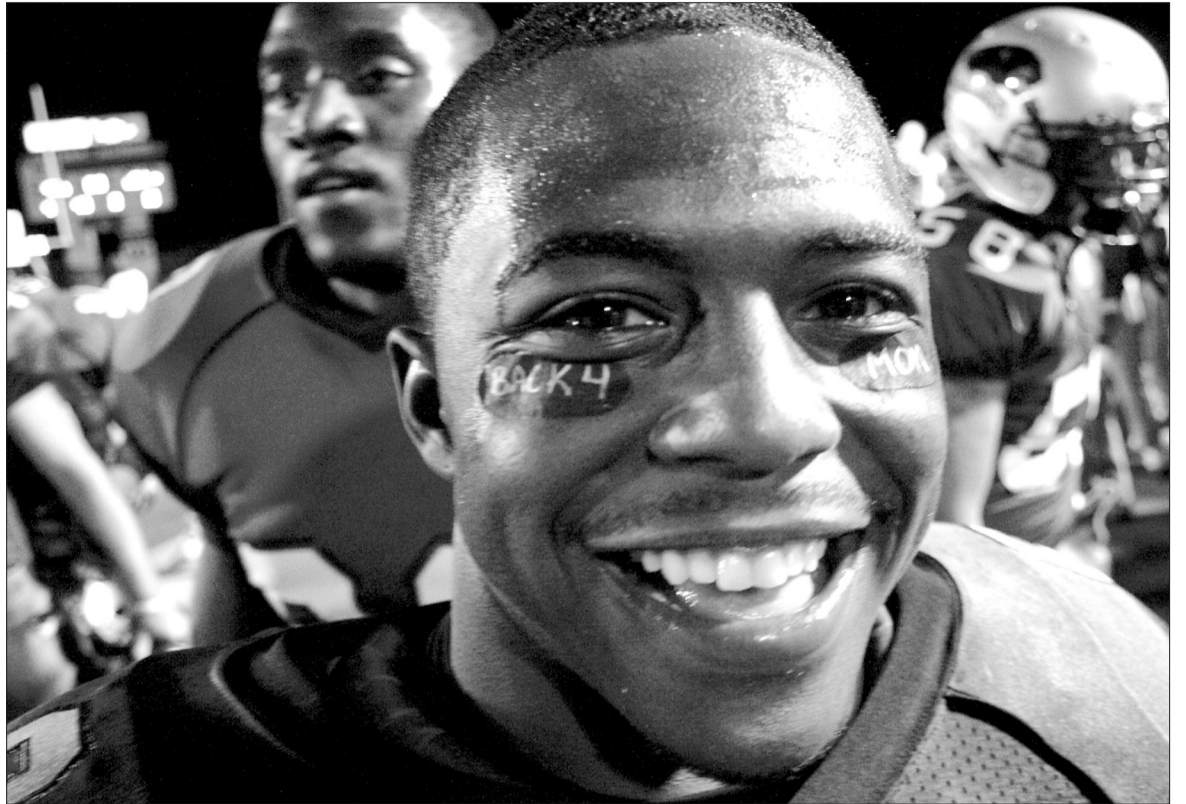
"That allowed us to take the ball game away from them I thought," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said about the two quick touchdowns. "I thought that was the turning point in the game."

Sweeney's 13th pass of the game, intended for wide receiver Matt Solima was tipped twice and intercepted by freshman cornerback Rashad Haynes at Eastern's 38-yard line.

Haynes' 31-yard return into Tech territory set up Tyler Wilke's 29-yard field goal, which tied the game at 10.

Tech's next drive also ended in a turnover.

Sweeney's intended pass to Bryon Otrix near midfield was tipped by



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Senior cornerback Sinque Turner celebrates after the 45-24 victory against Tennessee Tech. Turner had "Back 4 More" written on his eye black strips. Turner finished the game with eight tackles.

Panther corner back Sinque Turner. With the ball still in midair, senior Matt Westrick came over from his outside linebacker position, dove and came up with an interception.

Tech's next possession ended in three straight running plays, which produced only one yard.

"We lost our confidence a little bit," Tech head coach Watson Brown said. "I wanted to settle us down a little."

Justin Kraemer's punt only traveled 24 yards, giving Eastern prime field position in Tech's territory with 2 minutes, 35 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Panthers (1-0, 1-0 OVC) immediately took advantage of the good field position. Senior quarterback Cole Stinson hit Micah Rucker for a 31-yard touchdown pass to give Eastern a 17-10 lead.

The seven-point lead quickly expanded to two touchdowns.



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Junior defensive end Donovan Johnson looks on at senior linebacker Matt Westrick who tosses the ball after he caught an interception with less than six minutes left in the second quarter.

On Tech's first play after Rucker's touchdown, Panther defensive lineman Andre Lima sacked Sweeney and forced a fumble.

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VOLLEYBALL | EIU PEPSI CHALLENGE

Panthers concentrate on their own game

Eastern opens up play against Memphis Tigers

By Adam Tedder
Sports Editor

Eastern hosts the EIU Pepsi Challenge tournament today starting at 10 a.m. and face Memphis, Indiana State and Loyola (Chicago) and will see another opponent, Iona, though they will not play them.

They say they just want to go play.

"We haven't talked about the other teams that much," sophomore libero Shaina Boylan said.

Boylan said the team has not concentrated on studying the other teams as much as they have just practiced and trained themselves.

Coach Lori Bennett said they are confident going into this weekend's

tournament and that they feel they have good information over each team they will face.

This is the first tournament held at Lantz Arena since 2005.

Bennett said she thought it would be wonderful to win the tournament in front of a home crowd, but that winning in general is all she is concerned about.

"We expect the same out of every player every practice, match and competition," Bennett said. "A tournament is a tournament and a win is a win."

But Bennett did add that being successful at the tournament may bring in more fans because that would be two consecutive successful weekends for the team.

"Nobody wants to come and watch a losing team," Bennett said. "I think the more matches we win, the more people will come watch us play."

Bennett said that there will not be

much stress from the fact that this is a home game.

"We're excited to play at home in front of our crowd," she said. "But pressure won't come from the stands."

But Bennett said that there is stress, but that it is natural.

She said the upperclassmen want to win because it's their senior year and may be their last time. She said the underclassmen may have some added stress because they are young and could be anxious.

Senior setter Maren Crabtree said earlier in the week that she thought the younger players would be excited for the tournament to be at home.

She was right. Boylan said because she is a sophomore and because there had not been a tournament held last years, this would be her first home tournament and she is excited about it.

Playing in two consecutive

EIU PEPSI CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Today, Eastern vs. Memphis (EIU Pepsi Challenge) Lantz Arena, 10 a.m., OVCsports.tv

Today, Eastern vs. Indiana State (EIU Pepsi Challenge), Lantz Arena, 7 p.m., OVCsports.tv

Saturday, Eastern vs. Loyola (Chicago) (EIU Pepsi Challenge), Lantz Arena, 7 p.m., OVCsports.tv

tournaments does not worry Bennett or the players that much.

Bennett said that her starting lineup will not change because of the two consecutive tournaments. She said the best performing players will continue to play on the court.

"Lineup changes will be made by the performances made on the court," she said. "It's a don't fix it philosophy. If someone is hitting .300, I'm not taking them out to rest them."



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | ON THE VERGE

Marvin Mirick shows the beginning and the end of making hand-rolled cigars. Mirick's inspiration for opening Indio Cigar Factory came from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He sells cigars and hookahs.

From This to That

Hand-rolled cigars and hookahs

Eastern graduate Marvin Mirick opened Indio Cigar Factory with his wife in July

By Jason Duarte
Associate Verge Editor

Marvin Mirick began smoking cigars while playing golf. It was not until a trip to Mexico that he got the idea to roll his own instead.

"Learning to roll cigars and having them come out right was harder than getting my degree," Mirick said. "It took a long time."

Mirick received his degree from Eastern's general studies program. He and his wife, Gena, then decided to open their own shop, Indio Cigar Factory, located on the east side of the courthouse square.

"I went to the University of Montana and came a year short of getting my degree," Mirick said. "So I was getting this together, went back to school and got my degree from Eastern."

Mirick's hand-rolled cigars are called "Indio," and he now sells them at his shop. The cigars Mirick used to smoke were not always pleasing.

"Us (Marvin and Gena) and some friends of ours go to Mexico every year and I smoke a lot of Cubans there. Well, I started smoking Cubans paying \$30-40 and they were crap," Mirick said. "They just weren't very good. So I went to this little cigar factory and there was a little guy in there rolling. They didn't have any (cigar) bands,

nothing fancy. He gave me a couple of them and they were the best cigars I've ever had in my life."

At this point, Marvin realized that here, people pay for the names.

"There are good cigars, but a lot of the times, like the Cohibas in here are \$15, you're paying for the Cohiba name," Mirick said. "If people want to do that, I have nothing against them for doing it and they are good cigars, but I thought to myself that I could get this going."

Mirick rolls his cigars in Indio's cigar lounge and for those in search of customized cigars, Marvin specializes in that as well.

"If someone wanted a certain blend, I could get the tobacco for them. But custom, I customize the bands," he said, displaying a Cubs logo cigar band. "My blend of cigars is the Columbian blend. I'm one of the few people in the U.S. that uses the Columbian blend right now. Almost everything is Dominican, Honduran or Nicaraguan," he explained.

A majority of what Mirick uses is a Columbian blend with Dominican filler. He adds a little Nicaraguan filler to it, and binds the cigar in Ecuadorian (tobacco) leaves, to hold the filler in place. Mirick then uses Yellow Sumatra wraps, which are aged for six years in Ecuador before he buys and uses them. They are then put in the Mirick-built humidor that is lined in an aromatic Spanish cedar.

And for those interested in cigar history, "almost all tobacco is Cuban seed tobacco,"

Mirick said. "Actually, original Cuban seed tobacco is from Puerto Rico, which went to Cuba and has gotten all over the place.

"So when you buy a Cuban, you're buying it because it's a Cuban."

It's a commonly known fact that Cuban cigars are illegal in the United States; however, the actual tobacco leaves are not, just as long as they were not purchased from Cuba.

"I have cigars in here that are actually Cuban tobacco. The guy who taught me sends them to me," Mirick said. "It's legal for me to roll it. You just can't buy a Cuban-made cigar actually made in Cuba."

Gena added, "They didn't play nice with us."

In the cigar lounge, past the first door, there is a wall slowly filling up with signed pictures from Jackie Lawson, Tony Romo, former Raiders punter and Eastern alum, Jeff Gossett, race car driver Levi Jones and others.

"Jackie Lawson's from Charleston, she does country," Gena said. "And then there's Tony Romo, who has smoked Marvin's cigars. He (Marvin) rolled them just for Tony. Anybody who wants to bring us a local celebrity or an autographed picture, we'll definitely put that up. We have ourselves on there, but we're not celebrities. We're hoping to fill it up."

For those not so big on cigar smoking, the ever-growing hookah trend has made its way to Indio, but no matter what the choice of tobacco, there is also free wireless internet

FAST FACTS: INDIO CIGAR FACTORY

- **What:** Cigar, hookah, sandwich shop that features a game room and break room
- **Hours:** Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.
- **Grand Opening:** Saturday

throughout the lounges and store available for patrons to use.

Mirick has a lot of hookah flavors including unique flavors like his favorite, margarita.

"If you put margarita mix in there instead of water, it's just like drinking a margarita," he explained. "I have a new dealer that has exotic flavors like long island iced tea, banana split, purple monkey, Miami vice, sex on the beach all that good stuff," he said.

Gena is particular to apple.

"We haven't done a lot of mixing together yet though," she said.

Hookah loads are \$4 per person per hookah load. All of the hookahs in the lounge are single-hosed.

In the front of the store, where most of the retail is located, double-hosed hookahs are available for purchase as well as loose tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.

"I can order whatever people want," Mirick said.

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Arthur celebrates 35 years of cheese

The Amish Country Cheese Festival fills Labor Day Weekend with food, music, vendors and free cheese

By Stacy Smith
Senior Verge Reporter

It takes four men to cut the 300 pounds of hard, orange sharp-tasting cheddar wheel during the Annual Amish Country Cheese Festival in Arthur from Sept. 1 - 3.

With more than 600 pounds of cheddar cheese, there is more than enough to go around to the average of 35,000 to 50,000 people who attend the event.

The festival offers live entertainment, food and craft vendors, pony rides, tractor pulls, games and other activities. Other events that are cheese related include the National Cheese Curling Contest and Cheese Eating Contest. Winners receive the cheese eating champion title and a T-shirt.

Theresa Binion, director of the Arthur visitor center, said she is excited for the festival and showcasing her town.

"The festival makes people aware of Arthur and what we're all about," she said. "You don't have to buy anything. There's free music and people develop a bonding between new friends and older ones."

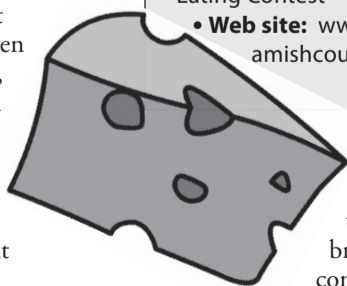
The Arthur Cheese Factory first started the festival in 1971, and even though the factory was torn down, the weekend event has been kept a tradition.

Although Rick Lewandowski, senior accounting major, said he has never attended the festival, but is looking forward to it this year.

"It gives the Amish community a chance to show students they are not the 'horse and buggy, candle-burning' stereotype, but they are modern people too," he said. "Although I'm a pepper jack cheese kind of guy, it's cool how the cheese gets cut from a large wheel."

FAST FACTS

- **What:** Amish Country Cheese Festival
- **When:** Sept. 1 - 3
- **Where:** Arthur
- **What to do:** Live entertainment, food and craft vendors, tractor pulls, National Cheese Curling Contest and Cheese Eating Contest
- **Web site:** www.amishcountryofcentralil.com



Lewandowski said he thinks students should attend the festival because it broadens their horizon on communities they may not be aware of.

"Students should go to the festival because it's a good experience and opens your eyes to different cultures," Lewandowski said. "It's a good transition from summer to fall."

Lewandowski said the festival is also unique to those who live in larger cities.

"We're not used to having stuff like this in Chicago, so it's nice to see small towns get together," Lewandowski said. "Also with the large variety of music, it shows musician's true talent instead of lights and show."

Wilda Land, a Mattoon resident and assistant manager at Wal-Mart, said she enjoys the festival, but because of her busy work schedule, is unable to go as much as she would like to.

"I had someone scout out the festival so when I got off work I knew right where to go," she said. "I especially like the crafts."

Land said she purchased a birdhouse from the festival a couple years ago that she often gets compliments on.

"I really like all the different vendors in one spot," she said. "It's a great way to do your shopping and because of the variety, everyone can get something they like."

A calendar of events can be found at www.amishcountryofcentralil.com.

Elsinore tours the Midwest

Charleston-formed band plans to get record deal, tour more

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Verge Reporter

Elsinore – winner of the 2006 Champaign-Urbana Music Award for best live act – will be performing in their hometown before heading out on its Midwest tour.



Elsinore, an indie rock group that formed in Charleston, will be playing at the

Uptowner tonight at 10 with Casados, an acoustic rock band from Urbana.

The band just started their first tour, which will hit places like The Urbana Sweetcorn Festival and The Pygmalion Music Festival.

The band got their name from a farm outside of Charleston. It was also a song that band singer and songwriter Ryan Groff wrote called, "Vampire in Our Town." When the band was deciding on a name, the word came up and stuck.

While the band is focusing on their Midwest tour, Groff has a wish to tour Europe one day because of the hospitality given to traveling musicians.

"From what we've heard, it's totally different from the states," he said.

The band's future plans extend further. Elsinore is focusing on getting a label and being a full-time band.

"In five years, we don't want to worry about having side jobs. We want to be on a label," Groff said. "In ten, we hope to make a mark on the music scene. We really just want stability."

All of the members have finished school now, and that gives them more time to practice and become better musicians



PHOTO COURTESY OF RYAN GROFF

Ryan Groff, second from left, is the singer and songwriter for Elsinore. Elsinore is inspired by musicians like The Decemberists and Radiohead.

RYAN GROFF | ELSINORE SINGER AND SONGWRITER

"IN FIVE YEARS, WE DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT HAVING SIDE JOBS."

individually as well as a whole.

"We all recognize it's a big deal," Groff said. "It has also been easier for the band to schedule practices without having to work around school and work schedules. The band practices 2-3 times a week while at home. We don't really practice on tour."

Elsinore is inspired by other groups including Wilco, The Shins, The Decemberists and Radiohead, just to name a few. Groff's personal inspiration has changed over this past year.

"It's grown since college," he said. "Growing up changes you. Everything was in my head, and now I try to be more external and relatable. I don't want it to be 'me' specifically. I've been listening to a lot of different music, not just one genre."

Friends of the band also help their musical repertoire grow by giving them CDs to listen to.

"If they think it's something we'll like, they'll give us a CD," Groff said.

All of the band members work well together and all of them have their quirks.

"Everyone's pretty slap happy," Groff said. "Mark (Mark Woolwine, pianist and vocalist)

FAST FACTS: ELSINORE SHOW

- **Who:** Elsinore
- **What:** Performance by the indie rock band from Charleston
- **When:** 10 tonight
- **Where:** Mac's Uptowner
- **Web site:** www.myspace.com/elsinoremusic and www.elsinoremusic.com

usually gets the ball rolling. He was the quiet guy in the past."

The band has also learned to give Groff the reins when it comes to getting down to business.

"I'm a little OCD sometimes," he said.

Elsinore has many Web sites, including a MySpace page as well as two fan groups on Facebook.

As far as having a MySpace page goes, Groff believes that it has helped their fan base to grow immensely.

"You can search for people in the town you're going to be playing in and invite them to the show," he said.

Elsinore's latest album, "Harmonic Impulsion," can be found at Positively 4th Street Records, on iTunes and at www.cdbaby.com.



Janell Wargo
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playlist

The Verge: What do you like about Matt Wertz's music?

Anderson: He's kind of folksy and acoustic. He also writes his own music and I have met him a couple of times.



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From a rail to a trail

The Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail running from Charleston to Mattoon offers 12.6 miles for bike riders

By Kristina Peters
Verge Editor

CJ Applegate remembers when he biked the 12.6-mile Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail.

Applegate, athletic supervisor for the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, said he remembers seeing wildlife and the intensity of the trail, which runs from Charleston to Mattoon.

Charleston and Mattoon both own the trail that was named after President Abraham Lincoln.

"It would be an easy way to get to Mattoon. Save fuel and get exercise," said Curt Devore, superintendent of the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department.

Before it was a trail for biking, it was an old rail line. The trail is recognized by the Rails to Trails Conservancy organization, which helps turn railroad tracks into trails by promoting policy at the national and state level.

The train track has been around for a while and goes in and out of wooded areas, Applegate said.

Although it has been some time since Applegate last biked the trail, he recalls the wildlife he saw.

Applegate said it is common to see animals that include deer, rabbits, peasanets and other birds.

"Early morning or dusk, you'll hear deer, squirrels or any other varmint," he said. "I have spooked deer before on it (the trail) just before nightfall."

While riding along the trail, Applegate also saw the presence of other animals, like horses.

"I don't see many, but I've seen hoof prints," he said.

Hoof prints can be common because although the trail is used for biking, it can also be used for horseback riding.

The presence of wildlife is typical because once the trail heads out of town, it is surrounded by grown-up prairie, Applegate said.

Because it is throughout the prairie, the trail is not difficult when bike riding.

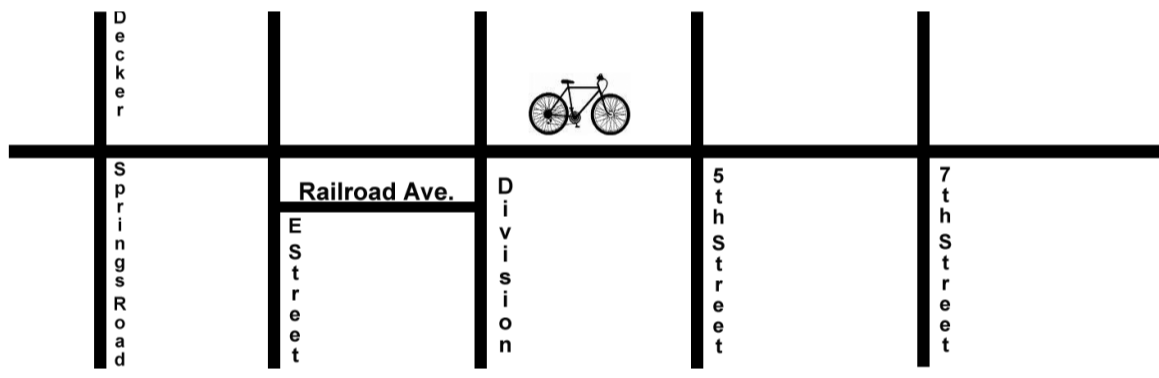
"We're in the middle of the prairie - it's as flat as you get,"



NORA MABERRY | ON THE VERGE

Students often ride bikes to and from classes on campus. However, The Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail offers another opportunity for students to ride their bikes. The trail used to be a railroad track, but was transformed into a 12.6-mile bike trail where students can see wildlife such as deer and pheasants.

Charleston path of The Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail - graphic by Kristina Peters Verge Editor



CJ APPLEGATE | ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

"EARLY MORNING OR DUSK, YOU'LL HEAR DEER, SQUIRRELS OR ANY OTHER VARMINT. I HAVE SPOOKED DEER BEFORE ON IT (THE LINCOLN PRAIRIE GRASS TRAIL) JUST BEFORE NIGHTFALL."

Applegate said.

He continued to say that it is a moderate trail and that there is only a gradual incline when heading towards Mattoon.

Devore also does not think it is difficult.

"It's pretty much a straight shot, not many curves," he said.

The trail also can be used for walking and not just biking and horseback riding. To keep track of the distance people have walked or biked, mile markers are placed along the trail.

It is a long way to walk, but it is not too bad to ride, Applegate said.

Applegate said a lot of people use the trail, whether they walk or bike.

Devore also sees people using the trail.

"I think it's used quite a bit," he said.

Devore helps maintain the trail and when he is working on it, he said he sees about one or two people every time.

When maintaining the trail, Devore and others control the weeds, mow and even out the gravel paths with a tractor implement.

"It is kept up," Applegate said.

Charleston maintains the trail up until Loxa, which is near Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, and then Mattoon takes over.

Applegate said someone mows around the trail every week.

The trail was sealed this year as well, to keep up with its maintenance. Most of the trail is paved asphalt, especially in town of Charleston and Mattoon, but in the country, there are areas of gravel.

An electrical company also does its part in maintaining the trail. Devore said the company comes out to remove trees that reach or could reach the electrical lines.

FAST FACTS: BIKE TRAILS IN THE AREA

THE LINCOLN PRAIRIE GRASS TRAIL

- **Purpose:** Biking, walking, historical jogging and equestrian
- **Where:** Goes from Charleston to Mattoon
- **Path:** Runs from 18th St. in Charleston to 10th St. in Mattoon
- **Distance:** 12.6 miles
- **Surface:** Paved
- **Skill level:** Moderate
- **Hours:** Dusk to dawn
- **More information:** 217-345-6897

LAKE CHARLESTON TRAIL

- **Purpose:** Biking and walking
- **Where:** Lake Charleston located South of Rt. 16 on Rt. 130
- **Path:** Runs on the north side of the lake
- **Distance:** 5 miles
- **Surface:** Dirt path
- **Skill level:** Advanced
- **Hours:** Dusk to dawn
- **More information:** 217-345-6781

Smoking license allows shop to have hookahs

HOOKAH, FROM PAGE 1

So why use the single-hosed hookahs if most of the times people are going to share them?

"We found that the one hose works well," Mirick said. "We found that if you have an experienced hookah smoker and someone who has never smoked a hookah, and you're trying to smoke out of the same (double-hosed hookah) bowl, the experienced guy is getting all the smoke and the new guy is getting nothing."

For clubs, fraternity and sorority meetings or just groups of friends wanting to smoke, the lounge can be privatized by contacting Marvin.

"They can smoke cigars or hookah and do their club activity or whatever back here," Mirick said. "They can just

call me and set up a time and we'll open up for it. We can shut the front door and keep it closed, and then back here they can do their club activities and do whatever."

Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently signed a smoking ban that prevents people to smoke in public places like bars and restaurants, but Mirick has a smoking license.

"In order to keep smoking here after Jan. 1, you have to be a retail tobacco store, and 80 percent of my revenue has to be from tobacco-related products or tobacco," he said. "And that's the reason alcohol doesn't really help me, is because you won't be able to smoke in a bar anymore. So if I did get a liquor license, I couldn't sell more than 20 percent of alcohol anyways. So it might be after Jan. 1, the only place in Charleston or say, Illinois you can actually come and enjoy yourself and still smoke."

Thus far, business has been "sporadic," Mirick said, but the winter months should help.

"A lot of it's because people don't know about it," Mirick said. "I understand that, and a lot of it is people would rather go drink in a bar right now."

As for the long, cold winter months, nearby bars such as Lefty's and the Uptowner will have patrons looking for a warm place to smoke.

"They can go over there and have a drink, run in over here to smoke, then go back and have a drink," Gena said. "That's what we're kind of hoping."

"When it's really cold out, there's really nowhere else they're going to be able to go," said Mirick. "Now it's not so bad, you can just step outside. But in the wintertime, that's going change a lot of things."

Drummer to perform solo

Drummer/vocalist Jake Pugh of Mattoon band Baymont is not nervous about performing alone at Common Grounds

By Sam Sottosanto
Verge Reporter

Jake Pugh, of Mattoon, was driving home one night when he got a sudden burst of inspiration.

Pugh, drummer/vocalist of Baymont, saw a Baymont hotel and thought to himself, "Hey, I should name my band Baymont."

Baymont was not Pugh's first choice or his other band members. "We were actually toying around with the name Captain Gooch and the Shrimp Shack Shooters," Pugh said. "(We couldn't) because of Wade (Wade Stark, lead guitarist) — he's too serious. I wanted to wear this little sailor hat while I was playing drums."

Stark is another member of Baymont, but at the band's Common Grounds performance tonight at 8, Pugh will be playing solo with his acoustic guitar.

Pugh was not originally going to perform alone. He said he is unsure why the other members cannot play, apart from Stark.

"(We) have both been on the same page about (how) school has to come first," Pugh said. "I mean, that's understandable, I can cover him."

The other members of Baymont are John Ingram on bass, Paul McDonald on piano and Kyle McDonald on guitar.

Pugh said that it is more relaxing to perform with a band than alone, but after the first song, he will feel better about being the only one on stage.

This is not the first time Pugh has performed alone. When he played at the Canopy Club in Urbana, he experienced the same thing.

Before Baymont, Pugh started out in a high school band, The Weak and the Wounded.

"That was just kind of like us learning how to play music," said Jason Hendrix, former bass player of The Weak and the Wounded.

Hendrix now plays for The Bigger Picture with Cody McCullough, former drummer of The Weak and the Wounded. Stark also played for The Weak and the Wounded.

"And now, our other bands are probably better," McCullough said.

Pugh said that people still come up to him on the street and ask why The Weak and the Wounded no longer play and that they should get back together.

The band played for about three years before they split up to keep their friendship.

"Everybody just started fighting and we thought it was smarter to keep a friendship than a band," Pugh said. "But (The Weak and the Wounded is) kind of an old memory that's been forgotten. I mean, Wade and I still play some of our stuff in this band, but we're not taking ownership of it."

Pugh said that tonight he plans on performing songs that include



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAKE PUGH OF BAYMONT

Jake Pugh, drummer/vocalist of Baymont, will play some originals and some covers at 8 p.m. tonight at Mattoon's Common Grounds. Pugh is a 2005 graduate of Mattoon High School.

FAST FACTS: COMMON GROUNDS SHOWS

BAYMONT

- **What:** Jake Pugh of Baymont goes solo
- **When:** Tonight at 8
- **Where:** Common Grounds located at the corner of 17th Street and Charleston Avenue in Mattoon
- **Cost:** Free of charge

FREEDOM SHEARON

- **What:** Classic rock artist Freedom Shearon
- **When:** Saturday at 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Common Grounds located at the corner of 17th Street and Charleston Avenue in Mattoon
- **Cost:** Free of charge

"If You're Reading This," by Tim McGraw, "Face Down" by the Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and a few songs from The Weak and the Wounded.

Singer still gets nervous

By Sam Sottosanto
Verge Reporter

Freedom Shearon will rock out at Common Grounds on Saturday.

The band is a classic rock artist, and will be performing at 8 p.m.

Gary "Free" Shearon has some nerves as Saturday approaches, but is still looking forward to the performance. "It's thrilling, but a little scary," Shearon said. "(But at Common Grounds), it's laid back and low volume. There's no stage volume to scream over, and (visitors) can still have a conversation without competing against the PA."

Shearon said his songs relate to the confusion everyone goes through when they get their first taste of independence.

"They are tales of liberation shaded by the uncertainties of the future," he said.

Freedom Shearon has been singing since he was 8 years old, and has been practicing guitar since 14. He later went on to learn how to play bass and keyboards. Before he started his career as Freedom Shearon, he was part of another group, called English Ivy.

"They were a great group of guys to jam with, and my wife, Tonya, was our lead singer. We played together for about a year before Tonya decided she no longer enjoyed the grind of regular performance," he said. "We could have gone on, but I (also) wanted to learn about audio engineering for the purpose of producing my own CDs, and concentrate on original material."

Ciara Shook, music coordinator at Common Grounds, said she thinks young adults will be able to relate to Freedom Shearon's music.

"I like his stuff because it's definitely a change of pace after booking acts (that) follow folk, country or bluegrass," she said. "I can't wait to see his live act."

Anyone interested in purchasing Freedom Shearon's CD can do so at Positively 4th Street Records.



Local community events calendar for the weekend

TODAY

Event | Darden Purcell

Time | 7 p.m.

Location | Jim Gould Dining in Champaign

More info | Darden Purcell is a jazz musician from Champaign-Urbana. She is influenced by Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole, Trisha Yearwood and Faith Hill.

Event | Physics Department Observatory Open House

Time | 8 p.m.

Location | Eastern's Observatory

More info | The Physics Department Observatory is having an open house. The dome will be opened up to view the moon and Saturn, weather permitting.

Event | Pygmalion Pre-Party

Time | 8 p.m.

Location | Cowboy Monkey in Champaign

More info | Bands performing are Sangamon, Triple Whip, Terminus Victor, Pulsar 47 and Lucky Mulholland. Admission is \$5.

Event | Carl Hauck

Time | 8 p.m.

Location | Canopy Club in Urbana
More info | Carl Hauck is a indie/acoustic/folk singer. He is influenced by Bruce Springsteen. Hauck performs at shows across Illinois and also in Indiana.

Event | Allerton Music Barn Festival

Time | Dinner at 6:30 p.m., performance at 8:30 p.m.

Location | Allerton Music Barn in Monticello

More info | Attendees will

experience the spicy sounds of a 14-piece ensemble and a fiesta-worthy feast inspired by its Latin rhythms. The cost for students is \$41. Visit Krannertcenter.com for more info.

Event | Groovatron/The Fuz

Time | 10 p.m.

Location | The Canopy Club in Urbana

More info | Groovatron is an experimental rock group from Hammond, Ind. The band's influences include The Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd, Phish and Michael Jackson. The Fuz is a rock/funk group from Charleston that is influenced by The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Black Crowes and Phish. Admission is \$5.

SATURDAY

Event | Coca Coca

Time | 9 p.m.

Location | Cowboy Monkey in Champaign

More info | Coca Coca is a grunge group from Champaign. The band has also performed at the Canopy Club. Coca Coca will also perform at the Pygmalion Music Festival on Sept. 22.

Event | The Third Flight

Time | 9 p.m.

Location | Iron Post in Urbana
More info | The Third Flight is a rock/alternative/garage band from Champaign. The group is influenced by Led Zeppelin and The Foo Fighters.

Rolling events

Event | Permanent Collection Recent Acquisitions

Duration | Thru Sept. 16

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | This exhibit features landscape paintings by Paul T.

Sargent, a "blueprint" photo quilt, books of woodcuts by Charles Turzak, Native American beadwork and contemporary art. The largest grouping is a selection of oil landscape paintings by the Charleston native and Eastern alumnus Sargent.

Event | Celebrating the Collection

Duration | Thru Oct. 14

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | This survey of holdings in Tarble's art collection includes works that represent the major collection areas: paintings by Paul T. Sargent (recently restored) and Robert M. Root; Illinois folk arts; American Scene art on paper; contemporary Midwestern art on paper; and Oaxacan carvings from Mexico.