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BREAK DOWN BARRIERS

A series of plays performed in the Doudna Fine Arts Center portrayed the struggles of African-Americans and efforts to dissolve racial barriers.

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LAST LAPS

Senior swimmer reflect on their last swim meet during their time at Eastern.

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Eastern students celebrate Super Bowl across campus



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Casey Repplinger, a freshman English major; Kelsey Abel, a freshman special education major; Kate Quill, a freshman journalism major; and Nick Siegmeier, a sophomore mathematics and computer sciences major, react to the Baltimore Ravens’ failed attempt on a touchdown from the 1 yard line during the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLVII. The group was watching the game in Thomas Dining Center. Quill said the game was “Intense!”

CAMPUS | SPRING BREAK ALTERNATIVES

Alternative Spring Break offers programs with kids

By Samantha McDaniel
Student Governance Editor

Editors Note: This is the first in a series of five articles regarding the programs of the Alternative Spring Break program.

Last year, some Eastern students spent their spring breaks across the country at different programs volunteering their time.

This semester, the Newman Catholic Center is offering many of the same programs to students for the 21st year.

Doris Nordin, a campus minister at the Newman Catholic Center, said the Alternative Spring Break program provides an opportunity for Eastern students to have different experiences that they would not usually be exposed to.

“They give you a different perspective of the world, because we go to different places and see circumstances that we are not use to,” Nordin said. “So it is a different perspective of the world and your own country.”

Big Oaks Girls Ranch and Big Oaks Boys Ranch.

Students who attended the Big Oaks Girl Ranch alternative spring break program in Springville, Ala., spent their time with families and helped out around the ranch to keep things in working order.

Nordin said the ranch provides homes for children from bad homes.

Big Oaks Boys Ranch provides the same program for boys as they do for girls.

This program, located in Gadsden, Ala., provides homes for children from families who cannot take care of their children.

“There are houses and in each house there is a family living there,” Nordin said. “The kids become a part of that



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Eastern students talk with a member of the L’Arche House in Mobile, Ala. L’Arche House is a program that allows people with mental disabilities to live a normal life.

family.”

Within each house there is a mother and a father, who may or may not have their own children, who take in these children.

“Each ranch there are about eight houses like this, so they become a community,” Nordin said.

Because these children come from disadvantaged families, Nordin said the program tries to provide good lifestyles for the children so they can grow up with better opportunities.

Hillary Reynolds, a senior elementary education major, said she spent her time at the girls ranch.

Reynolds said one of the best experiences she had with this program was going to see one of the girls’ soccer game.

“It was really cool because we got to actually interact with the girls,” Reynolds said.

While the girls were in school, the Eastern students helped around the

ranch cleaning and doing maintenance.

She said she felt hearing about the girls’ experiences was a great thing about the program.

“It was cool to hear their experiences, where they come from and really get to connect with the girls and see how they get to live now,” Reynolds said.

This year, Reynolds said she hopes to stay in contact with the girls she meets.

Nordin said the children are given a chance to grow at the ranch.

“The idea is to reach the potential that each kid has, which is possible in these houses,” she said.

Operation Breakthrough

Operation Breakthrough is a daycare program in Kansas City, Mo., that provides services for working mothers in the area, Nordin said.

The faculties provide services from birth to 12-year-olds.

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CAMPUS | ENROLLMENT

Student enrollment down 10 percent in Spring 2013

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

Eastern’s enrollment numbers continue to decline, with about 10 percent less students in attendance this spring than there were in the fall semester.

The number of undergraduate students decreased from 8,975 to 8,114 students, according to the census taken from the Banner student information system.

Blair Lord, provost and the vice president for academic affairs, said the decrease could have been caused by a number of factors.

“It was probably driven by the fact that we have some large classes that were leaving, so you have big numbers leave at the end of the fall semester,” he said. “Perhaps it was driven a little bit by the continuing challenge of students to finance their education.”

Lord said the decrease in enrollment was expected because the trend has remained consistent over the past few years.

“The truth of the matter is we saw for the spring semester a smaller number than we had a year ago in the spring semester, which was a dead ringer certainty because we had a fewer number this past fall than we had prior in the fall,” he said.

For the past three years, the number of undergraduate students has decreased about the same percentage from fall to spring.

Lord said the number usually fluctuates then because of students graduating, students enrolling in the spring, and students leaving for academic reasons.

“All of those things can vary a little bit from year to year, but the plusses

and minuses more or less cancel out, and we end up with about 90 percent of the number that we had in the fall when we count them in the spring.”

Patrick Early, the assistant vice president for integrative marketing and communications, said this trend is not unique to Eastern.

“It is normal to see some shrinkage from fall to spring, he said. “That is a phenomenon you’ll see across colleges and universities throughout the country.”

He said Eastern has reached 92 percent of its goal for Fall 2013 applications, and he has a bright outlook for enrollment next semester.

“The number of new freshmen applicants is up significantly over last year, and we are working hard to convert those applicants admitted into students at EIU,” he said.

Lord said numbers could be up soon because of the administration’s recent strategic enrollment initiative.

“Our freshmen application flow is running almost 20 percent ahead of where we were last year,” he said. “So far the efforts we are making to increase the class has been showing some effectiveness. We will have to continue to work on transfer numbers, which is not as robust.”

He said part of the efforts to increase enrollment include providing more opportunities for financial aid, although state and federal aid have been less available.

“People are having trouble affording education,” he said. “We have put more financial aid money institutionally into it, but that’s a relatively new phenomenon so the effect of that hasn’t fully laid itself out yet.”

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Local weather

TODAY



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TUESDAY



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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER | PERFORMANCE

'Florence' and 'Dutchman' break down racial barriers

By Sean Copeland
Staff Reporter

The first noticeable thing walking into the Black Box Theatre for the "Celebration of African-American Theatre" were the incandescent lights bouncing off two wooden signs with black writing that read, "Colored" on one side of the room and "White" on the opposite side.

The stage was barren, except a park bench separated by a wooden fence no taller than a toddler.

Those in the audience were transported from 2013 back to the 1950s in a one-act play titled "Florence."

"Florence," written by Alice Childress, addresses the issues of race as the audience was introduced to an African-American mother, Mama, played by Mallory Stringfellow, a graduate student.

Mama is urged by Marge, played by Leah Davis, a freshman communication studies major, to bring her daughter, Florence, home from New York City as her daughter struggles to survive as an aspiring actress.

While waiting for the train, Mama meets an older white woman named Mrs. Carter, played by Miranda Buob, a senior theatre arts major.

Though the conversation remains light and entertaining to start, the plot soon develops into a clashing of northern and southern culture.

What follows is the blending of cultures and a realization through Mama that whatever the race, everyone should have the opportunity to succeed.

Lauren Lewis, a junior marketing major, said the central conflict of race was important.

"I'm grateful that I had people fighting for the rights that I have today," she said.

"Dutchman," written by LeRoi Jones, who later changed his name to Amiri Bakara, set the stage for a battle over more than race or culture, but of life and death during the 1960s.

His play takes place on a subway car somewhere in New York City where Clay, a young African-American man, played by Blake Morris, a senior theatre arts major, is tempted in every way imaginable by fellow passenger, Lula.

Lula, played by Morgan Reidy, a sophomore theatre arts major, is a young, seductive white woman.



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Clay, played by Blake Morris, a senior theatre arts major, rips away Lula, played by Morgan Reidy, a sophomore theatre arts major, from another subway passenger, played by Gianni Adorno, a senior theatre arts major, in a performance of 'Dutchman' by LeRoi Jones (Amiri Baraka) Friday in the Black Box of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. 'Dutchman' was one of two short plays presented in Celebration of African-American Theatre. The other performance was 'Florence,' by Alice Childress.

Every moment of the play anticipates Lula's attempts to seduce mild-mannered Clay, while spewing hate speeches and criticizing Clay's existence.

As the play progresses, the social barriers of the 1960s start to come down.

The conflict no longer revolves around black versus white or man versus woman, but instead focuses on actions versus thoughts. The fundamental concepts of racism erode into a more sinister plan before reaching its peak in its shocking conclusion.

Dave Castillo, a senior communication studies major, said the issue of discrimination moves past just African-Americans.

"Being a Mexican-American, obviously I can't relate to what African-Americans had to go through, but my relatives and I had to go through discrimination as well," he said. "Being around in 2013, we weren't around back then to see what was happening."

The issues of race are rampant throughout the two one-act plays, and the conflicts come in a number of different ways through these two

plays, whether by way of Mrs. Carter's repetition of the phrase, "Your daughter, make her stop," or Lula's criticism of Clay's appearance as resembling, "Death eating a soda cracker."

Morris said the issue of social barriers was a necessary part of the process in putting on the production.

"You don't run from it. I think you face it head on because it's necessary," he said. "Baraka once said the purpose of black art is to take our experiences as black people, as a lost people in America, and dramatize that for the whole world to see and if it doesn't do that, then it's not black and it's not art."

The characters of Clay and Florence are similar in how they exist in society during their respective eras.

When describing the character of Clay, Morris said, "You have a certain class of people Baraka was representing. A certain type of Negro, who is attracted to that white world and who wants to assimilate into that, drops his own cultural values and he adopts a white world that doesn't accept him."

Morris said that while the plays provide a look at both the culture

and lifestyles of the '50s and '60s, the attitudes and thoughts included in the plays are still existent today.

"Playing Clay onstage was not the first time I've been called the N-word to my face," he said. "Moving down to Charleston, I made the first realization that, 'Oh my god, I'm black. I'm blacker than I thought I was.'"

Morris said playing true to that time period is what really makes the play stand out.

"I think when you play true to the time period, it's hard to make a piece set in the 1960s with a black guy and a white woman and avoid the N-word," he said. "You can't avoid it. It's almost inevitable."

But ultimately the goal of the "Celebration of African-American Theatre" event is to show the progress made since that time, Castillo said.

"I think what we should take from this is that we've moved on as a society and will continue to move on in 2013," he said.

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BOOTH LIBRARY | BOOK READING

Children enjoy books during 'Storytime'

By Sara Jaraczewski
Staff Reporter

Gideon Wardall sat with his mother as four children's books were read to him during "Saturday Storytime" at Booth Library Saturday.

Seven other children and their parents of Charleston were also able to enjoy the children's books, as well as arts and crafts supplied by members of Booth Library.

"Storytime" is a program that has been taking place every spring and winter for 10 years.

Jeanne Goble, a dean for Booth Library, read the books to the children and parents, including "The Mitten," written by Jim Aylesworth and illustrated by Barbara McClintock.

"The Mitten" is about a boy who lost a single mitten his grandmother bought him, and the mitten becomes a home for a squirrel and other animals.

Goble also read "Snowmen at Night" by Caralyn Buehner and illustrated by Mark Buehner.

Children heard about the nighttime activities of snowmen during this book.

Among snowmen and mittens, two books about owls were also read aloud by Goble.

"Owl Moon" by Jane Yolen and illustrated by John Schoenherr detailed the moonlit walk between a young girl and her father in search of a great horned owl, while "Owl Babies" followed three young owls

looking for their mother.

"Owl Babies" is written by Martin Waddell and illustrated by Patrick Benson.

Gideon said his favorite book that was read was "Snowmen at Night" because he had also read this book in preschool.

Those who attended the reading were also able to create crafts based on the books, such as owls and snowmen.

The children made the owls using toilet paper rolls for the body, cupcake liners for the wings and pieces of paper to make the eyes, nose and ears.

Members of the Booth Library staff also offered coloring pictures of snowmen, and children could glue cotton balls to add snow for wintertime.

Gideon said his favorite part of "Storytime" was participating in the crafts, especially gluing shapes to pieces of construction paper.

Gideon said he was excited to come to "Storytime" and said he had fun.

He also said he would come again and enjoyed both the reading of books and the crafts.

Amber Wardall, Gideon's mother, said she thought the event went great and the children seemed to like the stories.

Wardall said she would absolutely come again and that this was her first time at "Storytime."

Goble said the event is important because it is good interaction with the kids and their parents.



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Jeanne Goble, senior library assistant, reads to children from the Charleston community 10 a.m. Saturday in Booth Library. Eastern's library hosts six "Storytime" events each semester.

It also is a good way to keep up with the trends of today's books and gives her the opportunity to see what styles of teaching work, she said.

Christina Burns, a freshman elementary education major, said she is new to "Storytime."

She said she has been working in the library for three weeks, but this is her first time working with chil-

children for "Storytime."

She also assisted in leading the event.

Christina said "Storytime" lets children be creative and helping with the event gives her the experience she will need in her major.

Goble also said the out-loud reading was how Booth Library helped out members of Charleston.

"Storytime" is a way of giving

back to the community. It's entertaining and teaches us how to be patient," she said.

"Storytime" will take place again from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in the Ballenger Teachers Center in the Booth Library.

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DINING | COMPETITION

Renaming RO contest extended

By Samantha McDaniel
Student Governance Editor

The Renaming Reservation Only Dining contest was extended to Feb. 11 to allow more submissions to be made.

The contest, sponsored by the University Housing and Dining Services Office, will allow submissions of students' design and name ideas until 11:59 p.m.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said the dining staff wanted to make the name more descriptive of the type of dinner provided.

"They thought it was a fun opportunity to get the students involved and making it be a little more current or what students will recognize," Hudson said.

Reservation Dining is offered Thursday through Sunday and offers steak, pasta and other entrees.

The program is a restaurant-type experience in the dining hall for which reservations can be made online.

According to the official rules, submissions have to be submitted through the EIU Dining Facebook page.

Artwork must be original and submitted as a .jpeg or .png file with 300 pixels per inch and a minimum of 16 inches by 20 inches.

Submission ideas have to be unpublished work and cannot contain any offensive or inappropriate content.

According to a Facebook post by

EIU Dining, students who have already submitted a piece of work may present another piece for the contest.

A panel will decide on three finalists who will resubmit their artwork on the Facebook page, according to the rules.

The winner will be decided by the number of "likes" they get from students in a certain period of time.

Hudson said they made it a contest because it would allow students to name it something they like.

"It's always fun to have students involved in things like this because it is something they utilize," Hudson said. "If they can be involved in what they think it can be called, to speak to them, that is a double win."

The first-place winner will receive a Kindle Fire HD and have their design and idea displayed in Stevenson Hall Dining Center.

The second-place winner will get an additional two free meals every week for a semester at Stevenson Tower Dining in the newly named Reservation Dining facility.

The third-place winner will receive a gift basket.

Hudson said he thinks students will like it better because they had a hand in naming it.

"It helps the residents understand it better and they also feel invested because they helped come up with the name," Hudson said.

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CHARLESTON | CITY COUNCIL

City to vote on abatement of debt

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

The Charleston City Council plans to vote on two resolutions to keep tax money from being spent on debt accumulated by different areas of the city.

The areas in which the city will stop tax funds are the water treatment plant and the Rotary Community Aquatic Center.

Mayor John Inyart said the city will not levy taxes for the debt; instead it will take it out of operating costs.

"We will not levy taxes to pay (the debts), but we are going to pay those with operating funds," he said.

Inyart said water bills from the city and admissions to the pool might see an increase.

"In the case of the water treatment plant, that would be the water bills," he said. "The funds that we collect for admissions for the pool and all other programs goes to help pay back the money we borrowed to repair and renovate the pool."

The council will also vote on a resolution accepting a bid to paint the Douglas Water Tower.

The funding for the project will be taken out of the city's water and sewer fund for the 2013 to 2014 fiscal year.

About \$300,000 will be awarded to the lowest bidder, Quality Assured Industrial Coatings, of Alton.

Inyart said the water tower is about 15 years old and needs to be repainted.

"It's out there exposed to the elements with the sunshine, rain, snow and sleet," he said. "That paint doesn't last forever."

The water tower also has to be repainted on the inside too, Inyart said.

He said once the students leave in the summer, the Douglas Water Tower will be drained so the city can use Eastern's water tower.

The council plans to vote on a resolution authorizing the city as the co-guarantor of a loan renewal for the Charleston Carnegie Public Library and a resolution to hire a new attorney.

Inyart said for the loan renewal for the library, the city must basically "co-sign" the loan.

The loan is for an amount of \$337,000.

Inyart said the city plans to hire a new attorney to handle some of the city attorney duties.

Ancel Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. will provide the local government law services from the Bloomington office.

The services obtained for the law firm will not exceed \$2,000 a month, Inyart said.

The authorization to transfer jurisdiction of roadway between Charleston and Coles County will also be voted on.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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CAMPUS CRIME

At 12:25 a.m. Thursday, a cannabis complaint was reported at McKinney Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

ON CAMPUS

TODAY

'Little Did You Know' African-American Heritage Month Event
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More info | 581-6690

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Time | 6 p.m.

Location | MLKJ Union
Arcola-Tuscola Room
More info | 581-3829

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Organizations exist for survivors

I am listening. I believe you.

It's not your fault. There are people out there who think that what happened to you is an injustice of the worst kind. There are movements and organizations that exist only to help survivors live and find closure. The Sexual Assault Crisis and Information Services is a safe zone for survivors of all types of sexual assault. Everyone there is a trained and educated professional who will listen and help.

I hope you already knew this, though. I hope you already have a support system that will help hold you up on days it's too hard to breathe.

There's one more group of people I want you to know who will listen: The department of education and Jaelyn Friedman. The department of education now considers sexual assault to be an offense to be handled under Title IX. This could be because a sexual assault report is not being handled with the right professionalism or a timely matter. Yale University is currently still under investigation and scrutiny from the DOE from their mishandling of reports of sexual assault. This came from only 16 people sending their stories to the department of justice. You can contact the DOE at ORC@ed.gov.

Jaelyn Friedman is the author of "Yes Means Yes: Visions of Female Sexual Power and a World Without Rape" and is currently working in a project where she is in need of student's stories of sexual assault. You can contact her at www.jaclynfriedman.com

You are not alone.

Jennifer Hinds, Charleston

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"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

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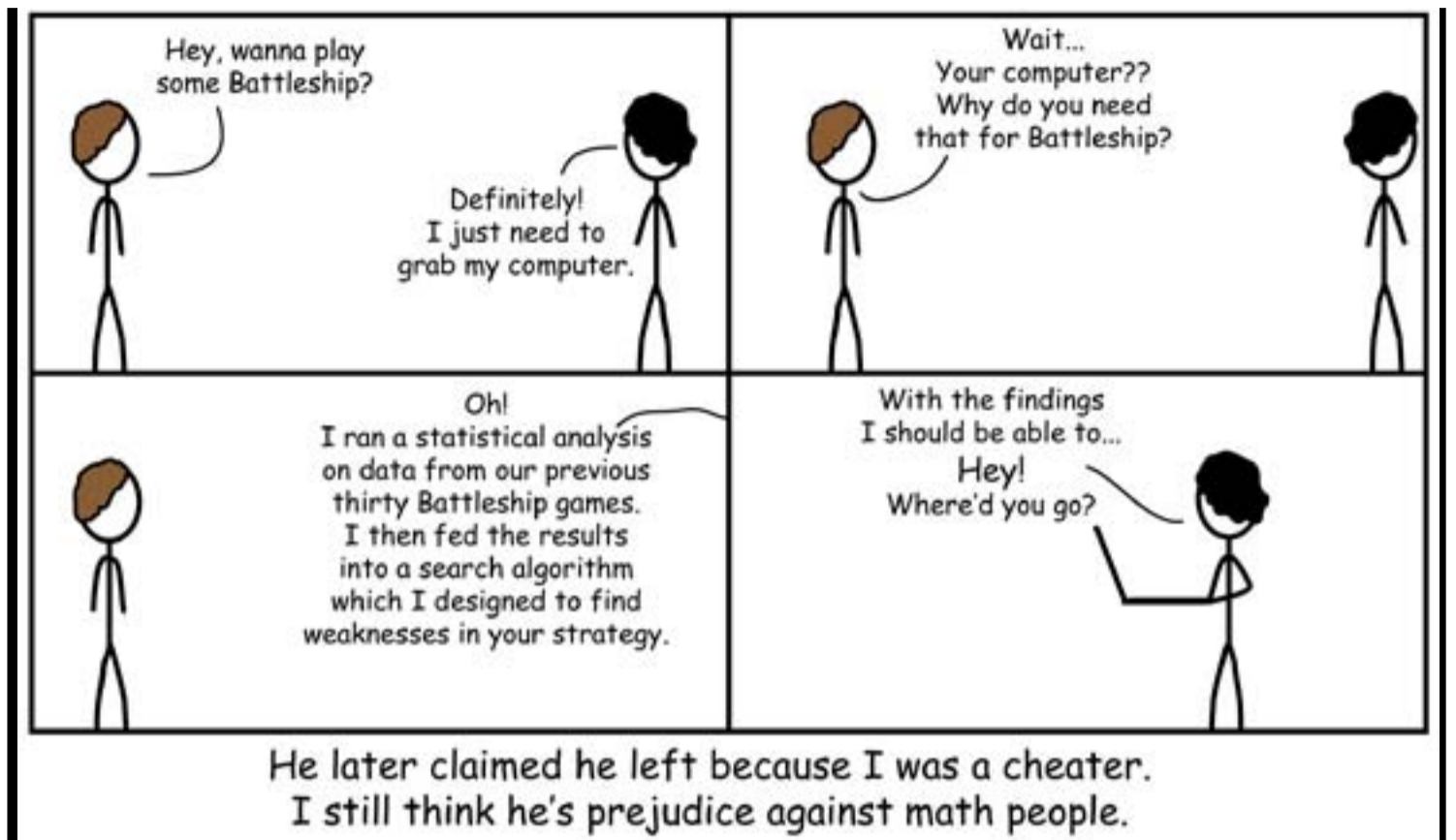
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Take a tip from 'Catfish'; don't be fooled online

The Internet is a scary place.

Though this generation has heard it time and time again in school, from parents and even from peers, this generation lives on the Internet and doesn't always use the precaution that can be necessary.

Recently, "Catfish: The TV Show" has become increasingly popular. The show encases some of the most ridiculous and outrageous online dating scenarios TV has ever seen. People can post whatever they want on the Internet, and they will go to extremes to make people believe they are someone completely different from who they actually are.

Internet relationships can be seemingly harmless but are often built on emotional manipulation. It is easy to be sucked in by the charm, appeal and ease of online dating, but as viewers of the show know, the complications build quickly.

Participants in online dating can become emotionally attached to someone they do not even actually know through constant "talking" via text, instant messaging and phone calls.

The producers of the show have said they have seen situations where two people have been completely truthful with each other and everything works out. However, it is not those episodes that draw in viewers.

Many of the recent episodes have had all of social media buzzing over instances including people lying about their gender, sexual orientation, criminal records, age, weight and family.

The Internet is an extremely easy place to hide behind. Not everyone will get the chance meet face-to-face on "Catfish," and many of these situations can con-

OUR POSITION

• **Situation:** "Catfish: The TV Show" has shown just how easy it is to be fooled in an online relationship.

• **Stance:** Revisit online safety tips.

tinue on and on until they shatter.

Though the relationships do work out every now and then on the show, even when both people have lied, it does not seem like a strong basis for a new relationship.

Meeting for the first time, even when the two people have been talking for sometimes years, can

seem like starting all over.

This generation is one that has grown up with the Internet, and we may think we know it all when it comes to the dos and don'ts.

However, one can never be too cautious.

Going with a gut feeling about someone's honesty and integrity on the Internet can save a person from getting in over their head with an online relationship situation.

Meeting up with someone can be way more dangerous than it seems, especially if the two people agree to meet up alone. If meeting up with an online friend is an absolute must to get closure, don't go alone.

While the show may seem to glorify 10-year online relationships featuring two people who have never even met each other, the Internet is not something to be taken lightly. Exercise extreme caution when getting involved with someone online. No one wants to end up in an awkward "Catfish" situation, especially not for the entire nation to see on TV.

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

In case you forgot, 2 Chainz still isn't coming

I'm not going to the spring concert this year. Phillip Phillips? Yeah, not really my style. Plus, I was always told to never trust a man with two first names.

But enough about me.

It's no secret that some of y'all are disappointed in the University Board's selection for the spring concert. Understandable.

You're never going to be able to please all of the people all of the time. Criticism is always warranted in any big decision. But some of the UB criticism is a little far-fetched and a little misinformed, if you ask me.

I scroll through the "EIU" hashtag on Twitter almost every day. It's a great, and sometimes not so great, way to find out what my fellow Panthers are talking about.

One common thing that I found in regard to the spring concert is that you all seem to think the "survey" was a "vote." It wasn't a vote. I don't even know where one would get the idea that if the UB puts out a list of a bunch of A-list artists, whichever one just gets



Dominic Renzetti

the most votes is the one that comes here. No. It doesn't work that way.

Please abandon the #RecountTheSpring-ConcertVotes hashtag. You have no idea how stupid you look.

Where an artist plays shows doesn't come down to who votes the most. It comes down to availability of the artist, the venue, and most of all, the budget.

You're living a lie if you honestly thought 2 Chainz was coming here.

If the artist formerly known as Tity Boi charges \$100,000 for a guest verse, I don't even want to know what he charges for a

show, but what I do know is that we probably don't have it.

Don't even get me started on Frank Ocean. Frank Ocean is nominated for six Grammys and is also set to perform at the show. I think he's surpassed Lantz Arena.

As for all the others, read that staff editorial in the Jan. 10 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. Half of those listed were on tour during March and April anyway.

People have also suggested that we need a better spring concert to impress incoming freshman. Please. I don't care how low enrollment is. If you are picking your college based on a spring concert, I do not want you at my school.

So, it's cool to not go to the spring concert, if that's your thing. But just be smart about it. Don't make yourself look like a fool.

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Throughout the program, the Eastern students help out with the children in the daycare.

Nordin said students will often talk with the parents of the children also.

The students can help the teachers and learn about working with children from families that may not be the best, she said.

Operation Breakthrough gives them a chance to make friends with the children.

"These places are kind of like a haven for the kids, because some homes are not very healthy," she said.

L'Arche House

L'Arche House is a program for people with mental disabilities.

Jennifer Vogt, a junior special education major, said the program gives the people a place to live and be treated as normal human beings.

"It was really eye opening, because being a special education major, we interact with people with disabilities in a school setting," Vogt said.

The program takes in people with disabilities and gives them the opportunity to live normally by giving them chores and responsibilities.

She said seeing the residents being treated like any other person opened her eyes.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

An Eastern student plays with children at Operation Breakthrough in Kansas City, Mo., during Alternative Spring Break 2012. Operation Breakthrough is a daycare service for working mothers in the Kansas City area.

"There was this one guy that we had supper with every night," Vogt said. "We got up to help him and he said 'Sit down, sit down, I'll do it, I'll do it.'"

She said she wanted to go back because they were treated like guests in the house and because of the connections she made with them.

"Some of them were in tears because they were going to miss us," Vogt said. Nordin said these programs give the

students the opportunity to help make things better for others.

"The most important thing is that you find out there is something you can do to make a better community, have a better country, a better world," Nordin said.

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LOCAL | BOWLS OF HOPE

HOPE to host fundraiser for domestic violence victims

By **Josh Jones**
Staff Reporter

Women from ages 20-24 are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence, according to the Domestic Violence Resource Center website.

Women accounted for 85 percent of the victims of intimate partner violence while men accounted for approximately 15 percent.

Because of statistics like these, HOPE of East Central Illinois will hold its 10th annual "Bowls of Hope" fundraiser dinner to raise money to help aid victims of domestic violence and their children.

This event is also used to help educate the public about domestic violence.

The acronym "HOPE" stands for housing, outreach, prevention, and education and dedicates its resources to helping families get on their feet.

"We provide the shelter for women

and children," said Althea Pendergast, executive director of HOPE. "We provide legal advocacy and counseling."

"There are fifty HOPE shelter programs across Illinois alone," said Pendergast.

HOPE of East Central Illinois was first started as a movement in the 1970s by Koralie Murad a Charleston resident who was victim of domestic violence.

Tickets will be available at the door or over the phone, and guests have the option of paying either \$15 for dinner and a handcrafted bowl or \$5 just for dinner.

The menu will include soups donated from local restaurants and an assortment of other foods to go with the soup.

The bowls are made by several different artists from the community, along with contributions from art classes at local schools such as Lake Land College.

Dinner will be followed by a des-

sert auction, where people can bid on a wide assortment of homemade desserts such as cookies, brownies and cakes made by community members.

"At HOPE, we wrap ourselves around a family so that we not only create some place for them to be safe — we create a place where they can learn who they really are and who they want to be," Pendergast said. "We can help them go to school get jobs actually become independent."

"HOPE served 688 clients last year, we served 153 children," said Pendergast in an email. "We sheltered 150 people — our youngest client was under 1 (year old), and our oldest client was over 65."

The fundraiser will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 at St. Charles Hall, 921 Madison Ave.

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CAMPUS | ACADEMICS

CAA to improve learning goals

Staff Report

Reviewing the effectiveness of Eastern's learning goals has been a pending item on the Council on Academic Affairs' agenda since November 2011.

Rebecca Throneburg, the chair of Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning and a member of CAA, will be discussing the ongoing analysis of the four university learning goals with the Faculty Senate during its meeting Tuesday.

The learning goals are writing, speaking, critical thinking and global citizenship.

Throneburg said the CAA has been dissecting the effectiveness of the learning goals since Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, expressed concern that some of the goals needed to be improved.

"CAA said if we need to improve

(the learning goals), we need to know how people are trying to teach them and where they're being taught," she said. "So we've got what kind of things we can do to do a little better in those areas around here in terms of our teaching."

The CAA's analysis includes looking at course syllabi and conducting a survey of about 400 faculty members on how learning goals are targeted in their classes.

Throneburg said she would also be reviewing data collected by CASL.

CASL collects data on how well students meet the four university learning goals by the time they are seniors.

Throneburg said she would be looking for thoughts and comments from the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

CAMPUS | COMIC STRIP

The News offers comic strip

Staff Report

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* has added a daily comic strip for its readers' enjoyment.

"Brewster Rockit" by Tim Richard will be featured on Page 7 of the paper each day.

Editor-in-Chief Rachel Rodgers, a senior journalism major, said *The News* has run a comic strip in the past and wanted to provide another form of entertainment for their readers.

The newspaper's new wire service

allowed for the staff to choose a comic strip.

The News uses a wire service to feature articles that have a national or statewide importance, along with other offerings, such as the crossword puzzle.

"We were no longer able to fund the Associated Press as our wire service, so we switched to the McClatchy-Tribune wire service," Rodgers said. "As a staff, we looked at what options were available, and 'Brewster Rockit' was the only multi-paneled comic that runs daily."

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He said the Enrollment Worx group would continue their efforts and look into upcoming figures for fall, despite the predictability of recent trends.

"Unless we had a bomb go off in the middle of campus in December,

that was pretty much what was going to happen," Lord said.

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SWIMMING | MEET RECAP



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Hailey Foss throws her hands up after swimming the 100-yard freestyle during the meet against Saint Louis University at Padovan Pool on Friday. Foss narrowly missed setting the Padovan pool record.

Seniors race in final home meet of careers

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

The seats were filled as fans spilled over to the steps leading up to Padovan Pool half an hour before the women's 200-individual medley began and as the Eastern men's and women's swim teams warmed up, a sense of excitement and nervousness kicked in for eight Panther swimmers.

The meet marked an ending of sorts for the senior swimmers, who raced at Padovan Pool for the final time of their careers, though all the emotion that led up to the recognition of the seniors' accomplishments quickly dissipated.

The Saint Louis Billikens set two new pool records in the first two events, which elevated them to 141-64 and 126-79 victories over Eastern's men's and women's teams, respectively.

Head coach Elliott McGill said the record-breaking performances by visiting Saint Louis overshadowed the Panthers, who also broke the previous record-time at Padovan Pool.

"I wasn't paying attention to the other team," McGill said. "I was look-

ing at my swimmers and both teams actually broke the previous record, but they get the mark because they won the race. I talked to my team right after and thought we had a great race and we felt good about it."

Senior Haley Foss entered her final home meet with seven Top-10 times for Eastern and she finished the meet breaking her season-best 1,000-free-style time. From the start of the race, Foss quickly splashed well ahead of her competitors. Midway through the event, Foss's lead lengthened as she found herself half the length of the pool in front of her nearest competition. The senior cruised to a season-best time of 10:39.01, falling .06 seconds short of breaking the Padovan Pool record set by Illinois-Chicago's Kelly Hashoian in 2007.

Foss said she had mixed feelings by the end of the meet.

"The most important thing for me was having my family and my team there at my last meet because that is what I will really remember," Foss said. "I am sad that my swimming career will be over in about three weeks, the moment was bittersweet."

Eastern won six events, including the top two places in the men's 1,000-free-style. Freshman Jake Roberts finished first with a time of 10:03.78. Fellow teammate and senior Michael Bower finished second in the race.

The Charleston native swam at the Eastern pool throughout his high-school career and that is what he would respond with when asked how it felt like to swim there for the last time. The senior said he came into the meet treating it like any other.

"It may have been my last meet, but it was a meet," he said. "I had to treat it like I was racing and had to go fast against a fast team."

Along with Foss and Bower, seniors Kelli DiCanio, Joe Ciliak, Dan Enge, Chacour Koop, Mike Lacine and Christian Rhoten were honored in a pre-swim ceremony.

But two freshmen on the women's team shined for the Panthers.

First-year swimmers Kaylee Morris and Mackenzie Anderson won their respective 100-free-style and 100-backstroke races. Anderson set a new record-time at Padovan Pool with a time of 58 seconds.

The two freshmen also joined fellow freshman Joann Wakefield and red-shirt sophomore Olga Livshits to win the 200-free relay, which set a new season-best time of 1:40.09.

Foss and Bower both look at their experience at their final home meet to look at not just the past, but their future as well.

"(Swimming) has been my life for about 15 years now, but I know that this chapter of my life is closing and a great new chapter will open," Foss said.

Bower also reflected on his swimming career.

"It was an ending of 18 years," he said. "It was my last meet as a swimmer there, but I always look at an ending as the next great beginning."

The home defeat dropped the men's and women's teams to 2-7 and 3-7, respectively.

The eight seniors and the rest of the members from both squads will have three weeks to prepare for the Summit League Championships, hosted by Oakland in Rochester, Mich.

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But senior guard Morris Woods scored the last two of his game-high 16 points on a basket in the paint with four minutes left to give the Panthers a 43-42 lead.

Woods shot 8-of-15 for the game.

He was the only player to score in double-digits for the Panthers, as no other player added more than six points.

Over the next three minutes, the two teams would remain scoreless, as Eastern shot 5.9 percent from 3-point range (1-of-17) and 36.4 percent from the free throw line (4-of-11) for the game.

The Panthers then became victim to Jones' eventual game-winning 3-pointer for the Cougars.

A pair of free throws by Derian Shaffer and Mark Yelovich was then enough to seal the Edwardsville win.

Both teams shot 36 percent from the field for the game.

Yelovich and Davis led the Cougars with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Jones was the third player to score in double-digits for the Cougars with 10.

Yelovich and Jones added eight and seven rebounds, respectively.

It was the third consecutive game the Cougars trailed in the second half, but fought back for a lead.

The win also guaranteed Edwardsville a winning season at home, marking two years in a row.

The Cougars improved to 7-3 at home with three home games remaining.

Eastern is 1-10 on the road this season with two games left on its three-game road trip.

The Panthers are also 3-7 at home this season.

Of their last seven remaining games, just three of them are at home.

The Panthers' next game will be against Tennessee-Martin.

The Panthers beat the Skyhawks in Lantz Arena 69-56 earlier this season on Jan. 24.

In OVC standings, Eastern is ranked ninth, sitting above Tennessee-Martin in 11th.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Thursday on the road.

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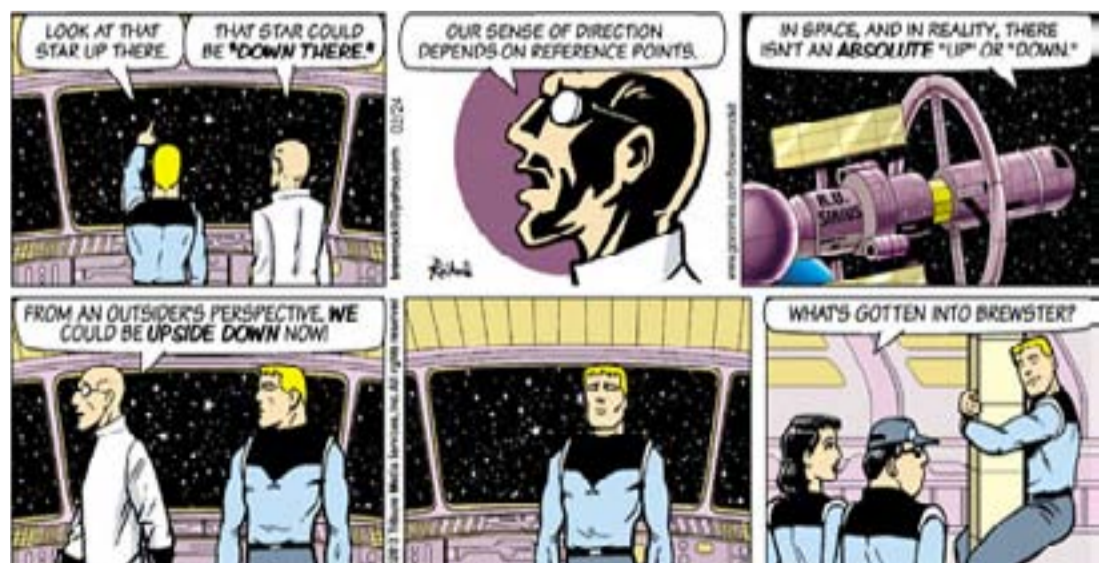
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | GAME RECAP

King powers Panthers over Cougars

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team won a battle against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Saturday, 70-65.

The lead changed hands nine times Saturday, but Eastern came out with the last lead after junior guard Jordyne Crunk hit a three pointer with 6:35 left in the second half to give the Panthers a two-point lead.

Senior forward Mariah King scored to put the Panthers up by four points with 5:52 left and the Panthers never gave up the lead or let the Cougars tie the game the rest of the way.

"We didn't play our best game, but sometimes an ugly win is better than a pretty loss," head coach Lee Buchanan said.

After the Cougars ran out to a 24-15 lead in the first half, the Panthers strung together a 14-0 run to take a five-point lead. At halftime, the Panthers led 32-28.

King led all scorers with 23 points in the game, while the Cougars' leading scorer was Coco Moore, who scored 19 points. Moore's three pointer as time expired in the game shrank the lead from eight to five points.

King's big game was important, Buchanan said, because she was able to help slow down the Cougars' best player, Raven Berry.

"Berry guarded her most of the night," Buchanan said. "We were try-

TA'KENYA WATCH



Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon is 146 points away from breaking Eastern's all-time scoring record.

ing to get Berry to play defense out on the floor a little bit."

King overcame a bloody nose in the first half that sidelined her for a few minutes, after getting hit in the face during play.

"Mariah is Mariah," Buchanan said. "She's playing really confident right now. She's shooting the ball from all over the floor."

King took 19 shots in the game, making 10 of them.

The Panthers, led defensively by sophomore forward Sabina Oroszova, shut down the Cougars' top player on that end.

Oroszova guarded Berry most of the game, Buchanan said, with help every so often. Berry was held to nine points and four rebounds in the game.

For Oroszova to be that successful against Berry, with three blocks, is something she may not have been able to do last season.

"Last year, Sabi didn't want that physical game," Buchanan said. "She



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Senior guard Jordyne Crunk dribbles around junior guard Jasmine Newsome of Tennessee-Martin on Jan. 28. The Panthers defeated in the Skyhawks 84-79. The next women's home game is 7 p.m. on Feb. 12.

had three blocks. I thought she had about eight."

With the win, the Panthers improve on their OVC-best record, 8-2, and move to 14-8 overall on the season.

However, Buchanan assures that

just because the Panthers have the best record doesn't mean they're done growing.

"We're a work in progress," Buchanan said. "When you become a finished product, that's it. You're done, there's nowhere to go."

The Panthers have a week off before their next game, Saturday against Southeast Missouri.

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INDOOR TRACK | GAME RECAP

Panthers leave invite with top finishes

By Jaime Lopez
Verge Editor

After breaking the school records in the steeplechase and in the 3,000-meter, senior distance runner Britney Whitehead added another record to her list of accomplishments at Notre Dame's Meyo Invite.

Just last weekend, Whitehead broke the school record in the women's 3,000-meter and managed to swipe the record in the women's 1,600-meter (the mile run) this weekend.

Whitehead ran a time of 4:53.59 and just barely broke the record previously held by her teammate, senior distance runner Erika Ramos.

In total, the team came back to Eastern with 12 top 10 finishes.

Red-shirt junior pole vaulter Jade Riebold continued with her successful streak this season. Riebold cleared a height of 13-feet, 7.25-inches, taking second place in the event.

But Riebold was the top collegiate athlete in the event since the winner was Kylie Hutson, a pole vaulter sponsored by Nike, who cleared a height of 15-feet, 1-inch.

Her teammate, senior Abigail Schmitz, took eighth place in the event, clearing a height of 12-feet, 3.5-inches.

On the first day of pole vault, freshman pole vaulter Annemarie Reid tied for fifth place among her competitors, clearing a height of 12-feet, 1.5-inches.

On the men's side, freshman pole vaulter Eric Gordon placed seventh in the pole vault with a height of 15-feet, 9-inches.

His teammate, red-shirt junior Mick Viken, tied for second place in the meet with Matthew Bane from Sacramento State. Both pole vaulters finished the competition by clearing a height of 17-feet.

This is Viken's fourth time this season jumping over 17 feet.

The winner of the event was Scott Houston from Indiana University. Houston jumped 17-feet, 8.5-inches, a height that Viken has cleared before.

Sophomore jumper Maura Cummins took 10th place in the women's long jump, jumping a distance of 5-feet, 4.25-inches.

Junior hurdler Jalisa Paramore took eighth in the women's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.60.

Senior Dominique Hall took eighth place as well in the event, running a time of 8.09.

Like their teammate Britney Whitehead, distance runners Erika Ramos and Bryce Basting all cracked the top 10 in their own events.

Ramos took sixth in the women's 800-meter dash, running a time of 2:08.96.

Basting ran the 800-meter dash and placed fourth in the event, running a time of 1:50.13.

Red-shirt junior Pablo Ramirez almost cracked into the top 10 in the men's 5,000-meter, running a time of 14:36.15 and taking 11th.

Ramirez was only one second away from taking 10th place in the race.

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Janie Howse, a freshman thrower, throws shot put during the indoor track meet on Jan. 19 in Lantz Field House. The Panthers competed in the Notre Dame Meyo Invite Friday and Saturday and brought back seven top-10 finishes.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern falls on road

Panthers' 3-game win streak broken

By Anthony Catezone
Sports Editor

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville used a late 3-pointer by forward Jerome Jones to go ahead 45-43 over the Eastern men's basketball team with 55 seconds remaining.

From there, the Cougars would never look back.

The Cougars overcame a 10-point deficit in the final 11 minutes on their way to a 49-45 win over the Panthers.

The Panthers, whose three-game win streak was snapped, fell to 6-17 overall and 3-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Meanwhile, the Cougars held onto to second place in the west division of the OVC as they improved to 8-11 overall and 4-5 in conference play.

Eastern held its largest lead at 37-27 with 11:29 left, but four straight free throws by Ray Lester and Kris Davis cut the lead to six, fueling a 22-8 run for Edwardsville to close out the game - allowing the fewest points surrendered in a game in the Cougars' Division I era.

Eastern would only make four shots over the last 11 and a half minutes of the game.