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and Awareness Month

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to Mattoon



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UNION
UPI supports
public workers
in Springfield

Support rally outside
Booth Library today

By Shelley Holmgren
Administration Editor

On Feb. 26, hundreds of people holding handmade signs with phrases such as "Beware of the JabberWalker" and "Kill the Bill" flooded the state capitol to show support for the public workers in Wisconsin. These are the workers who are in danger of losing the same rights that allowed Illinois workers to assemble in Springfield Saturday.

The bill in question is Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill, which would strip the majority of public workers of their collective bargaining rights.

Walker's budget repair bill, which is focused on tackling the \$137 million Wisconsin deficit, awaits voting from the senate. However, Democrats have fled to Illinois and have not returned despite Walker's threat to increase the \$4.2 billion proposed spending cuts with their continued absence, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported Tuesday.

Several members of Eastern's chapter of University Professionals of Illinois were in attendance for the "Springfield rally for the American Dream," organized by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

This led to the inspiration for the Eastern's own support rally, which will take place on campus at 4 p.m. today on the south end of Booth Library.

Among those in attendance in Springfield were history professor Bailey Young, who said the chilly day in the state capital was a memorable experience.

He said he especially enjoyed the handmade protest signs, in particular, one that featured '60s artist Andy Warhol stating "Gov. Walker, your 15 minutes are up."

Young said members of UPI/EIU were determined "not to just stick (their) heads in the sand" and show their support. He added many of Wisconsin's workers were also able to make it to the rally.

At the rally, NAACP President Teresa Haley reminded the protestors the reason they had the opportunity to make it down to Springfield on a Saturday was due to unions' efforts to establish a five-day work week.

Young said it was a very inspiring atmosphere to be a part of.

"There definitely was a strong momentum — people understood what was at stake," Young said. "What (unions) are trying to do is to make people understand that if Walker gets away with this kind of thing in Wisconsin ... they will just keep pressing ahead and that is not good news for most of us."

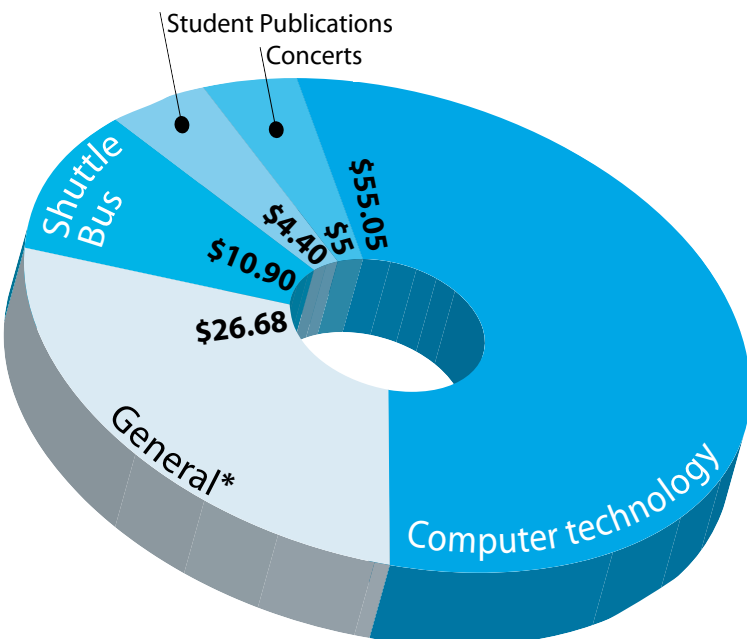
English Professor John Allison, UPI/EIU chapter president, also attended the rally and said he was very proud so many of Illinois' public workers could come together to support those in Wisconsin.

Young said "feeling that commitment and determination on the part of all of these people" was the most memorable aspect of the rally in Springfield.

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SHUTTLE BUS

A breakdown of the \$102.03 student activity fee



* The general section is made up of the Student Government, the University Board, the Apportionment Board and the Student Recreation Center

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Mattoon bus
route possible

Shuttle would
benefit students
with jobs

By Sara Hall
Staff reporter

The student government is currently looking into extending Eastern student fees to provide a shuttle bus to Mattoon.

But would students actually use a bus to Mattoon?

When asked about the possibility of a bus route going to Mattoon, students responded positively and were enthusiastic about the idea.

Caitlin Quinn, a freshman early childhood education major, said she thought it would be helpful to have a bus go to Mattoon because it offers more things to do than Charleston.

"People don't always have a car or the gas (to go to Mattoon)," she said. "It would be helpful to have transportation for the things you can't get in Charleston."

Ashley Hicks, a junior communication studies major, said the bus system would bring an additional benefit of safety.

"Students could get out there safely and have a reliable ride to pick them up," she said.

Hicks also said she thinks having a bus that goes to Mattoon during the week would be especially helpful.

"A lot of restaurants, like Buffalo Wild Wings and Steak 'n Shake, have specials during the week," she said.

Shay Franklin, a freshman health studies major, said she thinks students would possibly even use the bus to commute to jobs.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Fan bus canceled; campus mourns

By Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government Editor

Student Body President Michelle Murphy blinked back tears after deciding to cancel the fan bus that would have taken Eastern students to Nashville, Tenn. Murphy canceled the fan bus Tuesday afternoon after having only three students sign up.

The fan bus, which was supposed to hold at least 55 people, did not receive the response Murphy and other Student Senate members were hoping for.

The fan bus required Eastern students to pay \$35 that would have paid for the bus ride, game tickets, a hotel room, a game day T-shirt and a free meal.

"After a full day and a half of sign-up, when I only had three people sign up, it was heart breaking," said Murphy, a senior communication studies major.

It was hard to justify spending thousands of dollars on a trip when there was not adequate support, she said.

Ashley Hoogstraten, the student vice president of business affairs and the chairwoman of the Apportionment Board, said the canceling of the Nashville bus came as a surprise to her.

Hoogstraten had an impromptu AB meeting after the Student Senate approved a \$2,000 allocation sending Murphy and the resolution writers to AB.

"I figured it was in the better interest of the student body that (Apportionment Board) did let it go through," said Hoogstraten, a senior communication studies major.

The \$2,000 will go directly back to AB's reserve account.

Now, Hoogstraten said she



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KIMBERLY FOSTER

The fan bus to the Ohio Valley Conference Championships in Nashville, Tenn. has been canceled because of lack of interest. Only four tickets were purchased for the package.

wished the fan bus advertising had been better.

"I felt like — the way she pushed it — through it was almost her job to make sure the bus got filled," she said. "This was a really good opportunity for students to come out on support without spending a lot of money."

Hoogstraten said the lack of Eastern support at Nashville could have a negative impact on the way Eastern women's basketball team plays on March 3-5.

"I feel like she kinda let everyone down," Hoogstraten said. "It looks bad on our part."

Ed Hotwagner, a senior mathematics major, is Panther Nation's

spirit chair and one of the first people Murphy contacted to notify of the cancellation.

"Michelle called to me to say take down the posters," Hotwagner said.

Hotwagner said he was disappointed student government had to cancel the trip.

"Only so many people are willing to pay \$35 and go to Nashville during the school week," he said.

Dion Martorano, a senior communication studies major, was one of three students to sign up to go on the Nashville bus.

"It's disappointing because I thought it would be a cheap and easy way to get to Nashville," Mar-

torano said.

Martorano has taken a fan bus provided by student government two times before and still plans to go, even if it costs him more than before.

"I already talked to my teachers and they said it was okay," he said.


Ryan Gilmore, director of marketing and promotions for the athletic department, and Murphy met Tuesday and decided to comp tickets for Eastern students that have Panther Nation cards. Game tickets cost \$5 per tournament.

Murphy said she would probably still be going to support the women's basketball team.

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EIU weather

TODAY



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THURSDAY



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what's on tap

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4:30 p.m. March Madness Stevenson Grille is hosting a March Madness themed meal. Hotdogs, nachos and brats will be served.	4:30 p.m. Mardi Gras meal Reservation-only dining will have a Mardi Gras themed meal at Stevenson Grille. Students are encouraged to dress for the theme.	All day- Kids and friends weekend On-campus residents can invite their siblings and friends to come to Eastern for a day of fun and games.
7 p.m. Student Senate meeting Student government will be meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the MLK Jr. Union. Students are encouraged to attend.	7 p.m. Dance concert Eastern dancer's will present their annual spring concert in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre. The concert is titled, <i>The Heart Speaks</i> .	<i>If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.</i>

ONLINE



Blog: Stay fit outside

James Roedl tries to make sense of getting fit in the gym. He doesn't go to the gym to stay fit, so why should you? Why not get fit outside? Read his blog "Making sense of getting fit" at DENnews.com.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the editorial titled "New office building not best use of alumni money" had an error. The Alumni Association does not use the Neal Welcome Center.

The DEN regrets the error.

Music inspires drawing



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jonathan Massullo, a graduate student majoring in art, works on a charcoal piece in the drawing studio of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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EIU History Lesson

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2008	The Apportionment Board finally approved Levi Bulgar's request for new computers. The cost was \$13,000 for 12 computers.
1992	<i>The Daily Eastern News</i> placed 10 times and received four honorable mentions in 13 of the 28 categories at the Illinois Collegiate Press Association convention.
1982	A proposal went into effect for the fall 1982 semester that would limit students to only taking a total of 16 hours.

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

'Women and the Environment' this month's focus

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

The focus of this year's Women's History and Awareness Month is "Women and the Environment."

Women's History and Awareness Month takes place every year throughout March and celebrates the accomplishments of women with different events and activities.

The theme, decided on by the Women's History and Awareness Month Committee, depends on the availability and cost of possible speakers.

The opening event for Women's History and Awareness Month was the Living History Presentation Sunday where seven students performed as historical women.

The actual kick-off event for Women's History and Awareness Month is the lecture "Fighting for Fetal Health and Women's Rights" presented by keynote speaker Phaedra Pezzullo.

Pezzullo is an associate professor of communications and cultural studies at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator of the women's studies program, said Pezzullo plans to speak about how she is interested with how people almost always associate pictures of fetuses with either abortion or pregnancy and how Pezzullo wants to change that.

"She wants to reinforce that the female body is the first environment for all of us," Ludlow said. "I think she is interested in the fact that we need to remember that fetuses in the womb are not protected from pollution and how we need to protect our unborn children from environmental degradation."

"Fighting for Fetal Health and Women's Rights" is at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Doudna Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and the University Board.

Another event focusing on the theme

of women in the environment is the "Overcoming Barriers: Diverse Women in Science at Eastern Illinois University" program.

The program consists of presentations on women who have contributed to science, refreshments and prizes.

The event is in the Booth Library from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday and is sponsored by the Women in Science and Mathematics program committee, which consists of the College of Sciences and the Booth Library.

The next event is the graduate lecture "The Office, Real Housewives, and the Ethics of Address in Mockumentary and Reality TV" presented by Susan Bazargan and Robyn Warhol, an English professor from Ohio State University.

The graduate lecture is at 5 p.m. on March 7 in the Doudna Lecture Hall.

Every year, Women's History and Awareness Month includes a panel discussion.

The "Women, Science and Sustain-

ability" panel discussion is moderated by Ann Fritz, with presenters Karen Gaines, Janice Coons and Nida Sehwil-Elmuti, who are all associated with the College of Sciences.

"The panel discussion is made up of scientists on our campus and they are all going to talk about the things that we do that improve the environment for all of us," Ludlow said. "I think it is important that we are starting Women's History and Awareness Month by focusing on negative effects we need to think about fixing, but we are continuing the month on more of an upbeat with things that we are doing to improve the environment."

The "Women, Science and Sustainability" panel discussion is at 7 p.m. March 8 in the Doudna Lecture Hall.

Ludlow said most of the events throughout the month focus on the environment, but not all of them.

Each year, there is a Women's History and Awareness Month music con-

cert.

This year the concert is at 2 p.m. on March 12 in the Tarble Arts Center.

The concert includes music chosen and performed by musicians Elaine Fine, a violinist, and John David Moore, a pianist and English professor.

Ludlow said the concert is during Spring Break because they were constrained by the available times for the space in the Tarble Arts Center and the concert is geared more toward the community.

Also occurring this month is the Central Illinois Feminist Film Festival where there will be film screenings in the Doudna Lecture Hall March 22 -24.

The Women's History and Awareness Month will end March 31 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with the Women's Studies Awards Reception.

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ADMINISTRATION

Faculty development dept gathers opinions

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

The department of faculty development has been gathering staff opinions in order to reevaluate their programs.

Dagni Bredesen, the director of the department, alongside Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has been hosting dialogue sessions with each college at Eastern in order to gather the thoughts of the faculty.

They met with the College of Arts and Humanities at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"We want to support faculty and build a community throughout campus," Bredesen said. "We really want to hear the ideas that are in (the faculty's) mind and their thoughts on faculty development."

Bredesen said faculty development focuses on more than just teaching. It also works with faculty research and building a community.

"There are competing ideas about faculty development and there seems to be some thought that it should all focus on teaching. I strongly disagree," Bredesen said.

Faculty, Bredesen said, presented several of the department's current initiatives. Including a research community, where instructors have a place to meet and work on projects together.

Lord said that the department would

be working on developing a faculty space as well to help bring them together.

Patricia Poulter, a music professor and the interim associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said she felt the best way to create a faculty community will require more than just new events.

"I think there will always be people who are happy not participating," Poulter said. "We have to do more than just invite people to events faculty development is doing. We have to offer to take them along with us and build relationships."

During the session, Bredesen said the department is looking for new ways to assist professors with technology.

"We're working in an age where technology supported teaching is required," Bredesen said.

Bredesen explained the department hopes to set up ways to videotape professors while they teach. These videos would be used as a way for instructors to learn new teaching methods from their peers.

Bredesen also said the faculty development website is going through an editing process, not just to make it easier to use, but to make teaching support easier to find and to feature faculty on the website.

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Dagni Bredesen, interim director of faculty development, answers audience questions about the transition that is going on in the department.

CAMPUS

Educator job fair for more than educators

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

This time of year is when schools do recruiting for the upcoming school year, said an Eastern career counselor.

Eastern students will have the chance to network with these schools during the educator job fair from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Jennifer Peterson, a career counselor, said about 60 different school districts will be represented at the fair. This includes out-of-state districts from California, Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

Diane Smith, an education event specialist with career services, said there will also be representatives from Honduras, Japan, and the Network of International Christian Schools.

"This gives candidates a chance to consider other opportunities outside of their comfort zone of just considering schools close to their hometown," Smith said.

Both Smith and Peterson said anyone interested in attending should make sure they make a good first impression. They said students should dress professionally, bring plenty of resumes and research schools before arriving. A list of districts being represented can be found at the career services website.

Smith said the fair is an opportunity for students to get face-to-face contact with recruiters.

"Simply applying online and sending off your resume is not enough," Smith said. "Making that initial contact is crucial to the job search. Where else will you have the opportunity to speak with several schools with current job opportunities that have traveled to see you?"

Peterson said members of the Regional Office of Education No. 11 will attend the fair to help answer questions about certification and endorsement requirements for education careers.

The fair will offer connections for non-education students as well. Peterson said recruiters will look for speech or language pathologists as well as guidance counselors.

Underclassmen are also encouraged to come. Smith said the fair will be a good chance for them to learn of the opportunities in education and gain confidence in speaking with recruiters.

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GOVERNMENT

Student Senate to discuss parking at open forum

By Erin Riedl
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will be having its annual open forum meeting today, with food and drinks provided by Panther Pantry.

The meeting will allow Eastern students to meet Student Senate members at 6:30 p.m. before the regular 7 p.m. meeting, which will take place in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle said the meeting will mostly consist of the parking resolution that was tabled at last week's meeting.

Tabled resolutions are usually voted on the following week, but this resolution was an exception because it is a controversial issue.

JR Patton, Zach Samples and Kaci Abolt were three Student Senate members who wrote the parking resolution.

"We are not trying to punish anyone or make it easier for people to drive from class to class," said Patton, a junior political science major, during the last meeting.

The resolution proposes the possibility of combining underclassman and upperclassman parking lots instead creating student, staff and visitor parking.

"I am expecting the parking resolution to be voted on at this meeting," Scherle said.

Scherle said he believes this would be a good thing for students to come and watch.

"I want students to show up and voice their opinions," he said.

He said if students voice their opinions, they could possibly sway some Student Senate member's opinions.

If the resolution gets voted on, the students who attend the meeting will get to see the results.

The Student Senate approving the resolution does not guarantee the parking will be combined; it just acts as a recommendation to the administration.

Chief Adam Due of the University Police Department said he is in favor of the resolution and plans on attending the open forum.

At this open forum, there will be an almost identical setup, with the exception of the newly added meet-and-greet.

"We wanted to do a meet-and-greet so the student government executives and Student Senate

members who wanted to talk with the audience could," Scherle said.

Scherle said there is one professor he knows of who is giving his students five extra credit points for attending the open forum.

John Morris, a political science professor, is giving his students in his American Government and Constitution class extra credit.

Scherle said he believes discussing a big student issue is more effective in a big crowd.

"I think that since the parking resolution and open forum are together, it will be a very exciting meeting," Scherle said.

The Student Senate will also discuss the tabled Student Action Team-Legislative Luncheon.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Union rally at Eastern well overdue

Members of the Eastern community will rally in front of Booth Library at 4 p.m. today and march up to the courthouse to show solidarity with public employees in Wisconsin, whose unions are threatened by the passage of a bill in the state's legislature. Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, the faculty union, helped organize the event.

Protests against Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's proposal have consumed the Capitol Building in Madison for weeks. The bill would strip public employee unions of their right to collective bargaining. Today's rally at Eastern is well overdue. The Midwest has recently become the battleground for the war being waged against unions. Lawmakers in Indiana and Ohio also introduced legislation that would strip unions of their collective bargaining rights.

It is great to see public employees in Illinois take a stand with union members in those states, and we support them in doing so.

It is very unlikely that similar legislation would pass in Illinois. Democrats control the legislature and public employee unions have a better relationship with Republicans here than they do in Wisconsin. Still, we urge public employees to remain vigilant in protecting their union's rights. UPI and university officials recently ratified a new contract. That agreement depended upon UPI's right to collectively bargain. Lawmakers in Springfield have already made deep cuts to pensions (some, but not all, of which were probably necessary), and legislation is being proposed to cut pensions even further. If Republicans take control of the legislature or the governorship in 2012, it is very likely further pension cuts will be seriously considered and brought to the floor for debate.

The fight over union rights is not isolated to Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. They are part of a larger, well-organized, well-funded effort to rob public employees of their rights. Unions are already losing the fight. Private-sector unions have shrunk dramatically in the past few decades. Public employees are the labor movement's last stand against the moneyed interests who see guaranteed wages and benefits as an inconvenience.

And Illinois is where they must make that stand. Democratic lawmakers from Wisconsin and Indiana fled to Illinois to stop anti-union bills from being passed by their legislatures. There is a good reason they came here. Illinois has a strong union presence. Our unions have a relatively good, though often messy, relationship with the legislature. Cuts over benefits have been contentious, to say the least, but they have been resolved without the all-out war we are seeing elsewhere in the Midwest.

We commend UPI for their willingness to work with the school and the state to agree on a contract, and we understand how difficult it has been to accept the cuts necessary to make that agreement, however imperfect it may have been. When you rally today to take a proud stand with Wisconsin union members, remember that the battle is not over in Illinois.

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COLUMN

Athletes still suffer serious brain damage

You may have heard that former Chicago Bears safety Dave Duerson was found dead in his home in Sunny Beach Isles, Fla., Feb. 17, of what police determined was a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest.

Before committing suicide, Duerson sent a text message to his family stating that he wanted his brain to be donated to research at the Boston University School of Medicine, where studies are being done on chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a condition caused by repeated hits to the head, as seen in professional football.

The NFL recently tightened its concussion policy, requiring players who have suffered a concussion to pass a battery of tests performed by an outside specialist before returning to the playing field.

Cases of CTE are popping up among NFL alumni, and CTE is even believed to be the cause of professional wrestler Chris Benoit's double murder-suicide.

Julian Bailes, head of neurosurgery at West Virginia University, said that after examining Benoit's brain, it resembled that of an 85-year-old Alzheimer's patient.

Former Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver



Brad Kupiec

er Chris Henry was diagnosed post-mortem with CTE, even though he died at age 26 of what was assumed to be an unrelated cause and was never diagnosed with a concussion in his five-year NFL career or his time playing for the University of West Virginia.

Dr. Robert Stern, co-director of the Boston University research center, said that 13 of the 14 brains of former pro-football players he's examined were found to have CTE.

With this issue so widespread among contact sports, one huge question is raised: Why isn't the NFL doing more?

With cases like this showing up as often as they do, why isn't the NFL supporting research on this condition or openly researching ways to alter player equipment to soften

blows to the head?

Obviously, Duerson's suicide may have been caused by more than just CTE, and not every NFL player or professional wrestler ends up committing suicide. Still this is a serious problem that needs to be taken much more seriously than it is.

Stern said that CTE is a neurodegenerative disease that is present in early life and is made worse by trauma to the head, as quoted in the San Jose Mercury News.

"It is a progressive neurodegenerative disease," Stern said. "It's a disease that gets started early in life and gets worse with repeated blows to the head."

With all this evidence piling up that CTE is a serious issue that needs to be addressed, why can't we figure out a way to find this disease before it is worsened by contact to the head?

Above all else, I leave you with one last question to ponder: What can you do to help?

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Woodchuck 2011: a festival fit for Charleston

There are few moments in life where a large group of people is brought together with one common cause in mind. We see it happen with sporting events, protests, etc., but in Charleston there is one particular event that brings hundreds of people together with the common goal of peace, good music, and charity and we know it as Woodchuck.

One can only wonder if the organizers ever imagined Woodchuck would become such a large, anticipated event, where hundreds of people join in unison for good music and a good time.

As the next Woodchuck rounds the corner set for mid-April, I can only expect the event to continue to grow in number—as people prepare to have the weekend off for that one moment of ultimate relaxation and disengagement from their classes, work, and the typical chaos that is everyday life.

In that one moment that the guitars are ripping, the singers wailing, lights flashing, folks dancing and fires roaring, time



Julian Russell

ceases to exist and textbooks don't mean a thing.

Never in my personal Woodchuck experience have I witnessed a fight, an utter of a bad word from one mouth to another ear, never a glimmer of mayhem.

People pay hundreds of dollars and drive hundreds of miles to attend festivals like this. Not only is this one practically in your backyard but some of the bands that take the stage are jaw-dropping reminders that talent begins in the smallest of places. Some of the bands I have seen thundering up a storm at Woodchuck are more than worthy of high ticket prices

and high-profile arenas.

But again, it isn't the affordable price that brings my fellow 'chuckers back year after year, but rather the once-in-a-lifetime chance to breathe in the mystic aura that surrounds such a gathering of people—the opportunity to stand in front of stage, surrounded by a wave of hope and bliss.

For those of you lost to the term Woodchuck, I urge you to check out the festival's Facebook page on and take a glance at the past and upcoming spectacle that no amount of money or modern day medicine can reciprocate in equal glory.

If only every town on Earth held such a gathering as Woodchuck, the world would be a better place for all. I look forward to seeing you there as we share in a little slice of heaven, Viva Los Woodchuck in 2011!

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CITY COUNCIL

Charleston requires new electrical code

**By Desiree Morris
Staff Reporter**

The city council approved the 2005 version of the National Electrical Code Tuesday. The 2005 version makes it mandatory for all new buildings in Charleston to abide to the new design standards for electrical wiring and equipment.

One of the new requirements is that all bedrooms must have Arc Fault Breakers. The Arc Fault Breakers detect non-working electrical arcs and disconnects them before an arc fire begins.

Mayor John Inyart said although

there are newer versions of the electrical code, the city agreed to wait until all the kinks are worked out of the newer versions.

The city was using the 2002 version of the National Electrical Code.

The raffle licenses will not be voted on until the next council meeting because Inyart and council member Jim Dunn were not present at the meeting.

Larry Rennels, a city council member, said in order for raffle licenses to be approved all members of the council have to be present.

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STATE

Three companies fined for child labor

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Operators of three of the nation's biggest movie theater chains have paid more than \$277,000 in federal fines over allegations that they violated child-labor laws by letting teenagers work too many hours and use dangerous machinery such as trash compactors, the Labor Department announced Tuesday.

The government said the alleged violations of U.S. child-labor laws by Regal Cinemas Inc., Marcus Theatres Corp. and Wehrenberg Inc. were uncovered as part of a "strategic" crackdown on what the department called the industry's high rate of noncompliance.

Investigators found the supposed offenses to be sweeping, surfacing in 27 theaters in California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

Some 160 employees were illegally being required to perform hazardous jobs — everything from operating paper balers and trash compactors to driving motor vehicles, using power-driven mixers and baking — in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act's youth-employment provisions, the Labor Department said.

That law identifies 17 hazardous jobs barred for workers younger than 18, including operating and unloading scrap paper balers and paper box compactors unless certain specific

conditions are met. The law also restricts the times and hours of employees younger than 16 — something the Labor Department said Marcus Theatres did not honor.

"The penalties imposed as a result of these violations should serve as a wake-up call to movie theatre owners and other employers," Labor Secretary Hilda Solis said in a statement. "Businesses that employ minors are legally and ethically obligated to abide by child labor standards and ensure youth are protected on the job."

All three companies were alleged to have allowed young workers to load and operate trash compactors — a federal violation that got Regal Cinemas, the Knoxville, Tenn.-based operator of Regal, Edwards and United Artist theaters, the heftiest of the fines: \$158,400.

Regal Entertainment Group, Regal Cinemas' corporate parent, markets itself online as the purveyor of the nation's biggest and most geographically broad theater circuit, with 6,683 screens at 537 theatres in 37 states and the District of Columbia as of late last month.

Milwaukee, Wis.-based Marcus Theatres Corp., which paid \$93,995 in fines, also let teenage workers drive motor vehicles, run a dough mixer. Employees younger than 16 were asked to do baking and allowed to work longer hours than legally permitted.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Lumpkin dean search continues

Staff Report

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, is in the process of reviewing candidates for the new Dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Since October, members of the dean search committee have been interviewing candidates for the position; however, the final decision lies with Lord.

Originally, 33 people applied for the position. After narrowing down the candidates, the committee held a series of on-campus interviews beginning in January.

The candidates include Jeffrey W. Steagall, from the University of North Florida, Jeffrey McNabb, from Indiana State University, Mahyar Izadi, from Eastern, Ronald D. McNeil, from the University of Illinois-Springfield, and James E. Payne, from Illinois State University.

The potential candidates should encourage creativity, innovation, scholarship, and interaction among faculty; and foster diversity among faculty and students, according to the listed qualifications set forth by the

committee

The committee members represent a variety of different areas of Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, including a student representative.

Throughout the search, the committee received applications and evaluated each potential candidate according to their qualifications.

"We value the personal relationship with students, integrative learning, academic excellence and high quality teaching," said Mary Anne Hanner, chairwoman of the dean search committee.

AWARD

Union looks for outstanding seniors

Staff Report

Candidate nominations for the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Outstanding Senior Award must be submitted by the close of the business day Friday in the Union Business Operations Office.

Candidates need to be nominated by a faculty/staff member or an organization and must embody the "spirit of leadership," according to the criteria for the Outstanding Senior Award.

Activities that past winners have participated in or helped host include Greek Week and blood drives.

Other criteria for selection include academic achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities, community work such as Girl Scouts and charity drives and employment experience on campus.

The applying students must be seniors and have 90 or more credit hours.

The 2011 Union Advisory Board will award the winner a plaque and a reception will be presented in the their honor.

The winners names are displayed on plaques on the second floor of the Union Walkway.

The senior who wins the award represents Eastern as a leadership example and as an involved member of the Eastern and Charleston commu-

nities.

The winner of the 2010 award, Eric Wilber, was the executive vice president of student government and served as the student representative to the Charleston City Council.

He also was chairman of the Student Action Team and was a Presidential Scholar.

Wilber's involvement in various student activities and in the Charleston community fitted the criteria and he was nominated for the award.

Students seeking award criteria can contact Cathy Engelkes, deputy director of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

WORLD

UN suspends Libya from rights

By The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The 192 U.N. member nations suspended Libya on Tuesday from the U.N. Human Rights Council in the latest international effort to halt the Gadhafi regime's violent crackdown on protesters.

The General Assembly voted by consensus on the council's recommendation to suspend Libya's membership on the U.N.'s top human rights body for committing "gross and systematic violations of human rights." General Assembly President Joseph Deiss called for the vote and signaled its adoption by consensus by banging his wooden gavel.

The resolution sponsored by Arab and African states also expressed "deep concern" about the human rights situation in Libya.

It is the first time any country has been suspended from the 47-member council since it was formed in 2006. Based in Geneva, the council is charged with strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe.

Libya's suspension from the rights body comes after the U.N. Security Council and United States' imposition of sanctions on Moammar Gadhafi, his family and top associates, and the Arab League, the African Union and the Organization of Islamic Conference's condemnation of Libya's deadly attacks on civilians.

There have been no moves by the U.N. to create a no-fly zone, and the idea has been rejected by Russia.

But British Foreign Minister William Hague said Tuesday that his country and its allies could seek a no-fly zone without a U.N. mandate.

Tuesday's vote suspending Libya from the council does not permanently remove it from the body, but prevents it from participation until the General Assembly determines whether to restore the country to full status.

At a gathering of the U.N. Human Rights Council before last week's vote there, Libyan diplomats to the U.N. in Geneva were given a standing ovation as they announced they were renouncing Gadhafi's government. They, like Libyan diplomats to the U.N. in New York, have supported the U.N. moves against the government.

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NATION

Unions energized by clash in Wisconsin

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The clash between pro-union protesters and Republican leaders in Wisconsin could spark a resurgence of the American labor movement, the head of the nation’s largest labor federation said Tuesday.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said the effort to strip collective bargaining rights from public workers in Wisconsin and other states has brought a level of excitement to unions that he hasn’t seen in years.

“We’ve never seen the incredible solidarity that we’re seeing right now,” Trumka told reporters at the federation’s annual meeting of union leaders.

Trumka said he hopes to tap into that enthusiasm to help spur union organizing and growth after decades

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Richard Trumka, president of AFL-CIO

of decline.

He also wants to use the moment to help define unions in a way that could bring renewed support. He pointed to a New York Times-CBS poll that shows Americans oppose efforts to weaken the collective bargaining rights of public employee unions by a nearly 2-1 margin.

“People are giving us another look now,” he said. “It’ll be up to us to keep it going and continue defining ourselves in ways the American public will support.”

Whether he meant to or not,

Trumka said, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker started a national debate about collective bargaining “that this country sorely needed to have.”

It’s the kind of attention unions have been craving for years as leaders have tried without success to rekindle the vigor that organized labor enjoyed at its peak in the 1950s and 1960s.

“We’ve been looking for a spark and the spark found us,” said Thea Lee, deputy chief of staff and trade expert for the AFL-CIO. “This isn’t a fight we looked for, but it is one we

can turn to our advantage.”

Union members last year represented just 11.9 percent of the American work force, way down from about 25 percent in the 1980s and 35 percent in the middle of the last century.

Energized by the outpouring of tens of thousands of pro-union demonstrators in Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana, Trumka and other union leaders said they hope to sustain the enthusiasm until next year’s elections. Unions have already pledged at least \$30 million to fight anti-union legislation in dozens of states. The AFL-CIO has provided support for mobilizing protesters and is looking for other ways to keep the demonstrations going.

“If we maintain the momentum into next year, I think (Walker’s) going to have a significant problem,” Trumka said.

STATE
Jury holds ‘reunion’

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The jury foreman at impeached Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s first trial says jurors recently held a reunion to reminisce about the sometimes stressful, 2 ½-month trial.

James Matsumoto tells the Associated Press seven jurors and five alternates met in February at a winery/restaurant in suburban Chicago.

Matsumoto says most jurors felt they did their best during 14 days of deliberations — though some regretted they deadlocked on 23 of 24 counts. A retrial starts on April 20.

Matsumoto says one juror described shopping at Target recently when Blagojevich’s wife Patti recognized her as a juror, walked over and struck up a conversation.

He says a lone holdout juror who prevented conviction on several serious charges helped organize the union but, at the last minute, wasn’t able to attend.

California asks court to lift gay marriage stay

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California’s attorney general on Tuesday joined lawyers for two same-sex couples and the city of San Francisco in asking a federal appeals court to allow gay marriages to resume while the court considers the constitutionality of the state’s voter-approved ban.

The latest offensive against Proposition 8 came when state Attorney General Kamala Harris told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a letter that sponsors of the measure approved in 2008 were unlikely to prevail in their appeal of a trial judge’s ruling last year that struck it down.

Keeping Proposition 8 in effect therefore is a fruitless violation of gay Californians’ civil rights, Harris said.

“The public interest weighs heavily against the government sanctioning such discrimination by permitting it to continue,” she wrote.

The move also came as supporters of gay marriage grow impatient with the slow pace of court proceedings.

“Events have demonstrated that if the stay ever was justified, it is no longer”
Califorina Attorney General Kamala Harris

The California Supreme Court reiterated Tuesday that it would take at least until the end of the year to consider a legal question asked by the federal court as it tries to resolve the appeal.

Gay marriages have remained on hold until the 9th Circuit decides the appeal.

Lawyers for the gay couples who successfully sued in the lower court petitioned the appeals court last week to lift the hold, as did the city of San Francisco.

Harris also said the case for allowing gay marriages was bolstered

by the Obama administration’s announcement last week that it would no longer defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits the U.S. government from recognizing same-sex marriages.

While not directly relevant to Proposition 8, the administration’s new position “substantially diminished” the likelihood the measure’s sponsors will be successful in their effort to get the lower court ruling overturned, she said.

“Events have demonstrated that if the stay ever was justified, it is no longer,” Harris said in her letter.

Andy Pugno, legal counsel for the coalition of religious and conservative groups that put Proposition 8 on the November 2008 ballot and campaigned for its passage, disputed the attorney general’s contention that the prospects for a successful appeal were any more dim now than they were last summer.

“It’s a highly politicized case, and this is just a reminder that we need the initiative process exactly because state officials sometimes refuse to do their job,” Pugno said. “The fact that President Obama has made a

carefully calculated political decision in no way changes the law and the role of the court to decide Prop 8’s validity.”

Harris, a Democrat who previously served as San Francisco’s district attorney and who was a strong supporter of Obama’s in 2008, succeeded Gov. Jerry Brown as attorney general in January. Brown had refused to defend Proposition 8 in his previous role, as did then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Last year, both men asked the 9th Circuit to let gay couples marry during the appeals process.

The push by Harris to quickly get same-sex marriage reinstated in California could further enflame conservative activists angered by the administration’s declaration that it considered the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional.

The president of the Family Research Council, a Washington-based advocacy group that champions marriage and family as the foundation of civilization, said Tuesday it suspected the government was colluding with lawyers in the Proposition 8 case.

Teacher accused

By The Associated Press

QUINCY — Sentencing is scheduled in May for a former western Illinois student teacher convicted of sexual misconduct with a teenage boy and drug charges.

Jurors in Adams County convicted 37-year-old Darrold Frisbie on Monday night after a five-day trial in Quincy on two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and three drug-related charges.

Authorities say Frisbie was a Quincy University student teaching at Quincy’s Adams Elementary School at the time of the misconduct.

Frisbie was arrested last April after police investigated the teenager’s complaint. Authorities also allege Frisbie gave prescription pain medication to juveniles.

Frisbie faces up to 10 years in prison when he’s sentenced May 13.



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“My friend works and drives to Mattoon,” she said. “She wouldn’t have to if there was a bus going there.”

Although the estimated time of the bus route is around 35 minutes, students said they would not mind waiting for the bus.

Franklin also said the estimated Mattoon bus route time could be comparable to the Panther Bus schedule.

“It takes about 35 minutes just to get to Wal-Mart,” she said.

Hicks agreed.

“If students really want to go to a destination, they’ll wait, just like how they do with the Panther Bus,” she said.

Toyin Adesanya, a freshman biological sciences major, said she chooses not go to Mattoon because she has no way to get there, so the possibility of a bus route would open up that opportunity for her.

Adesanya said as long as the Mattoon bus route would have a set

schedule, she would be willing to wait, just like how the Panther Bus system operates.

“I would (follow) the set times to know when (the Mattoon bus) comes down,” she said.

Hicks said she thinks students would want to go to all the stops, but the most frequented stop may vary by the person’s needs.

“It depends what they’re doing and what they like to do,” she said.

Quinn added that she thinks the Amtrak station would be a frequented destination for those students who want to go home on the weekends.

Hicks said she believes students will want the bus enough for it to come into effect.

“It’s a good start,” she said. “Maybe the next (step) will even be a bus that goes to Champaign on the weekends.”

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Panther Shuttle driver John Hamilton idles Tuesday while waiting for students to get on at the bus stop outside Pemberton Hall.

FAN BUS, from page 1

“I don’t think it’s a lack of planning and I don’t think people can blame this school apathy on me,” she said. “It would be hard for me to believe if somebody said a few more posters would have made a difference – I don’t buy it.”

Murphy said while the trip is fun for the students, the sense of support for the basketball team is essential.

It is not the players fault and it is disappointing that they will not have anyone to cheer them on and it is a

shame they will have to go to Tennessee without the amount of support that the other teams will have, Murphy said.

“I thought it was my job to make everyone love Eastern as much as I do and I guess that if that was my job then I’m not doing a very good job at it,” Murphy said.

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NATION
NJ congressman tops Watson

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON(— Turns out it really does take a rocket scientist to beat Watson, the "Jeopardy"-winning computer.

U.S. Rep. Rush Holt of New Jersey — a five-time champion during the trivia show's original run 35 years ago — topped the IBM computer Mon-

day night in a "Jeopardy"-style match of congressmen vs. machine held at a Washington hotel.

Though Holt isn't the first human to beat Watson, the victory adds to the 62-year-old Democrat's already-impressive resume: a former State Department arms control expert and ex-leader of the federal Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

"I wonder if Watson wasn't having a low-voltage night, because I certainly didn't expect to score higher than the computer," he told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ta'Kenya Nixon, a sophomore guard, takes the ball up court against Murray State Feb. 19 in Lantz Arena. Panthers beat Murray State, 68-55

The co-defensive players of the year were Newsome and Hayes.

The coach of the year was Tennessee Tech's Sytia Messer. Tennessee Tech is the No. 1 seed at this week-

end's OVC tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

Eastern will play in the quarterfinals of the tournament against the winner of Wednesday's game between

Austin Peay and Murray State.

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REBOUND, from page 12

bullpen staff, along with assistant coach Skylar Meade, for keeping some of the earlier games from getting out of hand, score-wise.

"The relievers have done a great job. Skylar Meade, the pitching coach, is making moves at the right times, not allowing it to get out of hand," said Schmitz. "We're just not making the plays defensively when we have to, not getting the clutch hits when we have to, so you're going to have to do those things somewhere this year."

Offense beginning to move forward

The Panthers had some more success offensively, and Coach Schmitz said he thinks they are moving in the right direction and starting to pick up a few more extra-base hits.

"I think we swung the bats well," said Schmitz. "(Outfielder) Ben Thoma had another double, (first-baseman) T.J. McManus had a dou-

ble, (infielder) Jake Samuels is hitting the ball with some authority, really getting some big base hits. Our main guy, Zach Borenstein is not getting extra base hits, so that's going to come. We at least feel we have four guys in the lineup that are going to do well."

Around the OVC

Elsewhere in Ohio Valley Conference action last weekend, Jacksonville State took to the road and swept Middle Tennessee by scores of 10-2, 9-6 and 12-9.

Southeast Missouri State hosted Ball State, and won two out of three by scores of 12-7, 2-6 and 22-8.

Tennessee Tech hosted Eastern Michigan and lost two out of three, finishing with final scores of 7-1, 1-5 and 8-9.

Southern Illinois- Edwardsville lost two out of three games at Oral Roberts, as they ended up with scores of 5-13, 3-6 and 6-2.

Eastern Kentucky won two out of three against Penn State, as they lost 1-7 before rebounding to win the next two by scores of 7-5 and 7-6.

Morehead State played host to Purdue, losing three games out of four. The Eagles' match-ups with the Boilermakers concluded with scores of 8-11, 10-9, 1-18 and 9-17 in a pair of double headers Saturday and Sunday.

Tennessee-Martin played host to Indiana State, with final scores of 3-11, 7-10 and 9-8.

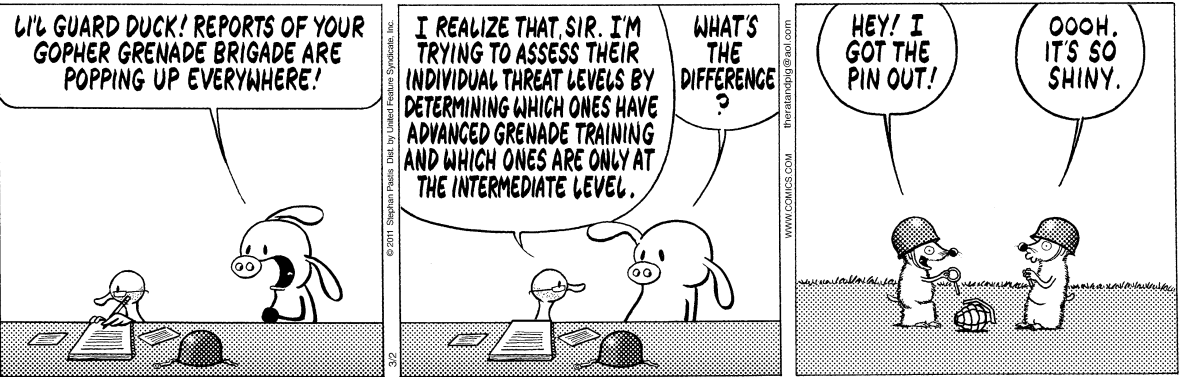
Murray State hosted Bowling Green State University and won two out of three, ending with scores of 6-3, 4-3 and 2-4.

Austin Peay only played one game, postponed from Friday to Saturday, as they beat Illinois State 5-4. Austin Peay's scheduled game with Milwaukee on Sunday was cancelled.

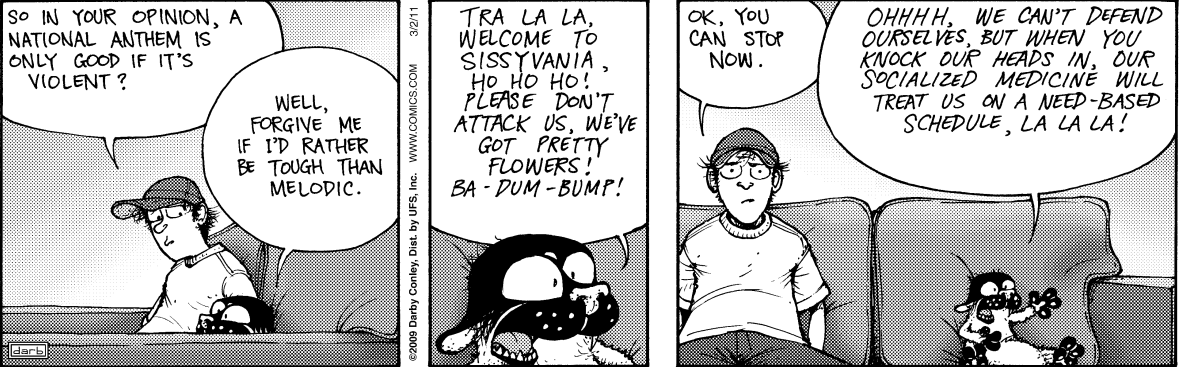
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COMICS

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NATION
Mara 1st owner seen at NFL mediation

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The New York Giants' John Mara joined the NFL group negotiating with the players' union Tuesday, the first team owner to participate since a federal mediator began overseeing the talks.

Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, chairman of the league's competition committee, and Washington Redskins general manager Bruce Allen also were among those joining NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell when mediation resumed Tuesday at 1 p.m., 59 hours before the current collective bargaining agreement was due to expire. Most participants hadn't left as of 6:30 p.m.

"I don't think you could have a greater sense of urgency," Jeff Pash, the league's lead labor negotiator, said on his way into the meeting. "We all know what the calendar is, and we all

know what's at stake for everybody. And that's why we're here. We're going to be here as long as it takes and work as hard as we can work to get something done."

There was no telling, of course, whether the sides would fare any better Tuesday than they did during more than 40 hours of meetings spread across seven consecutive days of mediation that wrapped up last week. When that round ended Thursday, mediator George Cohen said the league and the NFL Players Association still had "very strong differences" on the "all-important core issues."

The CBA runs out at midnight as Thursday becomes Friday on the East Coast, and the owners could lock out the players afterward. The union could also decertify — essentially, declare itself out of the business of representing players — and let the players take their chances in court.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER | RECRUITMENT

Soccer recruits have much to offer

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the 2011 women's soccer season still being a ways away, two of the team's newest additions are already excited and ready to compete in Panther uniforms.

The 2011 recruiting class for head coach Summer Perala's squad was announced last week, adding eight new incoming freshman to the roster for next season.

Two members of the 2011 recruiting class are Lauren Rusk of Woodridge and Allie Lakie of Homer Glen.

Rusk comes to the Panthers after competing for the NSA Premier Storm U-18 club team and her high

school Downers Grove South.

Rusk said she visited the Eastern campus last year and liked how close together things were, as well as the good amount of people.

Rusk will look to follow in the footsteps of her older sister Sarah Rusk, who finished her senior season on the Panther soccer team this past year.

Rusk said she has a lot to offer to the Panther team next season.

"I work hard, I'm a team player, and I can always help. I think I'm a decent player, and I can play any position," Rusk said.

Also joining the Panther soccer team is Allie Lakie, who competed as a member of the Chicago International club team, where she serves as

team captain.

Lakie first visited Eastern after attending cross country and soccer camps, giving her a good view of the campus. Lakie said with the campus being about three hours away from her home in Homer Glen, it's far away, but still close enough if she wanted to return home.

Lakie said she really likes the coaching styles of Perala and assistant coach Grant Williams.

Lakie is excited about playing for the Panthers and wants the current team to know she is a team player.

"What I would want the team to see is that I bring a lot of energy, I'm a motivator, and I pick players up while they're down, and I'm very competi-

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Allie Lakie, incoming freshman recruit

tive," Lakie said.

Lakie said she is the type of player who plays until the final whistle.

"I never give up, I play until the last minute, I have fun and I work hard," Lakie said.

The women's soccer regular season will begin play this August.

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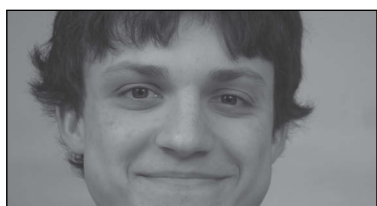
VIEWS

Baseball needs to hurry, find ways for improvement

The Panther baseball team is winless this season, and this needs to change soon if they want to have a shot at the Ohio Valley Conference title this season.

Granted, the season is young, at only six games played out of a scheduled, but the Panthers need to start winning and get on a roll now, because if they fall into a rut of losing, they'll find themselves in an inescapable hole faster than you can say "Panther baseball hasn't won a game yet in 2011."

Major league baseball teams have 162 regular season games, and their



Brad Kupiec

fans get alarmed when a team loses its first six games, so with less than a third of that schedule, it's certainly not too soon to worry about this team.

I'm not taking anything away from

the teams Eastern has already played; Southern Mississippi and Central Arkansas are both formidable opponents. But the Panthers should have been able to win at least one game out of their first six.

The team needs to cut down on the fundamental mistakes they seem to be making and tighten up their play in a hurry, unless they want to end the season at the bottom of the OVC, and I highly doubt anyone associated with this team wants that fate.

While it may seem like it, I'm not necessarily pushing the panic button just yet. I'm only saying there is cause

for concern.

Keys to the season being turned around, aside from defense, will be the arrival of a consistent offense for the Panthers that can put runs on the board consistently with the new bat requirements in effect.

The new bats require teams to rely less on power and more on reaching base and moving station-to-station efficiently, so the Panthers will need to consistently find ways to score without relying on the benefit of the home-run.

This seems to have provided a challenge for Eastern thus far, as the team is averaging less than two runs

per game on the year, but Saturday's four-run performance and four Panther players with season averages over .300 have provided signs of life for Eastern's offense. Only time will tell now if the Panthers are able to adjust in time to have a successful season.

The Panthers obviously have time left to turn their season around with 51 games remaining, but the turn around needs to start soon, and the fundamental errors need to stop, or it will be a long season indeed.

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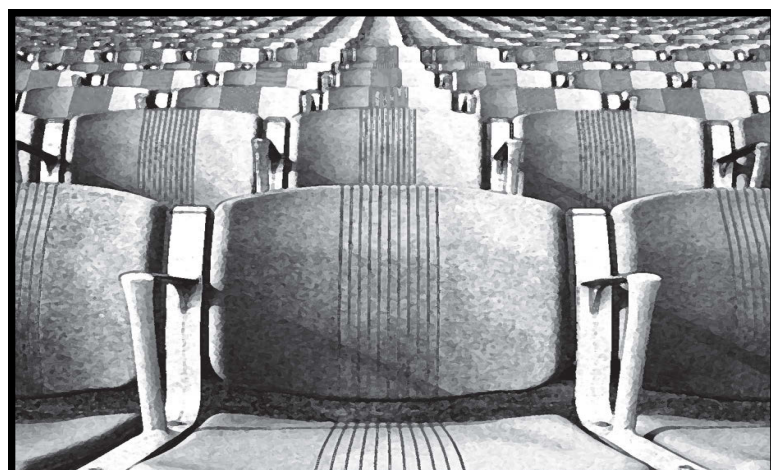
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SOFTBALL



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Junior Amber May pitches against Tennessee Tech March 27, 2010 at Williams Field. The Panthers take on Butler Saturday in Nashville, Tenn. for the Lady Bison Classic.

Maday earns spot in 2011 Mardi Gras Classic team

By Lenny Arquilla
Staff Reporter

Freshmen pitcher Stephanie Maday recorded her first career win against Alabama State this weekend.

In two games this weekend, she pitched 8.1 innings finishing with four strikeouts, while allowing six hits and 3 walks and recording an ERA of 0.0. Her performance earned her a spot of the 2011 Mardi Gras Classic All-Tournament team. She was the only Panther to receive the honor.

Despite the teams 4-4 start, Maday said the team is going to improve game by game with the ultimate goal of becoming Ohio Valley Conference champions.

Another freshmen, Morgan Biel, performed well earning special men-

tion honors to the All-Tournament team, she was also in consideration for OVC Player of the Week.

During the Mardi Gras Classic, she hit her first career home run, improving her batting average to .278. She is currently tied for the lead in RBI, total bases, and fielding percentage. She leads the team with two home runs this season.

Around the OVC

Kaleigh Gates, outfielder for Tennessee Tech, won OVC Player of the Week by going .500 over five games with three runs scored, one double, and one home run. She recorded at least one run in all five games and she drove in six runs, including a 3-run shot, in the 14-5 victory against East Tennessee State.

Tennessee Tech beat East Ten-

nessee State 14-5 in a non-conference game. Senior Kaleigh Gates, junior Whitney Cummings, and sophomore Brittney Spalding of Tennessee Tech all hit their first home runs of the season in the six-inning victory. Gates and Cummings accounted for 10 of the team's 14 RBI. Junior Holly Thomas won her third straight contest as she pitched 4.2 innings while striking out two.

Eastern Kentucky beat Alabama State 5-3 on the final day of the Magic City Classic. Junior Larkyn Wood hit two home runs and drove in three. Shyenne Hussey's RBI single and Raquel Howes' RBI double in the fifth extended the lead to 5-2 before finally winning 5-3.

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TRACK & FIELD

Track falls in regional rank

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite winning the Ohio Valley Conference championship this past weekend, the Eastern men's track and field team dropped one spot in the Midwest Regional rankings, falling from No. 9 to No. 10.

The Panthers have been falling in the Midwest rankings, dropping from their peak position, No. 7, to No. 9 two weeks ago after remaining at the same spot last week.

In the Midwest Region, Nebraska holds the top spot for the second week in a row, followed by Minnesota, who moved up one spot from last week. Oklahoma fell from second to third in the rankings, with Iowa, Illinois and Kansas State following. Wichita State and Oral Roberts own the No. 7 and No. 8 spots, while Oklahoma State, making the jump of the week, advanced six spots to hold the No. 9 position. Eastern rounds out the list at No. 10.

The Panthers continue to be the only representative of the OVC, while the Big 12 conference leads the way with four teams in the top ten.

The Panthers are individually ranked in the Midwest in six different events.

The Panthers currently have two athletes ranked inside the NCAA top-50 rankings. Red-shirt junior Zye Boey and red-shirt freshman Mick Viken remain, while junior Tyler Carter has fallen outside the top-50. Boey currently ranks as the No. 25 runner in the 60-meter dash, tied for the spot with senior Gabriel Mvumvure of LSU. Boey has dropped in the 200-meter dash, now sitting at the No. 7 spot, falling out of the top five. Viken is tied for the No. 32 spot in the pole vault with three other athletes, senior Kenny Greaves of Texas, senior Corey Phallen of Arizona State and freshman Logan Pflibsen of New Mexico. Viken recorded his season best mark at this past weekend's OVC Indoor Championship. Viken's 17-foot, 1.50-inch mark broke the Eastern indoor school record, as well as the OVC indoor record.

As a team, the Panther rank No. 59 in the nation, falling eight spots from last week.

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Regional Ranking

1. Nebraska	6. Kansas State
2. Minnesota	7. Wichita State
3. Oklahoma	8. Oral Roberts
4. Iowa	9. Oklahoma State
5. Illinois	10. Eastern Illinois

NATION Lincecum pitches 3 innings for Giants

By The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — After Tim Lincecum pitched three hitless innings for San Francisco in his second spring training outing, Aramis Ramirez hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in a three-run sixth that

led the Chicago Cubs over the Giants 3-2 Tuesday. Lincecum struck out two and allowed only one runner to reach: Starlin Castro on an error by shortstop Miguel Tejada.

Cubs starter Ryan Dempster gave up one run, two hits and a walk in three innings, striking out three.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Nixon and King voted to All-OVC teams

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Sophomores Ta’Kenya Nixon and Mariah King were voted to represent Eastern’s women’s basketball team as a member of the All-OVC teams as voted on by the head coaches in the league.

Nixon is one of the players on the All-OVC First Team, along four other guards in the conference.

The other guards on the first team are Morehead State’s Chynna Boze-man, Tennessee Tech’s Tacarra Hayes, Tennessee Martin’s Heather Butler and Jasmine Newsome.

King was voted as a member of the All-OVC Second Team, along with Morehead State’s Ashar Harris, Austin Peay’s Whitney Hanely, Murray State’s Mariah Robinson, and Eastern Ken-tucky’s Alex Jones.

For the second year in a row, Eastern has two or more players represented on the All-Conference teams. Last year, Nixon, Maggie Kloak and Dominique Sims were all selected.

The top awards for the conference were also given out.

The play of the year was Boze-man. The freshman of the year was Butler. OVC, page 9

ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE



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Rachel Galligan, assistant women’s basketball coach, loads equipment Tuesday into the coach bus destined for the Ohio Valley Conference Champion-ship in Nashville, Tenn.

BASEBALL | NOTEBOOK

Panthers look to rebound from rough weekend

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

Head Panther baseball Coach Jim Schmitz said even though he was dis-appointed with his team’s performance last weekend, he gives full credit to the Central Arkansas team they faced.

Schmitz said he thought Eastern and UCA were evenly matched over the weekend, but the Bears found ways to win and made great plays on defense.

“(When there are) two even-ly matched teams in games, to me, a good team finds ways to win,” said Schmitz. “That’s such a cliché, but that’s what they do, if it’s a clutch hit or a clutch double play or whatever.”

Coach Schmitz said to say he was disappointed about the weekend would be an understatement.

“Disappointed is a mild way of putting it,” said Schmitz. “I thought we could have two wins down there (in Arkansas). You’ve just got to play better and we didn’t play better.”

Pitching

Coach Schmitz said the bull-pen has been a definite bright spot

“Disappointment is a mild way of putting it... You’ve just got to play better and we didn’t play better.”

Jim Schmitz, head coach

for his team so far this season. He pointed out several pitchers in particular who pitched well in relief, but commented on junior left-hander Darin Worman in particular as being a pleasant surprise out of the bullpen.

Worman pitched 1.2 scoreless in-nings at Central Arkansas over two ap-pearances, striking out one and walking one in that span.

Coach Schmitz said he credits his REBOUND, page 9



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Sophomore second baseman Zach Borenstein had four hits, one run and two RBIs during the game against Illinois College April 6, 2010 at Coaches Stadium.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women’s basketball
Thursday - OVC Championships
Noon – Nashville, Tenn.

Softball
Saturday vs. Butler
12:15 p.m. –Nashville, Tenn.

Men’s tennis
Wednesday vs. Bradley
1 p.m. – Peoria, Ill.

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Friday vs. Bradley
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Friday – Evansville Spring Tourney
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College Basketball
Texas A&M at Kansas
8 p.m. on ESPN2

NHL
Flames at Blackhawks
8 p.m. on CSN