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# 'Harry Potter' series ends as movie is released today

## Mattoon theater to show movie on seven screens

By Alex McNamee  
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Thousands at the AMC Showplace 10 theater in Mattoon will see the final movie from the "Harry Potter" series Thursday at midnight.

Kelsey Kash, a manager at Showplace 10, said four-of-seven screens have been sold out as of Wednesday. Kash said she is expecting a big showing to come see the seventh "Harry Potter" movie.

"We expect more (people) for this movie because it's the last," Kash said. "We anticipate six or seven theaters to be sold out."

If the Showplace 10 sells out all seven theaters showing the "Harry Potter" movie at midnight, Kash said it would equate to about 1,500 to 2,000 tickets sold.

If all seven theaters sell out for the midnight showing, Kash said the theater will have one showing at 3 a.m. Friday morning; however, she said the decision to have a 3 a.m. showing won't be made until about 9 p.m. Thursday.

Brandon Heller, former president of Eastern's Harry Potter Club RSO, is one of the people who bought tickets. However, he'll see the movie with fellow club members Friday to prevent from affecting classes on campus Friday morning.

"(We) will be going in our Quidditch team uniforms or the Deathly Hallows shirts we made for the first (Deathly Hallows) movie," Heller said.

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Before any of the Harry Potter Club members or any other moviegoers see the final movie, Kash and her staff will get to see it. Some saw it in a test screening Wednesday at midnight.

Those workers who saw the movie at midnight Wednesday were there not only to watch the film but to make sure there was nothing wrong with it as it played.

"They come in for a test to make sure nothing is wrong," Kash said.

The half who didn't see the movie at midnight Wednesday are going to the theater at 9 a.m. today to see it in 3-D, Kash said.

Kash, a "Harry Potter" fan in her own right, said seeing the movie in 3-D will add something different to the movie, titled "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."

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# Legislators to discuss health care

By Jennifer Brown  
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The Eastern Annuity Association will host its chapter meeting in the Neal Welcome Center today at 8:30 a.m. to update annuitants on the current issues that are happening in Springfield.

State Sen. Dale Righter said he'll update the annuitants on the health care issue that affects pensions.

"Right now we're in the midst of the 90-day extension," Righter said. "We're trying to negotiate contracts. We don't know when the contracts will be complete."

Currently, the general assembly is at a break, but that does not mean they are taking a break from the real issues.

State Rep. Chapin Rose said senators spend the break traveling to speak with communities about what has gone on throughout the year.

"We travel to five counties. It's very informal," Rose said. "We spend time on the road talking to rotaries and schools."

Rose said the issue of Eastern pensions will be discussed at the meeting.

"We'll talk about the Bill that was passed for Eastern," Chapin said. "It was the tuition incentive program aimed at lower income students to keep them from going out of state."

Rose said the bill for the health care is sitting on the governor's desk waiting to be moved further along in the process.

"The contracts have been contracted for 90 days and the bill should be extended for two years," Rose said.

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State Rep. Chapin Rose talks about the economic downturn Jan. 27, 2010 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Rose and State Sen. Dale Righter will talk at the Eastern Annuity meeting Thursday about current issues in Springfield.

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# Senate members discuss committee requirements

By Jennifer Brown  
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The Staff Senate discussed the outline of the committees and what requirements of committee members should be upheld to as senate members.

Suzann Bennett, senate secretary, spoke at the meeting about the distinguishing marks of the committee requirements.

"We looked at the committees and at the constitution," Bennett said. "The requirements are as accurate as they can be."

Bennett said many of the committees that have been involved with the senate have roots with the university.

These are organizations such as CUPB and the Faculty Senate, Bennett said.

"We know what we're all supposed to be doing on our committees," Bennett said. "If we change anything in the constitution, it'll take an amendment."

Brad Green, administrative clerk at office of research and sponsored programs, said the CUPB requires two members of the Staff Senate to be in attendance at the CUPB meetings.

"CUPB wants two representatives from staff senate, but our committee could have three or four according to our constitution," Bennett said. "Two of those may want to go to CUPB and the other two may want to work on strategic planning."

Bennett moved for there to be a motion in which all the committees will write out their requirements and how many members they would like to have.

"There should be a parking appeals committee that reads the appeals from students and faculty that get parking tickets," Bennett said.

Bennett said each person on a committee can go to other meetings when the staff senate meeting is not in session.

The committees can attend campus meetings and report what they have learned to the Staff Senate, Bennett said.

"That's how it should work," Bennett said. "The individual committees haven't been meeting separately."

Green said the council would be appointing another member from the university administrators to the Staff Senate.

"We're adding a non-negotiated person," Green said. "One was elected and was appointed from the university administrators."

Motion to approve the new member was moved to the next meeting which will be held August 10, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The senate took nominations and elections for the presidential, vice presidential, secretarial and treasurer offices during the meeting.

Anita Thomas was appointed president, Angie Campbell was appointed vice president, Suzann Bennett was appointed secretary and Tina Jenkins was appointed treasurer.

All senators were appointed to their offices, effective immediately.

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