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BLAGOJEVICH, INTERRUPTED

Blagojevich's judge to speak about public trust

BY NIKE OGUNBODEDE | ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

U.S. District Judge James Zagel has prosecuted a mass murderer, presided over issues of faith and most recently dealt with the media frenzy of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's trial.

And today, he will be at Eastern talking about the public trust in officials and the slew of recent and past exploitation of those in positions of power.

Because of its sensitivity, Zagel is not permitted to talk about the ongoing Blagojevich's case.

However, during "The Breach of Public Trust" presentation, there will be a question and answer segment, where students and community members will be able to ask Zagel and visiting former U.S. attorney Jim Burns questions.

The presentation will take place at 4 p.m. today in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Karen Swenson, a political science professor and the pre-law adviser, teaches classes like American Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Contemporary Constitutional Development and Moot Court.

Swenson said she hopes students that go to the event will know Zagel for more than just his role as

judge in the two Blagojevich court cases.

"He's a judge of great prominence, even before the Blagojevich trial, I think he had earned the reputation of being one of the most respected judges from the U.S. District Court for the Northern district of Illinois," Swenson said.

Zagel graduated from Harvard Law School in 1965 and was confirmed to his district court office for the Northern District of Illinois in 1987 after being appointed by Ronald Reagan in the same year.

Swenson said the discussion will be particularly important for students who will be entering into the law or government positions.

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STUDENT SENATE

Political parties proposal fails

Senate also approves "vote of no confidence"

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

After three weeks of debate, the Student Senate made the decision to continue to allow political parties to exist within the organization as well as remain present on the ballot at its final meeting on Wednesday.

The proposal to ban political parties failed by a vote of 13-11 with one abstention.

Jarrold Scherle, the student executive vice president, said he has been against the proposed ban since it was introduced and while the sponsors claimed it was not a personal attack, he believed it was.

"We are student government, not student council. By definition we are student politicians," Scherle said. "The current executive board is one of the few that has stayed together all year, we all ran in the same party because we thought we would be the best team to serve the students. Don't change the rules because you cannot win."

Lindsay Luttrell, a junior communication studies major, said she did not run with party affiliation and received the lowest number of votes in the recent election.

Luttrell said she was in favor of the ban because she believes Student Senate members should be elected on merit, not popularity.

"Under a large government, political parties are necessary, but we

have to remember we are on campus," Luttrell said. "Student Senate seats should be fought over not just handed over because someone knows someone who is also in the party."

Along with deciding the issue of political parties, Student Senate members also voted in favor of a constitutional amendment that would require there be a "vote of no confidence" option on the ballot for elections.

The next step in the process is a referendum for the students to vote on. The referendum will take place in the fall.

As is tradition, at the last Student Senate meeting of the semester, Student Senate members elected the Student Senate Speaker.

Mitchell Gurick, a freshman business education major, will be the new Student Senate Speaker for the Fall 2012 semester.

The Student Senate also passed proposals concerning spending for the inauguration of the new student executives as well as funding for two events, which take place during the Fall 2012 semester.

The two events that will take place are the annual First Night celebration as well as the Panther-palooza event.

First Night will take place Aug. 19.

Panther Palooza will take place Aug. 22.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Action Team lobbies for new science building

Eastern students take action for much needed funds

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Traveling via tunnel from the Illinois State Capitol to the Stratton Building in Springfield and maneuvering through a maze of offices, the Student Action Team lobbied on behalf of Eastern Wednesday.

Equipped with business cards, fact sheets of Eastern's accomplishments and about 2,200 letters separated into individual folders for each state representative and senator, about a dozen students campaigned for state funds for the new science building.

Jarrold Scherle, a graduate student

and the student executive vice president, said the new science building would cost about \$80 million, and Eastern would front \$30 million from the Campus Improvement Fee.

They argued that Eastern makes due with the lowest general revenue funding per full time equivalent student even though the university has the second highest graduation rate and the highest freshman-to-sophomore retention rate in the state.

"We are currently eighth on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's capital improvements list, and our goal is to get bumped up so we have a better chance at getting those funds," Scherle said.

The Student Action Team members delivered information to more than 100 legislators' offices and personally met with about 20 of them including State Rep. Chapin Rose



Check out the photo
gallery from the event:
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and State Sen. Dale Righter.

"I think it will go a long way to show how well Eastern manages funds such as saving students from a \$2,500 tuition increase by using other methods to pay for the Renewable Energy Center," Rose said.

Jim Johnston, a senior political science and history major, said the state senators he spoke to said they were impressed by the information the students presented to them, but they may be fighting for a losing cause because of the current stressful economic environment.

The students also spoke with State Sen. Ron Sandack of the 21st district.

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RACHEL RODGERS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kaci Abolt (left), a junior communication studies major, and Jenna Mitchell, a junior political science major, speak with State Rep. Chapin Rose Wednesday in the tunnel connecting the Illinois State Capitol and the Stratton Building in Springfield.


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FRIDAY



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CORRECTION

In Wednesday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Mary Herrington-Perry’s name was misspelled in “Senate addresses recruitment, retention” article. *The News* regrets the error.

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EIU SOCIETY OF FREE THOUGHT

Atheists tell ideas, answer questions

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

Scott Otto doesn’t believe in God or a higher power. In fact, the freshman anthropology major doesn’t agree with religion. Instead, he describes himself as a man of science and fact. And an atheist.

Otto is a member of the newly formed registered student organization EIU Society of Free Thought, which is sponsoring the visit of Aron Ra—the acting Texas State director of American Atheists.

Ra will give a speech about atheism and answer questions from those who choose to attend today’s 8 p.m. event in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“A Night of Reason” will not be the only event today, but the group will also be participating in the “Ask an Atheist Day” from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in a booth in the Library Quad. “(Ask us) questions concerning logic, reason, definitely science,” Otto said.

Otto said the group is excited for the event to impact and interact with different people on campus.

As an Iraq and Afghanistan war veteran, Otto said he did not rely on God during his time in war, but in his fellow soldiers and his equipment.

“Nothing fails quite like prayer,” he said. “One of the reasons we’ve been fighting the War on Terror was

because of religion. You rely on your buddies.”

Father John Titus of the Newman Catholic Center said he does not agree that religion caused the 9/11 or the War on Terror.

“I know what they say ‘religious people are people who fly planes into buildings,’ but religious people are also the people who are down in that same city, in that same day taking care of AIDS patients and homeless children,” Titus said.

Titus said he finds the event interesting, but finds it hard to take it seriously.

“It’s ironic that they call it a reason rally because it isn’t very reasonable,” Titus said. “It’s one thing to debate what kind of God that is, but it’s another thing to say that we don’t need God.”

Otto said the RSO has received funding from departments and organizations including the philosophy, biology and sociology/anthropology departments as well as the Secular Student Alliance.

According to its websites mission statement, the Secular Student Alliance is a national umbrella organization that aids high school and college student groups in the atheist, agnostic, humanist, skeptic and free thought movement.

Jason Waller, a philosophy professor, is faculty adviser of the EIU Society of Free Thought but said he does not necessarily agree the group’s beliefs.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls to run 5K for self-esteem

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

Local elementary and middle school students will be running 3.1 miles on Saturday to support Girls on the Run, a 10-week empowerment program for girls across the nation and in Canada.

Beth Gillespie, a council director for the Girls on the Run of East Central Illinois, said last year there were 108,000 girls who participated in the program.

“I truly believe that, as an organization, what we are doing is changing the next generation,” Gillespie said. “Our nation will look much different

than it does today.”

The program covers topics such as positive body image, women in the media, bullying and the impact of gossip, and health and fitness, Gillespie said.

Gillespie said there are 57 local girls who are participating in the program and will be running on Saturday.

“I think the girls on the run program have a very significant impact on the girls involved in this,” Gillespie said.

Gillespie said girls are bombarded with 3,000 negative messages from the media each day. The program helps build confidence in young girls by creating a supportive and encour-

aging environment that celebrates the individual, Gillespie said.

“What we are trying to impart on our girls is that they are amazing as they are, and it doesn’t matter what they look like on the outside,” Gillespie said.

Gillespie said the program focuses on who the girls are on the inside and also the message that their bodies are strong and the girls are capable.

When the girls first start training for the 5K, they are nervous about the task, but they begin to realize they are capable, which Gillespie said is amazing to witness.

Gillespie also said the change she sees in the girls is evident even af-

ter the first day. They stand a little straighter, smile a little bigger and are less reserved, Gillespie said.

Gillespie said the Girls on the Run 5K will take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Mattoon YMCA and will feature a celebration afterward that includes a bounce house and more than 150 volunteers and 200 participants.

Gillespie said the majority of the volunteers come from Eastern, including volunteer coaches for the girls while they are a part of the program.

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

Alum, student comedians to perform

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A returning alumnus and four student comedian groups will finish off the school year with comedy on Tuesday.

Alum Lenze Davis, students Seth Origitano, Ryan Wood, Josh Cahill and the improv comedy group Hello Dali will give the last comedy show during “UB Laughin’ Comedy Variety Show.”

The show will take place at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Shauna Miller, the comedy coordinator for the University Board, said the band Operation Righteous Cowboy Lightning will be performing during the show.

Miller said the band does a lot of funny songs that will entertain the audience.

The title of the event, “UB Laugh-

in’ Comedy Variety Show,” emphasizes how a wide variety of performers will entertain the audience, Miller said.

“It’s really a showcase of student talents,” she said.

Miller said it is important to show what the students are able to do.

“It’s all about the student having a good time,” Miller said.

Miller said she thinks comedy is a great talent.

“I think comedy is a unique talent,” Miller said. “Stand up comedians don’t just go up and do their thing, it takes a lot of time to plan out what you want to say and how they want to say it.”

Miller said students should come out and support other students.

“I think it’s important to showcase students’ talents,” Miller said. “That’s why we usually have student openers.”

Miller said she likes seeing student comedians and hearing their humor.

“It’s just another way to show the students that we care about the students and feel like they should get a chance to showcase what they are good at,” Miller said.

Miller said she hopes students come out to support the comedians because it helps the performers.

“It’s important to show other students what they do is important, even by coming out to a show and enjoying yourself,” Miller said. “It shows them that they can perform and they are funny.”

Miller said she thinks everyone will enjoy the show.

“The variety of the show offers something for everyone,” Miller said.

“Anyone who has a sense of humor will enjoy at least one of these performers.”

Miller said with finals coming around, it is important to take a break from the stress.

“I really hope people don’t think ‘it’s the final week and I have a lot

UB Laughin'

When: Tuesday, April 24, 8:30 p.m.

Where: 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union

Cost: Free

to do’ and don’t come,” Miller said. “This is a great break from that.”

Miller said it is unhealthy to stay stressed and that students need to take the mental break.

“What better way to distress from studying and papers and everything else then coming out and laughing and enjoying yourself,” Miller said.

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PRESENTATION

Reporter discusses global water shortage



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lester Graham, senior producer of Michigan radio, talks about water resources and problems the world will likely face in the future during a presentation Wednesday in Coleman Auditorium.

By: Michael Wolbers
Staff Reporter

Michigan Radio reporter Lester Graham spoke to a group of students and faculty members at Coleman Hall Wednesday about the global shortage of water.

Graham, an investigative reporter, said if people do not take the precautionary measures now, water shortage could become a serious problem in United States.

"Water is the oil of the 21st century," Graham said.

When Graham worked in radio in Illinois, he said that he saw bad shortages here in the Land of Lincoln.

"I was here in Illinois for 20 years, and I saw a number of really bad droughts," Graham said. "I mean to the point where crops didn't grow; farmer's livestock died due to a lack of drinkable water."

Graham said he partially blames water shortages on the fact that a lot of people have a false sense of security when it comes to the supply of

water.

Graham also hinted at the fact that it might have to do something with cultural differences.

"Northern Europe seems to be taking water consumption very seriously," Graham said. "In places like Finland, Sweden and Norway they seem to be ahead of the curve, and their cultural attitude is 'don't use more (water) than is necessary.'"

While Graham laid all these facts on the table, he also made the point that there are several things that society can do to save water.

"If you strain pasta through a colander, don't throw that water down the drain. Take it and use it to water the plants," Graham said.

Graham said that the wasting of water is not the only problem, but citizens flushing pharmaceuticals down the toilet has also emerged as a problem.

"An Associated Press investigation found trace amounts of pharmaceuticals in the drinking water of over 40 million Americans," Graham said.

Graham said that something as

simple as not letting the faucet run when people shave or brush their teeth can save a sizeable amount of water.

Graham cited more water-efficient showerheads as something that could save water and a lot of money on your utility bill.

"When your using an old showerhead, you are not just wasting water, but hot water," Graham said. "The showerhead uses the most energy out of anything in your house."

Graham said people often overlook the issue of the supply of water in the world.

"I firmly believe the shortage of clean drinkable water around the world is the single most important issue we will face," Graham said.

Graham works for Michigan Radio, a part of National Public Radio, and has won more than 100 awards at the state, regional, national and international level for journalistic excellence.

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PERFORMANCE

Rock 'n' Roll to take over symphony

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

The Eastern Illinois Wind Symphony will meld its usual melodious notes into a rough, hardcore electric guitar that might surprise an audience expecting a classical performance.

During the dual concert, the Eastern Concert Band will file onto the stage with no idea where one piece will end. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center as part of Celebration: A Festival of the Arts.

Danelle Larson, a music professor and the director of the Eastern Concert Band, said she is looking forward to the variety of music in the show.

"We will hopefully be playing something for everyone," Larson said.

Larson said she is excited for the pieces in the program.

"We are doing a piece called 'Streets and Inroad,' which is very unusual," Larson said. "Every person reads the same music, so it's not standard traditional notation."

During the piece, which was written by Timothy Broege, Larson said the students will play a line and then chose which one they want to play next.

"The way I explain it is it that it is like a 'choose your own adventure' story," Larson said. "You get to pick which place to go, and it changes the ending. Students choose where to go in the piece next, so it's never the same piece twice."

Alan Sullivan, the interim director of bands and the director of the Panther Marching and Wind Symphony, said this concert will be the last concert for the symphony, the concert band, and himself.

Sullivan said the symphony will be playing a piece that is reminiscent of the

memories of its composer, Scott McAllister.

"The composer grew up in Florida, and he took some of his experience growing up and focused his piece around that," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said this piece is a four-movement work with each movement representing a different memory.

"In the first movement, the composer tries to musically replicate a tractor pull, so it's loud," Sullivan said.

The second movement is a version of a common folk song.

The third movement transforms the symphony into a pedal steel guitar.

"The whole effect of that piece is trying to get a wind band to sound like an electric guitar," Sullivan said. "To emphasize that, he actually wrote an electric guitar part."

The fourth movement represents the composer's memory of a wrestling

match.

The concert band will also have a group of volunteers that will take the stage with no preparation for a piece.

"We are doing a free play, which we did at a concert last semester," Larson said. "A free play is a truly improvised piece."

Larson said the students will not be able to practice or talk before the piece.

"We won't even know who will be playing until right before, and they will literally be having a musical conversation," Larson said. "They just start to play with no music, no notation; they haven't practiced."

Larson said they will also have a lot of special effects during the concert.

"The piece 'Ghost Train' is very challenging, but we are having fun with it because there are sound effects that make it sound like a train is passing by," Larson said.

Larson said she is really excited to work with the students and to see how they do during the last performance.

"I'm looking forward to just having a great time with the students for our very last concert of the year and the wide variety of music," Larson said.

Larson said this type of performance makes the students listen to each other and be open with their music, and she hopes audiences like it.

"The point is to allow the students to be creative and open about creativity in an ensemble setting," Larson said. "Often it is the conductor that is telling the students what to do and how to play and makes all the decisions, so this gives the students a chance to make the decisions and truly express themselves."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Connecting with soldiers civilians’ duty

“War” means something different to our generation, and perhaps our country, than it has in the past. In general, our lives are not as deeply affected by war and our thoughts are not as deeply connected with the realities of the soldiers who fight it.

In WWI and WWII, Americans bought War Bonds and rationed food and resources. We went to war.

We were more connected, too, with the sacrifices of the Vietnam War. The draft meant most people knew someone who had gone to war and loved someone who could soon go to war.

But many of us don’t feel like the nation went to war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Instead, we sent troops to war.

We were not asked to share in the sacrifice; indeed, we gave ourselves nice, big tax cuts after sending the troops. The war in Iraq was certainly an issue we debated politically, but it was just one of many partisan talking points distorted to advance political agendas of one kind or another.

Our disconnect with war is felt by our returning veterans, who brave conditions and take risks most of us would rather not imagine, and return to a population that all-too-frequently failed to notice their absence and sacrifice. Many people didn’t notice the end of military action in Iraq and very few took time to recognize the men and women who risked their lives in service.

We need to establish a connection with our brothers and sisters in the military. That includes recognizing our veterans and recruits, and welcoming them into the community.

Progress towards this goal was accomplished, in some measure, at the Panther Battalion’s 31st Annual Military Ball.

Lt. Col. Stephen Knotts, professor of military science, said events like the ball are a great way for the armed forces and the community to support each other.

“Part of our strength comes from the support we get from the community,” Knotts said. “If the armed forces and the people of United States divorce each other and do not understand each other, then how can we support you? We actually need to be part of the community in order to do that.”

The ball was a chance for much of Eastern’s faculty to meet and greet young men and women who will serve the military in the near future.

This sort of thing helps demystify the military and gives us a chance to interact with them on a human level. We would like to see more events like the ball and we would like to see them open to the entire public.

Any chance for us to peek into the world of the men and women who risk their lives defending us should be a welcome one. We would be better equipped to welcome them back to society after they return from duty. There would also be a greater understanding of what it means for us to go to war and what we are asking of these people when we do so.

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COLUMN

You don’t need the magic pill to finish strong

Today, the Thursday before the last non-Final Exam week of the semester, will be a frightening day for many Eastern students. Many will realize they’ve only got this weekend to finish up their remaining coursework before it is time to get serious about studying for finals.

This biannual double-whammy of finishing final projects and studying for final exams is often one of the most stressful times for college students. In times of stress, we are often pushed to do things we normally would not and academic stress is certainly not an exception to that.

The thing I’ve got in mind is Adderall—the chemical solution to the problems that stand in the college student’s way from finishing that final project and cramming for that final exam.

According to my friends and peers who’ve raved about the wonder drug that has come to define our generation of college students, Adderall is, like, the best, man.

They say it focuses you, pushes all of your distractions far away to get your attention on the material you are studying. They say it is way better than coffee and energy drinks combined at keeping you



Doug T. Graham

awake during your all-night cram session.

For all my sarcastic italicizing, I will admit to being completely enthralled with the possibility of taking Adderall to help me through a particularly rough night. I’ve heard great stories of such-and-such person taking an Adderall and cramming an entire semester’s worth of information the night before acing the final exam for a class they never bothered showing up for.

There is something undeniably appealing in having the ability to unlock the focused, alert, driven part of your brain for just the cost of whatever your friend with ADHD wants for a single pill.

However great the stories and however seemingly low the price, I’ve seen far too many people slip from someone who used Adderall once to cram for a single Final

Exam, to someone who used it prior to every test in every class.

I’m not going to claim that if you use Adderall just once you will become debilitatingly addicted or whatever, but the FDA does say on its website that all amphetamines have a high potential for abuse, especially when consumed for “non-therapeutic use.”

I don’t think my friends who use Adderall multiple times a semester are addicted, but I do think they have given themselves the idea that they need the pill to study, cram or complete any difficult paper.

Their gradual reliance on the powers of Adderall is reminiscent to a larger unhealthy fascination we Americans have with quick-fix solutions.

Although it is the Thursday before the last non-Final Exam week of the semester, and the mountain of work before you may seem nigh unscalable, there is still time to make a plan to complete your work without spending a night in an Adderall-fueled power trip.

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FROM THE EASEL

Student Government’s parties end up surviving another year. Here’s a rundown of your options:

...and that’s it.

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COLUMN

Get moving on moving out, make life easier in May

By David Wasserman
Columnist

The middle of April is always interesting in Charleston. Students are staying outside longer and getting more active. The basketball courts are always crammed, the quad has pickup games more often, and the campus seems more alive.

It seems the only downfall to this nice weather is the fact that the semester ends in May. Between the nice weather and cramming for finals, it seems hard to get anything else done.

Packing, organizing and cleaning are all time-consuming activities. One might believe that they can clean a messy room in 20 minutes and find out that it took them more than an hour. Moving can have that same illusion on an individual.

One important thing to start considering is that you may not want to start packing 45 minutes before your ride comes to pick you up or is ready to leave.

The best time to start packing and putting things in order will always be sooner than later. Be on the lookout for any boxes that people may be recycling after getting

something big mailed to them. When you are moving out of a place, you can never have too many boxes or packing supplies.

I would recommend that 10 minutes be set aside every day until the end of the semester to start putting things away. During those 10 minutes of packing, you can accomplish a lot and suffer very little.

The first things that can be packed are items that you do not plan on using for the rest of the semester. Extra toiletries, small trinkets and old school supplies can be put away first. Any jackets, long-sleeved shirts, and other seasonal clothes can be put away. Just cleaning off a desk or dresser and putting everything in a bag will be helpful later in the semester.

The things that should not be packed until the final minute would be daily essentials. A phone charger, bedding and laptop should be available until your last night in Charleston.

For those living on campus in residence halls, it is important to remember that the dorms close down on Friday, May 5, at 6 p.m. If someone is driving down, make sure they get here and give you enough time to load up everything from your

room.

One vital thing that may be overlooked is double checking to see if you left anything behind in your room. Anything that you leave behind will be thrown out by the janitors and you will not be able to get it. Also, if you have an eccentric setup, make sure that everything is put back the way it originally was.

For students who are not living on campus, there is a bit less tension to moving out. Make sure that you know the date your lease ends and be ready to move out by that deadline. You can be removed from the property and fines can be assessed for noncompliance.

If you don’t plan on coming back in the fall then you should make arrangements for any furniture you have. Throwing up an ad on Craigslist or finding a friend moving into a place can be a lot easier than going through the hassle of throwing out a 9-foot couch. If you plan on moving into another place, see if you can store it there.

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CAMPUS

Handmade crafts sold for children in India

Sale on quad donates proceeds for good cause

By Jaime Lopez
Staff reporter

A social enterprise, Back to the Roots, sold merchandise made in India out on the South Quad on Wednesday to support impoverished children living in India. The sale took place during The Fair Trade Coalition's annual Fair Trade Week. Back to the Roots provided customers with handmade bags, jewelry and home accents. Back to the Roots also sold coffee and olive oil. The company seeks to support victims of sex trafficking and poverty-stricken children. Lena Elmuti, a member of The Fair Trade Coalition, helped sale merchandise to students and faculty members. Elmuti said most customers bought purses and jewelry. Julia Franzen, a logistic coordinator for Back to the Roots, said the company is devoted to maintaining a foster home located in India. The house is called the Asha house and it opened its doors to children in March of 2007. Franzen traveled to India two

years ago with a volunteer group that no longer exists and went back to the country this past year to help volunteer. Franzen said her experience in India motivated her so much that she joined Back to Roots. "When I left college, I was in a transition mode, and I didn't know what I wanted to do," Franzen said. She said students moved her when they came to tell her about how they supported her cause. On the table, where she sold purses, Franzen placed photos of children she met while on her trip in India. Franzen said Back to the Root's contributions have help start new chapters in the lives of the impoverished children dealing with sex trafficking in India. "You read statistics about the poverty (in India) and it can be very scary," Franzen said. "It's so meaningful to do a little bit and contribute to a good cause" Twenty- seven million people are enslaved every year, according to Back to the Roots' website. Melanie Mills, a communication studies professor, bought some jewelry and said she looks for ways to support the Free Trade Movement. "When I heard this sale was going on our campus, I saw it as an opportunity to help the organization," Mills said. Jenny Martin, a sophomore psy-

“You read statistics about the poverty (in India) and it can be very scary. It’s so meaningful to do a little bit and contribute to a good cause”
Julia Franzen, Back to the Roots logistic coordinator

chology major, said the purse she bought tells a story. "I think this purse tells a story and a purse from the store doesn't mean as much," Martin said. She also said she thinks it is important for a person to know about the things he or she buys. The purse Martin bought was made in a shop in India by women who were paid for their work, Franzen said.

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Jay Shinde, business professor, climbs out of the Dunk-A-Dean tank, Wednesday in the south quad. Faculty took turns in the seat while students donated their money for three tries to dunk the volunteer for a good cause. The event raised more than 500 dollars for the St. Hedwig Haus, to assist and house families in need.

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"Count me in, but I am not the one writing the checks," Sandack said. "We have almost \$90 billion in unfunded pension liability, and we have to find \$2.7 billion to cut Medicaid." Eastern students were not the only ones lobbying the Illinois General Assembly on Wednesday. The AIDS Foundation of Chicago had its annual lobby day, and more than 70 people rallied on the first floor of the state capitol building with various speakers and supporters carrying signs such as "Medicaid Saves Lives. It Saved Mine" and "No Cuts Saves Lives." Jim Merrell, an employee of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, said their two main words for lobbying were to oppose the proposed \$2.7 billion-cut to Medicaid and \$4 million-cut to HIV support funding. "They want to cut the HIV funding by half, and we are here to show that we are a community with a voice that needs to be listened to," Merrell said. The University of Illinois had its lobby day with a presence from all three universities, and Southern Illinois University Carbondale students also came to Springfield. Jaspreet Rehal, a junior nuclear engineering major from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said their goal was to advocate for MAP Grant funds and state general revenue appropriations.

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"A number of our students do want to become lawyers and they will be dealing with federal judges and some of them will become federal judges themselves," she said. "Honestly, I am more excited about it for that than the fact that he presided over a high profile trial." Swenson said it is rare for a federal judge to speak in a public way at all. "(Federal judges) are expected to judge in a neutral manner so they are careful I think not to put out strong opinions on issues," she said. "I think it shows how seriously he takes his role." Craig Eckert, the chairman of the sociology/anthropology department, said the issue of public trust is something that should be taken seriously by not only politicians, but by citizens who elect those officials into office. Eckert is also the mayor of Philo. Eckert said national distrust is an understandable trend because of the political climate an American citizen is faced with on a state and national level. "The public sees a two-party system in which the level of discourse is low, a willingness to compromise and work together for the good of the country is impaired, and a confidence in institutions, particularly Congress, is very low," Eckert said, in an email. Especially in Illinois, Richard Wandling, a political science professor, said a public opinion has formed where citizens believe they are last on the priority list. "Illinois developed a political culture over the years that came to view government mostly in self-in-

terested terms, seeing governmental institutions as sources of the pursuit of private advantage, as opposed to the pursuit of the broader public welfare," he said. Voters may also think about ulterior motives, he said. "(People think) public officials really cannot be trusted to move beyond specific interests they come to represent—particularly interests with deep financial pockets," he said. Wandling teaches State and Local Government, Government Budgeting and Politics and Subnational Government classes. Eckert said he thinks the current government distrust stems from multiple things. "The current situation is amplified by two wars that seemingly have gone on forever, high levels of unemployment, spiraling health care and educational costs, an energy market that is impossible to comprehend, and, again, the perceived failure of both political parties to have a civil discourse that actually addresses these issues in more than the most cursory manner," Eckert said. In regards to Illinois' own past with corruption, Eckert said state residents should not have been surprised by the corruption that Blagojevich was involved in. "Lots of the evidence in both trials showed a pattern of corruption and a wanton disregard—a contempt really—for Illinois citizens," Eckert said. Wandling said he is unsure of the amount of time Blagojevich will actually serve of his 14-year sentence. "My understanding is that a cou-

“What the public really needs to do is demand transparency and openness, from budgetary decision-making on through information on campaign finance.”
Richard Wandling, a political science professor

ple years could be chopped off from his 14 year sentence, but of course this is going to depend on how our former governor comports himself in prison," Wandling said. Blagojevich was sentenced on Dec. 7, 2011. When it comes to politicians regaining public trust, Eckert said it is a possibility that Illinois residents will be able to at least partially trust their elected officials though it might be difficult. "Much of the corruption is embedded within the various layers of government (local, state, federal), so it's not as simple as replacing a corrupt governor with one who is trustworthy and has integrity," Eckert said. Wangling agreed. "When corruption develops, it involves the participation of many players," Wandling said. "Illinois voters as a whole need to avoid falling into the mindset of focusing only on the most high profile positions, such as governor." But Wandling also said Illinois could put an end to its history of political corruption. "There is some hope that this culture may change, as a result of public dissatisfaction or embarrassment over having such as a close association between the governor's office and the prison cell," Wandling said. Wandling said Illinois voters should hold their officials accountable and accept nothing more than complete honesty. "What the public really needs to do is demand transparency and openness, from budgetary decision-making on through information on campaign finance," he said. Eckert said the relationship between officials and their constituents is reflective on Americans as a society. "It says much about who we are as a people and citizenry—one that is increasingly cynical, jaded and pessimistic about the extent to which our political system will be able to respond to the very many and significant challenges that we will face in the near- and long-term future," Eckert said.

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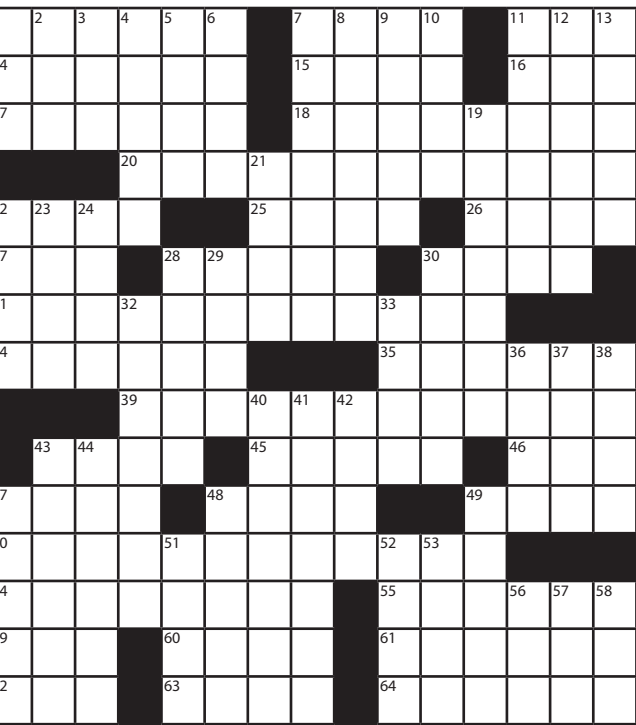
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- Punch accompanier
- Knock over
- Kind of short
- Fantasy novel element
- Miners' sch.
- Latin 101 verb
- Swiss city where William Tell shot an apple
- Sisterly
- Up
- Beatle who was born with the first name James
- Any of the singers of "Jive Talkin"
- Paint the town red, maybe
- Goes over 21 at the casino
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- Fathered
- Aphrodite's lover
- Fleet
- Home-shopping event?
- Troubles
- Russian diet
- Squeezes (out)
- Text message status
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- Bygone Manhattan eatery
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- Unjust treatment
- Died down
- Previously, to poets
- County on the Thames
- Arab nation that's not in OPEC
- Insurance grps.
- Newcastle's river
- Good thing that comes to those who wait?
- Formal "yes"
- Hipster

ALUMNI

Alum named coach
for Pleasant Plains

Staff Report

Brad Pugh, an Eastern alum, will be the new head varsity football coach at Pleasant Plains High School, according to the State Journal-Register.

Pugh, who received his bachelor's degree from Eastern in 1996, was previously an assistant coach and at Westwood High School in Round Rock, Texas. He spent the last six years at Westwood High School.

Pugh will teach social studies at Pleasant Plains, and will be just the second


varsity coach in the school's football history.

Before coming to Eastern, Pugh graduated from Broadlands Heritage High School in 1991, and eventually earned his master's degree from Michigan State.

Pugh has previously coached baseball at Sandoval High School in 1996, and served as an assistant football coach at Henry-Senachwine High School for three years.

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Senior pitcher Darin Worman high-fives members of the Charleston Thunder youth baseball team as he walks back to the dugout during Eastern's 5-2 loss to The University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana Wednesday at Peterson Park in Mattoon, Ill. Eastern attempted a come back in the bottom of the ninth scoring their two runs.

Panthers fall to Illini 5-2 in matchup

Panthers post only 2 hits in losing effort

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Eastern's baseball team faced off against in-state rival Illinois-Urbana-Champaign for the second time in eight days as the two teams met at Peterson Park in Mattoon with the Illini winning 5-2.

Freshman right-hander Andrew Grahn made the start for Eastern and struggled with his command. Grahn only surrendered one hit in his two innings of work, but issued three

walks and was fortunate to leave the game giving up just one run.

In the second inning, Grahn issued three walks, threw a wild pitch and had runners on the corners with just one out. The freshman right-hander picked off a runner at first for the second out then induced a ground ball to get out of the inning unscathed.

After giving up a leadoff single in the top of the third, junior right-hander Scott Houdek relieved Grahn with a runner on first and no outs. Houdek was able to get out of the inning with limited damage as the Illini pushed across a run on a RBI-groundout. The run was credited to Grahn. Houdek continued to impress while on the mound as he limited the Illini to just two hits in three innings

of work.

The Panther pitching kept the Illini bats silent until the seventh inning, but three Panther errors on back-to-back plays had the Illini taking a two-run advantage with a runner on first and one out.

"It's just two games against Illinois that we had a chance to get back in the game but defensively we had some mistakes," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "You can't go down 5-0. We just played bad defense."

The Illini looked like it would add to its lead, but senior Darin Worman induced a 5-4-3 double play to end the inning and keep the deficit at two.

The Illini would add to their lead in the eighth inning, scoring three runs on two hits and two walks to

take a 5-0 advantage.

Offensively, the Panthers struggled to put together anything at the plate as Illinois-Urbana-Champaign's freshman right-hander Josh Ferry was nearly un-hittable.

"We had a chance in the seventh to get some runs before it broke open but our better guys took some really bad swings," Schmitz said. "We talked before the game about doing what we wanted to do as a team and we didn't do that. We were just trying to do too much."

Ferry limited the Panthers to two hits while showing great command of his pitches as he did not issue a walk en route to turning in his best performance of his collegiate career. He also tallied six strikeouts in seven innings of work.



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The Panthers did see signs of life in the bottom of the ninth, but their comeback bid fell three runs short, losing 5-2 to their in-state rivals.

With the loss, the Panthers fall to 14-20 on the season. Eastern will be back in action when it hosts Ohio Valley Conference rival Morehead State in a three-game series this weekend. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday at Coaches Stadium.

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SOFTBALL

1 run just enough to beat Redhawks

Staff Report

The Eastern softball team managed a win over Ohio Valley Conference opponent Southeast Missouri on Wednesday, as sophomore pitcher Stephanie Maday allowed just two hits in the Panthers' 1-0 win over the Redhawks.

Maday earned her fourth shutout of the season, striking out eight batters in the process. Maday allowed just two hits in the win, giving the Panthers their eighth consecutive OVC victory. The Panthers now stand at 23-17 overall and 13-6 in the OVC.

Sophomore Carly Willert would ground out in the first inning, but

send freshman Bailey O'Dell home in the process, giving the Panthers their one and only run of the game. The run would serve as the game-winner, in what would be the team's lowest run total in a winning game this season.

O'Dell's double in the first inning would be her 16th of the season, also a team-high. O'Dell is currently No. 3 in the nation for doubles, while also leading the OVC. O'Dell is No. 2 overall hitter in the OVC as well.

For Southeast Missouri, pitcher Alora Marble took the loss, throwing just one strikeout.

Sophomores Reynae Hutchinson and Ashleigh Westover each recorded hits in the game, while junior Melise

Brown and sophomore Kaylie Pruett were each credited with sacrifice bunts.

The Panthers will hit the road today, taking on Southern Illinois-Carbondale. The Salukis are 27-12 overall this season, and 12-4 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Southern Illinois-Carbondale is coming off a doubleheader win over Evansville. The Salukis took down the Panthers last season 2-0, defeating the Eastern pitching rotation that was nationally ranked at the time. The Salukis hold the advantage in the overall series, 33-29. Taylor Oshburn leads the Salukis with a .451 batting average, with 2 home runs and 12 RBIs this season.

ALUMNI

Payton barred from league contact

Eastern alum faces consequences in NFL

Staff Report

As part of his season-long suspension, New Orleans Saints' head coach and Eastern alum Sean Payton will be barred from all league contact, according to ESPN.

According to the report by ESPN's Adam Schefter, Payton is not allowed to have any contact with anyone in the Saints' organization or anyone around the NFL. If he does, he must report it to NFL executive Ray Ander-

son.

Payton, who began his suspension on Monday, cannot have any contact with the team or anyone in the league until the day after the 2013 Super Bowl.

According to the ESPN report, Payton and Saints' general manager Mickey Loomis each have beach houses in Florida one mile apart from each other, but by NFL law, cannot say hello to each other on the beach without Anderson being informed.

Payton had appealed his suspension on March 30, but NFL commissioner Roger Goodell turned down the appeal on April 9.