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CHARLESTON

City gets ready for festivities

Council votes to approve road closures

> By Katey Mitchell News Editor

The Charleston City Council meeting officially approved resolutions for the expected street closures that will be taking place during the first few weeks of July at their meeting Tuesday night.

The biggest closer is the one coming up for the Charleston Red, White and Blue Days, in which Charleston celebrates the Fourth of July on both July 3 and 4. The main street closer will be Pierce Avenue, as it is the road closest to the activities.

However, there was a brief rift in the council wondering if the documents saying the parade route was using Harrison Street were

In previous years, Polk Street was used during parade routes to help direct through the square. Last year, however, the street was closed due to road repair; because of that, Harrison Street was used instead.

Many of the councilmembers and city staff questioned whether the current listing of Harrison Street was correct since Polk Street has been corrected.

Other than misunderstandings, the road closures were passed and will go into effect on the dates of the

Red, White and Blue Days, July 3 & 4; Four on the Fourth - a four-mile footrace for Habitat for Humanity - will also be July 4, but only in the morning starting at 8, and the Panther Prowl 5K/15K or race will be on Saturday, July 14 from 7:15 to 9:30 a.m.

The members also passed an ordinance that allows stop signs in a new subdivision to be put at the intersections of Hawthorne and Shawnee drives, and Tippecanoe and Tanglewood drives. These stop signs address the problem of traffic buildup around these roads from Route 16, said Mayor John Inyart.

The meeting closed with two add-on agenda items. The first was authorizing Lorna K. Geiler as official legal representation of the City of Charleston.

Geiler works for the law offices of Meyer Chapel, P.C. and her and her firm specialize in labor associations she specializes in municipalities.

The resolution to hire her came up late Monday night and was not brought to the council's attention until Tuesday.

The council approved moving its next meeting, Tuesday July 3 from 7:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Students for state

Illini Girls State returns to Eastern to educate girls on their future roles as U.S. citizens

> Chris Walden Opinions Editor

A miniature and autonomous government is functioning and spending a week at Eastern within the walls of Lawson Hall. It consists entirely of girls - high school girls - and 456 of them at that.

They're the Illini Girls State students, and they're here at the pleasure and sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary from June 17 to June 23. 2007 will be Illini Girls State's twenty-first year at Eastern.

The 67th Session of Illini Girls State is a one-week educational camp where hundreds of high school junior girls meet to participate in an American Legion tradition.

The girls are educated on issues varying from state and local governments to American patriotism - but in a way that is not focused on classroom lectures.

Students selected to participate in the camp get the opportunity to learn how state and local government functions first-hand through an ongoing experiment that mimics local government - including the election of state officials and legislators.

In an age when the majority of



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Col. Jill Morgenthaler, Governor Blagojevich's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety, speaks to girls at Illini Girls State Wednesday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom. She spoke about her experiences in Iraq and Bosnia where she served as a commander of a military intelligence service.

the younger generation of American American Legion hopes to do away voters are impassive or do not care with that problem by educating and about voting or current events, the motivating girls at the high school

level.

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ourmistakes

THE DEN INCORRECTLY LISTED THE DEATH OF EIU POLICE OFFICER RANDALL LEE TAGGART. TAGGART PASSED AWAY FRIDAY **EVENING OF NATURAL** CAUSES. THE DEN REGRETS THE ERROR.

- Randall Lee Taggart, 46, of Casey, passed away Friday evening at Sarah Bush Lincoln Heath Center, Taggart served the EIU police department for 11 years. He was an ordained minister, a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.
- » Taggart was born June 25, 1960. In September of 1979, he married Donna Marie Smith. He had two children: Michael and Melanie Taggart. Michael is an alum of Eastern and Melanie is currently enrolled.
- · Memorials may be made to the Eastern Illinois University Police Department in Memory of Randy Taggart, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920.



GirlsState

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Girls participating in Illini Girls State take pictures of American flags being properly disposed of Tuesday evening in the quad. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors and organizes the camp throughout the week. Students at Girls State learn about other facets of American flag etiquette, such as folding and handling the flag as well as raising and lowering the flag every day. The 67th Illini Girls State is putting on its one-week camp for the twenty-first year in a row at Eastern, where the Illini Girls State tree is also planted.

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Johnny's Bar & Grill

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Employee of Johnny's Bar & Grill, Tanya Pence from Mattoon, serves Eastern Alumnus Nathan Davenport Wednesday evening at Johnny's Bar & Grill in Mattoon. Johnny's can be found on 516 Piatt Ave. Johnny's has specials like 1Q cent wings, dollar basket of fries and a dollar for 5

Oriental alternative to Viagra

Bottom-feeder fish aphrodisiac in Korea

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES | The hagfish is a bottom feeder so repulsive it had a cameo on TV's "Fear Factor." It slimes its enemies, has rows of teeth on its tongue, and feeds on the innards of rotting fish by penetrating any orifice. But cooked and served on a plate, it is considered an aphrodisiac in South

The 14- to 18-inch hagfish looks like an eel. In fact, there is debate over whether it is really a fish. The 300 million-year-old creature has no jaws and one nostril. Essentially blind, it dwells in the dark more than 1,000 feet down.

"The average person would be disgusted just by looking at them," said Mark Crossland, a state Fish and Game warden. "The product is difficult to deal with and handle - it's a little eel that once it gets stressed it excretes this slime."

Hagfish has a modest following among older Korean men who savor it as an appetizer broiled in sesame oil, sprinkled with salt and accompanied by a shot of liquor.

Peter Chu, a seafood exporter in Eureka, Calif., said the fish sells for as much as \$20 a pound in South Korea, which he estimates consumes 9 million pounds a year.

"There's a myth there that it's an aphrodisiac. It gives you energy like Viagra," Chu said. "It's like oysters here."

Fisherman Mark Tognazzini, who used to catch hagfish in the early 1990s, said it is relatively inexpensive to get into hagfishing. They are caught in five-gallon barrels fitted with trap doors and baited with rotting fish.

In April, California officials encountered a fishing boat near Morro Bay carrying more than 15,000 pounds - approximately 45,000 writhing hagfish - that were to be loaded on jumbo jets live and

flown to South Korea.

The Washington-based crew was cited for violations that included fishing without permits and having oversized traps as big as wine barrels. The hagfish's predators include whales, seabirds and seals. There are no catch limits for hagfish, and the species is in no immediate danger. But some experts worry it could be threatened if the boom continues, because hagfish do not reproduce

Tognazzini said they are an important part of the marine ecosystem whose job is to clean up the ocean floor. "The thing is, they're not cute - they don't hit people's hearts," he said.

As if its looks weren't enough of a turnoff, hagfish, when agitated, vomit and secrete a protein that reacts with seawater to create a thick mucus. A single animal can turn a five-gallon bucket of seawater into a pool of goo in a matter of moments, said Eddie Kisfaludy of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

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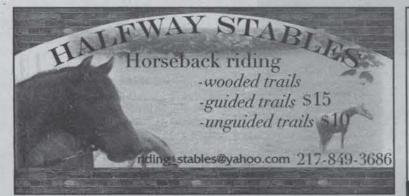


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Illinois race heats up

Congressional seat may change hands with returning candidate planning to run



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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Businessman Dan Seals, who lost a close race against GOP Rep. Mark Kirk in November, announced Wednesday that he is again running to unseat Kirk in 2008.

"The differences between me and Congressman Kirk are clear," the Wilmette Democrat said in a statement released the day after his 36th birthday. "He has supported President Bush's agenda and I do

Seals said Kirk has moderated his voting record since winning a surprisingly close re-election battle last year and accused the congressman of putting politics before policy.

"His votes should be driven by what he feels is right, not what he feels is expedient," Seals said of the six-year House veteran.

Following Seals' announcement, Kirk issued a statement outlining his efforts to address rising gas prices and dangerous imported toys, as well as dumping in Lake Michigan and economic development.

"My top priority is serving 10th District families," he said in the statement that did not directly address Seals' candidacy.

Kirk, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, spent about \$3.5 million during the last election cycle _ nearly twice the \$1.8 million spent by Seals _ but won with only 53 percent of the

He had won previous races against Democrats with 64 percent and 69 percent of the vote.

Seals, a former director at GE Capital who never had run for public office, only received cash assistance from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in late October but had strong backing from Illinois' U.S. senators _ Democrats Dick Durbin and Barack Obama _ who campaigned enthusiastically in the district on his behalf.

Campaign strategists for both parties expect Kirk's seat, along with that of Democratic Rep. Melissa Bean, to be among the most hardnosed races next year.

Bush adviser Karl Rove recently wrote a memo that Kirk's seat was one of three of the nine Illinois congressional seats held by the GOP that the party needs to work hardest to protect in 2008.

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Scattered thunderstorms

NATION

Bush vetoes stem cell bill again

Legislation shot down for second time in a year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. | Vetoing a stem cell bill for the second time, President Bush on Wednesday sought to placate those who disagree with him by signing an executive order urging scientists toward what he termed "ethically responsible" research in the field

Bush announced no new federal dollars for stem cell research, which supporters say holds the promise of disease cures, and his order would not allow researchers to do anything they couldn't do under existing restrictions.

Announcing his veto to a roomful of supporters, Bush said, "If this legislation became law, it would compel American taxpayers for the first time in our history to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos. I made it clear to Congress and to the American people that I will not allow our nation to cross this moral line."

He vetoed similar embryonic stem cell legislation

His executive order encourages scientists to work with the government to add other kinds of stem cell research to the list of projects eligible for federal funding _ so long as it does not create, harm or destroy human embryos.

Democrats dismissed Bush's veto as a moral affront, and his executive order as a meaningless gesture meant to trick people into thinking he had advanced stem cell research. They said they would hold votes to try to override the veto _ or at least give the issue more air time.

We also intend to continue bringing this up until we have a pro-stem cell president and a pro-stem cell Congress," said one of the House's chief sponsors, Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo.

Senate Democrats were expected to begin the process by trying to attach embryonic stem cell legislation this week to a must-pass appropriations bill for the Labor and Health and Human Services departments. By the 2008 elections, they predicted, Bush's veto of new public funding for embryonic stem cell research would be a top priority of voters in the congressional and presidential elections.

Public opinion polls show strong support for the

Republican presidential hopefuls are split on the scope of federal involvement in embryonic stem cell research. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani have broken with Bush _ and the GOP's social conservatives _ in backing the expansion of federal funding for such research. At the Republican debate on May 3, Giuliani said he supported such an expansion with limits, "as long as we're not creating life in order to destroy it, as long as we're not having human cloning.'

Rivals Mitt Romney and Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas oppose the expansion. As governor of Massachusetts, Romney tried to stop legislation that encouraged expanded embryonic stem cell research. His veto was overturned.

Scientists were first able to conduct research with embryonic stem cells in 1998, according to the National Institutes of Health. There were no federal funds available for the work until Bush announced on Aug. 9, 2001, that his administration would spend tax money for research on lines of cells that already were in existence.

Currently, states and private organizations are permitted to fund embryonic stem cell research, but federal support is limited to cells that existed as of Aug. 9, 2001. The latest bill was aimed at lifting that

Bush urged support of legislation sponsored by Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., which passed the Senate but has not yet been taken up by the House. Coleman says his measure supports federal funding for embryonic stem cell research methods that do not harm embryos. "It provides for ethically responsible stem cell research sooner rather than later," Coleman

Bush said his executive order directs the Health and Human Services Department to promote research into cells that _ like human embryonic stem cells _ also hold the potential of regenerating into different types of cells that might be used to battle disease and make them eligible for federal funding.

The order also renames the NIH's Embryonic Stem Cell Registry the Pluripotent Stem Cell Registry so that it reflects what the stem cells can do, instead of their origin. Pluripotent stem cells are ones that can give rise to any kind of cell in the body except those required to develop a fetus.

"Destroying human life in the hopes of saving human life is not ethical, and it is not the only option before us," said Bush, who appeared on stage with Kaitlyne McNamara of Middletown, Conn., who was born with spina bifida, and is benefiting from what he called "ethical stem cell research."

There are many youth bowling leagues that are sponsored by Youth Alliance Bowling Association (YABA). Some leagues start kids as young as 5 or 6-

But it is also still fairly popular with people just going to bowl like the local lanes of Charleston Lanes. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is dollar bowling night, which has games and shoe rentals at a dollar each. A move that is more than likely to try to get people interested in bowling to later join leagues.

Bowling and the PBA may not have the same popularity that it held in the 1980s, yet it still is broadcasted on television channels such as ESPN and

That fact alone should give it a pretty good backing

Besides, the definition of what a sport exactly is still not clear. There is no exact definition what makes an activity a sport. But with or without a definition, bowling is still clearly a sport. And one that I believe still deserves to have a professional league.

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Cancer society urges sun protection

SPRINGFIELD | As the days get longer and time spent outside increases, slipping on protective clothing, slopping on some sunscreen, slapping on a hat and wrapping on a pair of sunglasses is a must. The American Cancer-Society encourages everyone to use some form of sun protection in order to decrease the likelihood of developing skin cancer.

More than one million cases of basal cell or squamous skin cancer (nonmelanoma) and nearly 60,000 cases of malignant melanoma (the most serious form of skin cancer) are expected to be diagnosed in 2007 in the United States. In Illinois, more than 1,500 people will be diagnosed with melanoma and approximately 500 are expected to die from the disease. While the risk of melanoma is higher for Caucasians than African-Americans, it's still important that people with darker skin also limit their sun exposure.

Research shows a link between severe sunburns in childhood and an increased risk of melanoma and other skin cancers later in life. Melanoma is currently the second leading cause of cancer among 13 to 30 year olds.

"Prevention must be a priority," said Clement Rose, M.D., president of the American Cancer Society's Illinois Division. 'Grabbing the sun block and protecting yourself from the sun's harmful rays needs to be a habit that starts early and continues throughout your lifetime."

The majority of skin cancers are due to unprotected and excessive ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure. The immediate adverse effects of excessive exposure are

sunburn and eye damage. Long term effects include premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. The American Cancer Society offers the following advice on how to protect yourself from the harmful effects of sun exposure:

- Avoid direct sunlight between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is most intense.

Protect your skin with clothing, including a long-sleeve shirt and a hat with a broad brim.

- Use sunscreens with a SPF factor of at least 15.

Liberally apply sunscreen 20 to 30 minutes before going outside so skin can absorb the protective agents and reapply at least every two hours or after sweating or

Wrap-around sunglasses with at least 99 percent UV absorption provide the best protection for the eyes and the skin area around the

Information complied by the American Cancer Society.

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) Tedder

Yeah, and you can't drink beer when you play football outside with some friends? wouldn't recommend it by any means, but you could do it. That argument only really works with leisure bowling. It's not as though the PBA allows bowlers to drink alcohol while they bowl, and I've never seen a bowler eat waiting for their next turn.

Anyways, drinking while bowling will potentially break your focus if you were really trying to do well. Breaking a score of 100 is nothing to get giddy about when you are competing against professional or talented bowlers.

The better argument to make may be is bowling really all that popular or need a professional league?

The popularity of the sport is not at a professional level, yet the sport has been increasing with popularity in the younger ages.



GUEST COLUMNIST | CHRIS ESSIG

Music fest big success

This past weekend, the 80,000-plus popuation of Manchester, Tennessee temporarily loubled as the nation's largest music festival. Bonnaroo once again kicked off in high fashion. While I was not in attendance, nor have I ever seen, it's hard not to envy those who were as the ine-up was once again ridiculous. But, thanks o AT&T and the wonderful world of the web, came about as close as I was going to get.

Throughout the duration of the festival, AT&T broadcasted a number of the Bonnaroo rtists live and prerecorded on their website http://blueroom.att.com/mainstage/). Acts inluded the Roots, the String Cheese Incident, Wilco, the White Stripes, and Widespread Pan-c. Notable absences included headliners Tool and the Police.

But, it was completely free and best of all, ou didn't have to sign up for another newsleter to watch the shows. Instead, it was volunary. Can you believe it? A company that gives ou free stuff without making you sign up for a sunch of stuff?

Like I mentioned earlier, some of it was preecorded and some of it was live. For instance, 'm pretty sure the Roots show was available ight after they got off stage.

The Flaming Lips set was cut in half and vailable to view a day after the show as was the tring Cheese Incident show, which still ranked n at an impressive hour and 45 minutes of onine viewing pleasure. There were others like Volfmother, Mago and I'm sure that's not the nd of the list. But considering schedule conlicts and the fact that some of the aforemenioned acts (The Flaming Lips, the String Cheese ncident, and Mago blayed until the wee hours f the morning, the reason for the delay is quite

But like I mentioned, it wasn't all prerecordd. The John Butler Trio, Ratdog, Wilco, and he White Stripes were all being filmed in their ntirety and available live, as they jammed unler the blazing sun.

And of course, there was the mammoth, hree hour-plus, one-set Widespread Panic how, which broadcasted completely uncut. ind that was just Sunday.

While it doesn't compare to actually surounding yourself with the thousands of lunaics in attendance, ir's bout as close as you get o actually being the

Throughout the Panic show I kept hoping o myself that they would play a certain song, a ensation only matched by actually being there.

This innovative way of literally broadcasting o the world is quite a step up from the typical n-the-spot reporting we are used to and thankully they cut the middleman out of the picture. apers can't even shake a fist at AT&T's promptess much less the video element of the show, hich, I might add, was impressively clear.

But the bottom line is there were no breaks, o cuts, no commercials, and thankfully, no re-

Did anybody but myself try to watch MTV's overage of Live 8 only to be berated by the constency of commercials and reporters talking bout whatever, while a band is playing right ehind them?

They didn't even show the Pink Floyd renion show in its entirety!

So, to conclude, thank you MTV for once zain reminding me, in hindsight I might add, hat's wrong with the music industry. And kuos to AT&T for reminding us what's right: the

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | ADAM TEDDER



ourview

BOOKSTORES NEEDED AT EIU

The college environment is one that is supposed to breed curiosity and consequently the pursuit of knowledge. The time students spend in a classroom should be supplementary to the education pursued while spending time on or around campus.

In addition to the time spent studying for classes away from a lecture, students should, ideally, become well informed and educated individuals apart from just their field of

This is the philosophy of enrollment at a university as we see it at the Daily Eastern News.

One of the keys to becoming a self-educated person is by reading.

Because one can draw more information from text than they can from sound bytes and video clips, reading is the most important media in relation to education. In other words, books are important, especially on university

Here at Eastern, there is a problem regarding books. This problem extends to affect the city of Charleston as a whole.

This problem we are referring to is the lack of availability of books in Charleston. We believe that Charleston could use a large bookstore such as Border's or Barnes & Noble.

It must be stated that Charleston is not completely deficient in the availability of books. There is a small bookstore on the town square, though it probably does not meet the wide demand and interests of the combined EIU student body and Charleston residents.

In the Cross County Mall in Mattoon, there is a Waldenbooks, but that too is a small

Additionally, Mattoon is ten miles away from Charleston, which is rather inconvenient for residents without cars. For those

with cars, the location is not good for gas costs or time management.

Another option for students and residents

Online shopping has an advantage of having an almost limitless selection of books.

However, there are several disadvantages. First of all, it's nice to have a book to look at, feel, see, and skim through in a bookstore before buying it-something that is obviously lost in online shopping.

Secondly, many people don't like to give out their credit card information online because of fears of credit card information being stolen or identity theft.

Also, if one purchases something online, it obviously has to be shipped, which takes time and possibly extra costs.

A huge advantage in having a bookstore to shop at is that one can go there, find a book, and bring it home to read right away as opposed to the waiting associated with shipping from online stores. Another more easily ignored reason for shopping at bookstores, is that shopping here puts money into the local economy rather than sending it somewhere

We at the Daily Eastern News feel that actual bookstores have significant advantages over online book shopping. We also feel that Charleston is in need of a larger bookstore that would provide more products to the people here as well as bring always-needed jobs to town.

Perhaps the best thing a bookstore would bring to our area is a new place of social gath-

Many students complain that there is little to do in Charleston. A bookstore may offer an alternative to the inevitable answer of "Wal-Mart" or "the bars" to the question "Where are we going to go tonight?"

COLUMNIST | KRISTY MELLENDORF

Dad is always there for support

In light of the recent father's day, I have pondered my relationship with my parents. I am officially out of 'the house' now. I moved into my apartment just a few short weeks ago. I am no longer under their roof, and thus no longer under their rules. I am free to fly, so as the saying goes.

Growing up, we all seem to reach the age where being with our parents in public is not cool. Of course, it's in the timeframe when being cool is at the top of the priority list. For me, I believe that time hit around junior

In high school, I began to grow up even more. Perhaps that goes without saying. In this time, I wanted to rebel. I wanted to have my own agenda. I wanted to live with fewer rules. I had made up my mind that I knew what was best for me. I, in reflection, knew nothing at the time. The main thing is like many people in high school, I just thought I

did. I thought I had all the answers. Now that I am out of the house, my parents have become more important to me. I suppose it helps that

I am relatively close to my home town. For some reason I am closer to my father. I guess I have always been a 'daddy's girl.' I am not really sure when it hit me. Suddenly my respect and admiration for my father started growing in baby steps.

I do not speak to my father every day. Sometimes I go two or three weeks without talking to him. This can be especially true if I get busy with work and school. Not talking to him does not mean his importance is somehow less to me.

Looking back, if I think a little deeper, I can see that he has been the one constant in my life. In junior high and high school, I went through cat fights with my friends. Fights like those are quite common while at

He was always there to listen to what I had to say and comfort me. He was also there for me to listen about my latest boy

In high school, I also began to have various medical issues with the onset of my epilepsy. I cannot count the several nights I spent crying over not possessing the ability

Without knowing if my new medication was working well, driving was considered dangerous. I also felt damaged. He was always there to make the tears stop.

Since coming to college, the bond has only grown. He is the one person that can embarrass me. That's what happens when I am surrounded by someone who doubles over in laughter at sick humor. I can also realize he is the person with whom I share so many personality traits.

We both like the same music. Certain songs even make me think of him. We both clean things nearly obsessively.

We both like the same foods. We both get quiet and pace if something is wrong. We share the same political views. Most importantly, we can read each other's expressions and actions like books.

My last interaction with my dad brings a smile to my face every time I think about it. I was in his office just outside of town.

I was being introduced to some new people he'll start working with sometime in July. After the pleasantries, I became a piece of art. One by one, I showed off my piercings and tattoo. It's almost as though, without words, my dad is proud of me. That he accepts the person I am becoming.

I feel so blessed to have someone like this in my life. Though the relationship has changed over the years, he will always be my father. He will always be important to me because he will always be there for me.

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Motivational and political speakers are also invited to share experience and information about the role women can play in politics throughout the week. Speakers of both political parties are present, as well as state representatives and senators.

"It's made me appreciate what previous people have done for me," said Elisa Lewis, director of Illini Girls State. "I hope that girls who come here get the same impression and motivation to vote. It's our voice, and one vote does make a difference."

Lewis, a member of the American Legion since birth and an Illini Girls State member herself since 1989, was inspired to keep the experience alive for future generations and tell the nation's younger women that they too need to be a part of the political process.

Girls learn how to act as a responsible and respectable American citizen, how to honor other and elderly citizens, as well as flag etiquette – which include raising the flag everyday, how to handle and fold a flag, as well as the proper way to dispose of a tattered American flag.

Students also participate in a mock government system that gives them handson experience as well as a chance to help participate and organize the events put on by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Legislative and executive branch members, including the governor for the whole state,

are also elected, but another factor comes into play. Much like government today, the students are assigned into two different political parties.

To avoid any bias or conflicts on the part of the students, the parties are the Nationalists and the Federalists. Instead of the elephant and donkey as mascots for the Republicans and Democrats, the students' mascots will be the Nationalist Pandas and the Federalist Bunnies.

Each party competes against the other to obtain elected officials in local and state government. This includes debating and discussing real-world issues and proposed bills and laws for the American people in the General Assembly meetings each morning.

The General Assembly consists of five legislative districts, or 20 student senators and 30 representatives within the whole 456-girl population.

The American Legion, however, does not wish to be a political party, nor does it intend to act like one or align itself with any of the national parties. Accordingly, it does not endorse Republican or Democratic candidates.

"We don't want to impose any partisan opinions on the girls because that may create conflicts or issues that get in the way of learning," said Pam Ray, one of the Girls State political party coordinators. "This is all about an educational process."

Students on each floor, by the nature of Lawson Hall, are divided into two groups, each which are treated as cities. A mayor, city clerk and treasurer are elected for each and organized their government accordingly – and with a keen interest in making their city the best in the "state."

Four cities from two floors are then organized into a county, representing the real-world process of state government – particularly in Illinois. All of the counties combined created the "state," which consists of all the floors of students in Illini Girls State.

Party leaders are then elected each year, who are subsequently invited to return the following year of Illini Girls State to cheer on their former political party.

Last night, the former party leaders led the 2007 party members danced and celebrated at their own conventions in both the Grand and University ballrooms. The party conventions included announcements of their government candidates, their platforms, followed by a dance party while electoral ballots were collected for party leaders.

"The state senators and representatives elected by the party members discuss real world issues and current events at the General Assembly, while the party platforms are mostly the silly stuff," said Ginger Rushing, dean of education at Illini Girls State.

After both parties were done "dissing" the opposition and promoting party pride Wednesday night, the ballrooms were flooded with a sea of bunny ears and panda ears bobbing to pop and rock music. Lewis

was also present at the party conventions, sporting a shirt labled "A woman's place is in the house" on the front – with "and also in the senate" labeled on the back.

One motivational speaker Wednesday afternoon was Col. Jill Morgenthaler, the deputy chief of staff for public safety and homeland security adviser to Gov. Blagoyevic.

Morgenthaler was in command of a military intelligence group while serving in both Bosnia and recently Iraq. She spoke to Illini State girls about her experiences and advice to future citizens and soldiers.

Two or three students at most might come from the same high school – but all of Illinois is represented. Some students are the only one from their school to attend.

"This is probably the first time that these girls have been in a place where they don't know anyone," Lewis said. "We want them to know that they'll make friends and be okay."

The American Legion then sponsors and pays for each of its local chosen students, for the duration of their stay at Illini Girls State. Since each American Legion unit chooses the girls to send from each school, it is uncommon for one not initially chosen to step forward and want to come.

However, as long as they meet the requirements, girls can be admitted.

The girls do not go off campus and aren't allowed to talk to "trees" – or guys – but still use Eastern's rec center and bowling alleys in their recreational time.

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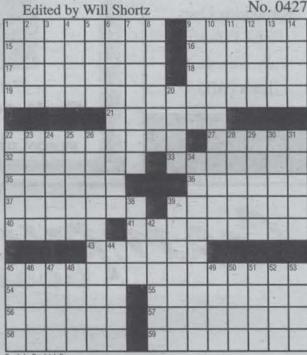
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'Fables' brought to life at theatre

'Aesop's Fables' play full of Eastern students, showcases timeliness of the Fables' message

By Kristy Mellendorf

City Reporter

I walked into The Village-Theatre on Wednesday morning without expectations. Sadly, it had been a long time since I had seen a play at this theatre, or any play at all for that matter.

After receiving my ticket and taking my seat, I looked at the program. The stories listed immediately struck my memory. It had been a long time since I had heard them, but I could remember the details.

I was not sitting long before the crowd of 19, myself included, watched the lights dim and the play begin. The style of the introduction was also reflected in the way the transitions were carried through.

The actors in the play came out wearing the same shirt in different colors. The shirts had their names on the front and 'Aesop's Fables' on the back. The actors began with agreeing to want to hear a story. The director of the company, John T. Oertling, then presents himself as Aesop. Aesop offers characters to the actors to portray for each story. The actors also put

on simple costumes on stage, in front of everyone. The scene is created in the same way.

I feel this is an effective way to show the fables to children. The children in the audience are not misled that the actors are indeed the animals, which could potentially scare them.

The children watch the eight actors don their costumes right in front of them. This is also a way for the children to relate to the actors. Its as if the child is at home playing dress up.

The costumes are simple; most of them require simply two pieces of attire. This helps the stories move along quickly.

The company presents six fables to the crowd. Each fable lasts roughly six minutes long. This is just long enough to tell the story in its completion. It is also a short enough time so as to not lose the often short attention span of the children in the audience. By my guessing, I would have to say that the children in the audience were between the ages of two and five.

The show ran very smoothly. As with the fables being presented, the show was very family-friendly. The actors fit easily into each part. A particular favorite of mine was Justin Finley, who played the tortoise in the story of the 'Tortoise and the Hare.' His voice and actions were in matching with the character. It brought me to memories of the cartoon adaptation I have seen at some point growing up.

would recommend this to anyone who is around children. In fact I would recommend this play to anyone who wants to escape to the past and remember his or her childhood.

Low expectations equal big surprise

It's been two years since the last installment of 'Fantastic Four;' this one's back with a bang

By Adam Tedder

Editor-in-Chief

The expectations were already set low for director Tim Story's superhero sequel, "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer."

But as a rare treat, this worked out well for the film, helping it capture an audience for its first weekend at the box office, scoring \$58.1 million on opening day and \$88 million worldwide, surpassing the original's debut numbers at roughly \$56 million.

Better yet, this outing for Marvel Comics first family is better than the 2005 original.

The action, character development and special effects have all been improved and the story also has more substance to it, though it still lacks

The plot of "Rise of the Silver Surfer" has the four superheroes fighting a familiar nemesis, Dr. Doom (Julian McMahon) and being introduced to a new character, the Silver Surfer (Doug Jones/ voice by Laurence Fishburne). The surfer has come toearth to seek the planet for his master, Galactus, a planet-devouring storm that will kill all life on earth to satisfy his hunger. Though, this storm may sound ridiculous (a complaint made often is that in the comics) Galactus is a giant man wearing a huge purple helmet and was not visually represented correctly. I think Story made the right choice by changing this fact, because it would be hard for it to transcend on screen without looking pretty ridiculous.

The acting is good for the most part. Chris Evans once again steals the show with his charisma that nails the part of the hotheaded Human Torch. Unfortunately, they did not allow actors such as Kerry Washington and Andre Braugher to play bigger roles in the movie. At best, they were both cliché-like characters who fit stereotypes in the film. Both actors could have done so much more with their roles.

The Invisible Woman, played by Jessica Alba, once again is the cheap laugh of the movie, with her near-naked scene. Her contacts also were so blue

that she looked borderline possessed at times during the movie and unnatural looking. But overall, her character improved by having more importance and involvement with the film.

Another good element to the film was the fact that Ioan Grufford as Reed Richards, aka Mr. Fantastic, has good hero/villain interaction with Dr. Doom. The two hate each other so much, and to see that expounded on screen was necessary if they were to have Doom return as a villain and have any real relevance to the new film.

The special effects looked good in this film, especially the Silver Surfer who looked realistic. Doug Jones did

a nice job of making the Surfer's movements look fluid, much like his work on "Pan's Labyrinth" and "Hellboy." The fight at the end also had very elaborate special effects, which showed a spectacle of super-powers at work. Michael Chiklis, who plays The Thing, also had a much better body suit to work with this time around. The film really had a nice balance of computer animation and real set props.

One of the biggest complaints though would have to be with the advertising placement in the film, which bordered on over-the-top. Especially with the Fantasticar, which is the heroes' vehicle that flies. It was sponsored by Dodge Motors, and the ad placement between the vehicle and the Human Torch's costume towards the beginning was overkill. Especially with the joke of, "Does this have a HEMI?" It was really unnecessary.

This film truly benefited from the low expectations though. In the summer of sequels, this movie was nearly off the radar and did not have the same pressures placed on it as "Spider-Man 3" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds End" had.

'Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" was a superior film to the original, better action, acting, plot and special effects.

Endless summers containing seq

By Katey Mitchell

News Editor

May was the ultimate month for movie sequels. Every week had at least one movie coming out that continued with another's original thought. May 4 brought "Spider-man 3;" May 11 "28 Weeks Later;" May 18 "Shrek the Third" and on May 24, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds

Sequels are continuing adventures of characters that I grew to love. Most of the time sequels are not as good as the first movie, but it does not matter. I am only worried that the movie stays close to the character development that was portrayed in the first movie.

My complaint, however, is that this summer seems to have nothing but sequels to offer the typical American audience.

At the end of April '07, this summer scheduled 20 sequels for release. Some ranged from comic book continuations to children's movies. Even sequels for movies that were thought to have a sequel or another sequel, such as "Live Free or Die Hard" showed up, "Evan Almighty" was the

This is not the first summer for this occurrence either.

Last summer saw a greater share of movie sequels as well, including "Superman Returns," "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," and "X-Men: The Last Stand."

I want to know where has all the creativity went.

Now it just seems that Hollywood's creative well has finally dried up and can only churn out movies based as sequels or movies that are intended to be sequels so they don't have to think hard when creating "new" content.

I am making a cry out loud to anyone in Hollywood: Stop being lazy and make a halfway decent movie.

We - the American audience - need more fun, creative, interesting and sometimes intellectually stimulating movies. We know you can do it, Hollywood. I mean you came out with "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl," and that movie was a hit at the box office and with critics. We love that movie. So, since it was done once, we know Hollywood can

We need to stop these endless summers of movies and bring out quality movie experiences. Otherwise, there's no point in paying close to \$10 for something that probably won't be good anyway.



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I still find it hard to believe that there still exists an argument that bowling is not really a sport.

Of course, it is a sport.

If not for the simple fact of thinking it through that leads you to the conclusion, then just look at the Professional Bowling Association. Or the fact that many high schools and middle schools have bowling teams that are sanctioned within competition. Or the fact that there are collegelevel bowling teams that compete within the NCAA.

But still the argument is out there.

"What's so hard about throwing a ball down the lane?"

Actually, a lot, considering if you take the time to try to get a strike or pick up a spare.

Bowling is more than just a leisure activity. Many people take this sport seriously.

Bowling is nearly a complete mental game that needs the embrace of proper mechanics as

When bowling on a team or by yourself in competition, there is no one else and seldom anything to blame a bad shot on. It falls directly on the bowler.

Bowling may not be a punishing activity like football, or have its athletes constantly moving like soccer does, but it still requires skill. And the mental stress can be more than it looks like. Yeah, it sounds like a joke, but there really is more to it when it comes down to competition play. Pick up the 10-pin to win the game, or miss it and lose. Suddenly, the whip it down the lane excuse is dumb.

The best argument for it not being considered a sport would have to be the beer cliché that follows it around. The argument goes something to the sound of, "If you can eat nachos and drink beer, it's not a sport."

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The 2006 EIU Panther Men's Golf team with head coach Mike Moncel.

Anthony Imburgia, 2007 Eastern grad and Panther golfer, was recently named ESPN the Magazine First Team Academic All-American. The Daily Eastern News spoke to Imburgia via telephone about his achievements and his future in golf.

What was your reaction to being named first team Academic All-American?

I was surprised, to be honest. I felt like there's not only a lot of good golfers but a lot of good athletes out there that are pretty smart. I was surprised, but very honored.

What kind of response have you gotten from family and friends?

My Dad went nuts. We printed off the article from Eastern's Web site and we're trying to get a copy for my grandparents. I don't know how to explain it really. Everybody was really excited. My Dad told me it would be something I will remember forever and a great way to cap off my Eastern career.

How do you find time to study while conditioning for competition?

Honestly, it was tough. The golf team travels mostly on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. We

travel a lot, but Eastern's professors were very understanding and good about letting me make up stuff. Between studying and preparing for golf it wasn't easy. My friends kind of hated me sometimes because it seemed like I never had anytime to do anything. My mom tells me that I didn't get the real college experience, but looking back, I think it was worth it.

What are your plans now that you done at Eastern?

I start classes at dental school in Indianapolis July 5 for four years. I'm kind of excited and nervous at the same time about it. It's going to be a lot of work so I might not have much of a life. It'll be tough, but I'm excited.

Do you plan on pursuing golf any further?

I'd say yes. It just depends on how much time I'll have with dental school. I'm already cramming in my fourth tournament of the summer. I'm exempt from the Illinois State Amateur tournament. It takes so much time to prepare for a tournament so it's hard to say.

What do you feel were some of the highlights from your time at Eastern?

Well, to be honest, being named Academic All-American was a huge honor, and getting into dental school. Also, winning the Kauai cup in Hawaii over Spring Break would definitely be towards the top of the list. It was an awesome trip and to top it off I won the tournament at the end by three shots I think.



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EIU Sports Round-Up

Panther football players named preseason All-Americans

Two EIU football players have been named preseason All-Americans by *Lindy's Football Magazine*.

Senior linebacker Donald Thomas and senior wide receiver Micah Rucker were given the distinction by the publication earlier this week.

Thomas was named Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year after leading the Panthers with 127 tackles including 49 solo tackles and 12 tackles for loss and one sack over 13 games during the 2006 season. Thomas was named a first team preseason All-American.

Rucker scored 13 touchdowns last season and also completed 49 catches for 966 yards.

He ranked 28th in the nation in receiving yards per game with 74 and was the first Panther receiver to have more than 800 yards receiving in a season since 1986. Rucker was given second team preseason All-American honors.

In addition, Lindy's also picked EIU to win their third straight OVC championship, and were picked to finish 19th in the preseason Top 25 poll.

Former EIU football players in United Indoor Football league

Three Eastern alums are currently playing for the Sioux City Bandits, an indoor minor league football team.

Mike Donato, B.J. Brown and Andre Raymond are all on the roster for the Sioux City, Iowa team. The Bandits are part of the United Indoor Football league and compete nationally.

Donato is a former EIU quarterback who graduated in 2007. Brown graduated Eastern last year and played cornerback for the Panthers.

Raymond played running back during his time at Eastern. During a June 17 game with the Omaha Beef, Donato completed 20 of 30 passes for 194 yards and four touchdowns. Raymond had four runs covering 18 yards in the first half. The Bandits eventually fell to Omaha 27-30.

The Bandits are 3-9 this season and will face off against the Evansville BlueCats this Saturday. The game will be held at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa. The Bandits beat the BlueCats earlier in the season 28-26.

Wrestling to be discussed at upcoming Board of Trustees meeting

The EIU wrestling team and its supporters are inviting fans and anyone interested to attend the upcoming meeting of the EIU Board of Trustees.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The recent decision to discontinue the wrestling program at Eastern will be discussed at the meeting and members of the community are encouraged to come participate.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie announced his decision to cut the program on May 17, citing the team's low Academic Performance Rate (APR) over the past three years and its possible effect on EIU athletics as a whole.

The decision has angered many players and fans that view the decision as unnecessary and harsh, arguing that the APR was created to improve academic performance of studentathletes in the NCAA, not to cut programs.

Wrestling coach Ralph McCausland has made a public statement asking to reinstate the sport.