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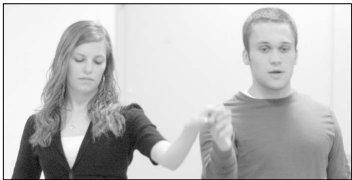
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Students dance their way to learning

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CAMPUS

SCEC planning special events for semester

Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Polar Plunge among spring programs

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

The Student Council for Exceptional Children held their first meeting of the spring semester Thursday and talked about the group’s activities for the rest of the year.

The SCEC is Eastern’s student branch of Council for Exceptional Children.

The organization is for special education majors and anyone interested in reaching out to special education children, gaining experience and meeting graduation requirements.

The SCEC brings in speakers for its members and has events and activities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Polar Plunge.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a new program for SCEC, said Lindsey Dalesandro, president of SCEC and a special and elementary education major.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is enlisting the help of the SCEC members to assist students in the local towns of Kansas and Humboldt.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking to start a registered student

organization on campus, said Curtis Ropiequet, the enrollment and matching specialist for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The idea is for Big Brothers Big Sisters to bring together mentors and kids on campus for events like basketball or football games and movies.

“We need Big Brothers, we never run out of kids,” Ropiequet said.

The Polar Plunge is scheduled for March 6 at Lake Sara in Effingham. Participants will gather donations for the Special Olympics and plunge into the cold water to get a rubber duck.

The Polar Plunge is an annual event to raise funds for the Special Olympics.

Special education majors are required to be a part of a professional organization to graduate.

In order for the SCEC to count as their professional organization requirement, the student must earn eight points through the SCEC.

Dalesandro explained that the point system is used to encourage student involvement.

“This is my second semester. I really enjoyed last year,” said Gina Bierman, a junior special education major and member of the SCEC. “It’s a very good way to get students involved with kids, and it gives you good experience.”

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Helping the cause in Haiti



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Mark Valencia, a senior psychology major, writes Haiti on ribbons Monday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. People receive a ribbon after donating money to help Haiti.

UNIVERSITY

University hiring, maintenance put on hold

New applicants, operations taken on a case by case basis

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

A starving budget requires a tight belt to keep it up.

Eastern is looking to reduce operating costs wherever it can, including a hiring freeze and maintenance deferral.

The exact amount of cost savings is unknown, and searches that have already begun will still be continued.

“It’s too early to say because we

have allowed searches that were in progress to go through, so we’re just really beginning the process of stopping all but critical searches,” said Bill Weber, vice president for business affairs.

President Bill Perry must approve any new searches.

“If a search had already been initiated, then it can go forward,” Perry said. “If a search had not already been initiated, then it must be approved by me.”

Reorganizations, such as combining the budget and planning and institutional studies offices, are reducing salary costs by cutting some unnecessary positions, Weber said.

“I’ve cut two positions out of that office, one director position and

one budget analyst position,” Weber said. “Combining the two director positions into a single position should save in the neighborhood of \$70,000.”

The budget analyst was moved to the Academic Affairs Office to take on some of Weber’s former responsibilities as associate vice president.

“There is no new associate replacing me, instead they have a budget analyst,” Weber said. “Not filling my former position should save the provost’s area about \$60,000.”

Perry said the generated savings would be put to use as the university struggles to get by with just a fraction of its state funding.

“We clearly are going to have to see what kind of savings we are

generating now that these actions are being taken to see what kind of money will be available for us to meet our cash flow needs,” Perry said. “Cash flow for the state affects cash flow for us.”

Deferred maintenance is adding some padding to the budget as well.

Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said anything not safety related or necessary to daily operations has been put on hold until funding becomes available.

“We’re re-prioritizing, so anything safety related or anything necessary for daily operation can get taken care of,” Reed said. “We’re taking them on a case-by-case basis as we go through the painful pro-

cess of budgeting.”

Reed defined repairs critical for daily operation as anything that could shut down a part of the campus if left undone. Weber said he and Reed would be meeting this week to evaluate the different projects in queue.

“He and I will go through a list of projects and make a determination of what to go forward with and what not to,” Weber said.

“If there were things in the works that really need to be completed, such as moving into the new textbook rental facility, it has to go forward.”

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

HIGH
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LOW
18°

Colder afternoon with more windy conditions. Winds will begin to calm down later in the evening. Cloud coverage should also begin to fall apart later in the day. Snow flurries are once again possible tomorrow. Those will clear out Wednesday night, but we will be left with much colder temps the rest of the week.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Wednesday
Snow Flurries
High: 33°
Low: 22°



Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 25°
Low: 12°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

CCH collecting
T-shirts for Haiti

The Christian Campus House, located on the southeast corner of Fourth Street and Roosevelt Avenue, is collecting T-shirts to send to Haiti. Drop-off locations are available in the main entrance at the CCH, Thomas Hall and Andrews Hall. The CCH is working with Youth With A Mission. To get involved, contact the CCH or Rodney Gephart, the contact person for YWAM.

State Fair dinner
at Taylor Dining

The Taylor Dining Center will have a State Fair Dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. The food to be served at the dinner includes corn dogs, cotton candy and lemon shake-ups. The meal costs one meal swipe.

Auditions for play
begin Wednesday

Open auditions for 'Incorruptible' will begin with registration at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Black Box theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Those wishing to audition will need to bring a resume and headshot and have two one-minute monologues of contrasting nature prepared. The call back and cast lists will be posted on the call board in the Green Room of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

Now THAT'S January weather



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The snow fall hits the Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday afternoon as students hurry to their next class in order to get out of the freezing, windy weather.

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Biological Science's little secret

Not everyone knows that the biological sciences building is home to snakes, turtles, fish and other little animals. Take a look at a photo blog by online reporter Jennifer Brown on DENnews.com to see these little creatures.



Do you have SAD?

SAD, or Seasonal Affective Disorder, is a depression disorder that usually affects people during the wintertime. Take this quiz at DENnews.com to see if you have any of the symptoms of SAD, or if you have SAD yourself.



BSU fashion tryouts

The Black Student Union's second Fashion Show Tryouts were Thursday. View this video at DENnews.com to see what it was like.

CORRECTION

An article in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* titled "East-ern continues donating to Haiti" had the incorrect amount of money raised for Haiti by the Newman Catholic Center. The correct amount was \$16,000,000

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Students learn more than just dance steps

By Sam Bohne
Staff Reporter

Maturity, social grace, confidence, personality and etiquette are a few of the characteristics that a group of Eastern students have gained while learning ballroom dance.

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., a group of people, varying in skills, talents and expectations, come together in the Student Recreation Center for one reason — to learn how to dance.

Salsa and swing are the two favorite dances of Molly Hussey, a junior childhood education major. She has been attending the meetings for the last two and a half years.

“My favorite thing about being a part of this group would have to be the atmosphere,” Hussey said. “The faculty advisor, Peter Liu, and everyone that comes is so friendly and we have a blast together learning, laughing and dancing.”

Hussey has learned more than just dance steps at the meetings.

“Ballroom has taught me to be both optimistic and confident,” Hussey said.

The Panther Ballroom Dance Society started five years ago when Liu, professor and coordinator of graduate studies at the school of technology, was taking a dance class on campus.

“In that class there were a couple stu-



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Junior early childhood major Molly Hussey and senior kinesiology major Eric Sutor go over the proper moves to ballroom dance Jan. 19 in the Student Rec Center.

dents that felt we needed somewhere to practice after class,” Liu said.

The group formed and has been ad-

vised by Liu ever since.

Another faculty member who has been involved in the group is Diana

Lenzi, a professor of kinesiology and sports studies.

Lenzi, whose own passion for dance

and glittery things developed at a young age when her mother dressed her in too many tutus, had taught Liu in one of her past dances classes.

“He (Liu) makes sure that he dances every day,” Lenzi said.

Lenzi has taught the group dances including the waltz, fox trot, salsa, cha-cha, tango, rumba and merengue.

Lois Guthrie, a senior German major with teacher certification and previous group president, has learned more than the rumba from going to the meetings.

“It has taught me how to be more personable,” Guthrie said. “So many different people come to ballroom so it’s nice to be able to meet and get to know them.”

The ballroom dance meetings are open to all faculty members, students and community members, no matter the amount of experience one has.

“We really don’t have any prerequisites,” Liu said. “This is really not a technical course, it’s a place where they can meet and dance.”

Anyone interested in learning ballroom dance can come to the meetings every Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the dance studio of the Student Rec Center.

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CURRICULUM

Multiple views offered in interdisciplinary classes

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Textbooks — check. Something to take notes with — check. Multiple professors — check.

While most students are used to having one professor, interdisciplinary courses offer students a chance to broaden their horizons and experience more diversity in the classroom.

Cultural Foundations I and II is an interdisciplinary course taught by both Dan Otto, from the philosophy department, and Michael Loudon, from the English department.

“Students get exposed to quite a variety of genres,” Otto said.

Cultural Foundations I teaches Greco-Roman and Judeo-Christian ideas, while Cultural Foundations II discusses Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism and Islamism.

Otto said the interdisciplinary classes are beneficial for students because they get two instructors for the price of one and students get two different perspectives.

“When Professor Loudon was a student, he spent time in India, and I’ve spent time in a Buddhist monastery in Korea,” Otto said.

Pulling cultural examples such as meditation and having morning prayers at 4 a.m., Otto provides a first-hand experience when teaching

about Buddhism, and Loudon can add insight when the class is talking about Indian cultures.

“We try and do the best we can to impart the knowledge of the material to the students,” he said.

One of the disadvantages is coordinating with another person.

Otto said that some of the control he has over lessons is lost, but he still enjoys having the chance to work with another colleague.

Chris Hawkins, a junior philosophy major who took Cultural Foundations I and is now in the second section, likes the different teaching styles.

“Since they have two professors in different disciplines, one is the pri-

mary instructor and the other one gives their view; so that encourages more discussion and students get both viewpoints,” Hawkins said.

Global Threats and Problems is another course that combines geography, sociology, political science and economics with instructors for each of those subjects.

Godson Obia, a geography professor, thinks the class benefits students because it gives them the opportunity to integrate knowledge gained from four different perspectives.

“If we are looking at global warming, pollution or energy in the class, we look, for instance, at economic and political decisions that are made by countries and how the produc-

tion and use affect people and society,” Obia said. “This brings all the views of different disciplines together to help students to solve a common problem.”

Obia said it is extremely important for students to have integrated knowledge on a subject and reflect on a number of perspectives on an issue to benefit their academic and personal development.

Interdisciplinary classes are widely available for students, whether they are majoring in one of the areas of study or they need an upper-level humanities course.

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VIEWS



David Thill

Science is going to kill us all

Deep in the farthest regions of space, a star is undergoing a change.

The star, having spent its life balancing on a tight rope between the expanding hydrogen gases that make up its atmosphere and the crushing weight of gravity pushing against it, is beginning to lose its battle.

As the last of its gases are burnt up, gravity begins to push.

Sooner or later, gravity wins, collapsing the star and then — BOOM! — the star goes supernova.

Somewhere along the line, as the explosion contracts in on itself again, a black hole is formed. A black hole (while still unproven) is a point of infinite density, a place where all matter surrounding it is sucked in and compressed.

And now several hundred scientists and engineers are using the Large Hadron Collider to try and understand such phenomena.

The problem is they very well may kill us all.

That's right, science is at it again, trying to kill everyone. As though films warning us of robotic armies and post-nuclear-winter zombies haven't been enough, scientists are trudging along, doing everything they can to kill everything.

Don't get me wrong, I'm no theologian, nor even all that religious; I merely fear anything that could make me explode in a millisecond.

The LHC is the largest particle accelerator ever built. In fact, it's the largest machine on Earth. Its basic function is to slam ions and particles together at speeds reaching something near the speed of light.

Skeptics have voiced concerns that it may, however, create a black hole that could consume the Earth, thus posing quite a threat to the human race's whole "existing" thing.

But the LHC has been used off and on for the past two years and no such thing has happened yet.

Ultimately, though, the LHC's main function is to help scientists better understand our universe and its creation.

For example, scientists working on the LHC have said a byproduct of their research could lead to better understanding of "dark matter."

Scientists believe that what we conceive as matter actually only makes up about 4 percent of everything in the universe. So, your high school math teacher and your mom were right, even if you think you matter, your basic physical make-up proves that you, in fact, do not.

Scientists believe that even *with* "dark matter" included with what we call matter, the two still only make up about 25 percent of everything in the universe.

They have said the rest is made up of "dark energy." I can't even begin to explain "dark energy" or my head will explode.

But the fact is that scientists want to go fiddling around with this stuff. Hasn't all of history taught us that most things with the word "dark" in front of it rarely turn out to be good? The Dark Ages, dark magic, dark arts, THE dark.

And scientists want to go finding stuff out about "dark matter and energy."

Well, scientists, you can be the ones to go *back* into the DARK house looking for the killer while the rest of us run away like logic tells us to.

Thanks a bunch, science. It looks like you are finally going to kill us all.

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State of the City less than ideal, but Charleston will overcome

While addressing the crowd at the annual Chamber of Commerce "Luau for the Locals" dinner and awards banquet Saturday, Mayor John Inyart delivered his State of the City speech.

It covered issues facing both the state and the city and, as many may have already presumed, the state of the city is not pleasant.

As stated in an article that appeared in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, "Locally, Inyart noted that there has not been a more difficult time in recent memory to be in business than it has been in the last two years."

This is an understatement.

Over the past few years, Charleston has seen a number of businesses close up shop.

All of them closed after a stretch where the city saw new businesses come to town and others making renovations or changing locations, signs that Charleston may have been on the cusp of an economic upswing.

But, just as no man is an island, neither is a town, even a small, rural community such as Charleston.

The national economy sinking into recession followed by the budgetary woes in Springfield have hit home, forcing Charleston officials to make changes along the way, altering the schedules of planned construction or works projects, holding off on those that can be pushed back and the outright hiatus on any new hires in the county for the foreseeable future.

However, as residents of Charleston, we must all remember a time when the outlook for the local economy and employment looked similarly bleak.

Nearly all Eastern students were not here when the Trailmobile factory just north of town closed its doors, though many faculty members and Charleston residents certainly can recall.

"But we can help ourselves — buy locally, become a patron to locally owned businesses. The chain stores will always be there and are in no harm of closing."

Trailmobile employed more than 1,000 people in and around Charleston. Along with Eastern itself and R.R. Donnelley and Sons (as well as other comparable factories), Trailmobile was a major source of employment and revenue in Charleston.

But, with the changing of the times comes a changing of economy. Trailmobile was forced to close down following much outcry from employees and Charleston residents alike.

For quite some time after, a large portion of the local population found itself without work or income, struggling to find a way to make ends meet while often jostling against their former co-workers to find new employment.

Most recovered, some never did.

But the city most certainly did not fold up. Charleston did not turn into a ghost town.

It is important for all Charleston residents, both permanent and Eastern student, to band together and do what they can to help our city make it through. We cannot sit back and hope the state will right its own ship and come to our rescue with funding.

As Inyart pointed out in his speech, "Statewide, the picture is not a pretty one."

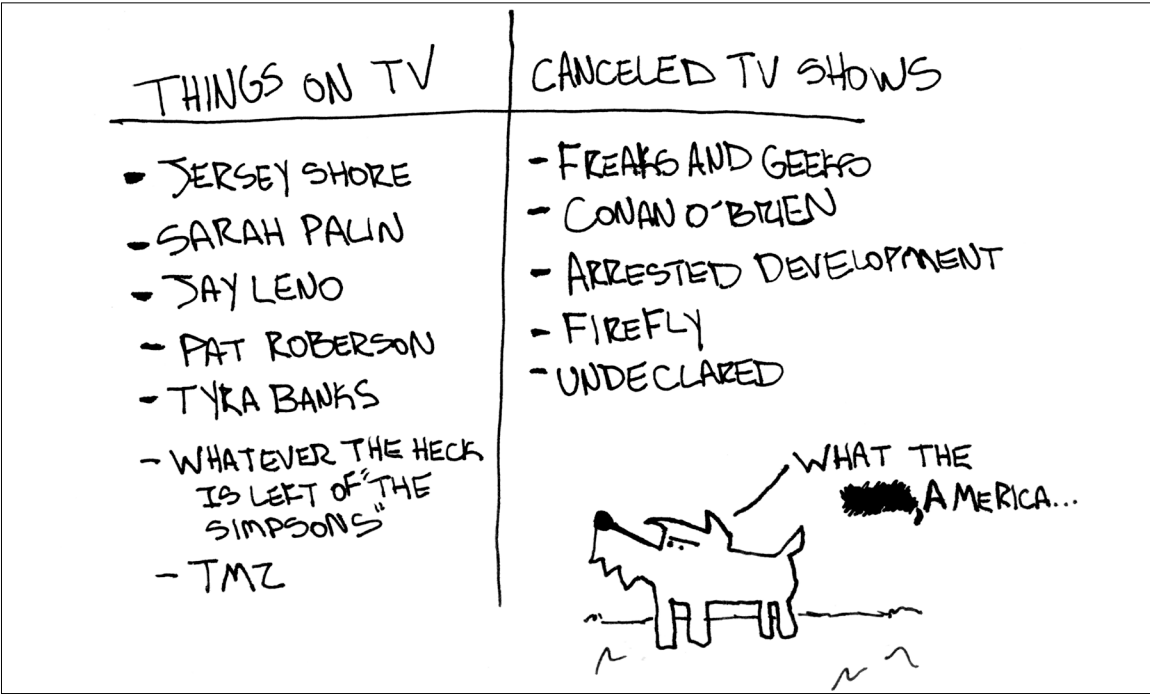
We are not the only community struggling and we will not be the last.

But we can help ourselves — buy locally, become a patron to locally owned businesses. The chain stores will always be there and are in no harm of closing. However, the store or restaurant down the street, perhaps owned by the parents of a fellow Eastern student, may face such harm.

Charleston has survived a violent riot during the Civil War, a deadly tornado early in the 20th century, the Great Depression and numerous other hardships along the way.

Charleston will survive this period as well, so long as we all do our part.

FROM THE EASEL



STATE

Debate more like brawl between Quinn, Hynes

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn and his Democratic opponent Dan Hynes wasted no time attacking each other Monday in their last televised debate, with Hynes saying Quinn was “disoriented” and Quinn calling Hynes “incompetent.”

Their meeting at Chicago’s WT-TW-TV wasn’t billed as a traditional debate and it could more accurately be called a brawl. The personal attacks got even more personal and the two men frequently raised their voices to talk over each other.

Quinn repeatedly invoked Hynes’ father, Chicago politician Tom Hynes, to criticize his son over a campaign ad and pension reform.

“I think Pat Quinn has become disoriented. He thinks he’s running against my father. I know you’ve been in politics for 30 years, but my father retired 15 years ago, maybe you should too,” Hynes said.

Quinn said Hynes had done nothing but work against him as he tried to pull Illinois through its financial crisis.

“I’m very disappointed in the nature of the campaign. I think it’s a low-road campaign with a lot of sleazy tactics and I’m very disappointed in Comptroller Hynes, I thought better of him,” Quinn said.

The campaign has taken on a nastier tone in the days leading up to the Feb. 2 primary since Hynes aired a

campaign ad that featured video of late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington talking about why he removed Quinn as the city’s revenue director more than 20 years ago.

Hynes maintains the ad is relevant to Quinn’s job performance then and now as governor because he says the state’s problems have gotten worse since Quinn took over last year when Gov. Rod Blagojevich was removed from office.

Quinn has said he resigned from his city post because he had been asked by others in the Washington administration to take unethical actions. He has repeatedly chastised Hynes for using the video of Washington because Hynes’ father, Chicago politician Tom Hynes, left the Democratic party in a bid to try to unseat Washington.

Dan Hynes shot back that Quinn’s campaign has run negative ads in the campaign too.

“He acts like he’s a victim and he’s always on the up-and-up and always run positive. He’s running millions of dollars in negative against me as well. You just don’t see me whining about it,” Hynes said.

One of Quinn’s ads hits Hynes for lack of oversight of a cemetery that was the site of a grave desecration scandal. He called Hynes “incompetent.” Hynes said his office had only a minimal oversight role.

The debate came the same day Hynes was endorsed by former Illinois Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch.

Ford to add 1,200 jobs in Chicago

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. will add 1,200 jobs at its Chicago assembly plant later this year to build the new Explorer sport utility vehicle, a person briefed on the matter said Monday.

The company and Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn are scheduled to make the announcement on Tuesday at the factory, but Quinn told reporters in Chicago on Monday that 1,200 new jobs were coming to Il-

linois.

“Tomorrow, in one day, we’re going to get 1,200 new jobs for Illinois,” Quinn said at a breakfast event that was unrelated to the Ford announcement.

The person briefed on the announcement said some of the workers will be from Ford’s pool of employees laid off at other factories. The person did not want to be identified because the announcement has not been made.

The new Explorer will be built on

the same frame as the Taurus sedan, which is built at the Chicago plant.

Ford has long had plans to base the once-popular Explorer on a car rather than truck frame. The company says the new one will have SUV-like towing and hauling capacity, but will be more maneuverable and fuel efficient than its predecessor.

Ford has sold more than 6.5 million Explorers since the SUV went on sale in 1990 as a 1991 model. But the segment has been suffering due to high gasoline prices.

NATION

Dem leaders unite on health care strategy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic congressional leaders are uniting around their last, best hope for salvaging President Barack Obama’s sweeping health care overhaul.

Their plan is to pass the Senate bill with some changes to accommodate House Democrats, senior Democratic aides said Monday. Leaders will present the idea to the rank and file this week, but it’s unclear that they will have the votes to move forward.

Last week’s victory by Republican Scott Brown in Massachusetts cost Democrats the 60th vote they need

to maintain undisputed control of the Senate, jeopardizing the outcome of the health care bill just when Obama had brokered a final deal on most of the major issues.

“We’ve put so much effort into this, so much hard work, and we were so close to doing some significant things. Now we have to find the political path that brings us out. And it’s not easy,” the No. 2 Senate Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois, said Monday.

The new strategy is as politically risky as it is bold. There is widespread support for Obama’s goals of expanding coverage to nearly all Americans

while trying to slow costs. But polls show the public is deeply skeptical of the Democratic bills, and Republicans would certainly accuse Democrats of ignoring voters’ wishes.

Obama initially voiced doubts last week that a comprehensive bill was still viable, but he now seems to be pushing for it. Asked Monday if the president was backing away from his pursuit of major changes, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs responded: “No.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said last week she does not have the votes to pass the Senate bill without changes.

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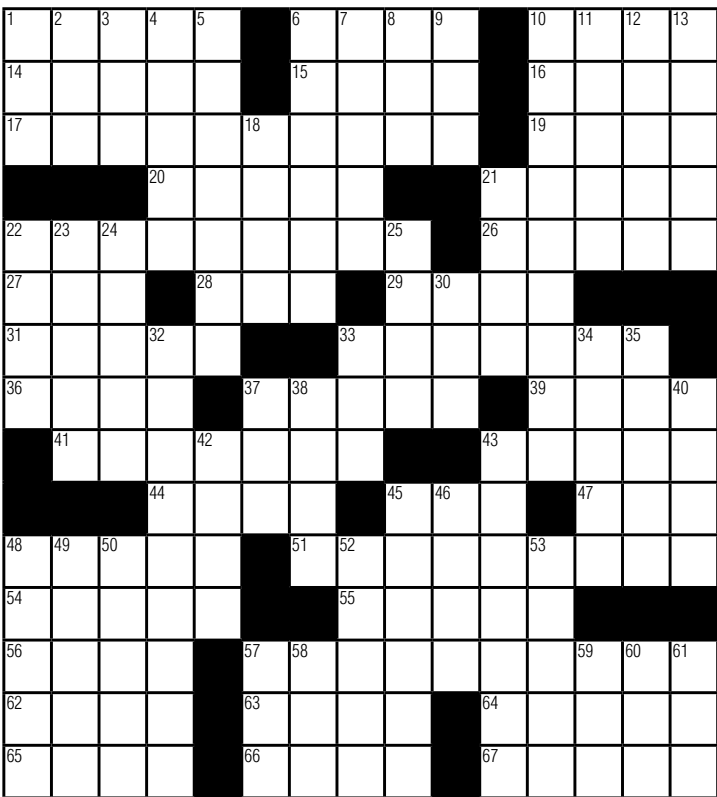
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Also, three times, that score would beat the Panthers’ single-game score.

By the bench scoring 40 points Saturday, two of Eastern’s opponents would have lost this season – Brescia (28 points) and Southeast Missouri (39 points).

At times, the bench is scoring a ridiculous number of points. Oth-

er times, the bench is just scoring enough points to put Eastern over the top.

So, can I refer to the bench players as secret weapons? If so, Sallee has a bunch.

Alex McNamee can be reached at 581-7944 or admcnamee@eiu.edu.

GRANGER, from page 8

“We have to have guys in practice that challenge us with going after offensive rebounds so we’re better.”

Cisse had 10 boards on Saturday for his fourth double-digits night of the season. Senior forward Edin Suljic had a career-high 12 rebounds.

Defense steps up

The Panthers’ defense has been tough

this weekend, forcing opponents to score well below their season averages.

Murray State and Tennessee Martin both had 19 points below their averages.

“I thought this week, the Murray game this Thursday was one of our best defensive games,” Miller said. “Though, if you put these two games together, this might be the best weekend series that we defended this year just because

we were able to be more consistent. We didn’t have a lot of breakdowns.”

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1/25

The College of Education and Professional Studies will be having the University Admission to Teacher Education Meeting on Monday, January 25, from 5-5:50 p.m. in 1501 Buzzard Hall Auditorium. Students must formally apply for University Admission to Teacher Education. This is done by attending a meeting. Students who have not previously applied must attend. Registration is not required.

1/25

Kick-off Meeting for SAEYC! Find out more information about the organization and check in to being an officer! Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 pm in Buzzard 1128.

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Views



Alex McNamee

How much can you bench?

You would not think that a bunch of bench players were capable of beating an opponent’s entire roster. You would not think, but you should start now.

The women’s basketball team dominated Tennessee Martin Saturday, winning 74-47. That counts for another win on the team’s current seven-game streak.

Eastern’s bench scored 40 of the team’s 74 points against the Skyhawks, leading me to believe the Panthers’ bench would have been capable of defeating a lackadaisical UT-Martin team.

Sure, 40 points is not 47, but there are some definite “what ifs” to what could’ve, should’ve and almost did happen.

What if freshman forward Mariah King would not have gotten popped in the nose, forcing her to temporarily leave the game at the end of the first half?

King finished the game as Eastern’s leading scorer with 14 points off the bench. If she would have been able to play out the rest of the first half, you could tack on a few more points.

Senior forward Marie Baker was on fire in every sense of the word during her eight minutes of play. What if head coach Brady Sallee would have left her in, postponing her eventual standing ovation?

At the rate she was scoring — going 4-of-7 shooting — you could probably tack on at least enough points to match her career high of 13.

What if sophomore guard Madeline Kish would have played more than just 14 minutes? She was as hot as anyone shooting from beyond the arc.

Kish stepped into the game and drained 2-of-4 three pointers to jolt the Panthers to an even bigger lead. If she had played more, maybe she would have hit two more.

I have not even mentioned freshman guard Kelsey Wyss (three points), senior guard Lauren Sturtevant (one point), or freshman forward Sydney Mitchell (eight points). Who knows what else these three girls might have accomplished?

For the second time this season, I have witnessed a “wow” factor come from the Panthers’ bench players.

Give or take a couple points, the bench could have outscored UT-Martin’s entire team.

Next time, I will not be surprised when I see this type of effort, spark and result from the bench — I mean, it has happened before.

The date was Nov. 29, earlier this season, and Eastern was playing Brescia (Ky.). The Panthers won the game convincingly, 110-28. Eastern’s bench scored 57 points.

Think about this — 57 points could have either matched or overtaken six of Eastern’s opponents this season.

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Men’s Basketball Notebook

Granger getting back on track

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

Sophomore point guard Jeremy Granger has gotten back on track the past two games.

The team’s second leading scorer, Granger was able to score 23 points Thursday against Murray State and 12 points Saturday against Tennessee Martin.

Before these two games, Granger was struggling to score points. He was held scoreless against Morehead State Jan. 16 and tallied only five points against Eastern Kentucky Jan. 14.

“I need to just get the confidence back,” Granger said. “I need to start doing what I do best. When I go to the hole, I need to pull up instead of going all the way in there where the big guys are. Just make a shot and keep going.”

The Elgin native averages 9.6 points per game, behind junior guard Tyler Laser, who is averaging 14.3 points per game.

Head coach Mike Miller said Granger and the offense need to spread the ball around and score consistently for success.

“We need to come back and get more balance,” Miller said. “That’s the strength of our team in the balance. It’s not any one person, but it’s that balance where we could come at you from different areas.”

Rebounding becoming stronger

The last couple of games, Eastern has improved its rebounding game.

Eastern out-rebounded Murray State, 32-30, and Tennessee Martin, 48-36, in its past two games.

During the tough road trip last week, Eastern lost the battle of the boards 37-24 and 42-38 to Morehead State and Murray State, respectively. The Panthers tied Eastern Kentucky at 26 apiece.

“That’s why we have to practice,” senior center Ousmane Cisse said.

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Senior guard T.J. Marion goes up for the shot during the game against UT Martin Saturday night in Lantz Arena. Marion scored 10 points as the Panthers won 60-46.

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Women’s tennis loses to IPFW in opener

Blackburn impressed with team despite loss

By Dane Urban
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women’s tennis team kicked off their season on the road against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Sunday, resulting in a 5-2 loss.

IPFW won two out of three doubles matches against the Panthers.

The team’s lone winner was

the doubles team of sophomores Amanda Dibbs and Annie Egan.

The pair won their doubles match 8-2 over the Mastodons’ junior Yuka Kobayashi and sophomore Raquel Vescovi.

Eastern head coach John Blackburn said he was impressed with the efforts that he saw on the doubles court even after the loss.

“It was competitive out there,” Blackburn said. “We just came up short a bit.”

The highlight of the day for the Panthers was during their singles action when freshman Merritt Whitley won her first colle-

giate match 7-6 (6), 6-2 over Vescovi.

“We were all excited for Whitley when she walked away with her first win,” Blackburn said.

Sophomore Juliana Frey was the only other Panther with a win in singles play, winning her match 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Despite the loss, Blackburn said he was impressed with his players, especially Egan and Dibbs who he said stood out to him.

Blackburn said he saw good things from his players Sunday, but said he thinks there is room

for improvement.

“We competed really hard but we have some things to work on,” Blackburn said.

The women will be going after their first win of the season when they return to action Saturday.

Eastern will travel down state to face off against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in Edwardsville.

The action is set to start at 3:30 p.m.

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Eastern Sports Schedule

Women’s basketball Thursday at Tennessee Tech 5:30 p.m.. – Cookeville, Tenn.	Men’s basketball Thursday at Tennessee Tech 7:30 p.m.. – Cookeville, Tenn.	Women’s basketball Saturday at Jacksonville State 2 p.m. – Jacksonville, Ala.	Men’s basketball Saturday at Jacksonville State 4:30 p.m. – Jacksonville, Ala.	Men’s tennis Saturday at SIU-Edwardsville 3:30 p.m. – Edwardsville	For more please see eiupanthers.com
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National Sports

Men’s college basketball Michigan State at Michigan 6 p.m. on ESPN	Men’s college basketball Clemson at Boston College 6 p.m. on ESPN2	Men’s college basketball Kentucky at South Carolina 8 p.m. on ESPN	Men’s college basketball Northwestern at Minnesota 8 p.m. on Big Ten Network	NHL Blackhawks at Oilers 8:30 p.m. on CSN
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