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MISS BLACK EIU

A chance in the spotlight



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Keiyanna Franklin, a senior special education major and winner of Miss Black EIU 2012, performs her talent portion of the pageant, "Forgotten," at the Miss Black EIU 2012 Scholarship Pageant in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Saturday. Franklin choreographed her entire dance.

Franklin crowned 41st Miss Black EIU

By Felicia Darnell
Staff Reporter

Minutes before the Miss Black EIU pageant Saturday, the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union was buzzing with murmurs of excitement.

After watching each contestant present four months of hard work and dedication, the audience finally got to meet their new Miss Black EIU.

Keiyanna Franklin was received with a standing ovation after crowned this year's Miss Black EIU.

The crowd leapt to their feet and roared for Franklin, a senior special

education major, as she held her head high and walked on the runway in the spotlight.

Even Mayor John Inyart said he was impressed.

"What a wonderful group. It's clear they put a lot of effort into preparing and planning," Inyart said. "Very powerful. It was clear (the performances) came from their hearts. It was great."

Some audience members like Michelle Taylor, a senior elementary education major, were excited.

While others like T'keyah Ford, a sophomore mathematics major, said she anticipated seeing more creativity.

Some pageant patrons were looking forward to seeing how this

"I really do believe that Keiyanna deserved the crown. (I'll take away) the friendships I developed with all of the ladies."

Destiny Winford, 1st runner up

year was going to stack up against last year's pageant. Carlos Risby, the father of 2011 Miss Black EIU Timery Jackson, said that last year was great.

"As long as they have been working, I know (the pageant) will turn out great," Risby said.

The lights dimmed as Black Stu-

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dent Union President Andre Allen presented the opening ceremonies.

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CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Gun threat causes panic at CHS

Suspect in custody in connection with hoax

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

A seemingly normal day at Charleston High School was brought to a screeching halt when police officers from Eastern, Charleston and the state rushed to the school in reaction to an early-morning gun threat on Friday.

Students and teachers of CHS were alerted by an anonymous source to a potential threat when an alert was sounded over the intercom at 8:45 a.m.

According to a statement from Charleston Superintendent Jim Littleford, the administration was told the calls were made from a phone within the school.

A suspect is currently in custody and has confessed to making both of the prank calls, said Littleford, during a 12:43 p.m. press conference Friday.

Mark Twain Elementary School was also under a lockdown because of its proximity to the high school.

Diane Hutchins, the CHS principal, said she thinks the way the school handled the threat was a reflection on the past drills the students have participated in.

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Following a security lock down at Charleston High School at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Stacy Stewart, of Charleston, and her daughter Lyndsy Hunt, a freshman at Charleston High School, walk out of the main entrance.

CAMPUS

Faculty award deadline approaching

By Piper Black
Staff Reporter

Faculty members have many opportunities to receive recognition for specific achievements, but one award acknowledges their overall teaching contribution, the chairman of the Distinguished Faculty Award Committee said.

On March 2, applications will be due for the Distinguished Faculty Award. This award is presented to one faculty member each year.

Grant Sterling, the chairman of the Distinguished Faculty Award Committee, said the committee members look for people who have benefited the university in a variety of ways over a period of time.

Sterling said applicants are evaluated for their teaching, their research and their service to Eastern as well as to the overall community.

Although students are able to nominate a faculty member for this award, faculty members make most of the nominations, Sterling said.

He said students typically write the letters of support for their professors once another faculty member has decided to nominate them.

The award committee is made up of seven people. There are three members from the Faculty Senate, two students who are usually a part of the Student Senate, one alumnus from the EIU Alumni Association, and one of the previous award winners who is chosen for the committee by President Bill Perry.

David Raybin, a professor of English and literature since 1981, was the 2011 winner of the Distinguished Faculty Award.

"I have taught well, published my research regularly, edited a scholarly journal (The Chaucer Review), and served the university and profession in a wide variety of ways," Raybin said.

Raybin has also received grants from the Illinois Humanities Council to help fund the annual EIU Literature Conference, and three grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities to direct month-long Summer Seminars for Teachers on Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

"The award capped my career at Eastern," Raybin said. "It may have contributed to my being selected as the 2011 Illinois Professor of the Year."

They usually get less than 50 applicants for the Distinguished Faculty Award each year, Sterling said.

Requirements for the applicants include being a tenured or tenure-track faculty member, and having taught at Eastern for four years.

With the nominee application, they must also submit a letter of nomination, up to three letters of support, and their curriculum vitae.

As chairman of the award committee, Sterling said his job is to check the nominations and make sure all of the material is there before distributing the applications to the committee members.

After each member reviews the applications, a meeting is scheduled where all seven committee members are available to meet and review the applications.

Once the committee members make their decision, they announce their recommendation to be approved by the Faculty Senate.

"This is one of the most prestigious awards that the university gives," Sterling said. "It is a great honor for our faculty."

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Story: Concert brings back meaning of praise

The Unity Gospel Choir and its praise dancers, In Christ For Christ, performed a gospel journey that took the audience through many aspects of the history of gospel music and African roots.

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Kids and Friends Weekend



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Sophomore art education major Carol-Lynn Comparetto prepares to paint Charleston resident Emily Kaurin's face Saturday in McKinney Hall during Kids and Friends Weekend. Kaurin decided to have a crown painted on each cheek. The Residence Hall Association hosted Kids and Friends Weekend, and more than 40 people attended the event. The participants traveled to most of the residence halls on campus where they took part in different games and activities like musical chairs, relay races, coloring and more.

To see the full photo gallery, check out dailyeasternnews.com

WOMEN STUDIES

'Living History' kicks off program

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

In order to kick off Eastern's Women Studies "Living History Program," students, teachers, and community members gathered at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library for a public performance.

Melanie Mills, professor of communication studies, said the Living History Program provides a connection between the community and university, as well as providing good lessons for children during the presentations.

The Living History Program is a 20-year-old program that travels to middle and elementary schools in Charleston to promote Women's History Month.

Eastern students will dress up as historical women and present a speech for their target audience, as well as answer questions.

"Women's history is often optional or incomplete in elementary school curriculum," Mills said via email. "Our program gives children a chance to see that women did more than cook and sew in our history. I think it expands the minds of both boys and girls to see brave, talented and smart women who had major roles in shaping history."

The six historical women represented included Sacajawea, the guide of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, as well as a Lemhi-Shoshone Native American; Alice Paul, the American suffragist and activist who helped pass the amendment allowing women to vote; Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly unaccompanied across the Atlantic Ocean; Lisette Charbonneau, the daughter of Sacajawea; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the first lady during the 1960s and famed fashion icon; and Annie Oakley, the American Sharpshooter and star at

traction at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Andrea Morgan, a history major, played the roll of Annie Oakley.

Morgan said Annie Oakley was considered the first American female superstar.

Morgan, dressed as Oakley, told the tale of how Oakley was forced to learn to hunt at the age of 9 in order to provide food and money for her family.

Morgan also said Oakley was born and raised in Ohio and become a star attraction of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, where she performed sharp shooting tricks such as shooting the tip off a cigarette that her husband, fellow sharpshooter Frank Butler, held in his mouth.

Morgan said Oakley, with her worldwide popularity, was able to travel all over the world, something that was not common for women in that time period.

Jeannie Ludlow, the director of women's studies, said she thinks boys and girls can both appreciate the famous female figures and the lessons and morals they teach.

"We are far past the time when boys were supposed to have only male role models and girls were supposed to have only female role models," Ludlow said via email. "In today's program, the audience learned about Annie Oakley's childhood and how her family struggled to keep their farm after her father died."

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WIND SYMPHONY

Wind instruments play new, old music

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Old and contemporary music were combined in the Dvorak Concert Hall stage on Saturday.

The Eastern Wind Symphony performed old and contemporary pieces during "The Art of the Wind Band."

Alan Sullivan, the interim director of bands, the director of the Panther Marching Band and the Eastern Wind Symphony, said the wide variety of music attracts a wide audience.

"I thought (the audience) enjoyed it," Sullivan said. "I think they enjoyed the wide variety of programming."

The wind symphony played compositions ranging from the late 19th century to today.

The symphony played "Give us this Day" by David Maslanka, "Black Dog" by Scott McAllister, "Dance of the Jesters" by Peter I. Tchaikovsky, "Hymn to a Blue Hour" by John Mackey, and "The Hounds of Spring" by Alfred Reed.

Karen Villalobos, a Salem resident, said she liked the selection.

"I go more for the older symphony pieces, but I enjoyed it all; it was done well," Villalobos said.

Villalobos said she thought the students did well.

"Symphony is beautiful music, people should listen to it more," Villalobos said.

Kathy Dennison, a Lisle resident, said she liked the variety of music.

"I liked when it got louder and softer, I'm not sure of the technical term for it," Dennison said.

Brenda Tunison, a Villa Grove resident, said she thought the concert was great.



ZACHARY WHITE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Professor Alan Sullivan leads the EIU Wind Symphony during the Art of the Wind Band concert on Saturday, Feb. 24.

"I really like the last piece ("Dance of the Jesters"), it was very nice and exciting," Tunison said.

Magie Smith, a music department personnel and a teacher of clarinet, played with the band during "Black Dog."

"It is always a pleasure playing with the wind symphony, I'm really proud of my students," Smith said. "It was great."

Jenny Deisher, a junior music major and a clarinet player with the band, said

she thought the concert went well.

"It was an exciting concert to perform," Deisher said. "My favorite piece was 'Black Dog' because my teacher performed in it."

Sullivan said he thought the band worked well with Smith.

"They did great. They were very attentive," Sullivan said. "When working with solos, the tempos can be different, and they did a good job of following her."

Sullivan said working with professors allows them to learn from her.

"A lot of them are performance majors, and it gives them a chance to see a professor playing with the band," Sullivan said. "It's a good learning experience for the band."

Deisher said performing with her teacher allowed her to learn new things.

"Listening to a professional clarinet player helps us establish a style and learn from them," Deisher said.

Sullivan said the students did a good job during the concert.

"I thought the students in the ensemble stepped it up tonight. They left it all on the stage," Sullivan said. "The stage is where it should be left."

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FACEBOOK

Eastern 'meme' makers both love, regret page

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

In the past month, Eastern students have been buzzing about a Facebook page called "Eastern Illinois University Memes."

The page was started by three Eastern night assistants, David Jackson, Ryan Snodgrass and Alex Hayward.

"We created the page one night when all three of us were all working," Snodgrass said. "I think we made close to 30 memes that first night."

A meme is defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as an idea, behavior, style or usage that spreads from person to person within a culture.

In this case, it is a public Facebook page with personalized templates and pictures pertaining to Eastern.

Jackson and Snodgrass, however, have different definitions.

"To me, meme is an acronym for Many Efficient Morons Entertaining," Snodgrass said.

Jackson, a senior communication studies major, said even though he helped create the page, he still thinks memes are stupid.

"I would define a meme as a pointless attempt to make people laugh in order to get Internet points that don't matter," Jackson said.

Snodgrass, a senior mass communications major, said he got the idea for helping start a memes page for Eastern when a friend at Northern Illinois University had "liked" Northern's meme page. After browsing the Northern page, Snodgrass knew Eastern could have a better page.

"We thought we'd better get on board before someone else who doesn't know how to do (memes) made a page," Snod-

grass said.

Hayward, a senior elementary education major, said the three night assistants created the page at work at around 3 a.m.

"When I went to bed that night, it had about five likes," he said.

He said by noon, the page had close to 200 likes.

"It blew up from there with people liking the memes we created and creating their own," he said.

The Facebook page "Eastern Illinois University Memes" has been up for almost a month now and has a following of more than 1,300 people.

Hayward said as an administrator, he gets additional insights on the page.

"It tells us how many unique visitors look at our page, and that number is currently at 13,000 unique views per week, which is crazy," Hayward said.

Jackson and Snodgrass said the memes page was "cool for about a week," but their meme creations have dwindled.

"I kind of wish it was back down to around 100 people, because then it would be 100 people that actually enjoy the page and don't get on there and complain the whole time," Snodgrass said.

They said they started off policing the memes relatively well, but they have gotten less worried about what students post.

"It makes me laugh when people get upset about the misuse of something on the Internet," Jackson said.

Jackson said he respects the people that actually try to use the memes "correctly."

Anyone can use an online meme generator to contribute to the page, and most of the posted memes are catchy, quirky sayings about Eastern.



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From left, night assistants David Jackson, Alex Hayward and Ryan Snodgrass created the "Eastern Illinois University Memes" Facebook page. The page receives about 13,000 unique views per week.

"Our most successful meme is the one of President Perry," Jackson said.

The Perry meme features a picture of President Bill Perry with the words "President of a University" above him, and "Goes to sporting events and talks to students anyway" below. It has over 250 "likes."

"I'm proud of our profile picture that says 'the amount of staff parking is too damn high,' because it's something I legitimately complain about at least three times a week," Jackson said.

Jackson said if he was a meme, he would be the "Most Interesting Man"

meme, which originated from a European advertisement for Dos Equis beer.

In meme form, Snodgrass said he would be the "Not Sure Fry" meme from Futurama.

Hayward said if he was a meme, he would be either "Lazy College Senior" or "Foul Bachelor Frog."

"I find myself laughing at and relating to those memes the most, being a burnt-out senior and a lazy bachelor in my apartment," Hayward said.

One of the memes Snodgrass recently made said "Not sure if proud or ashamed to be admin of this page."

"I think (the page) is hilarious still, but I also thinks it's completely terrible," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass said part of him does not want people to know he helped create the page, but if people ask him about it, he fesses up.

Both Jackson and Snodgrass said the meme trend is just a phase and will likely fizzle out soon.

"Let's be real, it's the Internet," Jackson said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Panthers miss OVC tournament again; Miller needs to go

With their 10th double-digit loss Saturday, the Eastern men’s basketball team will miss the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the second consecutive season.

The loss finished the Panthers’ 12-17 season, which placed them 10th (out of 11) in the conference. The only other team worse than the Panthers was Tennessee-Martin, a team that only won four games all season.

This 12-17 season is actually one of head coach Mike Miller’s best in his seven years with the Panthers, which is awful and a major reason he should not return next season as the head coach.

Miller’s contract is expiring this season, giving Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke an opportunity to move the men’s basketball program in a new direction with a new coach. We suggest she do so.

Miller’s best season was two years ago when his team went 19-12 and made the conference tournament, but besides that season Miller hasn’t built much of a resume while at Eastern, accumulating a 75-130 record.

His first three seasons at Eastern, the team had six, 10 and seven wins. The next year the team had 12 wins, matching this season.

The 19-win season gave the program some promise, but Miller followed it up with a nine-win season and this year.

Last year we were shocked to find that Miller was the highest paid coach at Eastern when his record is one of the worst.

We reported in April that Miller made \$133,000 last year, which was \$36,000 more annually than the average OVC coach. However, Miller’s program is nowhere near as successful as other OVC schools like Murray State and Morehead State.

Murray State is one of the top teams nationally, ranked No. 14 in the Associated Press top 25 poll, with a 26-1 record. Morehead State produced a top NBA draft pick, Kenneth Faried, in July.

We reported Miller was paid \$8,000 more than former football head coach Bob Spoo, who retired this season and brought success and notoriety to the football program in 25 years at Eastern.

Also, we reported that Miller makes \$40,000 more than Eastern women’s basketball head coach Brady Sallee, who has coached the Panthers’ to the winningest record in the OVC in his eight years. Sallee is 136-108 in his career at Eastern and has turned the program around from one that wins 10 games each year to winning 19, 24, 23, 18, and 22 games in the each of the last five years.

Sallee’s team is going to the conference tournament this season (Friday, actually) as the No. 2 seed. Also, it went to the Women’s National Invitation Tournament two years ago after winning its first OVC regular season title.

Sallee has earned a big pay raise – say the \$40,000 more Miller is making. He hasn’t gotten it yet, but we’re waiting on that too.

Also, Miller has quite a negative following on Twitter as Panther fans have developed a #FIREMIKEMILLER hashtag to complain about the head coach, which has been going on for a couple years.

The passionate fan base also flocked to a letter to the editor published in *The DEN* Thursday. Three Eastern alumni wrote a letter to Eastern administrators, especially Burke, calling for Miller’s termination.

The letter online has 14 comments, including one who called himself “currentEIUballer” who said:

“There are a lot of things that go on ‘behind-the-scenes’ that a lot of fans and alum do not see or understand. This man is not fit for this job for many reasons. Some obvious, and some not. Frustrating is an understatement.”

Apparently, Miller doesn’t even have the support of a current player on his roster.

As the three writers of the letter pointed out, Miller didn’t have support of many players who quit before their careers were over.

Those players include: Ross Laux, Tom Burke, Wes Wilkin, Bil Duany, Kyree Brown, George Tandy, Austin Hogue, Freddie Perry, Bobby Jolliff, Mike Robinson, Brandon D’Amico, Justin Brock, Will Hamilton, Romain Martin, Levi Noel, Shaun Pratl and Isaac Smith III.

We know Burke responded to the letter saying that she too is concerned and is evaluating the situation.

We know Burke is listening. This evidence should be helpful as she diagnoses a sick program and decides its future.

Clearly fans are sick of putting up with Miller’s terrible coaching job and we are too.

Do the right thing and move the program in another direction before its completely left in the dust.

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COLUMN

Your vote as consumer counts more

Last week a classmate asked me about my cellular carrier. Her contract is up in the summer and she’s trying to decide whether to change service providers, and if so, to which provider she’ll switch. While it’s less romantic than 1950s appliance ads, this is the American dream.

The agency of consumers to democratically decide which product or service we support with our hard-won American dollars represents the real governing principles on which this country operates. I posit (with an aching heart) that today, it’s more powerful than our vote.

There are always a number of factors to consider when making choices as consumers, and we who wield the Internet have access to all of them.

From *Consumer Reports* to the wealth of reviews from existing users, consumers can find out almost anything about a company or product: from data rates and coverage areas to political contributions and favored candidates.

While they may not be able to vote (yet), corporations like major cellular carriers are actively engaged in the political process.

Although current laws (sort of) require (some) contributions to be disclosed with the federal government, many consumers are still unaware of how their chosen companies are “voting” (for all your consumer who-am-I-really-supporting inquiries, I recommend OpenSecrets.org for useful, honest data).

So, back to my classmate’s dilemma: the top two cellular providers, as I’m sure you all know, are Verizon Wireless and AT&T. Bad news for “non-participants”;



Mia Tapella

by subscribing to either of these services you are very much voting, my friends (translation: vote in elections). A rough comparison of the companies, however, yields interesting results.

Both companies support both Democratic and Republican candidates, to varying degrees. President Obama received around \$75,000 from both companies combined.

Nothing to sneeze at, but hardly polarizing when you consider the bazillions of dollars poured into campaigns by guys like the Koch brothers.

Besides, every major corporation makes political contributions (except for IBM), often based on policy and who’s on what congressional committee. What’s important to notice here are trends; to whom is what company giving the most money the most often, and why.

According to AT&T’s Political Contribution Statement, “Contributions are made to candidates who demonstrate integrity and character, support a strong private sector and show a free-enterprise philosophy.”

How sweet. Based on AT&T’s political donations over the past four elections, “integrity and character” can be loosely defined as anti-immigration, anti-gay, and anti-abortion.

Can you guess to which party AT&T made the most political donations?

I’m not letting Verizon Wireless off the hook, but their contributions are less polarized.

However, these differences are somewhat nuanced—both companies give more money to Republicans.

Verizon gave House Speaker John Boehner \$22,500. AT&T gave him \$99,200. AT&T’s contributions to congressional Republicans, based on FEC data from less than a month ago, totals to about \$956,634. The same for Verizon Wireless: less than \$300,000. “Nuanced” to the tune of around \$680,000.

This is the difference between making a normal amount of fiscally beneficial political noise and making a political statement.

If you’re a good liberal, and live in an area where you aren’t forced to shop at Walmart, there is another option.

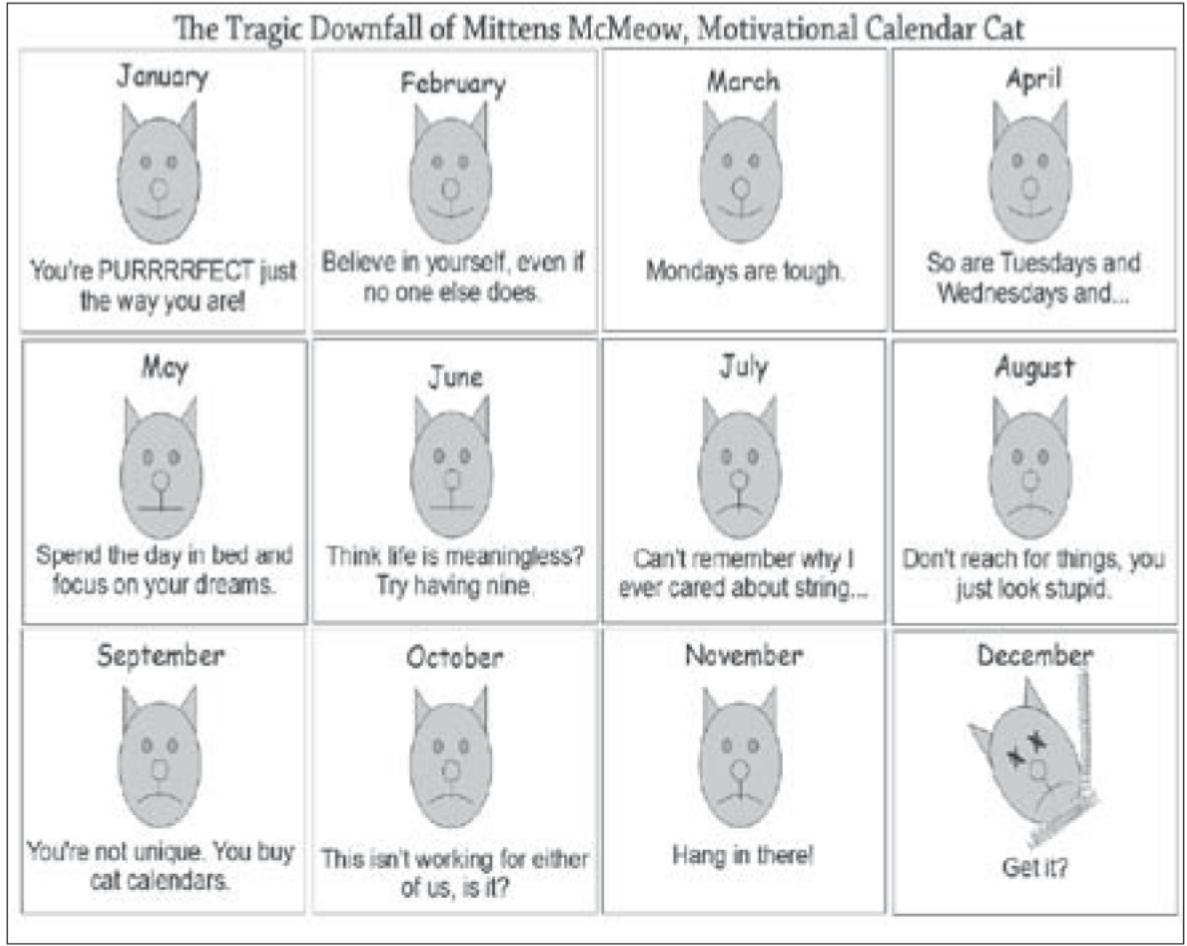
CREDO Mobile bases its consumer appeal on donating to progressive groups and nonprofits like the ACLU and Planned Parenthood.

I’m in no way claiming innocence, here. My deep, lasting love of my fancy iPhone (and a lack of options in my rural-bound dwellings) eclipse my desire for savvy consumer activism in this instance.

But for those of you leaving this highly choice-limited area, like my fortunate classmate, it’s something to think about.

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THREAT, from page 1

“I felt very confident when I went with the police into each classroom that the procedure had been followed and students were doing what they were supposed to be doing,” Hutchins said.

Hutchins said the school had just had a scheduled lockdown drill early this year.

“When something like this happens, we immediately go on lockdown,” Hutchins said. “My first concern (was) for the students and the staff.”

Hutchins said she will be looking for feedback from students and staff on whether the previous drills were applicable during a moment of panic.

Littleford said the reason the school did not alert parents or guardians to the threat was because of uncertainty.

“We weren’t sure what we were dealing with if we were dealing with anything at that point,” he said.

Stacy Stewart is the mother of CHS freshman Lyndsy Hunt, who was texting her mother throughout the lockdown before Stewart was contacted by the school.

At first, Stewart said she thought that maybe it was a routine school drill until her daughter told her otherwise.

“That’s when we started hearing reports from around town,” Stewart said. “I’m sure they were just trying to keep the kids safe.”

Stewart said she does feel safe having her daughter return to school on Monday.

“I think they did everything they should’ve done and kept them safe,” Stewart said.

Hunt, a freshman at CHS, said she was scared throughout the ordeal while in her English class.

“We didn’t know if it was real or just a test, then police came in to check if we had weapons and they checked all

of the lockers and all of the purses and bags,” Hunt said. “There was nothing to be found.”

Littleford also said the searches uncovered nothing of concern.

Lisa Killough had been at the school since 9:10 a.m. to pick up her daughter, but her daughter asked to stay because she was afraid her grades would be in jeopardy.

“She asked to stay because she did not want to miss homework because another student standing in the office said his teacher said it would not be excused and they would not be given make up work,” Killough said.

Killough said she agreed against her better judgment.

After the second call was made at 10:54 a.m., Killough said she tried to get her daughter out a second time, but the office said they did not recommend it.

Killough was eventually able to remove her daughter from school for the day.

Austin Carver, a senior at Charleston High School, was in the gym locker room for about an hour and half during the security lockdown.

“We were all chilling out; we were all pretty relaxed,” Carver said. “We were taking it seriously, but I think we knew we were OK.”

Carver said he thinks the past drills prepared him and his fellow classmates for the events that transpired on Friday.

“We weren’t scurrying around or anything,” he said.

Cindy Drum, Carver’s mother, tells a different story.

Outside the high school, Drum said she was left relatively uninformed about the events going on within the school.

“I was scared to death. I really was,” Drum said. “You see on the news about

the schools where several kids end up shot—I don’t appreciate (how I was notified).”

Drum was alerted to the potential danger when her friend called her; an hour and a half later she was alerted by a voice-recorded message from the high school.

“I don’t think that’s fair to anyone involved, especially the parents,” Drum said. “I knew more from a phone call from a friend than I got from the school, which is not right.”

Drum said she was surprised by the way her son was handling the situation.

“(Austin) is taking it a lot lighter than what I thought he would,” Drum said.

Drum said she remains very uncomfortable with sending her son back to school if there is not an open line of communication between CHS administration and parents.

Drum did not let Carver return into the school for the day.

Drum also said she thinks the school waiting to notify the parents while students were getting information out caused more panic for those on the outside.

“I think the parents should be notified right away; I’m not really picky about the way I am informed, but we need to know,” she said.

Police Chief Bryan Baker was unavailable for comment.

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Alex McNamee and Doug T. Graham also contributed to this article.

Stepping to the beat



MIRANDA PLOSS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Phi Beta Sigma perform during the Greek Stroll-Off, hosted by Phi Rho Eta Thursday in McAfee Gymnasium. Phi Beta Sigma placed first among the fraternities, and Sigma Gamma Rho placed first among the sororities. Strolling, as it relates to fraternities and sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, is the act of stepping while chanting in a line that often moves in a circle.

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Jeremy Rykard and Jonathan Ridgner acted as masters of ceremonies for the evening, cracking jokes and giving commentary in between events.

After a performance of the Black National Anthem by Essence Allen, the contestants appeared on the stage for an opening number where each contestant explained her “Touch of Beauty.”

The judges were introduced to the audience after a brief explanation of the history of Miss Black EIU, and then it was time for the pageant to start.

Stage one of the pageant was “Creative Expression,” where the contestants presented an original skit, monologue,

or poem that revolved around a topic within black culture that was important to the contestant.

Ashley Bell, a senior family and consumer sciences major, performed a skit and monologue that evaluated stereotypes about black culture.

The next stage was the “African Garment” category.

The contestants modeled hand-sewn outfits that represented African culture while recordings of each contestant’s reason for the outfit played.

Brittany Carr, a junior sociology major, said her African garment was themed “The Garden of Traits,” and she

modeled her African garment while her voice-over explained her theme, comparing traits of flowers and plants to her personality traits.

Stage three was the talent category.

Some audience members, like Charisse Archie, a senior applied engineering and technology major, were heavily anticipating stage three. Archie said that she was most looking forward to the talent competition.

Destiny Winford, a sophomore psychology major, performed a musical skit that she wrote about catching the bus.

The final category was the evening

gown and impromptu question portion of the show.

The four contestants strutted their stuff down the runway in evening gowns and answered an interview question chosen at random.

After a special performance by Blake Morris, special recognition awards were given to honor each category and Miss congeniality.

Ridgner said the contestants did a good job.

“It was a beautiful display. I feel honored to be a part of it,” Ridgner said.

Winford, who was awarded first runner up, said she was proud of herself

and the other contestants.

“I really do believe that Keiyanna deserved the crown. (I’ll take away) the friendships I developed with all of the ladies,” Winford said.

Right after the pageant, Franklin said her victory was unbelievable.

“(In my mind) I won when I started the pageant in my mind. It was such a challenge. I just feel like everybody was a winner,” Franklin said. “(I hope to) lead by example. I’m here to serve EIU and the entire student body.”

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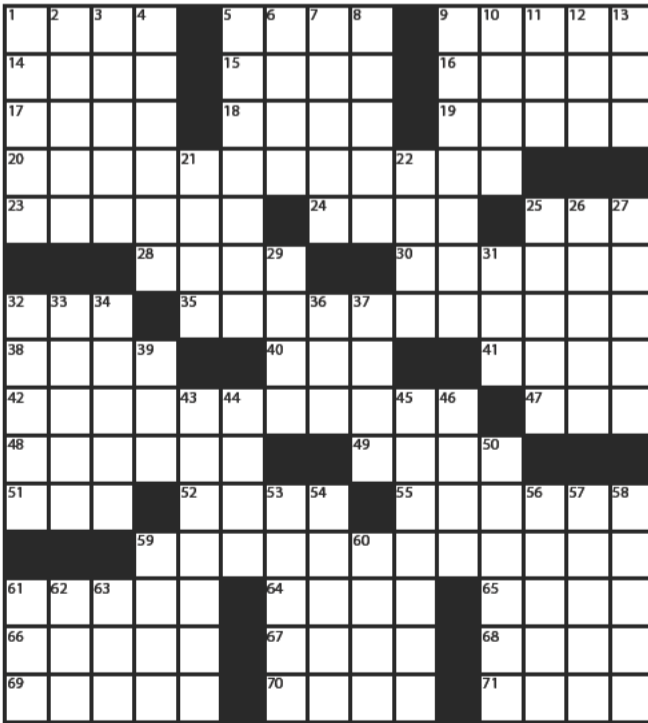
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Freshman forward Sabina Oroszova grapples with Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville freshman guard Tierny Austin to gain control of the ball. The Panthers lost to the Cougars with a final score of 59-54, ending their 17 game at-home winning streak.

NIXON, from page 8

The Panthers will play one of three teams based on the tournament bracket. The Panthers could play Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee State, or Tennessee Tech. Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State play each other in the first round, the winner advancing to play Tennessee Tech. The winner of that second round game will play

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BASEBALL

Panthers swept by Southeastern Louisiana

By Jordan Pottorff
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team traveled south to Hammond, La., to play a three-game series against the Southeastern Louisiana Lions. The Lions entered the weekend series undefeated and delivered the Panthers a three-game sweep to improve to 7-0 on the season. The Panthers opened up the weekend road trip with a 10-1 loss to Southeastern Louisiana on Friday. Eastern fell behind early and was not able to get back into contention as the Lions scored nine of their 10 runs in the first four innings of play. "We started off rough," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. The Lions offensive attack got to sophomore lefthander Christian Slazinik early, and forced the Panthers to use their bullpen for the majority of the game. Slazinik gave up eight runs (five earned), on six hits over 2.1 innings of work before the Panthers

had to turn to the pen. In relief, sophomore Luke Bushur and junior Scott Houdek limited the high-powered Lions offense to two runs over the final 5.2 innings of play. Bushur gave up one run on one hit in 1.2 innings of work. He also walked one and struck out one. Houdek was also solid in relief, giving up 3 hits and surrendering just one run in 4 innings of relief. At the plate, the Panthers' offensive attack was paced by freshman Brent Valach as he went 2-for-3 in the loss. In the second game of the series, the Panthers fared slightly better, but still came up short against Southeastern Louisiana. Southeastern once again jumped out to an early lead, taking a 3-0 lead into the top of the fifth inning. Southeastern's Jordan Hymel was able to keep Eastern's lineup in check for the first four innings, before the Panthers used a fifth inning rally to get back into the ball game. The big inning was led by Nick Priessman, Ryan Dineen and Ben Thoma as they each

recorded RBI singles to tie the game up at three. In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Lions scored what would be the game-winning run on a Jonathan Pace RBI single. Pace led the Lions offensive attack, going 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs in the 4-3 win. Red-shirt senior Mike Hoekstra made his second start of the season against Southeastern, surrendering four runs (two earned), on four hits in 6.2 innings of work. Hoekstra recorded two strikeouts and gave up just one free pass in the loss. In the series finale, the Panthers turned to freshman Andrew Grahm to salvage the series and make his first start of his collegiate career. Grahm was effective as he limited the Lions to one run on three hits in five innings of work. Grahm also showed good command of his pitches as he recorded two strikeouts and surrendered two walks in his college debut.

PANTHERS FALL, from page 8

Joshua and Jaron Jones proved to be too much for the Panthers. Joshua Jones scored a game-high 27 points on 10-14 shooting, while making four three-point shots. Jaron Jones scored 23 points, but did a majority of his work from the free-throw line, making 8-of-9

shots. The loss ends the Panthers' season with a 12-17 overall record and a 5-11 record in the OVC, while Eastern Kentucky will advance to the conference tournament with a 16-15 record overall and a 7-9 record in the OVC. The Colonels

with play Southeast Missouri State on Wednesday in the first round of the conference tournament. Rob Mortell can be reached at 581-7944 or at rdmortell@eiu.edu.



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TRACK

Team takes 4th straight OVC title

Women's team aims for triple crown

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

For the fourth straight year, the Eastern men's and women's track and field team each took home the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship.

For some of the team's seniors, their last time competing in the OVC Indoor Championship meant much more this time around.

Red-shirt senior Zye Boey, who won the men's 55-meter and 200-meter dash, said that all good things must come to an end.

"I was kind of emotional after the meet, but you know, all great things come to an end," he said.

Boey said he treasures the time he has been able to attend Eastern and compete for the Panthers.

"I had a great four years at Eastern," he said. "I loved it and wouldn't trade it for anything."

Boey said the biggest key to team's success has been the coaching staff. Head coach Tom Akers was named OVC Coach of the Year.

"We have a great and phenomenal coaching staff," he said. "They know what needs to be done to win a conference championship."

Another senior, Megan Gingerich, said this meet being her last OVC Indoor Championship made it a bigger event for her.

"I think it always makes it different, to know that it's your last one, it's your last shot," she said. "It definitely made a difference. It made it a little more special."

Gingerich also said that the women's team had extra motivation in going for the triple crown, winning the OVC cross country, and now indoor track and field championship.

"I think too, because we're going for the triple crown, with cross country and indoor and outdoor, I think that made a big deal too."

Gingerich finished second in the 800-meter dash, as well as second in the 4x400-meter along with junior Erika Ramos and seniors Bridget Sanchez and Emily Quinones.

Also finishing big for the Panthers was red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold, who won the women's pole vault. Riebold was also the OVC Female Field Athlete of the Year.

Freshman Stefan Gorol finished first in the men's 400-meter dash, while red-shirt junior Sean Wiggan finished first in the men's 800-meter dash. Wiggan and Gorol, along with sophomore Cody Boarman and red-shirt junior Joe Augustine finished first in the men's 4x400-meter dash.

For the second straight year, red-shirt sophomore Mick Viken finished first in the men's pole vault, red-shirt senior Donald Romero won the men's weight throw.

Next weekend, a select group of athletes will compete at the NCAA Last Chance next weekend.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers fall in season finale



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Freshman guard Joey Miller goes for a shot Feb. 18 during the men's basketball team's 67-63 loss to the University of Illinois-Chicago in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost their last game of the season Saturday against Eastern Kentucky, 86-74.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nixon's 30 leads to Panthers win

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Powered by junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon's 30-point night, including scoring the Panthers' final eight points, the Eastern women's basketball team won its final regular season game Saturday in Richmond, Ky.

Nixon scored the Panthers' final eight points after the team trailed 72-71 with 1:37 to go in the game. In the final 1:37 of the game, Nixon was the only Panther to take a shot,

going 4-of-4 from the free throw line and 2-of-2 from the field.

The game was back and forth until the end as Eastern Kentucky had two chances to make a game-tying three-pointer at the end of the game, but missed both shots.

First, Eastern Kentucky's Carla Booth missed a three pointer with seconds left, but Eastern Kentucky's Alex Jones grabbed an offensive rebound and missed her three point shot.

The Panthers fought back from trailing by five points late in the

first half and traded the lead seven times in the second half with the Colonels. The lead changed hands a total of 18 times in the game.

Nixon's 30 points led all players and tied her career-high, which she set earlier this season against Tennessee-Martin on Feb. 11.

Junior guard Kelsey Wyss scored a season-high 16 points, while junior forward Mariah King added 18.

The Panthers scored a lot of points from the free throw line, going 31-of-36 from the stripe, while

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Eastern's men's basketball team had one more chance after a tie-breaker scenario arose with Eastern Kentucky's loss to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, all the Panthers needed was a win over the Colonels and they would avoid an early end to their season.

Despite a heroic performance from senior guard Jeremy Granger, the Panthers could not match the hot shooting Eastern Kentucky Colonels, losing 86-74. The loss seals the Panthers' fate, as they will miss the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the second consecutive season.

Head coach Mike Miller said he wanted to win, desperately, for the team, but especially for Granger.

"I really wanted (a win) for everybody, but I really wanted it for (Granger)," Miller said. "On Friday it was like he had a new lease on life. He was so excited to get a chance to play again and know it would come down to one game."

Granger had 26 points on 10-of-14 shooting, including 4-of-4 from the three-point line. He showed his will down the stretch, scoring the Panthers' last eight points; however, they would not come within 12 points of the lead in the second half. He also added five rebounds and one steal.

With the 26 points, Granger finishes his career 16th on Eastern's scoring list with 1,287 points in his career.

The Panthers held control in the beginning of the first half, grabbing a 24-20 lead with eight minutes left in the half; however, Eastern Kentucky would out-score the Panthers 22-7 for the rest of the half. With a 42-31 lead going into the second half, the Colonels opened the second half on a 9-2 run to extend the lead to 18 points, and they never looked back.

Miller said the Panthers' inability to make a stop was the story of the game.

"We got off to a really good start offensively," Miller said. "Defensively, we couldn't get a stop."

The Panthers did everything they could offensively, shooting 51 percent for the game including 9-of-17 from beyond the three-point line. However, Eastern Kentucky was even better, shooting 55 percent from the field and making seven three-point shots.

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