

Paper earts

By Jennifer Colbert
Student Writer



My grandma on my mother's side use to make me hearts out of paper doilies. On Sundays, she fed me orange tic tac's throughout church services. I never had to ask for ice cream and sometimes received a bowl right after breakfast. She bought me dresses that fortunately at such a young age I didn't realize were out of style. She always smelled of scented body powder that women of a certain age tend to wear. I adored that smell.

The last time I saw my grandma was when I was nine, through a photograph that my grandpa sent us. The only agreement between my mom and I is that the picture was sent out of malicious intent. I believe it was shown to me for the same reason.

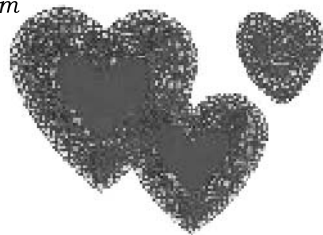
She lay in her bed looking like a corpse already. Her head turned

sideways and slightly up and her mouth open because of her inability to close it. The fragility of her bones showed through her paper-like skin. She did not look into the camera, but past it. Maybe towards her salvation waiting just beyond the sight of man.

I still have an acute fear of micro-waves due to the fact that she told me she was dying because she stood too close to them. My mom said she must have been drunk when she told me that.

The picture I like best is taken of her far away, sitting on her back porch, waiving to me. If a picture could say a thousand words....

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Drill baby, drill

By Scott May
Managing Editor

Drill Baby, drill. It was the battle cry of the wealthy forcing their way into the highest seats of this nation.

Drill Baby, drill It was the talk at white tie dinner parties between ideas of imperialism and hierarchy.

Drill Baby, drill. It was sung by the elite buying their way into yet another election.

Drill Baby, drill It was the call to arms as our leaders took advantage of our nation while it united under crisis; the sigh of millions with hope falling weak to naysayers; the crookedness of a president's smile as he cracks an elitist joke and the slogan of this year's republican convention.

Drill baby, drill through today to solve the problem tomorrow. Drill baby, drill to more ugliness and greater risk to our world's health. Drill baby, drill our way closer to war with our enemies and our

friends. Drill baby, drill to exploiting God's given resource provided only to help us proceed along our way. Drill baby, drill.

And so tomorrow, as this election becomes tighter and tighter, as we experience the ill effects of the crumbling middle class and the bail-out of the privileged; as we learn that the men and women of China, Russia and Iran are chanting the very same thing; as we realize that even the wealthiest nation among nations refuses to care for the poor, the ignorant and the different, we will remember that something is happening in this great nation. That we are addicts addicted to oil, that there is little hope in sight and that we very well may begin the next chapter in America with three big words... Drill Baby, Drill!

Writing structured after Barack Obama's "Yes we can" speech given in New Hampshire Jan. 8, 2008.

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<p>On Campus Mattoon, IL</p> <p><i>At Kluthe Center in Effingham, IL</i></p> <p><i>Live Entertainment</i></p> <p>General Info</p>	<p>Mac's Uptowner 623 Monroe Ave. Charleston, IL</p> <p>JeLeniz Martini Bar 1414 Broadway Ave. Mattoon, IL</p> <p>Jackson Ave. Coffee 708 Jackson Ave. Charleston, IL</p>	<p>Our Daily Bread 1613 Charleston Ave. Mattoon, IL</p> <p>Joe Sippers 114 S. Fourth St. Effingham, IL</p> <p>Indio Cigar Factory 503 Seventh St. Charleston, IL</p>	<p>1 Career Day - No Day Classes, Evening classes meet</p>	<p>2 Mac's Uptowner - Zmick</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee open mic night & Rock the vote registering 7 p.m.</i></p>	<p>3 Our Daily Bread - Brad Brown</p>	<p>4 JeLeniz Martini Bar - Plastic Soul</p> <p><i>Joe Sippers - Jedadiah Adam</i></p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee - Eddie Boyer</i></p> <p><i>Indio Cigar Factory - various performances</i></p>
<p>5 Mac's Uptowner - Brent Byrd</p>		<p>7 Kluthe SAB Time and Stress Management Lobby 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee - Jazz night</i></p>	<p>8 On Campus SAB The Listening Project Theater 11 a.m.</p> <p>Volleyball home 6:30 p.m. vs Rend Lake</p> <p>SGA Meeting 11 a.m. Student Life</p>	<p>9 Jackson Ave. Coffee open mic night & Rock the vote registering 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Our Daily Bread - Brad Brown</p>	<p>11 Mac's Uptowner - Dan Tedesco & The Long Haul</p> <p><i>JeLeniz Martini Bar - Eric Davis</i></p> <p><i>Joe Sippers - Brad Phillips</i></p>
<p>12 Mac's Uptowner - JaiK Willis</p> <p>Baseball home 2 p.m. vs Heartland CC</p>		<p>14 Volleyball home 6:30 p.m. vs Illinois Central</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee - EIU Jazz Combo</i></p>	<p>15 On Campus SAB Free ice cream & Surveys Laker Point 11 a.m.</p> <p>SGA Meeting 11 a.m. Student Life</p>	<p>16 Mac's Uptowner - Zmick</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee open mic night & Rock the vote registering 7 p.m.</i></p>	<p>17 Last Day Mod I</p> <p><i>JeLeniz Martini Bar - Jim McBride</i></p> <p><i>Our Daily Bread - Brad Brown</i></p>	<p>18 Mac's Uptowner - JoBu</p> <p><i>JeLeniz Martini Bar - Tim Sessions</i></p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee - Mugwump Specific</i></p>
	<p>20 First Day Mod II On Campus Info Fair Laker Point Luchtime Trivia Laker Point</p> <p>Volleyball home 7:00 p.m. vs Mineral Area Kluthe SAB Room 201 Election Jeopardy</p>	<p>21 Alcohol Awareness Display Laker Point</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee - EIU Jazz Combo</i></p>	<p>22 On Campus SAB Election Jeopardy Theater 11a.m.</p> <p>Financial Health Display Laker Point</p> <p>SGA Meeting 11a.m. Student Life</p>	<p>23 Career Services Fashion Show What Not to Wear Laker Point 11 a.m.</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee open mic night & Rock the vote registering 7 p.m.</i></p>	<p>24 Lunchtime trivia Laker Point 11 a.m.</p> <p>Are You Ready for Spring 09 Display Laker Point</p> <p><i>JeLeniz Martini Bar - Liquid Courage</i></p> <p><i>Our Daily Bread - Brad Brown</i></p>	<p>25 Mac's Uptowner - Chicago Farmer</p> <p><i>JeLeniz Martini Bar - Bottled Up</i></p>
<p>26 Mac's Uptowner - Bobby Reynolds</p>		<p>28 No Day or Evening Classes - Staff Development</p> <p>Volleyball home 6 p.m. vs Kankakee</p> <p><i>Jackson Ave. Coffee - EIU Jazz Combo</i></p>	<p>29 On Campus SAB Pumpkin Decorating Laker Point</p> <p>Volleyball home 6:30 p.m. vs Southwestern Illinois College</p> <p>SGA Meeting 11 a.m. Student Life</p>	<p>30 Jackson Ave. Coffee open mic night & Rock the vote registering 7 p.m.</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN</p> <p><i>Mac's Uptowner - TBA</i></p> <p><i>JeLeniz Martini Bar - Non-Stop Reggae</i></p> <p><i>Our Daily Bread - Brad Brown</i></p>	

Someone has to be last

By Drew Baugher
Photo Editor

Lake Land College Counseling Services has noticed an alarming trend in the registration for classes at the college. Many students wait until the last minute to register for their classes and it causes several problems for those students, including inconvenient schedules, missed classes, and falling behind in coursework.

Krista Burrell, Lake Land counselor, has the following questions: Why do some students wait until the very last minute to register? What can the college do to prompt students to register sooner?

For most classes, availability is limited and when the class is full there is no further admittance. Early registration not only allows the student to plan around their work, home, and social schedules,

but as Jesse Brandt, Lake Land student and baseball player, states, "I wanted to register early to get the classes I wanted."

Unfortunately, not all students realize these facts and wait until the last minute to sign up for desired classes. The main reasons for students' inability to register early are either they are not aware of the registration deadline or do not think it matters what classes they get or when they meet. Lake Land student James Cook believes, "Either students don't care about school or are too busy and forget to register."

There are a few ways to go about reminding those forgetful people to register. One method is flyers posted in the college buildings, especially computer labs because students already on the computer might be more likely to register. Another means would be sending out mail reminders to

returning and incoming students to register and emphasize the need to do so as soon as possible.

Early registration discounts would help, although I was unable to find any other colleges practicing this method and it could be tricky to keep track of. One approach would be to have a drawing for the first thousand students to register to win a gift card. To Wal-Mart or a local gas station would be the most persuasive.

Another way to promote early registration is 'Registration Day' hosted by Counseling Services. On this day, students come and enroll in classes with the help of the counselors and also receive an incentive, such as refreshments, coupons, or prizes.

No matter what the college does to entice students to register early

there will still be students that will procrastinate and register at midnight of the last day of registration. Not everyone will get perfect schedules and problems are likely to arise even if everyone registered early. Whatever the case may be, someone has to be last.

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Dear Drew...