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CAMPUS | FORUM

Flider: Economy 'top challenge'

Representatives Flider, Rose discuss problems of the past, economy, rising tuition prices

By DOUG T. GRAHAM
Staff Reporter

The economy is the top challenge, said State Rep. Robert Flider, D-Mount Zion, at the forum titled "Challenges for Illinois in a Time of Uncertainty" Friday in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Flider shared the stage with State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, whose main concerns with Illinois' economy revolved around the damage done by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Rose said after six years of Blagojevich, the cost of Medicare for the state has swelled from 23 percent to 37 percent, which he said would only increase if the state government did not address it.

Flider agreed with Rose and said one of the reasons for the increase in Medicare costs was that Blagojevich "didn't pay the bills on time." He said this made the state behind on giving money to nursing homes and doctors.

Flider said the money Illinois received from the federal government in the economic stimulus plan helped greatly in paying off the state's health care-related debts.

Rose said another problem with the state economy was the cost of health care-related programs like AllKids, the health care program for all uninsured children in the state.

He said a household making more than \$250,000 a year still qualifies for the plan. Rose asked audience members to raise their hands if they thought a family making that much money could pay for their children's health care without the state's help. All in attendance raised their hands.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, speaks about political issues facing Illinois at the "Challenges for Illinois in a Time of Uncertainty" forum Friday afternoon in Buzzard Auditorium.

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UNIVERSITY | MEETING

Energy Center items to be voted on

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

The Board of Trustees will vote to approve the purchase of a natural gas-fired steam boiler for the proposed Renewable Energy Center today, as well as a labor agreement for the center's construction.

The administration moved to add the new items to the board's agenda when word reached the university that the Illinois Senate approved Senate Bill 2009 in a 50-0 vote Thursday.

The bill allows the university to construct the Renewable Energy Center to replace the ailing steam plant. The steam plant currently in operation is more than 80 years old.

The administration recently attended Higher Education Rally Day in Springfield to lobby for the passing of SB 2009 and secure funding for the new center.

"The Renewable Energy Center has been a priority, a mission-critical project for some time now," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, in a previous interview. "This center will create jobs, boost revenue and the economy and produce large savings in energy spending for the university."

Funding for the center's construction is completely reliant on state appropriations through the bill and grants. If the bill does not pass the House or is somehow killed by governor veto, the center cannot be built.

Instead, Facilities, Planning and Management will repair items in the existing plant to continue its operation using funds from the existing budget. The boiler can be installed in the current plant as well.

More information on the added items will be given by addendum and is not included in the board packet. Administrators could not be reached for comment.

The items added to the board agenda will be presented by addendum at the meeting at 2 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center. Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs, or William Weber, interim budget director, will present.

In other items, the tuition and fee rates for 2010 will be introduced at the meeting. Nadler will present this item by addendum at the meeting.

Previous to the board meeting, information on new fee increases was minimal.

The only addressed increase for the 2009-2010 school year was an increase to the graduate fee of 50 cents each year.

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CAMPUS | FEATURE PHOTO

ANCHORS AWAY



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jonathon Gosa, a senior recreational administration major, launches his boat at Lake Charleston as his dog, Benelli, has a drink of water to cool off Sunday afternoon.

UNIVERSITY | MEMORIAL

Service to remember international students

White attire is encouraged to wear at memorial service

By EMILY ZULZ
Associate News Editor

A memorial service for Anusha Anumolu, Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni and Priya Darshini Muppavarapu will be at 7 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

On March 21, the three international students from India were killed in a car crash near St. Louis.

On that early Saturday morning, Anumolu, Veerapaneni and Muppavarapu had gone to dinner and bowling with Veerapaneni's fiancé, Netish Adusumilli, 27, of Ballwin, Mo., and Veerapaneni's cousin, Satya Chinta, 23, of Aurora, Ill.




Adusumilli was driving them home when an off-duty suburban St. Louis police officer going the wrong way struck them.

Veerapaneni, Anumolu and Muppavarapu were pronounced dead at the scene at 2:15 a.m., according to a Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report. Chinta was also pronounced dead at the scene.

The two drivers, Christine L. Miller, 41, of Kirkwood, Mo., and Adusumilli were the only survivors.

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EIU WEATHER

MONDAY  78° 59° Chance of T-Storms SW 20-25/30	TUESDAY  68° 50°	WEATHER BRIEF After a period of mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures, expect a chance of thunderstorm showers today and tomorrow. Daytime highs will drop off slightly through the weekend.
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CAMPUS | EVENT

Student featured in concert

Derek Maninfor wins open competition, gets chance to perform

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

When Derek Maninfor began taking piano lessons at age four, he had only been walking upright for a few years.

But Sunday, as the last notes of Maninfor's piano performance rang through the Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center, the audience jumped to its feet in a standing ovation.

Maninfor, a freshman piano performance major and Mattoon native, was performing as part of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's "Musical Journey Through Time" concert.

"It was the highlight of my year," Maninfor said of the concert.

He won the chance to perform at the concert through the Eastern music department's annual Concerto Competition, a music contest open to singers and instrumental musicians.

The concert included musical selections from different historical periods of music.

It opened with several pieces of medieval music, performed by Eastern's Collegium Musicum, a musical group designed to perform music written before 1750.

The concert, which also included performances by the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, concert choir and university mixed chorus, included

performances from the Renaissance, the Baroque Era, Classical Era, Romantic Era and the 20th century.

The concert ended with the Eastern Symphony Orchestra performing a tribute to Rhonda Heath, the music department's administrative aide, who died on January 8.

"Rhonda was so very much more than just a staff member," Parker Melvin, the music department chair, said in a written note. "Her greatest quality was how much she cared, and there is no one for whom she cared more than the students."

Eastern's choral ensembles will hold its final performance of the year at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna.

Joe Astrouski can be reached at 581-7942 or at jmastrouski@eiu.edu.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

'Golden Girls' star Bea Arthur dies at 86

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Beatrice Arthur, the tall, deep-voiced actress who considered herself lucky to be discovered by television executives after a long stage career that included a Tony award for the musical "Mame," died Saturday at age 86.

The star of the TV shows "Maude" and "The Golden Girls" died peacefully at her Los Angeles home with her family at her side, family spokesman Dan Watt said. She had cancer, he said, but declined to give details.

"She was a brilliant and witty woman," said Watt, who was Arthur's personal assistant for six years. "Bea will always have a special place in my heart."

Arthur first appeared in the landmark comedy series "All in the Family" as Edith Bunker's outspoken, liberal cousin, Maude Finley. She proved a perfect foil for blue-collar bigot Archie Bunker (Carroll O'Connor), and their blistering exchanges were so entertaining that producer Norman Lear fashioned Arthur's own series.

Silent star's seaside estate now public beach club

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — The former estate of silent film star Marion Davies, where the rich and famous frolicked during Hollywood's Golden Age, opened Saturday as a public beach club after more than 10 years of planning.

The 5-acre beachfront estate was built by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst for Davies in the late 1920s while they carried on a long-term love affair. They hosted lavish parties there in the '20s and '30s, entertaining such stars as Clark Gable, Charlie Chaplin, Jean Harlow and Joan Crawford.

The property later became a hotel, then a private beach club and at one point was the backdrop of "Beverly Hills 90210." It was shut down after being heavily damaged by the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

The city-operated Annenberg Community Beach House is the only such facility on the California coast that doesn't require membership.

"We don't want to call it a club, it's a community beach house," said Leonard Aube, managing director of the Annenberg Foundation, which provided \$27.5 million of the nearly \$35 million cost to build and finish the attraction.

Recreational facilities include the marble-tiled swimming pool where Davies and her friends swam. The only other structure remaining from the Davies era is a guest house, which is open for tours.

Father of Jamie Lynn Spears' baby injured

NEW ORLEANS — Louisiana State Police say Casey Aldridge, the father of actress Jamie Lynn Spears' baby, has been injured in an early morning one-vehicle crash.

Master Trooper Billy Zeigler says Aldridge was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after the 1:30 a.m. Sunday crash near the Mississippi-Louisiana state line.

Zeigler says Aldridge has been charged with misdemeanor careless operation of a vehicle.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Students, community unite for service

Service day draws 150 volunteers from community

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Students, alumni and faculty decided to give back Saturday afternoon during the seventh annual Panther Service Day.

Participants volunteered by picking up trash at Lake Charleston and around town. They also helped at the Salvation Army building in Mattoon, the YMCA in Mattoon, the H.O.P.E. center in Mattoon, the Douglas Heart Nature Center in Mattoon, the Children's Advocacy Center in Charleston, a Habitat for Humanity site and two local nursing homes.

President Bill Perry and his wife also volunteered by picking up trash in Charleston along with Mayor John Inyart.

A team of students assembled first aid kits for the American Red Cross with help from a Red Cross representative.

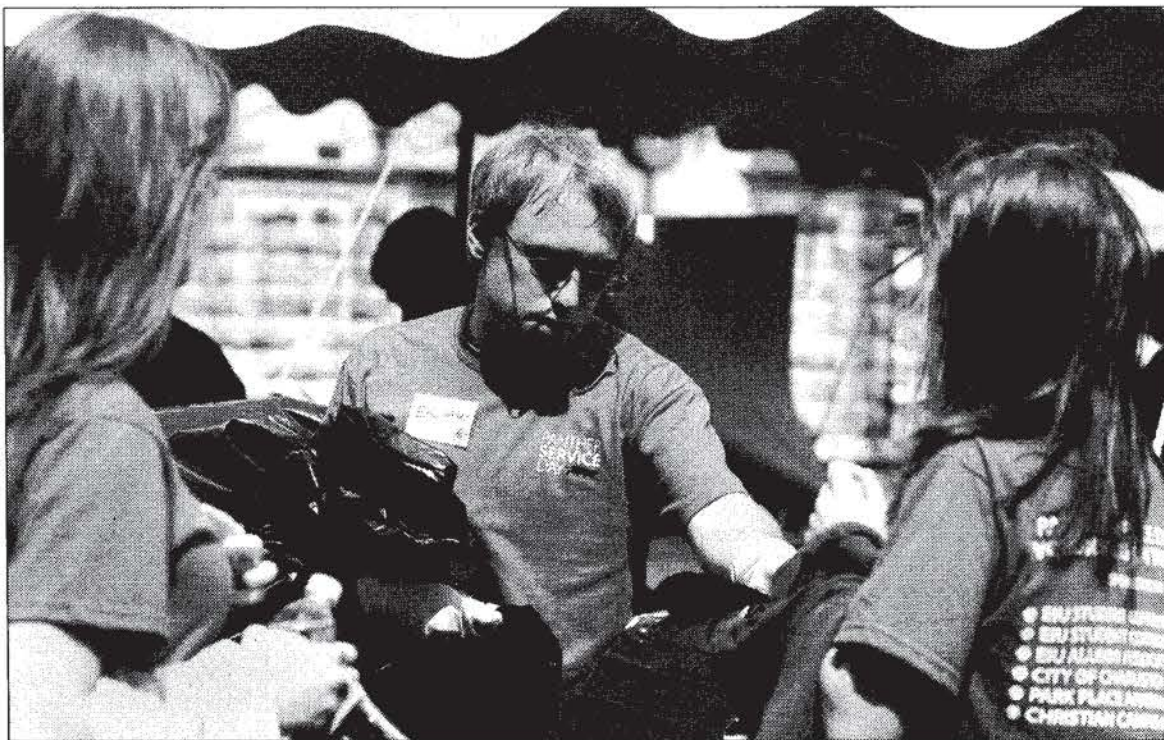
Brad Saribekian, a sophomore pre-business management information systems major, said these kits included garbage bags, granola bars, duct tape and note pads for important information like emergency contacts or prescriptions.

"In the event of a disaster, such as a hurricane or tornado, we would need to make sure there is enough food and important documents," he said. "These are going to be distributed to local Charleston-Mattoon residents who can't afford these things."

Brittany Wells, a junior elementary education major, helped out at the Children's Advocacy Center.

"For people who don't know, the center provides a warmer location for children who are mentally, physically or emotionally abused," Wells said. "They can talk to counselors or police officers, and it reaches out to seven counties. We are helping them by doing a little spring cleaning and gathering materials for children in need."

Wells said it is important to volunteer since Eastern students count



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Eric Wilber, Student Government executive vice president, hands out garbage bags to volunteers during Panther Service Day Saturday morning in front of Old Main.

"It's important to give back, and we all live in Charleston, whether it is on campus or in the community. I think more students should get involved."

— Rhonda Bowdry,
a family and consumer science graduate student

on-the community so much.

"This is our way for us to give back," she said. "We are a part of the community, and this creates a unique bond with Charleston and the student body."

Panther Service Day was organized by Alison Mormino, an alumna who works for the office of philanthropy.

She coordinated Panther Service Day in 2002 as Eastern's student body president. "She was inspired by an event in Alton, Ill., and tried to get it started at Eastern," said Ryan Kerch, student vice president for student affairs. "It then grew into what it is today."

Kerch, along with the rest of Student Government, hosted the event.

Rachel Fisher, interim director of Student Community Service and an event organizer, said the volunteers were a great mixture of organized groups and individuals.

Fisher said there were 150 individual volunteers and was happy with the number of groups that helped.

"There were quite a number of organizations and we are excited for next year."

Fisher said 30 alumni along with their families were present.

Another organization, the Sisters Utilizing Christian Challenges to Evolve into Successful Students, helped pick up trash on and off Eastern's campus for two hours.

"We found the most trash on

Organization Volunteers

- American Marketing Association
- College Democrats
- Black Student Union
- Student Government
- Sisters Utilizing Christian Challenges to evolve into successful students

houses on the party streets, Fourth through Ninth street," said Rhonda Bowdry, a graduate student in family and consumer science and a member of the organization. "It's important to give back, and we all live in Charleston, whether it is on campus or in the community. I think more students should get involved. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to use our Christian values and give back."

Coreless Blue, a sophomore biology major, also volunteered with the organization.

"I appreciate Eastern putting this together," she said. "We are keeping our community clean."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Mammography van on campus Wednesday

The mobile mammography van from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center will be on campus starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday on Campus Drive between the Alumni Clock Tower quad and Lumpkin Hall.

This service is available to women 35 years and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year and one day.

Most health insurance plans can be billed. The screening also includes a free osteoporosis test. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Call 1-800-639-5929 for an appointment.

Asian Heritage Month closing events

Asian Heritage Month events will wrap up with the fourth installment of the Asian film series. "If You Were Me 2" will be shown at 5 p.m. Thursday in Lumpkin Hall, Room 2030.

Job search clinic to help upcoming graduates

Career Services will be hosting a Job Search Clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday in Room 1301 in the Human Services Building.

Students may walk in for assistance with constructing resumes and cover letters and to receive tips about interviewing and new resources/strategies for the job-search process.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

A student reported Thursday to receiving harassing telephone calls from an individual who is not an Eastern student, said the University Police Department.

CORRECTION

In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Paul McCann was misidentified. He is the interim vice president for the business affairs.

The DEN regrets the error.

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CHRIS KROMPHARDT

The character of Eastern's administrators

In judging a person's character, it is often more important to look at his actions rather than his words. Sure, someone might be able to talk a mean talk, but how's his walk?

The administrators of Eastern are charged with a daunting task: making sure the university is a quality place at which to live, learn and teach. This school prides itself on valuing the human quality in its leaders, that certain something extra some people possess that shows they truly care about the work they're doing and whom they're doing it for.

Sometimes that something extra is a Friday afternoon game of catch with students on the library quad.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, often works side-by-side with students. While that relationship is as professional as they come, when asked to join a group of Student Government members to throw a softball around one beautiful afternoon, Nadler and his assistant, Jenny Sipes, were only too happy to oblige. That willingness to interact with students on multiple levels is one of the reasons I believe Nadler is a great vice president for student affairs.

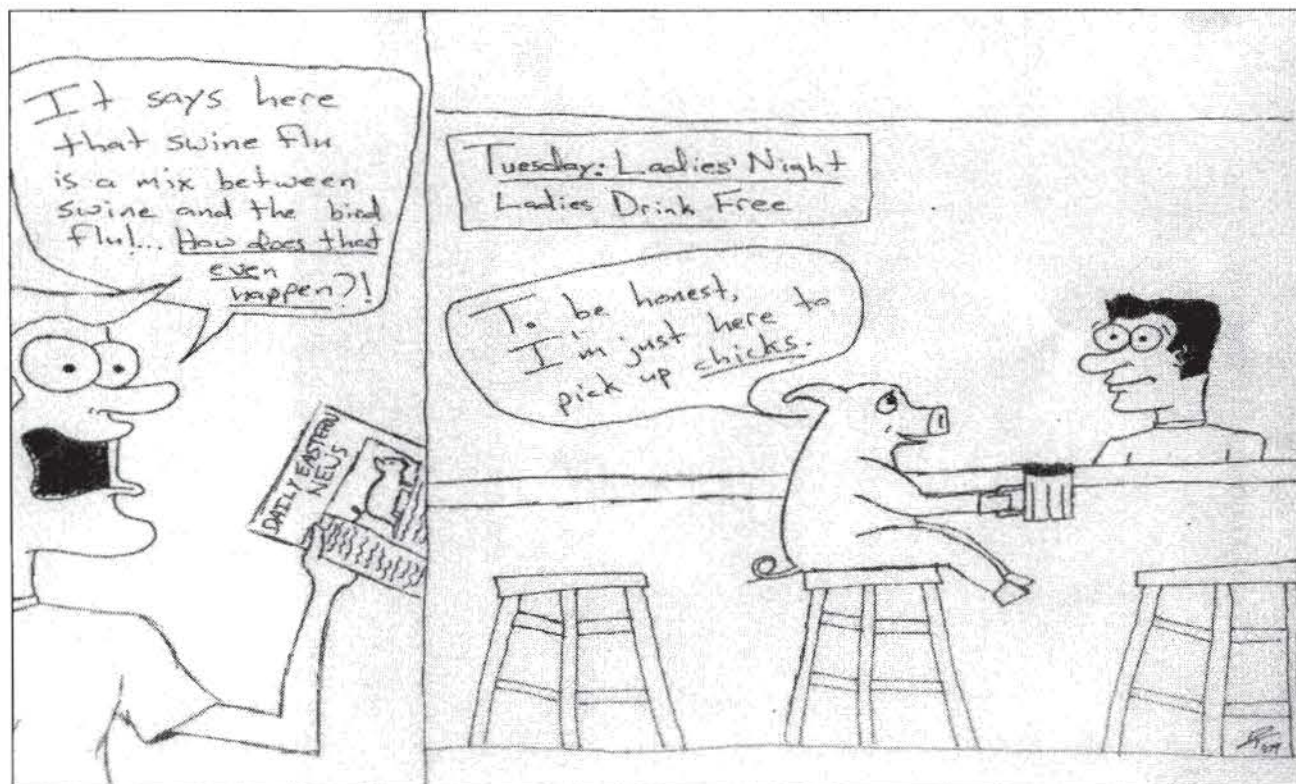
As awesome as it would be to have a student executive board versus university executive board basketball match, we can't expect all the administrators to suit up in order to better connect with students. No less effectively, President Bill Perry has his own ways of keeping in tune with what's going on with students. Last fall, among groups invited to the President and Mrs. Perry's home was the Student Government, its 30-odd members gathered to enjoy pizza and shoot some pool with the university president, and let me tell you, he's pretty good.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs and provost, might seem to be a bit of an imposing figure, but once you get him talking on something he's very knowledgeable about, you could mistake him for any other faculty member. Earlier this semester, Lord presented to a group of 40 students the secrets behind what so many of us had come to despise: the Electronic Writing Portfolio. Lord was proficient at diffusing a potentially hostile crowd, myself included, who'd endured long lines at Ninth Street Hall, and the inaneness of tracking down old professors to sign off on our submissions, and Lord said that, yes, we have listened to our complaints, and we have come up with solutions. By personally allaying students' concerns, Lord effectively put to rest what had once been a potent source of student griping, a true sign of respect for Eastern students.

While I would love to make examples of all of Eastern's administrators, from President Perry down to individual department chairs, but I only have 520 words. The examples I did provide, though, make more than a compelling enough argument to show that we're very lucky to have the people we do making the most important decisions. A commitment to personally interacting with the students they serve is the best way to get the feedback they need to be the best administrators possible. And as a graduating senior, I'd just like to say thanks.

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Drawn from the News | David Thill



STAFF EDITORIAL

Commencement information needs to be made more known

Eastern has become quite techie this past year with its e-mail updates about events and crime; President Bill Perry himself has even sent out some campuswide e-mails about his plans for the university.

But as graduation nears, it seems a couple of e-mails could have, and should have, been sent to students alerting them about ordering caps and gowns, picking up tickets and other commencement information. Fliers placed or distributed around campus also would have been helpful, as well as notices on the front page of Eastern's Web site.

Granted, all this information can be found with a simple search at www.eiu.edu, but with students focusing on finishing up end-of-the-year projects and preparing for their last finals, matters like cap and gowns and tickets can slip their minds.

The scramble in the last week for graduation preparation should be the last thing students should have to worry about, so distributing this information in a more easily accessible format would have been helpful to those who are graduating.

Lists of the day's events can be found on Eastern's site and e-mails are sent about those, so there should be no reason not to send out e-mails about commencement to graduating seniors.

Caps and gowns should have been ordered by now, but ticket distribution has not passed yet.

Tickets will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6 through May 8 in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Each graduate is given seven tickets. Eastern's Web site states that extra tickets may be available and that information will be posted on the page

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www.eiu.edu/~commence/ticket.php when it is available. Once again, here is an opportunity, where e-mailing students could prove useful. And those who cannot pick up tickets during that time can request tickets to be held for pickup on May 9, the day of commencement.

Students also need to remember to pick up their cap and gowns, which can be done from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7 and 8 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Union, as well as from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 9 in Lantz Fieldhouse.

All of this information is pertinent to graduating students, and it should have been communicated more effectively.

E-mails, fliers and notices on Eastern's home page would be more than appreciated.

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

MEDIA SHOWS UGLY SIDE IN SUSAN BOYLE COVERAGE U. NORTHERN COLORADO

— Attractive people are the only ones worth the world's attention. Unless, of course, you've got talent. Then you can be forgiven for your appearance. Such is the message sent with the popularity of the Scottish singer Susan Boyle.

Boyle, 47, made a huge splash that rippled worldwide when she appeared on "Britain's Got Talent" facing off against renowned nitpicker Simon Cowell. The heavyset chanteuse — plain and dowdy by her own admission — shocked the crowd by belting out the "Les Misérables" tune "I Dreamed a Dream." Since then,

the Internet has been abuzz with the emergence of a fresh, musical voice who represents the common people.

Much has been made of Boyle's ugly duckling story and her background. Originally surprising people with a false confession of never being kissed, Boyle seems to take pride in making her life sound worse than it is. With a marketing campaign of having an unglamorous appearance combined with her amazing voice, Boyle could stand to make a phenomenal career out of her tale. But the public is uninterested in keeping Boyle as she is. Making role models out of those who don't quite fit the traditional Hollywood standards

Nia Vardalos in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" or America Ferrera in "Ugly Betty" — has been a pet project of the entertainment industry lately. Though Boyle has not been quick to jump into makeover mode, much has been made about recent facial touch-ups, most notably her newly curled hair and trimmed eyebrows. The news media outlets have gone out of their way to promote Boyle's offbeat look more than her singing and as a result, have become guilty of preaching the same narrow-mindedness that made it easy for her to be overlooked in the first place.

Andy Bockelman
The Mirror

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NATION | WIRE

3 men hurt in shooting at Hampton University

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Va. — Officials say three men are hospitalized after an overnight shooting in a dormitory at Hampton University in Virginia.

Police say the suspect is an 18-year-old Richmond man who shot a 62-year-old Hampton man and a 43-year-old Hampton man and then turned the gun on himself. No students were injured.

School spokeswoman Yuri Rodgers says that police believe the shooter is a former student, and that one victim is the night man-

ager of Harkness Hall.

Officials do not know the motive for the shooting, reported around 1 a.m.

All students, faculty and staff were notified about the situation via text message and e-mail.

The school remained on lockdown Sunday morning while police investigated.

Hampton University is a private school with about 5,700 students.

World governments race to contain swine flu outbreak

WASHINGTON — The

world's governments raced to avoid both a pandemic and global hysteria Sunday as more possible swine flu cases surfaced from Canada to New Zealand and the United States declared a public health emergency. "It's not a time to panic," the White House said.

Mexico, the outbreak's epicenter with up to 86 suspected deaths, canceled some church services and closed markets, restaurants and movie theaters.

A televised variety show filled its seats with cardboard cutouts.

Few people ventured onto the streets, and some wore face masks.

» Forum

FROM PAGE 1

Flider said a lot of the issues from the rising cost of tuition had to do with the status of the local economy, which he said has been weakened by unemployment.

"The key is putting people to work so they can put money back into the system," he said.

A source mentioned for new local jobs was the Renewable Energy Center at Eastern, which both representatives were upbeat about.

"We worked our friggin' tails off on that thing," Rose said.

The capital bill to provide funding for the Renewable Energy Center was passed through the Illinois Senate with a 50-0 vote on Thursday and has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

"The entire frigging state of Illinois should be doing what EIU is doing," Rose said, referring to the economic and environmental benefits of the plant.

Flider said no capital bills were signed into law during the Blagojevich years, and now that he is gone, the state can be more active in fixing the economic problems.

Another building project Flider cited that was built as a result of a capital bill was Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Three other state politicians were scheduled to be part of the forum but had to cancel.

Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department, said even though the legislators' busy schedules were taken into consideration when planning began months ago, other obligations came up.

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» Trustees

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No other information on new increases has been given.

Fee increases approved to be dispersed throughout 2009-2010 at past meetings still stand.

In addition, the purchase of a new scoreboard for O'Brien Stadium and the naming of some university properties are also on the agenda.

The scoreboard for O'Brien stadium will integrate scoring, a video display and a sound system as a high-tech replacement to the cur-

rent scoreboard.

The new board, which costs \$540,791 and includes \$50,000 contingency sum, will be installed by Daktronics, Inc. from Brookings, S.D.

It will include a wide-screen format LED video display.

"It will have instant replay technology and other neat things that other institutions have for their sporting events," Nilsen said.

The university properties being named will be presented by addendum. No information is yet available.

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» Memorial

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Authorities believe alcohol may have been involved in the crash, but reports of which will not be available for at least two more months.

Anumolu, Veerapaneni and Muppavarapu were students in the master's degree program in technology at Eastern. They also all worked together in Tower Dining.

The news of their death spread throughout the campus community over the next two

"The loss we feel is very great."

— Sue Songer, international student adviser

days after the crash, as students returned from spring break.

The victims were three in a small, tight-knit Indian community on campus. The university averages 150 international students each semester at Eastern, and of that, there are currently

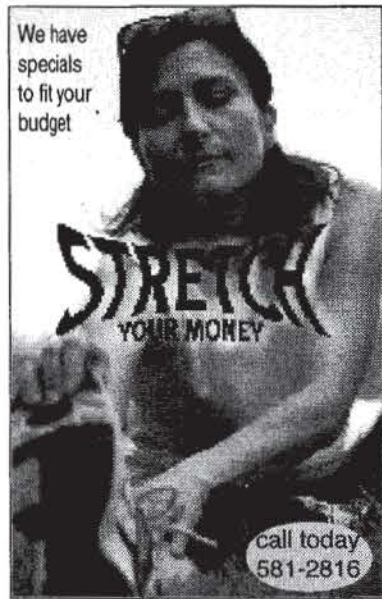
42 Indian students.

"The loss we feel is very great," said Sue Songer, the international student adviser, just after the crash happened. "From the students' classmates to their faculty members to international programs to their work places ... they had such hope, and they were excellent students and it is so tragic we lost the three girls."

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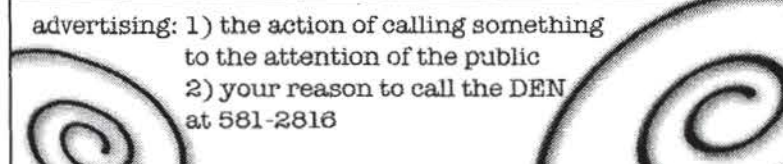
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» Riordan

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She thought she had blown the tournament with her performance in the last four holes.

"The last time I talked to (Eastern head coach Mike Moncel) was at the 15th hole, and he said 'Finish strong,'" Riordan said. "I didn't do that."

She shot a bogey, a double bogey then par on her last three holes.

She said her teammates waited by the 18th green after she finished her round.

Bradford, whom Riordan had played with on day one, hit a shot out of play on the 17th green and knocked herself out of contention.

"It did not set into me until I saw

her dad and her husband with her holding up the No. 2," Riordan said.

Riordan is the first Eastern individual champion in the OVC era.

The team finished in fifth place of the three-round tournament with a combined score of 104-over-par, one shot behind Morehead State and Tennessee Tech, which tied for third with a 103-over-par.

Murray State won the event by eight strokes against Jacksonville State with an 88-over-par combined score.

Junior Katie Imburgia finished in a tie for 19th place with a score of 244, while freshman Kathryn Koesler was three strokes behind with a 247, putting her in 22nd place.

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» Walters

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The 6-foot-4, 269-pounder from Westchester St. Joseph High School had worked out for different teams, including the Chargers, Green Bay Packers, Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears.

Walters received a \$5,000-sign-

ing bonus and is waiting to hear for more information from the Chiefs.

"I'm going to take it and run," Walters said. "This is just another blessing."

He finished the 2008 season with 48 tackles (18 solo, 30 assisted) while leading the team with 16.5 tackles for loss.

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» Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

"I don't really know a whole lot about it," he said. "I hear a little bit here and there, but for the most part they leave me alone and let me play my game."

Kehrer said he has received questionnaires in the mail from nearly every team, and the Arizona Diamondbacks and Kansas City Royals talked directly to him last sum-

mer.

Schmitz said after Kehrer's last start Saturday against Jacksonville State, where he allowed six earned runs in 4 1/3 innings, he and pitching coach Skylar Meade had Kehrer focus more on pitching, as opposed to just throwing the ball.

"He had the off-speed stuff, the change up and the curveball working," Schmitz said. "When you have all three pitches, it gets you in a rhythm."

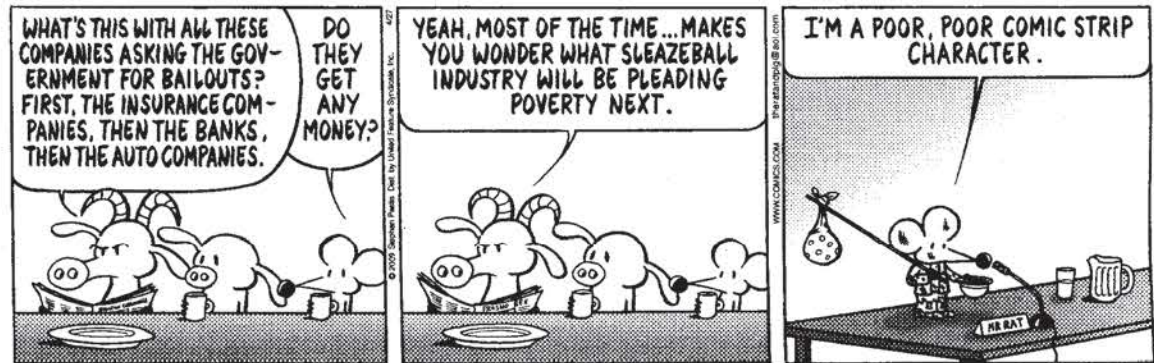
The composure Kehrer showed

in front of the people who play such a deciding role in his future makes his dominant performance that much more impressive. There is little doubt a major league team will draft him when the league has its draft June 9.

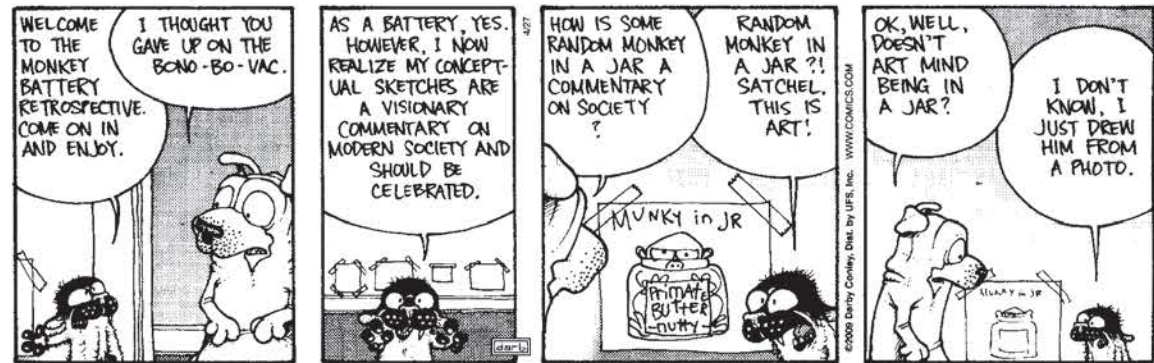
The main question is when and to whom, and these next couple of weeks will be a huge decider of that.

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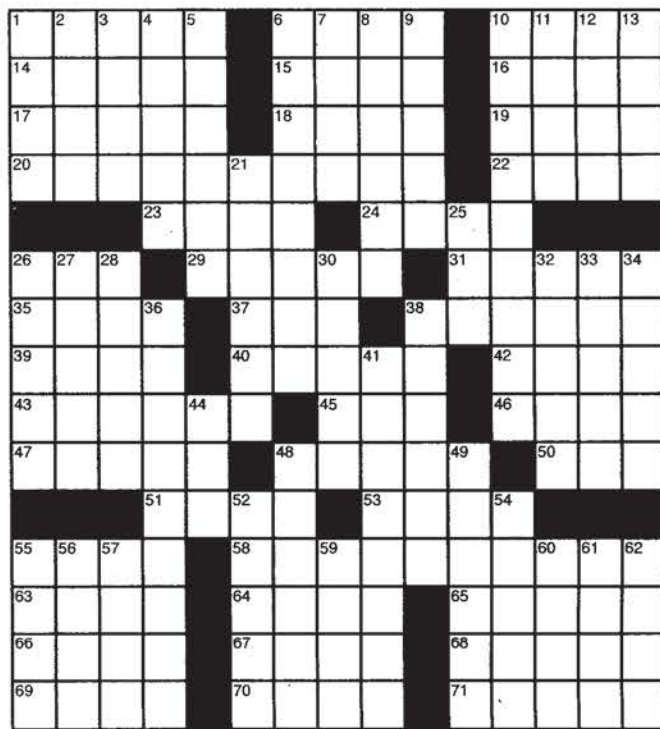


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- 1 Point the finger at
 - 6 Impudent
 - 10 Jail unit
 - 14 Parts to play
 - 15 One putting finishing touches on a cake
 - 16 Light greenish blue
 - 17 Worker for 15%, say
 - 18 "Meet Me at the _____"
 - 19 Japanese wrestling
 - 20 Fix part of dinner with lettuce, carrots, peppers, etc.
 - 22 Large part of a waiter's income
 - 23 A.B.A. member: Abbr.
 - 24 Game company behind Sonic the Hedgehog
 - 26 Play a part
 - 29 Go off like Mount St. Helens
 - 31 Sailor's "Stop!"
 - 35 Writer Harte
 - 37 Put _____ good word for
 - 38 Words cried before "No hands!"
 - 39 Activity with bubbles
- DOWN**
- 40 Retail giant selling dog food, birdcages and such
 - 42 Knots
 - 43 Islands west of Portugal
 - 45 _____Magnon man
 - 46 Coup d'_____
 - 47 Church council
 - 48 Food Network stars
 - 50 "_____ you ready?"
 - 51 Take a 39-Across
 - 53 Boneheads
 - 55 _____ California
 - 58 Prepare to camp
 - 63 Minnesota's St. _____ College
 - 64 What "video" means literally
 - 65 Bit part
 - 66 Sitarist Shankar
 - 67 In tatters
 - 68 Perrier competitor
 - 69 Pesky flier
 - 70 Lighted sign over a door
 - 71 Bush's 2004 opponent



PUZZLE BY RANDY SOWELL

- 6 Petty
- 7 Environmental sci.
- 8 Meal
- 9 Swap
- 10 Participate on Election Day
- 11 Prefix with lateral
- 12 It's in your throat when you choke up
- 13 Vientiane's land
- 21 Bacon units
- 25 Fed. auditing agcy.
- 26 The P.L.O.'s Mahmoud _____
- 27 Touched in the head
- 28 Wyoming's _____ Range
- 30 Where watermelons grow
- 32 Japanese dog
- 33 Mascara mess
- 34 Important sense for a gourmet
- 36 Show childish anger
- 38 Sponge used in a 39-Across
- 41 Moon shape
- 44 Psychologist/writer LeShan
- 48 Longtime Comiskey Park team, informally
- 49 Sissy of "Carrie"
- 52 Ill will
- 54 Prevent, with "off"
- 55 Tennis's Bjorn
- 56 Astronaut Shepard or Bean
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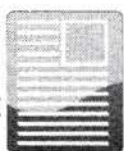
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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Kehrer feels no pressure

Sunday's dominant pitching performance by Eastern junior left-hander Tyler Kehrer was impressive for many reasons.

Sure, Kehrer allowed only one hit. Yeah, he struck out 14. OK, he didn't allow a ball to be hit out of the infield all day and retired the final 18 hitters he faced.

However, the most impressive part of his performance is the fact that Kehrer did all of that in front of about a half-dozen major league scouts, all of who were there to see him pitch.

Scouts were seen from the New York Mets, New York Yankees, Tampa Bay Rays and St. Louis Cardinals, among others, Sunday afternoon with radar guns and notebooks in hand. And these weren't just any scouts.

According to Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz, the scouts in attendance Sunday were the "scout's bosses," meaning scouts who saw Kehrer pitch earlier in the season were impressed with what they saw, reported it to their superiors, and the superiors came out to see him for themselves.

But none of that mattered to Kehrer when he was hurling the first Eastern one-hitter since 2006. His demeanor about it is very nonchalant, and he said the scouts are never on his mind when he's on the mound.

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NFL DRAFT | PIERRE WALTERS UPDATE



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Former Eastern defensive end Pierre Walters was not among the 256 players selected during Saturday and Sunday's NFL Draft, but he was signed by the Kansas City Chiefs as an undrafted free agent.

Walters K.C.-bound

Former Panther signs contract with Chiefs after not being drafted

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Pierre Walters was almost Mr. Irrelevant.

The former Eastern linebacker/defensive end could have been the No. 256 pick in the NFL Draft, but his agent called and told him the Kansas City Chiefs offered Walters a free-agent contract.

"I was supposed to be Mr. Irrelevant," Walters said.

Mr. Irrelevant is the title given to the final player picked in the seven-round draft, held Saturday and Sunday at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Instead, the Chiefs selected South Carolina kicker Ryan Succop as the last pick in the draft, and Succop earned that honor.

Walters began talking to his agent on the phone during the sixth round of the draft and was talking to him frequently throughout the seventh round.

"It was kind of rough," Walters said.

But he said the Chiefs turned

out to be a good choice, with a new coach and a 3-4 defensive system.

Walters said he could fit in as a rushing linebacker.

The Chiefs drafted one linebacker, and they have eight linebackers listed on their roster.

Walters said four teams were in the mix at the end, the Chiefs, Baltimore Ravens, San Diego Chargers and Atlanta Falcons.

"I was stressed out," Walters said. "My eyes never left the TV. I didn't think it was going to be hard waiting."

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WOMEN'S GOLF | OVC TOURNAMENT

Riordan wins singles title

Senior becomes first golfer to win title in program history

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Senior golfer Carrie Riordan finished in first place of the three-day Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at The Crooked Tree Golf Course in London, Ky.

Riordan was in first place after day one with a 74 (plus-2) but fell to second on day two by shooting a 79 (plus-7).

She cut two strokes off on Saturday shooting a final round of 77 (plus-5) to finish the tournament with a 230 (plus-14), three strokes ahead of Tennessee Tech senior Megan Bradford.

She said after losing the lead the second day, she was upset because she knew she could have played better.

"I blew up on the back nine, and I knew I had to go low again Saturday if I wanted to win," Riordan said. "I knew I had to play positive and play my game."

Riordan will have to wait until Monday to hear from the NCAA committee on regional selection to see if she will compete at the NCAA Regionals.

Riordan said she did not know she had won until the final group came in Saturday.

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BASEBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Kehrer dominant; Panthers roll to sweep

Left-hander strikes out career-high 14 hitters

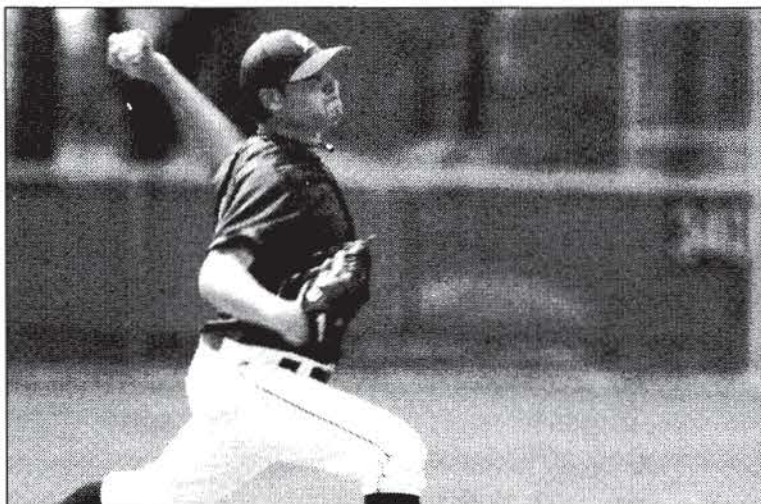
By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern junior left-hander Tyler Kehrer struck out a career-high 14 batters in a complete game, one-hit shutout as the Panthers completed a three-game sweep of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville with a 5-0 victory Sunday at Coaches Stadium.

The Cougars did not hit a single ball in play out of the infield as their one hit came on an infield single to second baseman Jordan Tokarz in the top of the third inning. Kehrer (4-3) retired the final 18 hitters he faced.

"I tried to go out there today and just clear my mind," said Kehrer, whose performance came in front of about a half-dozen major league scouts in attendance. "It's just another game. I can't change anything. I just play my game and don't worry about it."

Kehrer's performance came in the finale of a sweep of the Cougars (9-



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior left-hander Tyler Kehrer delivers the ball during the baseball team's 5-0 win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Sunday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. Kehrer allowed one hit in a complete game shutout.

29) where the Panthers (32-9) allowed only two runs total. They won Saturday's games by scores of 10-0 and 4-2.

"We had a lot of hitting in game one, defense in game two and then pitching (Sunday)," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "It's a good

sign that all three parts of our game came together this weekend."

The Panthers had lost three of their last five games entering the weekend.

Saturday's early victory was led by sophomore right-hander Josh Mueller (7-0), who threw seven innings of

shutout ball, allowing five hits and two walks while striking out seven. Junior first baseman Alex Gee led the charge offensively, driving in four runs and going 2-for-3. Senior center fielder Ryan Lindquist added three hits.

In the 4-2 victory, sophomore right-hander Mike Recchia (7-1) picked up the win after allowing two earned runs in five innings. Recchia said he did not have his best stuff Saturday, but the defense picked him up.

"After the first inning, I settled down and just focused on keeping the ball down," he said. "When you don't have everything working, you work with the best you have and that was my fastball."

The Panthers concluded their 10-game home stand 7-3 and play two neutral site games this week. They take on Missouri at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in O'Fallon, Mo., before facing Southern Illinois-Carbondale at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

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