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WEATHER

Local stores adapt to lack of snow

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

This time last year, residents of Charleston were preparing for the brutal winter weather ahead.

But this year's change in weather, with temperatures rising to highs of 55 degrees, might have an effect on local businesses that may have been expecting snow at this point in time.

Jerry Weck, owner of Mattoon-based Weck's Lawn and Janitorial Service said the weather a few years ago led to him getting rid of the snow removal aspect of his business.

Weck said the expensive snow removal section was affected because of the steep insurance costs.

"We weren't having much snow," Weck said. "It was costing too much insurance."

Weck said he was unsure of other businesses that had also adopted this policy, but thought this winter would be hard for other snow removal companies.

Brian Jones, the director of recreation for the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, said he believes some businesses that are relying on the

snow might be suffering.

"That's the nature of the business when you're dealing with the weather," Jones said.

Jones also said not having to spend money on salt and snow plowing equipment and drivers might be saving the city money.

"It's probably saving us money because we don't have to spend money," Jones said.

The Charleston Parks and Recreation Department is offering a free contest in any city park until March 31, where residents can build a snowman and submit the photo for the snowman-building contest.

Contestants must pick up a registration form from the Parks and Recreation Department by April 5 and city park equipment must be present in the picture.

Jones said other than the fact that there is no snow to take part in the contest, participation in other events have not been affected.

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Elizabeth Vlk, a junior psychology major, gets hit with a snowball thrown by Jessica Milburn, a junior psychology major, as she reaches down to make her own snowball Jan. 11, 2011 in the South Quad.

CITY

Civil Service Council discusses constitutional issues, elections

Council motions to change election date to May

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Three different aspects of the Civil Service Council constitution were discussed at its meeting on Tuesday.

One issue discussed was to change the date of Civil Service Council elections.

"The general Election shall be completed by the first Monday in October of each year," according to the Civil Service Council constitution.

During the meeting, it was motioned to change the election date from October to May.

Angie Campbell, the president of the Civil Service Council, said having elections in October did not work well with maintaining representation on the Staff Senate.

"Representatives on the Civil Service Council are also a part of the Staff Senate, which has officer elections in July," Campbell said. "Since we have elections in October, it can leave a void for Staff Senate if someone is an officer and then is not re-elected to the Civil Service Council."

The specific date of the election will be discussed at a later meeting, Campbell said.

The council members also discussed whether the council president



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Michelle Payne, representing the EI&U foundation, and Angie Campbell, president of the Civil Service Council discuss the foundation's Faculty/Staff Campaign at the Civil Service Council meeting Tuesday morning in the Rathskellar Loft.

should be mandated to be an ex-officio member of the Personnel Committee because of the term differences.

The Civil Service Council president's term is one year and the committee position is two years, Campbell said.

The role of the Salary Plan Committee was also discussed.

"We have had the Salary Plan Committee in our constitution since it was written, but the problem is for many years now the committee has basically had no function with the council," Campbell said during the

meeting. "I think what we need to do is find a way to resurface this committee."

Committee chairs for each committee will present their goals and plan of action to the Civil Service Council to better understand the stance of the committees at a later meeting, Campbell said.

Michelle Payne, director of the annual fund and commencement for Alumni Services, presented the council with percentages from faculty/staff contributions to the EI&U Foundation.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate needs 9 more seats filled

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

The Student Senate is looking to fill nine open seats for the semester.

Applications are available in the Student Activities Center and are due by Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples, a sophomore history major, said applications will also be available today at the information table at the Spring Pantherpalooza, which is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Nine seats are available because some student senate members left to study abroad, graduate or work at other organizations such as New Student Programs, Samples said.

The requirements to be a Student Senate member are to be a full-time student, to have a minimum 2.3 GPA and to be able to attend Student Senate meetings at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"I am looking for people who really do show a dedication and love for Eastern," Samples said. "I think it is beneficial to have students who are involved on campus in organizations and already have leadership experience, but we have also had (Student Senate members) who aren't involved in other activities, but they bring as much if not more to the table."

The application process consists of an interview and if appointed by the Student Senate Speaker, then the

Senate Applications

- Applications are available in the Student Activities Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and at Pantherpalooza.
- Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday.
- The application process includes an interview and approval of the senate members.

new Student Senate members will move to be approved on the consent agenda.

Samples said recruitment strategies for the nine seats include advertising by posting leaflets, having applications at the Spring Pantherpalooza and creating a Facebook group announcing that applications are available.

"The term for the new (Student Senate members) is unique because instead of serving a full-year term, they will serve a semester-long term since they are being appointed and not elected by the general student body," Samples said.

Once the new members are sworn in, they will participate in a mentorship program to help them find their footing in the Student Senate, he said.

"Last semester, we tried to have a mentorship program, but the extent of it was to work with committees chairs to help them," Samples said.

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EIU weather

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CAMPUS



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Members of Eastern's Hornet rugby club sprint down the South Quad during a pickup game on Tuesday. The team took advantage of the warm weather.

Warm weather confuses students

Temperatures in the '50s keep students outside

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

During winter, the eastern region of Illinois usually prepares to shovel snow, don their parkas and boots, rejoice on snow days and sip hot chocolate.

Many students came back to school this semester expecting frigid temperatures and preparing themselves for the cold, but are instead dealing with mid-50 degree weather in Charleston.

The record high for today, which was set in 1911, is 60 degrees, according to The Weather

Channel. With temperatures this week in the mid-50s, Charleston is coming close to that record.

Last year on this date, the high was 28 degrees and the low was in the teens the entire week.

Jordan Garrett, a sophomore business management major, said she is enjoying the warmer temperatures.

"You'd expect it to snow this time of year," she said.

Garrett said she is not complaining since she does not like the cold.

"But as long as I'm inside, I don't mind snow too much," she said.

Steve Richmond, a sophomore accounting major, said he blames the odd weather on global climate change.

"It's hot during January," he said. "There should be snow, but

there's not."

Meghan Garby, a sophomore elementary education major, said the lack of real winter weather throws her off.

"This doesn't feel like winter at all," she said.

She said she does not like a lot of snow, but she said having a light dusting across campus would be nice.

The shock of the warm weather is not as big of a deal to some students, especially those just coming back from studying abroad.

Diana Reynolds, a senior early childhood education major, just came back from a semester in Europe.

"It was so nice in Italy, so this weather isn't too new to me," she said.

Reynolds said the weather in

Europe was mild, similar to the weather Charleston has now.

"I have four blankets on my bed and I hate the cold," she said.

Adriana Taleski, a sophomore nursing major, had her birthday on Jan. 10 and has been amazed at the weather lately.

"This is my first birthday in all my 20 years without snow or me freezing to death, so it's the best birthday by far," she said.

Taleski said she wears shorts frequently regardless of the weather as her own way of protesting the seasonal changes.

"If this is global warming, global warming is a damn good friend of mine," she said.

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Students add goals to bucket list

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Activities Editor

Danielle Gangas was afraid of heights and flying, but recently decided to go on a skydiving trip.

Gangas, a junior English major, said she did not want to let her fears get the best of her.

Gangas said it made her feel accomplished to complete one thing on her bucket list.

"It was well worth it; I got pictures and a video, and I got over my fear," Gangas said.

Some students have bucket lists to detail their plans to complete over their lifetimes.

Bucket list are a collection of goals for a certain period of time.

Students have different views on how important it is to have these plans for their life.

The goals on these lists can range from good grades to getting married and to traveling the world.

Gangas said having a bucket list makes life worth living.

"If you set your goals throughout your life, as you reach them you can say you've had a successful life and a more enjoyable one," Gangas said.

Gangas said she plans to face her fear of big fish soon by going scuba diving.

"I went snorkeling and a stingray swam by me and I jumped onto a rock," she said. "I had to yell for my dad to come get me."

Other students base items from their bucket list on their fears, like Laura Sharp, a sophomore business major.

Sharp said she wants to also get over her fear of heights.

"It sounds really weird, but I want to go zip-lining to get over my fear," Sharp said.

Sharp said her bucket list helps her plan how to achieve her goals.

She said she took an academic success class in the fall to achieve



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A student writes something from his bucket list on a banner Tuesday in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The University Board will have the banner in the Lounge from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Jan. 13.

her goal of getting a 3.0 GPA.

"It is important to have goals and to work towards them," Sharp said.

Haley England, a freshman business major, said to her a bucket list gives her something to live for.

"I've been working hard for awhile and I want it to be for something," England said.

Katie Bodine, a senior English major, said she sees a bucket list as goals for her life.

"It doesn't matter if they are life-long, five years or just tomorrow, but everyone should have goals," Bodine said.

Some of the goals on Bodine's list include traveling and writing a book.

"I want to see the world because I think it makes you a better person to see other cultures," Bodine said.

Tyler Benbow, a senior marketing major, said he worked hard in high

school to achieve the top goal on his bucket list.

"I got to play college hockey," Benbow said.

Jennifer Antkowiak, a freshman pre-medicine and music major, said she has to write down her goals to remember them.

"If I don't write them down, I'll forget them," Antkowiak said. "I have so many things on my bucket list, I want to keep them straight."

Antkowiak said she liked making her bucket list and exploring all of her goals.

"Going to college has been a long term goal of mine," Antkowiak said. "Neither of my parents went to college, so I always wanted to do it."

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CAMPUS

350 transfer students join Eastern community

By **Robyn Dexter**
Campus Editor

By the end of this week, transfer students this spring will have completed their first week of classes and gotten a feel for life at Eastern.

Cathy Feely, an Eastern transfer admissions counselor, said the transfer office has had a busy past week.

"Our official registration (for transfer students) was held this past Friday," she said.

New transfers are required to attend an orientation, advisement and registration process. When they come to Eastern, they participate in an orientation program which includes learning about academic degree requirements, meeting with an academic adviser, using P.A.W.S. to register for classes, becoming familiar with campus facilities, support services and programs and learning the ropes from current students.

Rita Pearson, senior assistant director/transfer coordinator, said everything went fairly smoothly.

"Our spring semester (number of transfer students) is always smaller than in the fall," Pearson said.

Pearson said applications are still being processed this week, but they estimate about 350 students are new to Eastern this spring.

"The official number will be published from our Institutional Planning Office on the tenth day of classes," she said.

Pearson said fall numbers are usually larger with approximately 1,100 new transfers.

"Orientation is always overwhelming for the students, but overall I think it went very well," she said.

Along with the Office of Transfer Relations, Pearson said she works with the Records Office, Career Services and New Student Programs.

"Services across campus are very helpful in getting students adjusted to Eastern," Pearson said.

She said they help with last minute evaluations for transfer students even on the day of orientation.

"On the 19th, we offer a transfer relations evening event that we call 'TREE' because we want students to put their roots in Eastern," Pearson said.

The evening includes discount-

ed bowling at EIU Bowling Lanes in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"It's a welcome to campus," Pearson said.

Christian Kolb, a freshman business major, just transferred to Eastern from Germany and said he has been having a great experience so far.

"I'm having an awesome time and classes have been going well so far," he said.

Matthew Gedz, a pre-med transfer student, said his transition to Eastern has been relatively smooth.

"I came to Eastern from a small liberal arts college," he said.

Gedz said even though Eastern is much larger than the school he came from, the Eastern transfer office has been equally as helpful as his other school.

He said he took a semester off school to travel the world, and is now ready to get back in school mode.

"I'm definitely looking forward to my classes," he said.

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CITY

Families to gather for City Hall movie night

By **Kathryn Richter**
City Editor

Families looking for a more kid-oriented atmosphere will gather in City Hall on Friday to munch on pizza and popcorn, while watching a movie.

The Charleston Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the movie night, where the movie, "Gnomeo and Juliet" will be shown.

"Gnomeo and Juliet" is a family friendly version of the play "Romeo and Juliet," by William Shakespeare.

Kimberly Wargo, the recreation supervisor for the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, said the movie night is geared to get families together.

"I think it's a great way for families to connect with one another and do something fun," Wargo said.

Although chairs will be provided, Wargo said families are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and anything else to get comfy.

Wargo said the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department will also be offering other recent movies throughout the spring, including "Hop" and "Cars 2."

"We try to watch more current family films that come out in the previous year," Wargo said.

In order to ensure participation,

Wargo said that anyone interested in attending the movie night should register for the event by noon on Friday.

Unfortunately, Wargo said the event does not usually get a big turnout, and therefore the movie nights are only about once every two months.

Brian Jones, the director of recreation for the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department said the family movie night can either be a hit or a miss when it comes to participation.

Jones said the majority of the people who attend the events are usually from the same families.

"We do get a lot of repeat customers," Jones said.

Jones said in an effort to recruit new families, the department is utilizing social media.

Jones said the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department is now on Facebook and for the past three years, has offered online registration for events.

Jones said the department is also working on marketing through email and Jones said Wargo has begun sending newsletters home with the after school program participants, in an effort to bring in more people.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Visit RSO fair,
get involved
early this year

Some college kids are lazy – some so staggeringly lazy to the point they will attempt to bribe a Jimmy Johns delivery driver to bring their Turkey Tom directly to their dorm room. College is not the time to hibernate and consume mass amounts of deli meats. It's the time to get involved.

Some students are just procrastinators. Maybe they wanted to get involved with one of Eastern's many Registered Student Organizations last semester, but never got around to sending the email or attending the meeting.

But we doubt many students are so busy, they can't find the time to get involved with one RSO. There are dozens of RSOs and they require a range of time commitments.

Luckily for you, the second Spring Pantherpalooza will take place today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

More than 112 student organizations are participating in the event and a wide range of organizations are scheduled to attend, including Greek organizations, the Black Student Union, the Latin American Student Organization, EIU Pride and EIU Equestrian Club. Yes, we have an Equestrian Club. Who can turn down horses?

Student Government has made the process easier by providing a map of the booths to students. No longer will you have to scour the unfamiliar lands of Pantherpalooza like it is the "Labyrinth" ... because David Bowie in those tight pants makes everyone uncomfortable.

We would also like to commend the executive board of Student Government for organizing the event, and making it even more efficient.

Second semester is not the time to get into a slump. It's Syllabus week – the calm before the storm. Explore what your options are to get involved now and not when you have an IV of Red Bull running in your veins while pulling an all-nighter. Sooner is much better than later.

Employers also love to see involvement with an RSO on a resume. It suggests a sense of character, commitment and, most importantly, work ethic. There is probably an RSO that will give you some experience in the field you plan to get a job in after graduation.

Throw yourself out of your element. It is one thing to say you were involved with a group related to your major, but add on top of that the fact that you can ride a horse with the grace of Thor thanks to joining the Equestrian Club? Bonus points.

Any organization you can join is an investment in yourself. Because contrary to popular belief, the point of higher education is not just to accumulate a mass amount of debt and regret. It's to make you a more well-rounded individual.

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COLUMN

Get by with a little help from your friends

I'm the type of person that can never take life too seriously. I collect owl figurines. I have a calendar with obese cats in my office. I sing "Goodbye, Horses" from "Silence of the Lambs," much to the horror of my friends. I can always find a reason to laugh.

However, at the beginning of last semester, I was not this person. Last August, I went through some deeply personal issues that shut me down. And what was truly was the Achilles' heel of it all? I couldn't open up to anyone.

If I've learned anything in the past six months, it is to reach out to the people around you.

When I suffered from depression, I locked myself down. Asking me what was going through my head was like competing in "Legends of the Hidden Temple." No one was going to get past the Mayan temple guards.

You have to recognize that you're not alone. One out of every four people in the U.S. suffers from some sort of mental illness. This is strained even more during college.

We live in a society where we're pressured to hide our flaws. We hide our dysfunctional families, our nervous ticks, our vulnerability. Essentially, we



Shelley Holmgren

hide all the things that make us unique because those things are only glamorous if you can write an Oprah Book Club-worthy memoir or land a show on Bravo.

Approximately 15 million American adults suffer from social phobia, a disorder that overwhelms those who suffer from it with irrational fear of being judged or scrutinized by others. In my case, I was too embarrassed to admit I needed help.

Be aware of the resources available to you. We're fortunate that Eastern has a Counseling Center available to students for those times when we all get a little Charlie Sheen crazy ... er ... strike that. If you go Charlie Sheen crazy, you may need an exorcism, not counseling. But regardless, know there is always a pro-

fessor or adviser on campus that is willing to listen.

This also applies to those who may be ashamed of a learning disability they have. The Office of Disability Services on campus collaborates with professors and tutors to help those who need it. Take advantage.

But remember, there's no way to force someone to open up to you. When someone you love is suffering from depression, they are locked down tighter than the security in Jay-Z and Beyonce's nursery.

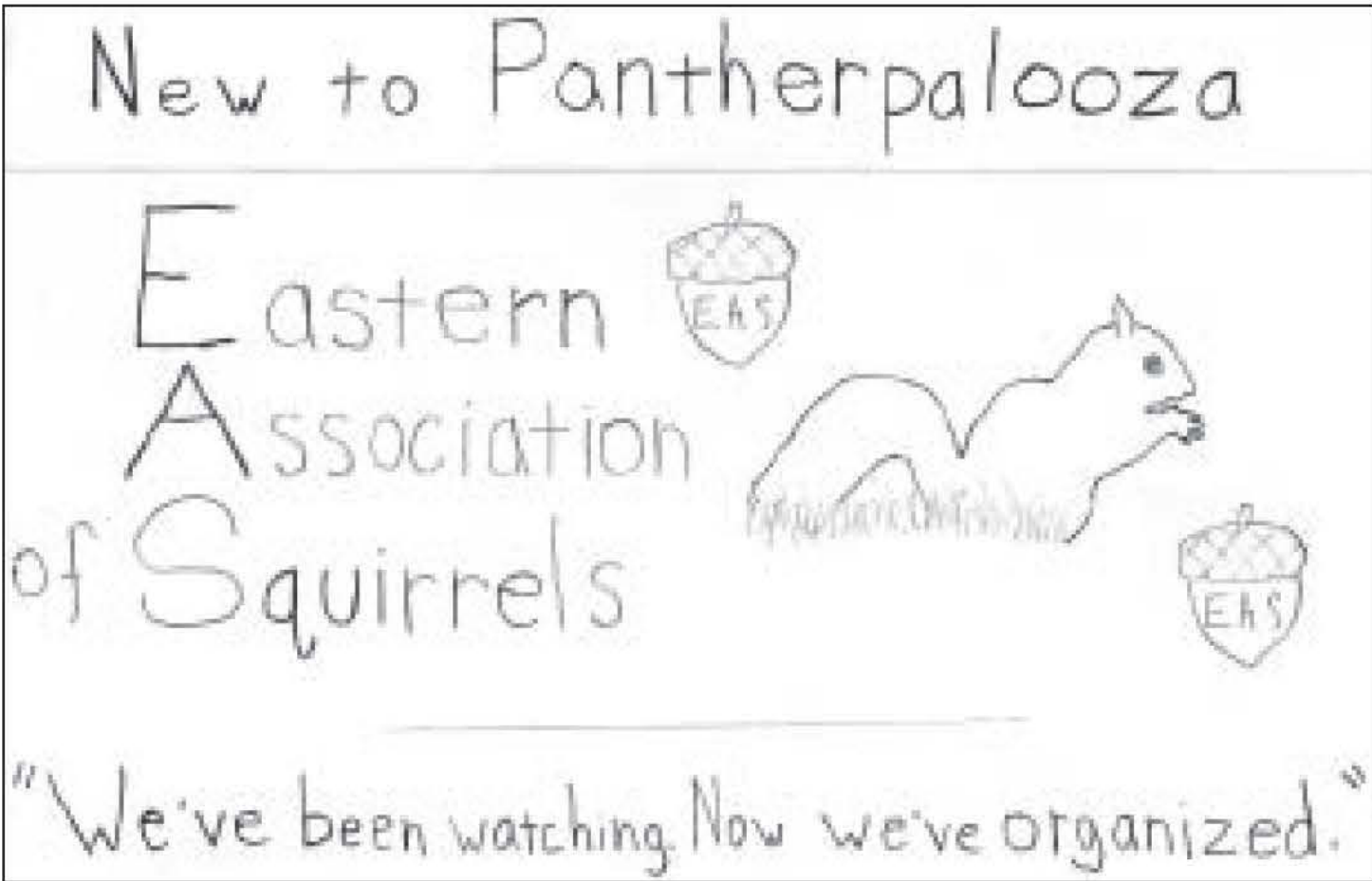
Just let the person know they can come to you – it makes the biggest difference.

Even though this is my last semester of college, I'm taking 17 credit hours and running a daily paper, I can say for certain this is the happiest I have been in a long time.

I'm not going to quote those cliché "Keep Calm and Carry On" posters that incite an apocalyptic fury in me. Instead, I'll quote The Beatles – get by with a little help from your friends.

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FROM THE EASEL



DAVE BALSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to Monday's column on Rick Santorum

I'm a Bible-believing, people-loving, conservative, God-worshiping saved sinner.

I don't throw stones, but I will stand for truth even when it's not politically correct. I love homosexuals, Democrats, thieves, murderers, whores, atheists, abortionists, evolutionists, and self-righteous legalistic church-goers.

I'm no better than any of them, but I've been forgiven by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and I'm constantly being made into His likeness. It's an ongoing process.

I know I can hate sin and love the sinner. I can vote Republican (or Independent) without hating or belittling Democrats. I find no need to beat others down to lift myself up or vindicate my beliefs.

After 76 years of continued learning I've gained a measure of patience, kindness and have learned everyone is in the process of getting better (well, most of us anyway).

I've learned I can disagree without being disagreeable. I've learned a respectful handshake across the dividing

fence can do more good than shaking a threatening fist in my neighbor's face.

As much as possible, I live in peace with my fellow man even when some are determined to belittle, judge, ridicule and misjudge my actions and beliefs.

It took me three-quarters of a century to get an ounce of common sense and it's gonna take the same for some of these young (and not so young) whippersnappers. We gotta give 'em time.

Bob Clapp
Oakland, Ill.

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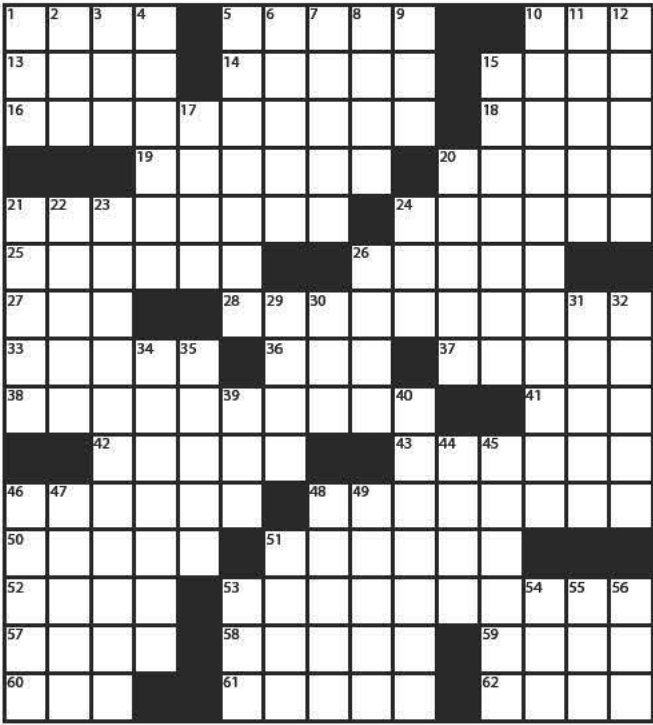
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MEN’S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Miller earns OVC honor

Team will return home Thursday

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Freshman guard Joey Miller earned his second career Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week honor for his recent performance for the Eastern men’s basketball team.

In the team’s past two games, Miller combined for 36 points, with 24 points coming against conference opponent Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Miller’s 24-point performance against the Cougars was a career high for the 6-foot-3 guard from Charleston. To go along with his 24 points, Miller also recorded five assists and two steals in what would be a 73-59 win for the Panthers. Also in the game, Miller made eight of his nine free throws. Miller has a 82.5 percent free throw percentage on the year, while averaging 10.5 points per game.

In the team’s game against Houston Baptist, Miller was one of five Panther players to finish the game in double figures for scoring. Miller had 12 points in the Panthers’ 74-62 road win. Miller also has a total of nine steals and four blocks for the season. He has started in nine of the team’s 14 games this season.

Miller earned his first OVC Freshman of the Week on Nov. 26. He and the rest of the Panthers will be in action against Tennessee-Martin at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lantz Arena. The Panthers have an overall record of 8-6 so far this season, while also holding an even 1-1 record in OVC play. When at Lantz Arena, the Panthers are 5-1 this season.

Around the OVC

Junior guard Isaiah Canaan of Murray State was named OVC Player of the Week for his performance in the team’s wins over Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay. In the two games, Canaan averaged 25.5 points, four assists and three rebounds. Murray State is currently ranked No. 14 in the nation, posting an undefeated record of 16-0, tying a school-best start.

Red-shirt sophomore forward Tyler Stone of Southeast Missouri was named OVC Newcomer of the Week. This is the fifth time Stone has earned the award, after averaging 19.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.3 blocks over three games for the Redhawks. The OVC’s fourth ranked rebounder helped lead the Redhawks to wins over conference opponents Jacksonville State and Tennessee-Martin, but fell to Eastern Kentucky.

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As a professor of mine pointed out, it’s awesome for Eastern to have an in-state conference rival. Although this professor is no sports wiz, she does understand how important it is to have that companionship in your conference.

We are not the only two excited about the arrival of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville into the conference, though. Even Eastern women’s basketball head coach is excited about the addition.

When I asked him about how he felt about Edwardsville’s program Monday night, he said he thinks Edwardsville will be an upper echelon team in the OVC. The reason? They’ve done everything the “right way” in transitioning into the OVC.

“They’re good — they’re gonna win a lot of games at home,” Sal-lee said.

Sallee said Edwardsville has prepared themselves to be successful in this transition by playing games against OVC opponents in the years past even though they didn’t count for anything.

“They have the pieces and know how to compete in this league,” Sal-lee said.

The reason the Cougars know how to compete in the OVC is because they already have. Successful or not, Edwardsville has learned about its opponents in the conference by playing them.

Sallee said Edwardsville’s coach

has done a great job preparing the team for this season, especially by bringing in the right players.

Sallee picked on Edwardsville freshman Katie Hempen, who scored 12 points against Eastern Monday night. Sallee said Hempen is going to be a good player in the OVC.

“She’s a special player,” Sallee said.

The addition of Edwardsville to the conference is great all around. It gives Eastern an in-state conference rival, it adds another team to the slew of high quality basketball teams in the league and, not to mention, adds a great home court.

Maybe one of the most exciting aspects of adding the Southern Illinois program is their home court.

Eastern left Monday night with a three-point win, but Sallee said there won’t be many teams in the OVC that can go to that home court and win.

Let us all welcome Edwardsville with open arms — a team who has done things the right way and will be a competitor in the conference immediately.

I can’t wait for Feb. 18, when the Cougars come to Eastern where I can see them up close and personal.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK



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Junior jumper Tiffany Beachy makes it over the bar during the women's high jump at the EIU Early Bird meet in the Lantz Fieldhouse Dec. 9.

Boey, Riebold nominated for conference awards

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Red-shirt senior Zye Boey and red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold were each nominated for Ohio Valley Conference weekly honors following their performances at the team’s Early Bird meet.

Boey, who earned first team All-America honors in the indoor 200-meter dash last season, won both the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash at the Early Bird.

Boey’s 60-meter dash time of 6.71 seconds ranks as the No. 1 time in the OVC. Eastern runners hold the top four spots in the 60-meter dash rankings.

Boey’s 200-meter dash time of 21.33 seconds also ranks No. 1 in the OVC, above Southeast Missouri’s DeAndre Simmons’ time of 22.14 seconds.

Riebold, making her Panther debut, broke the Eastern pole vault record, posting a jump of 12-feet, 11.5-inches. Riebold leads the OVC,

with the next closest mark being Southeast Missouri’s Jill Schnurbusch, who vaulted 12-feet at the Southern Illinois Saluki Fast Start Meet. Riebold comes to Eastern after transferring from the University of Georgia.

The Panthers will return to action at the John Craft Invitational on Jan. 21.

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Chacour Koop, a junior Back/IM for Eastern's men's swimming team, takes a breath during a heat against the University of Illinois-Chicago in Eastern's Padovan Swimming Pool on Oct. 29, 2011. Eastern's men's team will travel to compete against Ball State on Jan. 13.

Swimmer named best of week

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

For the first time in his career, senior breaststroke swimmer Matt O'Hagan was named Summit League Male Athlete of the Week. O'Hagan finished first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke events, which helped the Panthers finish in second place at this past weekend's Tunica Invitational. In addition to

his individual victories, O'Hagan also swam the second leg on the Eastern 200-meter and 400-meter medley relay team, both of which the Panthers won. With a time of 58.75 seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke, O'Hagan is currently ranked fifth in the Summit League standings. His 2:12.76 time in the 200-meter breaststroke also ranks No. 8 in the Summit League standings. Head coach Elliot McGill was

pleased with O'Hagan's performance. "Matt had a very solid meet this past weekend," McGill said in a press release. He said he is glad to see all of O'Hagan's work in practice finally paying off. "During our training trip he really began to perform well in practice and that training definitely carried over into him having a really solid meet in Tunica,"

McGill said, in a press release. "Matt has set himself up to have a very successful career and year here." The Panthers will compete again this weekend against Ball State on Friday and at home against Western Illinois on Saturday. *Dominic Renzetti can be reached at 581-7942 or dcrenzetti@eiu.edu.*

VIEWS



Alex McNamee

Introducing a group of Cougars

As ironic as the name Ohio Valley Conference is, you'll find a lot of teams from Tennessee and Kentucky in the conference — zilch from Ohio. You'll also find a couple out of place teams from Missouri and Illinois. Well, it used to be just one out of place team in Illinois, which was Eastern. However, with the edition of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville officially this season, Eastern gets a friendly in-state rival. Yes, Eastern already has Illinois State; but a rivalry out of conference is not quite the same as one in conference. Even though traditionalists will stick to the Illinois State-Eastern rivalry, I think it's only fair to accept the school down in Edwardsville as a new rival. Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville is a blossoming institute of higher education. Its enrollment is growing rapidly, as *The Daily Eastern News* reported early in the fall. Its campus is flooded with students searching for a close by big city to escape to (St. Louis). Also, their basketball program is blossoming, especially on the women's side. **COUGARS, page 7**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Coach calling for other players to step up

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Eastern's junior forward Sydney Mitchell had a career-high 24 points in Monday's win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Fellow juniors Ta'Kenya Nixon and Mariah King scored 16 points apiece. After that, the scoring load dropped off. Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee said he is upset he's not getting any other big contributions from others on the team. "We need other people to step up," Sallee said. Nixon, King and Mitchell are leading the team in points this season. They are the only three players averaging double figures in points. Nixon leads the team averaging 14.5 points per game. The next highest scorer after Nixon, King and Mitchell is junior guard Kelsey Wyss, who averaged eight points per game. Wyss only scored six points in Monday's game. Wyss' average is down nearly two points from last season when she averaged 9.9 points per game.

Senior forward Chantelle Pressley is next in line averaging six points per game. Pressley averaged eight points per game last season. Mitchell has been a bright spot this season often coming off the bench. She has started six games this season — three fewer than freshman forward Sabina Oroszova. Oroszova is only averaging 4.9 points per game. "We've been a three-headed monster," Sallee said. "They're really good." The Panthers had both Pressley and Wyss in double figures in their Jan. 4 game against Xavier; however, in the three games leading up to that only Nixon, King and Mitchell hit double figures in points. Sallee said he needs players off the bench to step up because when they do the Panthers are at their best. "Once we get our balance back and have (bench players) play (well) we can be pretty doggone good," Sallee said. **Around the OVC** Eastern is one of only four

teams in the Ohio Valley Conference with a winning record. The others are Tennessee-Martin, Eastern Kentucky and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. With conference play just beginning some teams are off to good starts and others bad to try to get their seasons back on track. Tennessee-Martin and Eastern are the only two undefeated teams in the OVC with records of 3-0 and 2-0, respectively. They are followed closely by Morehead State (3-1) and Eastern Kentucky (4-1). Jacksonville State has the worst record overall and in conference with an 0-5 conference record and a 3-15 overall record. Conference play continues Saturday with five games between teams inside the conference. Eastern plays Southeast Missouri Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Southeast Missouri is in second-to-last place in the OVC, with a record of 4-13 (1-3 in conference).

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Junior forward Sydney Mitchell attempts to evade defenders during a Dec. 5 women's basketball game against rival Western Illinois in Lantz Arena. During their Monday game with Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Mitchell scored a career-high 24 points.