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THURSDAY MARCH

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Students learn to stay healthy

Health fair included exhibits on variety of organizations

BY ANTHONY KRAJEFSKA STAFF WRITER

A wide variety of health-oriented organizations were featured in exhibits Wednesday during the Health Fair in the Student Recreation Center.

The exhibits included information from organizations such as the American Heart Association, Mid-Illinois Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Hope Clinic for Women, SONOR and many more.

Along with the exhibits, the American Red Cross held a blood drive.

"I feel good about helping people," said Patrick Nelson, a junior sociology major who gave blood. "Giving blood saves three people."

The American Heart Association exhibit was presented by Cheri Hillier, who said it was interesting how enthusiastic about her exhibit students seemed to be. The exhibit was aimed at raising awareness about cholesterol and other health problems, she said.

"This is my first time at the fair, and I'm very excited to be here," Hillier said.

Joel Sims, a senior graphic design major, made an interactive exhibit for SONOR, a campus alcohol awareness group. SONOR, which stands for social-norms marketing, deals with responsibilities that come with alcohol, including the issue of drunken driving. The organization currently has nine members but intends to recruit more students.

Amy Overmyer, a spokeswoman with Mid-Illinois Big Brothers and Big Sisters, was excited that 11 people volunteered for her program during the fair, she said. The program was set up to have volunteers act as role models for children ages five-14 living in a single-parent or foster home.

Allison Hile, a spokeswoman with the Hope Clinic for Women, was also impressed with the students on campus, she said. The clinic educates people on the topics of pregnancy and abortion.



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Nitasha Ali, a sophomore elementary education major, plays Pin the Tail on the Donkey while wearing beer goggles Wednesday afternoon at the Health Fair in Lantz Arena. "I couldn't see," she said. "I was blind, and I almost pricked myself with the tack."

"This gets better every year," Hile said of the fair.

Paul Dobersztyn, freshman business management major, attended the Health Fair for the first time and said he would come again next year.

Other students also gave a positive reaction about the event.

Steve Czernik, a sophomore business management major, said he would recommend any student to attend the Health Fair.

The stray cat blues

Charleston has a rising population of stray cats

BY JONATHAN BULLINGTON STAFF WRITER

Many students who live off-campus may have noticed uninvited guests of the feline persuasion lingering around their properties.

While some may not bat an eyelash at these visitors, Charleston's rising population of stray cats is quickly becoming a problem that cannot be ignored.

Hiral Patel, a junior communications studies major, said she has noticed people trying to pet and feed a stray cat that loiters around her house on 12th Street.

The lack of homes for cats in Charleston bothers Patel because the cats live so terribly.

Although exact figures for the stray cats do not exist, Roger Greenwell, manager of the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center, estimated the amount of stray cats in Charleston to be in the thousands.



MICHELLE ARNOLD/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

It is estimated that thousands of homeless cats have been loitering the streets and subdivisions of Charleston. These cats can carry diseases that, if bitten, could effect house cats and humans.

"(Cats) can breed like rabbits," Greenwell said.

If the cats are not managed properly their numbers can increase rapidly, he said.

The increase in cats can bring a variety of diseases that can infect house cats and humans.

"Stray cats carry diseases, which are highly contagious to other cats, such as upper respiratory illness, feline AIDS and leukemia," he said. A bite on the hand from a stray cat can cause a person's arm to swell because of the high level of bacteria in a stray cat's mouth, Greenwell said. This bacteria increases the risk of catching cat-scratch fever, a severe infection that affects the muscles.

The rescue center currently has 25

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Faculty Senate addresses letter to the governor

Letter-writing campaign focuses on pension cuts Blagojevich proposed

By Kyle Mayhugh Staff Writer

Faculty Senate is protesting Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal to cut pension benefits for future state employees.

The proposal, which would take effect July 1, would help the state balance its budget by cutting future pension benefits to all new state hires.

The senate has approved a letter to the governor asking him to reconsider the change, which was part of the governor's budget proposal to the Illinois General Assembly earlier this month.

The letter focuses on the benefits of higher education to the state's economy, arguing that despite the state's budget deficit, it does not make fiscal sense to cut benefits.

"Changes to an already weak pension system will likely hinder our efforts to maintain a highquality system of public education," the letter states.

The letter cites a 2000 study that says Illinois ranks 48th among states in terms of benefits relative to salary.

University Professionals of Illinois, the union that represents Eastern's faculty along with the faculty of six other Illinois public universities, is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to persuade the governor not to go forward with his proposal.

"There is nothing wrong with the current (pension) system," said Charles Delman, president of the Eastern chapter of UPI. "Even if you cut the benefits, the savings won't be realized for 20 to 30 years."

The UPI's position is that the governor's proposal will make it difficult for universities to recruit faculty and that it will create a de facto class system among faculty.

The Illinois Constitution prohibits pension-benefits changes for existing state employees.

The governor's budget proposal will be debated and voted on by the Illinois General Assembly this summer.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY

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31 Snow showers FRIDAY

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22 Snow showers

SATURDAY

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Snow showers

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Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

MONDAY
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Partly cloudy

CAMPUS BRIEFS

2-4 p.m. MS Word XP-Advanced Workshop in Booth Library E-classroom Room 4450.

Hands-on practice in creating outlines, tables and merges. Create your own outlines and edit them. Make a table and format it. Do a letter merge.

4 p.m. Spanish Greeting Card workshop, Coleman 1120 (Kristin Routt)

5 p.m. "Good-bye Lenin" German movie with English subtitles, Coleman 1170 (Karl Konrad)

7 p.m. "El norte" Movie in Spanish and English with English subtitles, Lumpkin Auditorium.

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES



southern illinois university Meth busts not working

CARBONDALE — The number of recovered methamphetamine labs and lab-related dump sites dropped in Jackson County last year, but officials say the decrease is no indication that meth production is on the decline.

According to information compiled by the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, 49 lab sites were reported in 2004, down from 62 reported in 2003. Tom McNamara, special projects coordinator at the enforcement group, contributes the decline to aggressive policing and recent federal prosecution of offenders in Jackson County. But McNamara warns that meth production is still a serious problem.

The meth epidemic first began in the 1980s on the West Coast but only recently became a widespread problem in Illinois. In 1997, the Illinois State Police seized 24 meth labs across the state, and in 2002, the latest reported year, 677 labs were seized statewide. Jackson County Sheriff Bob Burns said the department increased patrols in rural areas last year and developed a plotting system so officers could determine where meth "hot spots" are in the county.

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northern illinois university Alcohol awareness

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University freshman education major Tara Mrjenovich almost lost a loved one to drunk driving.

Wednesday, Mrjenovich will be wearing a red ribbon to represent the number of people who will be killed by alcohol related accidents over Spring Break.

Travis Matthews, a community adviser in Douglas, as well as several other CAs handed out the Mothers Against Drunk Driving ribbons to residence hall residents Tuesday.

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BE CREATIVE!



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Raven Marquez, a fifth grader at Jefferson Elementary School, checks out other artwork in the basement of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library Wednesday evening. Marquez won first place for his pencil drawing of an Illini basketball player.

WTF?

Semen-frosted brownies

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — A teenager has agreed to admit to three counts of disturbing the peace after anonymously sending semen-frosted brownies to a fellow student. The recipient shared the treat with two other teens, police said.

They said the 17-year-old Coeur d'Alene High School student was upset after a prank in which the other student put peanut butter in his cheese sandwich days before.

The teen later told School Resource Officer Jeff Walther that he got the idea of putting his semen on the brownies from the movie "National Lampoon's Van Wilder," in which characters send pastries filled with dog semen to a fraternity house.

The student was arrested and booked into a juvenile detention center. He has since been released on a judge's order that he has no contact with the students who ate the brownies.

The youth is to be sentenced on April 4 on the three misdemeanor counts, which are each punishable by up to 90 days in detention, prosecutors said.

The victims' parents were notified and the children were tested for anything that could have been transmitted through the body fluid, although Panhandle Health spokeswoman Susan Cuff said the chance of the students' health being affected would be "extremely remote."

PEOPLE

Dan Rather to sign off

NEW YORK — Dan Rather, whose network reporting career spanned from the Kennedy assassination to the deadly tsunami, prepared to sign off Wednesday after 24 years as "CBS Evening News" anchorman.

Rather was the public face of the legendary news division since replacing Walter Cronkite on March 9, 1981. His first newscast included a story about English girls imitating the hairstyle of Price Charles' bride-to-be, Diana.

He's the second of the three men who dominated network news for more than two decades to step down in four months. NBC's Tom Brokaw exited in November, leaving ABC's Peter Jennings remaining at "World News Tonight."

Bob Schieffer is Rather's temporary replacement starting Thursday. CBS expects to name a permanent anchor team to succeed Rather in the coming months.

Rather, 73, is returning to full-time reporting for CBS' "60 Minutes" broadcasts.

His exit comes at a low ebb for his career. Rather took much of the public blame for a discredited "60 Minutes" story last fall about President Bush's military service, and he's a distant third in the ratings behind NBC's Brian Williams and Jennings.

He was a target of conservative viewers who accuse the media of bias for more than three decades, since his coverage of the Nixon White House during the Watergate era, and many have exulted in his recent misfortunes.

ONLINE POLL

Should the university have renewed coach Rick Samuels' contract for a 26th year?

A) Yes. He should have been given one more year because of upcoming talent.
B) No. No conference championship in 25 years equals need for a change.

C) Yes. Samuels is a legend. He should have been let go when he was ready to go.
D) Not sure if it was the best decision, but it won't be the end of the world for Samuels or Eastern.

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Days until good Friday.

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1. one who eats to excess.

2. a lover of good food.

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Wanda Bence, house mom for Alpha Gamma Delta, spends time in the Alpha Gamma house of Greek Court Wednesday afternoon. The girls are preparing for her to leave for Florida at the end of the semester.

Sorority house 'mom' retires from her duties

Alpha Gamma Delta girls prepare to bid farewell to Bence

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BY KAYLA CROW

The members of Eastern's Alpha Gamma Delta sorority are preparing to bid farewell to the woman who has watched over them.

Wanda Bence, the house mom for Alpha Gam, is preparing to retire after 20 years of service.

Bence was born and raised in Mattoon and came to Eastern after she heard about the job from a co-worker at the senior center. The man thought Bence would be perfect for it, she said.

Bence has been watching over the many members of Alpha Gam ever since.

"Bence keeps us in line," said Carly Watson, member of Alpha Gam and a sophomore physical education major. "We are not allowed to have boys in the house, so she enforces that rule along with all the others."

Bence knows how much of an important role she plays in the sorority and takes her job seriously.

"I oversee the girls and the rules, and, basically, I am just here for them when they need me," said Bence. "I have a really good relationship with the girls."

Last week, Bence was taken to the hospital after feeling ill. She is back in the Alpha Gam house now and is feeling

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LOTS OF PRIZES!!!!

much better. The house members are still concerned about Bence and are tying to make sure she takes it easy.

They have been watching over her and bringing her meals to her, Bence said.

Right now, Bence plans on leaving Eastern at the end of this semester unless she experiences more heart trouble that would cause her to leave earlier, she said.

"She is the sweetest, nicest lady," said Nicole Alexander, a sophomore health studies major. "She takes care of us; when it is hot, she even brings us ice cream."

The members of Alpha Gam are not sure what they are going to do for Bence as a going away present, but they did give her Christmas gifts to remember them by.

"We got her engraved gifts from us with names on them," Watson said. ""We also got her a paddle because she has never had her own, and we got her an Alpha Gamma Delta mom shirt so she will remember us."

Bence will take her memories of the sorority with her when she goes to Florida after retirement. Bence said she will always remember Alpha Gamma Delta and will miss the Eastern community as a whole.

"I'll miss the house," Bence said. "I'll miss interacting with the girls and just being on campus. I'll miss Eastern."

Noticing behind-the-scenes organizers of commencement

BY COURTNEY LOWE
STAFF WRITER

Commencement is a day set aside to celebrate Eastern students for their four years of hard work and dedication.

But a group that sometimes goes unnoticed is the volunteers that make commencement possible.

Marty Hackler, commencement coordinator for graduation, said 40 volunteers are needed for each commencement ceremony.

"I believe the biggest benefit (for the volunteers) is seeing the joy, pride and excitement in the faces of the graduates and their families," Hackler said.

Hackler explained volunteers are needed for several jobs such as distributing tickets, passing out programs and assisting guests with questions.

Volunteers help with the staging of the graduates before the ceremony and make sure the graduates, faculty and platform party enter the arena at the right time with as little stress as possible.

"The Commencement Office has a very small staff, and, unfortunately, our budget does not allow us to pay people to help with the ceremonies," Hackler said. "We couldn't do it without the volunteers."

Other faculty and administrators spoke about the importance of volunteering at graduation.

"I don't think we alone could provide quality or service for the graduates," said Eastern President Lou Hencken. "(Volunteers) help is invaluable."

Hencken teaches a course at Eastern for students interested in university administration and is encouraging his students to volunteer at commencement.

"Commencement is the celebration of four or five years of hard work," said Hencken. "The real reason why we are here (at commencement) is to see the look on the faces of students and families at graduation."

Amy Edwards, assistant director of planning and institutional studies, said there are volunteers that come back each semester and work the entire 12-hour day for the spring ceremonies.

"(Commencement is) a really good day, and the volunteers are there to help the students and their families have a special day," Edwards said. "It's nice to be a part of that."

Anyone who is interested in volunteering can contact Edwards at csae@eiu.edu or 581-5023.

Commencement College Ceremonies

♦ College of Sciences and The Graduate School:

9 a.m.

♦ College of Arts and Humanities and the Graduate School:

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◆ School of Continuing Education:

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♦ College of Education and Professional Studies and The Graduate School:

3 p.m.

♦ Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences:

6 p.m.

(Career and Organizational Studies and Career and Technical Education Students Included)

Oh, the places they'll go

Students plan Spring Break in different places

BY JESSICA PILOT STAFF WRITER

Regardless of where students will be spending their spring breaks, one thing will not be on their minds — school.

In the past, college students have been known to pack up for Spring Break and get away from their stressful lives to a hot, sunny place to relax and enjoy their week off from classes.

"I think it's kind of a tradition to go away over Spring Break," said Randi Dover, a senior Spanish major. "Over the holidays, people want to be with their families. Over summer,

"I want to get the hell out of Chucktown!"

TALIA SAWYER, JUNIOR MARKETING MAJOR

most people are working, so Spring Break is the perfect time to get away and have a good time with friends."

Whether students are going to Miami to spend time on the beach, to Colorado to ski or to Mexico City to volunteer, students said Spring Break is a time when they can relax and enjoy their vacations with friends.

"I want to get the hell out of Chucktown!" said Talia Sawyer, a junior marketing major. "I'm going to Arizona for four days and home to Chicago for the rest. I can't wait." On the other hand, some students have decided to keep it low key during the break.

"I'll be home for Spring Break, celebrating the South Side Parade," said Lisa Marinelarena, a senior foreign language major.

Marinelarena went to Cancun during Spring Break when she was a senior in high school.

"It was all college students," she said. "I think I was the only high schooler there."

Jonathan Duncan, a junior foreign language major, will also not be traveling to one of the Spring Break "hot spots" next week.

"I will be in Charleston for some of the break because I have to work," Duncan said. "Then I will be spending the rest of break at home. Cool, huh?"







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COLUMN

An identity theft scare



Julia Bourque

JUNIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

Bourque is the associate campus editor for The Daily Eastern News.

The number kept showing up on my cell phone. For a couple of weeks, every hour on the hour and sometimes in between, my phone would ring. I would see it was the same 900-number, but when I tried to answer the call no one was on the other end.

I called the number back several times, but every time no one was there to answer. I had no idea what was going on, but I was fed up. I kept calling the number back repeatedly until finally someone answered.

"Who is this," I said.

"This is the Retribution Center. Who is this?" asked the voice on the other end.

"You keep calling me, shouldn't you know who I am," I said.

"Is this Julia Bourque?" asked the woman.

"Yes," I said

"Have you been a victim of identity theft?" she asked. "Not that I know of," I said. "Do you know something I don't?"

And just like that our conversation was over.

She didn't give me an answer, and to this day, I still don't know who that woman was, how she knew my cell phone number and name and whether or not I have been a victim of identity theft.

No outrageous charges have come up on any of my credit card statements and no money has shown up missing from my bank account, but that episode still lingers in my mind.

Reading that 11,138 people in Illinois alone reported identity theft last year has definitely made me start to think twice about signing up for, let's say, a credit card to receive a free meal from Arby's or a "free" T-shirt from the men's rugby team.

Microsoft News has been publishing several stories in the past few weeks addressing identity theft, and its research claims "much of identity theft still comes down to hands-on mischief-things like 'dumpster diving,' in which criminals sift through trash to find a credit-card statement or solicitation that someone didn't tear up, 'shoulder surfing,' where criminals try to spot calling card and personal identification numbers, and, more commonly, mail theft."

Another MSN story reported 9 percent of the nearly 10 million Americans victimized by identity theft last year were victimized by their parents, who used their children's Social Security number to create "bogus accounts" that the victims might not know about for years.

In the past, I've been pretty trusting with leaving bills needing to be paid in the mailbox for the mailman and trusting my parents with handling most of my personal financial business.

After reading these studies, however, I've developed sort of a paranoia. Pretty soon, I'm going to be deemed the "crazy girl" who flips out on the person behind me while walking to class after accusing them of trying to "shoulder surf." Or I'll be the woman who doesn't have enough room for people to sit down in her living room because I'll keep every bit of mail and piece of paper that contains any personal information because I'm paranoid of "dumpster diving."

Even worse, this paranoia could develop into a vendetta against my family members because I'll be constantly questioning their motives behind trying to "help" me with my taxes or any other financial matter.

Though I doubt any of these things should ever really develop into true paranoia, I am definitely going to start thinking twice about signing up for things on the Internet and throwing away credit card statements without shredding them first. The statistics I've read have convinced me that identity theft is a serious growing problem.

It's sad our society is constantly going to have to literally be looking over its shoulders and in its dumpster to protect who they are. People really need to get their own lives

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

A great memorial to MLK Jr.

graces the west

Bridge Lounge

of the Union.

Our stance

The memorial

is an excellent

way to honor

King and to

close out

American

Heritage Month.

African

wall in the

Being an icon for people of all creeds and colors and having the building named after him, one would think that Martin Luther King Jr. would have a memorial, outside of a portrait, in the student union.

However, until Feb. 26, this lack of a memorial was the situation. Thanks to Eastern President Lou Hencken announcing it as one of his three goals for the school year and the determination of Black Student Union President Jeff Collier, it has become a reality.

The timeline memorial that graces the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union is an appropriate dedication to a man who gave his life to the civil rights

There is no denying that King, having been as instrumental as anyone in the America's struggle for exception, deserves this memorial.

While memorials, especially to King, are commonplace, not all are visually appealing. This one is. Bev Cruse, university photographer, did an excellent job creating the memorial in Booth Library over the last 15 months

In addition to being attractive, it, being a timeline, is very informative, something that many memorials are not. The timeline covers the span of his entire life, focus-

The Martin
Luther King Jr.
memorial that

ing on on the years 1954, when he entered the ministry, to 1968, when he was taken by an assassin's bullet on a Memphis hotel balcony.

It contains multiple quotes and excerpts of speeches, along with seven photos. The timeline, which spans the entire west wall, has a black background with gold trim and dominates the room without being a distraction.

This attractive, informative and respectful memorial also came at a small cost. None for the University. The cost, \$8,000, was all raised, an important fact for the current budget situation of the state and university.

The memorial is an excellent addition to both the Union and Eastern. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most influential people

in American history, and this memorial was an appropriate way to close 2005's African American Heritage Month.

The beauty of and information on the memorial allows passer-bys to remember the sacrifices he made so we could get to the point we are to now. Hopefully, it will inspire those who view it to continue the work that King started in Montgomery, Ala., 51 years ago.

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

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RHA to have meeting in Spring Break style

By NICOLE MILSTEAD

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTER

The Residence Hall Association will serve Mocktails at tonight's meeting.

"(The Programming Committee) will serve us drinks and talk about Spring Break safety," RHA president Lindsay DiPietro said.

The program will be held during its regularly scheduled meeting.

"(Executive) nominations are this week, so that's exciting," DiPietro said.

This week starts the first round of nominations for next year's RHA executive board members. The nominations will take place both this week and next.

If a member is nominated today, he or she will be allowed to write a bid sheet to present to voters next week explaining his or her goals and qualifications for the position.

An individual can be nominated at the next meeting on March 24. Nominee speeches and elections will also be March 24.

This week, RHA will be deciding on how to use the funds left over from the Illinois Residence Hall Association trip.

RHA is also narrowing down the details for this year's Kids' Weekend. Kids' Weekend will be

On March 23, Student Senate's

Academic Affairs Committee will

present a resolution to restructure

of the committee, has constructed

a resolution outlining the pro-

posed eight-semester plan for stu-

dents as soon as they declare a

major. The purpose of the new

arrangement is to provide both

students and advisers with a

detailed outline at the beginning

of the student's academic career at

Chelsea Frederick, chairwoman

the academic advising process.

STAFF REPORT

"(The Programming **Committee) will serve** us drinks and talk **about Spring Break** Safety."

> LINDSAY DI'PIETRO, RHA PRESIDENT

held on April 23. The event's theme is Pirates in the Caribbean. Each Residence Hall will plan an event or program for the children to participate in.

RHA is asking the halls to have their program idea submitted by its next meeting.

University Board will be showing "Shark Tale" in Buzzard Hall that

Applications are due March 25 for RHA's next trip to the conference for National Association of College and University Residence Halls, which will be held in Syracuse, N.Y.

RHA will also begin writing the "Of The Year" bids for this year's nominees. The awards are handed out at the RHA End of the Year Banquet.

RHA meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays in the Andrews Hall basement.

Senate will also vote to pass legislation for the implementation of

an oath of office for new senate

members and creation of a tradi-

tion of a tree-planting ceremony

on behalf of student senate. These

legislations have been presented by

the Internal Affairs and University

Development and Recycling com-

Due to a Charleston City

Council debate at 7 p.m. March

23, Student Senate will meet at

8:30 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola

Room of the Martin Luther King

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lowing the debate.



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A love story portrayed on canvas

Jenny Chi unveils painting of 12th century romance

BY MICHAEL PETERSON

STAFF WRITER

A painting, covered by a cloth and sitting in the center of the room, was the reason people came to the Tarble Arts Center yesterday.

People patiently awaited the unveiling of Jenny Chi's "Legend of Heloise and Abelard: A Visual Representation."

The legendary love story of Heloise and Abelard may not be as well known as stories like "Romeo and Juliet," but Chi, an artist and an art department faculty member, found

Heloise to be a wonderful role model who was before her time.

Peter Abelard was a 12th century philosopher who, once he met Heloise, was instantly smitten with her beauty and intelligence. Unfortunately, when Heloise's uncle, Canon Fulbert, found about Abelard and Heloise's love affair, he forced the two to part. Heloise and Abelard were later secretly married and even had a son.

Once revealed, the painting showed Abelard and Heloise together in bed, naked and gazing into one another's eyes.

"I wanted to emphasize that this is a love story," Chi said.

Chi also said she wanted to make the audience members feel like intruders, as if they were viewing a private moment between the two.

The painting contained many sym

bolic objects, she said. One symbol in the painting was Abelard holding a rosary, symbolizing the couple's religious beliefs and how they married in the church.

Jenny Chi. a an artist and an art department facul-

ty member, spoke about her interpretation of the legend of Heloise and Abelard rep-

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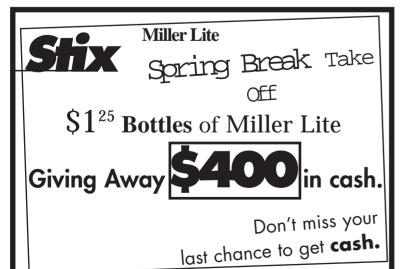
Center on Wednesday night.

There were also love letters strewn across the bed, showing that they wrote many to each other. Chi added a little of herself to the painting by including one of the love letters she has received.

"I thought (the painting) was awesome," said Sam Williams, an undecided freshman. "I think she is really talented."

Chi also discussed the development process of painting and said she paints every day and encourages her students to do the same. Midnight to 3 a.m. is the best time for her to do her work, she said.

"Painting is an intellectual exercise," Chi said.



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Trucker lies to feds about case

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CHICAGO — The head of a suburban trucking company admitted Wednesday that he paid city employees to get hauling work in Chicago's scandal-plagued Hired Truck Program and pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents when they asked him about it.

Martin McDonagh, 37, admitted that he lied when asked if he knew John E. "Quarters" Boyle, a key figure in the investigation, and he pretended to have only the haziest of recollections.

"Why does that name sound familiar?" McDonagh acknowledged responding when FBI agents asked him last July whether he knew Boyle.

GUN-RIGHTS BILLS SUR-PASSING ANTI-GUN BILLS

SPRINGFIELD — Two guncontrol measures cleared an Illinois House committee Wednesday, but Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and other gun-control proponents are still trailing gun supporters in the



spring legislative session.

Major restrictions on guns failed last week in a Senate committee, and on Tuesday, a House committee approved two measures that would expand gun-owners' rights by allowing them to carry concealed firearms.

"The Second Amendment is a right, it's not a privilege, so we're just standing firm with what we believe in and what our forefathers gave us," said Rep. Brandon Phelps, sponsor of one of the concealed-carry bills.

HOUSE OUESTIONABLY OKS VIDEO GAME BILL

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal to bar stores from selling violent and sexually explicit video games to children unanimously passed an Illinois House committee Wednesday, despite concerns that it might be unconstitutional.

Under the proposal, which now

goes to the House floor, any store that violated the ban could face misdemeanor charges and fines of up to \$5,000.

Blagojevich has been pushing the idea for several months, arguing in town hall meetings and national interviews that the games desensitize children to violence. He says they can lead to anti-social behavior and even obesity.

ON THE SAME PAGE WITH **RIGHTS OF LIVE BIRTHS**

SPRINGFIELD — Activists on both sides of the abortion debate found a rare patch of common ground Wednesday: legislation that says any live birth — even one that occurs during an abortion — is a person with legal rights.

The measure was unanimously approved by the House civil law committee and now moves to the House floor.

Unlike earlier versions that failed, this bill does not spell out what medical care doctors must provide when an abortion procedure ends in a livebirth.

Candy heiress's body dumped into furnace

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CHICAGO — Candy heiress Helen Brach was beaten or strangled and dumped in a blazing hot steelmill furnace to keep her from telling authorities that she had paid swindlers millions of dollars for horses that had little value, according to a federal witness.

Brach, heir to a \$30 million candy fortune, may have still been alive when she arrived at an Indiana steel mill, wrapped in a blanket, according to the witness.

Two men dropped the blanket containing Brach's body as they removed it from the car and both simultaneously blurted moaned," according to documents filed Tuesday in the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals detailing the unnamed witness's story.

At the orders of another man, the witness then shot into the blanket twice, according to the 54 pages of documents filed by defense attorney Kathleen Zellner.

Zellner represents Richard Bailey, an admitted swindler sentenced to 30 years in prison in 1995 by a judge who believed that, in addition to the fraud scheme Bailey confessed to, Bailey also was involved in killing Brach. Otherwise Bailey would have gotten a lesser sentence.

Bailey denies any involvement in the killing. At the heart of Zellner's filing are interviews with a cooperating witness who gave the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms an account of the Brach killing that does not implicate Bailey.

The appeals court has 30 days to decide whether to send the case back to U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur for a hearing on whether to reduce Bailey's sentence.

The Cook County state's attorney's office has stopped short of endorsing the unnamed witness's account of the Brach killing as factual.

"The Helen Brach case remains an open investigation," said spokesman John Gorman. "Don't interpret that."

Authorities search for loaded weapons stolen from police car

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SPRINGFIELD — Authorities were searching Wednesday for a loaded 12-gauge shotgun and two automatic firearms that apparently were taken from the trunk of an unmarked police car.

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Department alerted law enforcement agencies around the state and elsewhere after the shotgun, submachine gun and rifle were discovered missing Monday.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was assisting local authorities with the investigation.

The weapons may have been stolen from the vehicle while it was parked in the driveway of a home belonging to a sheriff's officer, chief deputy Tony Sacco said. A car belonging to a neighbor was recently burglarized.

Police with search dogs have been canvassing a wooded area near the officer's home because investigators believe whoever stole the weapons may have dumped them there, Sacco said. Divers were being brought in Wednesday to search a pond at the wooded area.

"Chances are they stole these things, drove to the wooded area, opened up the cases and figured out what they had," Sacco said.

The shotgun was loaded and the other two weapons were empty but stored with ammunition, Sacco said.

The serial numbers of the missing weapons have been entered into a national law enforcement data-



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cats, only two of which were strays.

There are several factors that can contribute to a cat becoming a stray, Greenwell said.

"Some people think it's easier to get a new cat ..."

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"Many of these cats were either abandoned, or they ran away," he said, adding that many homes will let a cat go with a woman's pregnancy or in a move. "Some people think it's easier to get a new cat than look for a missing cat."

Because this type of abandonment occurs with

cat owners, Greenwell said the rescue center will ask several questions to ensure that people seeking to adopt a cat will be responsible owners.

The rescue center also offers a program to help residents safely trap stray cats on their properties. For a completely refundable \$30 fee, a person can borrow a "have-a-heart trap," which is virtually 100 percent effective in painlessly and safely trapping cats, he said. Once trapped, the cat can be transported to the center where the fee is refunded.

When a cat is delivered to the rescue center, a stray will be isolated for testing. Adoption is the goal for every animal that comes to the shelter, Greenwell said, but if a stray cat is carrying disease or is too wild for domestication, the cat is painlessly put to sleep.

The rescue center took in almost 1,300 cats in 2004, 950 of which had to be put to sleep, Greenwell said.

He said one of the best ways to control the cat population is for cat owners to have their pets spayed or neutered.

Latest investigation of interrogation policies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A comprehensive U.S. military review of prisoner interrogation policies and techniques for the global war on terrorism concluded that no civilian or uniformed leaders directed or encouraged the abuse of prisoners, officials familiar with the review said Wednesday.

No Pentagon official or senior military commander "ever accepted that detainee abuse would be permissible," an official quoted the review as stating among its central conclusions.

However, the review concluded that, in hindsight, the failure to provide commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan with specific and early guidance on interrogation techniques was a "missed opportunity." It offered no judgment on whether this failure led to any of the abuses discovered in 2004.

The probe also found, in the cases of detainee operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, that the dissemination of approved interrogation policy to commanders in the field was generally poor. And in Iraq in particular it found that compliance with approved policy guidance was generally poor.

The review was done last summer by Navy Vice Adm. Albert T. Church and is to be made public at a congressional hearing on Thursday. Officials familiar with Church's investigation provided his key findings Wednesday only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the report.

The Church probe was among several triggered by disclosures last

spring of prisoner abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison complex in Iraq. Church, formerly the Navy's chief investigator, was directed to look at how interrogation policies were developed and implemented from the start of the terror war in the fall of 2001

"An early focus of our investigation was to determine whether DOD (the Department of Defense) had promulgated interrogation policies or guidance that directed, sanctioned or encouragd the abuse of detainees. We found that this was not the case," an official quoted the report as stating.

"Even in the absence of a precise definition of 'humane' treatment, it is clear that none of the pictured abuses at Abu Ghraib bear any resemblance to approved policies at any level," another passage was quoted as saying.

Church did not directly investigate the Abu Ghraib matter or address questions about accountability for senior defense officials involved in interrogation policy. Both of those matters have been investigated by others.

While the problems cited by Church in the dissemination of interrogation policy guidance to commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan were found to be "certainly cause for concern," Church concluded that "they did not lead to the employment of illegal or abusive interrogation techniques."

Church also addressed the assertion raised by some in Congress that commanders in Iraq were under undue pressure from Washington to extract more useful intelligence information from prisoners.

Survivor of deadly smuggling tried to call 911

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — With people dying around him, a Honduran immigrant who survived the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt described Wednesday how he grabbed a cell phone and made two futile calls to 911 for help.

"We are in a trailer ... ahead of Harlingen and Sarita. We're in a trailer," the panicked voice of Matias Rafael Medina Flores was heard in Spanish on a recording of the second call. Both 911 calls, filled with static, cut off before he could tell authorities the exact location of the trailer.

The testimony came in the smuggling trial of Tyrone Williams, who is accused of abandoning the truck in south Texas and causing 19 NATIONAL BRIEFS

immigrants to die in May 2003. Williams, 34, could get the death penalty if convicted.

JOURNALISM GROUPS PUSH FOR OPENNESS

WASHINGTON — The Associated Press and seven journalism organizations are joining forces to promote policies aimed at ensuring government is accessible, accountable and open.

The Sunshine in Government Initiative seeks to combat what the member organizations see as increased government secrecy since the 2001 terrorist attacks. The coalition will lobby for legislation and seek to educate the public about First Amendment issues.

JURORS IN ROBERT BLAKE CASE DELIBERATE

LOS ANGELES — Jurors in the Robert Blake murder trial Wednesday asked to review testimony from three people at the restaurant where the actor and his wife had dinner before she was shot and killed in May 2001.

It was the first time jurors have made such a request. The panel failed to reach a verdict after a third full day of deliberations, and was ordered to return to court Thursday morning.

Blake, 71, is accused of killing his

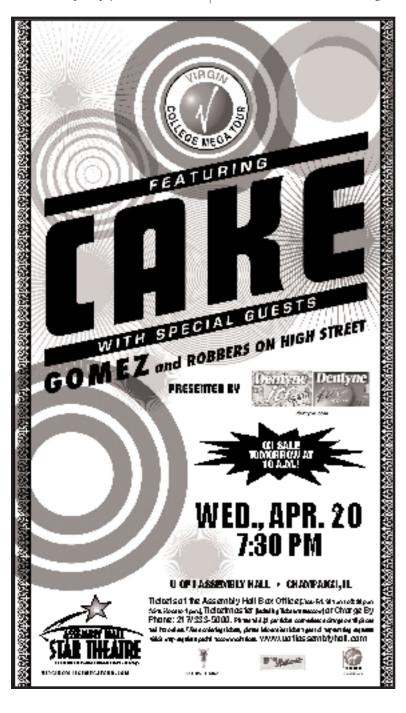
wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, who was shot near Blake's favorite Italian restaurant in Studio City.

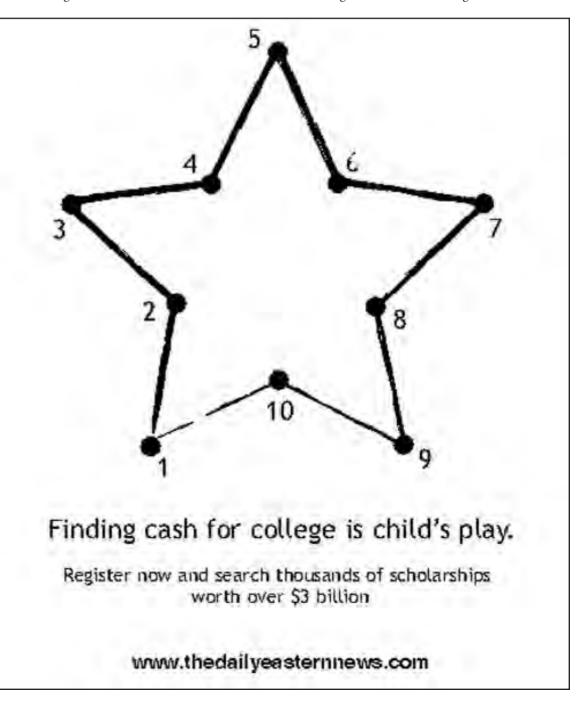
OFFICIAL SUGGESTS U.S. READY TO SHOOT MISSILE

WASHINGTON

Experimental interceptor bases in Alaska and California can be made ready to fire at incoming ballistic missiles within minutes or hours, the chief of the Missile Defense Agency said Wednesday.

The comments from Lt. Gen. Henry A. Obering III in a conference call with reporters suggest the United States is technically ready to try to shoot down a few incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles with little warning.





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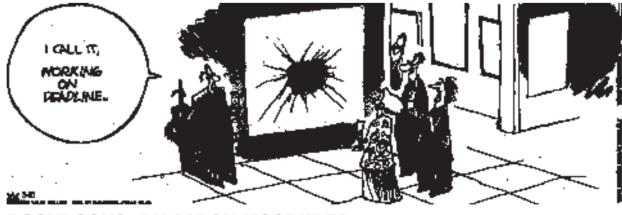
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BASEBALL



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Sophomore pitcher Chris Vaculik against Olivet Nazarene University Saturday afternoon.

Free passes put on the pressure

Walks and hit batsmen slow down Eastern early on

By Dan Renick
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

As Eastern headed into the last inning against Olivet Nazarene with a 7-2 lead, the men's baseball team believed it was safely ahead.

After a lead off single by the Tigers, however, Panthers pitcher Brian Long walked the next Olivet Nazarene batter then hit the next batter to load up the bases. Long hit the next batter to bring in a run that would start a sixrun surge by the Tigers.

"Brian was struggling with that last season," Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz said.

The Panthers ended up losing the top half of the double header 8-7. In the final inning, Eastern gave up three hits, two walks and hit two batters.

"I allowed that to happen," Eastern

"We're putting extra pressure on pitchers by making them run more if they pitch bad ..."

JIMMY SCHMITZ, HEAD COACH

head coach Jimmy Schmitz said. "There's similar situations where a reliever will come in, and it will just be 'boom, boom, boom' and you're out of the inning."

Long isn't the only player that has struggled with the same problem. So far this season, Eastern (1-6) has 38 walks (5.42 walks per game) and has hit 11 batters.

"I think we got enough of them for the whole season," Schmitz said. "We're not a strike out team, and if you're not throwing strikes and walking and hitting batters, you won't be in there."

Senior pitcher Kyle Widegren, who has walked eight hitters and hit one batter in 11 innings, said that situation's like Long's can be frustrating when things start to snowball.

"When that happens, you have to clear everybody out of your mind and collect your thoughts," Widegren said. "When (a young pitcher) comes off the mound, you have to tell (him he'll) get them next time, and just don't lose your focus."

Schmitz encourages those kind of positive responses from senior leaders like Widegren but has also put extra pressure on his pitchers to perform.

"We're putting extra pressure on pitchers by making them run more if they pitch bad, and (we're) having more intense scrimmages, so they're in those types of situations," Schmitz said.

Schmitz also credits some of the problems to the caliber of teams the Panthers are playing but knows that his team can't make excuses. "We unraveled against Olivet Nazarene in front of 60 people (at Williams Field)," Schmitz said. "What's going to happen when you're in front of 6,000 people at Arkansas (who Eastern plays this weekend)?"

TDAOV

Last Chance meet gives runners shot to make records

BY DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF WRITER

Many people would be happy if they were able to run a mile in five minutes, but that is no where near acceptable for junior distance runner Dan Strackeljahn.

This past weekend, four members of the Eastern track and field team competed at the Last Chance indoor track and field meet at Notre Dame. Strackeljahn set a new personal record of 4:08, just missing the national's qualifying time of 4:01. When asked about his performance,

Strackeljahn showed a hint of disappointment but refused to let it put him in a bad mood.

"I wanted to run a 4:06," Strackeljahn said. "I ran a 4:08, and I'll take it. It was a personal record. I'm not getting down on myself. I wish I could have run a little faster, though."

Strackeljahn more than likely could have achieved that goal of 4:06 because he said that he felt that he had more energy left in him than he realized during the race.

For athletes who run long distance races, knowing how much energy

"Really good runners are willing to push harder than regular people."

GEOFF MASANET, HEAD COACH

has been spent and how much is left is an important skill that they must develop. This skill separates athletes who run for health and fitness and those who run for competition, head cross-country coach Geoff Masanet

Their abilities to push themselves

is why long distance athletes prefer to be put in races were the competition is more intense, he said.

"Really good runners are willing to push harder than regular people," Masanet said. "Most people think that they are going as hard as they can, but good runners know that they can go harder."

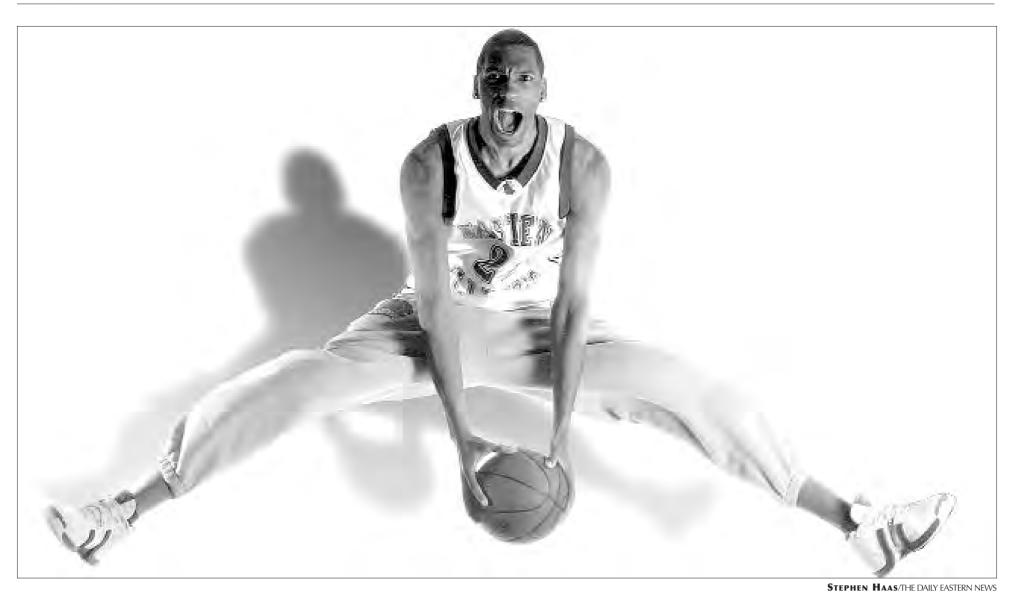
Strackeljahn ran into some misfortunate incidents that set him back in accomplishing his goal sooner: He got sick at a meet at Iowa State University and at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship, he was accidentally tripped by Jacob Korir of Eastern Kentucky University during the mile race. This literally left this past weekend as Strackeljahn's last chance to set a new personal record.

He definitely seized that chance as he ran his best race of the season, Masanet said.

Looking toward the future, Strackeljahn already has plans set for the coming outdoor track season — he wants to qualify for the regional track meet, he said.

"I want to run faster than 3:48, which is the regional qualifying time," Strackeljahn said.





Center George Tandy, Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, admires the Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett. Tandy led the team in blocks with 42, 20 more than any other Panther.

NOISE MAKER

Center George Tandy made a boom in his debut season for Eastern

BY DAN WOIKE SPORTS EDITOR

To make noise on the basketball court there doesn't have to be yelling.

Eastern freshman George Tandy prefers the sound of a hand slapping off the ball after an attempted shot or the sound of a rim still shaking after a thunderous dunk.

"George is a soft-spoken guy at first," said freshman guard Bil Duany. "He's a little reserved."

But nothing about the 6-foot-8 forward's play is quiet.

impact," Duany said.

And coaches around the Ohio Valley Conference took notice.

Tandy, the OVC's Freshman of the Year, cracked the Panther starting lineup midway through the season and helped anchor the team's front court for the duration of the year.

Tandy said he didn't expect to win the award but never never doubted his

And Panther fans got to see his ability in one of the year's most memorable plays at Lantz Arena — Tandy's one-

"He makes big plays with big handed dunk over Murray State sophomore forward Shawn Witherspoon.



#1 Athlete of the Week

Tandy said he sometimes knows when a dunk is coming, but that dunk wasn't one of those times.

"Sometimes, you just kind of jump,

and whatever happens, happens," Tandy said. "That's what that dunk was like."

Dunking is just one advantage of Tandy's 10-foot wingspan.

Tandy also likes to send opponents messages on the other side of the floor by slapping shots right back at them.

Tandy blocked 42 shots last season, the second highest total an Eastern freshman has ever recorded. In OVC games, he averaged 1.69 blocks per game, second in the league.

"(Blocking a shot) gives your team momentum," he said, "and maybe the other guy will think twice before he comes in on you again."

Tandy said his favorite basketball player, the Minnesota Timberwolves' forward Kevin Garnett, is a great shot blocker — to go along with a good jump shot and an array of allaround skills.

And if people described him in a similar way someday, Tandy wouldn't mind, he said as a smile crept onto his face.

"That'd be fantastic."

STEVENS:

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should be officiating at all, Not that I'm trying to deny a man his legal right to a profession, but there could Hartzell takes the floor in.

I cannot think of one legitimate reason why a member of a university's athletic department should be in control of the action on the field, court or Hartzell be busy performing his duties as director of athletics at Northern Iowa rather than refereeing college basketball games.

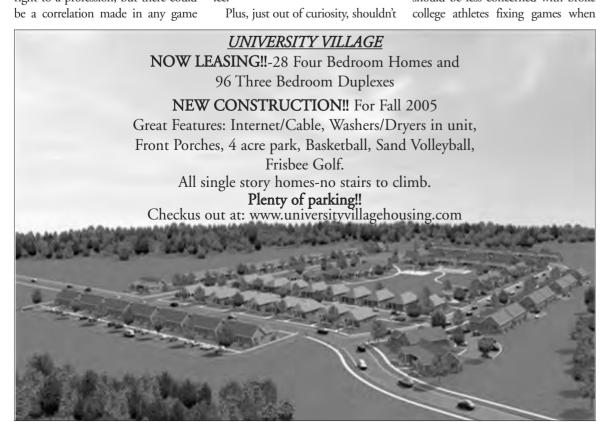
Seems to me that the NCAA should be less concerned with broke

fans and members of the media can point out potential fixes going on with the zebras.

And for that matter, shouldn't the Big Ten Conference be more concerned with solving the perceived problem and not an ESPN analyst's comments?

Conflict of interest. What an interesting concept.

Matt Stevens is a junior journalism major. He can be reached at danville1999@yahoo.com









SPORTS

PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY	BASEBALL AT ARKANSAS	1 p.m.
SATURDAY	MEN'S GOLF AT FLORIDA GULF COAST	All Day
	Baseball at Arkansas	1 p.m.
	Womens's Tennis at Missouri	2 pm.
SUNDAY	BASEBALL AT ARKANSAS	1 p.m.

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Game call starts madness

Conflict of interest is an interesting concept in the sense that the phrase is usually used only in situations that involve lots of cash. The phrase tends to cloud the real point of a dilemma.

Enter the newest March Madness controversy created by ESPN analyst Doug Gottlieb after the Wisconsin/Indiana contest Monday.

"It's obvious that there may not be a real clear-cut, a clear-cut bad call made on this particular play," Gottlieb said Tuesday. At this point, Gottlieb is completely right, as his job involves questioning officials.

"Mike Davis obviously went nuts, but Rick Hartzell was the official who was in position and that conflict of interest, or at least the appearance of the conflict of interest, is apparent because Rick Hartzell is the athletic director at Northern Iowa."

I was unaware that Northern Iowa and Indiana basketball had a connection. However, there is a curse word that is repeated during the month of March: bubble.

"Now if he's the Athletic Director for a bubble team, why is he officiating a game involving another bubble team in a game that could cost Mike Davis his job and could definitely cost Indiana a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament?'

This was a stretch, but a point worth bringing up nonetheless. The Big Ten Conference immediately responded with a typical arrogant response.

"The Big Ten has communicated its extreme disappointment and concern to ESPN's management relative to statements made by Gottlieb at the halftime of Thursday's Purdue at Illinois basketball game on ESPN2. Neither statement should have been made, and in our view these statements represent an example of irresponsible sports 'reporting."

Let me first point out that I bet the public relations employee who wrote this response for Big Ten commissioner Rich Falk has no clue what responsible reporting is.

Second of all, both members of the Hatfield and McCoy situation missed the train of objectivity on this matter.

The real question is if Hartzell

SOFTBALL

Shutting down the Sycamores



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore pitcher Andrea Darnell winds up to pitch against Indiana State in game one of the doubleheader Wednesday afternoon at Williams Field.

Eastern shut out Indiana State in both games of Wednesday's doubleheader

By MARCUS JACKSON SPORTS REPORTER

Behind complete game shutouts from sophomore Andrea Darnell and senior Heather Hoeschen, the Panther softball team swept its doubleheader against Indiana State, winning game one 4-0 and game two 1-0.

"I really can't remember the last time that has happened," head coach

Lloydene Searle said. "Both pitchers threw great games."

Hoeschen pitched her shutout in game two of the twin bill. She allowed just two hits while striking out a career-high seven batters.

Hoeschen's only real threat came in the top half of the fifth inning when Indiana State junior outfielder Margaret McQueen led off with a walk. After a strikeout, Hoeschen gave up a one-out single to senior infielder Lacey Frankland.

After another strikeout, ISU junior designated hitter Ashley Travor loaded the bases with an infield single. Hoeschen then got a ground ball from sophomore infielder Jackie Chomicki to get out of the jam.

Hoeschen lost to Indiana State (4-5) on Sunday at the Wolfe Sycamore Classic and wasn't exactly thrilled about playing it again.

"After playing them this weekend, I really didn't want to play them again," she said, "but after today, I'll play them again.

"I just didn't think about anything, and I let the game come to me. I hit my spots, and the umpire was giving me a little extra on the corners, so I took advantage of that."

Eastern (3-6) got all the offense it would need in the fifth inning when sophomore infielder Katy Steele singled to right field, scoring junior third baseman Rachel Karos.

"We really had some clutch hitting," Searle said. "(Castle) got the clutch hit today, and that's really big in a close game like this was."

In game one, it was all Darnell. The sophomore scattered six hits and struck out three over seven innings. At the plate, she went 1for-2 and drove in two of the Panthers' four runs.

"I just had fun out there today," she said. "Pitching-wise, I just hit my spots and kept the ball down, and we went with a good sequence against them."

Searle was impressed with the performances given at the mound by

"Today we had two pitchers that threw remarkably," Searle said. "But not only getting shutouts, but we held them to two hits in one game was great.

"Both (Darnell) and (Hoeschen) owned the plate out there, and both got clutch strikeouts in big situations when we really needed to get out of an inning."

The Panthers will have eight days off before their next game. Eastern will travel to Hawaii to compete in the Bank of Hawaii Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii, March 9-20.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Eastern meets first coaching candidate

BY MATTHEW STEVENS SPORTS REPORTER

"Call me Brock."

With those words, Eastern women's soccer head-coaching candidate Brock Thompson proclaimed his philosophy as "a players' coach" while speaking to what he hopes will soon be his roster.

"It's your game," Thompson said. "How we play will be determined upon the players we have."

Eastern's search committee led Thompson on a campus tour Wednesday as one of three finalists for the vacant position to lead the five-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champions.

Thompson is currently an assistant coach at Indiana State, where "How we play will be determined upon the players we have."

WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH CANDIDATE

the Sycamores went 9-10 last season but finished tied for second in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Ironically, one of the 10 losses came at the hands of the Panthers 3-1 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Thompson built his career at the tiny University of Mary in North Dakota, where his team advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in 2002 and 2003.

"I really felt like I needed to go to Indiana State to fill the final piece of

what I need to be a solid Division I head coach," Thompson said.

Thompson addressed the fear of inheriting a Panther program that is talented enough and capable of being uncharacteristically successful for a first-year coach.

"My belief is that my job is not to maintain the amount of success this program has achieved. We are going to advance it," Thompson said. "I want to enter the national tournament as a three seed or even a two, but winning in the NCAA starts in preseason, not after you win the OVC title."

Thompson explained what he sees his responsibility as being if offered the position.

"My first job is to evaluate (my players) as people, as a team and as soccer players," Thompson said.

"Versatility is huge with me because you are not a defender or a forward. You are a soccer player, and I'm going to ask them to do things you may never have done."

It's clear that no matter what happens in the selection process, Thompson will circle Sept. 16, when Indiana State travels to Charleston to take on the Panthers, on the 2005 schedule.

"Truthfully, this is a very attractive position because of how talented (these players) are," Thompson said. "Schools won't schedule Eastern Illinois right now because they are afraid of getting an embarrassing upset."

Eastern will interview the remaining two candidates, Kristie Braunston and Tim Nowak, Thursday and Friday, respectively.

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CONCERTS



Keller Williams, chillin' like a villain, as he lays down a bass line to loop over a drum beat Sunday night at the Canopy Club in Champaign.

FREAKIN' BY THE SPEAKER

One-man band of the modern age Keller Williams defies convention on his own

By Holly Henschen **VERGE EDITOR**

Songsmith Keller Williams pieced layers of music together into cadent compilations of sound for a sold-out crowd Sunday at the Canopy Club in Champaign.

Accompanied onstage by nine guitars, several keyboards, electronic drums, a Theremin and more, Williams did not face the crowd of college-aged jam band fans alone.

Most enjoy seeing performers reproduce their records onstage. Williams, however, is of the do-it-yourself breed and single-handedly constructs songs step-by-step while dancing around the stage barefoot between mixers,

pedals and processors. Combining eclectic elements of folk, bluegrass, techno, jazz and rock, he certainly has his hands full and seems to love every minute of it.

before shimmying over to a bass stand and laying down a line. After establishing the rhythm section, Williams throws in a few piano chords from the other side of the stage and jumps to the center behind an acoustic 12-string and starts singing.

Known for invoking familiar songs with interesting covers, Williams brought out a Led Zeppelin tune and then followed up with Bob Dylan. After making his way to a

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keyboard, he strung the two together, ending up with "and she's buying the sta-airway ... to watchtow-er."

Williams provided an ultimate one-man Sample song: Williams walks to stage left show as he went off on musical tangents and started a dancey, electronic drum loop throughout the three-hour concert. The crowd would exhaust from dancing before he tired of playing. In addition to a host of musical diversity, Williams added smooth vocals and harmonies, scatting and beatboxing.

> Juxtaposing saxophone accompaniment with dance beats, Williams kept the crowd enthralled with every move. He utilized bells, whistles and rhythmically beat red, green,

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Students delight over **Tarble** exhibit

By Joaquin Ochoa ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

The Tarble Art Center's walls are once again peppered with student art.

The All-Student Art Show was unveiled for the twohour award reception held March 6, which served primarily to honor students who exhibited and won the coveted yearly awards.

Art education professor Patricia Belleville said 83 student artists' works were on display for the yearly All-Student Art Show exhibit, which has been on display in Tarble since 1982.

Belleville, who was responsible for finding jurors for the show said the art show is unique. "It really doesn't reflect who the department thinks is best. For one, [students] have to choose to enter. The students have to choose to use it. It's really more like a national show that the students as artists would choose to enter."

Many students took that option, entering a total of 377 pieces the show-a record number, said Belleville. The art offered a wide array of media and talent; and included painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, metals, ceramics, fibers, graphic design, 2-D and 3-D design, computer animation, digital prints, and photography.

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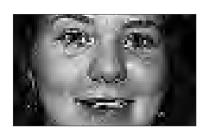
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EVERYTHING GREEN

THE DEFINING LIST OF WHAT IS, SHOULDN'T BE AND WHAT WE WISH WHERE GREEN. **COURTESY OF SAINT** PATRICK'S DAY

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OUOTE THIS Who is your favorite female historical figure?



KRYSTAL HERING SENIOR ENGLISH

"Sylvia Plath."



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"Patsy Klein."



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McDonalds The Chicago River (well, greener than normal)

Green beer, which means green mouths at eventually shirts and jeans

THINGS THEY SHOULD CON-SIDER MAKING GREEN

The **grass** on campus

the Life Science Building or Klehm Hall (partly because Klehm rhymes with phlegm)

FAMOUS GREENS

O'Brien Field astroturf Kermit the Frog

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GREEN TALK

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence

Green with envy The **wearing** of the green It's **not easy** being green

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ZOSO: Misty Mattoon Hop

The song remains the same for Led Zeppelin tribute band

BY GREG WALKER STAFF WRITER

After struggling with the music industry in a time when Limp Bizkit, Offspring and Korn were all that label heads wanted to hear, Matt Jernigan's manager-pitched the idea of forming a Led Zeppelin tribute band.

According to Jernigan, the manager already thought they sounded a lot like Zeppelin, so they may as well give it a chance. The band decided that if they were going to cover Zeppelin then they were going to "do it all the way." That is the goal of ZOSO, the ultimate Led Zeppelin experience.

"As far as tribute bands go by sight and sound, ZOSO are dead on," said Ryan Swaar, a senior graphic design major. Swaar, who works at the Time Theater in Mattoon where ZOSO are scheduled to play Thursday, said the band was highly recommended by the AC/DC tribute band Hells Bells, as well as Wild Side, a Motley Crue cover band.

What makes ZOSO such an experience according to Jernigan, is that Led Zeppelin is a band that "you can never see again" and the members of ZOSO do all of the songs "justice." At the time ZOSO started, most of the cover bands around were KISS bands, and nowadays there are a variety of cover bands from singers like Morrissey to Avril Lavigne. Jernigan doesn't think



that's right though. If you're going to be a tribute band, then that band better be at an "icon status."

ZOSO has been around for nine years and has about 46 Zeppelin songs at their disposal. The band even plays such Zeppelin classics as "Ramble On," which Jernigan says Zeppelin never played live. Other songs are too complicated for just four guys to play on stage and were meant to just stay in the studio.

The band is compromised of Jernigan as Robert Plant, Mike Morgan as Jimmy Page, Adam Sandlin as John Paul Johns and John Richards as John Bonham.







SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Dazed and confused, Robert Plant, aka Matt Jernigan (left) and his fellow ZOSO members are the tribute band recommended by tribute bands, our sources say.

What's unique about the band is the fact that none of them grew up together unlike most bands.

To go along with their "do it all the way" attitude, each band member dresses up as authentically as possible which is very important in the case of Plant and Page who had a particular style. When ZOSO is on stage, they try to stay in character as much as they can with all of the moves that Zeppelin is famous for.

In the beginning, the band mainly had live recordings, pictures and old footage to reference for their stage show. Jernigan added that they would fine-tune their

show in order to be as true to Zeppelin as possible. Another way the band makes sure they give their best is unlike the real Zeppelin, ZOSO does not drink before their show. It's not necessarily the rock 'n' roll lifestyle that Zeppelin endorsed, but it is one that keeps ZOSO's shows strong.

Jernigan hasn't had any crazy run-ins with obsessed fans, but they are always meeting avid fans who let the band know that what they do "means the world" to them.

Jernigan hasn't been able to meet Page or Plant yet but came very close a couple years ago. Jernigan attended the ABC Benefit which was being hosted by Page and during the benefit Jernigan said he was about "20 feet from Page." He was hoping to meet him later on, "but Page had to leave for some reason." Even though Jernigan plays the role of Plant in ZOSO, if he could meet anyone it would have to be Page because he is "the best, but meeting Plant wouldn't be too bad either."

When asked about how it feels to be in a cover band and play live, Jernigan said, "there is no money in the world to replace an audience. No, we did not write the songs, but we get appreciation."

Like Led Zeppelin back in their day, ZOSO is a "fan's band" that can have people in attendance who are either college kids or adults. Jernigan says anyone who sees ZOSO is going to get music that is "rock 'n' roll, raw, and in your face."

ZOSO is scheduled to play 9 p.m. at the Time Theater in Mattoon Thursday night with Autumn Zero opening. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 21-and-over show. For information call (217) 258-8880.

Student:

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"I think the faculty is encouraging the students to do it, I know I encourage the students to do it in my class," Belleville said. "If they want to be a working artist, they have to exhibit. This is a nice chance to start exhibiting their work or learn how to enter work in shows."

Students were honored with juried awards, which include merit awards and honorable mentions, but they are also recognized for their work by the art department. The Chairman Award, which is given to a senior who has demonstrated exceptional abilities as a visual artist is just one of these

Logan Hamilton, winner of the Chairman Award, said he was pleasantly surprised the award and added that the show is a big one for art majors.

The award ceremony was attended by a lot of students, said Hamilton, a senior

ALL-STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS AS CHOSEN BY THE ALL-STUDENT SHOW JURY PANEL. NOT INCLUDED ARE HONORABLE MENTIONS OR DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS. THE ALL-STUDENT ART SHOW IS RUNNING IN THE TARBLE ARTS CENTER THROUGH MARCH 26.

BEST OF SHOW: ADAM DUPUIS FOR "MOUNT BUSHMORE," A PAINTING.

HEYDUCK CERAMIC AWARD: LOGAN
HAMILTON FOR "MECHANICAL VESSEL."
KNOOP SCULPTURE AWARD: RYAN MCCLURE
FOR THE MIXED MEDIA INSTALLATION
"UNTITLED."

MERIT AWARDS, SELECTED BY MEDIA CATEGO-RY, WERE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING STU-DENT ARTISTS: CERAMICS—RYAN MCCLURE, "LANDSCAPE;" DESIGN—EMERALD ELKINS, "SERENDIPITOUS SEQUENCE;" DIGITAL ART—SCOTT AIGNER, "BLUEPRINT 1 VARIATION;" DRAWING—SAMANTHA TABLERIOU, "UNTITLED NUDE;' ELECTRONIC MEDIA—AARON GANCI, "IDEAS MATTER (BLACK ON WHITE);" FIBERS—MANDY WAY, "WOVEN EARTH;" GRAPHIC DESIGN—AARON SKIDIS, "DEFINITION OF SPIN;" JEWELRY/METALS—LOGAN HAMILTON, "YKK;" PAINTING—ADAM DUPUIS, "EMINENTIS MORBUS;" PRINTMAKING—NICOLE PONCE, "KOI STUDY;" AND SCULPTURE—DEREK CLEM, "FATHER AND SON."

art education major, who added, "It was a very nice show. There are a lot of talented students in the art department."

Belleville said, "It's really spectacular, we're just always amazed with what the

students are doing each year. And how wonderful it looks all hung up. I think our art students do a wonderful job."

The exhibit will be on display at Tarble Arts Center through March 26.

Freakin':

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yellow and blue plastic tubes of different pitches two at a time against his thighs for loops. As an added novelty, Williams produced the fascinatingly confusing illusion of flute sounds emanating from an electric guitar and blew into a microphone to produce trumpet noises.

The circus atmosphere continued when Williams became more of a part of the music and juggled for a good 15 seconds during an interlude in "The Juggler." All the while, the audience sang along to songs like a minor-key version Sublime's "What I Got" and the "Banana Boat Song" ("Daylight come and me wan' go home").

Between the second set and encore, Williams thanked the crowd for taking part in the last show of a 17-day, 15-show tour.

Following up with Phish's "My Sweet One," he then gave the audience an option between a "guitar thing, or a loopy thing." The loopy thing was the resounding choice and Williams rocketed into "Celebrate Your Youth." He ended the show by dancing around like a raver with red rolling lights in each hand.



Singer-songwriter serenades for sisterhood

Inspired by Indigo Girls, Champaign's folky plays JAC for WHAM

By NICOLE NICOLAS FEATURES REPORTER

Joni Laurence tore her wings off of barbed wire to fly into Jackson Avenue Coffee Friday night to sing folk music in honor of Women's History and Awareness Month.

"We thought that she was a female artist and that her songs are often about women's issues or empowerment or for that reason we thought she fit with WHAM," said Jad Smith, an English professor who organized the show.

Her newly released album is "Trashbag Birdie."

"I chose this song as an album title because it represented where I was in my musical development," Laurence said. "The song is about a trash bag on a fence line wanting to let go of the barbed wire and fly away like a bird.'

Recently she left her job at University of Illinois to pursue a musical career.

Before she sang Friday, Laurence told the audience of a time when she broke a string while playing "Trashbag Birdie" and kept playing with only five strings. The crowd enjoyed the light-hearted and fast-paced soulful song.

Laurence got the crowd involved in her



song, "Supportive" by having them echo what she sang.

"Try a little harmony," she said. "Supportive" is about trying to do the right things in a relationship, but missing the mark.

Mixing it up a bit, she sang, "Wal-Mart Blues." The song had the audience laughing because of the comical twist about how people spend money at Wal-Mart on things they don't need.

"My music ranges fairly broadly with elements of country, jazz, blues, rock and pop," Laurence said in an interview.

Through time women have progressively stepped into the music business. Laurence struggled in her 20s trying to make her way into the music world.

"If it were not for the Indigo Girls, I may

never have become a singer and songwriter," Laurence said. "I was totally inspired by their musical style, lyrics and message."

Some other female musicians that influence her music are Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Nanci Griffith, Catie Curtis and Susan Werner.

She sang a hilarious hard-hitting racing song, "Bowl of Raisin Bran," about how her life is like a bowl of cereal.

Turning to a softer comforting song, "Breathing," Laurence had the audience in awe when listening to her heavenly voice. She stood on small stage with a light green blouse and jeans, pouring out her true soul to the audience.

The song reflected on a time when the mother of a good friend passed away.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JONI LAURENCE

Joni Laurence (left), and her album (above) "Trashbag Birdie."

Laurence remembered discussing it with the friend and telling her, "your feelings will pass through you if you let them."

One of her closing songs, "I Have a Faith" brought the crowd down a notch. The peaceful and serene song comforted the hearts of the audience. It was a response to 9/11 and about her realizing she never stands alone.

Her faith and hard work has helped to improve her music.

"In the beginning, each of my songs had an 'emotional center' or message, but it may not have been clear because the song wasn't crafted as well as it could have been," Laurence said. "Songwriting is a real balance between emotion and structure."

Next stop for Laurence is Champaign on March 10 with Catie Curtis and Patty Larkin.

CD REVIEWS

Menomena revives music with 'Fun Blame Monster'

By GREG WALKER STAFF WRITER

Menomena are the freshest-offresh breaths in music that you could possibly ask for.

Menomena is a band that cannot possibly be defined, and there is nothing wrong with that at all. In Menomena's first release "I Am the Fun Blame Monster," they prove that it is possible to be an extremely complicated band, but also be as accessible as anything around.

To describe the sound of a band whose genre is considered to be unclassifiable is not easy. Much has been discussed of band member Brent Knopf's program Deeler that Menomena on this recording.

smaller ideas and either loop them or do whatever they feel like with them. It's complicated to understand and not the least bit necessary to worry about.

The sounds you will notice are definitely the very dominant echoing drums of Danny Seim and the haunting piano/keyboards of Knopf. Guitars and bass tend to take a backseat on some of the songs but definitely make their presence felt on the all-out album breakdown of "The Monkey's Back." Knopf's vocals are not the focus of the songs and most of the time they are indecipherable, the purpose is more along the lines of guiding the music along.

The music on "I Am the Fun Blame Monster" is the star of the



every which way while being produced by instruments that do not even exist. On the extremely accessible song, "The Late Great Libido," drums pounding in a beat that get your foot tapping Supposedly Deeler lets the band show. The sounds feel like they echo in and out and then on their this album like the ones in "E Is music nowadays, your prayers improvise more often and take are being thrown at you from re-introduction are accompanied

by, what sounds to be, a child's xylophone and a sax, not to mention the dreamy piano.

"E Is Stable" starts out with the looping of a lonely guitar screeching out only to be accompanied seconds later by another guitar and a bass and, again, within seconds are cut off by the pulsation of drums, piano and distorted vocals. Before you know it the drums disappear and the guitars slowly resonate back into the song only to be joined by more drums and sounds that are coming at you at a mile a minute. Once more the music drops and all that is left surviving is the lone piano closing the song off, and you couldn't have it any other way.

There are so many highlights on Stable." The menacing organ in have been answered.

"Strongest Man in the World," which goes back-and-forth with the soft piano and sincere sounding lyrics, are another treat. The head-boppingly good finale in "The Monkey's Back" where the angry guitars are let out of their cage for an explosion of sounds is a joy to experience.

Menomena is a rare band that is able to base songs off of improvisation and experimentation and produce results that are insanely catchy and melodic. Menomena does not need classification comparisons or because there really are none. Parts of songs may remind you of other artists but that is as much as you're going to get from Menomena. For those who say that there is nothing new in

Kasabian the next Oasis in sound and attitude

By Matt Poli STAFF WRITER

Kasabian has been tearing up the British charts for the past year and are getting ready to invade America with their trans-rhythmic beats and over-confident attitude.

With influences of legendary bands like Led Zeppelin and The Who, these four young chaps from Leicester, UK, are, without a doubt, the next big British band to take America since Oasis.

"It's about time a British band came to America and just took over," said singer Tom Meighan in an interview with Spin maga-

Meighan, Christopher Karloff, Sergio Pizzorno and Chris Edwards make up the rock sensation Kasabian.

They take an aggressive punk-electronica sound and combine it with hypnotic, melodramatic lyrics to give us their debut, self-titled album.

"Butcher Blues" is a perfect example of their laid-back, beat-bumping, ambient style.



And songs like "Processed Beats," "Cutt Off" and "Reason is Treason" display all the qualities of their styles amongst the rock 'n' roll style that manages to find its way into a few of their

One thing is for sure with these guys, I wouldn't want to run into them in a dark alley-

Kasabian is named after Linda Kasabian, a member of Charles Manson's "Family" whom drove the car to Roman Polanski's house where wife pregnant Sharon Tate and four

friends were brutally murdered on Aug. 8, 1969.

Kasabian is definitely a band with an agenda.

"F* the Americans. I'm sick of your f** three-minute. scuzzy garage rock shit," said Meighan in Spin.

Despite their attitude, I still give their debut album 3 stars. It's worth picking up and putting on at a party.

Kasabian is currently touring the United **States** will release their album March 8, on RCA Records.