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CITY | COUNCIL

Charleston considers requiring lock boxes

Keys would provide firefighters access to building in emergency

By JOE ASTROUSKI

City Editor

A proposed ordinance before the Charleston City Council would require owners of some apartment buildings and businesses to install emergency lock boxes near the entrances to their buildings.

Each lock box would hold a building key and could be opened by the fire department with a master key.

The measure is designed to reduce the time firefighters spend entering buildings, said Fire Chief Kris Phipps, whose department proposed the measure.

"It's to free up the fire personnel from having to wait for a key-holder," Phipps said. "That helps us prevent further (fire)

damage...and helps with evacuation."

Under the proposed ordinance, any apartment complex with at least four units sharing a common space would have to install a lock box at the common room door, Phipps said.

The ordinance would also require businesses with fire alarm systems to install lock boxes, he

"Any business with an alarm system that dials directly to the fire department would have to put in a lock box," Phipps said.

Phipps also said that, in cases where businesses lease their buildings, the landlord, not the business owner, would be responsible for installing the lock boxes.

The city council is set to vote on the measure at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

Joe Astrouski can be reached at 581-7945 or at jmastrouski@eiu.edu.

CAMPUS | SENATE

Student Government revising constitution

Committee for Constitutional Oversight to announce first meeting

By BOB BAJEK

Student Government Editor

Student Government is about to modify the document that guides its every decision.

The Committee for Constitutional Oversight (COCO) is beginning the process of revising the Student Body Constitution and the Bylaws governing Student Government actions.

COCO was passed unanimously with a vote of 25-0-0 during the Nov. 5 Student Senate meeting.

"We are revamping it cover to cover," Student Body President Levi Bulgar said.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin is the chair of the committee.

Griffin said the time and place for the first public meeting of COCO, which will be on a Monday, will be announced at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

A vice-chair will be appointed at the first COCO meeting.

COCO is open for any student to join.

There are about 10 senators currently on the committee, Griffin said.

He said the idea for COCO started when he and other student senators reviewed Article IV of the Student Body Constitution regarding the Judi"We started to question things like if seven justices were too many, if that was the right way to appoint them and if their terms were too long. Then we began to review the whole document."

— Drew Griffin, Student Senate Speaker

cial Branch when the Student Supreme Court was re-instated.

Article IV gives the Student Supreme Court the power of original and final jurisdiction in cases of constitutionality, lists the number of justices and how they are appointed, the appointment and duties of the Court Advisor and the removal process of justices before the Student Senate.

"We started to question things like if seven justices were too many, if that was the right way to appoint them and if their terms were too long," Griffin said. "Then we began to review the whole document."

Revising the constitution, Griffin believes, will help Student Government run more smoothly in future sessions.

"It is kind of messed up and contradictory in certain places," Griffin said.

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LOCAL | BUSINESS



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Animal control officer Jason Wallace pets a border collie inside a dog run at County Animal Rescue & Education, in Charleston, on Saturday afternoon. The animal shelter is in a contest to win \$1 million for renovations. When asked what he felt the money could be used for, Wallace said he would like to see a new roof put on the building, roofs installed in the dog runs, new pens for the animals and other expansions of the shelter's services.

Coles County animal shelter enters contest

By signing-up at zootoo.com, residents can help win \$1 million for facility

By MATT HOPFNews Editor

A \$1 million makeover of County Animal Rescue and Education would be a welcome addition to the animal shelter located on Loxa Road west of Charleston.

While communities in Coles County, including Charleston, recently approved a 50 cent increase per resident to the \$1 animal control fee, the shelter would benefit from a makeover contest offered by Zootoo, an

"We have no place to store our paper work."

— Brian Livingston, Animal control officer

online pet community.

Animal control officer Brian Livingston said the walls of the indoor-outdoor dog runs at the facility are deteriorating and need to be replaced.

The animal shelter is looking at replacing an outside community area and replacing it with additional indoor-outdoor dog runs, he said

The price tag to replace the concrete is \$8,000, which does

not include installing walls or the fencing.

Outdoor fencing is worn after years of being weathered, cleaned and dogs pushing on the gates.

Holes in the ceilings had to be repaired after an air conditioner in the attic leaked enough to cause the ceiling to cave in.

Livingston said the original suspended ceilings in the cat rooms had to be completely replaced because cats were able to climb inside of it.

Conducting office work at the facility is not easy for the staff as well

"We have no place to store our paper work," Livingston said.

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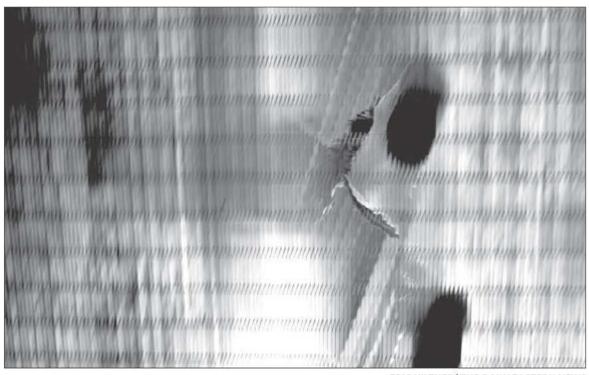
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Strolling through Doudna



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A passerby is seen through a grate walk-way in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday afternoon.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Lawyer: Winehouse's husband to file for divorce

The Associated Press

LONDON - A lawyer for Amy Winehouse's jailed husband said Monday his client will be seeking a divorce on the grounds of the soul diva's alleged infidelity.

Attorney Henri Brandman said he had been instructed by Blake Fielder-Civil "to commence divorce proceedings on the grounds of Amy's adultery."

Winehouse and Fielder-Civil married in Miami in May 2007, but he was arrested six months later over an assault. In July he was sentenced to 27 months in jail for beating up a bar manager and then offering him a bribe to keep quiet about it.

Fielder-Civil was released into a drug rehab center in November but sent back to prison weeks later for breaching his bail conditions.

Gandolfini on Broadway in 'God of Carnage'

NEW YORK - Get ready. Tony Soprano on Broadway.

James Gandolfini – from HBO's classic mob series "The Sopranos" - will star with Jeff Daniels, Hope Davis and Marcia Gay Harden in "God of Carnage," Yasmina Reza's four-character play about the clash between two liberal, middle-class

The play opens March 22 at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre. It begins preview performances Feb.

"God of Carnage" was a hit last year in London with a cast that included Ralph Fiennes and Janet McTeer. The director is Matthew Warchus, who also directed Reza's comedy "Art" in London and New

MTV to broadcast Obama's 'Youth Inaugural Ball'

WASHINGTON — MTV will be broadcasting from Presidentelect Barack Obama's "Youth Inaugural Ball" on Jan. 20, the cable network announced Sunday.

Obama is scheduled to speak at the event, one of 10 official inaugural balls. The Presidential Inaugural Committee has said the ball for people ages 18-35 will celebrate "the role young Americans can play to serve their communities." Tickets cost \$75, half the price of most inaugural ball tick-

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LOCAL | PROJECT

Citizens have chance to voice opinions

External appearance to be topics at energy center meeting

By EMILY ZULZ Associate News Editor

Residents living near the location of the proposed Renewable Energy Center have the chance of voicing their opinions on the center's design and external appearance at 6 p.m.

today at the Neal Welcome Center.

This will be an opportunity for the neighborhood residents to share with President (Bill) Perry their thoughts on the appearance of the center," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. "It's his intent just to listen and take notes."

A letter was sent to the residents from the neighborhoods near the Highway 130 location of the energy center specifically inviting them to attend, Nilsen said.

After the announcement of the energy center on Nov. 7, three informational meetings were held to inform the public of details on the operation of the energy center.

Perry said there were concerns raised then and he wants to listen to those now about specific issues related to the design.

"A number of issues might come up - height, the exterior of the building, landscaping," he said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A design for the planned renewable energy plant Eastern plans to build on the east side of campus.

In addition to the notes Perry will take in regards to suggestions, he said people could also write down their own suggestions and hand them to him to eliminate miscommunication.

A second meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. On Jan. 28, at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, 712 Sixth St.

Perry said he will bring back the suggestions from the first meeting to campus, do some analysis and then present possible changes that could be made at the second meeting.

"At the second meeting I'll say here are some changes we can make," Perry said. "I'll be interested to hear people's reactions at that point."

Perry said he would accommodate the residents "as much as we can and make it still a feasible project."

"The final configuration of the steam plant and energy center will be one that is as harmonious as possible with the selected site with the surrounding neighbors," he said.

Location will not be a part of Tuesday's discussion.

At the previous meetings, residents had brought up concern that the center would be located near them.

Perry said considerable analysis was done in 2002 when the site selection was made as to where the replaced plant would go.

"We're committed to the site so the question is now on the site how do we accommodate as much as possible the concerns of the residents of the neighborhoods nearby," Perry said.

The different design elements will have different costs associated with them, Perry said.

"Once we decide on what we can do and what's the right thing to do with the appearance, we'll just have to see how to finance those," Perry said.

He said for example, there is a difference in cost of a masonry wall versus a steel wall building.

"We would just have to analyze the marginal cost on that," Perry said.

Perry said the cost of certain elements will be a factor in deciding what is possible to do, but it is not the only factor.

Other factors include feasibility, utility, durability, and applicability of different suggestions. A number of technical requirements would also have to be met to meet the building

Once the exterior changes have been decided on, they will have to be entered into the final design of the project, he said.

Perry said this would take awhile.

"We will be keeping the public informed through various ways downstream about the progress of the project," Perry said. "As we get architectural drawings and renderings that accurately reflect what we're doing in terms of the design."

Nilsen said Eastern wants to be good neighbors to the community.

"This is our opportunity again to hear their concerns, assure the neighborhood that we are listening to what they are saying and then see if we can accommodate some of their ideas,"

The energy center project was put on hold on Nov. 18 to consider alternative funding for the project and for further consultation with community members.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Audition to perform in spring plays

Open auditions for spring plays will be held on Wednesday. Auditions start with registration at 6:30 p.m. in the concourse of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and will continue at 7 p.m. in The Theatre.

Those auditioning will be required to perform two oneminute monologues of contrasting nature and provide a resume of theatrical credits. A headshot should be provided but is not necessary. Auditions are open to anyone. For more information, call 581-3121.

New meal plan option for faculty, staff

Faculty and staff meal plans are now available for purchase at the University Housing and Dining Services in the lower level, west wing of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For more information, call 581-

Pack the place for women's basketball

The third and final installment of the Pack The Place! residence hall competition will take place at Thursday's women's basketball game in Lantz Arena. The game begins at 5:30 p.m. Residents must show their Panther Card upon check-in. The Pack The Place! campaign was started to increase student attendance at Eastern sporting events.

Lincoln's life depicted through folk music

Award-winning folk singer Chris Vallillo uses historic narratives, contemporary folk music and period folk songs to present the life of Abraham Lincoln.

The Abraham Lincoln in Song Workshop is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna and is free and open to the public. For information, call the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

UNIVERSITY | BREAKS

Campus lowers temperatures to save money

By MATT HOPF News editor

Temperatures in unoccupied buildings over winter break took a dip, as Eastern lowered the temperatures to conserve energy from Dec. 19

Ryan Siegel, campus energy and sustainability coordinator, said unoccupied buildings had temperatures as low as 60 degrees during break.

"Some buildings were exempt if there were programs that would be affected by the setback," he said.

Scheduled events and research

needs would exempt the building.

"Buildings where programs would not be affected are allowed to drift down to 65 at night after buildings close during the semester," Siegel said.

During the school year, building temperatures were lowered to allow the university to save money.

The amount of cost avoidance gained from our temperature setback efforts is certainly real, but tough to quantify," said Gary Reed, director of facilities, planning and management. "The industry rule of thumb says that during times when the heating thermostat is lowered, a cost avoidance of 2 percent for each degree can be realized on the heating bill."

Lowering the temperatures during break is not an uncommon practice at

"As part of campus energy conservation during the heating season, building temperatures are lowered during unoccupied times and especially during holiday breaks when possible," Reed said. "This has been in practice for many years."

Energy savings are also pursued during the summer.

"The summer program takes advantage of long weekends and the

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temperatures are allowed to drift up to 80 degrees in unoccupied buildings," Siegel said.

During summer months, many university offices close at noon on Fridays, which allows the university to conserve energy for two-and-one-half days a week.

Cooling costs last summer increased about \$75,000 after the university turned to steam-based cooling equipment, supplementing existing electric cooling.

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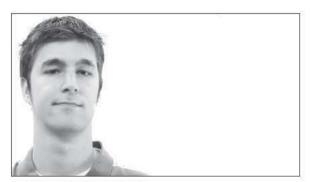
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MATT ZIMMERMAN

Obama can't compare with Lincoln, FDR

Since the November election, the narrative from both journalists and liberal commentators has been, more or less, that Barack Obama is a mix between Abraham Lincoln and

Obama, like Lincoln, is assembling a "team of rivals." Technically, this is true, but it stretches any semblance of credibility to attribute to the cabinet pick of Tom Vilsack, a rival for about two weeks, any significance in terms of how he will govern.

The same goes for Bill Richardson and Joe Biden - they were never serious contenders. Hillary Clinton was the only serious rival he had.

This "team of rivals" rhetoric is simply an excuse for the fact that none of his major picks bring anything new.

While every politician flip-flops, Obama has managed to trump them all and flipped on the entire theme of his campaign. He managed to convince half the country that he was going to bring "change." He drilled it home at every oppor-

"The stakes are too high...to play the same old Washington games with the same old Washington players."

'Change doesn't come from Washington. It comes to Washington." He was going to bring a new kind of politics, transcend partisanship and "unite the country for change."

We got Biden, senator since 1973. Rahm Emanuel, Clinton insider, board member of Freddie Mac and Chicago politician. Eric Holder, Clinton insider. Clinton. Richardson. Gates. The list goes on.

A particularly egregious pick is former Clinton chief of staff, Leon Panetta, for director of the CIA. After three years of whining about "Brownie," you would think any Democrat would be leery about appointing someone with no national security experience to prevent attacks on our nation.

With regards to the FDR, "New New Deal" angle, the fantasy is that he will fix the economy while governing from the center.

At no time in his political career (except in the months preceding the election) has he shown any moderate tendencies. Obama is a liberal's liberal, and he has picked liberals to fill his administration.

The only things that can stop him are the economy and the threat of electoral defeat. However, Obama has stated that we are looking at trillion dollar deficits for years to

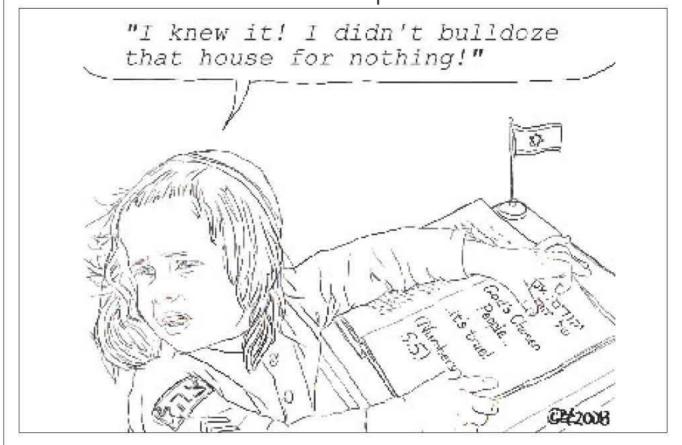
With that, I think it is safe to say that there will be no significant budgetary constraints to prevent implementation of his liberal agenda.

As for political constraints, the Democrats probably do not have to worry about losing the White House or many Senate seats. They are probably tops in the House. Something tells me that the Democrats are not going to pass up the once in a generation opportunity they have.

I do not like them, but I am not saying there is anything wrong, per se, with most of his picks or liberal policies. My point is simply that the current commentary, at best, lacks any seriousness, or is, at worst, purposely misleading.

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Drawn from the News | Yotam Zohar



STAFF EDITORIAL

Security enhancement act a positive step for Eastern

For many Eastern students, the shootings at Northern Illinois University last February hit far too close to home. Many of us had friends and family affected by the tragedy. Some of us may have even attended Northern prior to attending Eastern.

Illinois lawmakers expressed similar sentiments with those affected by the event at Northern — and other events such as the Virginia Tech shootings in April 2007 — last week when the Campus Security Enhancement Act went into effect.

The law requires all Illinois universities to cooperate with local emergency response and mental health authorities in the event of any cataclysmic event. The law also requires Illinois universities to implement up-to-date emergency response procedures as well as planning and practicing such procedures

According to Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, Eastern has frequently updated its emergency response policy since the Northern shootings.

One of these updates included Alert EIU, a text messaging service that would send bulletins to subscribers' phones in the event of a campus-wide emergency.

Alert EIU was adopted as a direct result of the Northern shootings and bridged a gap between students and emergency response teams.

For example, in the time it may take for a response team to reach students, the number of victims could dramatically increase, as was evident in the Virginia Tech shootings.

While it is a revolutionary step in security enhancement, there are some inherent flaws in Alert EIU.

Some students who do not have text messaging or do not own a cell phone at all would not be included in the service and would therefore be left unaware of any emergency situation that may arise.

Also, most professors require students to leave their phones on silent, which leaves students and faculty oblivious to incom-

Of course, Alert EIU is a good starting point, but the Campus Security Enhancement Act enhances and builds upon the policies and procedures previously set in place by Eastern.

Whereas campus emergencies were previously handled by the University Police Department, now Charleston police are not only allowed but also required to cooperate with campus police. This means two departments tackling an emergency at the same time, sharing the burden rather than putting it all on

By passing the Campus Security Enhancement Act, the Illinois legislature has shown it is taking the proper steps along with Illinois universities to create a safe environment for students and to prevent future tragedies from occurring. State lawmakers, as well as Eastern administration, should be applauded for their efforts to uphold campus security.

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BUSH MIGHT HAVE POSITIVE LEGACY

U. ALABAMA — Opinion writers tend to write as if they are conveying absolute truth. We write in an assured voice, sticking to our guns and try to convince the masses that our ideas and our beliefs are undoubtedly right. On politics, we tow the ideological line and are proud of it. On sports, we have it all figured out. On culture and film, our word is the final verdict.

But today, I'm going to take a break from what I may typically argue and shock most of you: George W. Bush may be remembered positively in the history books. There, I said it. If you've read my past columns, you'd know that I haven't been a big fan of Bush 43. And, I'm glad he's only got one week left on his contract. But I also think he is the type of president and has made the types of the decisions to which history may nod (if not truly smile).

Iraq is the prime case study for my thesis. Don't get me wrong, I think the war has been handled poorly. Our intelligence was wrong from the beginning, and the post-invasion mission was bungled. But the country isn't in shambles. There are some positive signs coming from Baghdad, and Bush gets to leave office without an Iraq in total disarray.

Ian Sams The Crimson White

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Government

FROM PAGE 1

"Some students think it's not important, but we need a working legal document in order to govern efficiently," Griffin said. "We want to have a good document revised in the spring for future senators not to worry about this."

Ryan Kerch, student vice president for student affairs, said one possible bylaw change would be how student senators are

He wants the option of having writeins. This past election, 17 senators ran for

"What I and others discussed is that in elections with less people than seats, we should allow the possibility of write-ins," Kerch said.

Student Senate member Isaac Sandidge, former Student Senate speaker, said the Student Bill of Rights, which consists of Article X-XIV in the Student Body Constitution, needs to be made known to the student body for them to care about their rights.

These rights are related to student academic freedom, freedom of association for student publications and the implementation of these rights.

Sandidge thinks with constitutional change, students have to understand the process in order to protect their existing

"We need creative ideas to spread the Student Bill of Rights to students," Sandidge said. "Levi should make it a priority."

According to Article XIV, Section B of the Student Body Constitution, "It is the responsibility of the Student Government to inform all students regarding the Student Bill of Rights."

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

An adult cat reaches up to play with the light from a laser pointer, which volunteer Kathryn Bulber, not pictured, uses to play with the cats at County Animal Rescue & Education. Bulber said she would like to see the \$1 million go toward installing better ventilation in the cat room and expanding the area the center could have to take care of the animals.

Shelter

FROM PAGE 1

A large amount of paper work is stored in the garage, but mice have been eating the old paper, he said.

Humane traps are placed to capture some mice, but it would help if the building could be sealed.

'We can't set live traps or put poison out, because of the animals," Livingston

To become a semi-finalist in the contest, the animal shelter would have to finish within the top 20 in points for competing animal shelters.

To earn points, people have to register at zootoo.com and points are received for registering, writing a journal, posting pictures or videos and even adopting a pet through

Points are collected until March 13, when the Zootoo staff tours the 20 shelters and narrows the list down to 10 finalists.

Online voters will decide the winning shelter from April 4-24.

All other 19 finalists split \$195,000 with the first runner up receiving \$50,000 and the second runner up receiving \$25,000.

The remaining seven finalists receive \$10,000 and the 10 semi-finalists receive

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SPORTS

Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

Eastern averaged 19 turnovers a game during the five game road stretch. That is nearly five more than their opponents.

Turnovers cost the team a victory at Southeast Missouri on Saturday. Trailing by one point with 1 minute, 41 seconds remaining, the Panthers threw away consecutive passes that led to easy layups by the Redhawks.

Turnover woes are nothing new for the Panthers, as even in their big wins they have committed a large

Their season-low for turnovers is 15 in blowout wins against Tennessee State and Mississippi Valley State, and their high is 24 in an overtime victory against Southern Methodist For the season, the Panthers are averaging 18.8 turnovers per game.

Luckily for the team, their turnovers had not directly cost them a victory - until Saturday.

Sloppy play in the second half,

as well as the four point swing that occurred with less than 2 minutes remaining, had a direct influence on the outcome.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said that the last three games, in which the Panthers committed 21, 20 and 22 turnovers, respectively, has "raised a red flag."

"You can't win on the road doing that," Sallee said following Saturday's loss. "It's something we need to be aware of and we need to make some efforts in practice. It comes down to valuing the ball and executing. I think with a veteran team like this they'll be aware with what's going on and tighten the ship."

As OVC play progresses and the Panthers continue to face opportunistic foes such as Morehead State (whom they play at home Saturday, 3 p.m.), or Murray State (Jan. 22 at 5:15 on the road), it is clear that ball control will be a key in the Panthers' success.

Collin Whitchurch can be reached at 581-7944 or at cfwhitchurch@eiu.edu.

PANTHER BRIEFS

Tennis assistant hired

Eastern tennis coach John Blackburn announced Monday that he has hired Andres Weisskopf as the team's newest graduate assistant coach.

Weisskopf was a four-year member and captain of the Anderson tennis squad, a Division II school. He has coaching experience at the Julian Krinsky School of Tennis, Brookstone Meadows Performance Tennis, and Tennis Europe.

Marion earns honors again

Junior guard T.J. Marion earned Ohio Valley Conference honors yet again.

Marion, a Southeastern Illinois College transfer, earned OVC Newcomer of the Week on Monday.

This is the fourth time in six weeks he has been named OVC Newcomer of the Week

Marion averaged 11.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.5 steals

He is averaging 11.3 points, 4.9 rebounds and four assists a game for

Former Eastern athlete to be inducted

Bob Clifford, a former Eastern baseball player and track athlete, will be inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame in April.

Clifford will join other members in an induction ceremony and banquet on April 7 at the Crown Plaza.

-Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.





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Pre-placement appointments for all Fall 2009 student teachers will be held on Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30, 2009. All students planning to student teach Fall 2009 must meet with their assigned coordinator during

Registration dates are Jan. 14, 15, 16, 20 in Student Teaching Office (Room 2418, Buzzard Hall). There is no early registration.

Consistency

FROM PAGE 8

Home win streak at stake

The Panthers have won 13 games in a row at Lantz Arena.

As of Monday, the Panthers' 13game home winning streak ranked eighth in the country.

"It's been real exciting," Canale said. "We've had a lot of fans."

The Panthers will test that record when they play Eastern Kentucky on Thursday. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

The 13-game streak has matched the program's Division I era (1983present) record.

The Panthers also won 13 consecutive home games from Jan. 1987 through Jan. 1988.

The Panthers beat Eastern Kentucky twice last season, but both were overtime wins.

Fellow OVC member Morehead State has the 12th-best winning steak in the country with 12 wins

in a row.

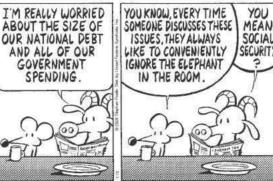
Canale said the team loves the home support and playing in front of that crowd.

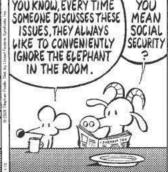
We attribute our win streak to our fans, and hope they keeping coming back," Canale said.

After Thursday's contest, the Panthers will take on conference foe Morehead State on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Lantz Arena

Kevin Murphy can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu

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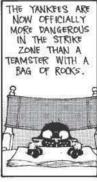


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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

control

The Panthers' recent five-game road trip was not kind to them.

After escaping with a 2-3 record and clinging to their first place standing in the Ohio Valley Conference (they are currently tied with Murray State at 4-1), the Panthers return home from this week for a pair of tough OVC contests.

However, before getting back to work on their quest for an OVC Championship, the Panthers must shore up a few problems, most notably their ball con-

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Pilar Walker watches a shot go in while shooting around during practice on Tuesday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers take on Eastern Kentucky on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

Team aims for consistency

By KEVIN MURPHY Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team has scored 83, 81, 71, 50 and 51 points in its five Ohio Valley Conference games this season.

Fortunately for the Panthers, the team sports a 4-1 record in the league, which is tied with Murray State atop the league.

But the Panthers are trying to be more consistent with their offense.

"We can play a lot of different ways," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "In the course of an 18-game conference season, you're just going to have games you're going to have to gut out and rough out."

And Eastern's four league wins have come in different styles.

The Panthers held off Tennessee

State on Dec. 4, 83-45.

They also beat Austin Peay on Dec. 6, 81-70.

"We have to adapt to how teams are guarding us," Sallee said. "We can't just get stubborn and always do the same thing. We have to understand if they're switching, if they're sagging, if they're pressuring, and we've got answers for all of that. But we've just got to execute and do the right thing.'

The Panthers beat Jacksonville State 71-58 on the road on Jan. 3, and rallied to beat Tennessee Tech on Jan. 5, 50-46. The Panthers blew a first-half lead on Saturday against Southeast Missouri and lost 58-51.

"One of our problems right now is being consistent," said Eastern senior guard Ellen Canale. "We're either blowing people out or play-

ing games to two points. We're playing really good first-half basketball, and then we're coming out a little bit lackadaisical."

Kluempers returns to lineup

Eastern senior forward Lindsey Kluempers rarely misses a game.

That changed when she injured her left pinkie against Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne on Dec. 13.

Kluempers' team-long streaks of consecutive games started (43) and consecutive games played (101) ended against Indiana State.

Kluempers only missed two games, and returned on Jan. 3 against Jacksonville State. She finished with two rebounds, an assist, and one point She returned to the starting lineup on Jan. 5 against Tennessee Tech.

"It was just so much fun getting back into the flow of things," she said. "It was terrible just having to sit out. I just hate it."

Kluempers had two key offensive rebounds in the Tech game that helped seal an Eastern victory. She finished with six rebounds, two assists, two points and had one

Kluempers said it has been rough trying to shoot, but said while she would like to blame it on her pinkie, she is just in a bit of a rut.

"The finger doesn't affect it too much," she said. "It's just getting my confidence back."

In Saturday's 58-51 loss at Southeast Missouri, which dropped the team's record to 10-6, Kluempers had five points and an assist.

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VOLLEYBALL | EMPLOYMENT

Coaching search nears conclusion

Hiring expected to be announced by Jan. 23

By KEVIN MURPHY

Sports Editor

Eastern's next head volleyball coach should be hired by the end of next week, according to Mary Wallace, assistant athletic director.

Wallace said there could be an announcement for the next volleyball coach on Jan. 23.

Former Eastern head volleyball coach Lori Bennett resigned on Dec.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES

1975-76 - Joan Schmidt (15-16) 1977-78 - Margie Wright (56-10) 1979-80 - Lynette Nevins (76-28) 1981-82 - Carol Gruber (56-40). 1983-98 - Betty Ralston (306-241) 1999 - Andrew Epperly (21-10) 2000-04 - Brenda Winkler (48-32) 2005-08 - Lori Bennett (36-45) (career record in parentheses)

Wallace said more than 60 applicants applied for the position, and then it was narrowed down to 10 phone interviews.

She said she was finishing up oncampus interviews this week.

The application was put up on the NCAA's Web site on Dec. 9.

We did a lot of stuff during the holidays," Wallace said.

She said there are about three to four applicants left and all but one has had head coaching experience.

"It was a really good pool," Wal-The Panthers finished the 2008

season 5-24 overall and 2-16 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Current assistant volleyball coach Amy Schreiber said she would not comment on the situation.

Wallace, Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke and assistant athletic director for philanthropy Joel Moersch were all members of the search committee.

The Panthers were 41-69 with a 22-48 mark in the OVC in the past four seasons. They have not made the OVC Tournament since the 2005 season, and they have not reached the NCAA Tournament since 2001.

The Panthers return all letter-winners except for two seniors.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday vs. E. Kentucky 5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday vs. E. Kentucky 8 p.m. - Lantz Arena

SWIMMING Saturday vs. IUPUI 2 p.m. - Padovan Pool

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday vs. Morehead State 3 p.m. - Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday vs. Morehead State 7 p.m. - Lantz Arena