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CITY | BUSINESS



WHO’S COMING TO CHARLESTON?

National coffee chain to be part of future commercial center at corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive

By **Stephen Di Benedetto**
Senior City Reporter

A national coffee chain will be the main store of a new commercial center on the northeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive.

The name of the coffee chain could not be identified because Coldwell Banker Commercial Devonshire Realty of Champaign, the realtor of the project, is trying to fill the final spot of the commercial center, said Matt Wavering, a commercial agent for Devonshire.

As of right now, the commercial center will also have

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE?

» **Which national chain do you want to see in Charleston?**

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a pizza chain and a hair salon, Wavering said.

The vacant spot has not received any offers, and Devonshire has not decided

when they will announce the names of the stores to the public, he said.

A separate realtor is also building a Walgreens around the same area of Lincoln Avenue.

“There are two things happening side by side,” said Bob Taylor, the Century 21 real estate broker who brokered the new Walgreens property. “There’s an upscale strip center that is going to be built on the corner itself and that’s by the Champaign realtor. Then right beside that, to the east, will be the new Walgreens store.”

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SIGMA ALPHA IOTA | CHARITY CONCERT

Two rock bands to aid New Orleans music scene

Honors fraternity will hold show tonight to benefit Habitat for Humanity’s Musicians’ Village

By **Beth Hackett**
Senior Activities Reporter

The floods resulting from Hurricane Katrina left the jazz music industry of New Orleans in bad shape.

Music is a big aspect in the lives of the Sigma Alpha Iota fraternity and they hope to help keep the music scene in The Big Easy alive.

“Jazz is a huge part of the culture and foundation of New Orleans,” said Betsy Seymour, president of SAI. “By raising money we are helping to bring that foundation back.”

A charity concert featuring Upon the Eighth Night and Bad With Names will benefit Musicians’ Village and Habitat for Humanity. The EIU Jazz Combo, directed by Paul Johnston, will also

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

» **Who:** Sigma Alpha Iota will bring in alternative rock bands Upon the Eighth Night and Bad With Names

» **What:** Charity benefit concert

» **When:** Tonight at 7

» **Where:** McAfee Gym

» **Why:** The concert will benefit Musicians’ Village and Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans

perform at the beginning of the concert. The concert will be at 7 tonight in the south auditorium at McAfee Gym.

Musicians’ Village raises money to help re-build New Orleans.

Adam Schneider, member of Upon the Eighth Night, said the event is important to musicians and people everywhere.

“We’re all into music and support the arts and think it’s really important to help these people,” he said. “Many New Orleans musicians have founded the only original American style of music, which is jazz.”

Seymour said this is a great chance to enjoy live performances and hang out with a diverse group of people.

She said sometimes charity is something people take for granted.

But this event is a good opportunity for everyone to enjoy the company of the community.

“We have wanted to hold this event for a long time, and we have worked very hard to get it going,” Seymour said.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES | OPEN SESSIONS

‘Big picture’ brings Hammersmith to EIU

Final presidential candidate, Oprah veteran to interview for position on campus today

By **Sarah Whitney**
Senior Reporter

Sue Kiefer Hammersmith never expected she would apply to be Eastern’s president five years ago.

During her 2002 interview for her current position as provost and vice chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Chancellor Bruce Shepard asked about her career aspirations.

She told him she was happy being provost. She felt she could do the job well and wasn’t interested in pursuing a higher position.

But as the years passed, her administrative and leadership skills grew.

Shepard watched her mature. When Hammersmith told him she was interested in applying for the position at Eastern, Shepard wished her luck but said he would miss her.

“I’m wishing her luck, but not too much luck,” he said with a laugh.

Hammersmith will be on campus today to interview with Eastern faculty, staff,

students and community members.

Eastern is the kind of institution Hammersmith wants to lead, she said.

She described Eastern as a solid university, complimenting its size, program mix and reputation of programs.

She describes herself as open, honest and hard working.

This fits with Shepard’s first impression of her “experienced and competent”

administrative work.

“She is a good people person,” he said.

Hammersmith assumed her current position at Green Bay in July 2002. One example Shepard gave of Hammersmith’s leadership ability is her work to improve campus diversity through The Equity Scorecard.

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Sue Kiefer Hammersmith

Respects paid to drowning victims

Search for the body of 8-year-old underway at Clinton Lake

The Associated Press

PEORIA- About 500 mourners said goodbye Thursday to three generations of a central Illinois family killed last week in a boating accident on Clinton Lake.

"With the natural eye, we see we've lost three generations. But with Holy Ghost eyeglasses, we see that three generations have made it to the Lord," the Rev. John Rayford told the packed church just blocks from downtown Peoria.

The bodies of Richard Hunter, 59, and Jason Hunter Sr., 29, both of Normal, were found last Thursday, a day after their fishing boat apparently ran out of gas during a rainstorm and was swept over a spillway. Authorities continued a week-long search Thursday for the body of 8-year-old Kalin Hunter, who was with his grandfather and uncle on the 17-foot aluminum boat.

Kalin's photo sat in front of the

KALIN WILLIAMS | L. GODEFATHER

"Every time you think about him, think about him like that. He always had a smile on his face."

pulpit during Thursday's nearly two-hour funeral, between his grandfather's and uncle's coffins.

Family and friends remembered Richard and Jason Hunter's love of fishing, which led the men to test a new boat last week on a warm, late winter day.

They also recalled Kalin's smile, which they said was always with him at home, in his classroom or as he practiced juggling for an upcoming circus at his school.

"Every time you think about him, think about him like that. He always had a smile on his face," said his godfather, Kalin Williams, for whom the boy was named.

Police believe the third-grader's body is tangled in debris at the base on the spillway. But searchers also continue to check the lake itself in case he fell out of the boat before it went over the spillway, along with a

stream below the spillway.

The other men's bodies were recovered from Salt Creek, below the 25-foot spillway. Autopsies showed the two men drowned and officials said alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Richard Hunter had bought the boat so that he and his son, a sailor, could go out fishing together, their family said.

Authorities say one of the men called 911 at 8:20 p.m. March 14 to report the boat was out of gas. It was raining and dark around that time, and authorities say the men might not have been able to see the spillway. The Illinois Department of Natural resources says the boat was at least the third to go over the spillway in 25 years, but the first to result in fatalities.

Clinton Lake is a 5,000-acre reservoir in central Illinois.

Quinn disagrees with Blagojevich

Lt. Governor says tax plan would hurt Illinois citizens

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD- Gov. Rod Blagojevich suffered a very public rejection from within his own administration Thursday as Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn disparaged the tax and health care plans that Blagojevich has made his top priority.

Calling a news conference at the state Capitol, Quinn said the governor's proposal for a new \$6 billion business tax would end up hitting "ordinary people" in the pocketbook.

He also said expanding health care and pumping new money into schools can be done over time and doesn't have to be accomplished immediately, as Blagojevich has proposed.

Quinn urged lawmakers to drop Blagojevich's plans and instead approve a new "Taxpayers Action Board" that would search the state tax code for loopholes that could be closed. He said ending unfair tax breaks could bring the state more than \$1.5 billion in new revenue.

Such a high-profile split between

PAT QUINN | LT. GOVERNOR

"I don't particularly enjoy disagreeing with the governor, (but) you have to follow your own conscience."

an Illinois governor and lieutenant governor is unusual.

Despite twice being elected as a team, Blagojevich and Quinn aren't particularly close political allies and have sometimes disagreed. But Quinn generally serves as a loyal soldier in the administration.

Quinn said his decision to reject Blagojevich's proposals was not personal.

"I don't particularly enjoy disagreeing with the governor," he said. "You have to follow your own conscience."

Blagojevich's office did not immediately respond to Quinn's comments.

Blagojevich has proposed a "gross receipts" tax would produce about \$6 billion. All businesses with more than \$1 million in annual revenues

would be taxed on most of their transactions.

The Democratic governor says the gross receipts tax would be simple and fair, creating little extra pain for consumers.

The money would go to schools and programs to make health insurance available to everyone in the state.

Quinn is not the only state official questioning Blagojevich's proposals.

Comptroller Dan Hynes and Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis, both Democrats, said Wednesday they have reservations.

Hynes said Blagojevich should be doing more to pay the state's overdue bills, and Giannoulis suggested the tax increase could force businesses to leave Illinois.

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UB’s full budget request rejected

AB cuts \$77,000 from overall budget, UB receives \$37,000 more than last year

By Zach Nugent
AB Reporter

The Apportionment Board picked apart the University Board’s budget during its meeting Thursday night. Members reviewed budget proposals from the Student Recreation Center, AB, Student Government and UB. Earlier this week, Dan Nadler, vice president of student affairs, approved \$535,000 for AB to distribute among the four groups. This amount is approximately \$77,000 less than what was

requested. There was little discussion about the first three proposals. AB members felt that the Student Recreation Center, AB and Student Government had asked for the bare minimum in their budgets. “I think there’s an overall sense of trying to save money,” said AB Member Eric Wilber, referring to the Student Government’s budget. While he applauded the Student Government, Wilber had much criticism about UB. He pointed out several mistakes in UB’s budget proposal, which when corrected, increased its budget by \$3,000. The most scrutinized part of the budget was the special events section, which included several Up All Nite events. Members voiced concern over an Up All Nite planned on

Homecoming weekend. “People plan ahead for Homecoming,” said AB member Melanie Taggart. “I don’t think an Up All Nite would be that successful.” Levi Bulgar, AB chair, reminded members that AB could not make a specific cut, such as removing an Up All Nite. The board gives each group a certain amount of money and members of that group then decide what to cut. AB members discussed taking the entire deficit out of UB. “Even if we cut all the money from them, they will still receive \$37,000 more than last year,” said AB member Drew McClarity. AB member Travis Bounds suggested giving UB even less money. “According to the bylaws, we

do not have to pass out the entire \$535,000,” Bounds said. After much discussion, AB voted to recommend giving the Student Recreation Center, AB, and the Student Government its full budget. The \$77,000 cut is coming out of UB’s proposed budget. This cut still leaves UB with \$37,000 more than last year. Next week AB will hear the final presentations from the four boards. In new business, AB approved the removal of Skyler King. King has not attended at least the last five consecutive board meetings. Bulgar said he did not want to “bash” King because there may be a good reason for King’s lack of attendance. The next meeting will be next Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Tuscola/Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

— Tearria Ruffin, Campus Reporter

CAMPUS | RHA



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Director of Housing and Dining, Mark Hudson, speaks to the Residence Hall Association about Ruckus, a website designed to allow Eastern students to listen to music for free, Thursday at the Residence Hall Association meeting.

Residents get eight HBO channels

Resident life movie channel and American Movie Classics still available to students

By Katey Mitchell
RHA Reporter

The Residence Hall Association had the final say on what the residential life movie channels will be for fall at Thursday night’s meeting. Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, announced to RHA that starting in the fall Eastern would be adding eight HBO channels to their cable selection. Hudson and the bond revenue committee met with a vendor and

have approval to add the movie channels. “There was not really a rush (on finalizing the channels), they will not go into effect until next school year,” Hudson said. “Only a few universities do have major movie channels, and if they do it is normally just one. We have eight.” Hudson was unsure of whether to add Starz and Encore movie channels along with HBO. He brought up the fact that many of the movies offered by the two networks are also offered by existing channels on the current cable arrangement, including the resident life movie channel and American Movie Classics. If Starz and Encore were added, the resident life movie channel would be dropped. With that information, Hudson asked RHA to vote on which movie

channel package they preferred. RHA voted unanimously to add HBO and keep the current campus movie channel. An additional channel and Web site will be added to keep students informed on what movies will play on the HBO channels. Also at the meeting, representatives for Emerging Leaders, a student organization through the orientation office, announced they are taking donations for a care package for a platoon they adopted stationed in Iraq. The organization includes freshmen and focuses on teaching them how to find ways to become better leaders. Brittany Kraft, a member of Emerging Leaders, said they chose to adopt a platoon this year because one group member had already been to Iraq and another’s boyfriend

was stationed there. Those members pitched the idea to the group and the others liked the plan. The members of Emerging Leaders asked for RHA members and Eastern students to donate movies, old and new newspapers and magazines and cash to help buy hygiene products and toys, like water guns, to help with their time over in the war. Members of Emerging Leaders will be in the quads Tuesday and Thursday to receive donations. Donations can also be dropped off in the Office of Orientation. RHA will be meeting in Thomas Hall for next week’s meeting, followed by the financial advisory board’s murder mystery dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Andrews Basement. Next week’s RHA meeting is Thursday at 5 p.m. in Thomas Hall.

IBHE-SAC at Elmhurst College this weekend
» Student Government members will be attending the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee at Elmhurst College this weekend. Delegates from public, private and community colleges meet to advise the Illinois Board of Higher Education on behalf of Illinois’ students. Student Senate overwhelmingly approved a \$698.28 allocation for travel expenses. The delegates will return on Sunday.
— Matt Hopf, Student Government Reporter

CUPB to determine committee size at meeting today
» The CUPB will be meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union today at 3 p.m. This meeting is expected to see the final determination of the size of the committee. Their recommendation would cut the committee down to 24 members from its current 37. This comes from reducing the number of representatives from almost every constituency. Only the library, vice president for academic affairs, president’s rep and minority representatives avoided a reduction. This is because they only have one representative on the committee. This will be their first meeting since Feb. 2. That meeting had been delayed from the original Jan. 19 release date. Their Feb. 23 meeting was canceled. There are only two more meetings scheduled for this semester- April 27 and May 11. The meetings are open to the public.
— Graham Milldrum, University Reporter

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GUEST COLUMN | THE DAILY VIDETTE

Disney’s new princess good for children

U-Wire

NORMAL – At this month’s news release in New Orleans, Disney announced its first ever black princess.

According to the Disney Web site, the movie, “The Frog Princess,” will be set in New Orleans where Maddy, the princess, will be living amid the charming elegance and grandeur of the fabled French Quarter.

Maddy will be added to the list of the other Disney princesses and also used at the theme parks and in consumer products.

Not only is this a first for the company, with a black princess as the main character, but they have also announced the return of the hand drawn animation rather than computer animated.

It’s nice that Disney is going back to its hand drawn style for this film. This way it’ll be easier to group this film with the older “original” movies.

And looking back on this film years from now, hopefully people will also consider it a classic.

This new movie idea was sparked when parents began putting pressure on the company to make a character that was not white like the majority of other princesses in the past, with the exceptions of Pocahontas and Jasmine.

It’s hard to say though if children know, or even care, about the color of the character’s skin. Most children are interested in the story line and not so much with what the characters look like.

Given the choice though, a young black girl could be more likely to choose a black doll over a white one at the Disney Store which she could more easily relate to because of the similar skin color.

While this push for a black princess came from mostly parents wanting equal time for the races in these movies, we too agree that it’s about time. We live in a world where diversity is a huge issue.

And because Disney has one of the biggest influences on kids today it is important that they have made this choice.

The company already has shows on television that feature black characters, such as “That’s So Raven,” and we are sure that most kids watching the show aren’t thinking, “She’s black.”

Even some of the cartoons they have produced feature black characters, so the release of the movie shouldn’t be such a big deal right?

One of the things that could spark further debate or questioning is the setting for this film. While other Disney classics have a broader setting and aren’t really clear, this one has a defined place for the action to happen.

We’re hoping that the issues of race are not one this princess will have to face in her movie and it will be interesting to see what kind of problems they give this young girl to overcome.

It’s just kind of strange to see this movie coming out so soon after all the events that have taken place in New Orleans in the past years.

Hopefully most families will enjoy this movie and see it as a classic story rather than a movie about the struggles of a black princess.

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Plan B not about beliefs

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Plan B is always available at Planned Parenthood clinics, but not every town has one.

Every woman deserves the chance to prevent an unintended pregnancy. Women should also be able to purchase emergency contraceptives without discrimination or delay.

Kroger requires all stores to stock the drug. However, it also allows pharmacists who oppose the drug to not sell it as long as they ask another employee to do so. Since the drug does not need a prescription, it does not need to be sold by a pharmacist.

This policy, if it were followed, should be the ideal for all pharmacies.

Critics of Plan B argue that it encourages promiscuity and unprotected sex. This seems unlikely, particularly because of the price. Most people do not want to pay \$20 to \$30 every time they have sex.

Plan B is more often used after a condom breaks, a situation most people will find themselves in at some point.

The morning-after pill is sometimes confused with RU-486, the abortion pill. However, it is actually completely different. Plan B is a high dose of the drug found in many regular contraception pills and has no effect on women who are already pregnant.

Illinois is better than most states when it comes to supplying emergency contraceptives. As of August, each of Illinois’ 2,700 pharmacies are required to post a sign informing customers that pharmacists are required to dispense prescriptions for emergency contraception. This follows a 2005 rule that requires pharmacies to dispense emergency contraception if they stock any FDA-approved contraceptive or risk losing their licenses. If any prescribed contraceptive is out of stock, pharmacies must provide an alternative, order the drug, make arrangements for another local pharmacy to fill the order, or return the prescription to the customer.

But for those people in other states, getting emergency contraceptives can still be a problem.

Right now, Target, Costco, SUPERVALU/Osco and Wal-Mart have no policy guaranteeing they will stock or dispense emergency contraception.

Until all pharmacies adopt a policy guaranteeing emergency contraceptives will be stocked and sold – and then enforce it – pharmacists will continue to force their personal beliefs on others and deny customers.

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID THILL



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FEATURED BLOGGER | EUGENIA JEFFERSON

“The biggest shock every week comes from Sanjaya. He doesn’t look surprised that he’s in the bottom three to be voted off, but is shocked each week that he’s not eliminated. I honestly feel sorry for him because he has become the laughing stock this season.”



» Hammersmith

FROM PAGE 1

“Ours is a region that is undergoing change,” Shepard said.

He explained that 34 percent of area students in the K-12 schools are minorities.

“We’re more of an urban university, and we need to reflect that diversity,” Shepard said.

The Equity Scorecard was a way to do this. Hammersmith described it as a way to analyze minority student experiences to that of majority students.

It’s organized through a system of 13 other college campuses.

However, the program advanced so quickly under Hammersmith’s leadership that Green Bay left the system, Shepard said, to pursue more advanced goals.

The scorecard helped Green Bay significantly increase its minority enrollment in one year, Hammersmith said.

It found that minority students were more likely to not complete the university’s application compared to majority students. However, if they did complete the application they were accepted on par with majority students, Hammersmith said.

“We were (then) able to focus our attention on just following up with them,” she said. “And as a result, on one year’s time we significantly increased the number of minority students that came in as freshmen. And at the same time, we increased the academic credentials of our freshman class.”

Hammersmith also implemented and garnered campus support for a program called the Comprehensive Academic Program Review.

She described it as a combination of student assessment, alumni reports and objective data.

“She really has gained the respect of the faculty which makes her an effective leader,” Shepard said. “That’s something that has to be earned.”

The program is a form of assessment Hammersmith developed, Shepard said.

HAMMERSMITH’S ON-CAMPUS SCHEDULE

- » **7:30 a.m.:** Breakfast with President Lou Hencken
- » **8:30 a.m.:** Deans, directors and chairs
- » **9:30 a.m.:** Faculty open session*
- » **10:30 a.m.:** Staff open session*
- » **11:30 a.m.:** President’s direct reports meeting
- » **12:30 p.m.:** Lunch with vice presidents
- » **2 p.m.:** Student open session*
- » **3 p.m.:** Faculty open session*
- » **4 p.m.:** Campus, community open session*
- » **5 p.m.:** Meeting with search committee

** - All open sessions will be held in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The sessions are open to everyone and are not restricted to specific groups identified.*

For coverage of the campus and community open session, go to www.dennews.com

“That was a taskforce that I formed about a year ago,” Hammersmith said. “And they reviewed and evaluated all of our academic programs and made a number of recommendations that will be very important for our planning and resource allocations over the coming years.”

Hammersmith started her career as a sociology faculty member at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis in 1976. During her time there, she also served as the assistant dean of the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts.

She has a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and her master’s degree and doctorate in sociology, all from Indiana University.

The three most interesting books she’s read recently are “Freakanomics,” “The World is Flat” and “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down.” The former is about Hmong immigration to American and their medical conflicts with

SUE HAMMERSMITH | PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

“Working as provost (at Wisconsin-Green Bay), I got to see a broader picture of the university and its importance with the whole region and state.”

Westernized medicine.

“That was of interest to me because in Green Bay we have a huge Hmong population,” she said.

Hammersmith, outside of her administrative career, is most proud of her groundbreaking research conducted while at Alfred C. Kinsey Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University.

“Basically what we helped to establish is that it’s not a pathology and that it’s not a choice, that different people are just different,” she said. “It’s like being left-handed.”

Because of it, she appeared on “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” “Good Morning America” and “The Today Show.”

She described Oprah as, “cool, unbelievably cool.”

Even though that was 20 years ago, before Oprah was popular, you could tell that something there was special, Hammersmith said.

Before Green Bay, Hammersmith served as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1987 to 2002 at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

Five years ago, Hammersmith was interviewing for her position at Green Bay.

“Working as provost, I got to see a broader picture of the university and its importance with the whole region and state,” she said.

This is what inspired her to pursue the application process to be Eastern’s 10th president, she said.

“I’m very much looking forward to meeting the faculty and staff at Eastern,” she said.

» Concert

FROM PAGE 1

Lindsey Herza, SAI social committee member, said her fraternity is involved in this event because they enjoy being active in the community and donating to the cause is important in keeping jazz alive.

“Jazz is so important to the EIU music department and it was born in New Orleans,” Herza said. “We don’t want (jazz) to die because of the disaster; we want to keep it alive.”

This benefit is a great way to show that, although we are college

students in Illinois, we can give back to New Orleans, and give back in a big way, Seymour said.

“Music is near and dear to our hearts and touches everyone on some level,” she said.

Herza said it will be a night of good music, but the primary reason for raising the money is to show their admiration and appreciation for jazz and where it came from.

She said she has heard the bands perform and they are both talented and get immersed into their performances.

“It is obvious that they truly like what they are doing,” Herza said.

Schneider said he hopes there is a good turnout to help those

affected by Hurricane Katrina.

“New Orleans needs our support, so listening to good music and watching talented musicians is an appropriate way to show that support,” Schneider said.

Tables will be set up at the concert with more information about the Musicians’ Village Program.

All donations will go directly into the Musicians’ Village fund.

For more information about the event and where to make donations, e-mail Herza at lkherza@eiu.edu.

Admission is \$3 at the door and there will be tables set up for those who wish to contribute more.

» Coffee

FROM PAGE 1

The 5m Investment Group of Orland Park will be in charge of the Walgreen’s property, who finalized the real estate transactions March 9.

This means that 5m now owns the properties of Gateway Liquors, the Varsity Inn Motel and the Medical Building, Taylor said.

The vacant Long John Silver’s building was demolished on Saturday, March 17 to make room for the new the Walgreens.

Gateway Liquors plans to move their store from their current

location to the Long John Silver’s property sometime in the summer, Taylor said.

The Varsity Inn Motel is closed and the tenants of the Medical Building are in the process of moving out. Taylor said once the tenants move out of the Medical Building, then those properties will be demolished.

He said both realtors anticipate construction to start in May.

“I think it will have a positive impact because sales tax will go up because there will be increased sales from the Walgreens store,” Taylor said. “With the upscale strip center, new stores will be coming in and that is also a plus.”

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» Ranking

FROM PAGE 12

“That’ll be a heck of a challenge,” Bragga said. “I don’t think (playing SEC teams) hurts us, as long as we’re able to pull out some victories.”

Bragga said that conference has changed in addition to scheduling tougher teams.

“I think the caliber of players has gotten better,” Bragga said.

He also said there is much parity from top to bottom.

Eastern Illinois is the one of the few OVC schools that has not, nor will play an SEC school this year.

Eastern is 7-40 against SEC schools during head coach Jim Schmitz’s 13-year career at Eastern. Five of those wins are against South

Carolina.

The OVC, this season is 4-21 against ranked SEC teams.

Two of Eastern’s wins have come against ranked opponents.

“I think it’s just a coincidence,” said Eastern Illinois head coach Jim Schmitz. “I don’t make a big deal of it.”

The Panthers defeated then-No. 25 Evansville and then-No. 30

College of Charleston.

“It’s a huge confidence boost,” Eastern senior pitcher Brandon Murphy said about defeating the ranked teams. “It shows that we can beat ranked teams. It speaks volumes about our programs. We’re a legitimate ball club. It gives us credibility.”

In the Panthers’ win against the College of Charleston Murphy

pitched seven innings, and gave up 10 hits, but only allowed two runs.

“I didn’t even know they were ranked,” Murphy said. “I didn’t think about anything else. I kept the ball down in the zone.”

Schmitz said Eastern must play good baseball if the Panthers are to win – ranked or not.

“We’ve got to finish,” Schmitz said.

» Bynum

FROM PAGE 12

“A lot of people bail because it looks like it’s going to hit you and it breaks right over the plate,” Short said. “And then she can throw the same pitch on the outside.”

Bynum uses the inside curveball against right-handed hitters and the outside curveball to left-handed hitters.

Bynum’s numbers this year have actually dipped compared to years past. If the season ended today, Bynum’s 1.75 ERA would be her highest in her four seasons at Tech.

But Bynum also contributes at the plate. She is hitting .311, fourth

MOREHEAD STATE (10-14, 1-4) » Top Hitter: INF Brandy Bucher (.347 average, 0 home runs, 14 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Jr. Kari Quinn (1-6 record, 2.97 ERA, 65 strikeouts)

on the team, and has 4 home runs and 31 RBIs this season.

“I think Bynum is just as good as she was last year,” said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette, who is 0-7 against Tech as Eastern’s head coach, with Bynum winning five of those games. “But I think now she has the offense, in her own swing, as well as one through nine. They have offense to back her up like crazy.”

The Golden Eagles’ offense is

SAMFORD (14-11, 1-2) » Top Hitter: OF Shelley Stanley (.316 average, 7 home runs, 18 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Soph. Stephanie Royall, (8-6 record, 2.24 ERA, 90 strikeouts)
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led this year by junior shortstop Beth Boden (.405 average, 13 home runs, 37 RBIs) and junior catcher Stephanie Fisher (.355 average, 6 home runs, 20 RBIs).

Combine this potent offense, which hits .285 as a team and has 44 home runs and 197 RBIs through its first 37 games (Tech’s opponents are batting .230, with 17 home runs and 91 RBIs), with a difficult non-conference schedule that Acheson said he planned (Tech has already beaten Indiana, Mississippi State, Florida State and Nebraska) and it’s clear why the Golden Eagles are the OVC favorite.

But the majority of the success

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (7-12, 2-1) » Top Hitter: INF Stacia Dopudja (.328 average, 4 home runs, 16 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Jr. Elaine Fischer (5-9 record, 3.21 ERA, 63 strikeouts)

Tech has had during Bynum’s career can be traced directly to her.

“She’s definitely the toughest (pitcher) to hit that I’ve seen,” Schuette said. “She’s frustrating to hitters and to coaches because you wonder why you’re not hitting her, wondering why you’re not putting the ball in play.”

But opposing coaches, like Schuette, won’t have to worry too much longer about Bynum’s continued dominance.

The thought of Bynum not pitching next year brought a slight grin to Schuette’s face.

“She’s earned her keep in the OVC, but we’re ready for someone else,” she said.

TENNESSEE STATE (20-11, 1-4) » Top Hitter: P Candace Hildebran (.338 average, 0 home runs, 16 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Jr. Amanda Vaught (9-4 record, 1.04 ERA, 151 strikeouts)
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TENNESSEE TECH (37-10, 5-0) » Top Hitter: SS Beth Boden (.405 average, 13 home runs, 37 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Sr. Bonnie Bynum (17-6 record, 1.76 ERA, 189 strikeouts)
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TENNESSEE MARTIN (13-16, 1-2) » Top Hitter: OF Ashley Benbow (.342 average, 1 home run, 16 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Soph. Kara Harper (5-3 record, 2.31 ERA, 35 strikeouts)
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» Schmitz

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Schmitz said the goal is to win two of the three games every series in OVC play.

“If we win two of three,” Schmitz said, “then we have 18 wins right there. We only have one goal this season, and that is to win this thing. If we focus on the quality of play, everything else will take care of itself.”

Schmitz said the non-conference games this season have helped his team out. Several freshmen have contributed early, and they know they can do well when called upon in conference games, Schmitz said.

Two of those freshmen are Eastern pitchers.

Lefty Tyler Kehrler leads Eastern pitchers with a 2-0 record and 3.20 ERA, and Richie Derbak, a second basemen and pitcher, is 1-1 with two saves and a 2.57 ERA. He is also hitting .308 with eight runs batted in.

Veterans have also contributed for the Panthers. Senior first baseman Erik Huber leads the Panthers with a .371 average, 4 home runs and 16 RBIs.

Huber said he is excited to start OVC play at home this weekend after opening the year with 14 straight away games.

He said the intensity goes up once conference play starts.

“Every team, whether in 3rd place or 7th place, comes out and plays on weekends,” Huber said.

Senior outfielder Mark



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Head coach Jim Schmitz is looking for his 500th win when Eastern hosts Tennessee Tech this weekend.

Chagnon said he hopes Eastern can reverse the trend of opening OVC play with Tennessee Tech and struggling.

Last season, the Panthers lost two of their three games against Tech in Eastern's OVC opening series.

He said spring break was good preparation for conference play because you get extra at-bats in a short amount of time.

Tech relies on veterans in its starting lineup with four seniors and four juniors getting the majority of the starts.

Junior infielder Tom Nelson leads the Golden Eagles with a .394 average, and senior outfielder Josh Goodwin leads the team with 3 home runs along with a .385 average.

Junior right-hander Jake Edwards leads all Tech pitchers with a 3-1 record and a 2.70 ERA.

Women's soccer hosts alumni game

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Women's soccer assistant coach Beth Liesen, '03, said the game is sort of a win-win situation for her.

“While it isn't really about winning, I would like to see the current girls do well and I am also really excited to play with some old teammates,” Liesen said.

Alumni dating back from when the program started in 1995 will be competing at

1 p.m. Saturday at Lakeside Field said head coach Tim Nowak.

A shortened game will occur between alumni and the current Panther team. Another shortened game will follow between the alumni of even and odd graduation years, Nowak said.

Track heads to Carbondale
Outdoor track and field teams will head to Carbondale for their first competition of the outdoor

season on Saturday.

Head coach Tom Akers said he hasn't seen any conference teams that will be present on Saturday but that doesn't matter.

“It is really immaterial at this point in the season,” Akers said.

Women's Golf goes to Southern Illinois

The women's golf team will also be heading to Carbondale Saturday and Sunday for their third tournament of the

spring season.

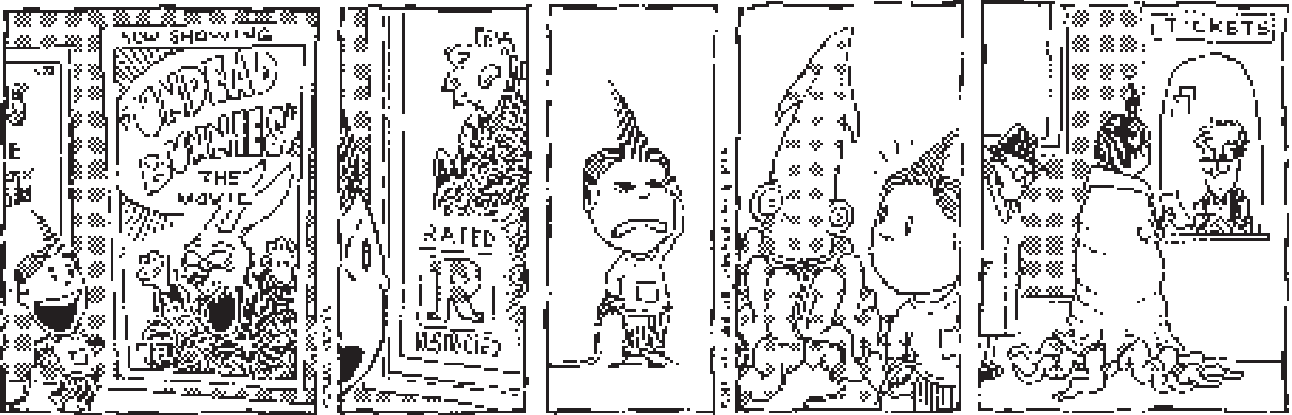
With the first two tournaments being held in Mexico and Florida, the Panthers are going to have to account for the weather this weekend in southern Illinois, head coach Mike Moncel said.

“Historically we have had bad weather there, but the forecast for Saturday looks ok,” Moncel said. “Everyone plays on the same course so the scores may be a little higher but we all have to deal with that.”

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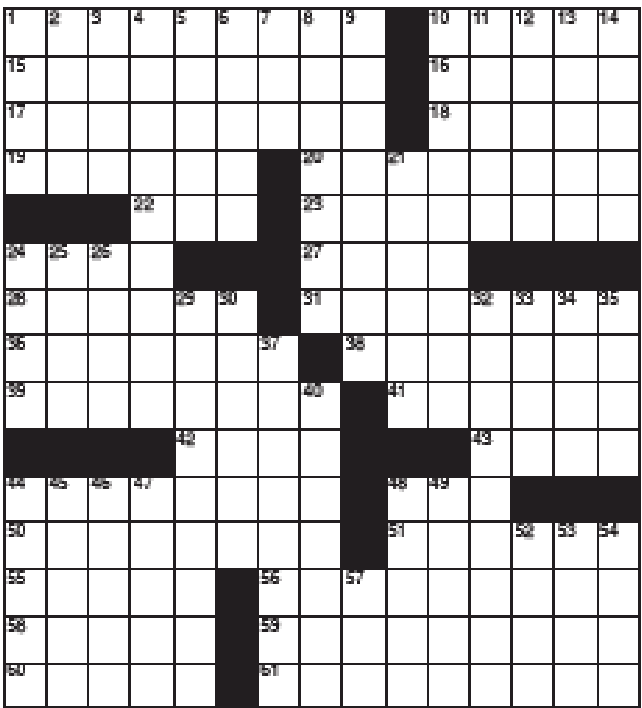
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- 1 Steps up
- 10 Treasured instrument
- 15 Strike out
- 18 Goes down
- 17 Police head frequently on "The Benny Hill Show"
- 16 Part of a chronicle
- 19 Frustrate
- 20 1980's political slogan
- 22 A, B or C, often Alike
- 23 Part of a telephone system's routine
- 24 Baseball's Mopac
- 27 Hunter of Boobies
- 28 Part of CORE
- 31 Makes off
- 38 Doesn't pull idly
- 39 Subject of the biography "All or Nothing at All"
- 38 Develops muscles
- 41 Spurs
- 42 Politician Roman
- 43 ___ the Great (collective of kids' books)
- 44 One end of a canal
- 46 Chemical ending
- 50 Frequent cause of auto damage
- 51 Symbols
- 55 Lord's realm
- 58 Boring employee
- 59 The earned the such ___ boy
- 60 Chance
- 61 When to see in lens
- 61 Volantes
- DOWN
- 1 Country where Joe and others
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- 3 Forming clumps
- 4 Parts of some services
- 5 Admit
- 8 "I understand now"
- 7 Set ___
- 8 Like spare
- 8 Misses topics
- 10 Realization
- 11 "Un bar aux Folles-Bergues" title
- 12 "Mayer" musical
- 13 Double woods
- 14 Out on a map, maybe
- 21 How a snake may be caught?
- 24 Before being without Alike
- 25 War preacher
- 28 Fla symptom
- 28 Bower of catkins



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- 50 Archery: Subleal
- 48 A bad way to be left
- 46 ___ insect
- 52 Make attractive
- 44 "The Rights ___"
- 48 Like some clocks
- 53 Words with cheese or boy
- 45 Heavens: Profit
- 52 Bird
- 54 Order at a horse show
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CHRIS VACULIK

Senior closer looks to remain consistent

Baseball reliever Chris Vaculik has a big head, and has been called such names as ‘the Superdome’ by his teammates for it.

But his head size hardly mirrors his ego. The Eastern senior and Cubs fan spoke with Online Interactive Editor Kevin Kenealy of his struggles with his control as he lost his closer role to freshman Richie Derbak, but maintains a positive outlook that things will improve as conference approaches.

The Ohio Valley Conference season starts this weekend for the Panthers when they host Tennessee Tech. And despite his recent on-field struggles, he was all smiles about being at Eastern and loving being able to play on a team that he has virtually grown up with.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO EASTERN?
I think at one point there were five of us that were on the same team that played together in high school. Now it’s just me, Mark (Chagnon) and Mike (Budde). So that was pretty much the main selling point for me.

HOW DO YOU GUYS CLICK ON AND OFF THE FIELD?
Not only are we good friends on the team, but a lot of us all live together. My freshman class, there was probably about 15 of us that came in together. Huber at first, he was part of my class; Varrassi at short, part of my class. Campbell and Cobb, Mark. Those guys have all been there and we all know each other like the back of my hand. We all get along together. There’s no real egos. I’d do anything for those guys.

HOW HAS YOUR SEASON GONE



Senior pitcher Chris Vaculik is the Panthers all-time leader in saves. His role model is former Chicago Cubs player Ron Santo because their lives revolve around baseball and living with diabetes.

“Those guys have all been there and we all know each other like the back of my hand. We all get along together. There’s no real egos. I’d do anything for those guys.”

DOWN A LITTLE?
I know that my performance doesn’t merit me even dressing. If I was a freshman and I was doing this bad, I wouldn’t be going anywhere but I know that I’ve had bad stretches before. But I know I have the ability to get people out. I’ve just had to work out some stuff mechanically and throw more strikes and once conference comes, I’ll be fine because it’s a whole different ballgame then.

HOW ARE YOU IMPROVING YOUR GAME THIS SEASON?
Well, we watch a lot of video of what we do so usually when we throw a side session and they’ll have it on tape so if we’re doing something mechanically we can go and watch it and work on it in practice.

I mean the last game that I threw, I got the loss, but I made some good pitches.

WHAT’S IT LIKE BEING A CLOSER?
Well you have to kind of pay more attention during the game and you got to watch kind of what the other people are doing so when you go in there you can know kind of what they’ve done and what they’re trying to do.

You just have to be watching the game, like always.

WHAT’S ARE YOU PRE-GAME WARMUPS?
Yeah, it’s usually a light toss, just to see how the arm feels that day to let the coach know maybe it’s not a good idea I throw today.

It’s just a light toss and then get ready, get geared up during the game.

HOW DO YOU GUYS PLAN TO TURN IT AROUND?
It’s not so much of a rocky start. A lot of these teams if you look at these records, they’ve played maybe like 10 more games than us. And we’ve played two top 30 teams all ready with Evansville and the College of Charleston.

Earlier on in our career when we would play a team in the top 20 we would just get smoked, but now we can prove that we’re able to play with them.

Sometimes I just want to say that we just play down to our talent level, but when we play against those teams it just seems that we focus more.

We’re fine right now and there’s so many seniors on our team right now that once conference comes, we know how to focus, we know what’s expected.

These games right now are to figure out lineups, rotations.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING BASEBALL?
I don’t know. I’ve been playing a real long time. My dad’s been pushing me since a real young, young age. He quit after his freshman year of high school baseball. I think he only got to play one-half inning, so I think he kind of lived out the dream in me. Growing up, I can remember the times me and Ryan and Mark would play baseball at the park from noon till like six and go figure, we’re all on the same teams.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE SEASON?
Most recently probably would be the Belmont game where I just had bad control problems and I just gave up a walk-off grand slam and that was absolutely the lowest point in baseball. In terms of the best one, when I started a game last year against Bradley I pitched like eight and two-thirds and I was just lights out the whole game. Then there was a game my sophomore year against Tennessee-Martin where I ended up being pitcher of the week after.

WHAT ARE THE ROAD TRIPS LIKE?
We do a lot of movies and a lot of card games usually. And sleeping

quickhits

CHRIS VACULIK

On his favorite baseball movies..

»It’s got to be “Major League” or “Field of Dreams.” I mean “Field of Dreams” is kind of like that dad-son connection in that movie. And “Major League,” you’ve been a baseball player for so long, you can almost recite that whole movie.

On starting or relieving...
»I like relieving. Growing up, I always played the field, so I got that mentality of playing every single day and so when I came to college to be solely a pitcher I kind of kept that with me. Me personally, it just keeps me in focus of watching the games, so I enjoy relieving more.

On balancing school and baseball...
»What I’ve always done is I schedule my harder classes in the fall because coach is usually a little more understanding with school and stuff in the fall. I load up in the fall with harder stuff and I’m not saying any classes are easier here, but I try to load up with easier ones in the spring.

You just have to communicate with teachers and be aware of deadlines quickly.

on the floor. It’s good times.

WHAT ARE THE PLANS AFTER SENIOR YEAR?
I’ve kind of wanted to go into something with sports marketing and I’m going to get a degree in sports management.



Eastern women's soccer will welcome back some of its past this weekend with its alumni game scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Lakeside Field.

Second-year head coach Tim Nowak (above) has carried on the winning tradition set by his predecessor Steve Ballard, for the Panther soccer program.

Four straight trips to the NCAA College Cup (2001-04) highlight the program's 12-year history.

Here are three players who helped establish and carry on the tradition of Eastern women's soccer.

- 1. Beth Liesen, 2000-03** – Nowak's current assistant also is the program's greatest offensive threat. The former Panther forward holds not only the Eastern record for career goals (62) and career points (149), but both of those are also Ohio Valley Conference records. She capped her senior year off by winning the OVC Player of the Year and leading the Panthers to an NCAA College Cup game against Missouri.
- 2. Tiffany Groene, 2002-05** – Groene did the opposite of Liesen, preventing teams from scoring. And she did pretty well at that. The Rockford native is Eastern's all-time leader in shutouts (22.7) and is also the conference's career leader. She also holds the Panther record for most minutes in goal (5,551) and made three trips to the College Cup in her career.
- 3. Beth Aussin, 1995-98** – A deft finisher and scorer, Aussin still holds the program's all-time record for assists (44). During Aussin's four years here, she helped the Panthers to a combined 48-29-2 record.

—Matt Daniels

BASEBALL | COACHING RECORD

Schmitz on track for 500th win

By Scott Richey
Online News Editor

Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz could win his 500th career game this weekend against Tennessee Tech.

Schmitz, the winningest coach in Eastern's history (335-321 in 13 years), won No. 499 when the Panthers beat Chicago State on Wednesday.

Schmitz said it has been great to be able to do what he's wanted to do for so many years.

"I love college baseball," said Schmitz, who was the head coach at Wilmington College, a Division III school in Ohio, from 1984-86, and at Cincinnati from 1987-90. "You learn about young men and what they can do. There have been a lot of fun wins along the way and a lot of losses."

Schmitz played down the possibility of his 500th victory and said this weekend's three-game series against Tennessee Tech takes precedent.

The Panthers (5-10) begin Ohio Valley Conference play against the Golden Eagles (13-7), with a doubleheader at noon on Saturday, with the series finale at noon on Sunday.

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2007 Ohio Valley Conference Softball Preview

Continuing her dominance

Tech senior pitcher has Golden Eagles flying high again this year

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

The good news for other Ohio Valley Conference softball teams is Tennessee Tech pitcher Bonnie Bynum graduates after the season.

The bad news for Bynum's opponents is she still has 28 regular season games left to confuse and befuddle opposing hitters.

Which is something the Fayetteville, Ga., native has done during her successful career at Tech.

The 5-foot-8 right-hander holds the record for career wins at Tech (86), career strikeouts (867) and innings pitched (858). And she broke all of those records before entering her senior season.

Now, Bynum (17-6, with 189 strikeouts and a 1.75 ERA this year) and Tech (27 -10, 5-0 OVC) are trying to secure its fourth NCAA Tournament berth in the program's last five years.

Much of the credit can be pinpointed to the pitcher Tech head coach Tory Acheson, in his ninth year at Tech, calls "the finest pitcher I've coached in my career."

"She isn't the intimidating flamethrower you'd expect," he said. "She can throw any of her pitches in almost any situation so it is difficult for the opposition to anticipate anything specific."

Eastern senior catcher Sandyn Short said Bynum dictates what the hitters see.

"With Bonnie Bynum, she kind of has her main, go-to pitches,"



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Tennessee Tech pitcher Bonnie Bynum has taken the Golden Eagles to new heights in the Ohio Valley Conference. She is TTU's career strikeouts leader and looks to take the program back to the NCAA for the fourth time in five years.

Short said, "So instead of doing what you would do with a weaker pitcher looking for your pitch, you have to plan to her pitch because that's the one you're going to see."

Her main go-to pitch is an inside

or outside curveball, a pitch that appears to come straight at a hitter.

Eastern sophomore pitcher Kathleen Jacoby said throwing an inside curveball requires the pitcher to step farther out with their lead

foot (in Bynum's case, this would be her left foot) and aim at the hitter's backside.

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AUSTIN PEAY (13-10, 2-1) » Top Hitter: P/INF Natasha Anderson (.352 average, 3 home runs, 15 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Sr. Natasha Anderson (8-5 record, 1.51 ERA, 130 strikeouts)	EASTERN ILLINOIS (9-13, 0-3) » Top Hitter: C Sandyn Short, (.288 average, 4 home runs, 16 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Junior Karyn Mackie, (4-4 record, 1.95 ERA, 30 strikeouts)	EASTERN KENTUCKY (11-14, 4-1) » Top Hitter: 3B Shyenne Hussey (.453 average, 6 home runs, 22 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Sr. Kelsey Anderson (7-7 record, 2.99 ERA, 91 strikeouts)	JACKSONVILLE STATE (13-9, 2-1) » Top Hitter: OF Daniela Pappano (.414 average, 5 home runs, 26 RBIs) » Top Pitcher: Karla Pittman (7-6 record, 0.60 ERA, 72 strikeouts)
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2007 Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Preview

Tough non-conference competition

OVC schools take on ranked opponents to get ready for conference play

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The majority of the Ohio Valley Conference baseball teams have played a number of nationally ranked teams this non-conference season in order to prepare for OVC play, which starts this weekend.

And the majority has

come against schools from the Southeastern Conference.

Austin Peay has played Vanderbilt (No. 1 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association March 19 poll) and No. 17 Mississippi, and is set to host Vanderbilt again and another SEC foe, Mississippi State.

Despite losing once to Vanderbilt and twice to Mississippi, the Governors (12-6) have posted the best non-conference start of all OVC schools.

"It's tough competition," said Austin Peay head coach Gary

McClure.

Vanderbilt defeated Austin Peay, 8-0.

"They have superior pitching," McClure said. "(Commodore head coach Tim Robin) gets the most out of his players. They play every single out as if it were their last."

The Golden Eagles are one of the few teams to knock off a ranked opponent. They also have scheduled a number of SEC opponents.

Tennessee Tech was swept in a three-game series by then No. 15 Kentucky.

"They did what a good team

does," said TTU head coach Matt Bragga.

Bragga said those teams that finish games like Kentucky does, make them a good team.

The Golden Eagles (13-7) lone win against a ranked team came against No. 24 Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"We've played SEC teams and have had success," Bragga said.

The Golden Eagles will still have to play Tennessee and No. 1 Vanderbilt.

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Music creates ‘Enchanted’ play

Sullivan theater presents second round of ‘Some Enchanted Evening’ performances this weekend

By Kristina Peters
Associate Verge Editor

“Some Enchanted Evening” takes 46 melodies from classic musicals and combines them all into one modern-day musical.

Songs like “My Favorite Things,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” and “The Sound of Music” were taken out of their original settings and given a modern twist in The Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan’s latest production.

“(The songs) flow together very nicely,” said John Stephens, marketing director for the Little Theatre.

All of the songs were

from the musicals “The Sound of Music,” “Oklahoma,” “The King and I,” “Carousel,” “South Pacific” and “State Fair.”

“This is highlighting the best shows of our generation, the 20th Century,” Stephens said.

The production is being shown at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. today, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

By taking the songs out of their original context, Stephens said there might be another meaning to the lyrics that has never been realized.

Five performers sing and dance for about two hours in the musical from Springer Theatricals that has toured all around the United States.

Springer Theatricals brought “A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline” to the Little Theater in February 2006 and it was well received.

“The Patsy Cline tribute sold very well for us,” Stephens said.

“Some Enchanted Evening” is also selling well for the Little Theatre. The 2 p.m. showing last Friday of the musical was nearly packed with an audience eager to hear their favorite songs.

Longtime friends Virginia Darnell, 73, of Sullivan, and Nancy Laird, 67, of Forsyth, were pleased with the show, but it was not exactly what they expected.

They both said they were expecting the songs to be collaborated more to tell a story. What impressed the two of them, though, was the pianist who played all the songs.

“He keeps the show going,” Laird said.

Darnell, who is a pianist herself, was amazed by the talent of the pianist and gave him a thumbs-up.

She said she knows what kind of work it takes to perfect songs and was

‘SOME ENCHANTED EVENING’

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impressed to see him play the songs straight through.

Both Laird and Darnell were also pleased with the singing and acting talent of the five performers.

Although there was no dialogue, the performers brought comedy to the set through the use of props, facial expressions and actions.

They had excellent voices, Laird said.

Adam Clough, who has previously played characters like Gaston in “Beauty and the Beast” and Kenickie in “Grease,” had a deep voice and hit all the low notes.

Tala Al-Khudhairi, on the other hand, could hit the high notes with ease. Al-Khudhairi has previously played characters like Dorothy in “Oz the Chronicles” and Tzeitel in “Fiddler on the Roof.”

The props were minimal, but with a mannequin, stilts and a table and chairs, the performers were able to create a scene.

In the second act, the song “Kansas City” is performed while some of the actors juggled, performed magic tricks and appeared on stilts. The audience laughed as they watched the comedic scene.

Everything was done with the use of the props to make it comical, Darnell said.

Some audience members were even heard singing along to the lyrics.

Stephens said that college students would enjoy the performances especially if they have an interest in theater.

“It’s a great evening to get off campus,” he said.

People came from all over to see the musical. Many buses filled with people arrived at the theater and one bus was from Caseyville, which is about two and a half hours away from Sullivan.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the box office at 217-728-7375 or by visiting the theater. They can be purchased up to the day of the performances if they are still available.



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Adam Clough (left) and Tala Al-Khudhairi (right) are two of the five actors who sing 46 melodies in Sullivan’s Little Theatre on the Square’s latest production “Some Enchanted Evening.” The songs are taken from classic musicals of the 20th century.

Slither into the Union for Up All Nite

University Board hosts third installment in event series featuring a global theme, live animals

By Jason Duarte
Verge Interactive Reporter

Ever pet a monkey before? How about an alligator? Maybe a python?

If not, students will have the opportunity tonight at Up All Nite.

This Up All Nite, the third of the semester, is themed “All Around the World” and will feature events representing a number of different nationalities.

“We’re trying to get different aspects from across the globe,” said Andrew Hubbard, University Board special events coordinator. “It’s split into three zones. We’re going to have a European theme, an Asian theme and then an African/Amazon theme.”

The African/Amazon themed section will feature a snake handler, who will also have a monkey and an alligator. A company called

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“We’re trying to get different aspects from across the globe.”

Snakes Alive is presenting these animals.

“They bring snakes, boa constrictors, different amphibians and other animals,” said Melissa Schaefer, University Board chair. “Obviously they monitor it, but they let students handle them and take pictures with them and stuff like that.”

Prizes and other giveaways will also have an international theme.

One of the prizes that will be given away is a pinch hat, which students may recognize as the hat worn by the character Van Pelt in “Jumanji.”

In the Asia themed section, giveaways will include fortune cookies, rice, paper fans green tea and Asian hats.

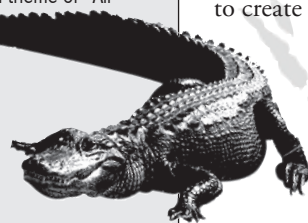
“The Asian hats will be the equivalent to that of Raiden from ‘Mortal Kombat,’”

UNIVERSITY BOARD’S UP ALL NITE

»**What:** An event featuring live exotic animals, opportunities to make crafts, a performance by comedian Jen Kober and a global theme of “All Around the World.”

»**Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

»**When:** Tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight



Hubbard said.

The European theme will be mostly carried out through food, said Chad Quinones. This section will include pasta and sparkling punch.

The Association of International Students

will also take part in the Up All Nite event.

Students from different nationalities will work tables where students can see their names spelled in different languages.

“From there, they hand it to an airbrush artist, and he can put it on a hat or a T-shirt for you,” he said. “Or you can even go to a caricature artist, who will be there, and he’ll draw your picture in whatever country you want to be in and then the symbols for your name underneath.”

Students will also have the opportunity to create key chains with backgrounds such as a jungle, the Eiffel Tower and the pyramids of Egypt.

In addition to the other three themed sections, Up All Nite will also feature an American section, which is where karaoke will be held.

“We were going to try to do karaoke in different languages. But even if I want to do a Russian song, I probably wouldn’t be able to pronounce anything that’s written on the screen,” Hubbard said.

Comedian Jen Kober will also be performing at 9 p.m. at 7th Street Underground as part of the event.



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | ON THE VERGE

Richard Rossi, director of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, leads the music group in rehearsal on Wednesday in the McAfee Gymnasium. The orchestra performs Sunday at 4 p.m. in McAfee.

Orchestra to perform Mozart

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

Dane Thomas knows opera. Thomas, a senior music education major with an emphasis in vocals, is the featured soloist for the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's concert Sunday.

The concert will feature the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra, ESO brass Ensemble and the Symphonic Honors Initiative Program. The event will be held at 4 p.m. in the McAfee Auditorium.

Richard Rossi is the director of the concert, which will focus on Mozart songs.

Opera is a type of music that has been around a long time but is arguably not as mainstream as some other types of music.

"It is hard for opera to succeed in a mainstream audience in America because our roots are not in opera," Thomas said. "Europe has a stronger tradition of opera."

Thomas said the reason for

this is possibly the difference in languages.

While opera did not start in the United States, most Americans have probably unknowingly heard pieces from an opera.

"We often hear them in various commercials, or they will be referred to in movies," said Marilyn Joy Coles, voice division director. "If you remember 'Moonstruck' with Cher, 'Philadelphia' with Tom Hanks or 'Amadeus,' which is about the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, they all have significant parts of operas included."

Thomas will perform "Bella siccome un angelo" from Donizetti's opera "Don Pasquale and Mab" and also "La reine des monsonges" from Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette."

For Thomas, concert rehearsals are not much different.

"I spend one to two hours a day in a practice room learning the fundamentals of the song; melody, rhythm, words. Then once a week I prepare it in my lesson with my

teacher, Jerry Daniels."

It is not enough to get the music right but also to portray a message to the audience through the music, he said.

"(Daniels and I) talk about the meanings of the piece and how to bring the character out of it," Thomas said.

The language barrier with opera could make for a hard time to understand every word sung. Opera is typically sung in Italian.

"The biggest misconception about opera is that you have to understand it," Coles said. "The only thing that matters is that you enjoy the music and if you read the synopsis ahead of time, there is nothing difficult about it."

Thomas has been involved with opera singing before. He won the 2006 Peck Music Competition and also finished second in the competition this year.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for those under 17. Faculty, staff, and students of Eastern can get in free with their Panther Card.



Brandon Murphy
Senior Baseball
Pitcher

playlist

The Verge: If you could use one of these songs as a walkout song for baseball season, which one would you use?

Murphy: It would probably be "It's A Great Day To Be Alive" by Travis Tritt. I just love the song. It makes you feel so good. I just feel great when I hear it.

"Good Directions"
Billy Currington
"Red Rag Top"
Tim McGraw
"Last Dance With Mary Jane"
Tom Petty
"It Ends Tonight"
All-American Rejects
"It's A Great Day To Be Alive"
Travis Tritt

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Keeping endangered cats alive

By Adam Testa

Verge Editor

and

Brandon Campbell

Verge Reporter

Joe Taft had a dream of driving a Lotus sports car with a cheetah in the front seat.

The cheetah would sit still and not destroy the interior of the vehicle.

In the end, Taft wound up with an MG sports car and an ocelot.

“So I sort of followed that fantasy, but I tuned it way down,” Taft said. “The MG obviously didn’t last, but the ocelot had me hook, line and sinker.”

Taft’s ocelot experience sparked his interest in collecting large cats. In 1991, he opened the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, Ind.

He now serves as director of the center.

The EFRC is home to more than 190 large cats spanning eight species including lions, tigers, cougars, leopards and jaguars.

Making rescue possible

Taft opened the center after receiving two tigers that had been badly abused by their owners.

“When I took in the tigers, I made a decision that this is what I wanted to do,” he said.

The EFRC is the second largest rescue center in the United States, Taft said. Many places that claim to be sanctuaries have other intentions.

“If you’re taking them in the front door and selling them out the back to turn into drugs; if you’re breeding them for sale; if you’re keeping them in eight-by-10 cages, then you’re not rescuing them,” Taft said.

Though the center has three cats on loan to major zoos, most animals permanently live on the center grounds.

“Our purpose is to provide them with a home,” Taft said. “This is a one-stop shop. Once they’re here, they don’t go anywhere else.”

The open-range pens the animals live in become their home, and they are not moved from place to place within the center.

“We provide stable social groupings and stable environments,” Taft said.

The center receives an average of two new cats each month. For each cat taken in, 40 to 50 are turned away, Taft said.

Several of the animals have come to the center after being recovered from methamphetamine lab raids by police. Other sources of the animals are circuses and commercial breeders who are caught and arrested.

The animals eat a combined total of nearly 3,000 pounds of food per day, Taft said.

The food comes in the form of dead livestock, which is butchered and processed on site.

Operating the rescue center is a costly venture, Taft said. The cost averages to around \$2,000 per animal each year.

The 2006 budget for the center was estimated at \$400,000, which



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | ON THE VERGE

Joe Taft, director of the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, Ind., leans in for a kiss with one of his tigers. Taft’s enjoyment in running the center comes from the fact that the animals living there would most likely not be alive otherwise.

RESCUE CENTER FACTS

»Address: 2221 Ashboro Road
Center Point, Ind.

»Phone: 812-835-1130

»Hours: Tuesday – Sunday: 10 a.m.
to 5 p.m.

»Admission: \$10-adults, \$5-children



Check out our slideshow
of the Exotic Feline Rescue
Center at dennews.com.

is “miniscule for what we do,” Taft said.

The costs are offset by admission charged to the public to visit the park and through other means. If an animal is unnamed upon arriving at the center, patrons can name the animal for a donation of \$500.

“Five hundred dollars doesn’t go very far when it comes to taking care of one of these animals, but it’s a start,” Taft said.

Caring for the Cats

Walking past Kisa’s pen, Taft noticed the female African lion was salivating uncontrollably.

Kisa had a dental procedure scheduled for earlier in the day, but it had been rescheduled.

Taft radioed into his walkie-talkie, communicating with another center employee.

“I’m not sure quite what’s going on, but I’m not sure I like it,” he said.

As Taft debated whether or not to enter the pen and see how he could help, Kisa vomited a piece of hide approximately the size of a flattened pineapple.

In the wild, and at the center, the animals can die if they are unable to get food out of their throats on their own.



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | ON THE VERGE

The Exotic Feline Rescue Center is home to more than 190 big cats spanning eight species including lions, tigers, jaguars and cougars. The park takes in an average of two cats each month.

Kisa moved into a separate compartment, but the tiger she lives with was not so cooperative. Taft entered the pen, with the tiger still in it, to retrieve the hide so neither animal would choke on it again.

Taft and the assistant director of the center are the only two individuals who enter the pens with the animals.

He said they have to assess the animals’ attitudes and what is happening with their lives before making the decision to enter the pen with the animals that can weigh more than 400 pounds.

“The gentle rub of the head is

enough to knock you over,” Taft said. “If he steps on you, you really won’t like it.”

When one of the animals becomes ill or needs medical attention, all procedures are conducted on site at the center.

The center has cooperated with an area vet, who has traveled to the center to perform surgery and other veterinary work on the animals for years, Taft said. Hospitals in Indianapolis and Terre Haute have donated supplies that have made these procedures possible.

“We can do some pretty amazing stuff here,” Taft said.

Taft cares for all of his animals and worries about their safety.

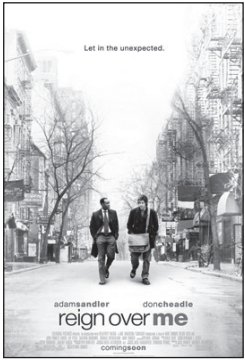
In January, a female cougar escaped from the center and still has not been found. Taft knows where the animal is and has traps set, but he still worries about her.

“That’s why I jump when I hear gunshots,” he said.

Taft’s reason for operating the center and caring about the animals is not financial in nature.

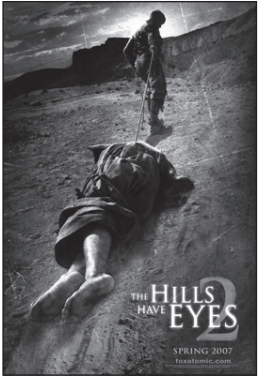
“It’s certainly not the money,” he said. “It’s the time I get to spend with these cats. It’s knowing that a lot of these cats wouldn’t be alive if it wasn’t for the efforts we make to keep them that way.”

trailertalk



Director: Mike Binder
Starring: Adam Sandler, Don Cheadle
MPAA Rating: R

“Reign Over Me” offers Sandler a chance to attempt a serious role, and he seems to pull it off well. The movie tells the story of a man (Sandler) who lost his family during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He is soon reunited with his college roommate (Cheadle). Both actors seem to add their own sense of persona to the characters they play. The acting in this film seems of quality. The movie seems like it will be a success and may change the way we look at Sandler.



Director: Martin Weisz
Starring: Michael McMillian, Jessica Stroup
MPAA Rating: R

There are two things that Hollywood needs no more of: sequels and horror movies. “The Hills Have Eyes 2” is the epitome of the reasons why this should be a rule. The premise behind so many horror movies have blurred together that it is almost painful to try to tell them apart. These horror films fail to give many actors a chance to show off their acting skills. Discussing acting quality in this film would be easier if people did more than run and scream. This is the film to skip this weekend.



Director: Kevin Munroe
Starring: Chris Evans, Sarah Michelle Gellar
MPAA Rating: PG

The Hollywood destruction of our childhood has officially begun with this weekend’s release of “TMNT.” From the initial teaser trailer, this movie looked as if it would show a darker side of the Ninja Turtles, but more recent trailers show otherwise. This movie looks just as cheesy as the live action TMNT movies of the ‘90s. The humor seems like it belongs in the ‘90s. With a lousy storyline and cheesy jokes, this movie seems like one to skip.

-By Verge Editor Adam Testa

Imperial Orgy proves inconsistent

By Jason Duarte
Interactive Verge Reporter

“Gospel Hymns for Agnostics and Atheists” is definitely not the average, run-of-the-mill album.

The release from Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy consists of four tracks and spans slightly more than 18 minutes in length.

The first track on the album, “The Amazing Tenacity of Job and His Brethren,” is not a bad song musically. However, on the way to one’s brain, something sticks out like a thorn in the eardrum.

Frequently and quite randomly, the phrase “Oh, Lord!” is spit out over and over throughout the song’s four minutes. This short recording just doesn’t compliment the music at all.

“In Praise of Shadows” is not much different. With a more rock and roll feel, this track lays down a little more stability and

ALBUM DETAILS

»Artist: Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy

»Album: “

»Label: Chief Logan Records

»Release Date: available now

»Current Single: “Shenandoah”

structure to the music. While the lyrics are spoken very sexually, Caesar Pink and company still take it to an obscure level while maintaining a somewhat mainstream sound. “Send in the raven, call out the lark. Everybody’s got a job to do, everybody’s gotta find their way home,” Pink deeply sings. The mentioning of dark, mysterious and free-willed birds, such as the raven and the lark, makes for quite a skeptical impression. It leaves a creepy, suspenseful feeling, which resonates in your ears, half wanting to listen to more and the other half still skeptical and doubtful. The Imperial Orgy sounds much like its New York City counterparts, The World/Inferno Friendship Society, a band that possesses many similar qualities. The fact they have a large quantity of members, who all play obscure instruments or simply are one of three vocalists, is similar between the bands. The whole presentation of a godly, very sexual male vocalist is prevalent between both bands as well. Caesar Pink is quoted as “easily seducing everyone in the audience with his animalistic stage presence,” according to Dig This Real magazine. The third track, “So It Is,” changes up from the previous two songs. Jumping into a Hawaiian feel, The Imperial Orgy “jam out” and really sample a lot of different sounds.

At least as many different sounds as only minutes allow. The fourth and final track, “Happy Endings,” slows down to a hypnotic feel, reminiscent of Bob Dylan crossed with ‘80s new wave. It puts a nice closing to the album, and says “Thank you and goodbye,” very nicely without literally saying anything. Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy is definitely ahead of its time in many ways. The Imperial Orgy is musically talented but simply too broad and inconsistent to be followed and properly understood. Even the title, “Gospel Hymns for Agnostics and Atheists,” doesn’t fit with the music. Anyone can get into it, whereas the title implies that they are saying, “We want a following of Agnostics and Atheists only. And if that happens to be you, then this is for you.” Suggested for fans of The World/Inferno Friendship Society, New Model Army and Joy Division.

Local Community Events Calendar

TODAY

Jeff Helgesen Concert

Time | 5 p.m.
Location | The Iron Post in Urbana
More info | Jeff Helgesen is a jazz/blues/electronica performer from Champaign-Urbana. Helgesen has been performing with local bands since the age of 15. He studied music at the University of Illinois. He started performing as a featured soloist with the Ray Charles Orchestra from 1987 to 1990.

Full Circle Concert

Time | 6 p.m.
Location | Our Daily Bread Cafe in Mattoon
More info | Full Circle describes themselves as “gospel music with a twist.” The Mattoon band has made Our Daily Bread Cafe their Friday night venue and performs there almost every Friday night. The event is free and open to the public.

Upon the Eighth Night Concert

Time | 7 p.m.
Location | Lincoln Hall in Charleston
More info | Andy Masters, Adam Schneider and Bryant Fritz make up the three member rock/indie band. The band describes itself as “a runaway train crashing into a wall of marshmallows.” The members are influenced by Death Cab for Cutie and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Holly Holmes Concert

Time | 7 p.m.
Location | Jim Gould’s in Champaign
More info | Holly Holmes describes her music as jazz, latin and acoustic. Her influences include Ella Fitzgerald, Beck and Joe Henderson. She is from the Champaign-Urbana area and earned a degree in jazz studies at Western Michigan University.

FeZ Concert

Time | 8 p.m.
Location | Friends and Co. in Charleston
More info | The three-member band describes itself as pop-punk, emo and rock. It sounds like Blink-182, Green Day and Yellowcard. The bands influences include Taking Back Sunday, Fall Out Boy and Slash. FeZ will be performing with Friday Night Villian.

Briana Concert

Time | 8 p.m.
Location | Common Grounds in Mattoon
More info | Briana, from Champaign, describes herself as acoustic, folk rock and lounge. She plays the guitar, harmonica and tambourine. She is influenced by Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Sheryl Crow and Jewel.

SATURDAY

3rd Finger Up Concert

Time | 9 p.m.
Location | Sneaky Pete’s Bar and Grill in Effingham
More info | The five-member rock band from Beecher City started in 2003. The band will be performing with The Goodyear Pimps, a punk/rock/alternative band from Rockford.

SUNDAY

“Mozart 40th Symphony” - Eastern Symphony Orchestra

Time | 4 p.m.
Location | McAfee Gymnasium
More info | Richard Robert Rossi is the conductor of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra will be performing Mozart classics for the public. Admission is free for students with an I.D., \$10 for the general public, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for youth.

Adam Wolfe Concert

Time | 7 p.m.
Location | The Iron Post in Urbana
More info | Adam Wolfe is a rock artist from Urbana and orginally from Freeport. He describes his music as “someone being attacked telepathically.” Wolfe’s influences include Elvis, Ozzy Osborne, Johnny Cash and the Beatles.

ROLLING EVENTS

Charleston: Postmodern Meets Postmortem

Duration | Through April 1
Location | Tarble Arts Center
More info | The exhibit gives people the opportunity to participate and star in a death scene of a “slasher” genre horror movie. This event is funded by the Illinois Arts Council and is presented in cooperation with the Eastern Department of Theatre Arts.

2007 Student Show

Duartion | Through Sunday
Location | Tarble Arts Center
More info | Eastern’s annual undergraduate juried art exhibit is on display for the public to view. The show features the artwork of Eastern students and is co-sponsored by the Eastern art department.

Anne Hughes: Inscrutable Life

Duartion | Through April 7
Location | Tarble Arts Center
More info | Anne Hughes is an Eastern art alumna and her works will be featured at the Tarble Arts Center in the Brainard Gallery. Some of her work includes pastels and shadow boxes as well as a variety of other media.

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