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PRIMARY ELECTIONS

New voter? No worries

Everything you need to know as you head to the polls today

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

A proposed tax swap and the Democratic and Republican bids for Governor are up for grabs as voters take to the polls today.

There are two polling locations on campus, at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bridge Lounge, and at the Newman Center.

What to bring

Once a citizen is registered in a particular precinct they will receive a new voter ID card every year.

If a voter forgets their voter ID card, a driver's license or state ID will work.

What to expect

This is a primary election, which means ballots will be party specific and will include only candidates from one party. The winner of the primary election will then represent the party in the general elections in November.

Voters can choose Republican, Democrat or Green Party ballots.

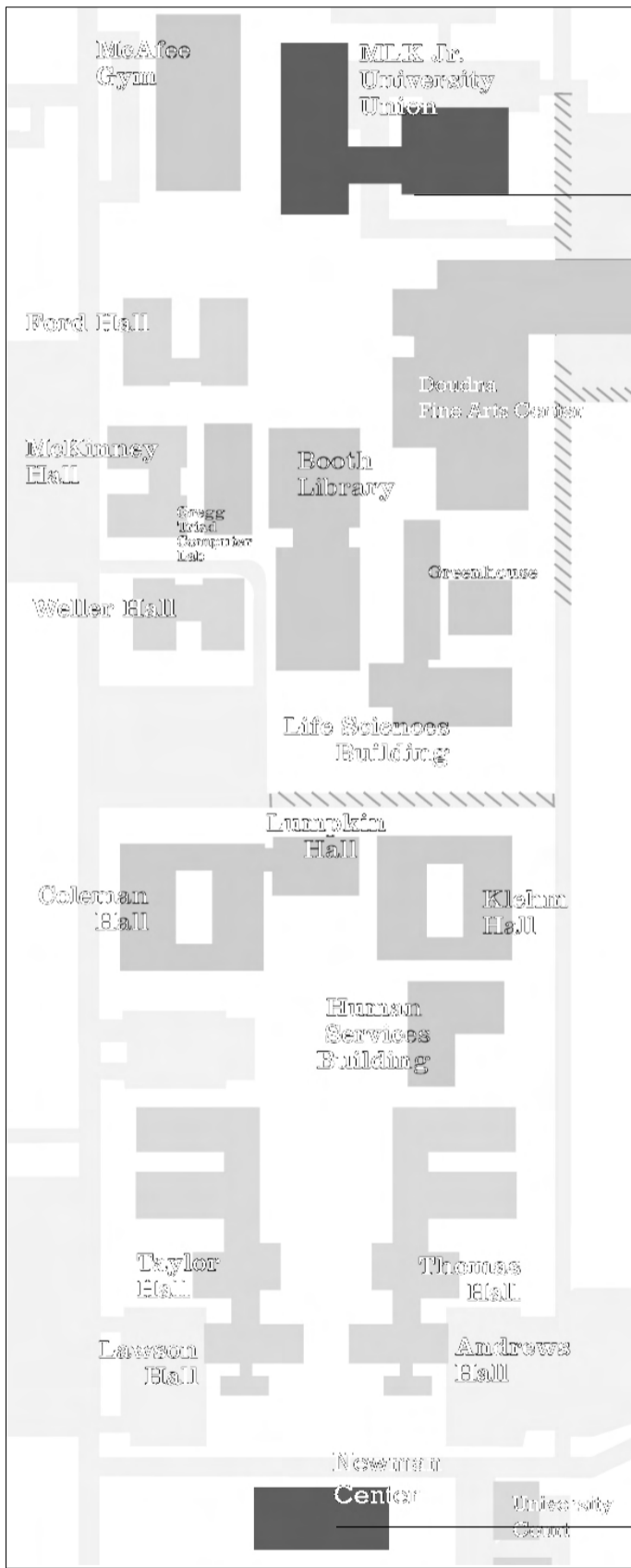
If a voter chooses a non-partisan ballot, it will only contain referendum items.

There are three referendum items; one is a tax proposition and the other two deal with bonds being used to pay for road work.

What to look for

The tax proposition commonly referred to as "tax swap" is a 1 percent increase in sales tax to support area public schools while decreasing the amount of property tax paid by residents.

Both Humbolt and North Okaw townships have propositions on the ballot concerning bonds amounting to \$150,000 to be issued for road purposes.



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Poll hours:
6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Precincts 16 and 17

Where to go

Voters can find out which precinct to vote at by checking their voter registration card.

Charleston has 19 voting sites, and six precincts to vote at on campus.

The Newman Center has four precincts: 14, 15, 18 and 19, while the University Union Bridge Lounge has precincts 16 and 17.

What now

Citizens must register before they can vote. It is too late to register for the primary election, but two days after the election, registration will reopen for future elections.

Voters can apply in person or send an application to the election office; however, registration is closed 27 days before an election.

If a voter moves he should visit www.elections.il.gov to find out if he can vote and how to go about it.

For more information

To find out if you are registered or not, where to vote and other information on state elections visit www.elections.il.gov.

The Coles County Clerk keeps a Web site providing help for local voters with links to forms, polling sites and information on voter registration.

Precincts 14, 15, 18 and 19

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CITY

Hazmat ordinance up for debate

Inyart considers holding those at fault financially responsible

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

The city council has a variety of housekeeping items to accomplish which includes addressing a new city ordinance tonight at City Hall.

The council plans to discuss a new ordinance regarding the cleanup and disposal of hazardous chemicals within the Charleston city limits.

In the event of a spill, the new ordinance would require the responsible party to reimburse the city the clean up costs of hazardous chemicals.

"When there is a chemical spill, it takes equipment and man power to contain it," Mayor John Inyart said. "Many of the items are one time use or disposable; it can get expensive."

The ordinance is being brought to the table for the first time tonight, but Inyart said he does not expect to have a final decision by then.

"I anticipate there will be some discussion, but it will probably be put on file for public inspection until next time," Inyart said.

In other business, two resolutions are on the budget. One would release the minutes of the closed meetings from the past six months and the other would authorize the destruction of the audio recordings from the closed meetings.

"Every six months we release the minutes from the closed meeting sessions to the degree that we can," Inyart said. "This will happen if the event has been satisfied."

The destruction of the audio recordings occurs every 18 months.

Two contract renewals will be voted on as well.

The first will extend an agreement with ABM Farms to continue maintenance of 13.5 acres of city property located west of town. The land is leased for \$125 per acre, at \$1,673 annually.

The second will extend the city's janitorial service contract with Excel Carpet Care.

Excel Carpet Care is responsible for cleaning the city-owned buildings: the city municipal building, the recreation department, the police department, the police training facility and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum.

The council will also vote on the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1592 application for a raffle license.

The winner of the raffle will be announced during halftime of this year's Super Bowl football game at the VFW building at 1821 20th St.

The money will go toward paying for a smoking section as an addition to the VFW post.

To conclude the meeting, a proclamation will be voted on for Inyart to recognize February 2010 as Black History Month.

The next city council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Bringing the student back to student government

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

Since joining ranks with the student senate at the start of the year, Kendall Jackson, co-chair of the internal affairs committee, has a goal to improve the relationship between senate members and their constituents.

In the effort to address what Jackson views as a lack of communication within the student senate, he plans to propose a new policy intended to em-

phasize accountability.

"A lot of people are unaware of what's going on in student government," Jackson said. "Communication is key on behalf of the students. My agenda is to reach out to the student body to find out their needs and wants and improve communication to the RSO (registered student organization)."

To do this, Jackson has begun the process by meeting one-on-one with members to determine the progress of

their activities, whether that is planning forums or collaborating with RSOs to foster improved representation.

"I feel like the senate is too concerned with passing legislation, when that's not what we're here for," Jackson said. "As a student, I know what I would like, but we need to ask students what they want to see happen, and I don't think some of the senators are doing that."

Student Body President Michelle

Murphy said a significant portion of the resolutions the student senate considers do not require prior input from students.

"It would be easy to think that we don't go out and talk to students," Murphy said. "A lot of the issues we discuss aren't pressing on the average student's mind, and it wouldn't be practical for us to force students to have an opinion on something they don't care about."

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

HIGH 39°
LOW 24°

Cloudy conditions in the morning, but decreasing clouds this evening. A weak passing cold front won't cool off temperatures too much tonight, but it will allow for sunny conditions on Wednesday. Temperatures for the rest of the week will be in the upper 30s. As of now, no precipitation is expected this week.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 36°
Low: 25°



Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 35°
Low: 25°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

African drums workshop canceled

Staff Report

The workshop to teach African drums, "The Sound of Music: African Drums," as part of the University Board's newly-revived Teach Me Tuesdays will be canceled until a later date.

The event was scheduled to take place 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Xaviera Vasser, chair of cultural arts for the UB, said the event was canceled because of time conflicts with the workshop teacher.

"I didn't want to just throw someone else in there that was not as prepared," Vasser said.

Vasser said she hoped the event would take place later in February for African-American Heritage Month.

Alert EIU tested today

A text message testing the Alert EIU system will be sent out today at 10:30 a.m. The Alert EIU text-messaging system warns students about emergency situations on Eastern's main campus as well as offering advice.

Students who are not registered to receive text message alerts can register at <http://www.eiu.edu/alerteiu.edu>.

—Compiled by News Editor Emily Steele and Activities Editor Heather Holm

Springtime in February



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman business management major Jeff Easterhouse (left) and sophomore business and sociology major Sotiraq Guta enjoy the unusually warm weather by tossing around a flying disc in the North Quad Monday.

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Martin's first day

Bob Martin, Eastern's new vice president for university advancement, started his new job Monday. See what his day was like in a video on DENnews.com.



Changing food habits

Online reporter Alycia Rockey talks about how when she was a kid, she used to be a really picky eater. Now that she's older she's become more adventurous. Read her blog on DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

Eric Auth, 25, 4615 S. 174th Avenue, Omaha, Neb., was arrested at 5:50 a.m. Jan. 30 near Brittany Ridge Apartments. Auth was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 6:06 a.m. pending a \$3,000 bond.

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MEMORIAL

Students raise money for murdered family

Sheri, Gavin, Garrett Coleman were murdered in their sleep in May 2009

By Jason Hardimon
Campus Editor

Tragedy can strike when it is least expected, and sometimes it is what people do in the wake of a tragedy that will come to define them, their loved ones or the even the ones they have lost.

Eastern students Joe Miglio, a senior marketing major, and his sister, Jenna Miglio, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, know this from experience.

On May 5, 2009 their cousins, Sheri Coleman, 31, Garrett Coleman, 11, and Gavin Coleman, 9, were murdered in their Columbia, Ill. home while they slept.

There is strong evidence to suggest that the person responsible is Chris Coleman, Sheri's husband and the boys' father.

"(Chris) has been charged with three counts of first degree murder and is currently incarcerated and awaiting trial," Joe said.

Fundraiser

Almost 10 months later, the effort to establish a memorial for Sheri, Garrett and Gavin continues to make a slow but steady progress.

Those involved hope to erect a pavilion within a park in Columbia.

The address of the site is yet to be determined.

"We're trying to raise money for a memorial to be erected in their honor," Joe said. "Right now we've raised a little over \$30,000; our goal is \$300,000."

The Miglios said even a modest contribution would be cherished.

"A donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated, even if it's just a dollar," Joe said. "We're just trying to do this for them because they played an instrumental part in our lives."

The Miglios, from Orland Park,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Garrett, Sheri and Gavin Coleman (pictured left to right) were murdered in their sleep May 5, 2009. Their family is now seeking to set up a memorial in their honor and are conducting fundraisers to raise money for a memorial.

said they felt so extremely close to the Coleman's, despite the physical distance between them.

"It's a good five hours from Orland (Park) to Columbia, so we didn't get to see them physically as often as we would have liked," Joe said.

Both Joe and Jenna acknowledged that Sheri Coleman always tried to keep the family close together despite the distance.

"We're split apart a lot," Jenna said. "We have relatives in Arizona, St. Louis and Chicago."

The Miglios agreed that Sheri's commitment to family made a big impression.

"It was always her dream to have a family reunion, and now, this summer, we're going to make that a reality," Joe said. "We're having our first ever family reunion in her honor."

Both Joe and Jenna are active in Greek life at Eastern.

Joe is a member of Beta Theta

Pi and Jenna is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"It's fun and cool to see his fraternity and my sorority being so generous and all of Greek life wanting to help," Jenna said. "I've been contacted by several other sororities that want to put together different fundraisers and different activities on campus to get the word out, let people know what happened and hopefully raise a lot of money."

Corey Norton, president of Beta Theta Pi, said the fraternity has, and will continue to, make every effort to help the Miglios' cause.

"Beta (Theta Pi) as a whole has supported Joe through this since day one," Norton said.

Norton organized a fundraiser in Weller Hall last semester called 'Balloons for Charity,' which raised \$125 for the memorial.

In April, Beta Theta Pi will hold its second mini-golf fundraiser. All the proceeds will be split between breast cancer research and the Cole-

"You never know what can happen tomorrow."

Joe Miglio, senior marketing major

man memorial. The fraternity is currently seeking sponsors for the tournament, as well as teams of four to compete at \$50 per team and \$50 per sponsor.

Norton reiterated Beta Theta Pi's commitment to a member in need.

"Joe is a great brother and has been strong through this," Norton said, "he knows that we as Beta family will be there for him anytime for anything."

The Miglios aren't going it alone. Shortly after the murders, the not-for-profit Web site Sheriandher-

boys.com was set up for donations. Meegan Turnbeaugh, a close friend of Sheri's, is leading the fundraising effort based in Columbia.

Another of Sheri's close friends, Kathy LaPlante, spoke on Meegan's behalf.

"Meegan Turnbeaugh has done an outstanding job with the help of the community of Columbia in raising funds for the Memorial through several fundraisers," LaPlante said.

Others who have made significant contributions include Top Shooters, a bar and grill located in Columbia.

An organization called Biker's Save Lives and Kevin Hutchinson, the Mayor of Columbia have also made contributions.

A silent auction will be held in Columbia on Feb. 10, and a portion of the proceeds will go toward the memorial.

Miglios' words of advice

The Miglios offered words of advice to those who may find themselves in a troubled relationship.

If a person senses a problem with their significant other, they should get help at the first signs, Joe said.

Jenna encouraged women not to be blinded by emotion.

"Sometimes (love) fogs your vision, and you don't see things clearly, and you don't want to believe that your spouse or someone that you love that much could possibly physically or emotionally or verbally harm you in any way," she said. "But the truth is that they can."

Joe made a point to encourage everyone not to take their families for granted.

"Call your loved ones on a regular basis, talk to them, even if it's just to say 'Hi,'" he said. "You never know what can happen tomorrow."

Jenna Miglio encourages others to learn from her family's suffering.

"Don't let your family be another story on the news," Jenna said. "You never think it could happen to you or your family, but when it does it hits hard, and it's something that you have to live with every single day."

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VIEWS



David Thill

Student senate comments ignorant

In 1999, I began my first year of high school. Born and raised in Charleston, I naturally attended Charleston High School. On my first day, I wandered around the school looking for my locker. I found it in the basement.

The first thing I noticed was the lack of a ceiling. There were no ceiling tiles. The school had started a remodeling process the year before and, because of budget cuts, the project had been stalled. The construction would not be completed until my senior year.

For two years, I suffered through water dripping on my head, exposed wiring and numerous floods.

This was, and is, the reality for students at schools throughout Coles County. Simply put, in a county like ours, funding to repair schools does not come easily.

That being said, I was absolutely sickened by the recent comments made by some of the leading members of the student senate. Most sounded like nothing more than the whiny, pithy complaints of selfish adolescents.

In effect, the tax swap would increase sales tax in Coles County by 1 percent, which would go toward maintenance in Coles County schools.

This tax swap will not tax *only* students. The tax swap will not absolve property owners from paying property tax. It would simply require students to take on a small amount of responsibility and payment toward the community that is their home for nine months out of the year.

Scott Lambert, student vice president for academic affairs, said, "I don't think we owe anything to this community, because without this school, this community would be nothing."

How dare you. As a Charleston resident, Lambert's statement could not offend me more.

Mr. Lambert, this town was here nearly 100 years before Eastern and I promise, if the school disappeared tomorrow, we would still exist.

Do not think for a second that the members of this community, who go out of their way to give price discounts to Eastern students, who provide, to the best of their abilities, the student body with any type of need or want it could desire, will ever view this school as a benevolent giver of life, without whom we would be lost.

This is my home, this is where I grew up and this is where my family lives. Who do you think you are to make such outrageous statements?

Worst of all may be the comments of Student Body President Michelle Murphy:

"This tax increase is permanent. Our residence here is not," she said. "Don't vote for this to affect people after you leave. It isn't our place."

By that logic, Ms. Murphy, it is also not your place to tell people what to vote *against*.

How can you live here for four years and feel absolutely no sense of responsibility?

Members of the student senate, your comments make me sick. Like it or not, this is your home, too. You don't get to enjoy luxuries and run the streets at night like you own this town without having to pay the piper at some point.

From a product of Coles County School District No. 1, *please* vote for this tax swap today.

And to those who made the comments about owing nothing to Charleston, keep your damn money. We don't want it. And as an Eastern student *and* a Charleston resident, I'm disgusted that you hold your positions. You *do not* represent me.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

DAILY EDITORIAL
The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Charleston is our home, too; Eastern students should support tax swap

People in Coles County today have the chance to go out and vote. Like always, we urge any who are registered and eligible to go out and vote.

Perhaps the most-argued-about proposition to be voted on today is the Coles County tax swap.

The tax swap would basically increase sales tax in Coles County by 1 percent, with all proceeds from the increased tax going toward maintenance in schools in Charleston, Mattoon and Oakland.

However, there has been debate over the proposed increase, not the least of which comes from our own student senate.

In an article that appeared in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was reported that the student senate voted to pass a resolution to throw its support behind the proposition by a vote of 16-8-1.

Yet, despite the resolution being passed, several leading members of the student senate voiced heavy objections to the tax swap.

Scott Lambert, student vice president for academic affairs, stated his objections, saying Eastern students do not "owe this community anything because, without this school, this community would be nothing."

A more ill-informed and selfish comment has not come out of the student senate in recent memory.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy also opposed the increase, stating she would not wish to vote on anything that would affect those who come after her.

And, though it is a cliché as old as time: College students are poor.

But we, as students of higher education, must put

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things into perspective.

While this tax increase would take money out of the pockets of Eastern students, it would take just as much money out of the pocket of Charleston residents.

Also, it does not shift burden from one party to the other. Charleston residents will still pay property taxes and will pay just as much in sales tax as we, the students.

Charleston is not here for the sole purpose of serving Eastern and its students. The two entities require cooperation and understanding to improve each other.

Ultimately, most Eastern students are not registered to vote in Coles County and those who are most likely do not vote often. If students are not going to actively vote against such a proposition, they should not voice complaints about it.

Coles County schools are asking for help. The county is not just asking for help from Eastern students but from everyone who resides in this county.

True, most Eastern students never attended Coles County schools. But who is to say our children may not?

And who are we to act so insulted that, when asked to pay a marginal, insignificant 1 percent tax increase, we act as though the city owes us something?

Charleston *is* our home and when those we live next door to ask our help we should lend a hand. Why shouldn't we pass such a small increase to help children, and potential Eastern students, who need aid to improve their schools?

If we are going to live here, we have to do the most basic, decent thing. A 1 percent increase is not too much to ask and we should not act insulted by such a small request.

FROM THE EASEL

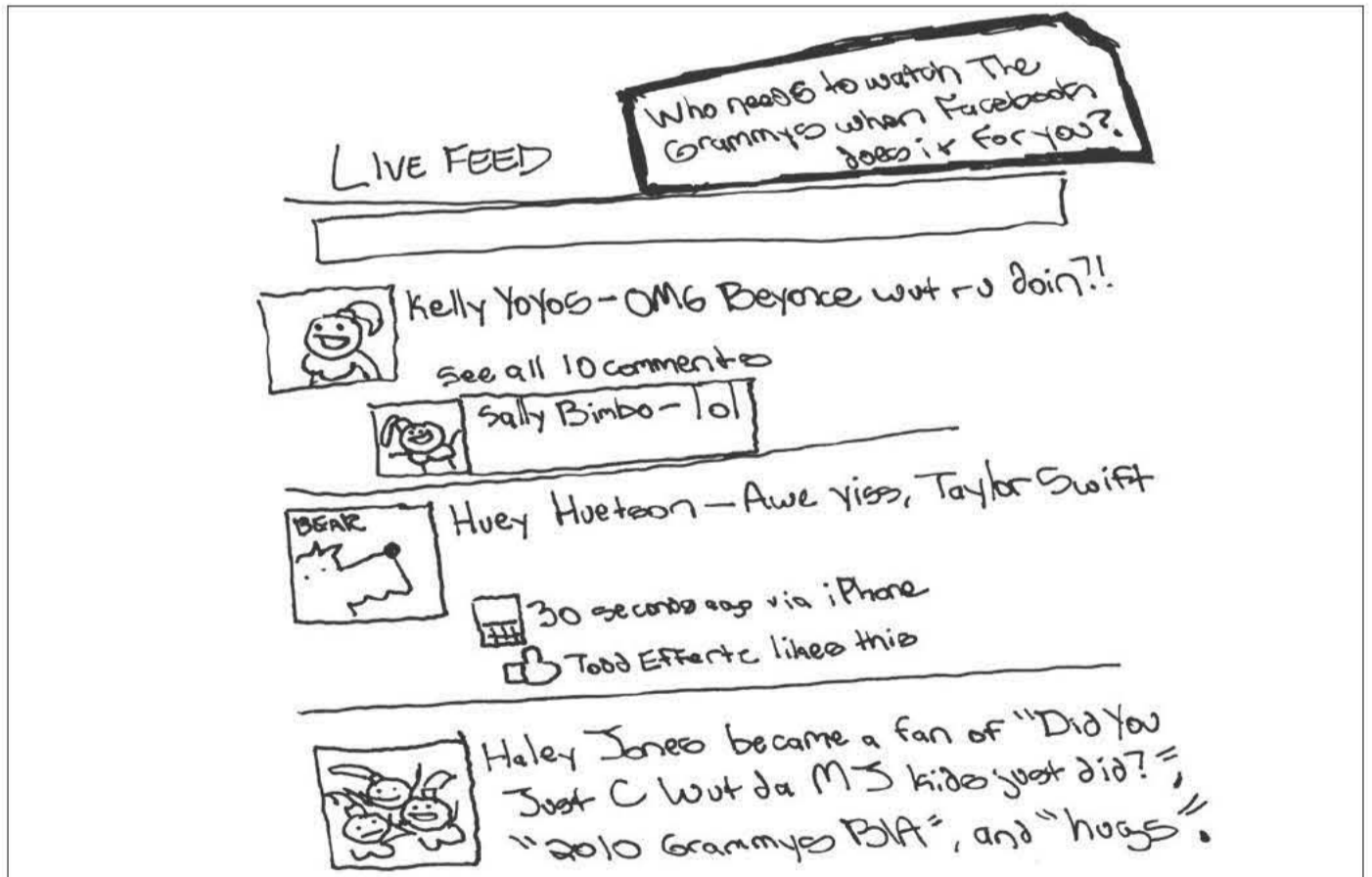


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

The 'recipe for an eating disorder'?

By *The Daily Vidette* Editorial Board
Illinois State University

Eating disorders are prevalent on college campuses, and ISU is not immune.

Statistics show that over one-half of teenage girls and nearly one-third of teenage boys are concerned with their bodies and taking drastic, unhealthy measures to lose weight.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, 91 percent of girls surveyed on a college campus have dieted to lose or maintain weight.

It was also noted that 35 percent of "normal

dieters" will progress to pathological dieting, and 20 to 25 percent will then develop a partial or full-syndrome eating disorder.

The development of an eating disorder involves a preoccupation with food, weight and body image, as well as the desire to be in control.

Other contributing factors include low self-esteem, depression, anxiety and troubled relationships, among other things. The newfound freedom of college paired with an overwhelming class schedule may be the recipe for an eating disorder.

Secrecy plays a role in eating disorders and

without any monitoring, poor habits and unhealthy behaviors may result in restricting food intake, cycles of bingeing and purging, compulsive exercising or other unhealthy mechanisms for losing weight such as abusing laxatives or smoking to curb an appetite.

Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa are very serious, diagnosable disorders, but they are not the only ones.

A combination or variation of symptoms can be considered "disordered eating," which is a problem as well.

To read the complete editorial, visit www.DailyVidette.com

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Murphy said the student senate could benefit on a broader scale from establishing and maintaining a stronger sense of accountability.

"When people say we could be more accountable, that's absolutely, 100 percent true," Murphy said. "It's something I worry about everyday."

DeMarlon Brown, second-year president of the Black Student Union, attributes what he views as a lack of accountability to a divided student senate.

"It's so divided that no one can focus on the project," Brown said. "The project is to make student government the best it can be."

Opting to serve on the student relations committee, Brown said he intends to open the door for students and encourage fellow senate members to take the initiative in determining where the student body stands.

"I joined student government because I feel that the people that sit around those tables every day are people that are just hearing each other," Brown said. "They all want to bring a different voice to the table, but I feel that you cannot bring a different voice if you don't go out and talk to anyone."

Sharing Brown's view, Otis Seawood, BSU's social affairs director and second-semester member of the diversity affairs committee, said the senate members are doing the student body a disservice by not actively seeking diverse opinions.

"The funniest thing is, when you look at this whole scenario, the only time senators really get out there and talk is when it's time to vote," Seawood said. "It's so funny because during elections,

we can be so vicious with different tactics and antics to get people to come out and vote, but once we get into office, we don't use those same tactics to get out there and see what the students want."

Isaac Sandidge, senate speaker, said senate members conduct business with the best intentions toward representing the student body.

"I think they're thinking about the population at large, which is good, because we're all at-large now," Sandidge said. "Right now, we're still getting the senate up and running. This is our golden semester. We get the most done in the spring that requires direct student input, like the tuition and fee increases."

Sandidge said in the coming weeks, senate members would consider student input concerning increased tuition and student fees that, if passed, will take effect on student bills during the following school term.

He also said the student senate would be analyzing the information garnered from several open forums held throughout the fall to determine where students stand on certain issues.

"The main problem is putting on a forum with the idea that we're addressing an issue that students care about without asking what it is they truly care about," Sandidge said. "I'm not a big fan of forums myself, but we're learning from them. I'm a fan of improvement."

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Jungle graffiti



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Junior art major Jennifer Bagwell uses chalk to draw on the walls in a stairwell Monday afternoon in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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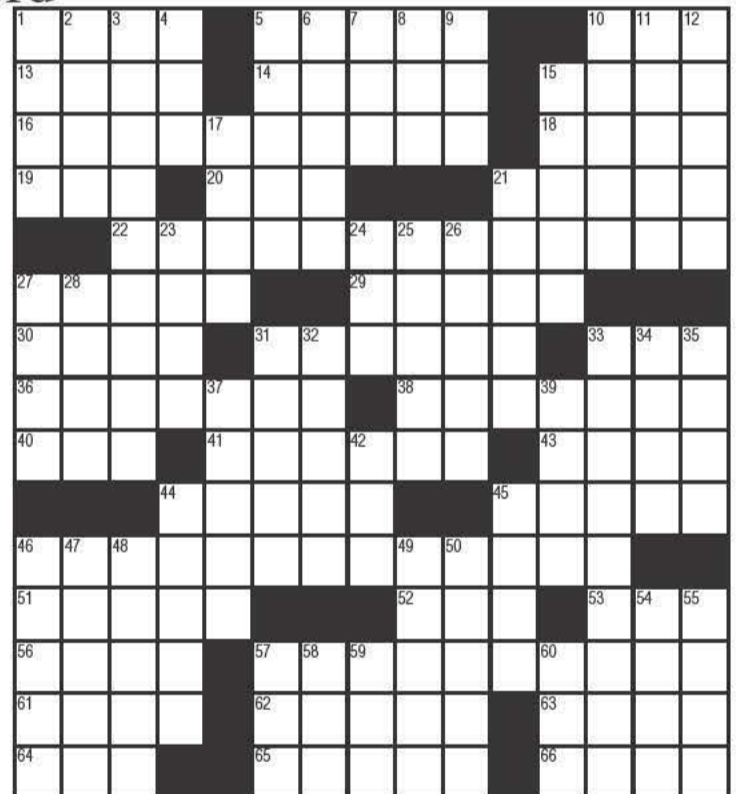
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- Hipster's jargon
 - Shrewd
 - Yank's foe
 - Black, to bards
 - Outranking
 - "A ___ bagatelle!"
 - *Did a dog trick
 - Toiling away
 - The Wildcats of the Big 12 Conf.
 - Took charge
 - Rebounds, shooting percentage, etc.
 - *One who's often doing favors
 - Tylenol alternative
 - Martinez with three Cy Youngs
 - ___-Rooter
 - Shrimp-on-the-barbie eater
 - Fancy dresser
 - *Affordable, as an apartment
 - *Tugboat rope
 - "Bed-in" participant Yoko ___
 - Most dangerous, as winter roads
 - Pullers in pairs
 - "You can't teach ___ dog ..."

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- So-and-so
- Nigerian natives
- "B," maybe, in an encyclopedia
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- 9 "___ out!" (ump's call)
- 10 Mark down for a sale, say
- 11 Verdi aria
- 12 ___ Wetsy (old doll)
- 15 San ___ (Bay Area county)
- 17 Additional
- 21 Hinge holder
- 23 Songwriter Novello
- 24 Rotational speed meas.
- 25 Homes for 46-Down
- 26 ___-proof (easy to operate)
- 27 Guthrie who sang about Alice's Restaurant
- 28 Nut case
- 31 Comice support
- 32 Of service
- 33 Salaries, e.g., to a business owner
- 34 Leftmost compartment in a till
- 35 Parker products
- 37 German indefinite article
- 39 Lounge around
- 42 Part of P.E.I.: Abbr.
- 44 Salt's "Halt!"
- 45 Creamy cheese
- 46 Things hidden in the answers to this puzzle's six starred clues
- 47 Zoo noises
- 48 "Gimme a break!"
- 49 Quick with the zingers
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year for the women's basketball team as it is 9-0, undefeated over the span of one month for the first time since December 2007.

The month of January also featured a switch among Eastern's leading scorers during the month as Kloak led the way for the Panthers, averaging 13.4 points per game.

Nixon was the team's second leading scorer in January and is the team's leading scorer this season averaging 13 ppg (12.9 in January).

Senior guard Dominique Sims came in the third place spot of Eastern's top scorers, averaging 11.8 ppg, although she reached a career-

high 21 points last Thursday.

With nine wins in a row, the Panthers have tied the program record as members of Division-I.

As a member of any division, Eastern's longest win streak is 12, which could be taken down on Feb. 13 against Eastern Kentucky at home.

The Panthers will go after their 10th consecutive win Thursday against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at 7 p.m. in Edwardsville.

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PANTHER BRIEF

Bracketbuster foe in-state rival

Game against Northern Illinois marks 85th meeting

Staff Report

ESPN announced its Bracketbusters match-ups Monday and the Eastern men's basketball team has drawn in-state rival Northern Illinois.

The Panthers will welcome the Huskies to Lantz Arena Feb. 20 at

6 p.m.

ESPN Bracketbusters is a concept created by the sports broadcasting network that matches up mid-major teams from a variety of conferences against each other.

The event began in 2003 and the Panthers are 1-3 all-time in Bracketbusters games, picking up their lone win last season against Mid-American Conference foe Western Michigan.

This year's game will mark the first time the Panthers have played Northern Illinois since 2004. The

two teams have played 85 times with the Huskies holding a 43-42 advantage.

As part of the deal, Eastern will make a trip to DeKalb during the 2011-12 season.

Northern Illinois, which is part of the MAC, is 8-11 overall and 4-3 in its conference.

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VIEWS



Bob Bajek

What's going on?

Another game. Another loss. This situation is becoming all too familiar for the men's basketball team. Starting the 2009-10 campaign, Eastern raced to 10-5 record, 4-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. But there has been a sputtering in the Panthers' engines over the last seven contests.

Going 1-6 puts Eastern at 11-11 and 5-7 in conference action. The Panthers have gone from fourth to seventh place in the league.

Now, its true Eastern has gone 0-5 on the road in this span, but it was 5-1 to begin the season.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said winning on the road is a challenge.

"It's tough," he said. "If you look at college basketball, the home team wins over 70 percent of the time. It's difficult to win in any league or level in college basketball on the road."

However, why did Miller's team do a good job on the road earlier in the season?

A big part for the early success was that Eastern was beating up on not the greatest competition.

Western Illinois (9-13), Toledo (3-18) and Chicago State (6-16) were three of those victories.

Another problem is Eastern finally faced stiffer competition with the upper echelon of its league with Murray State (20-3, 11-0 OVC), Morehead State (15-7, 9-2 OVC) and Eastern Kentucky (15-8, 7-4 OVC) putting the Panthers in their place.

The road is not the main problem, though. For a fact, injuries are not affecting the team. Miller said in last Tuesday's interview that everyone is healthy.

And this drop-off does not have anything to do with senior guard Romain Martin calling it quits. Martin was not himself after a knee injury limited his production to 4.4 points per game off the bench.

One possible clue on Eastern's current lack of success comes from Miller himself. In numerous interviews with WEIU-FM after frustrating conference defeats, Miller points out breakdowns on offense and defense as the main problem.

Miller said during the Jan. 21 game against Murray State, the Racers had nine blocks within five feet and Eastern missed 15 overall.

"If we make five out of those 15 shots, we have 10 more points and a win," Miller said.

Scoring has also been down, with Eastern putting up 57.1 points per game over the last seven games down from 75.47 ppg over the first 15.

Before the losing spiral, junior guard Tyler Laser said his team was not complacent.

"We have no reason to be complacent," Laser said. "We haven't done anything. We have won a few games; but in the outlook, we have we have really done nothing."

The Panthers will still make the OVC Tournament because Tennessee Martin and Tennessee State are a combined 1-20 in league play, but Miller needs to fix his team's lapses to be competitive against real opponents.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Team takes too many threes

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team took 19 three-point shots Saturday in a winning effort against Jacksonville State.

But its coach was not happy with his team taking the second highest amount of threes this season.

The Panthers made 6-of-19 shots from the beyond the arc, including 4-of-8 in the first half.

Eight shots were too many in one half, so at halftime head coach Brady Sallee told his team that he wanted them to get back to playing Eastern basketball, freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said.

The shots went the opposite way in the second half as the Panthers shot 2-of-11 from three-point range.

"Even though they were open shots, I think we settled for a lot of jump shots," Sallee said.

Sallee said he expected his team to exploit an advantage they had in the post and feed the ball into senior forward Maggie Kloak and the rest of the team's forwards.

"We took too many (threes) when clearly we had our way in the post with what Maggie did," Sallee said. "We just didn't throw it in there enough."

Eastern's forwards had the advantage during the entire month of January, as Kloak shot 50 percent from the field that month. Freshman forward Mariah King shot 58 percent.

The Panthers won the game 60-43, never trailing and leading by



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Freshman guard Kelsey Wyss turns to take a shot against Tennessee Martin on Jan. 23 in Lantz Arena. Wyss finished with three points and five rebounds as the Panthers won 74-47.

22 points with just over five minutes left in regulation.

Still, after the win Sallee said he was not happy with his team's offensive decision making.

"I wasn't real thrilled with the amount of jump shots we took, especially from a couple positions, so we'll go to work on that and we'll have to understand the difference between getting our shots and taking any shots," Sallee said.

Empty gym affects team
A total of 444 fans showed

up in Jacksonville, Ala. Saturday to watch the women's basketball game, but it was not enough.

When the Panthers go on the road, they are going into arenas expecting 823 fans in the stands on average; however, they were only in front of nearly half that amount of fans.

Eastern dominated the Gamecocks in a 60-43 win but Sallee said the game was played at a slow pace, which is something that the Panthers are not used to.

"The game was played pret-

ty slow and it was an empty gym, which is a really tough environment to play in because it was so empty," Sallee said. "I thought our kids handled it pretty well."

Undefeated New Year

At the tail end of the year 2009, Eastern had a 1-1 Ohio Valley Conference record; now, the Panthers have a 10-1 record and are in first place in the OVC.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Panthers sink Jaguars in Padovan Pool

Both squads win third straight

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

The Panther swim teams continue this season's dominance by launching past rival Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis Saturday in Padovan Pool.

"It's really good for us," senior swimmer Kellie Logterman said. "Another win is always good for us."

Head swim coach Matt Bos led his men's team (5-2, 2-0 Summit League) to a 176-79 triumph over the Jaguars, while his women's squad (4-3, 2-0 Summit League) swam to a 167-94 victory.

"We swam well and we're starting to see some people coming around now," Bos said. "The last few weeks, we've been seeing people get better and better and some people swam really good times on Saturday."

Sophomore swimmer Rich Waszak raced well, placing first in the 100- and 200-yard back-



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Junior swimmer Nathan Moritz takes first place in the men's 200-meter butterfly with a time of 1:57.35 Saturday afternoon in the Padovan pool against IUPUI. Both schools helped raise money for breast cancer research by dedicating Saturday as "Paint the Pool Pink" day.

strokes.

"He's someone who works hard day to day and week to week," Bos said of Waszak. "He's just getting faster and faster. This is about the time last year where he came around and had a really good Summit League meet."

Junior swimmer Matt Scaliatine

had a solid meet, winning the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:10.81.

"I was just off my season best in 200 breast, which I was happy with," Scaliatine said. "I did a pretty good time in the 400 IM and did my season best in that."

On the women's side, Logterman

won the 100 fly, finishing with a time of 59.36 seconds.

"In the 100 fly, I was trying to sprint it all out and go fast," Logterman said. "This meet especially, I felt strong in the water."

Senior swimmer Laura Nilsen also obtained the 200-back pool record with a time of 2:07.36 on one of her last meets.

Scaliatine said he is amazed on how much the men's team has improved the last two seasons.

"We just got a great freshmen class that came in and transfers have stepped up all year long," Scaliatine said. "You can see it every time they win and they have just been great."

The Panthers will face off against Saint Louis University noon Saturday in Padovan Pool.

Bos said he is excited to see where his teams swim against their rivals.

"I'm really happy where we are and excited to see where we are at when we (are) tapering more," Bos said.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's basketball
Thursday at SIU Edwardsville
7 p.m. - Edwardsville

Women's tennis
Friday at Saint Louis
4 p.m. - Sunset Tennis Center

Men's tennis
Friday at Saint Louis
4 p.m. - Sunset Tennis Center

Women's basketball
Saturday at Southeast Missouri State
5:30 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Men's basketball
Saturday at Southeast Missouri State
7:45 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

Men's college basketball
Mississippi at Kentucky
6 p.m. on ESPN

College basketball
Miami at Wake Forest
6 p.m. on ESPN2

Men's college basketball
Michigan at Northwestern
6 p.m. on Big Ten Network

NBA
Clippers at Bulls
7 p.m. on CSN

Men's college basketball
Michigan State at Wisconsin
8 p.m. on ESPN