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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

SNOW DAY EDITION



Classes are cancelled and campus is covered in ice. What is there to do? Go to the Rec of course! Check out Snow Day at the Rec at DENnews.com to see what students did at the Rec on their day off.

Are you prepared for the snowpocalypse? Take the quiz at DENnews.com to find out!

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SNOW DAY: CLASSES CANCELLED TWO DAYS IN A ROW

CAMPUS

Ice makes navigation risky

Grounds workers spend morning clearing empty paths and walkways

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

Slipping and falling on ice are not the greatest danger that students and staff may encounter; instead, the ice weighing down the branches of trees on campus puts pedestrians at risk.

Brian Shull, a campus grounds worker, said he was working with other grounds workers since 7 a.m. Tuesday clearing campus pathways and he encountered the biggest fallen branch he had seen next to the Pemberton Hall parking lot near the Physical Science building.

"The limbs of trees are extremely heavy with the ice on them and the freezing air temperature weakens the limbs," Shull said. "As the limbs are weakened, they become very brittle and the strong winds make the frozen branches swing and break off."

There are currently more than 2,000 trees located on campus.

Ryan Siegel, Campus Energy and Sustainability coordinator, said the obvious dangers with the ice are slip-



Brian Schull, a grounds worker on campus, cleans up the broken tree limbs that were outside of the physical science building Tuesday afternoon.

ping and falling, which could cause scrapes and bruises, as well as potential for broken bones, but there have been several tree limbs that have broken off because of the ice.

"With the deteriorating weather, the grounds crews have been fo-

cus on not only cleaning up what has fallen from the trees but also trying to identify potential future dangers from falling limbs," Siegel said.

Collected fallen limbs of trees are taken to the landscape waste pile on

campus that is maintained throughout the year.

"The pile is for not only the limbs that have fallen but also as routine maintenance like when tree trimming occurs," Siegel said.

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STUDENTS

Students stock up on supplies

Food and snow equipment almost flies off the shelves

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor

Students stocked up for last minute supplies before the winter storm on Monday.

The most common food items included bread and milk, said Randy Rock, Charleston Wal-Mart manager.

Rock said the Charleston Wal-Mart experienced a 25 percent increase in sales on Monday.

The Charleston Wal-Mart sold out of almost all of their winter supplies, including shovels and ice melts.

"It was a great day in sales," Rock said.

Rock said that he did not see as many customers Tuesday morning.

"I have seen an increase of student traffic late last night and early morning," Rock said.

Jim Buening, manager of the Save-A-Lot, would not comment if Save-A-Lot experienced an increase in sales on Monday.

"There were definitely more customers in the stores," Buening said.

Buening said Save-A-Lot does not sell snow equipment, but customers stocked up on food supplies, and they sold out of rocks, which customers use to break up the snow on their driveways.

Leigh Morris, a spokesperson of Ameren Illinois, said students should prepare before the winter storm occurs.

"Students should have sufficient food supplies for at least 3-5 days worth," Morris said.

In case of a power outage, students should have an emergency kit containing first aid, flashlights and extra batteries in their homes.

Morris said that landline cordless phones would not work during power outages, so students need to have a hardwire phone or a fully charged cell phone, Morris said.

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WEATHER

Ice, snow, cause of two day class cancellations

Nearly one inch of ice covers ground, snow to pile on top

By Sam Bohne
Associate News Editor

For the second day in a row, class has been canceled as a result of inclement weather.

At 4:40 p.m. on Monday, the first e-mail was sent for the cancellation of on-campus classes starting at 5 p.m. and later.

Five hours later, at 9:40 p.m., an e-mail was sent to students and staff informing the cancellation of classes for Tuesday Feb. 1.

On Feb. 1, a third e-mail was sent to students at 2:55 p.m. informing students that classes for today would be canceled.

The cause of the cancellations, according to the e-mail was "due to deteriorating weather conditions."

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the fact that many students, staff and faculty commute to Eastern was a factor in the decision to cancel classes.

"Classes have been canceled, of course, due to the weather conditions," Lord said.

Cameron Craig, a geographer and climatologist at Eastern, said as

of 12 p.m. Tuesday, Charleston has received .25 inches of ice, but a total of .68 inches of melted precipitation.

At 6:07 p.m. Tuesday, Craig said .9 inches of sleet and ice had fallen over the past 24 hours.

Craig said Charleston is expected to get a total of 5-8 inches of snow from Tuesday to Wednesday.

"This stuff is not going to go

away," Craig said.

Since November, Charleston has received 15.6 inches of snow, Craig said, but the past average for the winter is 19 inches.

With the 10 inches of snow expected for Charleston, Craig said this average will be passed.

In the past, Craig said, the snowiest January in Charleston history was in 1996 when it snowed a

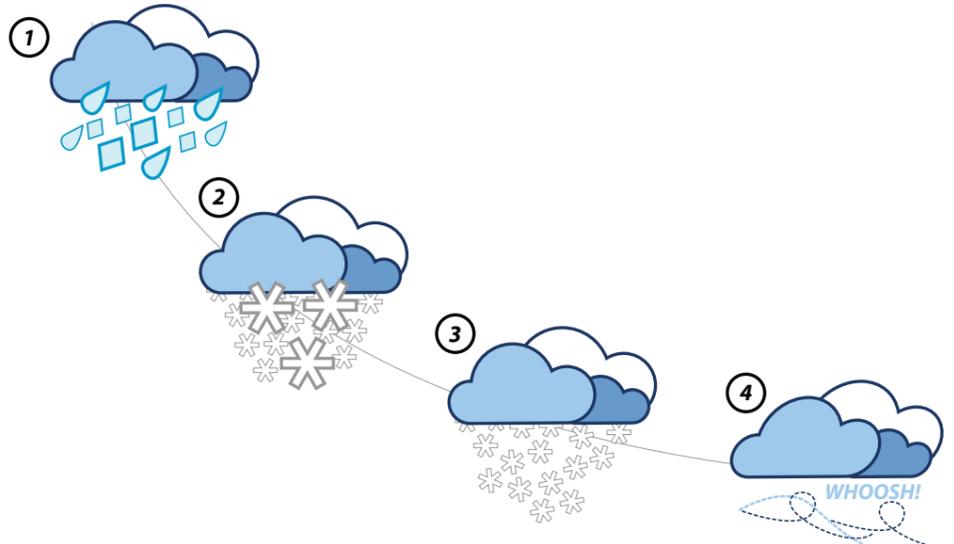
total of 32.1 inches and the snowiest February in history was in 1908 with a total of 24 inches.

"We're off to a good start," Craig said.

The record for the most snow on February 1 was in 1988 with a total of 1.75 inches of melted precipitation Craig said.

Temperatures for today are expected to be in the 30s.

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1. Tuesday, sleet and rain covered everything in a fine layer of ice crystals

2. By late Tuesday, sleet changed to snow

3. Snow will begin to dwindle by mid-Wednesday

4. Strong winds will follow, with gusts estimated to be 35-40 mph

ILLUSTRATION BY CALEB BRANSON

BRIEF

Weather conditions lead to closings

Java to be closed, Rec to alter opening times

Staff Report

As of Tuesday afternoon, the University Food Court and Java Beanery & Bakery located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will be closed.

Also, as of Feb. 1, The Student Recreation Center will be opening late at 7:30 a.m. today.

The Student Senate meeting and the University Board's Open Mic Night scheduled for today are both canceled.

EIU weather

TODAY



Snow
High: 20°
Low: -1°

THURSDAY



Partly cloudy
High: 13°
Low: -1°

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what's on tap

WEDNESDAY

60 minute clinic

Career Services is hosting a clinic on how to make a cover letter. Reservations are required to attend.

Classes Canceled

All classes are canceled for Eastern students, but the university will remain open to conduct business,

THURSDAY

5 p.m. Chinese New Year

Carman Dining Hall is hosting a special dining event to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

6 p.m. Etiquette Dinner

Learn the dos and don'ts of meal etiquette and receive advice on how to conduct yourself at a dinner event. The event will be in the Grand Ballroom in the MLK Jr. Union.

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Super Bowl Party

Taylor Hall is hosting a Super Bowl party with snacks and an eating contest, along with the football game.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

ONLINE

Photo Gallery: Ice, ice baby

Oh the weather outside is frightful but the ice is so delightful! Check out the photos take by the DEN photo desk in the photo gallery: Ice, Ice Baby on DENnews.com.



Video: Intramural sports

It's time for men's intramural basketball. This time it was Pike Garnet vs. Revolution. It was a close game with Pike Garnet 41, Revolution 39. See clips of the game and interviews with the captains in the video: Men's Intramural Basketball Diaries 2 Pike Garnet vs. Revolution at DENNews.com.



Snow does not stop strength



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Matt Rzaa, a senior industrial technology major, and Tucker Springfield, a senior accounting major, work out in the Student Recreation Center despite the deteriorating weather Tuesday. The Rec closed at 6 p.m. because of the weather.

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EIU History Lesson

February 2

- 2009** After a few students left their windows open overnight, the hot water pipes in Carman Hall froze causing the residents of Carman to be evacuated.
- 1999** The fire alarms at Andrews Hall failed to go off when a third floor stove started emitting smoke. Residents evacuated, but the alarm never sounded.
- 1981** The second conference for Illinois Student Governments took place on Eastern's campus.

HISTORY

Eastern snow days: A history

By Nike Ogunbodede
 Student Government Editor

Eastern's tendency of never canceling classes because of weather-related issues has been broken again, nearly four years after its last snow day in 2007.

Bob Hillman, the university archivist, said that snow days are a rare occasion on Eastern's campus, but has become more frequent over the last few years.

"This is just me speculating, but now there are a lot of off campus programs and people that travel around to and from off-campus sites," Hillman said.

Classes were canceled Tuesday, as well as today, because of the administration's fear of accumulated ice on trees falling on pedestrians.

If the decision to cancel classes is made during the night, the administration uses four notification channels to notify the campus.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said if the decision to cancel classes is made overnight, it is decided before 4 a.m.

"The idea is for everyone to see the post before 5 a.m., when many people leave their homes if they have to travel any distance," Lord said.

Local television, e-mail blast, radio and the Eastern website are the four ways students can receive updates.

These procedures have been in place for seven years.

"When the call is made, we update the website," Lord said. "We activate this when bad weather is in the area."

But on Feb. 1, 1982, Charleston weather was so detrimental that Daniel E. Marvin, then president, decided to close Eastern's campus when workers could not remove the reported 22 inches of snow from campus in time.

Most state highways were also closed that day.

"It makes no sense to leave the school open," Marvin said in the 1982 issue of The Daily Eastern News.

Another Eastern campus closing can be dated back to 1977, when then President Martin Schaefer shut down campus for a full seven days after the Central Illinois Public Service put in a request.

CIPS' request was issued to all large consumers of natural heating gas to ensure enough natural heating gas for the residents of Charleston.

The university allowed emergency student loans for students who did not have the money to go home for the seven-day cancellation.

Students without a place to go were relocated to the former East Hall.

Back in 2007, Lou Hencken, then president, canceled all classes after 11 a.m. because of 40 mph winds, falling ice and freezing rain.

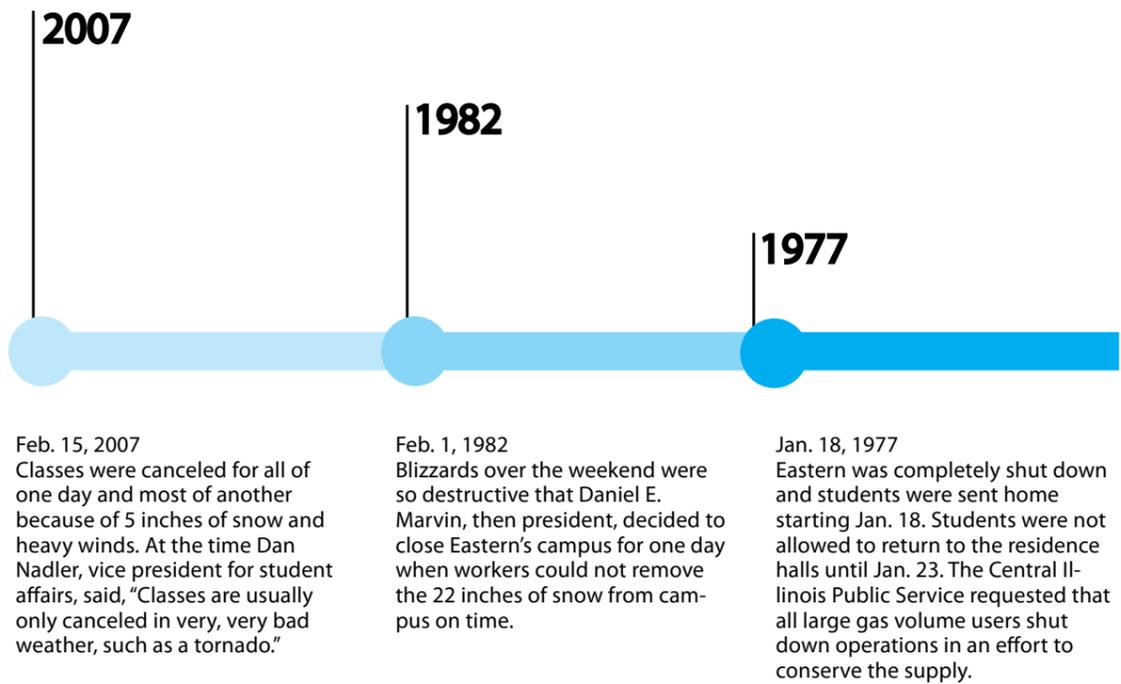
Illinois is no stranger to cold weather and Eastern is well prepared for bad weather.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, was also on campus during the last Eastern snow day.

In the Feb. 15, 2007 issue of The Daily Eastern News, Nadler said, "Classes are usually only canceled in very, very bad weather, such as a tornado."

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Snow days from the past



CAMPUS

Absorbing a snow day

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
 News Editor

Now that classes have been canceled for two days, Eastern students and faculty will have to find ways to make up for the lost class time.

It is still early in the semester, so there is time to adjust the topics for the course, said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Assande Adom, an assistant professor in the economics department, came to campus Tuesday morning ready to teach, but upon arriving, he found out classes were canceled.

"My first option is I could readjust my schedule to accommodate the fact that we lost a day," he said. "My plan was to cover a certain amount of topics before the midterm."

"My second option would be to speed a little bit to make up for the lesson lost until I can recover what ever has been lost today," Adom said.

Lord said if the campus had extensive downtime, the administration would have to readjust the schedule, but that has never happened in the history of Eastern.

David Raybin, a professor in the English department, said he will keep his classes on schedule by e-mailing his students to have the readings completed for Thursday's class meeting.

While professors are left with the task to cover the lost class time, many

Eastern students used the day to catch up on homework.

Adam Mobley, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, left Booth Library at 2 p.m. on Tuesday after working on three papers he had completed for this semester.

"It's probably better we didn't have classes today," Mobley said. "I understand we pay tuition, but at the end of the day, the work still gets done and it's the same grade on the transcripts."

Nathan Ulrich, a junior chemistry major, and Tim McGrath, a junior art major with a graphic design option, were in the library working on homework Tuesday afternoon as well.

"As far as classes being canceled, people should know what is going on anyways," McGrath said.

While no one can control the weather, impromptu cancellations kind of wreak havoc with a schedule, as well as become an inconvenience, Adom said.

"We don't like losing a day here and there but I don't think its anything we can't handle," Lord said.

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HOUSING

Housing available for students and staff

By Seth Schroeder
 Activities Editor

Lawson Hall has rooms available for those who cannot make the drive home.

Alison Sinadinos, resident director of Lawson Hall, explained that the second floor of Lawson is set up as conference housing. It is a place for guests to stay at the university for conferences, camps and sometimes for faculty who are unable to make their trip home.

Sinadinos said the rooms used for conference housing are not like the rooms found in residence halls. Each room has linens, a TV and an individual

bathroom.

Jody Horn, director of dining, explained that some of the dining staff has volunteered to stay the night at Lawson to make sure they can work tomorrow.

While all four dining halls will remain open today, Horn predicted that they will all be closed by 8 p.m.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Do not spread pink eye; go wash your damn hands

Students on college campuses expect to be exposed to more illnesses than the average person because of the amount of people they come in contact with every day.

Every year the flu sweeps through campus and infects a large part of the student population.

However, there are more illnesses and infections out there than just different strands of the flu to worry about, and one of these infections is closer than we think.

Pink eye, or Infectious Conjunctivitis, has been spreading quickly throughout campus.

There are many cases of the infection, one of which is the introduction of feces particles in the eye.

The symptoms can become so severe that the person who contracted the infection can have difficulty opening his or her eyes and even looking at light.

Even a mild case of pink eye will leave you rubbing your itchy eye for three to five days.

College students have a hard enough time dragging themselves out of bed to go to class, so they don't need an excuse to stay home and miss even more classes.

We are sure no one wants to be sitting next to someone in class who is in the throws of an extremely contagious infection.

And no one wants to be the kid quarantined by empty seats on all sides.

So, everyone needs to be even more careful than they already are about their hygiene.

This infection can be easily prevented by washing and/or sanitizing one's hands, and not touching one's eyes.

Eye drops can also be used to help prevent the infection.

Health Services has a basket of free hand sanitizer sitting at the check in counter, and this should be taken advantage of.

And if a student has pink eye, they should refrain from being around other students and faculty to avoid spreading the infection.

Pink eye is an annoying disease that is very contagious, yet very preventable.

Everyone should be doing their part to make sure our college community is as healthy as it can be.

After missing two days of classes because of the storm, everybody is going to have a little extra work on their plates.

No one needs the extra stress of a nasty case of pink eye.

So wash your damn hands.

No one wants feces particles in their eyes.

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COLUMN

Let the courts judge Graywood suspects

Last week I wrote a column about the importance of not being quick to judge in our interpretations of situations.

With a lot happening in local news about the situation happening at the Graywood Foundation, I feel the need to reiterate my point.

For those of you who have read up on what is occurring, there are two men facing murder charges in relation to the beating of a man at the Graywood residence.

Reading through the blogs of both this paper and the local papers, it is quite evident that people are quick to judge the accused.

This situation is tragic and not only is one man dead, but two others are facing the reality that their lives as they know it will never be the same.

There are both facts and rumors, and it is not up to us to decide fact from fiction. We have a system in place to determine a person's guilt, and it is important that we allow our justice system to work



Julian Russell

through the facts and the allegations.

We can only hope and assume that the police and the folks in charge will perform a thorough and diligent investigation that will allow for a jury to make an informed and balanced decision.

If we were to put ourselves in the shoes of the accused and all of the families involved, we would hope that the people of Charleston would not be quick to assume anything.

Sometimes words can be damaging. Throwing stones only leads to broken windows.

The best we can do now is to pray for

all parties involved, if that is your sort of thing, and again to hope that justice is served in the correct manner.

These cases have many details and multiple answers to seek, and in time all of the information will be brought to light.

Judge not less ye be judged.

That was the moral of last week's story and I again can only hope that this message rings clear to the people of Eastern and Charleston.

The last thing we want to do is to appoint ourselves as judge and jury in a case that, no matter the result, is a tragedy in all of our hearts.

To the families involved on all sides, to the other residents, the workers, and to the men and women in charge: take a deep breath.

We wish you the best, and we hope this will all be over soon, as much as it can be.

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FROM THE EASEL



RACHEL RODGERS AND SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

Local bars should lower entry age to 18

By **Megan Tkacy**
 Columnist

When I transferred to Eastern a year and a half ago, I took a walk around the college's campus and was happier than ever to be 21.

This meant I could go to the bars on the weekend with my new friends I was going to meet during my time here and things would be grand.

But then it set in: Since many students don't turn 21 until their senior year, most of the people I would meet at transfer functions and orientations would be too young to go with me to the bars on the weekend, which is unfortunate in a bar town like Charleston.

Unless you're willing to drive 20 minutes to Mattoon, the best Charleston really has to offer are bars and clubs which target only a small percentage of the students.

This to me was very surprising, to have a college town which doesn't really offer any sort of nightlife for most of the students living here for 9 months out of the year.

I did some research and found out that the bar entry age for Charleston used to be 19, like at U of I, but this was short-lived for a few reasons.

When the entry age was 19, the bars attracted a crowd of rowdy high school students and

fights often broke out. During this time, alcohol-related ER visits were at a high and crowds at bars were hard to control.

These were seen as reasons to move the bar entry age back up to 21, but I feel like these problems could have been solved otherwise.

If Eastern was worried about fights breaking out because of young students getting into the bars then they should take a look at the people of age that are allowed to enter bars.

Almost every time I have been to the bars in Charleston I have witnessed a fight, so I don't think it's a matter of age, it's the fact that some people get bally when they're drunk and like to start fights. Plain and simple.

Since those under 21 are not legally allowed to drink anyway, bars should initiate rules requiring those under 21 to have a stamp on their hand or a wristband so bartenders don't serve them alcohol.

Also, bars could introduce a rule where those of age buying drinks can only buy one drink at a time.

Clubs in Chicago that are 18 and over serve alcohol and require those buying alcohol to have a wristband. I don't see how that concept could work in a huge city like that and not work in a small town like Charleston.

With every good rule there has to be a plan to carry it out though. Bars in Charleston in

general need to have better security for their guests and need to be accountable for what goes on inside.

I've seen so many people enter a bar, exit the bar and hand their ID to an underage friend who then uses the ID to get into the bar.

While inside, bartenders are in such a rush to serve drinks that they are serving drinks to those who are already intoxicated.

Serving someone more alcohol when they are already drunk is illegal and bars can be liable for that person if they drive drunk or are injured as a result of their intoxication level.

With all of the illegal things that already happen in Charleston's bars, I doubt admitting students two years younger than the entry age is going to shake things up.

A lower entry age would require bars to pay more attention to what is going on in their establishments and to be more accountable for their guests.

Bars can charge a cover for those under 21 to make up for the money they won't be making from drinks and it will allow more students to experience the nightlife that Charleston has to offer instead of driving an hour to U of I.

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"Those limbs are later ground-up and used for mulch around campus as well as are used in the Campus Compost Program."

The icy pathways on campus have also been a concern for grounds and maintenance workers.

"We are expecting more ice, wind and snow to hit us, so we have been going around campus and doing a major cleanup with trying to clear the sidewalks," Siegel said.

To clear the main pathways on campus, sand is spread to provide traction on the ice whereas other areas

have ice-melt to clear the ice.

"Ice-melt is primarily used around building entrances, especially around stairs," Siegel said. "We use sand on the sidewalks in an environmentally friendly manner instead of spreading salt across all of the campus."

Siegel said he advises students to try and remain inside, out of the weather, whenever possible and to exercise extreme caution if they do have to leave the building.

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CANCELLATIONS, from page 1

Temperatures for today are expected to reach a daytime high of 23 degrees and lower to negative 1 degrees tonight.

With the ice received in this "weather event," Craig said we may see power outages throughout East Central Illinois.

"Power lines are going to be a major problem," Craig said.

Another problem associated with this event are road conditions. Craig suggests that people avoid traveling

by car if they can.

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"This stuff is not going to go away."

Cameron Craig, geographer and climatologist

SUPPLIES, from page 1



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A layer of ice covers a tree in the North Quad Tuesday. Classes were canceled two days in a row due to the ice.

"If a person is on medication, they should have an extra supply of their medication on hand," Morris said.

Students should take steps to keep as warm as possible such as dressing in layers, Morris said.

Students should also turn off water faucets to prevent pipes from freezing and not leave their oven doors open to heat their apartment, Morris said. Leaving open an oven door could start a fire or lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Tempting as it can be, do not use your oven unless you are baking something," Morris said.

If a student purchases a generator, they should hire an electrician to install a transfer switch, which isolates currents powered by the generator and prevents electric currents from being sent back to Ameren's power grid.

A lineman could be electrocuted if the currents created by the generator went back to the grid, Morris said

He also said students should not place a generator in a closed area.

"Generators are not for everyone," Morris said. Students should think about the pros and cons of a buying generator for an apartment or house.

"Generators are expensive and can be noisy," Morris said.

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- ACROSS
- Jettisoned compartment
 - Update, in a way
 - Noise in a comic book gunfight
 - Expert
 - Key of "The James Bond Theme"
 - Bathe
 - Big _____
 - Margarita alternatives
 - Spanish for "the meadows"
 - Mexican bloom
 - Like telemarketing headsets
 - Bit of a climb
 - They're caught in Chicago
 - What a cheeky one's cheek might get
 - Screen role for Skippy the dog
 - Pit_____
 - Cook Island carving
 - Card game of Spanish origin
 - Salsa verde ingredients
 - Barrio outsider
 - At 30° W 30° N, e.g.
 - Lock part
 - Goals against, e.g.
 - "What _____ be done?"
 - Certain Protestant: Abbr.
 - Golfer Aoki
 - Reason for an evacuation
 - Baja buddies
 - Like traditional Mexican music
 - Procrastinating words south of the border
 - Castor _____ (old comic strip character)
 - Subj. involving cells
 - Be altruistic
 - Mustachioed "Simpsons" character
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PUZZLE BY PATRICK MERRELL

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 - None too swift
 - Officially annual
 - Go from home to home?
 - One of a 15th-century trio
 - "With the jawbone of _____"
 - Comfy footwear, briefly
 - Slowly disappears
 - Bor-r-ring
 - Soup kitchen server
 - Use
 - Tijuana tables
 - One turned off for takeoff
 - Virgins of ancient Rome
 - Island capital of 2.6 million
 - It requires one who's blind with a bat
 - Two-handed vase
 - 1977 double-platinum album by Steely Dan
 - Sweeping shot
 - Medit. land
 - Flattens, for short
 - Arthur of "The Golden Girls"
 - \$200 Monopoly properties: Abbr.
 - Gift in "The Gift"
 - Crone's concoction
 - White House ceremony site
 - Syrian presidential family
 - Helping for the very hungry, maybe
 - "La _____"
 - At full speed
 - Evergreen with edible nuts
 - Psi follower
 - Cheap, in adpeak
 - "But of course"
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BRIEF

Women's basketball game against SIU-E could be canceled due to bad weather

Staff Report

Associate Athletic Director/ Media and Public Relations Rich Moser said there is a chance that Eastern's women's basketball game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville could be canceled.

Moser said if there are no classes on Thursday, then Athletic Director Barbara Burke will need to talk to Uni-

versity Administration to see if Eastern is capable of hosting a game.

The Athletic Department has talked to officials at SIU-E and the team is planning on leaving Thursday afternoon. If SIU-E deems the roads are not safe the game will also be canceled.

As of press time, tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

TRACK, from page 8

Gingerich said despite the weather conditions, the team will carry on with its regularly scheduled workouts and practice sessions.

"The only major difference is that we won't be able to run outside," Gingerich said.

Gingerich said the team will move its practice to the indoor facilities or workout at the Student Recreation Center.

With the Notre Dame Meyo Invite still a few days away, Gingerich said she hopes the roads and driving conditions will have improved to make the Panthers' trip to South Bend a safe one.

A weather forecast for South Bend, Ind. shows that snow showers will continue through Thursday morning, but only partly cloudy skies on the weekend.

Gingerich spoke about how she has driven in tough weather conditions before and how scary how an experience it can be.

"It (the meet) is still a few days away, so hopefully the meet will have cleared up by then," Gingerich said.

With the meet being away from Lantz Fieldhouse, the decision whether or not to hold the meet will be made by Notre Dame's athletic administrators.

When meets are held at the Lantz Fieldhouse, head coach Tom Akers says that the coaching staff tries to use their best judgment in making decisions.

"Obviously the Athletic Director has the final say, but generally we use our own best judgement," Akers said.

Akers said that the main focus of determining whether or not to cancel during inclement conditions is made for the safety of traveling athletes, coaches and fans.

"The 'Big Blue' name is jokingly referred to as the color of your skin because it's so cold."

Tom Akers, head coach

"With indoor track, weather is not a concern for competition, just travel safety," Akers said.

However, once the indoor track season is over, weather conditions cannot be used as an excuse.

"Usually we will have our outdoor track meets during rain, snow and sleet. We are lucky to have our fieldhouse so close to our outdoor facility so athletes can warm-up for their events indoors, come outside and compete, and then return to the fieldhouse once their event is over," Akers said.

Akers joked that the name of Eastern's outdoor meet held in the spring, "The Big Blue", was named in reference to the cold, early spring weather.

"The 'Big Blue' name is jokingly referred to as the color of your skin because it is so cold!" Akers said.

The Eastern track and field team will return to action in South Bend, Ind. For the Notre Dame Meyo Invite this Friday and Saturday.

Dominic Renzetti can be reached at 581-7944 or dcrenzetti@eiu.edu.



All Access
with Jessica Parker, freshman guard

Guard plans to work with children after graduation

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Jessica Parker, a freshman guard on Eastern's women's basketball team, still learning about the way the team works.

Fast-forward to after she graduates and she wants to be the one teaching, only she hopes the students she is teaching are a little bit younger than college age.

Parker, a future elementary school teacher, said she enjoys watching youngsters progress as they learn new information, which is why she said she wants to teach students between kindergarten and second grade.

"I don't want to teach just one subject like a high school teacher would," Parker said.

Parker said she has been inspired by her brother, Ryan's, second grade teacher at Summit Elementary School, Tammi Klein.

Parker spent two hours everyday of her senior year helping out in Klein's classroom where she learned valuable lessons from the experienced teacher.

"I learned a lot from her about different teaching methods for different children, dealing with different situations, and most importantly how sometimes you just have to laugh because that's all you can do," Parker said.

Parker got to experience a new situation when the team visited Kreitner Elementary School in Collinsville in early January. Parker said being at a school where English is the second language was a unique experience.

"It really showed me how diverse we are becoming," Parker said.



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jessica Parker, a freshman guard, cheers on her teammates during the game against Jacksonville State Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

Parker has played a lot of basketball in her life, and said she hasn't ruled out coaching as well as teaching; however, she said she wouldn't just want to coach second grade students.

"I also want to try coaching," Parker said. "Kids of any age."

Parker said some of the lessons she has learned playing basketball are good tools for teaching. For example, Parker said listening is key in basketball, just like it is key in teaching.

"Basketball has definitely taught me a lot about teaching," Parker said.

Parker said in basketball communication is important. She said communication is also important as a teacher.

Only a freshman, Parker said she has not yet chosen a concentration in teaching, but said she is considering history.

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Q & A

Q: Favorite Facebook application?

A: Family Feud

Q: Favorite Disney princess?

A: Cinderella

Q: Favorite word?

A: Shopping

Q: Is the glass half-full or half-empty?

A: Half-full!

Q: What is something you would like to try/experience during your life?

A: Sky diving

Q: Who let the dogs out?

A: Jordyne Crunk let the dogs out

Q: What sound annoys you most?

A: Nail files and the sound when you scrape your teeth with a fork

Q: Have you ever laughed so hard you cried? When?

A: Yes, every time I laugh

Q: Of any athlete in the world, whom do you most want to play against?

A: LeBron James

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VIEW



Brad Kupiec

Tapering, a tried and true method for swimmers

Many Panther swimmers set new season best times this past weekend, and there is a very logical explanation for all this explosion of improvements. It is a concept used commonly in swimming known as tapering.

In swimming, while they want to go out and win as many of their regular season meets as possible, any good team's primary goal is to win the conference championship meet at the end of the season.

Because of this, swimming is one of the rare sports that schedule competitions around training schedules, where other sports do things the other way around.

So over the course of the season, with several workouts a day for multiple months, the bodies of these student athletes get worn out and broken down.

This is where tapering comes in, as the swimmers slowly scale back their training regiment during the last two or three weeks of the season.

This allows their bodies to recover and be at full strength for the conference championships while reaping the benefits of months of hard training.

This is not just a concept used by college swimmers though. Some high schools also gradually scale back their training volumes as they approach the end of their regular season, and you can only imagine the tapering that occurs heading into the Olympic Games.

Eastern's swimmers recently began their own tapering process, and based on the leap in results they saw this weekend, I think it is only natural that they will continue to ride this wave of energy towards the four day Summit League Championships in just over two weeks.

The Championship meet will be the next time the Panthers will have to travel, so they will have plenty of time to focus on quality based training until then, rather than traveling and quantity of practice.

The Panthers have one more meet left this season where they are expected to post even more season best times, following another week of recovery.

After that, two more weeks will elapse before they head to Indianapolis, Ind. for their conference championships, so the Panthers' main concern between now and Feb. 16 should really be to let their bodies recover, but at the same time not lose the benefits of their last few months of grueling training sessions.

So as long as the Panthers can find a happy medium between resting their bodies and maintaining their performance, they can expect great improvements this Saturday against St. Louis and against all their Summit League Foes at the conference Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. Feb. 16-19.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Free throw discrepancy costs team

Season low of five free throws against Jacksonville State

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball team shot a season low five free throws against Jacksonville State on Jan. 29.

The Panthers were able to make all five shots; however, Jacksonville went 17/24 from the line. If the Panthers had shot an equal number of times they would have won 58-56 instead of losing 56-46.

Eastern Head coach Mike Miller said the team's inability to get to the line and turnovers cost them a critical Ohio Valley Conference game.

"With our team, if we don't get free throw points, we are not going to get enough to challenge anything," Miller said. "We shot two free throws in the second half, that makes it really hard to win."

Sophomore forward Shaun Pratl led the Panthers with 14 points and six rebounds. He also led Eastern in free throws, going 2-of-2 from the free throw line. He said it is hard to explain why the team couldn't get to the foul line.

"We should have tried to get (Jacksonville) in foul trouble because they didn't have many reserves," Pratl said.

Weather turns practice voluntary

Eastern's practice on Feb. 1 was voluntary to do the cancellation of classes.

Rich Moser, associate athletic director/media and public relations,

said he thinks some coaches will be able to host workouts to students who can attend.

He also said the Athletic Department asked students who live off campus to stay at home unless they can find a safe means of transportation.

Eastern draws Toledo in ESPN Bracketbusters

The Panthers are set to play Toledo on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

Toledo is from the Mid-American Conference and it holds a 3-2 record in its prior games with Eastern. The last meeting between these two was the Panthers 2009-10 season opener. Junior guard Jeremy Granger led the team to a 72-62 win, scoring 21 points.

This season Toledo is 4-17 overall and 1-6 in conference play.

Around the OVC

Morehead State senior forward Kenneth Faried was named OVC Player of the Week for the 12th time in his career. This past week he averaged 17.7 points and 18 rebounds a game.

Faried also recorded his second 20/20 game of the season when he scored 23 points and grabbed 23 rebounds against Tennessee State on Jan. 27.

Faried led Morehead to three victory which vaulted it to third in the OVC standings with a record of 7-4. Austin Peay (8-3) remains a half game ahead of Murray State (7-3) in the standings.

One of Morehead's wins came against Austin Peay, 69-56. Faried led the Eagles again with 17 points and 16 rebounds.

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Jacksonville State's guards Frankie Bougher, left, and B.J. Milller, center, attempt to block Jeremy Granger, junior guard, as he takes a shot. Jacksonville State beat Eastern 56-46 on Jan. 29.

TRACK & FIELD

Track team not fazed by cold weather

By Dominic Renzetti
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While some students around Eastern may be taking the two days of canceled classes as an opportunity to sleep in and relax, the Eastern track and field team is still hard at work on preparing for the team's upcoming meet at the Notre Dame Meyo Invite this weekend.

"It feels a lot like high school, because you normally don't get a lot of snow days in college," said red-shirt junior distance runner Megan Gingerich.

Gingerich said she was excited when she heard the news of classes cancelled due to snow at Eastern, where a snow day has not taken place since 2007.

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Tyler Arnholt, a red-shirt senior thrower, participates in the men's weight throw Jan. 21 at the EIU Mega Meet in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

M&W Swimming
Saturday vs. Saint Louis
11 a.m. - Padovan Pool

M&W Cross Country
Friday - Notre Dame Meyo Invite
TBA - South Bend, Ind.

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Men's Basketball
Saturday vs. Southeast Missouri
6 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Women's Basketball
Thursday vs. SIU Edwardsville
7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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College Basketball
Syracuse at Connecticut
7 p.m. on ESPN

College Basketball
Virginia Tech at North Carolina
7 p.m. on ESPN2

College Basketball
Duke at Maryland
7 p.m. on ESPN

College Basketball
Missouri at Oklahoma State
9 p.m. on ESPN

College Basketball
Nevada at Utah State
11 p.m. on ESPN2