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ONCE A PAWN A TIME

Jyne King, a senior art major, designs a life-size chess set out of clay for her father.

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MOVING ON UP

After the Eastern men's basketball team's 76-70 win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, the Panthers move up to second in the OVC west.

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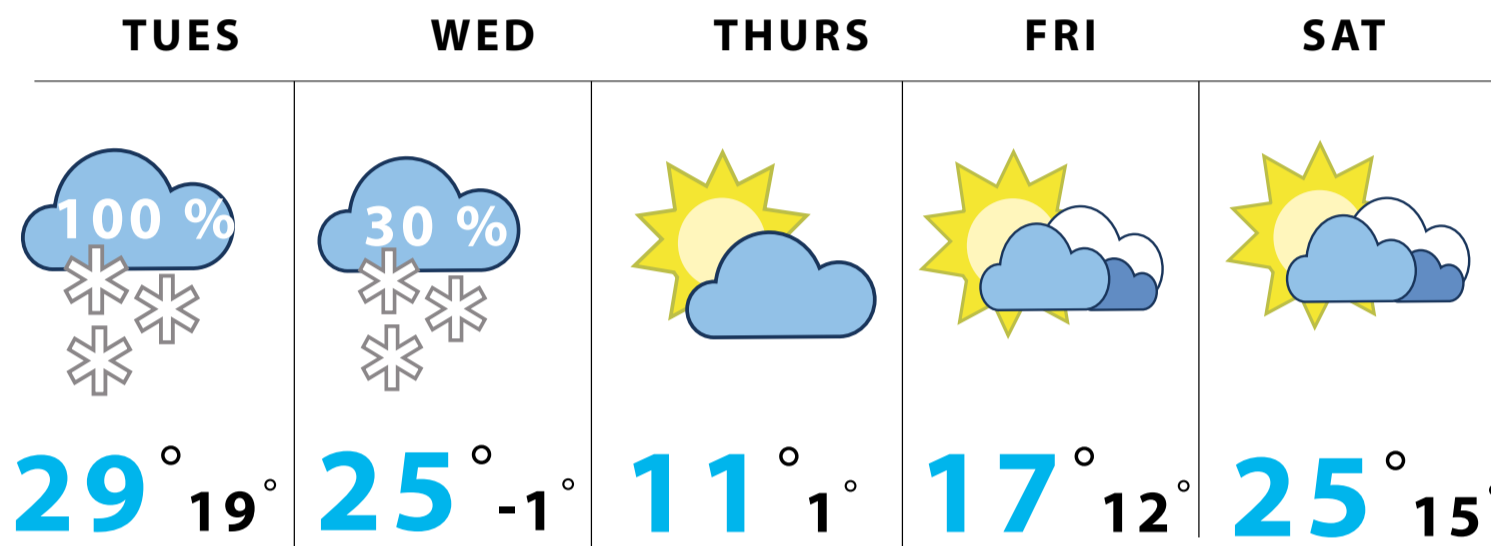
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4-6 inches to fall in Charleston

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @tmskeeper

On top of the seemingly endless snowfall in the past few weeks, Charleston is expected to be hit by four to six inches of snow are expected to fall on Tuesday.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for Coles County that will be in effect noon Tuesday and will retire at noon Wednesday.

Eastern Geology professor Cameron Craig's projections indicate a low-pressure front

will enter the area just south of Charleston bringing snow as early as Tuesday morning.

"We will see snowfall begin late-morning, early-afternoon and then that will continue off and on throughout the early afternoon and evening and then we will have some remnant snow showers overnight and into Wednesday morning," Craig, a WEIU meteorologist and climatologist, said.

City officials have voiced concern over remaining provisions for this winter, namely the supply of road salt.

Mayor Larry Rennels said Friday road salt is running low, prompting Curt Buescher, director of public works for Charleston, to release a statement through the police department's Facebook page.

"Salt orders have been made and funds have been allocated; however, for reasons beyond our control we have not received our last two salt shipments," Buescher said in the notice.

"We still have a supply of salt, but we are running low."

The city will mix sand with the road salt Tuesday in order to

conserve supplies in case the city does not receive another shipment this winter.

Meanwhile, the Charleston Fire Department has been going through its well-established routine, preparing to respond to any weather related emergencies.

"We just go over all our daily operations and make sure all our equipment is ready to go and serviced and we have extra supplies and provisions," said Steve Bennett, the assistant fire chief.

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City granted two-week continuance on Penalty Box hearing

Staff Report

The City Attorney Rachael Cunningham asked and was granted a continuance at the penalty box hearing on Monday.

The next hearing will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 18 in the City Hall council chambers. Mayor Larry Rennels said Cunningham wanted the continuance because of a their witness was unable to make it to the meeting for medical reasons. The witness needed to go through a medical procedure at the time.

Penalty Box co-owner Sabrina Henderson has, in a previous hearing, denied allegations regarding charges against the restaurant claiming they were in violation of their class D liquor license.

A class D liquor license requires the restaurant to act as a restaurant and not a bar.

The owners could be charged with a minimum fine of \$500 and, or a seven-day liquor license suspension. The maximum penalty could be a \$1,000 fine and, or a 30-day suspension. They could even have their liquor license revoked. Rennels has said this is unlikely though.

At the upcoming hearing, both the city and the owners attorney will provide witnesses and evidence. Rennels will then decide from the witnesses and evidence if their will be a motion to proceed.

Enrollment firm a success; Eastern plans to continue relationship

Vice president for academic affairs says firm helps make decisions

By Jack Cruikshank
Administration Editor | @JackCruik

Noel-Levitz, an outside consulting firm hired to help increase enrollment, is "paying off," said Lou Hencken, the interim director of admissions.

The consultation, which began more than two years ago, is continuing to bring new ideas to Eastern.

Mary Herrington-Perry, the vice president for academic affairs, said Eastern will be consulting with Noel-Levitz until next October.

Specific areas of work include

working with enrollment management systems, which help predict whether students will attend Eastern or not, as well as helping determine where the most resources should be used in enrollment.

Even though Noel-Levitz is assisting Eastern presently, Herrington-Perry said she hopes to be able to utilize similar features in the future without outside help.

"In the meantime, we are developing our own system to try to do that type of financial aide analysis on our own which we hope to have up and running by next fall," Herrington-Perry said.

Consultants have been on campus periodically during the last two years, with the most recent meeting with Noel-Levitz happening approximately two weeks ago.

Herrington-Perry said she thinks Noel-Levitz has done a great deal to help Eastern in its drive to increase

enrollment.

"(They are helping) primarily because they are moving us to be much more accountable, much more strategic and much more data-driven," Herrington-Perry said.

Herrington-Perry said she appreciates the unique views the consulting firm can bring to Eastern.

"They are able to come in and say things like 'I think that the way you are doing things is about 20 years out of date,'" Herrington-Perry said. "They bring a wealth of knowledge from having worked with hundreds of institutions across the country and they share the good ideas that they find at other institutions with us."

She also said the consulting from Noel-Levitz has helped with data processing.

"It has been very helpful to us but again the primary reason is that they have helped us focus on stra-

tegetically moving ahead, finding, mining and using data to make decisions and we have seen a lot of good results as a matter of fact," Herrington-Perry said.

She said some of the suggestions from the firm can be simple things like helping Eastern use the FAFSA in a certain way to tell how a student ranked certain institutions. For example, it would rank the student's preference for Eastern over other schools.

"It is good data where we can tell, 'Well that is someone who is really interested in us, let's go the extra mile to make sure he comes to Eastern,'" Herrington-Perry said.

Hencken said the relationship with Noel-Levitz is one where he has deferred to Herrington-Perry, as he started his job as interim director of admissions in the middle of the consulting period.

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Eastern to test alert system

Staff Report

Eastern will be testing its Alert EIU text message system and the Emergency Notification email system Tuesday.

"Alert EIU text messages are only sent in emergency situations that are considered to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees," said Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, in an email Monday.

The test will go out at approximately 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Nadler said the system is typically tested once per semester. The first testing took place on Sept. 3. He said it usually the first Tuesday of September and the first Tuesday in February.

Nadler said students can sign up for the alert system at any time at the Eastern website.

Local weather

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City Council to re-hash marijuana moratorium

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The moratorium on medicinal marijuana, which was put on file for public inspection at the last city council meeting, will be reviewed again Tuesday before a final vote is taken.

The council proposed the ordinance in order to deny applications for medical marijuana dispensaries over a one-year period while the health department sorts out the regulations. Among the biggest concerns for the city are the zoning laws pertaining to the placement of cultivation and distribution facilities.

Mayor Larry Rennels said regulations will be issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health at some point this year.

"We notified the public that we intend to vote on it at this next meeting and we gave them the opportunity if anyone wanted to make comments on it during that period of time," Rennels said, adding

that he heard nothing from the public in opposition to the ordinance.

The law legalizing the sale of medicinal marijuana went into effect Jan. 1. The department has issued a preliminary set of regulations, but they have not been finalized. Among the proposed laws would be to require fingerprinting, a background check and an annual fee of \$150 in order to receive the proper identification card.

The council reserves the right to lift the moratorium when the law goes into full effect.

The council will also examine the abatement of tax levies for the water treatment plant and the Rotary Community Aquatic Center.

The bonds for each of those projects are being managed out of separate funds instead of tax dollars. Therefore, the levies for each facility must be nullified by the city.

Rennels said the only levy that will not be abated for this year is for the Charleston Carnegie Public Library as it is run from funds taken

directly from local tax collection.

There will also be a host of appointments to be approved by the council.

The mayor's office is allowed to appoint and select members for the Fire and Police Board of Commissioners, the historic preservation commission and the zoning appeals and planning board.

When the appointees complete their terms the mayor is charged with reappointing or discharging each member.

Four of the seven members of the preservation commission will be up for approval by the council while a single member of the Fire and Police Board will be examined. Additionally, the reappointment of a single member of the zoning appeals and planning board will be reviewed.

The meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

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BLOTTER

Burglary reported in Douglas Hall

• Shijie Zhao, 24, 2005 S. 12th St. Apt 21 was arrested at 2:02 a.m. Saturday at 825 West Lincoln. He was charged with a DUI for alcohol and left in the custody of the Coles County Sheriff Office at approximately 3:30 a.m. pending the posting of 10 percent of a \$1000 bond.

• Ronald A. Carrillo, 18, 414 W. Franklin, Effingham, IL was arrested at 2:23 Saturday at 1415 4th St. He was charged with a DUI and was left in the custody of the Coles County Sheriff Office at approximately 4:40 a.m. pending the posting of 10 percent of a \$3000 bond.

• A residential burglary was reported at 5:22 p.m. Saturday in Douglas Hall. The incident is still under investigation.

• Tammy J. Carrico, 39, 1046 Oxford Ct., was arrested on a failure to appear warrant (Driving with a suspended license) at 10:44 a.m. Monday in Klehm Hall. She was released at 11:47 a.m. after posting 10 percent of \$2000 bond.

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Jyne King, a senior art major, carves out pieces of an over-sized chess piece Monday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The chess set is part of an assignment, which is due at the end of the semester, for her ceramics class. King said she is making the chess set for her father, who is planning on moving to a different state soon. She said she believes the chess set will make a good going-away gift for him. "My dad's favorite passtime is chess," she said. "So I thought I might as well give this to him." King has decided not to fasten the pieces to the board once the project is finished, so that her father can display each piece in a different room.



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King smooths out kinks in her chess piece in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. She anticipates each piece taking her about one week to make from start to finish, with the entire project due near the end of the semester. King plans on glazing her pieces in different colors when they are finished.



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Jyne King, a senior art major, carves a chess piece out of clay for a class project in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. King said her favorite part of three-dimensional art is being able to get her hands dirty, an opportunity she said she does not always have with two-dimensional art. Although she concentrates in two-dimensional design, she said she has found enjoyment in small aspects of three-dimensional art, such as the texture of clay and the different design options that are made available through sculpting. For King, experimenting in different media has inspired a future project. She said she would like to work on a relief piece- a two-dimensional sculpture that can be hung on a wall. King said she is grateful for having stepped outside her comfort zone, because it has made her both more marketable and more creative. "It gives me the opportunity to expand on thing I didn't know," she said. "It keeps me well-rounded."

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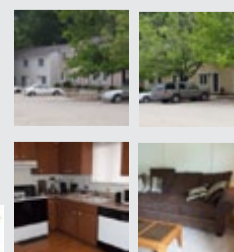
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Reform bill on pensions unlawful

Shortly after Gov. Pat Quinn signed the bill on pension reform, lawsuits were filed against the bill – a move that should be endorsed.

The bill aims to cut pensions, severing a contract between state employees and the state.

Basically the bill wants to decrease the pension funding to make up for the deficit, but in the process they are breaking a contract of everyone who has put money into the pension fund.

It is as if the employees are students and the state is the professor. When the employment or “semester” begins, the employees or “students” enter into the agreement – a syllabus of sorts – with the state or “professor.”

However, what the state is doing now is saying the syllabus they had the students agree to is now worthless.

By cutting the pension fund to curtail the deficit, the state is effectively punishing the employees because the state did not make payments on time.

Students should take notice of the pension reform too. It will affect them both in future endeavors and present.

By passing this law and cutting down on pensions, it means there will be less to put in after graduating for students going into government jobs. That means – for students in a teaching school like Eastern – teachers will be paying the heavy price.

Other government employees will also feel the pain of the pension woes.

As for the present, it will become harder and harder to recruit and retain professors at Eastern. That means freshmen this year, by the time they are seniors, may be facing a declining education system, simply because the pension reform bill puts up roadblocks to proper educators.

Without a well-rounded pension system, the future generations and the present ones will all feel the weight of a crushing debt. This debt is not one we can climb out of just by cutting on important expenditures such as the pension.

When Illinois state employees signed into their jobs they were promised a certain pension. And now, with this new bill, everything they were promised means nothing.

While this may be a complex, intricate system, the facts do not lie. It is a contract between two entities, and that contract is being broken. It would be the same as breaking a lease with a landlord. It would be the same as breaking an agreement with a professor. It is the same as breaking the constitution.

The pension crisis will not go away anytime soon, but instead will be around for a long while. Do not mistake this bill as a quick fix or a miracle solution. It is one that should be re-evaluated.

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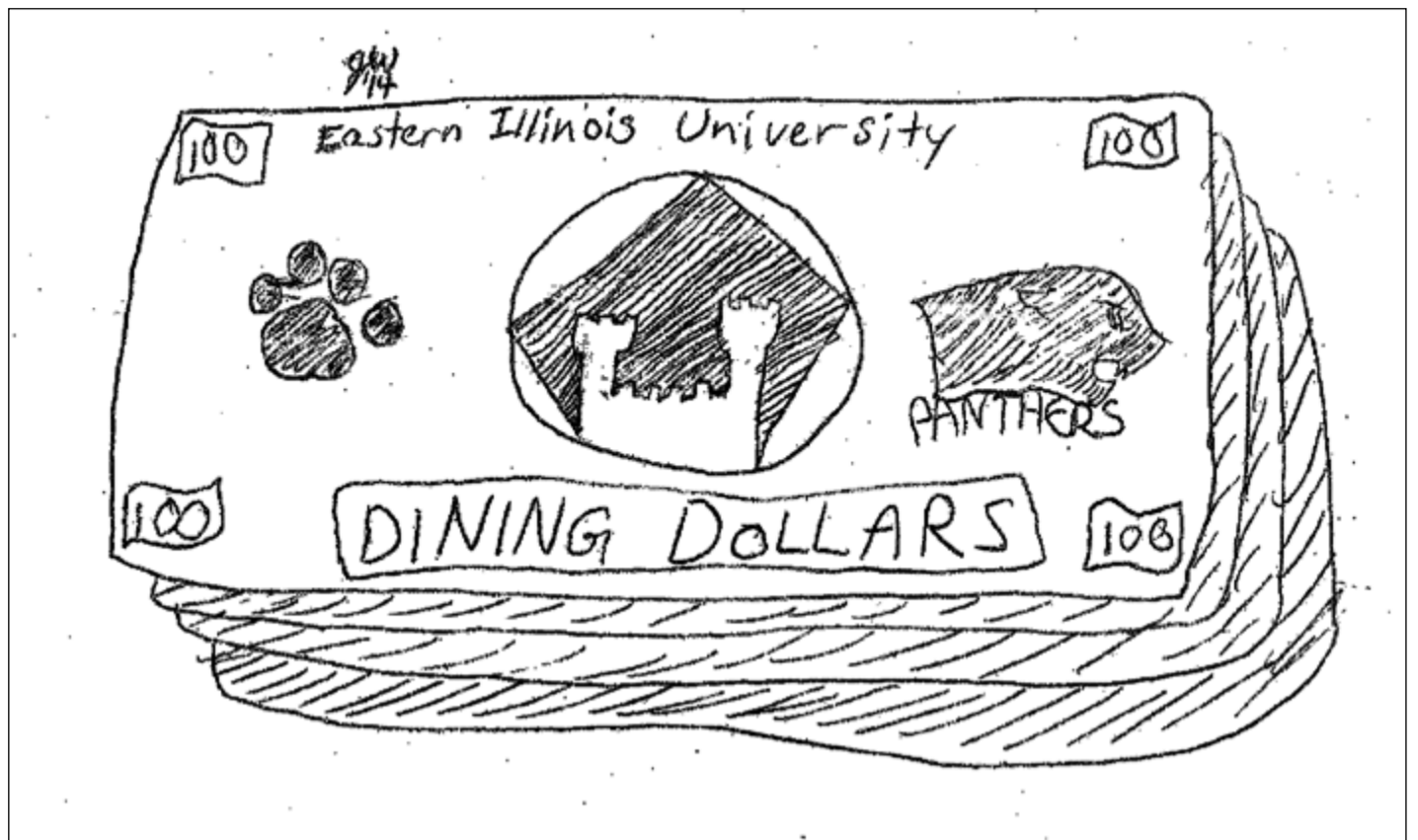
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If dining dollars were cash



JOSH WILLIAMS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dining dollars are always an option

I was eating in the dining halls for the first time since last May, and the taste of Taylor chicken was the perfect sediment to my empty stomach.

That's because I bought dining dollars.

Meal plans are expensive, and I was lucky enough to have one for three semesters thanks to my financial aid. I chose not to buy one this year because I wanted to use my financial aid money for rent, bills, and future saving to pay off loans in order to reach my goal of finishing EIU debt free.

For those of you who want to have a little easier live when it comes to food preparations, I suggest you go to the Housing and Dining services department in the basement of the Union, and purchase some dining dollars.

There are times where we need to eat, but the walk home is too far. There's that option of going to Subway, or Jimmy John's, but when I'm on campus that's too far also unless we go to the Union.

I'm going to go on a limb, and say that most of the meals in the halls cost around \$8. That's probably a dollar more than what you would



Kyle Daubs

spend at a restaurant probably.

The minimum option of dining dollars is at least \$50. For those of you who do not know how dining dollars work, it's pretty simple.

You still have to bring you Panthercard to the dining hall every time you want to eat. All you have to do differently is tell them you want to use dining dollars. It's like a gift card to yourself.

When you pay for dining dollars, you can pay with cash, check, or they can bill it to your account and you can pay later. It's pretty easy stuff.

If you are having some troubles with cash, ask your parents for a few bucks to help you out. This would be something your parents

would actually be okay with giving you money for, unless you go and blow it on the second to last aisle at Walmart.

Having a meal on campus makes it convenient when you have that one hour break in between classes and need to get some grub, so you are not that awkward student in class whose stomach keeps making the rumblings.

Trust me, I'm not campaigning this idea for EIU because plenty of my money has gone into this institution, and they still have a future investment from me.

This suggestion goes out to help you guys out because it helps me with my busy schedule. Three jobs, seventeen semester hours, and the RSO's I am are a load itself. I can only imagine what your schedules are like as well.

Dining dollars can help you with a meal on wheels that is a quick walk as well. Did I mention that Thomas and Taylor are buffets? You can leave with that food baby you always wanted now.

Kyle Daubs is a senior special education major. He can be reached at 581-2812 or DENopinions@gmail.com.

Be the solution to enrollment problems

Since 2007, Eastern's fall enrollment has declined from 12,179 to its current 9,775. That is a total loss of 2,404 students, and current students and faculty should care about that number.

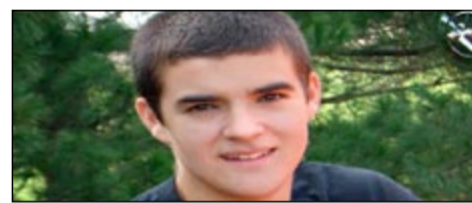
I've heard people around campus complaining about the university specifically pertaining to a declining enrollment, but administrators haven't stopped trying to recruit new and transfer students.

At this point, students should get involved with the recruitment process as well.

This time of year is when many high school seniors are finalizing their plans of what to do next year.

Current Eastern students can do a great deal to help the university recruit those students who would not otherwise have considered Eastern.

The clichéd Gandhi quote “be the change you want to see in the world” fits here well. In this case, current Eastern students need to show potential students that it really is a great time to be a Pan-



Jack Cruikshank

ther.

This school has so many positives going for it, but by constantly complaining about often-trivial matters, why would prospective students want to come here?

As any marketing professional will tell you, reviews from peers are a great way to recruit new consumers.

In this case, current Eastern students need to work to help the administration recruit new students to combat fewer students going to college and more institutions recruiting within Illinois state lines.

When someone asks you how you like college, don't waste that opportunity.

Take the time to explain to anyone how you feel, and why you think Eastern is either a good or a bad school.

While I have no problem complaining about problems, we have to complain and then work to change those problems, and enrollment is no different.

By increasing our enrollment, we could have more opportunities on campus and it would help eliminate problems such as the current predicament of having to cut \$7 million from Eastern's appropriated budget over the next two years.

A higher enrollment means more money for the university to help students better their education, and that is ultimately why we are here.

Yes, the experience is a big part, but deep down, the education is the reason we are here. Let's help Eastern keep that education at a consistently high quality.

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“When they asked me to come (as director of admissions), I said ‘I am going to hit the highlights, but Mary Herrington-Perry is going to continue to work with Noel-Levitz and (she) will continue to work to bring back the recommendations of what she has found to me and we will discuss them,’ Hencken said.

Hencken said he has seen some of the recommendations pay off as the freshman enrollment increased for Fall 2013 and the average ACT score increased as well.

“I know Eastern has implemented a couple of (the ideas) and I think some have paid off as of last fall,” Hencken said.

He also said the relationship between Eastern and Noel-Levitz should last as long as Eastern is getting value for its money.

“I think that the university will want to continue to work with Noel-Levitz as long as the university feels that they are getting value for the dollar they spend,” Hencken said.

Throughout the whole process, Noel-Levitz has worked closely with administrators all around campus, and Herrington-Perry said the help has been useful throughout the consultation.

“We are now doing a lot of that data analysis to help us use our limited resources much more wisely,” Herrington-Perry said.

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» **WEATHER**
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The department will have 10 men on duty tomorrow with reserves available if the need arises.

Craig said the most important thing to do is to heed the weather alerts.

“People need to heed the hazardous information from the National Weather Service,” he said.

Bennett agreed, adding that the best thing people can do to help his emergency responders is avoid leaving their homes and stay off the road Tuesday.

“The biggest thing is when the bad weather hits, if you don’t have to be out don’t get out,” Bennett said. “Stay home because if you get stranded, slide off or have a wreck, we’ll probably get called and we’ll have to go take care of issue so it’s just better if people stay indoors.”

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CGS to vote on art curriculum changes

By **Jack Cruikshank**
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The Council on Graduate Studies will vote on changes to the art curriculum at its meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Blair Hall, room 3108.

The council will vote on adding a new course, ART 5920, M.A. in Art Colloquium for graduate students.

The course “ensures that all M.A. students are enrolled in a common course their first semester of graduate study, thus creating a more cohesive student cohort,” according to the proposal.

The new course, if approved, will help students tie in reading and discussion skills in relation to one’s overall graduate degree.

“Because the purpose of the course is specifically to strengthen their skills in the areas of scholarly and creative research, critical thinking, writing and public speaking,

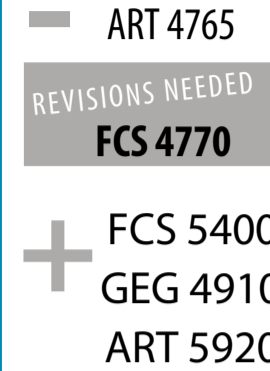
ART 5920 will help prepare students for both ART 4775, Seminar in Twentieth-Century Art History and Criticism, and for such degree requirements as both group and thesis committee critiques, and the writing of an artist statement to accompany their thesis exhibitions,” the course proposal states.

The new course would replace the current ART 4765, Twentieth Century American Painting and Sculpture, as half of the required two art history courses for students in the M.A. in Art program.

One of the reasons for the elimination of ART 4765 is because many undergraduate students already complete the course

“The new course, ART 5920, ensures that all M.A. students are enrolled in a common course their first semester of graduate study thus, creating a more cohesive student cohort,” according to the pro-

Possible course changes



GRAPHIC BY JOANNA LEIGHTON

gram revision proposal.

The council will also vote on proposals that would add a new course and revise another within the Family and Consumer Sciences program.

The course to be revised is FCS 4770, Family Budgeting and Debt

Management, and FCS 4770 will serve as a capstone course for students enrolled in the Financial Literacy Option after its revision.

The new course to be voted on is FCS 5400, Aging Policy in Action, which, according to the course proposal, “will examine the historical development, current application, and future trends of public policy as they relate to the well-being of aging individuals.”

The council will also vote on adding a new geology course, GEG 4910, GIS Programming, which would serve as an “introduction to programming techniques used in spatial data management and analysis.”

It’s initial offering would be in summer 2014.

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Choosing a crown



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Alaysia Mitchell, a senior business management major and Miss Black EIU 2013, looks at a magazine with Leah Reynolds, the assistant director of student life as well as the pageant advisor for Miss Black EIU 2014. Mitchell and Reynolds were combing through photos of crowns and trying to choose one for this year’s pageant. Behind them, contestants practiced their talent portions. Miss Black EIU will take place Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Junior University Union.

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Tennis teams earn split after weekend action

By Jack Sheehan
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The Eastern women's tennis team earned a perfect 9-0 win at Saint Francis Sunday, improving the Panthers to 2-0 on the season.

As for the men, Eastern fell to 1-1, following its 7-0 loss against Michigan State on Saturday.

After winning all three doubles matches, the Panther women finished the sweep with six singles victories.

John Blackburn, the Eastern director of tennis and women's coach said the team improved from its first match.

"Our goal was to improve from our first match and in some significant areas we did just that," Blackburn said in a press release.

Blackburn said although the women's team is off to a 2-0 start, it could still improve.

"Every time we play we learn some things, so we'll get back to work tomorrow to continue to develop this team as we look forward to our next match on Friday," he said.

Senior Janelle Prisner led the way with a number one victory in her singles match over Princess Clemente, 6-1 and 6-2, respectively.

In doubles play, it was the pairs of Prisner and Sephora Boulbahiem, Ali Foster and Hannah Kimbrough, while Kelly Iden and Kamil Stadalninkaite closed the door with a doubles-win of their own.

The men's team was swept in



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Sophomore Ali Foster returns the ball during a match on April 13, 2013 at the Darling Courts. The women's tennis team's first home match will take place March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Darling Courts. It will go up against Lindenwood.

straight sets in singles play, while also losing three doubles matches to the Spartans.

Eric Stark, the men's coach, said the Panthers did not take advantage of their opportunities, but learned a lot in the match.

"We have taken another step forward and now know what we need to do to get to the next level," Stark said in a press release.

Every Panther lost in straight sets of their respective singles matches.

Double's partners Kevin Bauman

and Robert Skolik extended their doubles match the longest of the Panthers, but ultimately lost 8-5.

The Panther men will next travel to both Ball State and Saint Francis on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The women's team returns to the court at 2 p.m. Friday, as the Panther's host Southern Illinois-Carbondale in Danville.

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Women's basketball team finding identity

Panthers better than current record shows

Coming into the 2013-14 season, you had no idea what to expect from the Eastern women's basketball team.

It entered the season with a first-time head coach and almost a brand new starting lineup that featured just one returning starter.

We all wondered why Lee Buchanan left after one year as the head coach that saw the Panthers win the Ohio Valley Conference title.



Bob Reynolds
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Eastern Athletic Director Barbara Burke could not have made a better selection to replace Buchanan. On May 14, she hired former WNBA All-Star and Defensive Player of the year award winner Debbie Black.

Black had been an assistant coach under Jim Foster at Ohio State for the previous seven years.

She met with her players before the season started, trying to find the identity of this year's Panthers.

It is yet to be determined whether or not she has found that identity, but I might have a pretty good clue of what it is.

The Panthers are 9-12 and by looking at their record, you could say they are not that good. Well, you would be wrong.

Eastern is better than what its record reflects.

About half of those 12 losses could easily be wins, as Eastern has either had a lead at halftime or has been down by only a couple of points and then went on to lose.

In the seventh game of the season the Panthers were up 32-29 to a 0-6 University of Missouri Kansas City team in the UMKC Tournament. The Panthers were out scored 40-30 in the second half and lost by seven.

In four other games, the Panthers faced similar results by either being ahead at halftime or trailing by a handful of points, but ultimately coming away with a loss.

In mid-December the Panthers started to turn things around when they headed down to the North Florida Holiday Tournament.

Eastern defeated Georgia Southern 57-50 and then beat Air Force by 32, and shot 50 percent from the floor in

that game.

But the Panthers are no in a bit of a funk, losing five of its last seven games, but they have one goal in mind, which is to be on a bus headed to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, which starts on March 5.

The good thing for the Panthers is that there are only two teams in the OVC with winning records. The last six games conference games will show if Eastern really is better than its record.

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Eastern Kentucky improved to 7-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference and third overall in the standings with the win while Southeast Missouri, the OVC's preseason favorite, fell to 3-6 in conference and second to last in the west division.

Players of the Week

Eastern Kentucky's Glenn Cosey won the Ohio Valley Conference player of the Week.

Aside from the buzzer-beater against Southeast Missouri, he finished the game with 20 points, three assists, two rebounds and two steals.

He started the week by hitting 5-of-9 from 3-point range and scoring 18 points in a win over Tennessee-Martin.

For the week the senior averaged 19.0 points, 3.0 assists, 2.5 rebounds and 1.5 steals/game while making 45.5 percent (10-of-22) from the field, 47.1 percent (8-of-17) from 3-point range and 90.9 percent (10-of-11) from the free throw line.

Cosey ranks third in the OVC in scoring 19.1 points per game.

Two Murray State players each won OVC Newcomer and Freshman of the Week in Jarvis Williams and Cameron Payne, respectively.

Williams scored a career-high 28 points and added 14 rebounds as Murray State went on the road and topped rival Austin Peay by a 96-88 margin on Friday night.

It marked the ninth double-double of the year for the transfer from Gordon State College, which ranks him tied for third in the OVC.

Payne earned his sixth OVC Freshman of the Week honor of the season after scoring 12 points and dishing out 12 assists in a road victory over Austin Peay.

The 12 assists were a career-high and tied for the third-most by an OVC player in a game this season.

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Chris Olivier, a junior forward, puts a shot up in a game against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on Saturday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the SIUE Cougars 76-70. Olivier currently averages about 11 points per game.

Eastern jumps to second in OVC West

By Anthony Catezone
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The Eastern men's basketball team moved into sole possession of second place in the west division of the Ohio Valley Conference with its 76-70 win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

"This is the time of the season where you tell guys to pay attention to the standings," Spoonhour said.

The Panthers have six conference games remaining and with eight teams making the OVC tournament, Eastern currently sits as the No. 5 seed.

Eastern lost in the first round of the tournament last season as the No. 7 seed to No. 6 seed Southeast Missouri.

A No. 5 seed would be the Panthers' highest seed since they were No. 5 in the 2012 OVC tournament.

Game of the Week

Glenn Cosey banked in a half-court buzzer-beater shot to give

the Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team a 79-78 win over visiting Southeast Missouri Saturday night.

Cosey not only finished with a team-high 20 points, but also the No. 1 top play on SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays Saturday night.

Eastern Kentucky trailed by 10 points with less than four minutes to play before making a furious rally. Senior Orlando Williams lit the spark with back-to-back buckets, including a 3-pointer, within a span of 20 seconds.

With 55 second remaining, Tarius Johnson tipped in the ball to tie the game at 74 and cap off a 12-2 Colonel run.

Southeast Missouri's Lucas Nutt hit a floater at 39 seconds. Cosey then made a pair of free throws for the Colonels with 26 seconds left to play.

But Redhawk Tyler Stone answered with a put-back layup with 6.6 seconds on the clock to keep Southeast Missouri up by two.

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| 1. BELMONT 8-2 | | 1. MURRAY STATE 8-1 |
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| 3. MOREHEAD STATE 6-3 | | 3. SIU-EDWARDSVILLE 4-5 |
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| 5. JACKSONVILLE STATE 4-6 | | 5. SEMO 3-6 |
| 6. TENNESSEE STATE 2-8 | | 6. TENNESSEE-MARTIN 2-7 |

Following Stone's bucket, Cosey took the inbounded ball just over the mid-court line. Despite having two timeouts, the Colonels elected not to call a timeout.

From 37 feet out Cosey hurled up the game-winning shot, sending McBrayer Arena into a frenzy.

After an official review of Cosey's shot, 0.4 seconds were put on the clock. However, Southeast Missouri never got a shot off on its final possession.

Eastern Kentucky led by as many as 14 in the first half, 34-20, only to see Southeast Missouri storm

back in the early stages of the second half.

The Redhawk defense held the Colonels without a field goal for nearly seven minutes on the way to building a 55-49 lead.

The Redhawks eventually stretched the lead as many as 11 points, when they led 63-52 with nine minutes in regulation.

For Southeast Missouri, Jarekious Bradley recorded a career-high 32 points, but was kept scoreless in the final 11:19 of the game.

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Ice Bears too much for club

By Dominic Renzetti
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The Eastern hockey club scored one goal in its two-game series against Missouri State during the weekend in Springfield, Mo., losing 6-0 on Friday and 9-1 on Sunday.

After senior goalie Andrew Teske gave up no goals in the first period, stopping all 24 shots sent his way, leaving the Panthers and Ice Bears scoreless going into the second.

In the second period however, the Ice Bears found their groove on offense, scoring four goals. Senior forward Derek Bartsch, junior forward Jack Ryan, sophomore forward Brian Leslie and freshman forward Brendan McClew all recorded goals in the second period. Bartsch and Leslie's goals came short-handed, while Ryan's came on the power play.

The Ice Bears added two more goals in the final period with junior defenseman Nick Sadorf and junior forward Kyle Brown scoring. Missouri State outshot the Panthers 68-26. Sophomore goalie Justin Davis recorded his second shutout of the season for the Ice Bears.

In the second game, it was all Missouri State, with Ryan recording five points in the 9-1 win, including a hat trick.

Missouri State ended the first period with a 2-0 lead, with goals coming from senior forward Blake Ryan and senior defenseman Jacob Guthrie. The Ice Bears led 24-6 in shots after the first period.

In the second period, Missouri State added two more goals by way of junior defenseman Erik Aldag and Sadorf.

The third period was filled with more goals for the Ice Bears, with Missouri State adding five on Teske.

Eastern scored its only goal of the game in the third period by way of freshman forward Steve Kinnison.

Earlier in the week, senior forward Chris Gallagher said the team changed up the defense to cut down on the number of pucks coming toward the net.

"We tweaked some things in practice defensively to cut down their shots on goal and give us a greater advantage in our own zone," he said. "The way to beat a team like this is to tighten up defensively and take away those passing lanes, and the shots that do get throw we are confident in Teske to make the stop."

After the game against the University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana's Division I team and the series against Arkansas, Gallagher said the team has learned quite a bit about itself.

"We learned that chemistry is a huge thing to have in a team," he said. "When your changing lines every other shift and game with kids you haven't played with before this year is hard. We learned a lot about ourselves going on these road trips and we are just going to finish up the season strong."

Eastern will take on Illinois' Division II team Tuesday in Danville at the David S. Palmer Arena.

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