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Head injuries cause player's career to end

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STATE

House and Senate pass civil union bill

By Allison Twaits

City Editor

Gov. Pat Quinn has pledged his signature to the new civil union bill that passed Tuesday night for Illinois.

The Illinois House passed the bill by a vote of 61-52. The following afternoon, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 32-24.

Democrats control both chambers.

Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn had urged the legislature to pass the bill during the lame-duck session and he even appeared on the House and Senate floor during debate to show his support. He has not said when he will sign the bill.

Ryan Plunkett, the president of the Eastern College Democrats said he was happy to see that the bill passed with such large margins and that this is only the start for other states to follow Illinois' lead.

"Illinois is on the right side of history and this is a big first step in the right direction," Plunkett said.

Illinois will become the 11th state to legalize either civil unions or domestic partnerships, where the bill says that two people who have entered into a civil union are entitled to the same legal treatment under Illinois law that is presently given to spouses, except same last names.

Plunkett said like the civil rights movement, Americans will look back during this time and say, "why didn't we do that in the first place."

Some of these benefits include receiving equal visitation privileges in hospitals, and being allowed to make medical decisions and sharing nursing home rooms.

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POLITICS

Online Senate elections will begin Monday

By Nike Ogunbodede

Student Government Editor

The student senate is having its fall elections Monday and Tuesday.

For the fist time, the elections will be completely online with the student government website providing a link.

"Currently, we have 18 seats open, but we only have 13 senators," said Christine Anderson, the director of the elections commission.

Anderson, a communication disorders sciences major, is also the senate secretary.

Each prospective candidate had to get 60 signatures to even get on the ballot, Anderson said.

After the 60 signatures were received, E-numbers were checked for authenticity before the candidate could be added to the ballot. The candidates also have to be in good standing with the university. Student government filled approximately 19 seats by appointing senators at the beginning of the semester, but the appointment of the senators only last for one semester until they can run for positions during the end of fall senate elections.

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CAMPUS



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Isaiah Jelks, a Charleston resident, writes a quality of himself on the mirror of the body image room in The Tunnel of Oppression Thursday evening on the ninth floor of Andrews Hall.

Students experience oppression

By Ashley Holstrom

Staff Reporter

As guests walked through the Tunnel of Oppression Thursday in Andrews Hall, they experienced first-hand the hatred and abuse many people feel on a daily basis.

The long elevator ride up to the ninth floor of Andrews Hall was dark and quiet. When guests reached their destination, they found a noose was hanging from the ceiling and a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. written on the wall above a graveyard.

The hallways were dark and the walls were covered with words of

prejudice, hatred and abuse.

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CAMPUS

Eastern brings light to darker subjects

By Erin Riedl

Staff Reporter

In support of HIV/AIDS, Eastern has been putting on different activities throughout the week.

Thursday night there was a candle light vigil that started in Taylor Hall lobby and walked to the 7th Street Underground.

Phi Rho Eta, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. sponsored this event.

Before the walk began, participants were handed candles and had them lit. Also, before the walk started, Rachel Fisher, the director of student community service and the co-coordinator of "Red Week 2010," talked to the participants about the symbolism of the vigil.

"By lighting the candles and walking around saying chants through campus, we are bringing light to something not normally discussed; we are putting light on the issue," Fisher said

Some of the chants said things such as, "People with AIDS under attack. What do we do? Act up! Fight Back!"

Marcus Waller, a senior exercise science major and the president of Phi Rho Eta, Inc., played a big part in organizing the "Red Week" candle light vioil.

"When brainstorming activities to raise awareness, one of the first things brought up was the candle light vigil," Waller said. "It seemed like a good way to raise awareness."

Clarissa Wilson, a freshman journalism major, agreed with Waller that the vigil was a good way to raise awareness.

She has a family member who has been affected by AIDS.

"It really means something to me to come out and support HIV/AIDS awareness," Wilson said.

She wanted a deeper understanding of just how much the epidemic affects people everywhere.

Fisher said she hopes that students recognize the unity on campus through the vigil.

"With rallying around campus, it shows Eastern students just how much they can come together for a good cause," Fisher said.

Fisher also appreciated the amount of participants and the organizations that have helped with "Red Week 2010."

Cindy Owusu, a junior health studies major and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and the chairwoman for the quilt committee for "Red Week 2010," said she has been very influenced by all of the events throughout the week.

"I am in an epidemiology class and just seeing the statistics of how many people are affected by HIV/AIDS really made me want to support the cause," Owusu said.

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Marcus Waller, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, lights the candles of marchers before they make their way from Taylor Hall to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's 7th Street Underground during the Face of Aids Candlelight March Thursday.

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2 p.m. - Toy Drive Collection Volunteers will be walking around campus collecting toy drive donations. Students who would like to volunteer should

email: volunteer@eiu.edu

SUNDAY

Noon - Caroling in the Concourse

The music department will kick off a week-long series of concerts full of traditional Christmas music in the concourse of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

10 a.m. - Sculpture Exhibit

Ceramic sculptures by artist Suzanne Berkes will be exhibited at the Tarble Arts Center until 5 p.m.

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

ONLINE



Celebrity Smack Talk: Yahoo.com top 10 searches

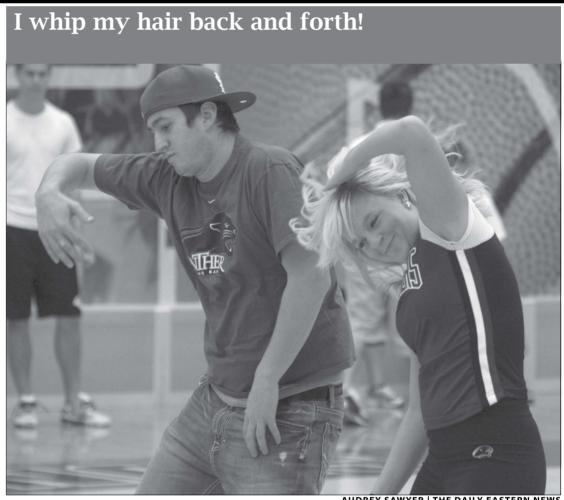
Did you see the list of the top 10 searches on Yahoo.com in 2010? Sports Editor Alex McNamme dissects the list in his

Read it at DENnews.com.

Residency Artist's work to be on display in Tarble

The Tarble Arts Center and local area schools came together in the name of art this month under the teachings of Illinois ceramic sculptor, Suzanne Berkes.

Check out this story on DENnews.com



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Matt Black, a member of the Panther Marching Band, and Cassie Short, a member of the Pink Panthers Dance Team, perform during halftime of the men and women's basketball games Thursday night in Lantz Arena.

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EIU History Lesson

1998

The Daily Eastern News reported that Eastern's presidential search committee had narrowed 52 nominees down to three: Carol Diann Surles, Roy Hirofumi Saigo and Mark Lapping. Surles was eventually given the position, and became both the first woman and the first minority president of the university.

1982

The Daily Eastern News reported that the Panthers are favored to win their first playoff game, after finishing the season with an outstanding 11-0-1 record. The Panthers ended up losing to Tennessee State 20-19.

1979

The Daily Eastern News reports that the Cox family of Mattoon was gathering area signatures to petition against the parole of Charles Fuller, who had murdered five of their 12 children in April 1968.

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STUDENT LIFE

Limewire gone, what next?

By Alyssa Ullrich Staff Reporter

Eastern students will no longer be able to download music from the popular music and video sharing website, Limewire.

After 10 years of providing users with free, downloadable music, movies and files, Limewire has been shut down after a four-year battle with the Recording Industry of America.

"Music is a big part of the college experience, especially the night life," said Devin Dismang, a junior kinesiology and sports major. "So, when music isn't changed up, people eventually get sick of the same music."

For Eastern students living on campus, Limewire was disabled while it was up and running, preventing students from downloading files.

Eastern's policy on file sharing can be found in the Technology Student Guide stating, "Any copyright vio-



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lations traced to students will be referred to the Office of Student Standards for adjudication as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Copyright violation penalties may include the loss of network connectivity, community service and monetary

Eastern's policy did not stop students from downloading at home while on break and bringing those files back to campus on their comput-

Nicole Towns, a sophomore special education major, said she used Limewire regularly at home. Now

that Limewire is unavailable, she has simply found a torrent to download her music from.

Many students are reacting to the shutting down of Limewire by use a new file-sharing outlet or other methods of getting new music.

Caitrin Jones, a sophomore special education major, recently deleted Limewire from her computer after she caught a virus on her laptop.

However, Jones continues to get her music free from friends.

"My friend usually e-mails them to me, although I don't know how she gets them," Jones said. "Then I just download them and they automatically go to my iTunes."

Matt Block, a sophomore special education major, said he believes that the government's efforts to ban all file sharing websites is an impossible task.

"A lot of kids are either going to get caught or just keep switching sites," Block said. "Or if I have a CD

that people want, I can make a copy or just send them the music."

"Some websites deemed as "piracy sites," have been given permission by an artist to make their music available by downloading them directly for free," Dismang said. "Some piracy sites are run by actual DJs and some artists do give out music for free and have it downloadable through several kinds of sites."

Mark Gorton, a former Wall Street trader, founded Limewire in

A federal court in New York issued a permanent injunction against the website, indefinitely stopping its 50 million monthly users from file sharing and downloading.

"No matter what the government does, it's clear that music will always be leaked somehow," Dismang said.

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Alcohol counseling around Charleston

By Miranda King **Staff Reporter**

Alcohol and other drugs can become a serious problem for college students. Those students might not know where they can go for information and help change their lives. Both on campus and in Charleston, there are places students can go for help.

On campus, the Health Education Resource Center, located on the top floor of the Student Services Building, offers many resources for students. AlcoholEdu is one program offered and is mandatory for all incoming freshmen and transfer students, said Ryan Messinger, assistant director of health education and promotion. With this program, students learn the basics of alcohol education.

Another program focused on alcohol education is the 6 Pack series. The six-week program is offered in the fall and gives students further information on how alcohol can affect other aspects of their lives, Messinger said.

The HERC also offers one-on-one

consultations. BASICS, which stands for Brief Alcohol Intervention and Screening for College Students, has been proven as an effective way for students to change in regards to alcohol and other drugs. All HERC employees, including Jimmy Friesema, substance abuse coordinator at the HERC, are trained counselors.

As substance abuse coordinator, Friesema also provides alcohol and other drug education and awareness on cam-

As for violating the student code of conduct regarding drugs and alcohol, there is CRAWL (Choosing Responsibly and Within Limits).

"It's either a one-week thing or it could be up to eight weeks, depending on how severe the case was," Friesema said. Students are referred to both of these programs either by judicial affairs or others on campus.

In Basic CRAWL, students will become more aware of the effects their drinking has on not only themselves, but also those around them. In one session, students learn how to change their drinking habits through interactive exercises and education so that they can make more responsible choices in the future.

Advanced CRAWL is an eight-week program for students who have violated the student code of conduct drastically, either with alcohol or marijuana. The cost for this program is \$200. Students set up goals each week and provide updates on their progress. Students show their knowledge and progress to their peers and advisers for the program at the end of the program.

However, help is available in Charleston.

The Walter DUI and Counseling Services, located at 1550 Douglas Dr., Suite 115, offers counseling and help for those who have been caught driving under the influence.

Brenda Sprague, owner and operator, said that there are students from Eastern, as well as community members who come to the center for any of the three services offered.

One service the center offers is a DUI evaluation, which costs \$100.

"We ask every personal question known to man," Sprague said, "We're looking to see what level of risk they are having of a substance abuse problem or issue."

There are four classifications of risk: minimal, moderate, significant and

Risk education at Walter DUI costs \$125 for 10 hours plus \$10 for the book for the class. However, if a client does not perform the DUI evaluation at Walter DUI and Counseling Services, the cost is \$150 plus \$10 for the book. For early intervention, the cost is \$40 per hour.

Another business in Charleston that offers prevention education and treatment is CEAD (Central East Alcoholism and Drug) Council. It has several locations in Charleston with its main facility, the Hour House, located at 635 Division St.

Michelle Eaton, prevention coordinator, provides substance abuse information to schools in the area, as well as communities and groups within those communities. The Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition, based at Eastern, is another group that CEAD Council is regularly involved in.

The AODC consists of community and campus representatives that meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues/ concerns involving alcohol and other drugs both on-campus and off-campus," Messinger said.

Eaton said that the focus is usually on alcohol but other drugs are also dis-

Substance abuse treatment is also available through CEAD Council. Residential adult treatment in Charleston is held at the Hour House while adolescent treatment is in Lerna, Eaton said. Outpatient services can be found in Charleston, Mattoon and Shelbyville.

Nancy Phillips, outpatient coordinator at CEAD Council, provides adult outpatient services at 845 18th

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EDUCATION

Graduate Student applications on the rise

By Kacie Berry **Staff Reporter**

Graduate school applications are expected to surge higher than usual in the

Some people, like President William Perry, believe the current economy and unemployment of the state could be partially to blame for the rush of appli-

"People take the opportunity to enhance their resume, and one way to do that is through graduate study," Perry

Barry Hudek, an English instructor is one person who is working on his graduate school application to get a doctorate degree in American literature and concentrate on modernism.

Hudek's specific interest in literature and modernism is focused around the era of 1900-1930. He would like to focus a lot of his work on the writer William Faulkner and his novels.

Hudek said his attraction to this era is based on the cultural, economical, and title changes of the era. He also said he likes the literary approaches and experimental nature of the people in that

"Faulkner is also all about history and still speaks to the degree that I still have, and I think that's part of my interest in that era as well," Hudek said.

Most graduate programs require future students to take an exam called the

In 2009, the ETS, administrator of the GRE, said the number of people taking the GRE increased by over 9 percent to 675,000 people, according to Russell Schaffer, senior communication manager of Kaplan, Inc.

Kaplan, Inc. is a center used for test preparations and admissions for graduate programs. It offers services such as a GRE practice test, information on specialized graduate tests, and advice about whether graduate school is right for a student. Kaplan also has consultants available to help students through the application and admission process.

Hudek said he began working on applying for graduate school two years ago when he took what he considered a helpful Kaplan course online.

"I was using some of their methods and (vocabulary) building, mostly index cards and trying to learn vocabulary," Hudek said. "Then about two months before the test came, I really began to ramp up my studying- taking practice tests, doing online software, and really cramming for words."

Hudek said he did not meet with any Kaplan consultants about his decision to attend graduate school.

"I know the issues, and I know the numbers," Hudek said. "But it's what I'm passionate about. It's what I want to do despite prospects or whatnot."

Perry thinks the current influx of applications could also be from students who are just finishing their undergraduate degrees and are realizing that jobs are not as widely available.

"A lot of MBA programs do want you to have a couple of years of experience before you step into their MBA program," Perry said. "But a lot of graduate study you can step right into as an undergrad."

Perry's advice to students is keep going to school. He said if people start settling down, they get used to a different lifestyle, and if they are out of practice in their schooling, they have a rougher path once they decide to go back to graduate school.

Hudek warns undergraduate students who are considering a graduate program to take hold of their education from the beginning.

"You don't have to have it all figured out on day one, but be a conscious professional and always be developing yourself," Hudek said. "Take seriously the idea that you're going to go further and doing everything that you can

to advance that study."

Perry said the key is to distinguish among the candidates and admit students who have true potential of suc-

"If you're good at your graduate program and other things in your life don't get in the way, you'll be able to get along," Perry said.

He said he has always loved literature and reading, and he wants to further his study academically.

Hudek wants to continue teaching and look for a tenured position in a liberal arts college, where humanities are the main focus.

"Teaching takes up the majority of my focus, but I have been thinking about what I want to do and working toward presentations and continuing my research," Hudek said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Online voting a little too soon this year

The student government fall elections will take place Monday and Tuesday with 13 senators vying for 18 open seats.

For the first time, voting will be done entirely online. In the past, students cast scantron ballots with voting available in the both Coleman Hall and in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

Students can find a link for voting on the student government website. Each student has vote per E-number.

For the fist time, the elections will be completely online with the student government website providing a link. The website can be found though eiu.edu.

This in not the campus's first forte into Internet voting. This year, the elections for the Homecoming court were done exclusive-

Voting for the student government exclusively online has both its advantages and disadvantages.

In the past there have been accusations by students of tampering with voters on election day by campaigning too close to voting stations. Voting online will eliminate this and lead to a more fair election.

The Daily Eastern News editorial board expects voter turnout for this election to be even lower than past elections, where the campus has shown much apathy toward choosing the student government member.

The website is convenient for students to vote from homes, dorms or apartments, but many students do not know about the student government website.

The link will probably be passed along through social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, but unless a person is a friend or acquaintance of someone running for a position they probably will not go out of their way to find the link and vote.

In past elections, students frequenting the Union or Coleman Hall would stop and vote because they walked past and figured they should have their voices heard. These students did not go out of their way to make sure that they voted, but just voted because the opportunity presented itself.

With the elections online, the board feels these students have the attitude "out of sight, out of mind" and will not vote.

Voting online will save money, because their will be no need for scantrons, pencils and other materials needed to put on an elec-

The board thinks the elections, at least for a few years should be done both online and with voting stations on campus.

Because the people who run the elections use the E-numbers to keep track of who voted, the online elections should happen two days in advance, so students cannot vote twice and their names can be taken off of the

Online voting is a step in the right direction, but should still be accompanied by traditional voting measures.

COLUMN With uncertain economy students still find jobs

As the semester winds down we find ourselves filled with different emotions.

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Mainly the feeling of enjoyment as we think of the month long break we have coming up in between semesters.

Not to mention the feeling of all the food we're going to load up on during break and all the family members we will see around Christmas time and New Years partying.

However, for some of our seniors and super seniors a very different kind of emotion is creeping up as graduation approaches. The feeling is the uncomfortable wonder of whether or not a career awaits them in today's unstable job market.

Once college is over they ask, What now?

Illinois ranks among the top



Julian Russell

states in the unemployment category and that leaves some of us feeling rather uneasy.

Despite the grim numbers that flash across the news on a daily basis there is still light waiting at the end of the tunnel.

For instance, former summer Editor in Chief of this very newspaper Sarah Jean Bresnahan is currently working her dream job just six months after graduation!

Sarah is now an editor of the

LeRoy Press in Champaign.

When asked how it felt to have this opportunity so fast out of school Sarah said it was a dream come true.

"I am still in shock over it!," Bresnahan said. "It's a lot of work but it's exciting too be out in the world doing what I spent all this time in college learning

I asked Bresnahan if she had any advice for our soon to be graduates.

"My advice is to not give up and to always read your emails," Bresnahan said. "I got my job because of a Facebook message from a friend who works for the same company."

So there you have it seniors.

Sarah is one of many who have found their place in the job market right out of college and it just goes to show that with hard work and plenty of effort that your time spent here at Eastern pays off.

If you want something for yourself all you have to do is set yourself on the right path and choosing Eastern for your education is the first step of that achievement.

I give my best to all of you graduating this semester, it has been a pleasure spending time with you all.

I know that one day all of you will be living your dream out of school in your field just like Eastern's very own Sarah Jean Bresnahan.

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FROM THE EASEL



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A slow and painful process

In Wednesday's Daily Eastern News Bob Wayland, chief negotiator for the administration, describes the negotiations process as "slow and painful."

Well, yes.

We're in our sixth month of negotiations with no end in sight.

Painful? You bet.

The professors, instructors and academic adviser on the UPI-EIU negotiations team have spent untold hours in largely fruitless meetings.

The last one was over five

What I don't understand is how this process has been "painful" for Wayland.

He has retired from Eastern and is surely being compensated by the administration for his time (and his travel expenses since he lives in Arkansas).

He earns more if it takes lon-

Our team, on the other hand, just loses more of the time and energy they need to fulfill their myriad duties, including their primary duty--supporting and mentoring Eastern students.

The rest of us in the bargaining unit, who are working to support the team (and waiting for raises earned last year), are in the same boat.

And that's a shame, because we all have much better things

It's time for the administration team to stop focusing on "managerial rights" and start focusing on what is best for Eastern as a whole.

Surely we can figure out a way to manage Eastern's resourcesparticularly its human resources—more productively.

> Fern Kory, Professor of English

FROM AROUND THE STATE

Angel through each season

Renee Changnon

The Daily Vidette Illinois State University

All it takes to realize the holiday season is upon us is the first falling of snow and the twinkling of Christmas lights wherever our path takes us.

As I walked home today, with the snow falling, I remembered the feeling of wonder and the twinkle in my eyes when I saw that mark of the beginning of the holidays as a child.

Hearing school was canceled, allowing us to make snow forts or falling down on the ground leaving a snow angel impression brought the simplest pleasures without a price tag.

Why is it that objects have become the bigger emphasis than truly experiencing a moment?

That pricey camera or expen-

sive perfume and even shopping sprees give us a temporary feeling of bliss, yet what's sad is that it doesn't necessarily bring us

Looking back at past holidays, even as a child, the funny thing is you typically don't remember what that gift was that you received.

What you remember are the people you spent your time with, like your family and

College is an easy time to get wrapped up in the material things, and I am one who has faced that challenge as well.

Not having a camera this semester since mine broke has been difficult, yet somehow I've still managed to have a fun semester without it.

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CONCERT

Combos say goodbye

By Kacie Berry **Staff Reporter**

Dim lights, an orange glow and jazz tunes filled the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre Thursday as the jazz combos played their last show for the

While most students are returning next semester, two performers and an instructor are leaving the jazz pro-

Anthony Graffeo, a percussionist for the Birdland Quintet, and Kyle Muskopf, a saxophonist in the Blue Note Sextet, are planning to student teach next semester. Dave Fink, director of the Apollo Quintet and Vanguard Quartet, will also be leaving the jazz program in the spring.

Paul Johnston, the coordinator of the combo program, said during the concert that all three have brought a great contribution to the program and will be missed.

"Kyle Muskopf and Anthony Graffeo, I think, played great and I appreciate all of their hard work and the musical contributions they've made to our little musical community here at Eastern," Johnston said.

Johnston, the director of the Birdland Quintet and Blue Note Sextet, said all the combos sounded great and have improved a lot this semester. He said he likes how each student is continuing to learn and make it to the next level.

"As musicians, we spend a lot of time alone in a practice room or maybe together in small groups in rehearsal so it's really nice and an important experience to play in front of people," Johnston said. "That's kind of the point is to communicate your ideas to the ideas.'

Fink said his combos played great. He said with jazz, there's always a surprise and musicians have to be able to fix the problem immediately.

"They (his musicians) listened to

Anna Jacobsen, an anthropology

professor at Washington University

in St. Louis, will present a lecture on

"Rethinking the Refugee Experience"

malian refugees living in East Africa.

professor at Eastern, said he hopes the

Jacobsen will be speaking on So-

Donald Holly, an anthropology

at 10 a.m. today.

Anthropology professor

to talk about refugees

each other very well, because we had a few surprises that happened, but they fixed it right there on the spot," Fink said. "As musicians, we strive to be perfect all the time, and we're our worst critics.

Fink said he hopes the students learn how to have fun making music. He said he hopes they learn that the classes and performances have a purpose because the students learn about music and go apply it in front of an

Eric Fitts, a performer and a senior jazz studies major, said he was happy with the work each musician put into this show. He also said he enjoyed that each musician had an opportunity to show what they have worked on and each one can convey their thoughts through their instruments.

Fitts said he hoped the audience could just relax and have fun.

"Sometimes I think people think jazz can be over their head, but the most important thing is just to enjoy it," Fitts said.

Steve Kaiser, a performer and a senior jazz studies major, said everyone played well, put in a lot of work, and enjoyed the evening.

"Í was pleased," Kaiser said. "There's a good attitude in the program here, and that always helps you aspire to how you want to play and how you want to be on stage.

Kaiser said he has learned how important it is to play with other people who are trying to make something artistic with music.

"I value being here and playing and becoming friends with all the great people I get to see every day," Kaiser said.

The combos may be done for the semester, but they will gear up again for another semester of playing jazz and entertaining crowds of all sizes.

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search in anthropology, with the aim

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diversity to our students and the com-

"My goal is to bring speakers to

the surrounding community.

munity," Holly said.



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Aaron Eckert, a music major on trombone, listens to Chad Mathis, a music major on bass, during the Blue Note Sextet section of the Jazz Combo Thursday in the Theater of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

UB request tabled

By Nike Ogunbodede

Student Government Editor

Eastern's Apportionment Board tabled the University Board Special event's request for funds needed to schedule spring semester events during Thursday's meeting.

UB is one of four groups that receives money paid by the activity fees students pay, but the money is divided among the 10 different committees.

Otis Seawood, a family consumer science major, has been Special Events coordinator for three years.

'We don't just want to be known for Up All Night's," Seawood said. "We are trying to diversify."

Seawood has requested \$13,234.96 with two other options that cost less.

"The first option would be the best case scenario budget. With that budget, I can crack out A+ programs," he said.

Seawood proposed six programs for the spring semester.

"I'm glad there was a discussion, the meeting went well," said Ashley Hoogstraten, the AB chairwoman. "It's a lot of money."

The AB passed the student government's COSGA trip and the Pantherpalooza funding.

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RHA advises against Douglas Hall name change in unanimous vote

By Olivia Angeloff

Staff Reporter

The question of renaming Douglas Hall has been a topic of conversation for many Eastern organizations lately, including the Residence Hall Association.

Thursday night members of the RHA voted unanimously against renaming of Douglas Hall.

Representatives from each hall voted based on what their hall councils decided earlier in the week.

Each representative was able to share their hall council's thoughts and opinions during RHA's voting process.

Hall council members from Weller, Thomas and Pemberton Halls, voted unanimously against changing Douglas Hall's name.

Some hall council members from The lecture will take place in Blair | Lawson Hall were concerned about

how much money the name change would cost Eastern. The student senate informed them that they will not start figuring out the cost until they are sure if the name change will hap-

Douglas's hall council only had one member in favor of changing the name; all other hall council members voted against the change.

Zach Samples, a junior history major and an RHA representative for Thomas Hall, said even though RHA's vote was unanimous, this does not mean that the name change will

Samples said the naming committee has the final say on whether or not the name will be changed.

By renaming Douglas Hall we are ignoring history that happened here in Charleston," Samples said.

Eastern is gaining feedback from many people and organizations, not only from RHA members.

Samples, who is also a member of the student senate, said the senate voted in favor of keeping the name. They also voted in favor of putting the vote on the fall elections ballot.

By doing so students will be able to vote for or against the renaming of Douglas Hall.

The fall elections ballot will be open to all students starting 12:01 a.m. Monday, and will be available until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday on the student government website.

The naming committee will use these ballots as feedback when making its decisions.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate gets help with budget

By Nicole Conness

Staff Reporter

Mary Lane, a sophomore athletic trainer, works with each Student Senate member throughout the semester because she is currently the chairwoman of the student government's internal affairs committee.

Each senator is required to spend two hours in the office per week and to meet with a Registered Student Organization of his or her choice.

One of the resolutions the student government has approached dealing with internal affairs this semester will monitor how the student government spends its money.

The senator now has to make a resolution, get it passed, and then he or she can go to the Apportionment Board with an executive member. After going to the AB, the senator will then go to the senate to seek their approval to spend the student government's money.

"I feel that this will help a lot with our spending," Lane said.

Lane has been spending her time setting up binders in the student activities center so the transition is easy for the new student senators.

This allows the senators to use ideas that have worked in the past in order to make the organization better.

"My goal with this is so that each semester we don't have to start from scratch and we will hit the ground running at the start of the spring semester," Lane said.

Although the budget has not been ideal this semester, student government has done events through student affairs and hosted events throughout campus.

Student government's greatest concern is spending too much this semester because they did not have a very big budget to start with.

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Mary Lane, sophomore athletic training major and internal affairs chair of student government, counts time cards to ensure that senators completed their weekly office hours.

CAMPUS

Comedians to show talent at Last Comic Standing

By Samantha Bilharz

Activities Editor

Six students will have the opportunity to showcase their stand-up talent during today's Last Comic Standing and one of those six students is Mandy Smith.

In order to perform in the show, students were required to submit their stand-up material through e-mail or to the Student Activities Center. Only six out of the 12 applicants were chosen to compete.

Mandy Smith, a senior English major, was the only female comedian selected among the rest of the male competition.

Smith felt disappointed with the lack of female comedians selected for the show, but is still excited for the opportunity to perform.

"I'm pretty excited to represent for the funny girls. I am going to show those boys what funny is," Smith said.

Smith also hopes that her stand-up will inspire other female comedians to get out there and perform.

Family has been the main influence for Smith's comedic material. Smith has a twin sister who her parents constantly compare her to. Throughout her standup act Smith will also be making her comedy come to life by making different voices to imitate her parents.

Smith got her first taste of comedy when she had to perform a 5- to 10-minute mini stand-up show for her Laughter and Comedy class, as an alternative to writing a 10-page paper for the class.

Ever since her Laughter and Com-

edy class, Smith has jumped on any chance to perform stand-up comedy

"It's a good opportunity to go onstage and make people laugh. It's really just about that," Smith said.

For Smith, performing is just about being on stage and making people laugh.

For Kevin Miller, it is about a little friendly competition among friends. But for Anthony "OC" Boyd, it is about redeeming himself from the previous year's Last Comic Standing competition.

Miller, a senior management major, is no stranger to comedy; however, this will be his first time performing stand-

Miller is a member of the Eastern improve comedy group Hello Dali and

will be competing against two fellow Hello Dali members.

Miller's stand-up act will focus on college life on campus, driving, and personal, funny life experiences. He is nervous to perform, but excited at the same time.

"My hopes for my performance is to make people laugh. That's my ultimate goal," Miller said.

For Boyd, Last Comic Standing is about winning and making sure the audience members enjoy themselves.

"I feel nervous, but I'm going to drop the bomb and give it all I got," Boyd said.

The comedians will have a 10- to 15-minute solo time slot to perform their stand-up material.

They will be judged on stage presence, delivery and crowd reaction.

The first-place winner will receive a \$150 Visa gift card and their very own one-hour stand-up show scheduled for sometime next year.

The second-place winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card and the third-place winner will receive a \$75 Visa gift card.

Rovion Reed, the University Board comedy coordinator, said people can expect a high-energy show.

"I read all the comedy they submitted and it was even funny just reading it," Reed said.

Last Comic Standing will take place tonight at 9 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground.

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She Dances spreading awareness about human trafficking

By Zinika Livingston Staff Reporter

Twenty-seven million people are in

slavery around the world, 80 percent are women.

She Dances is a group that educate

students about modern-day slavery, human trafficking, and raise enough money to rescue girls and women from sexual exploitation in Honduras.

Now Eastern has a campus chapter of the non-profit organization She Dances. With about 15 members, the RSO hopes to spread awareness about human trafficking to students.

Chris Brunson, the president and

founder of the RSO, said once he heard about human trafficking in Honduras from his church, The Fields Church in Mattoon, he knew he wanted to do more.

Brunson, a senior elementary education major, began to do some research on the topic and discovered the organization. With the help of some church members, friends and the founder of She Dances, Jeremy Springer, Brunson was able to create a campus chapter.

The goal of She Dances is to educate students about human trafficking and raise money for a safe home in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for trafficking victims.

Honduras is a developing country

located in the middle of the trafficking route from South America and North America. Most families are poor and struggle everyday to survive, leaving women and children vulnerable to being bought and sold into a life of slavery.

Victoria Greer, the treasurer of She Dances, visited Honduras for 10 days and was able to meet many women and girls in Honduras.

Greer, a junior elementary education major, said she joined She Dances because she was able to put a face to the women and girls who were being exploited.

"I've met girls that could be vic-

tims," she said. "And that hits right to my heart."

Jodi Koester, the vice president of She Dances, said she did not know much about human trafficking until she heard about it at The Fields Church.

Koester, a junior elementary education major, said she immediately felt a connection to the cause.

"I'm still learning every day about it, but when I heard about what was going on, I knew this was a cause I had to support," Koester said.

She Dances has had one official meeting but communicates mostly through e-mail.

She Dances will be hosting a concert where local musicians will perform Jan. 14. All proceeds will go to helping rescue victims of human trafficking in Honduras.

"People think that human trafficking is not here in America but it is," Koester said. "It is happening right here and it is real."

If students are interested in joining She Dances or donating they can email shedanceseiu.gmail.com.

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There were also people monitoring the hallways as the groups moved from room to room, being sure to insult each and every person who walked by.

"Who told you that haircut was OK?"
"Is that coat made of dog hair?" and
"Keep moving, bitch" were just a few
of the phrases screamed at the tunnel's
guests.

Quashe Wilson, a junior health studies major and one of the guides, said that each room coordinated their own demonstrations.

Each room had a specific type of oppression on display. Before entering one of the rooms, guests were asked to imagine that they were going to visit their friends.

When the door opened, bodies were laying on the floor, on the beds and in the chairs. Their shirts read, "Because my parents stopped loving me," and other reasons to commit suicide. The walls were covered in every abusive word toward homosexuals.

The bathroom displayed the two sides of body image. The shower room had posters of motivational phrases and the mirrors had positive words written on them, while the bathroom side showed the negative aspect of body im-

Actors portrayed eating disorders, excessive working out and general low self-esteem and body image.

By the sinks, guests were asked to write on the mirrors what they like and dislike about their bodies.

Sam Noblit, a graduate assistant for New Student Organizations, said she looked up what other schools did for their Tunnel of Oppression to come up with the body image display.

"We tried to find things that would really hit home," Noblit said.

The Tunnel of Oppression Airlines harassed a woman wearing a headscarf, saying in a threatening tone, "Just to

let you know, we know your type and we will not tolerate anything," before cheerfully wishing the rest of the passengers a nice flight.

The in-flight movie was a tribute to 9/11, followed by a video showing racist Americans and their ridiculous ideas about Muslims needing to wear a badge, have a different identification card or be equipped with a microchip.

The Black Student Union created two joined rooms showing images of slavery in one room and the other playing Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech alongside images of Civil Rights Leaders.

Essence Allen, a junior communication studies major, said that she found the Civil Rights room the most interesting.

"I got to look at what we've been through; it's amazing," Allen said. "We are free."

There was a relay race for guests to act as mothers in a rush to get ready for work. They had to get dressed, dress their baby and cook a meal while the rest of their group were acting as children and husbands, yelling at them to hurry up and cook dinner, all while their baby was crying in their arms.

Shelves in the room were covered with attractive and interesting items that children would be interested in learning about, distracting them from their work.

The challenge given to guests as they left was to focus on the word "retard" and how people use it.

After groups finished going through the tunnel, they were brought to the basement to speak with counselors about their experience, if necessary.

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Other benefits include protecting gay and lesbian couples that have entered into a civil union from having to testify against each other in state courts, and giving a surviving partner the right to file a wrongful death lawsuit. If a person has a pension, a same-sex partner in a civil union will be entitled to a survivor pension benefit.

Benjamin Pearcy, a senior communication studies and Spanish major, said that as a gay man this bill is a step towards equality, although it still does not allow same-sex marriage.

"The words separate but equal continually pop into my head when I think about it," said Pearcy. "I do not want to be separate, gay men and women deserve the option to marry."

Pearcy said this will lead to indirectly affecting the way all minority groups are treated and represented in the future.

"This isn't only concerning homosexuals. The fact that, as a culture, we have yet to fully accept each other for our differences has impeded on our ability to progress into a society that is aware we are all the same despite them," said Pearcy.

Civil union also applies to oppositesex couples, who for whatever reason do not want to get married.

Once signed, the bill will go into effect in July.

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SENATE, from page 1

"I'm disappointed that there are people not coming back, but that opens the door for new people," said Alex Boyd, a student senate member.

Boyd, a sophomore political science major, is running for his third semester on student senate.

"Some people try it for a semester and don't want to do it again," Student Body President Michelle Murphy said. "Or they just get busy."

Boyd is also running for Speaker of the Student Senate. A position that current Speaker Jason Sandidge is not running for again.

Jarrod Scherle, a senior finance major, and Tommy Nierman, a junior business major, are also running for Speaker.

Nierman, like Boyd, is re-running for a senate seat because their one-year senate term has eclipse while Scherle's

The Speaker will be chosen Dec. 8 at the last fall senate meeting.

Online elections saved student government about \$198 according to the 2009-2010 senate budget.

"I think it's a good idea," Boyd said.
"My only fear is that we will lose the personal connection with the students."

Fall elections are usually smaller because there aren't those big named vice president positions, Anderson said.

"I don't even know a ball park (number), but I think we should get more votes. It's easier," Anderson said.

Students will only be able to vote once with their E-number and the results will be announced at next Wednesday's meeting.

The student government's last meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Student senators must:

- Maintain a cumulative 2.3 GPA and be a full-time student
- Attend weekly Wednesday senate meetings
- Go to committee meetings
- Have two mandatory office hours
- Attend a once a month Registered Student Organization (RSO) as a Senate Liaison
- Complete the Student Government Diversity Requirement

Senators running:

Party for United Leaders Supporting Excellence (PULSE): Holly Henry, Kyle Scherle, Kaci Abolt, John Griffin, James Patton, Alex Boyd, Zach Samples, and Mary Lane are running under the party for United Leaders Supporting Excellence (PULSE).

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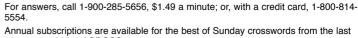
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Dunn has \$56M, 4 year deal with White Sox

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Slugging first baseman Adam Dunn has agreed to join the Chicago White Sox for a four-year, \$56 million contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been officially announced. If Dunn passes a physical, he could be introduced Friday at a news conference.

Dunn hit 38 home runs with 103 RBIs for Washington last season. He hit .260 and is the big, left-handed bat the White Sox were seeking.

Even after adding Dunn, the White Sox are still hoping to re-sign Paul Konerko, who is a free agent after turning down Chicago's arbitration offer.

The 31-year-old Dunn has a career batting average of .250, with 354 homers and 880 RBIs in 10 major league seasons with the Reds, Diamondbacks and Nationals. He is also prolific with strikeouts and had 199 last season, but would potentially put up big offensive numbers in homerfriendly U.S. Cellular Field.

The Nationals listened to trade offers for Dunn at the July deadline but decided not to make a deal. Reports say the White Sox were one of those teams interested at the time.

Dunn will give the White Sox the power lefty they have been missing since Jim Thome was shipped to the Dodgers at the end of the 2009 season. And when the White Sox decided not to reacquire Thome in 2010, he signed with the AL Central rival Twins.

During a conference call Thursday, White Sox general manager Ken Williams declined to directly address Dunn's deal with Chicago, saying questions could be answered during a news conference Friday at 2 p.m. at the ballpark.

Williams said he definitely hopes to bring Konerko back and have his right-handed bat in the same lineup with Dunn. They would likely alternate at first and DH.

"Not only is there room for it, it would be the ideal fit from our perspective," Williams said. "We can't get too far ahead of ourselves."

Williams said he's trying to be patient and respect Konerko's right to explore the free agent market. Konerko finished fifth in the AL MVP balloting last season when he batted .312 with 39 homers and 111 RBIs

Williams said he presented two scenarios to owner Jerry Reinsdorf for approaching the season — one to go with younger players and move out veterans and the second to add to the current mix.

It's obvious, that with the acquisition of Dunn, they went with the latter

"We just didn't want to be in the middle," Williams said. "So the decision was if we're going all in, we're going all in. It's been a difficult challenge to find the revenue to support the payroll and we're out there on a limb a little bit obviously, but we think it is important we continue to try to add a few more significant pieces to the mix."

It was a busy day for the White Sox. They declined to tender a contract to closer Bobby Jenks, who is second in club history with 173 saves. Jenks missed the final 27 games last season with ulnar neuritis in his right forearm.

Williams said he hasn't closed the door on bringing back Jenks at a lesser salary. He made \$7.5 million last year. Williams said he'd also had conversations with free agent catcher A.J. Pierzynski, who was not offered arbitration by the White Sox.

"I got to be careful at this point," Williams said. "I'll be completely honest, the next thing I would really like to put on the table or put back in uniform is Paul Konerko."

NATION

US misses international sport yet again

By The Associated Press

First the Olympics, now World Cup. When it comes to landing sports' biggest events, the United States can't win.

Still smarting from Chicago's snub in the 2016 Olympics race last year, the U.S. was passed over for the 2022 World Cup on Thursday.

While the U.S. had the best financial bid, according to FIFA's analysis, and ready-built stadiums to host the tournament, the tiny desert nation of Qatar won 14-8 in the final round of secret voting by the executive committee of soccer's governing body.

"I don't know that the sports community looks at the process for the 2016 Chicago bid as being carefully planned and well executed. I don't believe that anyone would really look back at this process and believe that we did anything wrong," Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from the FIFA vote in Zurich.

"It could just be there's not enough support for bringing these kinds of events to our shores as there might have been decades ago," he said. "Perhaps our market is developed enough — it doesn't require these events. But perhaps the reputation of our country is such that we're not able to win the support of many other countries that are making these decisions that don't believe we need or deserve these large international tournaments."

Russia will host the 2018 tournament, beating joint bids by Spain-Portugal and Belgium-Netherlands in a vote also announced Thursday. Eng-

land, soccer's motherland, received just two votes and was knocked out in the first round.

America fared slightly better, surviving until the final round as Australia, Japan and South Korea were eliminated. But the U.S. received just three votes in the opening round, likely the three from its own North and Central American and Caribbean region.

"I think it's a big setback," said Walter Bahr, a member of the 1950 U.S. World Cup team that upset England. "Financially, I think it's a big blow, and soccer-wise, it's a tremendous blow."

But the defeat doesn't carry quite the personal sting as Chicago's humiliating loss to Rio de Janeiro in the bid for the 2016 Olympics. Or New York's early-round loss in the 2012 Olympic race, ultimately won by London.

While Rio's plea to bring the games to South America for the first time was compelling and may have been insurmountable, Chicago's first-round loss also was a clear repudiation of the U.S. Olympic Committee. However, there was no apparent animosity toward the U.S. and its World Cup bid.

U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati, a key force in the progress American soccer has made over a quarter-century, has known every member of the executive committee for years. Because of the secret vote, he was never able to gauge support.

"There was the possibility of some alliances. The numbers would seem to bare that out," he said. "It's politics. It's friendships and relationships. It's alliances. It's tactics."

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The researchers found that half of the control population – football players from the same team that have not had concussions – suffered changes in its brain functions that were just as bad, and sometimes worse, than players diagnosed with concussions.

That half showed no symptoms, but exhibited a decrease in its visual working memory that was as much – sometimes more – than people who had concussions.

Breedlove said the discovery of this new impairment, had never been found before, brought up questions about if it caused CTE. The reason the researchers are interested is because doctors are now finding people with CTE that have no history of concussions. So it could be something else.

"So that leaves the question out there: Is there some sort of injury you can take playing football that leads to CTE that no one notices?" Breedlove said. "That leaves us wondering: Could this new form of impairment we discovered be linked to it?"

It could be possible, said Breedlove; especially since there is the chance that football players have this impairment, but will not realize it. Without symptoms, Breedlove said players would continue to play, potentially making it worse.

"That's definitely the scary part," Breedlove said.

Although he cannot pin down a specific number of football players who have the impairment, Breedlove said the fact that they know it exists is

"Certainly existing is troubling," Breedlove said.

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"I needed her to play a lot of minutes in the second half because I wasn't real happy with some other people," Sallee said. "She played some tough minutes. Being tired, she just kept playing. She never looked to come out, she never wanted to come out."

Next up, Eastern will play at home

Saturday against Austin Peay. The Panthers lost to Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship game last season.

Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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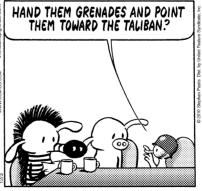
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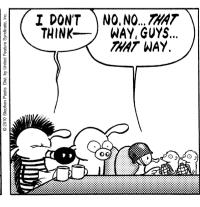
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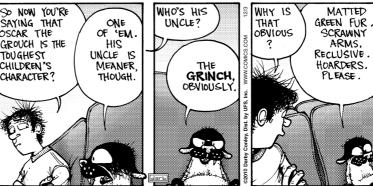
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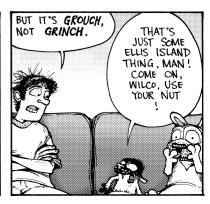






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TRACK AND FIELD

Indoor track season set to begin

Track team filled with runners from cross country

By Dominic Renzetti Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's and women's track and field team looks forward to beginning the 2010-2011 indoor season after a long offseason break.

In his 17th season as Panthers' head coach, Tom Akers said he feels confident about both the men's and women's squads in a variety of events going into the new indoor season.

"We're really excited to get (the season) going. We've been practicing since the second week of classes," Akers said.

Akers said that his track athletes who did not compete in the 2010-2011 cross country season are both ready and anxious to start competing.

One major hole that the Panthers will have to fill coming into the 2010-2011 season is the absence of Kandace Arnold. Arnold, who graduated last year as a senior, was a major key to the success of the Panthers last season.

Arnold is considered to be one of the most dominant throwers in school history, holding numerous school records, as well as a powerful force in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Replacing Arnold will not be easy for Akers and the Panthers, but the team is up to the challenge.

"We're going to have to do it with multiple people. (Arnold) was such a strong thrower for us all through her career here," Akers said. "We don't have an individual at that level, so we're going to have to do it with everybody."

Akers mentioned that the team has loads of young talent of both the men and women, so he is confident in the team's ability, but does not see the success coming overnight.

"It's going to take awhile, but we think (the team) has the capabilities to help fill in (Arnold's) shoes," Akers said.

Another storyline coming into the 2010-2011 indoor season is the health of sprinter Zye Boey. Boey missed last year's indoor season with a knee injury, but rebounded in the outdoor season to be named Ohio Valley Conference Male Athlete of the Championships after he won the 100 meter and 200m championships.

"(Boey) is looking a lot better. He's fit, his strength levels are up, and he has his good days and bad days with his knee, but overall, I'm real pleased with where he's at right now. He's looking good," Akers said.

Akers is also confident of the distance runners coming off of their



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Freshman hurdler Dominique Hall warms up before the men's 60 meter hurdles Feb. 19 at the Eastern Illinois University Friday Night Special Meet.

strong cross country season. The men's side will feature runners such as Matt Feldhake, Brad LaRocque, Matt Dettloff and Connor Kustief, who all had successful seasons for the cross country team. The women's side will be equally competitive with the presence of Olivia Klaus, Brittany Arthur, Gaby Due-

nas, Caitlin Napoleoni and Megan Gingerich.

"I think they should be carrying over a lot of success they had on cross country. We're really excited about where they're at and the direction they're headed, and it will be a really good contribution for us in indoor and outdoor track," Akers said.

The Panthers will begin the indoor track season on Friday, Dec. 10 with the EIU Early Bird, held at the Lantz Field house.

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NATION

James dominates in Cleveland return

By the Associated Press

CLEVELAND — He tuned out the boos. He smiled at the derisive chants. He embraced all the negativity Cleveland could muster.

LeBron James wasn't fazed by anything.

He brought his talents back home and reminded everyone — even the haters — why he is missed.

Returning as a villain to his native state and the city he scorned this summer, James scored 38 points —

24 in a virtuoso third-quarter performance — to lead the Miami Heat to a 118-90 win on Thursday night, turning his hostile homecoming into another embarrassing moment for the Cavaliers

By halftime, James was the one having fun. By the fourth quarter, he was watching from the bench as Cavs fans headed into the cold for a disappointing drive home.

This was not the payback they waited five months to inflict.

James simply would not allow it.

As he did so many times during seven seasons for the Cavs, the two-time league MVP did anything he wanted on the floor. In the third quarter, he made 10-of-12 shots, jumpers from every angle and taunted Cleveland's bench after draining a seemingly impossible baseline jumper.

"I know this court. I've made a lot of shots on this court," he said. "Just wanted to be aggressive, just try to keep them out of the game. I knew they were going to try to make a run in the third quarter, but we were able

to get stops and we were able to get some shots."

With security guards forming a human barricade to line his entrance, James came hopping out of the tunnel and into the electrically charged atmosphere inside Quicken Loans Arena, as more than 20,000 fans, the same ones who once adored him, turned their fury on James.

It was rowdy, but thankfully, not violent. There were a few minor incidents in the stands.

Just in case, Moondog, the Cavs'

fuzzy mascot, wore a bulletproof vest.

Booed every time he touched the ball, James scored 14 points in the first half as the Heat opened a 59-40 lead, and threatened to turn the highly anticipated game into a blowout.

James quickly made certain of one. Miami outscored Cleveland 36-25 in the third to open a 95-65 lead, prompting Heat coach Erik Spoelstra to pull his superstar. James spent the

prompting Heat coach Erik Spoelstra to pull his superstar. James spent the final 12 minutes as a spectator, glancing at the scoreboard and into the stands at so many familiar faces.

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INJURY

Hitting it head on

Player's career ends because of concussions

By Alex McNamee Sports Editor

He does not know what happened the day he suffered from the worst concussion of his life. The Eastern football player, Hank (not his real name) only knows what he has been told – that he was stumbling around and acting like an idiot.

Hank said he has no recollection of 12 hours before the concussion or the 12 hours after the hit during summer preseason training in August.

"You say weird things, act weird, then go to sleep," Hank said.

But sleeping is difficult, as he lies in bed trying to count sheep but cannot get past the heartbeat in his head.

He struggles, rolling from one side of the bed to the other trying to get comfortable; however, he knows the bed is comfortable enough. It is his splitting headache that he is losing sleep over.

Sleeping is the hardest part of recovery because of the headaches that the concussion induces.

His doctor told him his headaches will take the longest time to get over, because what he has is a head injury.

"Headaches were the biggest thing," Hank said.

He had to get sleep, though, to try to tame his headache.

Sleep is the key to recovery, said Dr. Anthony G. Alessi, who is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology. Alessi said the brain will heal itself of a concussion as long as it gets what it needs, which is rest.

"The brain needs rest. It needs sleep," Alessi said.

The healing period is not the same for everybody, according to Alessi. Everyone has a different brain. For example, Alessi said women of childbearing age would have longer recovery times than men. Alessi said doctors think that it is hormonal.

Hank hit the recovery process head on, only a day after his concussion occurred, with the help of Eastern's football training staff.

Every day, until he had recovered, the Eastern training staff made Hank take surveys regarding how painful his headaches were and how much sleep he got the night before. Hank said the list was lengthy.

New to this season, Hank had to take an impact test, which is a baseline reaction and memory computerized test. This means it gauged reaction times and memorization of players at normal health before the season. It helped the trainers track Hank's recovery progress.

This reaction and memorization test is similar to the test a group of Purdue University researchers did on high school football players before their season started.

The Purdue researchers, from the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, tested the high school players' normal visual working memory, so that after the season they could look at how hits to the

head affected their brain functions.

Evan Breedlove, a doctorate student in the Weldon School, was one of the researchers. Breedlove said the test showed a player's ability to remember shapes.

For example, Breedlove would show a player a bunch of different drawings, wait a certain amount of time, and come back to ask the same player which of the drawings shown.

"If you had im-

paired visu-

al work

Hank's dad, Reid, traveled to the appointment with his son. Reid said he was well aware of what the ultimate decision might be.

"The fact that he was seeing a

specialist, we were prepared that (ending Hank's career) might be one of the outcomes," Reid said.

Although the idea of ending his career was hard to grasp, Hank decided he did not want to risk any more head

and family said Thomas showed a sudden, uncharacteristic emotional collapse.

Thomas was one of more than 20 cases that found CTE in dead NFL football players, according to *The New York Times*. The only known cause of CTE is repeated head trauma.

Hank has shown no signs of depression. The results of his concussions are on a minor scale, he said.

Hank said this semester of school has been by far the most difficult; however, he said a lot of the strug-

gles might be because he has been recovering from two concussions most of the time.

> "The hardest (semester) I've ever done and I'm taking some of the easiest classes. That's pretty frustrating," Hank said.

During his recovery, Hank said it was hard to concentrate on school as he was having splitting headaches all the time and not getting a lot of sleep.

Now Hank, headacheless, has to accept his new role on the football team.

Hank is a coach, assisting offensive line coach Brian Callahan and teaching young linemen what he has learned in his experience.

Hank said coaching is a nice consolation for not being able to play, but he said he still feels weird about the different routine.

The linemen show up to the locker room an hour before practice, taping up their ankles and knees. They put on their knee braces and the rest of their pads to prepare for practice – more pads, tape and braces than many of the other players have to put on. Hank, so used to showing up early, sits among his former line mates as they get ready for practice.

Hank, in basketball shorts and a T-shirt, can only wonder what it would be like to suit up one more time. But he knows he cannot risk it – his health is more important.

"It hurts to not to be going out (on the field) with all of my buddies," Hank said.

Although Hank still does things out of habit, he still said his role is a little weird, especially on film days. With the lights off and the film tape rolling, Hank will watch the offensive line. He will sit and analyze his teammates, but there is something missing.

"It's strange to watch film and I'm not on it."

Danger on the line

After hearing of potential consequences of Hank playing, having already suffered five concussions, Reid said playing was an "unnecessary risk," because health is always the trump card.

With a brain susceptible to concussions, Hank would have run an even higher risk continuing to play at his position.

Breedlove and the team of Purdue researchers – including Professors Thomas Talavage, Larry Leverenz and Eric Nauman – found that concussions actually are not position specific; however, they found a hidden impairment that



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Linemen positions are the most susceptible to concussions because their heads are clashing during every play.

was most common in linemen.

Breedlove said the hidden impairment was most common in the players that took the most number of hits – offensive and defensive linemen.

The Purdue researchers placed sensors in the high school players' helmets to track how much they were being hit in the head. Breedlove said most of the hits were illegal. Most of the players being hit were getting speared.

"At the high school level spearing doesn't get called a lot," Breedlove said.

Hank said he could understand how offensive line is the riskiest position because of how hard the linemen bang heads with defenders every play. From the quarterback's call, "hike," the linemen engage and intertwine their arms, legs and helmets. Ripping, banging, throwing, holding, chopping, and tackling, the linemen do what they have been taught to do throughout their lives.

"It's hard to protect yourself," Hank said.

Although Breedlove said he could not pinpoint a position that was most at risk for concussions, he said other people's findings show that the linemen positions as well as linebackers and running backs might be most susceptible.

"People who get hit a lot basically," Breedlove said.

Research findings

The idea behind the Purdue research on the Indiana high school football team was to use Functional Magnetic Residents Imaging (FMRI), which takes pictures of brain activity, as a tool to look at the players' neural health, when simultaneously there were sensors – accelerometers – in the helmets to track players' hit history.

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ing memory, that might be a very difficult task for you," Breedlove

During Hank's recovery, he showed enough improvement and regularity that he was able to return to play football; however, his return did not last long.

In the first, and only, game Hank played this season, he suffered another concussion – the fifth of his life.

The concussion was his second of the year, and it was the only time in his life he had suffered from two in the same football season. The Eastern coaching and training staff made a decision to send Hank to a specialist at Northwestern University.

Before traveling to the doctor, Hank said he made the decision to follow his doctor's orders, but he did not expect to hear what the doctor said.

"Between the doctors and training staff, they said it just was not worth keeping going," Hank said.

The doctor told Hank that with every concussion, his brain was growing more susceptible to the

injuries. The Eastern coaches helped Hank deal with the loss of such a major part in his life.

"They said football is great, but life is a whole lot better,'" Hank

Hank's on-field career ended before anything worse could happen to him. For example, the threat of developing Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) was one thing he avoided.

CTE is relatively new to doctors, according to Alessi, who is the chairman-elect of the sports neurology section of the American Academy of Neurology.

Alessi said CTE is developed by repeated concussions causing proteins in the brain to deposit abnormally. Tau protein is the key, Alessi said, because the accumulation of tau protein is relative to head trauma such as concussions.

Recently, CTE has been diagnosed in football players who have passed away.

In April 2010, a football player from the University of Pennsylvania killed himself. According to a September 2010 article in *The New*



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A warning sticker on the back of a football helmet points out the risk of head and neck injury associated with football.

possibility for further damage. Being his fifth concussion, Hank said he had done enough damage to himself.

York Times, Owen Thomas hung himself in his off-campus apartment.

In the article, Thomas' friends

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team leads for entire game

Panthers win by 19 points over TSU

By Alex McNamee

Sports Editor

The game was never tied, and Eastern never gave up the lead, winning 77-58 over Tennessee State Thursday.

Sophomore forward Mariah King matched her career-high, scoring 21 points in 29 minutes, helping Eastern in the win.

The Panthers jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the first half with help from sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon. Head coach Brady Sallee said Nixon was running the offense

"Her decision-making was really good," Sallee said. "I thought she ran a real good floor game for us.'

Nixon started her second game since returning from a knee injury and she said she felt a lot better.

"I feel good, but we'll see tomorrow how I feel," Nixon said.

Sallee said it looked like Nixon didn't miss a beat coming back into the starting lineup against TSU. Nixon scored 19 points and added eight assists in the game.

The Panthers never gave up the 12-0 lead they had at the beginning of the game.

TSU tried making comebacks, but Sallee said his team did a good job of stopping them.

"I was happy with how we jumped on 'em and stayed on 'em," Sallee

King was 7-for-13 from the floor, but got to the free throw line and went 7-for-12 from the stripe. King helped the team as they scored 42 points in the paint, to only 24 by

"I just had to keep posting hard and play my game," King said.

Over all, the Panthers shot 55 percent from the field, which Sallee said was a result of working on shooting



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Kelsey Wyss, a sophomore guard, passes the ball during the game against Tennessee State Thursday night in Lantz Arena. The Panthers won 77-58.

throughout the week.

"We should shoot like that in our own gym with the shots we were getting they were wide open looks," Sal-

Sallee said he was also happy with the performances of sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss and freshman guard Jordyne Crunk. Crunk made some big

plays when the team needed it, Sallee said.

Sallee said Wyss had one of the most efficient games a player can have, including getting four steals to

Also, Sallee said Wyss stepped up as a leader in the second half.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers narrowly escapes with win

Panthers get first OVC win

By Rob Mortell

Assistant Sports Editor

With just five seconds remaining, Eastern's red-shirt sophomore James Hollowell fouled Tennessee State's guard Chris Conner, while shooting a game-tying three-point shot.

"I was hurt, I couldn't believed he called (the foul), I didn't think I really hit him," Hollowell said.

The Panthers were up 68-65 before the foul. Conner made the first two free throws; however, Eastern head coach Mike Miller called a timeout just before Conner shot the third free throw.

Miller said he did not call the timeout right away because they were not sure of how good a freethrow shooter Conner was.

On the third shot Conner hit the back of the rim and sophomore forward Shaun Pratl grabbed his fourth and most important rebound, Pratl was quickly fouled by TSU.

Pratl went to the free-throw line, shooting one and the bonus, he missed his first shot, the Tigers grabbed the rebound, but their first pass was tipped and the clock expired before they could get off a

Senior guard Tyler Laser had 13 points, six rebounds and three steals. He said this was a big win for the Panthers.

"(The game) was physical, they were athletic, strong and fast," Laser said. "It was just a fun game to play in.'

With the win Eastern improves its record to 3-4 on the year and 1-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Tennessee State falls to 1-6

overall and 0-1 in the OVC.

The Panthers outplayed TSU in almost every statistical category. They controlled more rebounds, including a season-high 15 offensive rebounds, they had more points in the paint, points off turnovers, second chance and fast break points than the Tigers.

Hollowell scored a season-high 14 points to go along with six rebounds and two steals.

"I'm excited, I think we came out and played aggressive, we made a couple silly plays, but I think the effort overall was great from the whole team," Hollowell said.

Miller said he thought this game might be close because of the two games last year (one went into triple-overtime and the other came down to one shot).

"Our games with (TSU) the last couple years have come down to the last play or the last shot," Mill-

Laser said he was happy with how the team played overall, but he was happier that the team was able to get its first conference win.

"We can still improve a little bit on our plays, we are not setting great screens, there are just little things that we need to improve on as the season goes on," Laser said.

Miller said the Panthers did a lot of things well, but there is still work that needs to be done.

"We rebounded well against a very good rebounding team, we did some good things that we can build on," Miller said.

The Panthers return to action Saturday in Lantz Arena against OVC opponent Austin Peay. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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HANGING UP HIS HAT

Former players fought for coach's job

1994 season could have been Spoo's last

By Alex McNamee **Sports Editor**

In 1994, Eastern head coach Bob Spoo's job was in serious jeopardy. The football team had a record of 2-5, and former athletic director Bob McBee told The Daily Eastern News that he would "evaluate the (job) situation" because "you got-

After coming to Eastern in 1987, Spoo had only had one winning season in seven years, so McBee said when the coach's contract was up on

Dec. 1, 1994, he would evaluate his status as head coach.

The Panthers had four games left in the season and after McBee made his statements, the team knew they were playing not just for a winning season but also for a coach's job.

Although McBee did not come out and say it, Ray McElroy and the rest of the team knew that if they did not have winning season, Spoo would be fired.

"People were questioning his coaching ability," McElroy said. "In '94 he was also coaching the special

However, Spoo proved his coaching ability against Illinois State, McEl-

In the week of preparation, Spoo called McElroy, a 1994 graduate, into his office to watch some film. McElroy said he wanted to point out a small detail about the ISU punt team.

"(Spoo) said 'watch this guy and look at his stance, if you rush him the right way you should be able to block it," McElroy said. That weekend, Eastern beat ISU,

16-13, and McElroy blocked a punt, which made the difference in the game, he said. "After that I was able to go in the

paper and share what happened," McElroy said. "It was not my athletic ability, but it was coach who showed me that."

Tim Carver, a 1995 graduate, said Spoo also made a big decision that season by sticking with quarterback Pete Mauch amid a quarterback com-

The quarterback position changed hands multiple times early in the season, but Spoo went with Mauch and the Panthers finished on a four-game win streak to end the season 6-5. Spoo's job was safe, and the next season Mauch led the Panthers to a 10-2

Now that Spoo has announced that he will retire after next season, McElroy said he is truly happy for

"In the business of football, 95 percent of the time coaches are getting hired or fired," McElroy said. "Rarely is a coach so successful that he can walk away on his own terms."

There will always be a spot in McElroy's heart for Spoo, he said. As a walk-on, Spoo gave him a chance in his sophomore year, when no other school would have.

"This little known football coach gave this kid from Chicago a chance," McElroy said.

After his career, McElrov was drafted in the fourth round of the NFL draft by the Indianapolis Colts.

Carver, the 1995 Gateway Conference Defender of the Year learned from day one at Eastern that Spoo wanted him to succeed first in the classroom, then the football field.

"I don't take that for granted,"

Currently, Carver is the assistant principal at Urbandale High School in Urbandale, Iowa, and Spoo is still the head coach at Eastern.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball Saturday vs. Austin Peay 4 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's Basketball Saturday vs. Austin Peav 6 p.m. – Lantz Arena

Women's Basketball Wednesday vs. Indiana State 4:30 p.m. at Indiana State

Men's Basketball Wednesday at Indiana State 4:30 p.m. - Terre Haute, Ind. Men's & Women's **Indoor Track** TBA Lantz Arena

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Sunday Bears at Detroit Noon on ESPN

NBA **Bulls at Boston** 7 p.m. on WGN

NBA Bulls vs. Houston 7 p.m. on WGN

NHL Blackhawks vs. Vancouver Canucks 7:30 p.m.

NHL Sunday Blackhawks vs. Flames 6 p.m. on WGN

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The Daily Eastern News' weekly arts and entertainment section

By Nicole Conness

Verge Reporter

In the majority of theatre productions at Eastern, the role of director is filled by a faculty member with experience being in charge of a production. However, this weekend, theatergoers can experience plays that were directed from start to finish by their

An Evening of Student-Directed One Acts runs Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. All shows are in the Black Box Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center and all seats are \$5.

Student (Directors) steal show

The student directors chose their own play, selected the cast and ran all the rehearsals.

Although the one act plays

do not always have a theme that unites them, this year all of the plays selected were from the 1930s and 1940s.

The stories on this page profile each of the three plays that make up the evening.

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'Wrong Number' focuses on vocal acting

By Jose Gonzalez

Verge Reporter

The Black Box theatre will feel more like a 1940s radio studio during "Sorry, Wrong Number," directed by senior theatre arts major Jacob Foster.

The play is a radio play about a neurotic woman who receives a phone call telling her that she is going to die, and the whole play takes place over phone lines.

Foster, a senior theatre arts major, said radio plays are much different from traditional ones because actors must use their vocal talent as well as facial expressions to convey their messages to each other, whereas a traditional play would use hand gestures, body movements, and everything else actors do, and will act only with facial and vocal expressions.

Foster said the easiest thing about constructing his play was the set design because the set is a simple basic design, which he said is a play done within a radio station and that can be whipped up just about anywhere.

Brandon Wilson, a junior theatre arts major, said he plays three roles in the one act play. He is the narrator, a cop and a hit man and he said preparing for these roles was challenging.

"For me, finding the different characterizations and defining them was the hardest thing overall because of changing the speed and delivery of my lines as well as hitting different syllables wit different tones," Wilson said.

Abby Wilburn, a freshman so-

ciology major plays Mrs. Stevenson, the self-centered, neurotic housewife.

Wilburn said she focused on two or three important areas while she was rehearsing and practicing her part.

"I definitely had to focus on my vocals and had to have the ability to portray my character vocally, instead of in a traditional way," Wilburn said.

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Abby Wilburn gets ready to practice for her role as Mrs. Stevenson in "Sorry, Wrong Number."

'Wagons' a story of revenge

By Nicole Coness

Verge Reporter

Ashley Corbett is graduating in December, but before she leaves she was selected to direct "27 Wagons Full of Cotton," by Tennessee Williams.

"It's different than any play that I've seen before," Corbett said. "All the characters have strong roles."

The play is about two cotton gin owners in Mississippi. One of the cotton gin owners burns down the other's mill who then seeks to exact revenge.

Since the beginning of the school year Ashley has been working along with Jean Wolski, who is coordinating all of the one acts this year, on the play.

Corbett said there was a dilemma during production when an actor quit. Ryan Silva, a sophomore theatre and graphic design major, took the part.

Silva said though it was his first time acting, Corbett's professionalism and constructive criticism helped him through the process.

"She's really protective, she took me under her wing," Sil-



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Claire Pinas and Andrew Hicks act as Flora and Jake Meighan in "27 Wagons Full of Cotton", directed by Ashley Corbett, during practice Wednesday for An Evening of Student-Directed One Acts.

va said. For the past month the cast has been working together most nights and occasionally on weekends.

Corbett said between directing the play and doing school work her social life has become non-existent.

This is Corbett's first time directing. She began acting in theater in high school. Corbett

said when she grew up she did not think about acting in the theater. Her aspirations were more political.

"I wanted to be the president," Corbett said. "Then I found my passion in theater."

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'Informant' to keep audience guessing

By Jose Gonzalez Verge Reporter

Nazi Germany is forever etched in history, and this weekend it will be on display in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center in the play "The Informer."

The play was written by Bertolt Brecht and it is set in a wartorn 1940s Germany.

The one-act play will be directed by Shelly Hanson, a senior theatre arts major.

Hanson said she looked up one acts that took place around the world before settling on

Hanson said one act plays are different from a traditional play because the time constraint forces the character development to happen quickly.

"My characters have a lot of strong unity because they struggle with secrets and psychological issues," Hanson said. "One word can turn them in."

Jordan Sigunick, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, said she her Jewish heritage added to her interest in the

In preparing for her role, Sigunick said she took direction from Hanson as well as talking to her dad, because he knew the play really well.

Sigunick said she can expect the audience to be surprised by the dialogue and play's pace.

Jillian Jacob, a freshman theatre arts major, plays a maid who is suspected as the informer for the Nazis.

She said she tried to do specific research on the play but its obscurity forced her to seek more general information.

"I am fairly familiar with Nazi Germany, but I couldn't do much research because the play isn't well known," Jacob said.

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Calendar of Events

Friday

UB Comedy: Last Comic Standing

When: 9 p.m.

Where: 7th Street Underground Cost. Free

Details: See page 6 of The Daily Eastern News for details.

UB Movie double feature: "Takers" and "The Expendables" When: 7 p.m.

Where: Buzzard Auditorium Cost: Free

Details: The last free UB movie night will also be the first to feature more than one film. The night will feature two action heavy movies. The cops and robbers drama- "Takers" and the ultra violent '80s movie tribute flick "The Expendables" will be shown. The raffle for prizes will take place in between the showing so you do not have to sit through both movies to have a chance to win. "Takers" has a run time of 107 minutes so those who only want to attend "The Expendables" should try to arrive around 8:30 p.m to get their raffle tickets before the

What: An evening of Student-Directed One Acts

Where: Movement Studio Room 1080 in Doudna Fine Arts Center

When: 7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4, 2 p.m. Dec. 5

Cost: \$5

drawing.

Details: Performances for the night include "The Informer" by Bertolt Brecht, directed

by Shelly Hanson, "Sorry, Wrong Number" by Lucille Fletcher, directed by Jacob Foster and "27 Wagons Full of Cotton" by Tennessee Williams directed by Ashley Corbett. See page 1 of the Verge

Off-Campus event: Concert Where: Friends & Co When: 9 p.m. Cost: \$3 Details: Porn Again Christians will be performing.

Saturday

Off-Campus event: Concert Where: The Uptowner **When:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost: \$2 Details: Bands Deliver the

Fallen and Maylae will be performing. Off-Campus event: Concert

Where: Friends & Co When: 9 p.m, Cost: \$3 Details: Decade Late will be performing.

Sunday

What: Holiday Concert Eastern Symphony Orchestra and EIU **Choral Ensembles** Where: Doudna Fine Arts Center in Dvorak Concert Hall When: 4-5:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 EIU employees & senior citizens **Details:** See page 3 of the Verge for details.

Eastern band profile: Dear Chicago

By Jonathon Posch

Verge Reporter

While the band members of Dear Chicago are spread all across Illinois, their common love for the music they create and the city they love makes the distance between them seem trivial.

It takes some people all of high school and half of college to figure out what they want to do with their

David Hersrud, a junior mass communication major and lead guitarist of Dear Chicago, knew what he wanted to do for nearly as long as he can remember.

"Everyone was playing little league baseball and stuff, but I didn't want to do that. I wanted to rock out and play guitar," Hersrud said.

The band consists of David Hersrud and Steve Hansen on guitar, Jon del Prado on vocals, Mike Cleary on drums and Richie Porta on bass.

They have all been in bands before, so this is nothing new. What is new to them is being in a band where they are all the best of friends, which Hersrud feels makes their band that much better. Their genre of choice is pop punk or "easycore."

Cleary and Hersrud had played before Dear Chicago formed, and when Cleary was looking for another guitarist Hersrud fit the bill perfectly. Just like that, Dear Chicago was formed.

"The first show we played went perfectly, we didn't screw up a single time. We knew we were on to something from then on," Hersrud said.

Blondo Destiny



Pop-punk band 'Dear Chicago' features (from left to right) Richie Porta, Jon del Prado, Mike Cleary, David Hersrud and Steve Hansen. Hersrud, a junior mass communication major, is the group's lone Eastern student.

Dear Chicago has created its first CD titled "Lock up your daughters," which was released this past sum-

"When you see us we're going to rock your socks off, so I'd suggest you bring an extra pair of socks."

- David Hersrud, a junior mass communication major

The songs are targeted at a younger audience as they deal with many problems that youths today face. They are already hard at work on their second, currently untitled,

Dear Chicago has already set up a recording company called Prestige Recording, which has recorded bands such as The Ship Captain Crew, Regalia and several others.

They have hopes to get signed in the future, but they are just taking it slow at the moment.

"We have to shop for labels if we're going to get signed, it's the best way to go about it," Hersrud

With their energy devoted to recording a new album, doing shows has fallen to the wayside, though that is only temporary.

"When you see us we're going to rock your socks off, so I'd suggest you bring an extra pair of socks," Hersrud said.

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Annual show singing holiday cheer

Eastern, high school students join together

By Sasha Corwin Verge Reporter

Eastern's music department is offering something new at its annual holiday concert.

For the first time, musicians from Charleston High School will join Eastern's Symphony Orchestra and EIU Choral Ensembles.

The groups will be performing at 4 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall at the Doudna Fine Arts

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for Eastern employees and senior citizens.

Along with hearing an extent of music and seeing a variation of ensembles, the audience will also see an array of musicians.

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra has 80 members. The EIU Choral Ensembles, which con-

"It's a really neat experience live."

- Joe Amato, a senior vocal music education major

sist of University Mixed Choir and Concert Choir, have 125 total members. They will be joined by 40 singers from the Charleston High School choir.

Richard Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities, and Danelle Larson, instrumental music education division director, will both take part in conducting the different groups with added help from the Charleston High School choir director, Julianne Sharp.

Joe Amato, a senior vocal music education major who will be singing in the concert choir, said what people should expect at this year's holiday concert is simply "a lot."

"It's a really neat experience live," Amato said.

The selections are a mixture of traditional Christmas songs such

as "Jingle Bells" and "Sleigh Ride," in addition to other unique pieces by English composers, such as Ralph Vaughan Williams. Rossi, who is leaving for his sabbatical next semester, wanted to choose pieces that were fun and festive.

A new piece being presented this year is "Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol" which will be conducted by grad student Chris Mroczek.

James Ivey, an instructer of studio voice, lyric diction and Music/Theatre and Opera, will be performing a solo at the concert.

The choir and orchestra have met twice a week since midterms. In addition to making sure that Eastern's student musicians are prepared, Rossi is in charge of making sure the high school musicians joining them

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Members of the University Mixed Chorus perform at last year's Holiday Concert. This year, Eastern musicians will be joined by Charleston High School students.

are ready as well. Rossi said he welcomes his busy schedule.

"I don't mind it at all. I love doing it. Everyone has been practicing and working hard," Rossi said.

Larson said that the selections were chosen with the audience in mind and also what the students would be able to learn in the time available. There will be a mix of larger and smaller pieces being performed separately for better emphasis on each individual sound.

"All participants are very tal-

ented and worked hard," Larson

The finale for the show will be "The Christmas Festival" which contains the traditional Christmas songs heard every year on the radio.

"It's the crowd pleaser," Larson said about the finale.

The holiday concert is a free event for students and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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The end is near- Although there are final projects and final exams still left to conquer, it is nice to think that Winter Break is only 13 days away. I bet even Triskaidekaphobics enjoy there only being 13 days left, and that's saying a lot considering they have an irrational fear of the number 13!

Chanting and creative sign making- What Cleveland lost in basketball talent when LeBron James took all of his talent to South Beach, it made up for in well funneled spite. James, the self appointed "King of Akron," returned to Cleveland to face the Cavs with his Miami Heat Thursday and fans let him have it. Whenever he came to the foul line, fans chanted "Akron hates you," and held signs that lampooned his Nike "Witness" ad campaign that simply said "Quitness.'

AVS Down

The first snow of the season- There were slight flurries throughout the week but Thursday saw the first steady snow that was substantial enough to remind us that soon we will be consumed by the white stuff. It will take over all the ground, concealing slick ice spots, making students hurrying to their finals not only cold and wet, but at a higher risk to wipe out hilariously.

'Brotherhood' a worthy sequel

Graphics, players setting, story fits well into series



By Jonathan Posch

Verge Reporter

The biggest question I had going into playing Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood, the followup to last year's Assassin's Creed 2, was could it live up to the high bar set by its predecessors with only a year's worth of development time?

After enjoying both the single and new multi-player modes, I can say for sure that fans of the series who pass up this nonnumbered entry will be cheating themselves out of a great time.

The story begins only seconds after Assassin's Creed II's ending, with the protagonist Ezio heading back to his villa for some much needed R & R. Sadly, it's not meant to be and in no time Ezio heads to Rome to take the fight directly to his Templar en-

The story does its best to bring new players up to speed, but you will likely be very lost unless you have played the previous entries.

The story does not feel as epic as the past two games, but it does move the main overall plot line forward. Lingering questions are answered (usually by creating new questions them-

selves) and main characters bite the dust. If you're invested in the fiction, the story alone should make this game worth your time.

Brotherhood plays very similarly to Assassin's Creed II, which isn't a bad thing. You have all of Rome to explore, and many soldiers loyal to the Borgia fami-

Combat has never been Assassin Creed's strong suit, and it still isn't despite some interesting new additions.

The bulk of the new content comes from recruiting and making use of your brotherhood of assassin's.

Each assassin you recruit can be upgraded and be sent on their own private missions. You can call on your assassin lackeys to aid you in combat if you are overwhelmed during a melee, which I did several times to effectively evens the odds.

Be careful though: if your assassin's die in battle, they're gone permanently. You can always recruit more, but losing a fully upgraded assassin that has been with you for a dozen hours is a

Graphically, the game looks just like Assassin's Creed II, which isn't an insult since that game was already beautiful to begin with. The frame rate can get sluggish in spots, but it's rare and never affects the things

For the first time in the series a multi-player mode had been added. It may seem like a strange addition for a game like "Assassin's Creed," but it impressed me. You are placed in a level with

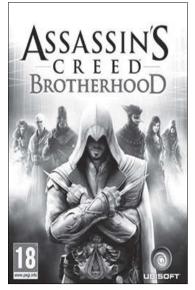


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seven other players and countless computer controlled civilians. You're given another player to kill and someone else is given you as their target.

It is all about blending into your environment and not exposing yourself until you're ready to make that kill.

Unlocking new perks and leveling up "Call of Duty"-style will keep you coming back to this unique multi-player mode.

In summation: the game-play is solid, as is the new memorable multi-player mode and the excellent single player story is still the main draw.

Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood is a crucial chapter in the series' story, and like its predecessors, is a hell of a lot of fun to play.

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Editor's note: This week, senior Verge reporter Jose Gonzalez spoke with Eastern students about their video game playing habits. Below is a sample of the full story, which can be read on dennews.com.

With Black Friday come and gone and the holiday season on its way, people check their lists twice. Video game addiction during this time, or any other time is also solidified because of the release of "Call of Duty: Black Ops." It begs the question, can video games shape a person's outlook on reality or not?

Video games have been able to teach people about the real world, especially now because of the capabilities of technology and research that go into a game, as well as the understanding of underlying morality within video games.

Michael Bilek, a freshman prepharmacy major, said he spends less time playing games now than he did before coming to Eastern.

Bilek said he spends about four hours a week playing games now because of work, classes, activities on campus. Before coming to college, he spent about two hours a day playing games, and with friends to play with him, Bilek said his time spent was upwards of 20 hours a week.

Bilek said the games that have replay value are addicting to him.

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