




EIU WEATHER

THURSDAY  63° 43° Partly Cloudy N-E 5-10	FRIDAY 55° 44° 
	SATURDAY 54° 38° 

WEATHER BRIEF

Region warms slightly today under partly cloudy skies. Expect a chance of rain showers tomorrow and Saturday with daytime temperatures hovering in the mid 50s. Sunday will be dry and cool.

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» Crash

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"The case is still under investigation ... so we can't speculate on charges," Schneider said. "Right now, we haven't looked at a piece of paper."

He said he would not theorize on what might result from the case.

"That's just not good policy," he said. "We don't do hypotheticals."

Once the reports are received, they will need to be evaluated and reviewed.

"It's going to take a long time to get this all together," Schneider said. "People hope and anticipate that we will move quickly in these things, but it takes a long time."

The memorial service for the four victims, which included interna-

tional graduate students Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni, Anusha Anumolu and Priya Darshini Muppavarapu, was held Wednesday at the Jay B. Smith Funeral Home in Maplewood, Mo.

The victims' bodies will next be flown home to India. The cost to send the four bodies is estimated at \$60,000.

The Telugu Association of St. Louis is raising funds to help pay for this cost. Donations can be made online at www.tana.org/donate or can be sent to Suren Pathuri, president of the association, at 605 Ridge Woods Manor Drive, Ellisville, MO 63038. The association asks that donors write "crash victims' fund" on the memo line of checks.

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CAMPUS GROUP OFFERS SUPPORT

The Asian-American Association plans to help the families of their fellow international students.

The association has planned a Ramen Noodle Contest from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday in the Thomas Hall basement party room.

The contestant who eats the most Ramen Noodles with chopsticks in three minutes will be the winner.

The cost is \$3 to participate, and proceeds will go to the Telugu Association of St. Louis.

» Alternative

FROM PAGE 1

The Newman Catholic Center has organized Alternative Spring Break programs for 17 years.

Doris Nordin, coordinator of Alternative Spring Break at the center, offered 11 locations to Eastern students this year.

Among these were many that involved working directly with children or the disabled. Others involved home repair or working with those in poverty.

Among the 11 locations, nine were located in the United States, one in Canada, and one in Mexico.

"We try to cover all kinds of social issues that affect our lives; some directly and others indirectly, which sometimes we don't see," Nordin said. "To raise awareness about the possibilities of making a difference here or anywhere else."

Nordin has attended all the locations, but this year she chose to attend Glenmary Farm in Vanceburg, Ky.

At this resort, team members worked with the emotionally challenged and also helped with home repair projects.

"I've been in other sites, and I really wanted to be part of the Glenmary Farm Program," Nordin

said. "The exposure to different kinds of realities appeals to me."

Emily Redmann, a junior elementary education major, chose to go to St. Vincent Center in Kansas City. This is her first year attending Alternative Spring Break.

"I choose this because I am majoring in elementary education and I love working with children," Redmann said. "I want to help make a difference, even if it is just one person, one person can make a difference. I have traveled with one person from my team before, but that is it."

It was not a hard decision for Max Van Byssum, a biological sciences major, when he chose Alternative Spring Break. He has been attending since his freshman year.

"I went on (Alternative Spring Break) last year at the Big Oak Boy's Ranch," he said. "I had a great experience last year, it was not even a decision to return to the ranch for a second time. My first time to the ranch moved me so much because of the amazing work everyone at the ranch does to make the lives of the boys there better and the opportunity they give them."

It was Van Byssum's second year to attend Alternative Spring Break at Big Oaks Boy's Ranch in Gadsden, Ala., and next year he plans on returning as a site leader.

"I worked cutting down trees

with my group from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then had a break to get ready to spend the rest of the day with the house I was assigned," Van Byssum said. "A house is made up of house parents (married couple) and 8 kids with a max of 2 being biological offspring."

"The ranch is beautiful, all 167 acres. The ranch provides a truly amazing environment for the kids to grow."

Nate Atkinson, a graduate computer information major, was one of the students who went to Mexico. He was concerned about the security warnings, but would be in a safe area of the country.

"The idea of a mission trip is something new, an adventure that will be fulfilling," Atkinson said. "It'll be a spiritual experience following God's work for Catholic faith and Christian ways."

Upon returning to Eastern, Atkinson is already looking forward to returning to Mexico next year.

"In the morning, we did farm work and in the afternoon we played with the kids," he said. "Playing with the kids was the best part. There are about 130 kids, and not enough adults to show them love and attention. We connected with the kids, and they connected with us."

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