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CAMPUS | EVENT



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students play a game of Twister during the Sex Positive Fair on Tuesday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

UNIVERSITY | STANDARDS

Following the code

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

Universities are institutions in which a community resides together. Much like a government, the administration imposes rules and guidelines to make the community safe and uphold its integrity.

This is called the Student Code of Conduct, and every student is expected to have read it prior to enrolling at Eastern. When a student enrolls, they are automatically held to the standards discussed in the code and are then subject to the Office of Student Standards if found in violation.

"As a student, you agree to certain guidelines when you sign the dotted line," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

However, some students skip this step or find parts of the code and the process of Student Standards confusing. Wording has been called vague and not every infraction the board sees is present in the code.

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CITY | CONSTRUCTION

Street projects planned for May

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

Despite cutbacks in the city's proposed budget, Charleston officials are planning new street construction and maintenance work beginning May 1.

That is because projects like resurfacing streets and sealing cracks save the city money in the long term, said Curt Buescher, public works director.

"The idea of performing maintenance on our existing streets ... does save money," Buescher said. "That's, overall, something we have not done a good enough job at historically."

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Meadows explains absence

By **DOUG T. GRAHAM**
Staff Reporter

Mikki Meadows was scheduled to give the speech at Wednesday's Masturbate-athon/Sex Positive Fair.

Within 24 hours of the event, she called event organizer William Kendall, sophomore art history major, to cancel her engagement.

Kendall announced Meadows' cancellation to the crowd at the event. He said it was sad to see the event be "sabotaged" by school administrators.

Meadows, assistant professor in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, said this was not the case.

She said she was not pressured to drop her speaking engagement nor did school administrators sabotage her speech.

"I was supportive of the entire operation up until the day the flyers went out that had the list of activities, and pretty much what put

me over the edge was 'learn to perform oral sex,'" Meadows said.

Meadows said "you can have fun" while presenting information about sex, "when you veer into displaying sex toys" the event has gone beyond being educational.

She compared displaying sex paraphernalia at a sex-education event to teaching students how to play drinking games at an alcohol-education event.

Meadows said the university is not afraid to talk about sex and sexuality.

"I teach sex ed, and I will say (just) about anything," she said. "I don't shy away from controversy, at all. I believe that people need information. On the other hand, having a sex toy party and learning how to do oral sex to me, crossed the line past an academic activity."

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STUDENTS | SPENDING

Budgets make student life easier

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

During the school year, students might find themselves scrambling for loose change due to irresponsible spending habits.

In order to compensate for this problem, students should be encouraged to start a budget to maintain their monthly spending.

Mollie Kelley, the financial health education coordinator for HERC, said starting a budget is important.

"It keeps your money and expenses in check and accounted for," she said. "I think the most important purpose of budgeting is keeping your living within means. It helps you live within your means and not spend money that you don't have."

Kelley said sometimes, it could be easy for students to forget about how much they are spending.

"It can be so easy to spend and spend and lose track, and all of sudden your money is gone or you are in debt," she said.

Kelley said she is not surprised that it is hard for some college students to maintain a steady budget.

"I think if a student makes responsible and smart choices, it can be easy to stay on a budget, especially since most of the students are on a fixed income or don't have a job," she said.

Coming up with a budget plan could help a student in every aspect of their life.

"It would help them build good credit, so when they go take out a loan or apply for a mortgage, they have good established credit," Kelley said. "It will help them be able to manage their money when they get out into the real world."

A budget will help a student transition a lot easier.

"It will also help them get ahead after college," Kelley said. "They won't have debt build up that they would have to pay off."

When students are ready to start a budget, Kelley said they should keep track of their expenses for a week.

"I would say to keep track for one week of every cent that you spend, and then from that, customize a budget that meets all of your needs and stick to it," she said.

This will help students keep track of where their money is going and how much they will have to spend on certain things.

"It also helps you plan for the future," Kelley said. "You need to decide if you can live without certain things," she said.

Kelley said needs are items you need to have in order to survive.

"Going to the movies is not a need, but you should set aside money in your budget for entertainment," she said.

When it comes to receiving extra money, Students should try to save as much as they can, Kelley said.

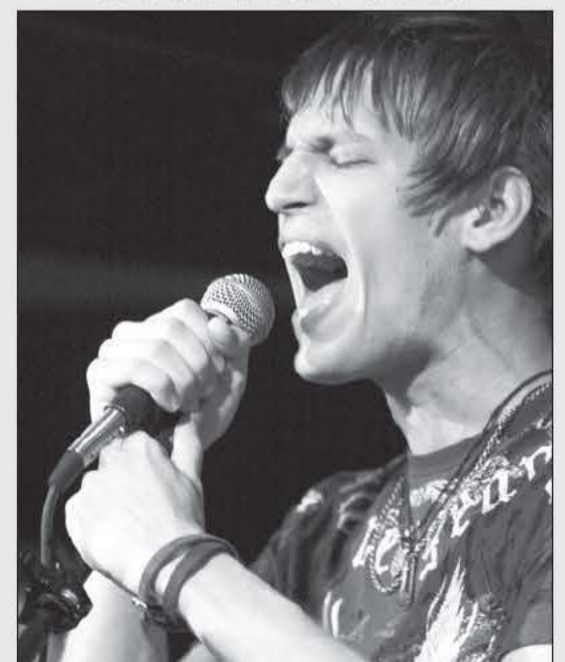
"It is important to plan for the unexpected or things that may come up that would be really fun to do if you had the money," she said. "Students just need to be smart. Try to pay with cash so you do not get wrapped up in unnecessary credit card debt."

Kelley said overall she thinks everyone should have a budget especially when they are in college.

"The budget should be updated as often as more or less money is added to the equation," she said. "I think it just helps keep a healthier lifestyle."

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BATTLE ON!



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern alumnus Alex Nicol sings the opening song for Battle of the Bands with the band Howard on Thursday evening. The five bands that competed were AJ Schubert, Howard, Learn to Fly, Little Boy Jr. and MugWump Specific. Little Boy Jr. and MugWump Specific won the competition.

EIU WEATHER

FRIDAY  70° 50° Partly Cloudy SE 5-10	SATURDAY  72° 52°
	SUNDAY  63° 41°

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Warm daytime temperatures prevail over the weekend. Expect a chance of thunderstorms and showers late Saturday night through Sunday.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Getting rid of the evidence



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Campus painter Chris Carter powerwashes graffiti off a wall of Lumpkin Hall on Thursday afternoon.

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CAMPUS | SCHOLARS

Four Student Government members awarded Presidential Scholarship

By BOB BAJEK
Student Government Editor

The Presidential Scholarship is awarded to about 80 students on campus. Four of those students serve on Student Government.

Eric Wilber, Chris Kromphardt, Ryan Kerch and Jennifer Prillaman are involved in campus politics while finding time to excel in their studies.

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, said she is not surprised with the high number of presidential scholars in Student Government.

"The Presidential Scholars program is designed to get students outside of class, whether it is internships, research, study abroad, etc," Irwin said. "A lot of students choose to get involved in campus and Student Government is one of the venues to do that."

Irwin said 40 incoming freshmen are interviewed for the scholarship annually. She said students are chosen after academics, leadership abilities and motivation is determined.

Kromphardt, a Student Senate member and senior political science major, has been a three-semester scholar who wants to be a lawyer, politician or professor. He will go to the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa for graduate school. Kromphardt has been involved with national politics, having gone to the Democratic National Convention.

Wilber, student executive vice president and a junior political science major, has had connections with Springfield officials since high school. Irwin said she was impressed with Wilber's initiative.

"Eric came in with politics at

"A lot of students choose to get involved in campus and Student Government is one of the venues to do that."

— Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College

Eastern and even has known Chapin Rose before coming here, so I expected him to continue maintaining these contacts," she said.

Wilber said he would like to go to law school following graduation.

Prillaman, a Student Senate member and freshman international studies major, is interested in being an ambassador for a country like France or China upon completing her education. She said she knows French, some Spanish and will learn Chinese next fall.

Prillaman said her Delta Delta Delta sorority sister Carissa Coon was on Student Government before and encouraged her to join. She said joining Student Government was a way to get more involved with her major.

Despite serving on a local government, Prillaman said Student Government will assist her in international politics.

"Student Government uses the same skills for outreaching to people that I would use later on," Prillaman said. "It would help with everything."

Kerch, student vice president for student affairs and a senior biology major, was a scholar for his first five semesters. He left the scholar program when became a senate member

during the spring 2008 semester.

Kerch said the program has students go to campus events to get immersed in the university. That is how he heard of Student Government.

"It says something that Student Government is committed with academics," Kerch said. "Kromphardt has been academic committee chair for two semesters. We are not just here for entertainment or student organizations; we are here for improving academics."

Kerch is looking into graduate programs in science policy so he could mix his interests in science, politics and policy.

Wilber said Student Government is a good opportunity for Presidential Scholars or other students to expand themselves.

"It is an opportunity to get your hands dirty in campus issues that people care about," Wilber said. "EWP, library hours, steam plant, etc. I found personally that all I learned in my classes have culminated in my position."

He added students do not have to have to be a presidential scholar to enjoy study abroad, campus involvement and research opportunities.

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Saturday May 9, 2009

Come join in the fun and excitement as area runners gather on the campus of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System. Every participant receives a medal and a finishers prize.

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8 a.m.	10K Relay Challenge	
8:30 a.m.	5K Fun Run/Walk	Watch our website for more information www.sarahbush.org
9 a.m.	1 Mile Fun Run/Walk	
10 a.m.	Run With a Hero - New	 1000 Health Center Drive Mattoon, IL 61938
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CAMPUS | EVENT



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Cancer survivors walk the first lap of last year's Relay For Life in Lantz Fieldhouse. This year's event will take place from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday.

Students to raise money for research

Student Government hopes to raise \$200 per person through Relay for Life

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

For the past three weeks, Ryan Kerch, vice president for student affairs, has been leading the Student Government's Relay for Life team.

Seven members from the Student Senate have joined the team and plan to attend the event at 6 p.m. Friday at the Lantz Field House.

The Relay for Life fundraiser is one of the main events hosted by the American Cancer Society throughout the year.

Teams are asked to raise money to donate to cancer research. The teams then camp out and have a relay walk or run for an entire night. At least one member from each team is asked to be on the track throughout the 12-hour event.

Maria Acesario, vice president of Colleges Against Cancer at Eastern, said 64 teams

are currently signed up, and the college expects more than \$40,000 in donations raised.

Student Government members have attempted to raise money several ways.

Senate member Mike Hilty put a jar in the Student Activities Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to raise money for the event, while Tiffany Turner, vice president for business affairs, has asked for donations from her family at home.

Since senate member Chris Kromphardt has recently joined the team, he was not able to go home, but he has found other means of raising money.

"I have been asking professors," Kromphardt said. "Since I recently joined the team, I didn't have the chance to go home and ask family, and all of my friends are college students, who have just as much money as me. I have just been finding faculty (phone) numbers and asking for donations."

Kerch is not sure how much money the Student Government will raise in total because the money is not due until Friday before the event, but he has set a goal for every team member to raise \$200.

Relay For Life

What: Relay For Life teams walk/run

When: 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday

Where: Lantz Field House

Who: 64 teams

Why: To raise money for American Cancer Society

Marissa Ward, president of Colleges Against Cancer at Eastern, said this is the sixth year Relay for Life has been on campus.

"I think it's really nice for groups, especially Student Government, to be involved with this because they are some of the leadership on campus, and it sets a good example for other RSO's that want to get involved," Ward said.

Other members of the Student Government team include Jarrod Scherle, Jason Sandidge, and Tommy Neirman.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Jazz Ensembles reunite after several years

Allen Horney conducts last concert at Eastern

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Allan Horney will conduct his last concert at Eastern on Saturday.

The professor of trombone and jazz studies is retiring this semester after teaching for 35 years.

The Alumni Jazz Band Concert will be in Horney's honor and will feature former members of Eastern's Jazz Ensemble from the past 40 years.

The concert is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

More than 40 alumni are coming to take part in this event.

"People are coming over from across the states spanning back from 1969," said Paul Johnston, music professor.

Horney will conduct the concert, because he wanted to work with the alumni that are returning.

"(Horney) has done a lot for Eastern," Johnston said. "The majority of people coming back are former students of his."

Horney said the jazz department has been talk-

ing about bringing back former Eastern students for the past five years.

The department thought this concert should take place this year because of the reopening of Doudna.

"We have been celebrating that this entire year, and it will be a good way for folks, who have not seen the building, to see it," Johnston said.

The alumni, while on campus, can also attend a reception in the Tarble Arts Center followed by an optional jam session today.

Saturday, a four-hour rehearsal, along with a lunch at the campus pond, will take place. And Johnston will present a speech to the alumni at 1 p.m. in the Doudna Lecture Hall.

Dinner will also be provided before the concert for the alumni and all their guests.

"This has been in the works a long time," Hor-

"We have been celebrating (Doudna) this entire year, and it will be a good way for folks, who have not seen the building, to see it."

— Paul Johnston, music professor

ney said. "We actually pulled together and did it. It will give the alumni a chance to get together again, play some music, see the new building and rekindle old friendships."

Horney said he is glad to have the opportunity to get together with people he worked with in the past.

"We can share some time together," Horney said. "That's what is important to me."

Johnston said this event is the first of its kind and the first time jazz alumni are playing together again.

The concert is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students with open seating available.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

EIU Pink Panthers to host auditions

The EIU Pink Panther Dance Team will have auditions today, Saturday and Sunday in the Student Recreation Center.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. Friday in Lantz Arena's main hallway.

All incoming freshmen, transfer and current students with jazz, lyrical, kick and hip-hop dance experience are encouraged to audition.

The cost is \$25.

More information about auditions can be found at www.eiu.edu/~eiupinks. Contact Lisa Dallas at imdallas@eiu.edu or 581-3716 with questions.

Theatre to perform comedic musical

Charleston Alley Theatre presents "The Fantasticks" opening this weekend.

"The Fantasticks" is a musical about two young lovers, their meddling fathers, bandits, abductions, sword fights and more.

"The Fantasticks" opens at 7:30 p.m. today. Additional performances are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Monday, and April 24, 25 and 27, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday and April 26.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 345-2287 or one hour before curtain at the theater, located on 718 Monroe Ave.

For more information, visit their Web site.

Asian heritage month events continue

As part of Asian Heritage Month, "Middle Eastern Dance: Learn to Belly Dance". The event will start at 5:30 p.m. today in the South McAfee Gymnasium. Aliyah Abir will be the presenter.

On Saturday, the Asian-American Association will have a recipe book for sale from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Afro-American Cultural Center, on 1525 Seventh St.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

A possible on-campus battery was reported by a third party on Monday, said the University Police Department. The subject refused police involvement and further investigation revealed no leads, police said.

A domestic disturbance was reported on Monday near Stevenson Hall, police said.

A traffic accident occurred between a university van and a trash truck at 5:41 a.m. Monday on Weller Drive, police said.

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SAM FISHER

Covering up: Nudity and denial

You may have seen the recent animated Red Bull commercial where a man goes to a nude beach and ignores the woman who tries to talk to him. There are censor bars over the usual parts of the characters. While watching it recently, I asked my friends if they thought America would ever get to the point where there would be no censor bars over the private parts.

They didn't have a quick answer and neither did I.

I'm not saying I have a strong desire to see animated genitalia, but it's curious we feel compelled to cover up what everyone has. Even more curious is the fact that shows on the Discovery Channel can show "tribal nudity" and no one makes a peep, but if the cute girl from Mythbusters walked around topless there would be a huge uproar.

Again, no argument for that, just pointing out inconsistencies. That's basically a cultural distinction, in that it's normal to wear little clothing in some cultures, but not in ours.

In our case, as civilization and technology progressed, clothing styles reflected how far from nature we had come, from our roots as savages lacking language. From the peak of prudishness in the Victorian age, we have come a long way, though considering it was once unheard of to show a woman's belly button on TV.

But why is there such a taboo with nudity?

It's still awkward to watch movies with sex scenes with my parents, and that will probably never change.

In general, America loves to cover up. Once you're naked, that's it. There is nothing left to spruce up your appearance.

It's completely final, and that is a somewhat distressing notion. Looking at oneself while naked is like beholding the truth about one's body. In a way, our need to cover ourselves up has to do with our country's quirky relationship with the truth. We know things from our history that aren't particularly heartwarming, like the inhumane treatment of the continent's indigenous people, or the atomic bombings in Japan.

It's much easier to ignore those nasty bits and talk about our valiant triumph over Hitler, or perhaps a shiny new pair of shoes.

Unspoken restrictions on clothes have become more relaxed lately, but that relates more to the need many people have for constant positive reinforcement in the form of being ogled by passerbys. In their mind, being stared at means they have worth. Being stared at doesn't have anything to do with intrinsic worth as a person, it means the person being stared at is revealing portions of their body that have a forbidden quality to them.

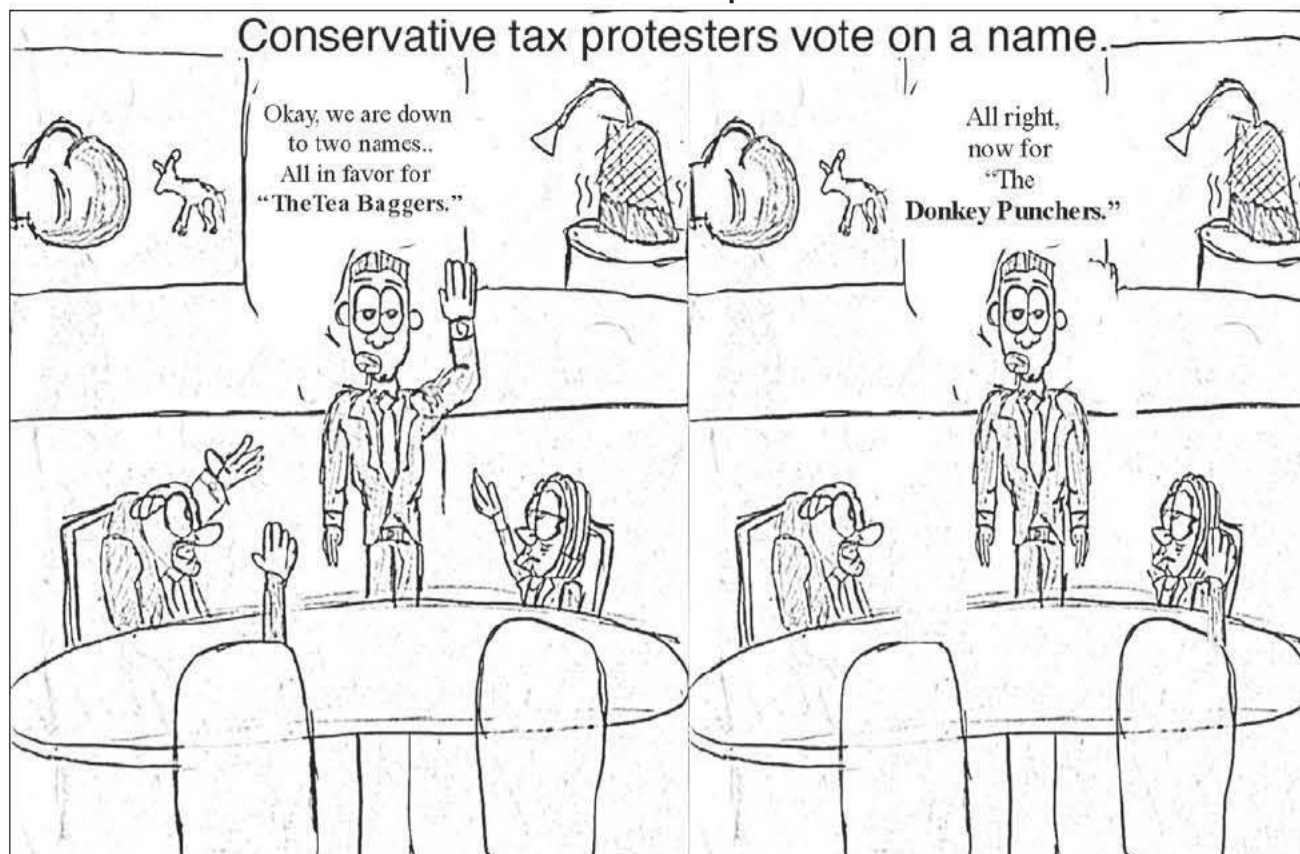
The taboos are still there.

Given the steady progression of society in liberal direction, and the obsession people have with pushing the envelope, we will likely see attitudes toward the human body slowly change. I'm not in favor of a nudist society, but of a calm, levelheaded attitude toward the physical realities of the human body.

You don't have to go streaking, but it's good to question and examine the things that our culture likes to cover up.

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Drawn from the News | Ian Winston



STAFF EDITORIAL

Reopening of Log Cabin good news for Coles County

When former Gov. Rod Blagojevich was removed from office in January, rumors began circulating about state parks reopening after Blagojevich had previously closed them.

On Thursday, the rumors were confirmed when it was announced Coles County's own Lincoln Log Cabin would reopen within the week.

Take that, budget cuts.

When the closure was announced in August, Blagojevich cited the newly approved budget as the reason the site – along with 11 other state sites – would be closed.

There wasn't enough to pay for everything, Blagojevich said. It would be too expensive to pay to keep these sites open.

That's some brilliant logic.

Why not close the Lincoln sites in Springfield?

The state could save a mint by closing sites such as Lincoln's home, his tomb and the presidential library/museum.

Of course this is a ridiculous notion; Springfield would suffer greatly economically, driving away schools from across the state that flock to the town to learn about the rich history of one of the nation's greatest presidents.

Not to mention the tourists who, likewise, visit Springfield for the same reason.

It would also take away a huge part of Springfield's history and heritage, robbing its residents of some of their most cherished landmarks.

Take that scenario and apply it to Coles County.

Of course, Coles County doesn't have as many historic landmarks as Springfield, but what it does have still draws a respectable amount for the area.

Without the Lincoln Log Cabin, Charleston relied sole-

"Of course, Coles County doesn't have as many historic landmarks as Springfield, but what it does have still draws a respectable amount for the area."

ly on the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum and Eastern for tourism.

With the reopening of the site, Charleston has re-added a vital part of historic tourism, drawing money from people who pass through on the way to the site.

The reopening of the sites throughout the state will also provide job opportunities.

While few, those who are hurting for employment can't afford to be picky, and working for the summer seasonal staff will offer employment to anyone who wants it.

When the site closed in December, we were assured it would be temporary but were anxious to see how soon "temporary" was.

The Coles County community is proud to welcome back a vital part of its history and relieved that at least some aspect of Blagojevich's legacy didn't stick for long.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CORRECTING MISCONCEPTIONS

I would like to address some concerns that stem from Monday's letter to the editor regarding the Masturbate-a-thon and Sex Positive Fair.

First, Student Government does not regulate the use of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union by Registered Student Organizations, nor does it give permission to RSOs to hold events. For the record, the RSO that hosted the event was Pride, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender RSO on campus.

Second, without a compelling interest, the university could not constitu-

tionally halt this event. The university cannot prohibit RSOs for hosting events based solely on content. A university should be a place at which students can express viewpoints, regardless of how unsavory and sensitive they may be to a certain audience, so long as no actual harm is created.

Third, no one would get in "hot water" for promoting anything abstinence-related. In fact, the abstinence view was represented at the Sex Positive Fair.

I am unhappy with such a sweeping critique of our Student Government that is not based on fact. I cannot stress

enough that it is not the job of Student Government to allow or disallow what extracurricular events RSOs can sponsor.

I cannot help but wonder, based on the lack of accurate facts presented by this alumna, whether she is genuinely concerned about the functioning of Student Government, or looking for a group to be displeased with because of her attitude toward sex.

I intend no disrespect, but there was a certain level of it displayed toward Student Government.

Drew P. Griffin
Speaker of Student Senate

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» Code

FROM PAGE 1

"Under each standard we list typical ways that a student might be in violation of the standard," said Heather Webb, director of student standards. "This is a common practice in our field because as society changes, it can be overwhelming to constantly provide a list of everything you can, and cannot, do under our code. Instead, we provide general guidelines to our campus community, but we also have the ability to interpret the code as needed."

Since infractions range from noise complaints in residence halls to bomb threats, the real confusion lies within the process of student standards.

"The process is explained in the code, but each referral is decided on a case-by-case basis," Nadler said. "So, sometimes more things go into the decisions the board makes, but the process and organization remain the same as designated by the code."

Referrals are given to the board by residence hall associations, the University Police Department and faculty as well as letters and calls that are turned into written referrals, Nadler said.

The office receives affirmation from the vice president for student affairs, in this case Nadler, who is responsible to the president of the university, Bill Perry. He approves revisions to the code and the appointment of board members through outside recommendation.

Those members are comprised of faculty recommended by the Faculty Senate, students recommended by the Student Senate or who apply for the position and a chair, who is the director of student standards, or a designee from within the office.

Nadler said all the people in the Office of Student Standards have to have a significant amount of experience to be hired in their positions.

A master's degree is required and a doctorate is preferred in student behavior.

Experience working within resident hall administration is a plus, he said.

The board consists of 12 students, 16 faculty members and six administrative appointees from Nadler. They alternate responsibilities in hearings.

"We are going to be taking applications for Board membership for the 2009-2010 academic year to replace several student board members who will not be returning," Webb said. Applications can be found in the office.

The board has the responsibilities of conducting hearings for students or groups found in violation of the standards in the code. They also have the authority to request revisions of the code annually to be

"Every case is extremely complex if it makes it to a hearing. We have to consider the pressures and stresses put on the student, economic motives, family and friends. All this comes together and correlates to a case."

— Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs

approved by Nadler.

New infractions will have the chance to be implemented into the code – should they arise. Webb said annual revision is necessary in this case.

"There are new things coming up all the time – new and changing technology, environmental influences, etc," she said. "Sometimes, also, we notice concerning trends in behaviors. For example, we have had a significantly larger number of cases involving students who are very hostile to one another. Fighting, verbal attacks and threats are becoming more and more common among our students."

"We have had a number of students this year suffer personal injury and/or property damage because of one of these incidents. What is even more concerning to our staff is that some students think it is acceptable to hit another person or threaten them."

Any accused student has the right to a hearing if they believe their conduct to not be in violation of the code. However, if they admit to the infraction, no hearing is needed, and the vice president for student affairs or the director can deliver sanctions or punishments.

At the hearing, the student presents their case, which the board takes in consideration all outside effects that led to the referral.

The hearing is led by the hearing officer, most likely the director, who poses questions and decides what evidence and witnesses can be used on behalf of both the accused and the victim.

"Every case is extremely complex if it makes it to a hearing," Nadler said. "We have to consider the pressures and stresses put on the student, economic motives, family and friends. All this comes together and correlates to a case."

Both victim and accused have the right to an adviser of their choice who can counsel them and a family member for support. Witnesses cannot be advisers for either student.

The board then deliberates in private coming to a decision. A decision of guilty needs a majority vote, must be in writing and will include the sanctions imposed because of violation.

Sanctions can range from a reprimand to full expulsion. The vice president for student affairs has to approve decisions by the

board to suspend or expel students from the campus. In the 2007-2008 school year, 23 students were removed from campus.

Webb said there is a common misconception about student standards "that we are out to get the students or that the only thing we do is throw people out of school."

The truth is, she said, that the number of students who have been asked to leave is a relatively small percentage of those who are referred to student standards.

"But unfortunately their actions get the most attention from others," she said. "What most people do not know about are the countless students who make a positive change after they meet with our staff and complete their sanctions. These students go on to be successful at EIU and graduate."

Any appeals of decisions by the student or group must be written and submitted within seven days of the decision. Appeals must show credible information of a violation or error in eight causes for appeal. They are outlined in the code.

Outside of hearings, the vice president for student affairs has the right to implement an interim suspension until a student or group of students can be talked to about the possible violation or until a violation is determined to be present.

"It is important to understand that we rarely issue an interim suspension to a student, and only do so when there is a significant concern," Webb said.

This method was used recently in the Robert Walker case where Walker was accused of making threats to the university on his Facebook page. It was taken to ensure the safety of the university, which overrides individual rights to the campus, Nadler said.

"We want to provide an environment that is safe and healthy for all," Webb said. "Every student attending EIU should be able to learn, every faculty member should be able to teach and do research, and every staff member should be able to complete their job on campus."

"We cannot have students interfering with the functioning of our institution, and the Office of Student Standards assists in this area."

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» Sex

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Meadows' prepared speech was to be on society's perception of masturbation throughout history.

"I would, tomorrow, put on my masturbation presentation and call it a masturbation presentation and have no shame about that at all," she said. "So if they want to put on an educational program, (the family and consumer sciences department) are right on board with that. It was the other part, I just feel like they were working more on controversy to get the word out than education to get the word out."

Taking Meadows place at the event was Jeannie Ludlow, a professor in the women's studies department, who gave a speech on the history of America's sexual revolution.

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» Street

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Buescher said the city plans to resurface Polk Avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets, adding new pavement, curbing and retaining walls.

Later this summer, the city will also repave a stretch of Fourth Street between Madison Avenue and Olive Street, he said.

Buescher said the city plans to repair broken sidewalks around the city.

"We've got a lot of sidewalk work at various locations," he said.

Officials plan to seal many of the cracks on city streets, he said, adding that simply patching over these cracks only puts off new cracks for a few years.

"We're routing out the old cracks and sealing them," Buescher said. "The general principle behind that is water gets into the cracks ... and through the freeze-thaw cycle, those cracks get bigger."

The city is also receiving \$600,000 of federal economic stimulus money through the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional street repairs.

With those funds, Buescher said, the city plans to rebuild parts of West Polk Avenue and rebuild intersections along Lincoln Avenue, including University Avenue, Division Street and Fourth Street.

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CAMPUS | AB

Additional sums allocated

By **KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI**
Staff Reporter

The Apportionment Board was forced to allocate an additional \$40,346 out of the Student Activities Reserve Account to the fee-funded boards during Thursday night's meeting.

The Business and Budget Office sent the AB an e-mail stating the university accounts that still hold money after June 30, the end of fiscal year 2009, will be depleted. This requirement had previously been overlooked.

The AB adviser Ted Hart said as long as he has been involved with the AB, this has not been a problem. Hart said this occurred this year because of the buildup of the other accounts the university holds.

With the economic recession, many accounts were set aside to prepare for any emergency. In past years, the university reserve accounts were never full enough for this requirement to be put in to place.

Since the budgets for the four fee-funded boards had recently been approved, the AB asked the boards what each still needed after parts of their budgets were cut. The Student Recreation Center had cut allocations for a nine-hole Frisbee golf course. The AB voted for the \$15,000 course. The

AB also approved \$16,190 for equipment for the Rec Center.

The productions area of the University Board was allocated \$7,447 for a list of equipment including two-way radios, loudspeakers, a countdown clock and other items. The UB's marketing committee was also allocated \$300 for advertising, which was cut from its previous budget.

Finally, the AB was allocated \$1,500 to pay for a new computer for the Student Activities Center's secretary's office. Each additional allocation was unanimously approved. Hart and the AB Chair Tiffany Turner said the allocations were spent fairly because the Student Activities Reserve Account was accumulated solely by the student activity fee.

"The students paid that money with the understanding it was going to be used for these purposes, either for programming or for services for one of the fee-funded boards, and our thoughts are it needs to be used for the benefit of the students," Hart said.

Little discussion was had over the additional allocation, which Turner said was because the items were already presented to the AB. She said the board members were familiar with the requests.

While the AB approved the allocations,

the Student Senate also has to approve these matters as individual bills at its next meeting.

In other business, the AB also approved two line-item transfers. The AB approved the transfer of \$300 from the UB budget for the movies fund. This will fund prizes for a film festival hosted by the UB. This amount will also pay for every member of the audience to have a DVD of the student films shown during the festival. The festival will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The second line-item transfer pertained to the UB lectures committee.

Mike Hilty, a representative from UB, explained \$2,080 needed to be transferred into the commodities to move the line item out of the red. The negative balance occurred because of the purchase of the prizes for the "Last Lecture Series" hosted last week. Hilty said moving this money would give them \$351 extra for any other item that may come up within the last couple weeks of classes.

The AB will have its last meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday night in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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LOCAL | EVENT

Blazin' Wing Challenge to raise money to benefit local fire department

By **SCOTT HEPNER**
Staff Reporter

Alpha Tau Omega will be hosting the "Blazin' Wing Challenge" to raise money for the Charleston Fire Department at 1 p.m. Sunday. The challenge will take place at the ATO chapter house located at 509 Lincoln Ave. In case of inclement weather the event will take place in McAfee Gymnasium.

The challenge is sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings and is open to anyone who wants to participate. Contestants will be attempting to eat wings, mild or blazin', as fast as possible.

The competition will be split into men's, women's, and group contests. People may also attend the event without entering the contest and to watch.

Registration packets are available inside Carman Hall

and at the Union for \$10 or they can be purchased from any ATO member. Registration will also be available at the event for \$15, and T-shirts will be sold for \$10.

"We are excited for this event, and we hope it will turn into an annual way to help our local fire department," said Weston Steinberg, a sophomore ATO member.

Assistant Fire Chief Pat Goodwin of the Charleston Fire Department said the proceeds from the event will go to new protective gear or into the budget for the department's public education campaign.

"We appreciate the support and are hoping for good weather and a good turnout," he said.

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LOCAL | EVENT

CASA advocates for children's needs

CASA to hold fundraiser at Union Bowling Lane Saturday afternoon

By RASHIDA LYLES COWAN
Staff Reporter

Susan Bulla wanted to make a difference in the lives of children by working for the Coles County Court Appointed Special Advocates program.

"Making a difference in a child's life is one of the reasons I started working for CASA," Bulla said.

Bulla, who has served as executive director of the organization since October, said the organization is important, because it supports children that have to appear in court, not for wrongdoing but because of abuse and neglect.

"CASA is the eyes and ears for the court," Bulla said.

To support the organization, there will be a fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Union Bowling Lanes located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The organization is not funded by the state. Illinois is one of three states that does not provide funding to the organization, Bulla said.

"CASA only stays open only by grants, donation and fundraisers," Bulla said.

Although the organization is not a state-funded program, volunteers know the well-being of the children is greater, Bulla said.

The Coles County CASA program is a not-for-profit corporation, which recruits, trains and monitors volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children brought into the Coles County juvenile court system.

The volunteers work through the juvenile court system to facilitate prompt delivery of services and to make independent recommendations to the court concerning the child's well-being.

Bulla said the program's responsibilities are important in making the difference in a child's life, and this is the reason why these children need this volunteer or advocate.

"A CASA volunteer or guardian ad litem advocates for the purpose of representing the child's best interest," Bulla said.

Becoming a volunteer is not an easy task, she said.

Along with the vigorous hours of training and interviewing a volunteer has to be specially designed for this type of work.

The organization gives individual attention to each case by providing one volunteer per child. Volunteers are able to spend as much time necessary, in order to gather enough information about the child.

A volunteer is there for the child when the trial begins and stays with the case until the case is closed.

The organization started in 1976, when Superior Court Judge David Soukup, of Seattle, became concerned with the decisions regarding abused and neglected children's lives without sufficient information.

Soukup had the idea of using trained volunteers or Court Appointed Special Advocates, to gather information about the children and bring it to court.

By 1990, Congress supported the expansion of the organization with the passage of the Victims of Child Abuse Act.

"Taking the bad and turning it into something good is the best feeling," Bulla said.

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Finding that one, special book



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People look through the selection of books at the Booth Library book sale on Wednesday afternoon. The proceeds of the sale, which continued through Thursday, will go to enhancing library programs and services.

CAMPUS | ORGANIZATION

60 to 70 more bricks to be painted for Diversity Week

By ISAIAH TRAYLOR
Staff Reporter

Over 140 bricks have been painted for the "Writing on the Wall" event as part of the Residence Hall Association's Social Justice and Diversity Week.

Karla Browning, vice president for diversity and programming, told RHA members at Thursday's meeting that 60 to 70 bricks still needed to be painted. The wall will be built

Monday outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union facing Booth Library.

Browning asked members to help paint the remaining bricks and the construction of the wall itself. The bricks are decorated with words or phrases that hurt, offend or marginalize students. The wall will be torn down at 12:15 p.m. Thursday.

In other business, portraits of Franklin Andrews and Simeon E. Thomas will be unveiled in their respective residence halls.

The portrait of Andrews will be unveiled at 5 p.m. April 27 in Andrews Hall lobby, while Thomas will be unveiled at 8 p.m. April 28 in the Thomas Hall lobby.

It was also announced the J. Calloway Spring Fashion Showcase would take place at 7 p.m. April 26 in 7th Street Underground. The event is sponsored by Lincoln Hall. A part of the proceeds go to the Coles County animal shelter.

Stevenson, McKinney and Carman halls are all planning a barbecue blowout event before

finals.

RHA President Justin Schuch also awarded RHA Vice President Bryn Rich for his outstanding achievements within the association. Rich was given the decorated award as a symbol of his hard work and dedication he provided within the previous weeks of numerous events on campus.

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» **Shaughnessy**

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Sophomore Caitlin Napoleoni placed fourth in 11:24.84 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and junior Kandace Arnold took second in the shot put with a throw of 47 feet, 11.75 inches, while placing fifth in the discus at 144'03.00".

The following week the three Panthers snatched awards again.

Arnold won her second award

by winning the discus, shot put and hammer throw. Freshman DeMarcus Brooks won the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Senior Shawana Smith also won the 200-meter dash and placed second in the 100-meter dash.

Red-shirt freshman Zye Boey won the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash and also was a member of the winning 1,600-meter relay team. Junior Violet Nwordu won the 100-meter dash, and junior Ian Winston finished third in the high jump.

Last week, Brooks swept the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash to complete the four-week trend.

The victories by Brooks gave the men a three-week sweep of the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Brooks was a member of the 400-meter relay team that posted a season best 41.30 seconds to win.

"When we ran that relay we did not have Boey, so we should be faster (at the next meet)" Brooks said.

This weekend, the Panthers will have their hands full as they see con-

ference rivals Jacksonville State and Murray State for the first time.

"We can't control what all the other schools do, (so) we can only control what we do," said Eastern head coach Tom Akers. "Hopefully, we will have some good weather and some good performances, and if we get another weekly honor that would be great, but if not, it is not the end of the world."

Other teams competing include Memphis, Middle Tennessee State, Western Illinois, Rhodes College,

Lindenwood, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Harding, Hendrix, Lipscomb, Rust College, Christian Brothers and Belmont.

Eastern can make another statement by doing well on its way this weekend to the OVC Championships.

These awards help build confidence along the way, and possibly toward a conference title.

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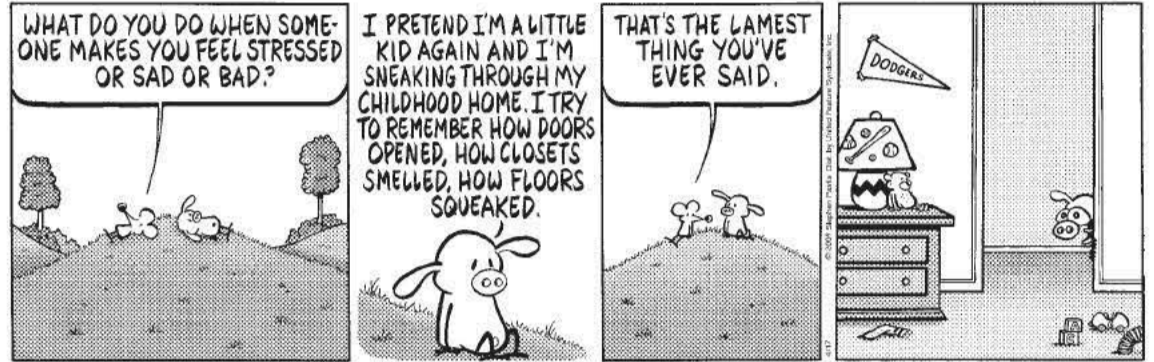
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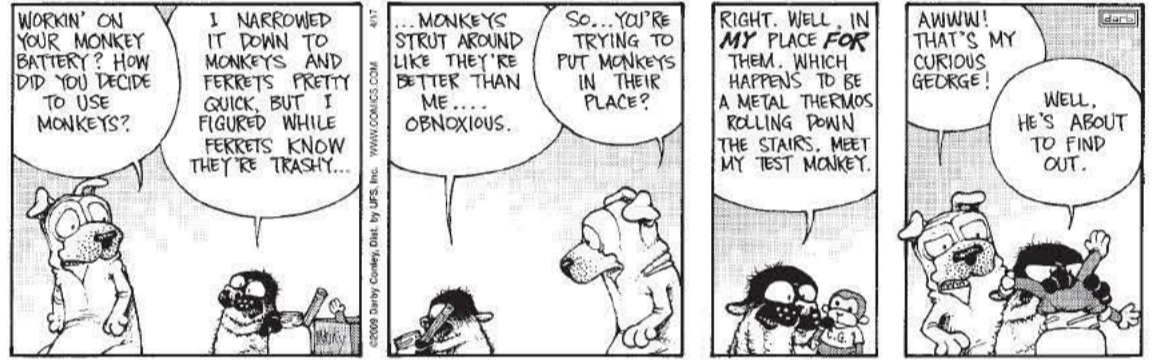
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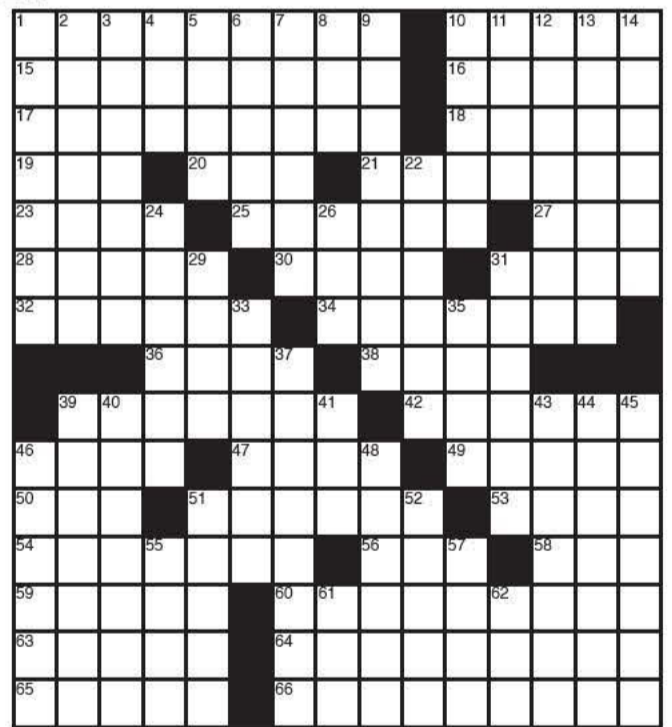


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- 1 It's shared by Russia and Ukraine
 - 10 Dated will?
 - 15 Flawlessly crafted
 - 16 Less well-looking
 - 17 They're produced in great quantities by supernovas
 - 18 Mosaic work
 - 19 Honorific that's Sanskrit for "majesty"
 - 20 O, say
 - 21 Light haulers
 - 23 8 for O, say
 - 25 "Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair" writer
 - 27 "Silent Spring" subject
 - 28 "Like Niobe, all ____": Hamlet
 - 30 It may concern arms or contain legs
 - 31 Supportive side
 - 32 Old bombs
 - 34 ____-cat
 - 36 Finno-Ugric tongue
 - 38 ____ de la Soci t 
 - 39 Isabella's home
 - 42 Piltown man locale
 - 46 Make fun of
- DOWN**
- 1 Having feeling
 - 2 Brought to bear
 - 3 "Summa Contra Gentiles" theologian
 - 4 Tag cry
 - 5 Tofu specification
 - 6 See 9-Down
 - 7 It may be fired back at someone
 - 8 Chiwere dialect
 - 9 He demonstrated that what Columbus had discovered was not 6-Down
 - 10 Virgo's alpha star
 - 11 Bit of hair
 - 12 Referred
 - 13 March preceder, periodically
 - 14 Couples might set them up
 - 22 They can't get any better
 - 24 Ominous words
 - 26 ____ the Destroyer (rabble-rouser in Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man")
 - 29 Strip on a bed
 - 31 Drill bit?
 - 33 Like some shells
 - 35 Go for another tour
 - 37 Put-down in a restaurant?
 - 39 City due south of San Juan
 - 40 Quick impressions
 - 41 Specialized M.D.
 - 43 Blindly imitative
 - 44 Deplete
 - 45 Hard-to-define influence
 - 46 Sportive
 - 48 He joined Pizarro in the conquest of the Inca Empire
 - 51 Funeral arrangements
 - 52 Tag cry
 - 55 It's featured in two Vivaldi concertos
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FOOTBALL | NOTEBOOK

Spoo takes on more duties

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo will now take over the duties of Justin Lustig.

Lustig was the Eastern special teams and running backs coach, but is now the special teams coach at Louisiana-Lafayette.

"He's really doing a good job of keeping track where coach Lustig left off," said red-shirt sophomore punter Kevin Cook.

Cook said since red-shirt junior kicker Austin Signor is an upper-classman, they try to keep to a routine as best as possible.

"We're not young guys anymore," Cook said.

Bellantoni said the team wouldn't begin to look for an assistant coach until after the spring season.

The job for Eastern's special teams coordinator has been posted on the NCAA Web site.

Bellantoni aims for better tackling

Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni wants his team to tackle better this season.

"I remember Chevon (Walker) making us look like a fool last year," Bellantoni said of Walker's progress during the spring season.

Bellantoni also needs to develop the depth more this season.

"That's my main goal," Bellantoni said. "We seem to be hitting all the right spots."

He said sophomore linebacker Nick Nasti and senior defensive back Adrian Arrington have come night and day from the fall.

Recruit earns honor for high school football

Erik Lora has been selected to play for the United States junior football national team.

Lora, a Miami native and Eastern football recruit, will play on America's first national team in the sport comprised of players 19 and under.

He is one of 36 players on the roster. The 5-11, 175-pound wide receiver earned first-team All-Dade County 6A-4A honors for Columbus. Lora recorded 29 receptions for 649 yards and seven touchdowns this past season.

He also returned 11 punts for 160 yards last season, two of which he took back for touchdowns.



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Eastern red-shirt freshman quarterback Doug Reynolds throws during the April 11 morning's scrimmage at O'Brien Stadium. It was Eastern's first scrimmage of the spring season. Reynolds is one of three quarterbacks.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Rutherford earns league honor

Eastern junior men's tennis player Jeff Rutherford earned Ohio Valley Conference honors again.

Rutherford was named to the Second Team All-OVC, which was announced by the league Thursday.

He was named to the OVC Pre-season Top 10 Player Rankings for the past two seasons.

The junior from Richmond, Ky., was a First Team All-OVC pick last season.

He is the only male player from the United States either from the First Team or the Second Team this season.

Rutherford is 9-13 overall and 4-4 in OVC play. He is 12-7 in doubles. He sports a 37-26 career record in singles and a 25-17 career mark in doubles.

Softball to pick up another player

According to McHenryCountySports.com, McHenry's Ashley Manusos is headed to the Eastern softball to join current freshman Maria Sorrentino. Manusos plans to walk on.

—Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

» Tootle

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Junior southpaw Tyler Kehrer will oppose Tootle in the second game Saturday, with sophomore right-handers Josh Mueller and Mike Recchia getting the early Saturday and Sunday starts, respectively.

Kehrer is 3-2 with a 4.86 ERA this season in nine appearances, including eight starts. He worked a scoreless inning of relief in Tuesday's 5-1 victory against Illinois in Champaign.

Kreke said while the team needs to approach the series like any other weekend, he knows a series win would be huge.

"It's a big statement weekend for us," he said. "We just need to go in with the same focus we always have, (while) knowing they're a good ball team."

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SOFTBALL | WEEKEND PREVIEW

Panthers play critical OVC rival

Pitchers' duel set for Williams Field this weekend

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Sports Editor

The Eastern softball and Morehead State softball teams were in a hole early in the conference season.

The Panthers went 1-2 in their first Ohio Valley Conference series and have gone 7-1 since then, including two series sweeps. The Eagles started out 3-7 in the OVC, but have gone 5-0 since and are on a seven-game winning streak overall.

These two teams meet this weekend in an important three-game OVC series. The Panthers (24-16, 8-3 OVC) play a doubleheader against Morehead State (26-14, 8-7) at 1 p.m. Saturday at Williams Field. The final game is set for noon Sunday at Williams Field.

Expect a pitcher's duel between Morehead State junior Alex Gjerve (18-7) and Eastern sophomore Amber May (17-10). Gjerve, the 2008 OVC Pitcher of the Year, boasts a 0.98 ERA, and posts a 1.63 ERA in May. Runs are to be at a premium.

"We'll see how she does against us," said Eastern senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby.

The Panthers took two of three games last season and went 1-1 against Gjerve including a 2-1 win in 10 innings.

Eastern is confident facing Gjerve because they have seen good pitching most of the season.

Tennessee Tech freshman pitcher Holly Thomas gave the Panthers fits by holding them to one hit, but the Panthers still won. And Southern Illinois Edwardsville junior Erika Taylor (15-4, 1.19 ERA) held the Panthers to one run, but the Panthers pulled out another victory.

"She's tough," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "We've faced her before, though. We'll look at notes. Hopefully, our offense will keep going."

Schuette said the key is getting base runners



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore third baseman Kiley Holtz takes a swing at the ball during the game against Saint Louis Tuesday afternoon at Williams Field. Holtz and the Panthers play Morehead State Friday and Saturday at Williams Field.

on every inning, and then from there the Panthers can do some damage.

"I want to get rid of this seventh-inning thing at Williams Field," Schuette said.

But it's not going to be easy in this conference series.

"We just go out and look for our pitches and not settle for her pitches," said Eastern sopho-

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Jacksonville State	11-1	27-9
Eastern Illinois	8-3	24-16
Tennessee Tech	9-6	23-23
Morehead State	8-7	26-14
Tennessee Martin	8-8	25-18
Tennessee State	7-10	16-23
Eastern Kentucky	5-8	14-19
SE Missouri	4-8	15-19
Austin Peay	2-10	12-28

"We'll see how she does against us."

— **Eastern senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby said about Morehead State junior pitcher Alex Gjevve**

more third baseman Kiley Holtz.

The Panthers have combined for 15 hits against Gjerve in 19 2/3 innings

"A good pitcher makes you want to hit something you don't want to hit," Schuette said.

Holtz said the key is to work the count and of course, get the pitch.

For Holtz, she said she looks for the outside pitch.

Eastern leads the all-time series against the Eagles, but Morehead State eliminated the Panthers from the OVC Tournament last season.

"These games are very important," Jacoby said. "We're just going to do the same as we did against (Tennessee) Tech."

After this series, the Panthers host Illinois for a single game Tuesday, Southeast Missouri for a doubleheader Thursday and Jacksonville State for a three-game series to close out their 11-game homestand.

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TRACK | WEEKEND PREVIEW

Butler tries to maintain healthy season

By **BOB SHAUGHNESSY**
Staff Reporter

Senior Brad Butler wants to be healthy for the entire season.

Butler, a distance runner, was set to be the top cross country runner in the fall. He was actually healthy for the majority of the season until injuring himself right before the Ohio Valley Conference meet.

Butler will try to lead the Eastern track and field teams this weekend. The Panthers are competing at the Memphis Tiger Invitational in Memphis, Tenn., today and Saturday the Mid-Season Invite at Olivet Nazarene in Bourbonnais Saturday and the Rose Hulman Twilight in Terre Haute, Ind., today.

Butler won the 10,000-meter run last Friday at the Lee Calhoun Invitational in Macomb. He won the event in a career best time of 31 minutes, 11.24 seconds. Although Butler would love to hit his best times, he is more concerned about the team finishing first.

"My main goal is to win conference, but I just want a lot of guys to qualify for Regionals and to continue to get better," Butler said.

With a stress fracture in his foot during the cross country season, Butler was forced to miss both conference and Regionals.

But with his foot healthy this year he can be one of the top performers in the OVC.

"It was real tough on me because I red-shirted on purpose so I could come back and have a good fifth year and then finish strong and then I got injured, and

TRACK NOTES

Other teams at Memphis:

Memphis (M&W), Eastern (M&W), Middle Tennessee State (M&W), Western Illinois (M&W), Rhodes College (M&W), Lindenwood (M&W), Southern Illinois Edwardsville (M&W), Harding (M&W), Hendrix College (M&W), Lipscomb (M&W), Rust College (M&W), Christian Brothers (M), Belmont (W), Murray State and Jacksonville State

I did not want to finish my Eastern career like that," he said.

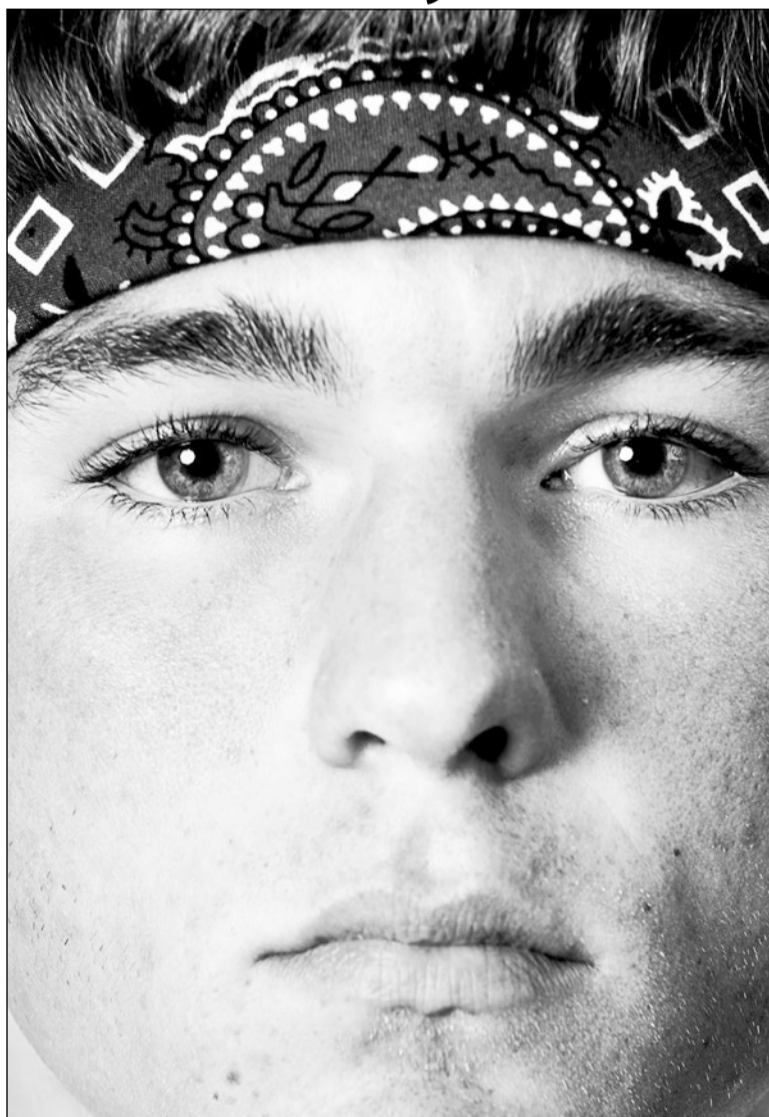
Butler is a two-time All-OVC performer in cross country. He won the 10,000-meter run at the outdoor conference meet in 2006.

Butler, who also has a brother on the team, junior Keith Butler, said it is nice to be able to run with a sibling, something not too many people get to do. With Keith being more of a mid-distance runner, running 800 meters, the brothers are able to stay away from sibling competition.

"It's pretty cool (being on the same team)," Brad said. "We get to hang out and spend more time together something than some other brothers may not get to do. We're pretty close. The competition is usually not too heated. It's pretty friendly."

Even with his dominant performances in the track season, Brad said he still prefers cross country.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior distance runner Brad Butler is returning to running after an injury during the fall cross country season.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Eastern Illinois	9-1	26-6
SE Missouri	9-3	19-14
Jacksonville State	5-4	20-13
Eastern Kentucky	6-6	19-14
Morehead State	5-6	12-20
Murray State	3-5	20-15
Tennessee Tech	4-7	17-14
Austin Peay	2-6	15-21
Tennessee Martin	2-7	12-20

TOURNEY SCHEDULE

2009 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Men's and Women's Tennis schedules

- All matches in Paducah, Ky.
- No. 1 and No. 2 seeds receive byes

Women's

Friday — 10 a.m.
No. 4 Jacksonville State vs. No. 5 Tennessee Tech
No. 3 Murray State vs. **No. 6 Eastern Illinois**

Saturday — 2 p.m.
No. 1 Eastern Kentucky vs. No. 4/5
No. 2 Tennessee Martin vs. No. 3/6

Men's

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Saturday — 2 p.m.
No. 1 Eastern Kentucky vs. No. 4/5
No. 2 Jacksonville State vs. No. 3/6

Championship

Women's — 10 a.m., Sunday
Men's — 2 p.m., Sunday

NATIONAL SPORTS

Friday

MLB

St. Louis at Cubs |
1:20 p.m. on CSN,
FSN Midwest

MLS

New England at D.C. United |
6 p.m. on ESPN2

MLB

White Sox at Tampa Bay |
6:38 p.m. on CSN

Saturday

NBA

Chicago at Boston |
11:30 a.m. on ESPN

NBA

Detroit at Cleveland |
2 p.m. on ABC

MLB

St. Louis at Cubs |
2:40 p.m. on FOX

MLB

White Sox at Tampa Bay |
6:08 p.m. on WGN

NBA

Dallas at San Antonio |
7 p.m. on ESPN

NBA

Houston at Portland |
9:30 p.m. on ESPN

SCOREBOARD

MLB

St. Louis 7, Chicago 4
Houston 6, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 6, Atlanta 2
Cleveland 10, NY Yankees 2



BOB SHAUGHNESSY

Weekly honors build confidence

The Eastern track and field teams will look to keep their streak of consecutive Ohio Valley Conference honors going as they travel to Memphis, Tenn., today. The Panthers have received individual OVC awards for the previous four weeks.

The streak started on March 24, when three Panthers received the award.

Senior Brenton Pegues won the 400-meter dash in 48.20 seconds and ran the first leg of the 1,600-meter relay that won first in 3 minutes, 15.17 seconds.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | EASTERN AT OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Last chances at NCAA's

Squads are No. 6 seeds in first round of tourney

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams have one last shot at the NCAA Tournament.

The Panthers will play in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament today. The winners will earn a chance to represent the OVC and earn the automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Both Eastern teams have a shot. They will play in the first round in Paducah, Ky., today.

The No. 6 Eastern men's team (10-11, 3-5 OVC) will face No. 3 seated Tennessee Tech, while the No. 6 Eastern women's team (8-12, 4-5) will play against No. 3 Murray State (12-7, 6-3).

Both Eastern squads are familiar with their upcoming opponents.

The Eastern men were defeated by Tennessee Tech on April 5 7-0, while the Eastern women lost to Murray State 6-1.

Despite the earlier losses, Eastern tennis head coach John Blackburn believes the familiarity with their opponents will help the Eastern squads prepare for the matches.

"We know going in that we will be facing a pair of very tough teams," Blackburn said. "We have an idea of what type of style they play with, which allows us to understand their tendencies more."

Eastern senior Vuk Milicevic agreed the familiarity with Tennessee Tech would allow the men's tennis squad to understand the level of competition they will face.

"Going in, we know exactly what we are going to get out of them having already played against them," Milicevic said. "It helps us knowing that we played each match close last time. None of the guys on Tennessee Tech are unbeatable, so I see no rea-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior Jeff Rutherford volleys during a match against Murray State at the Darling Courts. The Eastern men's and women's tennis will play in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Friday in Paducah, Ky.

son why we can't come away with a win."

For the Eastern men's squad to be able to be successful against the Golden Eagles (11-7, 6-2) Tech, Milicevic believes it will take a team effort.

"In the past week or two, every-

one has been playing pretty well," Milicevic said. "The team that gets the doubles point will have an obvious advantage heading into the singles matches."

Heading into the matches, Blackburn said both squads are very excit-

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ed and are looking forward to extending their season.

Blackburn expects both teams will raise their level of play for the matches.

"We have been playing hard the last couple of matches, even though we came up short," Blackburn said. "We understand going in what we need to do to be successful."

Neither squad has won the OVC Tournament.

"I think they understand that they need to be aggressive on Friday," Blackburn said. "We need to play to win the point, as opposed to hanging back and playing a more conservative style. They understand that Murray State is a good team and we will need to play strong matches to have a chance to win."

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BASEBALL | NO. 29 EASTERN VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE

Panthers prepare to take on Tootle

Preseason pitcher of the year on tap

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

The red-hot Eastern baseball team's bats will face its biggest test of the season this weekend in the form of Ben Tootle.

The Jacksonville State junior right-hander was the Preseason Pitcher of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference and had the Panthers' number in his one start against them last season.

He threw 7 1/3 innings of scoreless, two-hit ball against the Panthers in a Gamecocks' 2-0 victory on April 20 of last year. This season he is 3-1 with a 3.58 ERA in eight starts. He has 45 strikeouts in 37 2/3 innings pitched.

Tootle will pitch the nightcap of Saturday's doubleheader against



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Eastern red-shirt freshman Mike Martin pitches against Blackburn College Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers play Jacksonville State Saturday and Sunday at Coaches Stadium.

the No. 29 Panthers (25-6), which begins at 1 p.m. at Coaches Stadium. The three-game set concludes Sunday with a 1 p.m. matinee.

Senior shortstop Jordan Kreke said having Tootle on the mound brings a little more excitement to the series. "It's pretty much the same mind-

set we have every weekend, (to) try to get two out of three and win the weekend," said Kreke, who went 0-for-3 against Tootle last season. "There will be a little more focus with their big draft pick Tootle, but we'll still have the same focus as every weekend."

The Gamecocks (20-13) entered the season as the favorites in the OVC, narrowly edging out the Panthers with 61 votes and five first place votes to Eastern's 60 and four, respectively.

Senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz said the team has been waiting for this series to happen since before the season even started.

"We know J-State won the regular season last season, so we just have to come out and play our best game," he said. "We're looking forward to playing them."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Friday vs. Murray State |
10 a.m. - Paducah, Ky.

MEN'S TENNIS
Friday vs. Tennessee Tech |
2 p.m. - Paducah, Ky.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Saturday at Illinois |
10 a.m. - Champaign

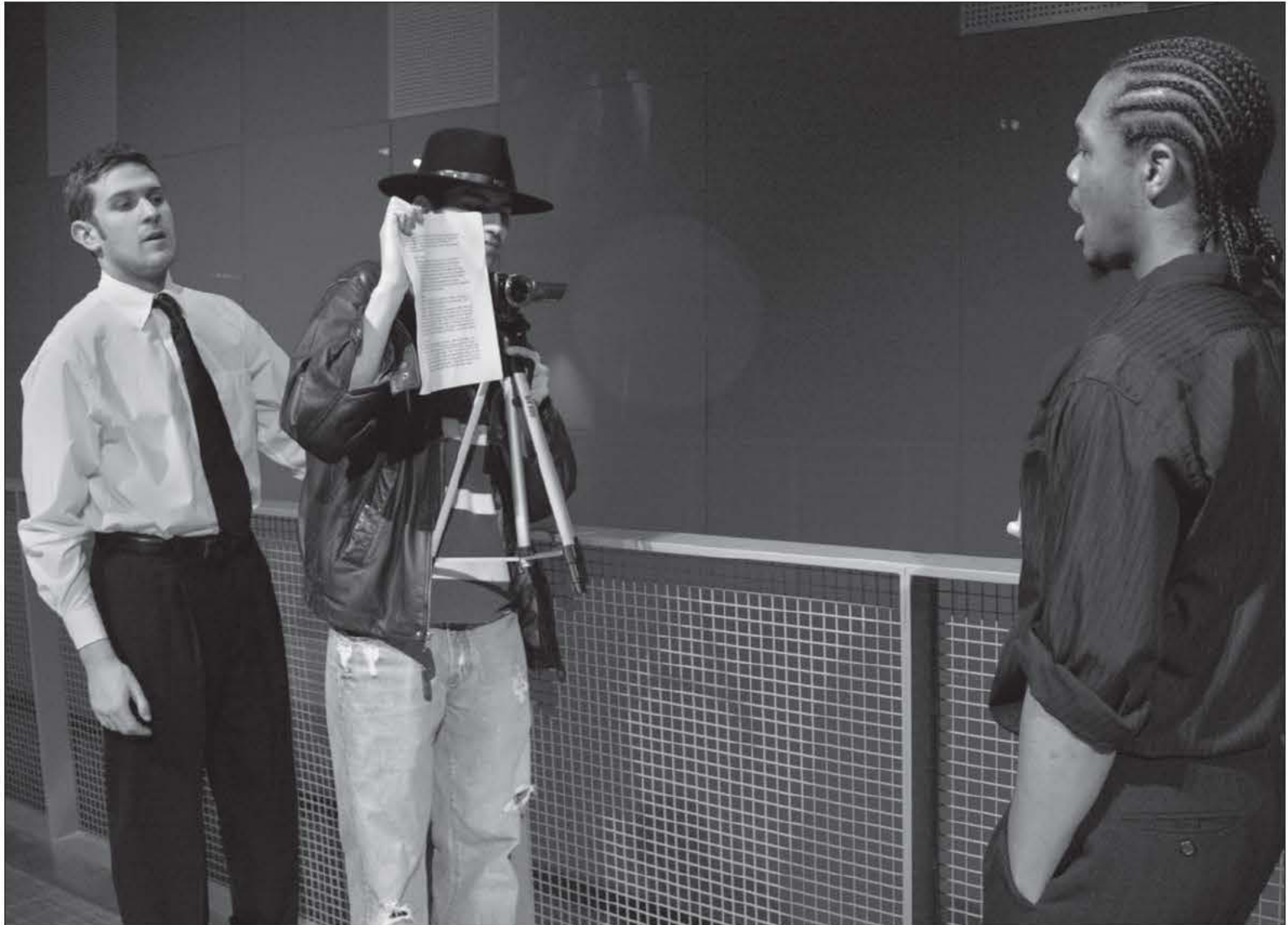
BASEBALL
Saturday vs. Jacksonville St. (DH) |
1 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

SOFTBALL
Saturday vs. Morehead St. (DH) |
1 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

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CARI WAFFORD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rich Aguilera films a mock presidential campaign commercial for "Cowboys and Indians." The one-act play is featured in the Student Directed One-Acts, a directing program for upperclassmen that spotlights directing, scenic lighting and costume designing skills.

STUDENT-DIRECTED PLAYS MAKE SOCIAL COMMENTARY

By **Doug T. Graham**
Verge Reporter

Two student-directed one act plays will be performed at 7 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Black Box Theatre.

These plays are an opportunity for upperclassmen theatre arts majors to direct a one-act theater production on the collegiate level.

The two directors chosen for this semester are Bailey Murphy and Rich Aguilera, both senior theatre arts majors.

The plan is for Murphy's play "God of Hell," which is estimated to be an hour long, to be performed first and Aguilera's play "Cowboys and Indians" to be

performed second.

An intermission will be sandwiched between the two plays to allow for the set to be changed.

"God of Hell" was written by Sam Shepard in 2004 about the dangers of powerful governments.

The play is set at the home of a husband and wife who are made to endure constant and invasive searches by a mysterious government employee named Mr. Welch.

Murphy said that Shepard wrote the play in an attempt to prevent President Bush from being re-elected, and – even though that didn't happen – the play is still relevant because of its portrayal of what can go wrong

when a government agent has too much power.

The second play of the evening will take a lighter look at the possible dangers of power.

"Cowboys and Indians," a half hour comedy written by Eastern alumnus and former Hello Dali cast member Brian Aycock, is about the battle for the White House in an exaggerated version of America.

The two candidates are Democrat Michael Holloway, a black senator from Indiana, and Republican Timmy Shepard, whom Aguilera describes as a "40-year-old man who dresses in a children's cowboy outfit and acts like a 5-year-old."

Both plays will be shown in

"tennis court style," which puts the actors in the middle of two banks of seats not unlike tennis players would be in a match.

Each director has responded to this interesting staging choice in different ways.

Aguilera has split the stage by party lines, with Senator Holloway and the Democrats doing all their scenes on one side and Timmy Shepard and the Republicans on the other.

Aguilera and Aycock worked together through what Aguilera described as "several rewrites" after he knew about the play's unique staging.

Murphy's play was written for a traditional stage, which meant that her and the cast had to adapt

every scene for the tennis court.

Murphy said that her experience working at the theater on 18th Street in the pre-Doudna days helped her in adapting to the surroundings.

Both directors said they were very happy to be in the Black Box Theatre.

The show was originally scheduled to be in the Movement Studio but was moved due to technical issues.

"Rich and I were joking that we would like cut a wire or something so we could get in the Black Box," said Murphy, who was thankful for the increased space of the Black Box. "You have to be grateful for the spaces you are given."

SHADY'S BACK

Guess who's back. Back Again. Shady's back, tell your friends.

It is finally official, after the April 7 release of his new song and video "We Made You," Eminem has finally returned to the forefront of mainstream conversation.

The video itself follows along the same lines as previous Eminem first singles ("My Name Is," "The Real Slim Shady"), in the form of parodies and taking shots at fellow celebrities.

The video shows Eminem returning to his older version of his Slim Shady persona, except this time around Eminem has left behind his bleach blonde hair look, which could just be interpreted as Eminem getting up there in age.

Once again, the list of star-studded targets is long with the main subjects varying from Sarah Palin to Jessica Simpson.

The list of butchered personalities include Bret Michaels, Britney Spears, Kim Kardashian, Lindsay Lohan, Ellen Degeneres, John Mayer, Tony Romo, Jessica Alba and Amy Winehouse.

If that isn't enough to get you interested, little spoofs of Star Trek and Rain Man are also featured with a quick appearance of



Neil Schneider
Verge Reporter

fellow rapper 50 Cent.

All of this is perfectly packaged into a four-minute and 39-second video of quick sketches that depict all of your favorite celebrities in hilarious situations.

The video is directed by Joseph Kahn, who is familiar with the way Eminem deploys his first singles considering that he was the director of Eminem's "Without Me" video.

Skits of Eminem showing celebrities in hilarious situations highlight the video itself.

The opening scene sets the stage for the video as Eminem dresses like Bret Michaels and has a line-up of female celebrities.

In one scene, Eminem dresses up like Bret Michaels and de-

picts him as losing his hair. In another, Eminem is locking lips with an extremely ghostly looking Amy Winehouse impersonator.

Other scenes include a chunky version of Jessica Simpson hiking a cheeseburger to Tony Romo, as well as an interesting Star Trek battle where Eminem plays the role of Spock.

It's good to see that Eminem is once again up to his old tricks, especially with the overall theme of the video.

In the bigger picture, Eminem is taking an interesting shot at tabloid culture during a time when every movement made by a celebrity is being analyzed to the tiniest of degrees.

The rest of the upcoming album, "Relapse," should feature more serious content and songs, considering Eminem has gone through some rather serious situations during his musical hiatus.

Last year, Eminem's best friend, "Proof," was shot and killed outside of a Detroit nightclub, as well as Eminem going through another divorce from Kim.

Despite these issues, it appears that Eminem has returned to claim his spot on the top of the rap pedestal.

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Capturing the Rays



Megan Mathy, a junior rhetoric and public advocacy major

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FIRESKY FUTURE KEEPS POP-PUNK RELEVANT

By Brad York
Senior Verge Reporter

Waves of heat beat down on the black truck bed shell of Firesky Future's ocean blue Ford Ranger as it laid motionless in Chicago rush-hour traffic.

The black trash bag covering the windows act as opaque oven windows as the overflow of passengers and equipment bake inside.

"We had a walkie (talkie) so we could communicate between the front and the back," Travis Cooper, drummer for the Firesky Future said. "I was driving, and I heard *kssh* 'Sean has to use the bathroom' *kssh*. I was like, 'can't you see we're in the middle of downtown Chicago. We're on the freeway, and we're not moving. What do you want me to do?'"

"I filled up an ol' Gatorade bottle," said Sean Kelly, vocalist and rhythm guitarist for Firesky Future.

This could be a peculiar and embarrassing story for some, but it was just another day in the life of the Charleston born and raised pop-punk quartet Firesky Future.

Also in the fun-loving band are Andy Long, bassist and vocalist, and Cyrus Bardsley, lead guitarist.

You're not alone if the name Firesky Future doesn't look familiar in the recently growing list of bar band performances.

The band has been on hiatus while recording their debut album titled "Local Tragedy."

"The timing on (the release) is pretty good. We're getting ready for summer," Long said. "We're hoping to catch on, and start rolling on tour or doing whatever we need to do to get where we want to be."

And rolling the band is with one performance this summer slated as an opening act for New Found



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Firesky Future, shown here at their Top of the Roc performance on January 23, will be playing at 10 p.m. today at Mom's, located on Monroe Ave. next to Mike and Stan's.

Glory.

"It's a show in Milwaukee," Kelly said. "We're kind of the opening for the openers."

"Yeah, so we're playing in the same building," Long says as the band unites in laughter.

"We're excited because it's definitely the biggest show we've performed for," Kelly said. "It's going to be hands down three or four times bigger than the crowds we're used to performing for."

Firesky Future hopes that this

summer proves to be pop-punk's second rising with some industry giants such as Green Day, Blink-182 and No Doubt said to reunite or be dropping new albums.

"We all grew up here. There is a lot of good stuff in this town. If you're trying to be a musician that plays pop punk music there just isn't a whole lot of enterprise. That's sort of what the whole record is about," Long said. "Local tragedy is about people that I know that I feel there is so much lack of sup-

port. It's nothing against them, but they just don't understand. It's almost as if people can't wait to see you fail. It's not exactly easy telling mom and dad, 'Hey I'm going to be in a band.'"

Charleston maybe isn't the best spot to try and make it as a pop punk musician.

Firesky Future certainly feels that pop-punk will rise once again in a new form of the genre.

"It's simply pop rock and pop rock will never die," said Kelly.

STUDENT FILMS FEATURED AT FILM FESTIVAL SATURDAY

By Nick Draper
Verge Reporter

The second annual University Board Student Film Festival will take place Saturday as a part of their Student Showcase Weekend.

Up to two hours of Eastern student-generated videos will be shown throughout the festival and prizes will be given out to the top three filmmakers selected by a panel of judges.

Audience members will also be given a chance to win a prize as well, in addition to having the chance to vote for their favorite films.

Since there is no set bracket, filmmakers are free to create any

type of film that they choose.

Ryan Kerch, movies coordinator for the UB, said that last year there were even some documentaries and artistic movies.

"We've got some comedies, music videos... really anything and everything will be shown," Kerch said.

Films will also be pre-screened and given a rating ranging anywhere from PG to R so that families attending will be informed of adult content.

There will be \$500 dollars split between the three winners given out in the form of gift certificates to help further their cinematography careers.

Judges consist of a panel of the UB members and faculty from the

film studies program.

Movies will be pre-judged prior to the showing, and winners will be announced at the end of the show.

Robin Murray, an English professor and the films studies minor adviser, said that she intends to look at all of the films with a holistic evaluation and how they work as a whole.

"I'll have to work on a gut reaction because we don't have any evaluation sheets, so we'll have to look at style and cinematography and all of that stuff," she said.

Participating students range from seniors to freshman of any major, not just film studies students.

Levi Bulgar, a senior psychology major, said he just entered his film for fun.

Shot in the Booth Library in the time span of two hours and edited in four, Bulgar hopes that the audience will enjoy the comedy and have a good time.

"I don't even know what the prizes are," he said. "I just think it'd be fun. I've always wanted to do this."

Formats can range anywhere from YouTube-esque quality to professional, high quality videos and can be of any length.

"We don't want to scare away anyone who isn't in a film studies major. It's whatever people want to show," Kerch said.

Admittance will be free of charge for all ages and the films will be shown in the Buzzard auditorium from 4 to 7 p.m.

study break

FRIDAY

Student Directed One Acts

Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Black Box Theater, Doudna
Cost: Free

Firesky Future

Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Mom's
Cost: \$2

The Staff Blues Band and Howard

Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Mad Hatters
Cost: \$3

Honkstafarians

Time: 10:40 p.m.
Place: Top of the Roc, Roc's Blackfront
Cost: Free

James Stanford Senior Recital

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall, Doudna
Cost: Free

SATURDAY

Chicago Farmer with Mark Tyler

Time: TBD
Place: Mac's Uptowner
Cost: TBD

Roses & Sake and Little Boy Jr.

Time: TBD
Place: Friends & Co.
Cost: TBD

University Board's Student Film Festival

Time: 4 and 7 p.m.
Place: Buzzard Auditorium
Cost: Free

Lauren Curta Solo Art Show

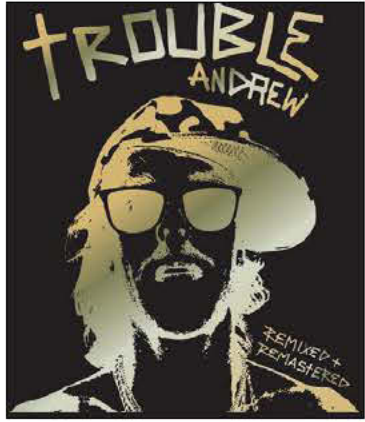
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Art Fart Gallery, 601 Monroe Ave.
Cost: Free

SUNDAY

Garrett Smith Senior Jazz Recital

Time: 4 p.m.
Place: Douda Jazz Rehearsal Room
Cost: Free

TROUBLE ANDREW ALBUM SALUTES NEW WAVE, PUNK AND HIP-HOP



By **Brad York**
Senior Verge Reporter

Skate rat turned professional musician Trevor Andrew, of the band Trouble Andrew, is putting electronic surf-crunk-rock on the map with his debut album titled "Remixed & Remastered."

The album features a variety of sounds that Andrew has heard and loved throughout his years as a skateboarder and snowboarder.

Most of the tracks on the album feature fast bass lines that

have been influenced by a compilation of lively punk-rock and a range of new wave music.

Take the track "Bang Bang," featuring Santigold, for example.

The song opens up with a frenzied bass line accompanied by an equally fast snare and thumping drumbeat.

Santigold was actually the person that turned Andrew to music.

While cooped up in Santigold's house on a skating injury, Andrew tried various guitars, a drum machine and keyboards.

Santigold then bought Andrew a four-track recorder, and he began recording the tracks featured on "Remixed & Remastered."

The album as a whole is a grungy salute to new wave, punk-rock and hip-hop loving crunk-heads worldwide.

Andrew's vocals come off as whiney yet sweet in the track "Be Free."

The song opens with a deep bass nod to classic hip-hop rhythms like the Beastie Boys in

"License to Ill," only layered with an onslaught of electronic rhythmic patterns and a little less slamming grunge guitar work.

Although the vocals are a bit tiresome and repetitive, the upbeat tempo and electronic beats more than make up for Andrew's lack of lyrical content.

The album is simply a delight to listen to. The songs are perfect listening preparations for a night out on the town.

The track "Pimp Millennium" stands out in a long list of key tracks to listen to.

The song is driven by off rhythm beats and features simple lyrics such as: "I'm a god damn pimp. You know this. You know this. You know this. You better bow down to me."

The true brilliance in the song is the feeling of swagger and energy that Andrew leaves you with by the end.

The '80s are relived in the snare driven track "No Good."

The song, which features the same up-tempo bass, reminds you

of the good old days of synth-focused choruses that leave you bobbing your head and asking for more, and you can't help but notice vocals influenced by Billy Idol as Andrew rapidly recites his lyrics.

Another example is the opening song "Chase Money" which, like the rest of the album, sounds like new wave music from the '80s meets punk in a hip-hop fused melody about a woman dating men only because of the money they have.

"Couldn't love this chick. It's a trick she's a flirt. Yeah she got a lot going, pink lips and a short skirt. Color contacts in your eyes. Yeah I'm surprised. Wanna get rich, get your fix from another guy. Cause you... chase money for love," Andrew sings.

The right listening mood is a necessity when picking up "Remixed & Remastered," but what you find will be a solid album that will make you need to bob and dance your worries and troubles away.

WHY WE GET HIGH



By **Cari Wafford**
Verge Reporter

On Monday, the citizens of Massachusetts and Maine will be celebrating Patriots Day, a civic holiday that honors the anniversary of the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.

Meanwhile, the rest of the country, mostly the counterculture, use April 20 as an opportunity to celebrate hazy minds and indulge in tasty, tasty snacks, or in other words, smoke a lot of pot and chow down.

Everyone from the stoner next door to your dad has a different opinion about why April 20 has become the day of all days for heavy consumption.

Some debate April 20 is a day to commemorate Hitler's birthday.

And while Hitler was born on April 20, I would be hard pressed to find anyone who either A) celebrates his birth in this country or B) celebrates Hitler's birthday by getting high.

Others cite 4-20 as the number of chemical compounds in marijuana. But High Times magazine concluded marijuana has 315 chemical compounds, and the number increases or decreases depending on which plant is used, and I think they would know.

Also, 4-20 is not police radio code for anything, anywhere. The number was rumored to be code for marijuana use, particularly in California, but California Penal Code 420 is actually used in the instance of obstructed entry on public land.

The real accounts of the reference have been documented by High Times magazine. If you haven't already stopped reading this article to celebrate early, the information goes as follows:

In 1971, a group of about a dozen Rafael High School students in San Rafael, Calif., used to meet on campus to smoke pot. Every day, one of the "Waldos," as they called themselves, would shout "420" to fellow classmates notifying them to meet at a campus statue of Louis Pasteur to smoke pot. This was a way the students could talk about marijuana in front of their parents and teachers without their knowledge.

In 2004, the California state legislature successfully passed California Senate Bill 420. The bill, signed by former Gov. Gray Davis, established the Medical Marijuana Program. The bill regulates how much marijuana a patient may grow and possess without being arrested. It also requires counties to apply an identification card system for patients and their caregivers.

So whether you light up at 4:20, exclusively on April 20 or not at all, you are all now informed, man.

'DOWNTOWN OWL' COULD BE DOWNTOWN ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

By **Sarah Ruholl**
Assistant Verge Editor

It's downtown Owl, N.D.

There really isn't much of a downtown, either.

There is a main street, though, and it is lined with bars.

High school kids cruise up and down it on weekends, drinking warm beer stolen from their dads.

It's the sort of town where everyone knows everyone else and their business.

It's also the sort of town where a high school teacher can impregnate students and no one says anything.

And it's the sort of town where naming the school mascot the "Screaming Satans" causes an uproar.

In a town like Owl, old men drink coffee and talk about high school football, the weather and crops.

High school football legends inexplicably raise bison, and everyone has a nickname.

Owl, of course, is not technically real, but "Downtown Owl" is an accurate representation of most small, rural communities in 1983.

In his fifth book, but first novel, Chuck Klosterman ("Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs" "Killing Yourself to Live") paints an often hilarious and always vivid portrait of small town America.

The story is told in first person by a revolving cast of characters.

There is Julia, the new teacher fresh out of college. She is new to town, but is quick to pick up the hard drinking ways of Owl residents. She immediately becomes the most sought-after woman in town.

And there is Horace, a septuagenarian and lifetime Owl resident. He is one of the coffee drinkers who meet every afternoon at the same café, and he sits in the same seat with the same men who discuss the same topics every single day.

And then there is Mitch, a high school junior that is easy to assume is based on Klosterman himself.

Mitch is a third-string quarterback who daydreams of torturing and killing his coach/English teacher, the one with the habit of impregnating 16-year-olds.

The characters have depth and seem exactly like the sort of people you would only meet in a small town.

Klosterman's signature writing style runs rampant throughout the novel, giving it a conversational tone.

It is an honest, witty look at life, and it will resonate with anyone who grew up in a rural community where athletics are valued over academics and half the community is compromised of farmers.

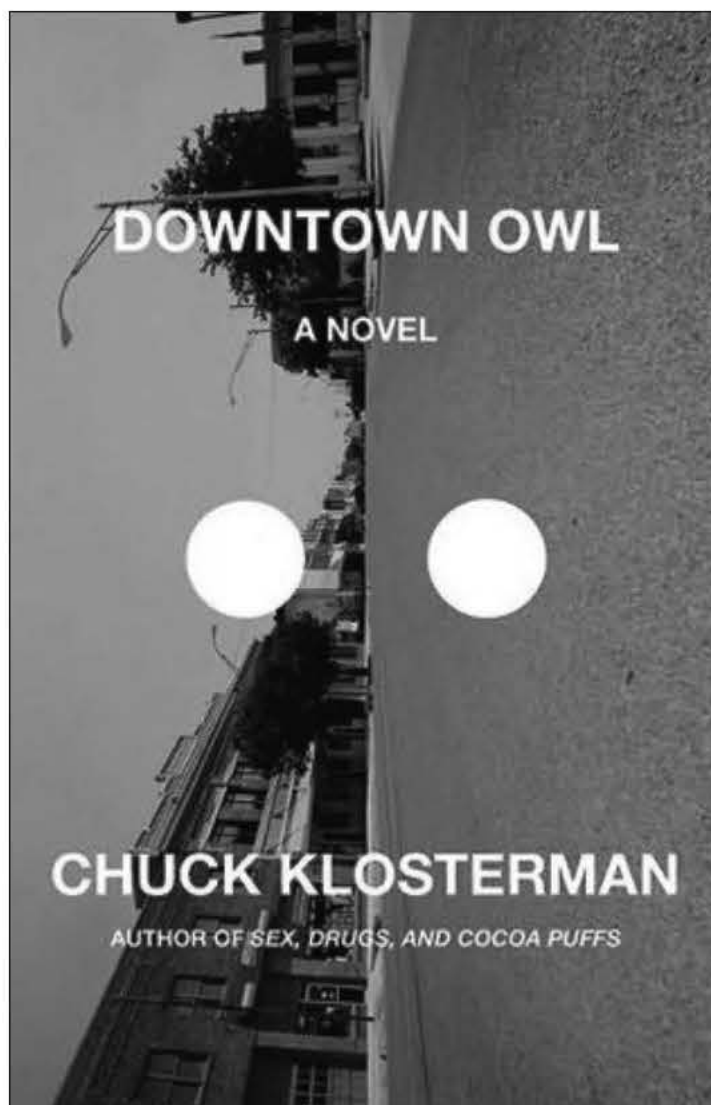


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The ending leaves a strange taste in your mouth as a blizzard strikes Owl, but it would not have felt as

real if it ended any other way.

It is a must-read for Klosterman fans and small town kids alike.