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UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

## Five dean finalists named

Candidates served as department chair, associate dean, dean at university level

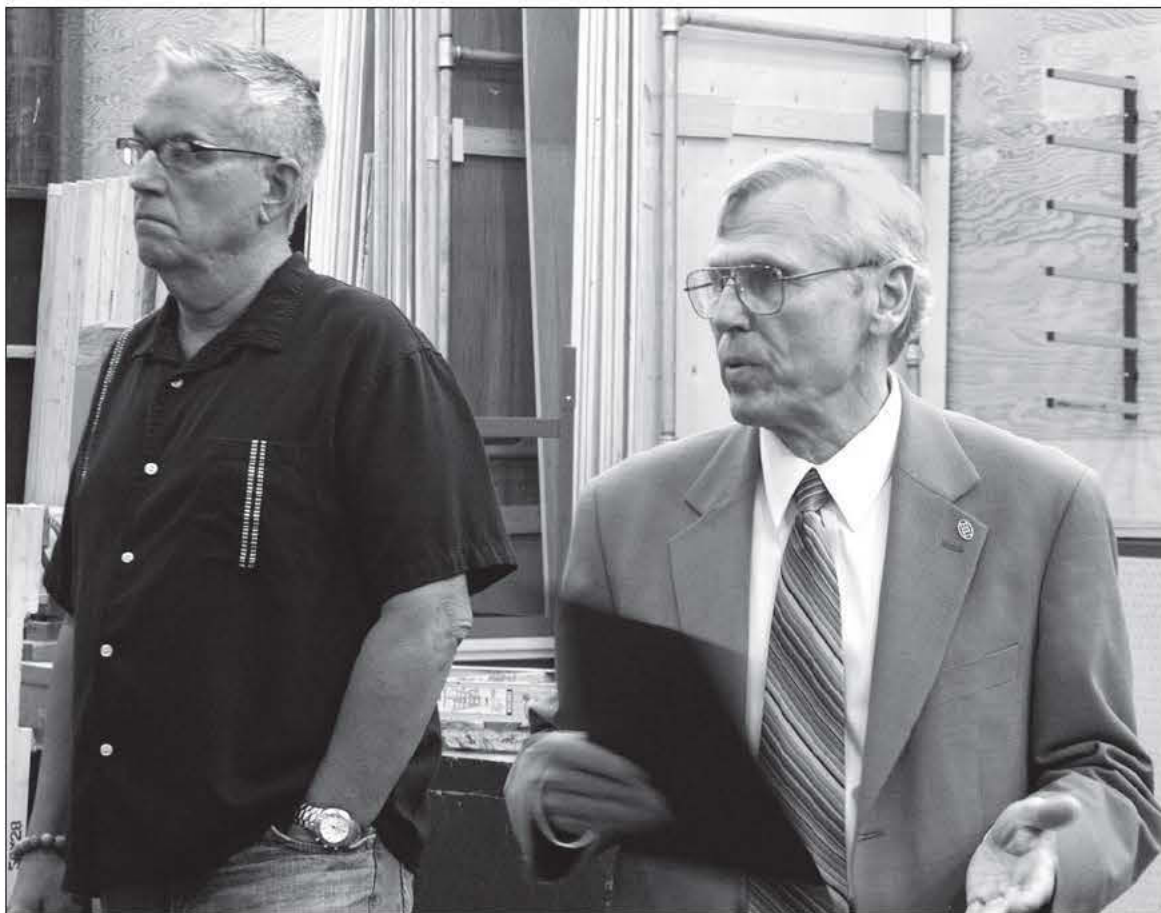
By **MATT HOPF**  
News Editor  
and  
**KRISTINA PETERS**  
Editor in Chief

Finalists' names were released Monday for the replacement of James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

While an official announcement is expected today in the University Newsletter, the College of Arts and Humanities had a link to the finalists on their Web page Monday morning.

Finalists include Dana Ringuette, chair of the English department at Eastern; William Clow, interim associate dean of the college of Liberal studies at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse; Arved Larsen, professor of music and previously associate dean of Fine Arts at Illinois State University; John Omachonu, the associate dean of the College of Mass Communications at Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Richard Sax, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio.

Johnson announced his retirement in the fall as did associate dean Jeffrey Lynch.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, left, and James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, right, lead a media tour through the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Aug. 15. While both announced their retirements this fall, Johnson will retire on July 1 and Lynch will retire on Dec. 31.

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**Ringuette would bring interdisciplinary**

Ringuette has been working at Eastern since 1990, when he started as an assistant professor of English and has moved up to chair of the department, a position he has held

since 1997. Now, Ringuette is looking into becoming dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

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CAMPUS | HOUSING

## Students liable for covering damages

Water pipe breaks on third, fourth, sixth floors in Carman

By **EMILY ZULZ**  
Associate News Editor

Individuals are responsible for all personal items damaged in the hot water pipe breaks at Carman Hall.

Around 1 a.m. Saturday, open windows in near zero degree temperatures caused water line breaks on the third, fourth and sixth floors in the south tower of Carman.

The initial break happened on the fourth floor, followed next by the third floor and then the sixth floor, said Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services.

The breaks caused damage in eleven rooms total, he said.

The breaks resulted from three open windows on a particularly cold night, Hudson said.

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NATION | EXPECTATIONS

## Obama's plan examined

Students, professors weigh-in on president's challenges in office

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**  
Campus Editor

With the presidential inauguration complete, there are expectations of President Barack Obama from both professors and students.

John Hamilton, an associate justice on the Student Supreme Court, said when it comes to change, one does not know how well something is going to turn out until something materializes.

"There are no guarantees," said the public administration graduate student. "Sometimes, very good ideas have other manifested affects."

Hamilton said the problem with expectations is that Obama has inherited an awful economic situation.

"Some say this is the worst recession since the Great Depression," he said. "(Obama is) trying to do something different. You just have to wait and adjust and be flexible because no one can sit down and figure out things in one shot."

Andrew McNitt, a political science professor, said there will be attempts by the Obama administration to pass major pieces of legislation.

"In the next year the most controversial legislations will be

passed," he said.

McNitt said legislative proposals, such as the regulation of banks, would probably be developed over the next several months.

"I think there will be some effort to help banks, homeowners on their mortgage and finding out something to do with the assets the banks have that may have no value," he said.

McNitt said other propositions Obama will focus on are energy and healthcare.

"He will also work on healthcare but this will be after the stimulus package passes," he said.

The stimulus package, referred to as the recovery package by Obama involves government spending and tax measures associated with gaining back economic growth.

As the power has shifted in Congress, some people are wondering how Obama will build bridges between the Democrats and Republicans when it comes to issues such as the stimulus package.

McNitt said the goal is to get the stimulus package passed through Congress by President's Day.

"I think he will get that stimulus package," he said. "It will be closer to his views of policy. It will not get a lot of Republican support but he doesn't need a lot. Only one or two in the Senate would do."

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Now that all the initial excitement is over, what do you expect out of the Obama administration?



**Chris Kromphardt, senior, President of EIU College Democrats**

"Practical problem solving, whether that involves bipartisanship or reaching out to other organizations."



**Richard Wandling, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science**

"My hope is that the Obama administration will be able to make substantial progress in addressing our economic woes."



**Jacob Griffin, junior, President of EIU College Republicans**

"The most pressing issue is the economy. I would like to see the Obama administration fix the housing crisis and the banking crisis."

CAMPUS | RETIREMENT

## Zieren's head still in the work

Director of Office of Financial Aid retires on April 30

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**  
Administration Editor

Jone Zieren's office is littered with more than 30 years worth of printed papers, old news releases and federal guidelines for FAFSA applications.

After navigating the catacombs of her office from the stacks of work, the director of the Office of Financial Aid sat at her desk dressed in Eastern gear, smiling and apologizing about the mess.

"The work really never ends," she said and peaks through the valley between the mountains of papers on her desk.




But on April 30, Zieren will no longer have to sort through the required work of the director as her retirement takes hold.

"I guess I'm just ready for new opportunities in my life and I'm ready to move on," Zieren said. "I'm at that point in my life where I'm ready for a change."

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EIU WEATHER

<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>  <p>25°   15° Mostly Cloudy NW 15-20/30</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p>  <p>24°   17°</p>
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**WEATHER BRIEF**  
Cold conditions continue through Wednesday with mostly cloudy to partly cloudy skies. Warmth moves in Thursday through the weekend with daytime highs reaching into the low 50s by Saturday.  
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LOCAL | MEETING

# Council approves zoning

City of Charleston requesting stimulus money to repair damaged water main

By JOE ASTROUSKI  
City Editor

**“The addition wouldn't be visible from the street. It would cover a greater percentage of the land than (zoning regulations allow).”**

— Deborah Muller, city clerk

Although the national economy continues to slump, the Charleston City Council will spend part of its meeting today discussing one business' plan to expand.

The owners of Gavina Graphics at 1920 18th St. plan to build a 1,652-square-foot addition to their business, bringing the building's size to 8,830 square feet.

“The addition won't be visible from the street,” said City Clerk Deborah Muller. “It would cover a greater percentage of the land than (zoning regulations allow).”

That means the city would have to approve a “maximum building coverage variance” to allow for the addition. Muller said the owners have told the city they will hire more workers after finishing the addition, though they

have not said how many.

The council will also consider a “zoning variance” for a new apartment building at 1701 9th St.

The proposed two-story building, which would include four four-bedroom apartments, would replace two rental houses, Muller said.

The council will also decide whether to request a loan from the Illinois Commerce Department's Community Development Assistance Program.

The program loan, which could be as much as \$350,000, would be used to replace the 125-year-old water main that runs from McKinley Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, Muller said.

Replacing the water main will cost the city an estimated \$750,567, she said.

“Anytime there is funding, so that taxpayers here don't have to foot all of the bill ... that would be helpful,” Muller said.

City officials have requested money from any future national economic stimulus plan to help fund the project.

An announcement will also proclaim February Black History Month in Charleston. The City Council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. today at City Hall, 520 Jackson Avenue.

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• **Video** - Girls ages pre-kindergarten to sixth grade worked with Eastern's Pink Panther dance crew to perform for the women's basketball game halftime show Saturday afternoon. The girls who participated in the clinic, known as the Little Pinks, were broken up by age group to learn different dances for a Hannah Montana-themed dance show. Check out Dennews.com to see a video of the Little Pinks clinic and performance.

» Zieren

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Zieren, who has worked at Eastern since 1977, notified administrators of her retirement in October.

Prior to Eastern, she worked at Lakeland College for two years.

Over the course of her numerous positions in the department, Zieren has seen the school move from touch-tone phone registration for classes to Internet technology.

She has seen the amount of scholarships and grants drop to “scary” lows and the amount of students needing aid soar.

None of these things ever seemed daunting to Zieren, who said she has embraced every day of the job.

“Some people, before they retire, they start counting down the days and have the days all figured out, but I haven't done that,” Zieren said. “I think it's because I still have a lot of things that I need to – would like to – get done before I leave on April 30.”

Work projects such as student ex-

pense budgets, federal participation budgets and others – the very substance of the stalagmites in her office – take first precedent for Zieren.

She said her day does not involve thinking about the things she could be doing, because she still loves what she has.

“I mean, these are things I'm going to miss,” she said. “The contact with students, my friends on campus, my terrific staff and team atmosphere in the office are what I love about my job.”

Minor plans pop up in her future – housing projects, travel, family and friends – but really, she has not had time to think about the possibilities of her retirement.

“The retirement is scary but exciting,” Zieren said. “I haven't had much time to analyze it, but all my friends keep telling me that I will love it.”

Zieren's position has not been posted for hire yet, so the Office of Student Affairs has yet to see applications.

Jenny Sipes, who is working administratively to organize the committee for hire, said to expect the no-

tice up within the next two weeks.

But, Zieren does give the future new director some advice.

“The new director needs to put the students first and be open to listening to students and staff as far as improvements go,” she said.

She explained that she was leaving in an uneasy time for financial aid. Limitations on state scholarship programs such as the MAP Grant could prove difficult for the new director. The continuous growth of students needing aid and increased reliance on loans will also provide a pitfall in the new reign.

“But, I hope that things will turn around and there will be a shift from reliance on loans to more scholarships and grants,” she said.

Zieren said she does not know if she would be involved with the training of the new hire because she is not sure when they would be approved by the committee.

“But, I do know I look forward to cleaning up this mess for them,” she said with a smile.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

# Springsteen calls Walmart deal a mistake

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an interview with *The New York Times*, Bruce Springsteen says he should not have made a deal with Wal-Mart. This month, the store started exclusively selling a Spring-

steen greatest-hits CD.

Some fans were critical because Springsteen has been a longtime supporter of workers' rights, and Wal-Mart has faced criticism for its labor practices. Springsteen's team did not vet the issue as closely as it should have, and that he “dropped the ball

on it,” he told the Times for a story to be published in Sunday editions and previewed on its Web site.

Springsteen went on to say: “It was a mistake. Our batting average is usually very good, but we missed that one. Fans will call you on that stuff, as it should be.”

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CAMPUS | EVENT

# 'Yes we can' shows emotion



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Ava Coleman, a senior history major, watches a YouTube video titled "Barack and Michelle's Love Story" play on a screen at the "Yes We Can," event on Monday in 7th Street Underground.

By **KRISTIN JORDING**  
Staff Reporter

Students reflected, sang, read poems and watched YouTube videos at "Yes We Can: A Celebration of History in the Making," in the 7th Street

Underground last night.

The celebration kicked off the African-American Heritage Month, which helped celebrate Barack Obama's presidency and his mark in history.

It included a variety of videos from YouTube and student's reactions to the

videos and Obama's presidency.

"To see where we are going makes me proud," said Ava Coleman, a senior history major.

Students read poems; some that were self-written, some previously-penned. Stephen Tyler, a corporate

communications major, wrote one of the poems, "The Motivation of Proclamation."

Robert Hawkins, a junior at Charleston High School, shared his experience in Washington D.C. during Obama's Inauguration. He showed a PowerPoint presentation including pictures he took while there.

A few of the YouTube videos included "Homer Simpson Tries To Vote For Obama," "An Obama Love Story," and Beyonce's rendition of "At last, Barack and Michelle Obama's First Dance at the Neighborhood Inauguration."

EIU's Unity Gospel Choir performed where other students joined in and felt empowered and proud.

"It [the program] was very insightful because it displayed different views and opinions of our 44th president," said Shir'Mond Burroughs, a freshman business management major.

Khalan Todd, a freshman communications major, said the program was informational and that it had more emotion than just one speaker would imagine.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Emergency sirens to be tested today

Eastern and the Coles County Emergency Management Agency will test their emergency sirens at 10 a.m. today. The singular, continuous tone would be used to notify the community about severe weather conditions in the immediate area.

At 10:30 a.m. the university will test the pulse-tone siren, which would be used to alert the university about potentially dangerous non-weather related threats.

Outside of monthly testing, the students, faculty and staff should check their Eastern e-mail or visit Eastern's homepage for information on the emergency.

### Professor to present at exhibition opening

Robert Petersen, associate professor of art, will present "Kente in Context," the keynote address for the national traveling exhibition "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African-American Identity."

The opening program for the exhibit begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Booth Library's West Reading Room. The exhibition will be on display through March 10.

Admission is free and open to the public.

"Wrapped in Pride" examines the art and symbolism of kente cloth in Ghana and the expression of identity in African-American communities.

— Compiled by News Editor Matt Hopf

## CAMPUS | LECTURE

# Discussion turns racial lens around

By **EMILY ZULZ**  
Associate News Editor

David Roediger turns the racial lens around.

Instead of focusing on African-Americans, he looks at the white power that creates racial problems.

As part of African-American Heritage Month, David Roediger, history professor at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will present "Hope and History: The Obama Presidency and the Fate of Racism."

The public lecture will begin at 5 p.m. today in 1255 Coleman Hall.

Klevor Abo, professor in African-American Studies, suggested bringing Roediger to campus because of his work in Critical Whiteness Studies.

Critical Whiteness Studies addresses how white is a race as well.

"His argument has been that one needs to understand how white power structure works in order to make any racial progress," Abo said.

He said when Roediger speaks of the white power structure he is not referring to the extremes like the Ku Klux Klan.

"That's not really what he's talking about," Abo said. "He talks more about fundamental structures of the U.S. that have historically been dominated by white males."

He said through Roediger's presentation, people would begin to have an understanding of structures that have led to racial inequality and injustice.

"It's only by understanding that we can move forward," Abo said.

Tim Engles, a professor of English, has been involved in the field related to Roediger's.

"He's the most often cited and well know figure in the field," Engles said.

Roediger has written five books. His lecture will be based on his newest book, "How Race Survived US History: From Settlement and Slavery to the Obama Phenomenon."

Engles, who has read his latest book, said in each chapter Roediger talks about moments in American history where racism was threatened and seemed like it might die out. Roediger then shows how racism perpetually survives in our history.

Engles said many think Obama's rise shows that racism is over. Like many of the events Roediger illustrates in his book, the moment Obama came in to power was an event where it appeared racism was on the decline.

However, Engles said, Roediger says racism will thrive. He said it

is a common white tendency to see Obama as president as an end to racism.

"It will survive yet again," Engles said.

He said Roediger is especially relatable to students because he connects historical continuity to contemporary realities.

He said Roediger shows the idea that racism is not just a thing of the past.

"Race and racism are still very much pervasive factors in American life," Engles said.

He said Roediger brings whites into the discussion of race, which is important on Eastern's predominately white campus.

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## BLOTTER

An activated fire alarm, believed to be an intentional false alarm, was reported at 4:53 p.m. Thursday in the Physical Science Building, University Police Department said.

## CORRECTION

Robert Petersen's name was misspelled in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The DEN regrets the error.

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BOB BAJEK

End a grave  
injustice

A couple months ago, I was watching the "24" TV movie. I was initially excited to see Jack Bauer back in action after 18 months without new episodes. During the movie, a shocking reality became grimly apparent to me: the use of child soldiers. The rebel army from the fictional country of Sangala used child soldiers for a large base of its forces. They recruit children around the ages of 10 to 14. Their young faces, etched with hurt, resonated with me. The movie was not for sensationalism; it was to reveal a truth to a largely uninformed American audience.

The documentary "Blood Never Dry: Child Soldiers in Africa" accompanied the 24 movie. Based on the documentary and additional research, I discovered the problem of child soldiers is worldwide. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that more than 300,000 children are soldiers in armed combat. Seven African nations use children for warfare: Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda.

The life of a child soldier is heart wrenching. They are forced to murder adults and even other children. Sometimes their commanders force them to kill their comrades to keep them in line. Boys are forced to rape women. Girls become sex slaves to the commanders.

You might be wondering how the children come into these horrific situations and do not escape. A book written by a former child soldier explains why escape is not an option. Ishmael Beah wrote "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier." He was in Sierra Leone during the civil war in the 1990s.

In the book, he describes the death of his family by the Revolutionary United Front army in 1993. Alone at age 13, he was recruited to join the rebels for two years.

"This is how you bring children into the war, you destroy what they know, their families, their towns and then you can manipulate and drug them up and they can do whatever," Beah said in his book. Beah points to rebel armies using drugs to control the youth. Cocaine, amphetamines and brown-brown — a mixture of cocaine and gun power — are given to the children. The addictive drugs inhibit their moral decision-making. Beah describes how the high makes children continue the violence.

"When you are drugged, removed from the exhibiting the emotions you are capable of showing, it just becomes your reality," Beah said.

Beah was rescued in 1995 by UNICEF and came to America. UNICEF, Amnesty International and The Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers are some organizations that rescue and rehabilitate these abused children, helping reintegrate them into society.

Please consider visiting their Web sites and donating some money. I know I will.

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## Drawn from the News | Alycia Rockey

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

The importance of traveling  
outweighs missing out

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The benefits of seeing and experiencing how another person lives is a priceless experience you should never turn down.

Take Student Senate member Mike Hilty, for example.

He traveled to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration of President Barack Obama. While that may not be an exotic des-

**"The benefits of seeing and experiencing how another person lives is a priceless experience you should never turn down."**

tinuation, he learned things about traveling to somewhere outside of where he lives and was able to pass on stories from that trip to other people.

If nothing else, traveling gives you some really great stories.

You'll be amazed at how many people would rather hear a story from your trip to Europe than your night of drinking.

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## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM

You wouldn't walk into a job interview in jeans.

You wouldn't meet with President Bill Perry in flip-flops.

Certainly, you wouldn't conduct any kind of important business in a cut-off T-shirt.

Right?

The Student Senate feels differently.

It was decided by a vote of 7-14 against that the Student Senators would not be held to any kind of dress code pertaining to the senate meetings.

The authors, two of which were new-

ly seated senators, just wanted to state a point: that as elected officials of the student body, the Student Senators should display better judgment as they dress for the weekly meetings.

The resolution did not specify what was expected to be worn, just that they dress professionally.

It was voted down by a startling two-thirds of the senate.

In my opinion, this vote by the Student Senate will only add to the declining state of Eastern's Student Government, when donning a shirt and tie is simply too much to ask, when senators feel that the suggestion of dressing up for

a meeting infringes on their rights to self-expression. This isn't your mother telling you to dress up for church. You are not 10 anymore.

This is a much-needed wake-up call to the senate. Your future employers will not tolerate such attire.

You will be expected to look and act professionally because you have customers, clients or students to please.

That's what casual Fridays are for. Until then, senate meetings are still on Wednesdays.

Jarrod Scherle  
Student Senator

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## » Finalists

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"I'm interested in the challenges and rewards the position holds, but I'm most interested in helping advance the work of all things arts, all things humanities and the work of faculty and students," he said.

Before Eastern, Ringuette was an English instructor at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

If selected dean, Ringuette said he would foster interdisciplinary within the college.

"I want to foster and maintain the connections between the arts and humanities," he said. "I want to support the intellectual, creative and academic work of faculties, departments and students."

Ringuette also said he would take a lead in maintaining and expanding the fundraising for the College of Arts and Humanities.

### Clow would bring passion to position

If Clow is named dean, he said he would bring passion to the job, as well as experience.

"I think what I bring to the table is a great energy, a passion for advocating for the arts and humanities and a lifetime of creativity in the arts," Clow said. "Additionally, I have a very strong background in collaboration, budgeting and physical facilities."

Clow said he realizes that times are difficult and would keep that in mind as dean.

"The important thing to remember in the months to come is why

what we do as educators and what we do as students matters," he said. "We have to move forward with a unified vision on to the importance of higher education and remind everyone, as often as it takes, that the arts and humanities is a vital part of that education."

In addition to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Clow has also worked at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

Clow said the opportunities at Eastern are what sparked his interest in the position.

"The array of programs and the opportunities for students, faculty and staff really excite me," he said. "EIU is in a great place as it looks to the future, and the College of Arts and Humanities is ready for that step."

### Larsen would bring a comprehensive view

Larsen said before he applied for the dean position, he called around and got a pleasant report about the College of Arts and Humanities and about the university itself.

"It's a combination of disciplines that seem to fit together," Larsen said about the college.

Larsen has worked at three different colleges since the late 1970s and said it give him a comprehensive view in applying for the dean position.

"I'd bring a whole lot of experience," he said.

Larsen worked at Paine College in Augusta, Ga., which is a historically black liberal arts college with an enrollment of 800.

"That's a very unique setting," he said.

## INTERVIEW SCHEDULE OF CANDIDATES

• Feb. 9-10	Arved Larsen
• Feb. 17-18	John Omachonu
• Feb. 19-20	William Clow
• Feb. 24-25	Dana Ringuette
• Feb. 26-27	Richard Sax

Larsen then moved onto the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, a nationally known music school of 3,500 students. Now, Larsen works at Illinois State University, a campus of about 20,000 students.

"It's a bit larger than Eastern," Larsen said.

Larsen said if selected, he would pay attention to what Eastern is doing and what they could be doing to better fit the students and faculty.

"I'm looking forward to meeting the people and learning more about the situation," he said.

### Omachonu would bring 20 years of experience

Omachonu also has many years of experience when it comes to the arts and humanities.

"Almost 20 years of academic experience," he said.

Omachonu has worked in mass communication since 1991, when he was an assistant professor in the subject at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla. He has also worked at Florida A&M, Fort Valley State University and William Paterson University; all of which he held positions in mass communication.

Omachonu said he heard about the position after he was nominated.

"I think it's a tremendous opportunity for whoever is selected," he said.

Omachonu said he looks forward to visiting the campus, learning about its culture and meeting the people here.

### Sax would bring an open mind

Sax has been an academic vice president for about two decades and has worked at both public and private colleges.

His interest in the dean position at Eastern stems from a desire to work at a public university again. Lake Erie College is a private college.

"I'm very interested in going back to a public university," Sax said.

Sax has predominately worked in the areas of English and literature, but is a fan of the arts as well.

"Some of the things I enjoy the most is the fine arts," he said.

If selected as the dean, Sax said he would keep an open mind.

"You have to look in multiple directions at the same time," he said. "We are in an economic downturn right now and we have to look at the priorities."

Sax has worked at Madonna University in Livonia, Mich. and Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. and said his administration background will help him resolve issues.

"I do believe in data-based decision making," Sax said.

### The process of selecting the finalists

Dean Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, is chair-

ing the committee to find Johnson's replacement.

Hanner was not available for comment, as she is out of the office until Thursday.

Marilyn Coles, professor in the department of music and a member of the search committee, said the committee started out with about 45 applications.

"With all searches, you look carefully at all the applicants," she said.

This includes looking at résumés, letters of application and interviewing references.

Coles said the committee looked at candidates with experience as a dean or associate dean.

Applicants were also interviewed over the phone.

The finalists will visit campus throughout the month.

"Once the candidates visit campus, the committee meets again," Coles said.

The committee will review evaluations from students and faculty from the finalists' visits to campus, before making a recommendation.

Coles said the committee may make the recommendation within a month of the last visit.

"It's a slow process, but this way it helps us make the right choice," she said.

On the finalists, Coles said all the candidates had a lot to offer, and have served as chair of a department, associate dean or dean at the university level.

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## » Carman

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He said he spoke with staff from Facilities, Planning and Management, and they did find windows open.

A half-dozen building service workers were called in with addition to a number already on campus.

Hudson said 10 or 15 were working on Carman.

Hudson said there was no specific tabulation of the damage.

Individuals are responsible for their personal items damaged, he said.

He said he spoke with a few residents who had been affected, and they were working on finding out what their homeowner policies covered.

"It's part of our students responsibility to have rent or homeowner's insurance to cover (damage)," Hudson said.

Students are encouraged to get

insurance, but, he said, a lot of times the family homeowner's policy will cover students.

Students are responsible for covering all items damaged, except for their textbooks, Hudson said.

Housing is working with Textbook Rental Service and students with damaged books to get the books replaced.

Hudson said the majority of residents from damaged rooms are back in their rooms. He said housing gave them the option to relocate, and some did while some only temporarily did.

Hudson said there were varying solutions with the residents - some stayed with friends, some moved temporarily - so it is hard to tell if all residents have returned to their rooms.

Hudson said the temperatures in all buildings across campus are monitored constantly. He said there is a heating and air conditioning staff that monitors the temperatures.

Hudson said the heating range for buildings varies from 68 to 72 degrees,

plus or minus 2 degrees.

There are sensors that track the temperature when get above range, the heating and air-conditioning staff responds.

If the temperature drops below 68 degrees or rises above 72 degrees, the staff checks those temperatures out.

He said if someone reports a temperature problem, it is dealt with.

Hudson said the work orders were checked, and there were no calls for rooms too hot or too cold.

"There didn't seem to be any indicators that there were problems there," Hudson said.

Hudson said in his eight years here, he has never had this many pipes freeze in one night.

"We continue to tell people to keep your windows closed," he said.

He said he has had frozen pipes here and there but not to that extent.

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## » Obama

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McNitt said the reason for speed for the stimulus project is to gain economic growth.

"Right now, the stimulus package is the important tool they have to generate economic growth," he said.

Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department, said when it comes to the stimulus package, republicans have drawn a line in the sand.

"They have reciprocated at this point," he said. "It's a challenge for him. He had emphasized the concept of bipartisanship, so we will see what his leadership orientation is going to be."

Wandling said some people say Republicans should not cooperate with Democrats in Congress.

"Then there are some liberals

## "Hope is the best you can ask for."

— John Hamilton  
associate justice on  
Student Supreme Court

who say Obama should not worry about cross-pressures," he said. "He is caught in the middle. The challenge ahead is to move ahead and bring together both groups to take on a declining economy with a united front."

Hamilton said he is optimistic about what the future holds when it comes to the changes being made in Congress.

"Hope is the best you can ask for," he said. "We are in a critical point in history where we have a lot of problems."

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## » Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

That's when the Skyhawks came to the rescue.

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of schools putting aside their athletic differences during a time of trouble, which is just the way it should be.

"At times like this, basketball is about a lot more than rivalries," UT Martin head coach Tara Tansil-Gentry said in a release on the OVC Web site. "The Murray State campus is going through a lot right now, and this is just a small way we can try to help out their situation. I'm sure if the roles were reversed they would do the same thing."

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he has never experienced anything like what the Racers are experiencing as a coach, but he did say that storms hit close to home with him because he has family in Kentucky.

"I can't imagine what those young ladies and coaches are going through," Sallee said. "It's hard on a team to be away from home and in that kind of a situation where they can't just go home because they're in

the middle of a season."

Sallee said while the Racers are Eastern's main competitor for a conference championship, he hates to see anyone go through this kind of ordeal.

He believes the Racers will be a stronger team because of it.

"It's times like this that teams pull together, circle the wagons, and get that much better of because of that," Sallee said. "I would imagine with their senior leadership they will han-

dle it very well and (Racers' head coach Rob Cross) will have a plan. I hope it works out well for them. My prayers and thoughts are with them."

Murray State's main campus reopened on Monday and the Racers' next home game is not until the Feb. 23 makeup contest against UT Martin.

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## » Family

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"The girls have shared some important times with me as far as the wedding, moving into a house, expecting, and having a baby," Timmons said. "They've all been around. I give them a hard time saying 'Oh, gosh, another girl,' because they're all my babies. We're all very close-knit. They're a great group of kids."

Timmons said the girls spent an afternoon with her a few weeks ago getting ready for the baby.

The entire team went to her house and spent the day putting a crib together, assembling everything and painting a nursery room for baby Taryn.

"When they put everything together it was like Christmas morning for them," Timmons said. "They were ripping stuff open, making notes of what batteries I need for the toys. They were really into it."

Senior guard Ellen Canale said she was really excited for Timmons.

"We've been with her every step of the way," Canale said. "It was really great to go out (to the hospital) and see her and show our support for her. We got to see her, and meet her, and hold her. She's a new addition to our team. We're all already signing up for babysitting times and mak-

ing sure we're going to be around to help her."

Sallee said that, as a father, he knows there is nothing like having a child.

He said his job has been to make sure things are as easy as possible on Timmons so she can take care of everything she needs to with her family.

"I couldn't be more excited for her," Sallee said. "The longer you work with somebody, the closer you get. I know she's in a really good place and her family's in a really great place. I'm looking forward to see little Taryn grow up around us and hopefully they're around for enough time to see her and have fun with it."

Timmons said while she is eager to get back to coaching on a regular basis, she plans to take a little bit more time to rest.

She said that since her primary responsibility is coaching the post players it has made it easier on her having so much experience on the team.

Timmons is in her third season as an assistant coach with the Panthers. The 1998 Indiana graduate has played professionally in the WNBA and also overseas.

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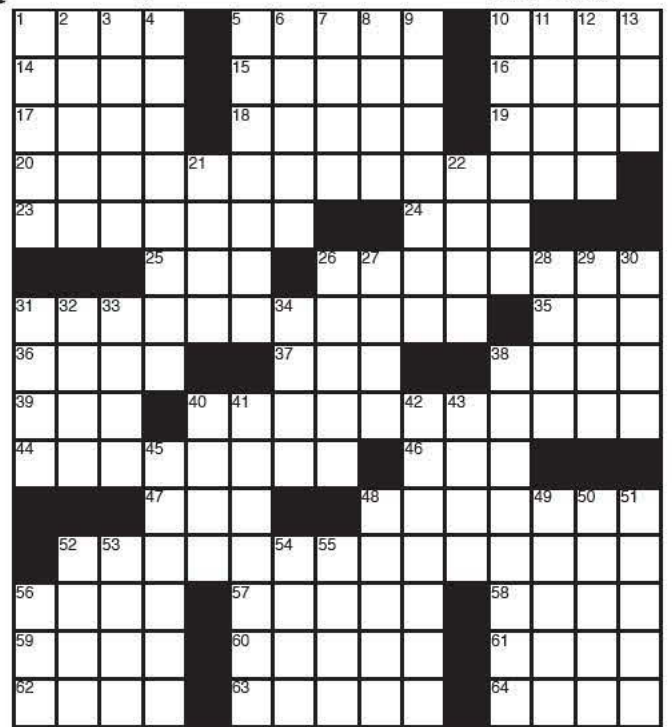


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pretense
  - 5 Big name in grills
  - 10 Youngster
  - 14 Actress Petty
  - 15 Light on one's feet
  - 16 Commuter option
  - 17 Slugger Rodriguez
  - 18 Foaming at the mouth
  - 19 Nocturnal hunters
  - 20 Incentive aimed at golden agers
  - 23 Massachusetts tourist spot
  - 24 Bit of work
  - 25 Powerful Pontiac
  - 26 Key element
  - 31 Chocolate-coated candy
  - 35 Hubbub
  - 36 Before too long
  - 37 Laptop key
  - 38 Margarine
  - 39 Modern navigational aid, for short
  - 40 1949 Orson Welles film
  - 44 Easy dupes
  - 46 Thoroughfare
  - 47 School of thought
  - 48 Designed to increase traction
  - 52 Ivan Turgenev novel ... and a hint to 20-, 31- and 40-Across
  - 56 Squander
  - 57 Ammo unit
  - 58 Sicilian hot spot
  - 59 Norse trickster
  - 60 In readiness
  - 61 Power co.
  - 62 Clinical study
  - 63 Marathon handout
  - 64 Look to be
- DOWN**
- 1 Reduce drastically, as prices
  - 2 Needing darning, maybe
  - 3 Fight site
  - 4 Adding, as an ingredient
  - 5 Samurai, e.g.
  - 6 Antiquated exclamation
  - 7 Nickname of Israel's Netanyahu
  - 8 Some Ivy Leaguers
  - 9 Insignificant amount
  - 10 Slop container
  - 11 Sign of fatigue
  - 12 "Braveheart" getup
  - 13 Overhead RRs
  - 21 Not duped by



PUZZLE BY DOUG PETERSON

- 22 Tolkien brutes
- 26 Most of Santa's mail
- 27 Creep (along)
- 28 Conceal in the hand
- 29 "What's the big \_\_\_?"
- 30 Midday
- 31 Sporty cars, briefly
- 32 Potentially offensive
- 33 Light snack
- 34 Humbly patient
- 38 He devised the Trojan horse
- 40 Nonsense, to a Brit
- 41 Where touch typists begin
- 42 "Hmmm ..."
- 43 Cape Town currency
- 45 Chowderhead
- 48 Jack of "Twin Peaks"
- 49 Tony winner Lenya
- 50 Certain navel
- 51 Song of David
- 52 Arctic mass
- 53 "Thumbs-up" responses
- 54 Barrett or Jaffe
- 55 Spades, for example
- 56 Diner order, briefly

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## » BracketBuster

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### Post play key in victory

In Eastern's win against Jacksonville State, Miller said the Gamecocks had talented forwards, and that Eastern knew to beat them, they could not allow points in the paint.

Eastern saw significant minutes from sophomore center Matt Dorlack, who scored a career high six points to go along with four rebounds in 10 minutes on the court.

Eastern junior center Ous-

mane Cisse led both teams with 13 rebounds in addition to seven points.

Eastern was able to win the battle in the paint as they outscored JSU 22-14.

"When we watched and they were winning their games in the non-conference including on the road and against UMass, their forwards were averaging eight to nine to 10 points," Miller said. "We knew if they got going in the paint we couldn't score enough to stay with them."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK



KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior forward Billy Parrish drives toward the basket while being guarded by Jacksonville State red-shirt freshman forward Geddes Robinson during the men's basketball game Saturday night in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Gamecocks 63-60.

# BracketBuster opponent set

## Panthers will face Western Michigan in BracketBuster game

By DAN CUSACK  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's basketball team will be seeking its first win in the ESPNU BracketBuster series.

The Panthers (10-11, 7-4 Ohio Valley Conference) will play Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Feb. 21 in the ESPNU BracketBuster game, which was announced Monday night. Game time has not been set yet.

This is Eastern's fourth year in the BracketBuster event, an event

designed by ESPN in 2003 to give mid-major schools a chance to play each other shortly before the start of the NCAA Tournament.

This year's NCAA Tournament begins on March 19.

Last season, Eastern lost to Evansville 63-55 in Lantz Arena. Eastern also lost the other two matchups in the event to Loyola of Chicago and Wisconsin Green Bay, both of which were on the road.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller was on a recruiting trip Monday night and could not be reached for comment.

Under the current agreement with the BracketBuster event, a team will play a home-and-home series with their opponent, which means

the Panthers would also play Western Michigan (7-13, 4-3 Mid-American Conference) in Lantz Arena in November or December.

All 10 Ohio Valley Conference schools will participate in this event.

Eastern and Southeast Missouri are the only schools in the conference not to win a game in this event.

### Marion injury update

Junior guard T.J. Marion almost did not play for the Panthers in their 63-60 victory Saturday against Jacksonville State.

Marion, the team's third leading scorer, played only seven minutes in Thursday's victory against Tennessee Tech because of a bad foot.

Eastern coach Mike Miller said

he was unsure of the status even up until game time, but Marion played, scoring five points, with three assists and two rebounds in 35 minutes of action.

"I tried to take him out for a little bit in the first half," Miller said. "He said that he felt better so we stayed with him."

Miller said they are fortunate that the team will have a week between the Jacksonville State game and its next game against Southeast Missouri on Saturday because it will allow Marion and other players who are sore or have other minor things to rest up before the final push of the season.

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## NATIONAL SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
No. 12 Purdue at Ohio State |  
6 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
South Carolina at Florida |  
8 p.m. on ESPN

NHL  
Chicago at Edmonton |  
8 p.m. on CSN

## SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
No. 1 UConn 68, No. 5 Louisville 51  
No. 6 Pittsburgh 92, Robert Morris 72  
Wisconsin-Green Bay 75, No. 11 Butler 66

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
No. 2 Oklahoma 80, No. 12 Tennessee 70  
No. 4 Duke 69, Boston College 58  
No. 13 Maryland 72, No. 15 Florida St. 71

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

# Rivalry set aside for now

The ice storm that swept through Kentucky and much of the Midwest last week crippled the campus of one of Eastern's main rivals.

Murray State – the team sitting in first place in the Ohio Valley Conference, one game ahead of the Eastern women's basketball team – had to close campus last week because of massive power outages across the area.

The campus in Murray, Ky. closed on Jan. 29 and all residents living in the residence halls had to leave the school because there was no power on campus.

The Racers' game Saturday against UT Martin had to be rescheduled to Feb. 23, and while the rest of the campus found, or at least tried to find their way home, the basketball teams needed to find a place to practice to stay fresh as the OVC season comes down the stretch.

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ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern assistant coach Quacy Timmons talks to players on the sidelines during the game against Tennessee Tech on Jan. 29 in Lantz Arena. Timmons gave birth to her second child on Friday.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | COACH SPOTLIGHT

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH  
Assistant Sports Editor

Four-day-old Taryn Timmons has signed her letter of intent to play basketball for the Eastern women's basketball team.

OK, not really.

In the thick of a battle for conference supremacy, the Eastern women's basketball team took pause last Friday to welcome a new member of its family.

Assistant coach Quacy Timmons gave birth to her second child, a girl named Taryn, at 2:08 p.m. Friday.

"I was really excited because she already signed a letter of intent to play for me," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said jokingly, referring

to the 6-foot-5 Timmons' history as a basketball player.

Timmons has a son, T.J. Bell, who is currently a 6-foot-7 freshman forward at Charleston High School.

Timmons went into labor during the team's practice last Friday and after practice concluded, assistant coach Jackie Moore informed the team that Timmons had given birth.

Senior forward Lindsey Kluempers said the team went to the hospital together immediately following practice to visit Timmons and the new addition to their family.

Timmons said the girls on the team have been great to her, and the whole group is just like family.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
Wednesday vs Illinois-Chicago |  
7 p.m. – Lantz Arena

MEN'S TENNIS  
Friday vs Saint Louis |  
Noon – Champaign

WOMEN'S TRACK  
Friday at Notre Dame Invite |  
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WOMEN'S TENNIS  
Saturday vs Northern Illinois |  
2 p.m. – DeKalb