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\$2.1 million renovation completed

Dickinson Commons opens after extensive renovations

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Eureka College's dining facilities have undergone a massive makeover during the summer. The remodel, proposed by the college and supported by Sodexo management, is a "positive thing all the way around," says Kathy Moore, food service director for Eureka College.

Planning began at the end of the fall semester in 2007, and work by Core Construction began on April 21 with plans to be completed by the beginning of the fall semester in 2008. Work on the commons concluded on Friday, August 8, and the first meal served was dinner on Saturday, August 16, to the football team.

The \$2.1 million overhaul, which included adding on nearly 45 feet to the west side of Dickinson Commons, is the most extensive renovation



Students, faculty, staff and community members tour the new facility after the ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 14. / Photo by Julie Stroebel

tion the 46 years old building has seen. The expansion allows for about 25% more seating in the main dining area and the more private East Room meeting room.

The upgrade also includes an expanded kitchen with new equipment, new offices,

new restrooms, and more storage space, according to an article on the Eureka College website.

Moore is impressed with the improvements to the commons. "I am just speechless about what these guys have done," she said.

Besides allowing for more room for the expanding college community, the makeover made it possible for Sodexo to hire a few more people from the Eureka area, including a new sous chef.

Perhaps the biggest change resulting from the

renovations is the way the Commons are now set up. Instead of a "tray load system" common to most high school cafeterias, where students often have to wait in line for food that has been

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Red Devil receives a facelift

EC athletics rediscovers a sense of identity

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Dickinson Commons was not the only thing to get a facelift at Eureka College over the summer. While the Commons got a facelift in a figurative sense, the Eureka Red Devil got one in the literal sense.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Athletic Director Paul Bryant and Vice President for Admissions, Communications and Integrated Marketing Brian Sajko opened discussion on making changes to the college's mascot and athletic logos.

The decision to change the appearance of the mascot and the logo is the result of a need for branding. When Bryant visited the college prior to

his instatement as A.D., he realized that all of the sports programs had different fonts on their uniforms. There was very little similarity between uniforms.

Once the subject was addressed, plans were under way to discard the old image of the mascot to replace it with one unique to Eureka College.

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New Director of Career Services named at EC

Michele Lehman
Media Relations



Alaina Castillo

Alaina Castillo of Peoria was named director of career services at Eureka College effective Aug. 18.

Castillo's duties include career counseling, managing an internship program with area employers, helping students explore options in majors and graduate schools, providing job search strategies and offering career workshops and classroom presentations.

The Texas native formerly was career services coordinator at Texas Careers Kaplan Higher Education Corp., Beaumont, Texas.

Castillo received a bachelor's degree in management

and human resources from Kaplan University, where she is studying for a master's degree in college administration and leadership.

Castillo replaces Shari Rich, who has been named director of applied learning and associate dean of students.



The redesigned mascot (left) and the "E" insignia (right).

"The problem is the old logo isn't uniquely us."

— Brian Sajko



Campus & Community

Welcome back!

A welcome from the president of EC

Welcome to all students, faculty, and staff as we begin the 154th year of Eureka College. I am delighted to be starting my fourth year as the 26th president of Eureka College during such an exciting time of enrollment growth and campus facilities renovation.

This fall we will have our largest freshmen class and total enrollment ever!

While these new students will fit into our existing spaces in the residence halls without housing students three to a room or in lounges, we will continue our discussions about if and when to build a new residence hall. In any future scenario, we will continue to improve our existing residence halls each and every year. For example, this year, 60 new mattresses and select new room furniture were purchased for Alumni Hall. Even Ben Major Lounge will be updated early this semester.

Over the summer, Dickinson Dining Commons was transformed from a 1960's era cafeteria to a contemporary food court. This new food preparation and serving format is combined with a whole new décor and ambiance to give the Commons a completely different impression compared to last year. We appreciate the assistance students gave to the planning of this renovation—especially those who

traveled to other campuses after finals. All of the Commons project planners and the workers were honored at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 14.

In the future, by working with students, faculty, and staff to prioritize specific projects, we will continue to work on updating classroom, athletic, and residence hall facilities every summer. In fact, staff members are constantly working to tweak and improve facilities and technology throughout the year.

Our new and continuing students will meet a whole new cadre of professors who are teaching at Eureka College for the first time this year. This new group of college teachers is diverse in their backgrounds and experiences, but all have chosen to join our academic community whereby students and faculty get to know each other very well over the course of a semester.

For me, as great as the facility improvements are, it is the opportunity to meet our new and returning students, staff, and faculty that is the best part of the new academic year.

All the best to you in *excellence in learning, service, and leadership in the coming year!*

*Dr. J. David Arnold
President of Eureka College*

A welcome from your student body president

Another summer passes, and the inevitable happens: the time comes to turn the brain back on for another year of school. Although the thought of research papers, problem sets, and never-ending labs justifiably strikes fear into the hearts of freshmen everywhere, I'm here to tell you, "You can do it!" And if you do ultimately take up the challenge and crack open a couple books, I bet that you'll not only learn something about what you're studying, but also learn something about yourself.

As a senior, three years of college and three intervening summers have taught me more than could fill the textbooks I've owned over the years. The knowledge I have is worth immeasurably more than any thousands of dollars I will ever spend on tuition, books, and fees. What could this knowledge be? It's the knowledge that I am an empowered individual who can exercise control over my circumstances and lead the life I want to. During my college career, I have successfully transformed from youth into adult, I have set priorities and goals for my life, and I have gained an informed perspective that sets in context my role in the world and the contributions I can make to it.

Sounds like the ideal end product of a few years in college, right? I find that I've gotten there by learning through doing. You see, it's not so much about the specific math problem or the specific legal term or the specific social theory that you study—it's about the self discipline you exercise to reach an

answer, the class discussions that open your mind to new worlds of thought and inquiry, and the class work that affords you the opportunity to find out where your passions lie.

So far, I've focused on the academic process. But arguably more important to my personal development in college have been the socialization and leadership processes that have shaped my character. I've learned how to build a mutually gratifying relationship between myself and another. I've grown comfortable sharing my space, doing without, and compromising for the good of the whole. I've learned that the way to be respected is to give respect. And I've learned that a dose of humility and self-deprecation can go a long way to easing tensions and creating understanding. Through it all, I've found that building meaningful human relationships is one of the most difficult things to do, but having them is one of the most rewarding parts of life.

I can assure you that my personal learning process is far from complete. I will always be doing, seeing, experiencing...learning. As we get into the swing of classes, never lose sight of the lessons you learn outside of the textbook. Never turn down an opportunity to grow. Look toward the future, but seize the moment. After all, you only experience college once.

I know you'll make the most of it.

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EC Fest: Bands & booties & dancing, oh my!



Thomas Craft and his band The Tryps (composed of Thomas, Joey Gil, and Zac Blank) performed at EC Fest 2008. / Photo by Anita Jones



Jen Dama (left) and Andrew Taylor (right) had a dance off in the "Shake Your Booty" competition. Andrew was named "Mr. Bootylicious" for the evening after being named winner by amount of applause. / Photo by Anita Jones

College announces newly hired faculty

Campus adds dozen new faculty to the teaching staff

**Michele Lehman
Media Relations**

Eureka College has announced new faculty members for the 2008-2009 academic year that began Aug. 27.

In the humanities division, new faculty members include assistant professor of creative writing Ezekiel Jarvis, who formerly taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and visiting assistant professor of communication Amanda Frioli, who formerly taught at Illinois State University. Also hired are assistant professor of religion William Wright and assistant professor of English Jessica Barr, both who were visiting assistant professors at Eureka College last year.

Also new to the humanities department is assistant professor of communications Michael Thurwanger. Thurwanger will also serve as director of the Ronald W. Reagan Leadership Program. He taught in Bradley University's communica-

tions program for the past nine years.

Hired in the science and mathematics division are assistant professors of mathematics Prabhu Venkataraman, who formerly taught at the University of Florida, and Theodore Rice, who formerly taught at Southern Methodist University. Also hired are assistant professors of chemistry Kenneth Annan, who formerly taught at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, and Kevin Stillman, who formerly taught at the University of Wisconsin.

Hired in the social science and business division are associate professor of psychology Ann Fulop, a former human factors engineer at State Farm Insurance, and assistant professor of psychology Mikell Allen, a 2003 graduate of Eureka College who is completing doctoral studies.

In the fine and performing arts division, Pamela Bates has been hired as assistant professor of music. She formerly taught at Bradley University and has been an adjunct faculty member and piano accompanist at Eureka College for more than 10 years.

Summer Experience Symposium

Come listen to Eureka College students share their practical learning experiences from the summer of 2008 on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Auditorium.

To sign up to speak at this event, contact Shari Rich at srich@eureka.edu for details.

RED DEVIL

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"Branding is important," Sajko said. "The problem is the old logo isn't uniquely us."

The changes were not an effort to discard the Red Devil as the college's mascot. Instead, the college wants to individualize its athletic identity. Bryant recognized the former mascot as being clipart and wanted the college to have a mascot that was strictly its own.

The new Red Devil is bulkier, looking more like an athlete than the plain devil logo that was available in clipart catalogs.

Using the new mascot's image now requires authorization, giving the college greater control over who and what can associate itself with the institution.

The college also has a new logo for athletic apparel. In the past, different sports were able to choose different fonts for the Eureka College "E" on their uniforms. Now the college has a standardized "E" logo with a devil tail.

Many collegiate and professional sports have an individualized logo for sporting apparel, such as the Chicago Cubs' red "C" or University of Illinois' orange "I." These letters are able to stand alone while being recognizably associated with their teams. Bryant hopes for the same to be true for Eureka's "E."

"My goal was just to brand athletics," Bryant said.

Through branding EC's athletics Bryant hopes to

create a stronger sense of professionalism, pride, and school spirit in the athletic department.

Intensive planning for the changes began in May. The college contracted CMFI, of Peoria, to design a new Red Devil and logo for the athletic department. By mid-July CMFI completed the design.

Due to the fast turnaround time in the design process, Bryant was able to order uniforms with the new logo for all sports except cross country, which will receive new uniforms next fall.

The new mascot's image will eventually replace the one on the softball field and be placed in Reagan Gym. The college eventually plans to have the new mascot and logo on all athletic apparel.

RENOVATION

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prepared in advance and left sitting out, Dickinson Commons now features separate serving stations. This design is common among other college campuses. The stations are spread out so students no longer have to wait in line as long as they did with the cafeteria-style serving method.

The new system allows for more meal variety, fresher food and faster service, as all items are made-to-order. The four full-service stations in the commons include: pizza and pasta, sandwiches, a grill for more fast-food items like hamburgers, fries, and grilled cheese, and an "At Your Request" station, which will feature an item for each meal

that students can choose from a variety of options. For example, if a student wants something like an omelet or stir fry, he or she can decide what goes into it as it's being made.

There are also two self-serve stations, which include a soup and salad bar and a cereal, dessert and pastry bar, for a total of six different food stations.

The Burgoo has undergone some big changes, as well, changing from "a grill to more of an upscale coffee shop," says Moore. While it still has an oven and stove, the deep fryer and char broiler have been removed to allow for a "healthier line of food,"

said Patrick Higby, Sodexo chef for Eureka College.

The Burgoo now features Island Oasis smoothies, Starbucks' coffee, Edy's ice cream, grab-and-go items, and sandwiches. In addition, two panini grills will be available for students to make their own sandwiches.

So far, students agree that dining at the Commons is now more enjoyable and that it's more like being in a college cafeteria.

Senior Erika Williams sees both pros and cons to the new facility. "The line at the opening is a bit long and a pain if everyone goes at once, but that will probably change once people start realizing

to go at different times," she said. "The food is really good. I didn't know if they would have ice cream but they do! And it's magnificent."

Senior Sara McVeigh also has a positive attitude toward

the new dining hall. "The new setup for serving food is nice. Having different stations set up allows students to avoid lines for things they don't want," she said. "The new salad bar is awesome."

2008-2009 Burgoo Hours



Grab 'n' Go Breakfast
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Lunch
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dinner
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Confessions of a political junkie

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ARE YOU READY? There are LESS than 70 days before the 2008 presidential election! Most of you are probably like me. You probably wake up and read CNN.com every morning and have CSPAN running in the background when you are in your room at night. You read all about both candidates so you know exactly where each candidate stands on the issues, and you have been taping the Democratic National Convention this week so that you don't miss anything when you go to the great CAB events on campus.

Wait, what's that? You

don't do any of that stuff? I'm alone on this? To tell you the truth – I'm not surprised. Most people my age get their news from John Stewart instead of CNN.com. Even more people my age simply don't care. But it's hard for me to imagine life without politics! After all, I am a political junkie.

Jackie Robinson once said, "[L]ife is not a spectator sport... If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life." It's important for me to know what's going on in the world around me. I can't contemplate what it's like to not be curious about who our lead-

ers are, where they come from and where they want to go!

Some people don't like politics because it's a mean business, and others don't like talking politics because it causes arguments – but whatever your reason is for staying out of politics – I would encourage you to start fresh this year. Go read about Barack Obama, and John McCain. Get out and talk to people on campus. Remember, you don't have to argue with someone when you talk about politics – just be civil. Sometimes the best conversations happen when you sit down to talk with someone who doesn't agree with what you believe in at all!

So the next time you see a political ad on TV – fight the urge to hit the mute button and see what it's really trying to tell you. More importantly – investigate on your own. Figure out what you believe in and why you believe that. If you need help – find someone on campus that knows the issues and can explain things to you. Some of you may even be lucky enough to explore what you believe in during Dr. Phelan's American Government class this year!

The bottom line is... BE INVOLVED! After all, in the words of Plato: One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

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If interested in working for the Pegasus, come to our meetings or e-mail our editor at jstroebel@eureka.edu

Have an opinion? Read something in the paper that you want to respond to? See something on campus that you want to comment about? Send a letter to the editor! E-mail letters to jstroebel@eureka.edu or send them via campus mail to box 755.

Reader Forum

First impression of the new Commons

As the school year kicked off we here at Eureka had the pleasant surprise of a new Commons. After getting our rooms set up and catching up with friends everyone started to congregate for lunch.

Having been told in the past that the food would be better and healthier I was cautious about being overly optimistic about this year. After having my first meal this year I can say I was pleasantly surprised at how much the food quality has improved. Not to say the food was horrible before, but with the new equipment and style of the Commons we finally have a place that feels more like a college cafeteria and less like a high school lunchroom.

As for the building itself, the new serving area makes the whole building seem big-

ger and more open. The colors of the building help with this, making it feel warmer and more welcoming.

Although the seating looks the same size it works with the other aspects of the upgrade to make the area seem more open. This openness is also helped by the moving of the dish drop-off area to the side. These aspects have made our new Commons seem more inviting and even more open to the concept of meal times being a social event.

The only aspects of the new Commons I do not fully enjoy are the lines outside and the table arrangements. However, this first problem I don't think will be as bad as time goes on. Once we have classwork, clubs, Greek life, and everything else going on, people will stop mobbing the

Commons door right at meal time and either start going later or simply go to the Burgoo.

Also something we have to keep in mind is that the new Commons is new to everyone here at the college, not just the students. The building is new for the Commons staff as well. Once the year gets going any of the kinks that have been holding up the line will be worked out and lines will start to diminish quicker.

As for the other problem – the table arrangement – I think we have just gotten too used to being in our own groups too long and soon enough we will get used to the seating change.

Kyle Reffett
Eureka College Senior

Protecting worker's rights

Dear Editor:

Labor Day is a special holiday that offers our nation the opportunity to celebrate and pay tribute to the American worker. However, I would like to highlight the career of an individual whose work is on display every day – the construction industry craft professional.

These skilled workers build our offices, schools, hospitals, churches, sports arenas, retail stores and other landmarks that are central to our daily lives and make our communities unique.

For a construction craft professional, one of the biggest decisions they may face is whether to join a trade union. However, their freedom to make that choice, without intimidation or coercion, is under threat.

Legislation pending in the U.S. Congress would take away a worker's right to a private ballot election when deciding whether to join a union. The "Employee Free Choice Act," or what is known as "Card Check," would replace the well-balanced, federally supervised process that exists today.

Under current law, union organizers can request a federally supervised private ballot election when 30 percent of a company's workers sign union authorization cards. However, under the "Card Check" proposal, union organizers would have to gather a bare majority of signed cards from only 50 percent of the workers to claim union representation; there is no private ballot election. There is no free choice. In fact, union organizers are not even required to notify all the workers that they are forming a union.

All workers, in every industry, deserve the fundamental American right to a federally supervised private ballot election. On this Labor Day, remember to say thanks to the hard working construction craft professional. And go one step further, show your support for all workers and let Congress know that it should protect the free choice of a private ballot election in the workplace.

Alicia Martin
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.-Illinois Chapter

FALL RUSH

September 3 through 5

Returning and transfer students — keep your eyes open for further information on your chance to go Greek

Newman Center getting facelift

Father Radosevich begins assignment in Eureka

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Salve Regina Newman Center at Venum and College has been alive with remodeling projects since the arrival of the new priest for St. Luke's Catholic Church. Father Eugene Radosevich moved into the center June 13 and now oversees it and the 140-family St. Luke's Parish.

The motor home in the driveway of the center may make it look like a temporary assignment, but Father Radosevich said he purchased it so he could take family members on trips and have easy access to a bathroom for the older folks.

The main level of the building where he resides is the Catholic student center for Eureka College, under

the direction of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Bible studies and other activities are held there, and Father Radosevich is still working on specific schedules for events. Students of all denominations are welcome to attend.

Father Radosevich, 47, is the youngest of six boys born in Peoria. He graduated from Spalding Institute in 1978 and Bradley University in 1982, going to work in data processing at Caterpillar Inc.

While he had thoughts of the priesthood while in high school, he said his conversion to his lifelong calling was very gradual. He took an educational leave of

absence from Caterpillar to get his masters in computer science in Lincoln, where he encountered several semi-

Mary's in Emmetsburg, Md., for his master's in divinity in 1990. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 26

Paul, Danville, 1990.

• Pastor, St. Patrick, Camp Grove, and duties with Diocesan Tribunal, 1992.

• Pastor, St. Patrick, Havana, and Immaculate Conception, Manito, 1995.

• St. John, Woodhull and St. John, Galva, 2000.

• While remaining Pastor, St. John, Woodhull and St. John, Galva, to Pastor, St. John Vianney Mission, Cambridge, 2003.

• Pastor, St. Stephen, Streator, and St. Patrick, Ransom, 2005.

• St. Mary, Downs, 2007.

Since coming to Eureka, he said he has challenged parishioners to read the scriptures, something which wasn't done decades ago for fear of misinterpretation.

"If you're going to live it, you have to keep studying," Father Radosevich said.



Father Eugene Radosevich is the new priest at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Eureka and is director of Salve Regina Newman Foundation center, which works with students at Eureka College. He is shown in one of the newly painted rooms of the Newman Center. / Photo by Jerry McDowell, Woodford County Journal

narians.

After receiving a pre-theology degree in 1986 from St. Mary's in Winona, Minn., he went on to Mt. St.

that year.

He has fulfilled several assignments in the Peoria Diocese, including:

• Parochial Vicar, St.

Disney: All work (and some play)

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Whoever said that Disney was just for kids never got to live there for seven months.

For the past seven months, I was on the Disney College Program and got to experience the magic at Disney while I was there. While I was in Orlando I got to meet people from around the world and work right in the Magic Kingdom. Overall, it was an amazing experience.

While I was on the Disney College Program I worked in Merchandise. I worked at Emporium on Main Street USA in the Magic Kingdom. This was definitely not my first choice in roles. I was hoping to be a skipper on the Jungle Cruise or working at the front desk at Beach Club, but after a few days I came to love it. I worked crazy hours, sometimes until six in the morning, but I had fun while doing it. I worked during the Grad Nite weekends, when high school seniors came in to celebrate their upcoming graduations, and got

to hear Ne-Yo and the Last Goodnight sing. I got to walk through Disney's infamous tunnels every day to work.

The best part about being down there for as long as I was is that I got to experience many events at the Walt Disney World Resort. I got to meet Mike Greenburg and Mike Golic from Mike & Mike in the Morning during ESPN: The Weekend (a special weekend held at Hollywood Studios in March).

I got to see Davy Jones in concert at the EPCOT Flower & Garden Festival. And to top it all off I got to watch the 4th of July fireworks from the roof of the Emporium on Main Street USA.

I also took classes through Disney University. I got to hear professionals from all kinds of fields speak. I also got to experience backstage tours that only Cast Members can take part in. I heard the story of Main Street, the Haunted Mansion and got to take a VIP safari ride at Disney's Animal Kingdom. While some may say that anyone can ride Haunted

Man-sion, not everyone can walk through it and stand in a ballroom with dancing ghosts.

This was an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will never forget. I made friends that became family and had the time of my life! Disney College Program is a great life experience that gives students a new chance to meet people from all across the world and work for a highly respected company.

For information regarding the Disney College Program, contact Megan Adkins, Campus Representative for Disney College Program, at madkins@eureka.edu. For information on internship or study abroad opportunities, contact Alaina Castillo, Director of Career Services, at acastillo@eureka.edu.



Megan Adkins

How to avoid marrying a jerk (or a jerkette)

Cynthia Baer
U of I Extension

At one time or another, we have thought about that old saying, "Love is blind." It might have been at that miserably mismatched wedding you attended; or when your best friend forgave his or her partner the hundredth time for the same crime; or, after your divorce, you belatedly realized there were warning signals when you were dating; or, perhaps it occurred when you had someone you love break your trust.

Much, if not all, of what a person will be like can be clearly predicted during dating. "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk or Jerkette" is an enjoyable but practical, research-based 10 hour program for single adults. It covers how to balance your heart and your head when starting a new relationship, as well as how to identify compatibility and hidden signs of future

problems.

Five weekly sessions will be offered at Eureka College's Cerf Center in September and October. The sessions will be taught by University of Illinois Extension Educators Rachel Schwarzendruber and Judy Schmidt, who are certified trainers for this national program.

Session dates are September 23, September 30, October 7, October 21, and October 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Space is limited! Pre-registration is required by September 16. There is a \$45 registration fee. A lesson book and refreshments will be provided. Registration and fee payment can be made through the Woodford County University of Illinois Extension office, 117 W. Center, PO Box 162, Eureka or on-line at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/woodford>. For more information, call the Extension Office at (309) 467-3789.

Sports Events

Football

Sat. Sept. 6, 1 p.m.
Eureka @ Knox
Galesburg, Ill.

Men's Soccer

Fri. August 29, 4:30 p.m.
North Central @ Eureka
Eureka, Ill.

Mon. Sept. 1, 4 p.m.
Eureka @ Knox
Galesburg, Ill.

Women's Soccer

Sat. August 30, 2 p.m.
Franklin @ Eureka
Eureka, Ill.

Mon. Sept. 1, 2 p.m.
Eureka @ Knox
Galesburg, Ill.

Volleyball

Sat. August 23, 2 p.m.
Alumnae Scrimmage
Eureka, Ill.

Sat. August 30, 2 p.m.
Eureka vs. Iowa
Wesleyan
Illinois College Tourn.
Jacksonville, Ill.

Sat. August 30, 6 p.m.
Eureka vs. Dubuque
Illinois College Tourn.
Jacksonville, Ill.

Sun. August 31, 12 p.m.
Eureka vs. Bethany Luth.
Illinois College Tourn.
Jacksonville, Ill.

Sun. August 31, 4 p.m.
Eureka @ Illinois
College
Illinois College Tourn.
Jacksonville, Ill.

Cross Country

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Seasons of Change

EC football working to improve on and off the field

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When most Americans think of football, they picture men in helmets and padded jerseys crushing each other into the turf. What most people don't imagine is 66 young men sitting in their classrooms and study groups.

At Eureka, though, this is the new face of football.

The coaching staff of the 2008 football team is cracking down on athletic and academic policy. They are turning over a new leaf in the college's program. This season, the program will be rigorous both on and off the field.

"The biggest change to the football program has been the culture of the program," Head Coach Dan Sullivan said. According to Sullivan, the team is no longer settling with being a group of college students who try really hard. From now on, they will function as a team that will be working hard at all times.

While their work on the football field remains as demanding as ever, the players are now under a microscope even when they are off the field. Academic policies that were mildly enforced in



Dan Sullivan (back center) and his seniors are working together this season to make changes for the better in Red Devil football. / Photo by Julie Stroebel

past seasons will be strictly enforced this season. Such policies include a player receiving a 15 minute game suspension for an unexcused absence and players below senior standing attending a study table if they have below a 2.75 GPA.

The faculty and the upper-classmen football players are supportive of the reinforcement to academic policies.

Coach Sullivan takes special pride in the work of the senior athletes in setting an example and enforcing the rules. "I'm very proud of this group of seniors," he said. "They are leaving this program in better shape than when they came into it."

The culture of the program isn't the only change. The coaching staff has seen significant improvement for the 2008 season.

The coaching staff includes five coaches and three student assistants. Though two coaches left last year, their replacements have had more experience on the field. This allows Coach Sullivan to serve strictly as a head coach this season, whereas in the past he was forced to carry several other roles. This is the first season that he has been able to shoulder only the duties of head coach.

The program's coaching staff has only increased by one member, but the team it-

self continues to grow steadily. In 2005 the team had 42 members. The 2008 season boasts 66 players.

"Success breeds success," Sullivan said. "When you bring in quality kids, it's easy to recruit more quality kids."

The football team has changed conferences as well this season. While formerly associated with the Illini-Badger Football Conference, it is now a member of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC). This is the first time in recent college history that all conference teams are competing in the same conference.

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Football program continues to expand during Coach Sullivan's time at Eureka College



Freshman soccer player Richie "Sunshine" Gregory squats on the field during a team practice. / Photo by Benjamin Miller



The women's soccer team gathers on the field for a team meeting. The women take social time together before the meeting begins. / Photo by Benjamin Miller

Movie Review

'Tropic Thunder' taking theaters by storm

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What do you get when you combine a hysterical storyline with hilarious acting by a star-studded cast fervently throwing themselves into their roles?

You get the new movie *Tropic Thunder*, which blasted its way into theatres earlier this month. This is definitely one summer flick that you will not want to miss!

Tropic Thunder stars Ben Stiller (Zoolander, Dodgeball), Jack Black (School of Rock, King Kong), and Robert Downey Jr. (Iron Man, Zodiac) as a group of actors who have been hired to film a movie about the Vietnam War. Soon the movie goes drastically over budget and over-schedule and is threatened to be shut down.

That's when a member of the film crew comes up with a cunning plan... Drop the actors into a war torn section of Asia and film their reactions to real conflict. The frustrated director takes the bait and soon the actors find themselves in a jungle, surrounded by real enemies, with a map, their guns...

and no clue.

The catch is this: some of the actors are unaware that they are in real danger and begin performing dangerous maneuvers in order to get an exciting shot for the camera. Soon one of the actors is captured by enemy soldiers and brought to their fort where he is held for ransom.

This is one of the most humorous parts of the movie due to the total obliviousness of the actor. While he is being tortured, he is screaming for a "cut" or asking his captors, "Were there some rewrites?" When the rest of the actors discover the fate of their comrade, they band together and devise a plan to rescue their partner.

The cast in this movie seems born to play their roles. They make the movie witty and entertaining, with the possible exception of Jack Black, who still hasn't convinced me he deserves to be in Hollywood in the first place.

Robert Downey Jr. did an amazing job as Kirk Lazarus, an Oscar winning actor who gets his skin dyed in order to play the platoon's African-American sergeant. He speaks with a corny accent throughout the entire movie which leads to some

humorous conversations with a black soldier in his platoon.

Ben Stiller shoulders a heavy load by not only playing one of the main actors in the film, but also writing, producing, and directing the movie. His hard work pays off in a great film!

However, this movie would not have been complete without the addition of yet another major Hollywood actor, Tom Cruise. Cruise immerses himself in his guest appearance and gets lost in his character (quite literally) as he is virtually unrecognizable thanks to a fat suit, bald wig and glasses! He plays studio head Les Grossman, who has a very hot temper and the mouth of a sailor. I often found myself waiting for the next scene Cruise was in because they were so outrageously funny. Tom Cruise definitely steals the show from the other actors and makes the movie complete.

So if you're looking for some hysterically funny entertainment, *Tropic Thunder* is this summer's comedy hurricane!

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Final review for *Tropic Thunder*: 4 out of 5 stars

CAB Presents



Friday, August 29

9:00 p.m.

Becker Auditorium

Kim & Jason by Jason Kotecki
www.kimandjason.com



Sudoku

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8			4	1			7
		1		5			2
	3	5					1
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Extra, Extra!

Opening Convocation



It was announced at Opening Convocation on Tuesday, August 26, that this year's matriculating class is the largest in Eureka College history. During the Ivy Ceremony, 258 entering students dropped their ivy into the basket, symbolizing their entrance into the college community. At left, Jessica Christensen places her sprig of ivy among those of her fellow classmates. / Photo by Anita Jones



At the end of the Opening Convocation ceremony freshmen and transfer students traditionally shake the hands of faculty and staff members. This year faculty and staff lined up along the newly laid graduation pathway. At left, Amanda Weisenberger shakes hands with college president J. David Arnold. / Photo by Anita Jones

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday:
7: 45 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday:
7: 45 a.m. - 4 :30 p.m.

Saturday:
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday:
6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Cerf Center Hours 2008-2009

Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday
Noon - 9 p.m.

(Closed holidays)

Dickinson Commons Hours

Monday - Friday
Breakfast 7:15 - 8:15 a.m.
Continental 8:15 - 9 a.m.
Lunch 10:45 - 12:45 a.m.
Dinner 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
Brunch 12 - 1 p.m.
Dinner 5 - 6 p.m.

*There is no longer
continental breakfast
on weekends.

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As the program continues to expand, Sullivan only takes partial credit. He emphasizes that much of credit for the expansion and success of the team belongs to the players and the Eureka College Community. He gave particular tribute to newly hired Athletic Director Paul "Bear" Bryant, Administrative Assistant to the Cerf Center Chrsi Ulrich, and Food Service Director Kathy Moore.

"Bear Bryant has been around almost all summer helping prepare for the season. Most people take a lot of vacation time, but he didn't," Sullivan said.

He expressed similar gratitude to Ulrich for scheduling meeting places for the football team, which will meet twice a day Monday through Friday throughout first semester. Additionally, he credited Moore and Sodexo Food Services for having the

recently renovated Dickinson Commons facilities open and operational in time for the football player's early arrival to campus.

The small size of the community has worked in the favor of the program's changes with only a few undesirable side effects. As the program continues to expand, it risks outgrowing its facilities. In spite of this, Sullivan remains optimistic.

"You've got to be happy

when you're moving forward," he said. "When you're walking forward, that walk eventually turns into a jog, and that jog eventually turns into a sprint."

In time, Sullivan believes that the facilities will expand alongside the program. For now, his focus is on setting specific, measurable goals for the success of the 2008 season and seeing the men on his team perform well in all walks of their campus life.

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