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LOCAL

Director explains solutions for debt

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

In order to pull the state out of its deficit, Illinois should change its constitution by adopting a progressive income tax, said the executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability during a lecture Monday.

Ralph Martire, the executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability in Chicago, presented information on the Illinois budget and gave advice on how the encroaching \$10 billion deficit could be resolved.

"We found that Illinois could raise \$2.4 billion more in revenue than it currently raises with its flat taxes, and it would cut the income tax burden for 94 percent of Illinois with everyone at a \$150,000 figure or less," Martire said. "Millionaires' affected tax rate would be 4.3 percent, which is just above the average tax rate so it is not like this is an 'eat the rich' strategy."

According to Article IX, Section 3 of the state constitution, incomes taxes are flat, at a non-graduated rate.

Martire said if a structured program was in place for three years, then the deficit would be eliminated, and by year four, the state could start implementing education and human services reform initiatives.



Ralph Martire, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, explains U.S. economic problems and solutions Monday in Lumpkin Auditorium.

Martire also said the public rhetoric on increasing taxes is 180 degrees from accurate in how these fiscal processes impact the state economy.

"It is not to say that if you raise your taxes, you are suddenly going to grow your economy because it depends on how you invest that

revenue, but to simply say high tax rates are uncompetitive and hurt the economy activity is misleading, false and ignores the data," he said.

Martire said he criticizes Gov. Pat Quinn's strategy presented during his Feb. 22 Fiscal Year 13 budget address to lessen the deficit through spending cuts because

spending is not what caused the deficit.

When looking at nominal numbers without taking inflationary factors in consideration, Martire said it will appear that spending has increased, but that is not the case.

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LGBTQA COMMUNITY

Safe zone workshops to enhance EIU Pride

By Emily Gallichio
Staff Reporter

Students can learn how to spread awareness and promote safety for the LGBTQA community during a series of workshops being offered this semester.

The LGBTQA Advisory committee will be offering a Safe Zone workshop today at 7 p.m. to benefit Eastern's community.

This will be the third of six workshops offered that will continue throughout the spring semester.

Dana Barnard, assistant director of the Student Life Office, said the training is offered to faculty, staff and students.

"The experience is to make people more aware of the LGBTQA community," Barnard said.

Barnard said the trainings are limited to 20 participants per session and individuals can register for the training by going to Safe Zone website and click on the registration tab.

The LGBTQA students are an active and valuable part of the community, she said.

Barnard said that regarding the training, awareness is the important thing and that everyone of Eastern's community should be knowledgeable of the LGBTQA community.

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LECTURE

Journalist to speak on ethical challenges

By Katie Smith
Staff Reporter

The Penn State scandal and challenges of ethical behavior in the workplace will be the topic of Francine McKenna's two-pronged lecture today.

The School of Business asked McKenna, a journalist and forensic auditor, to be this year's speaker for its Bertrand P. Holley Ethics Awareness Speaker Series.

"Who will slay the Dragon? Penn State and College Football: How an 'ethical' institution dropped its sword and shield" will take place at 3:30 p.m. and "Stay On Your Feet: how 'new hires' can successfully negotiate the slippery slopes of the workplace" will take place at 7 p.m.

Both events will be in the Roberson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall.

James Sysko, a business professor, said the first lecture will delve into the unethical behavior of those at Penn State.

"The students can better appreciate how an organization doesn't effectively respond to oppressing needs because they're more concerned about money and image," Sysko said.

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RUBBER LOVERS

'Sex and Booze' lecture informs students

By Ryan Dolph
Staff Reporter

Rubber Lovers did its part to keep students informed about good sexual health and lifestyle habits by presenting "Sex and Booze" on Monday.

Jennifer Cannon is the sexual health coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center.

Cannon said only half of sexually active students on campus say they use condoms consistently.

Co-presenter Michelle Hartke provided the information about alcohol usage.

The presentation mainly focused on the reasons people use alcohol and have sex, how the two can be dangerous when mixed, and common misconceptions about each area.

"Our goals with this presentation are to increase awareness about alcohol and sex, make students understand how they tie together and that they can sometimes have severe consequences," Cannon said.

The number shrinks to less than 5 percent when it comes to fellatio.

Cannon said students today

are much more open about sexuality than in previous generations, but this openness leads to misconceptions about everybody doing it.

All students who attended the presentation were also taught the 18 steps for safe and effective condom usage.

These include things like making sure all partners are consenting, making sure condoms are put on properly and that there are no holes in it.

Afterwards, the students become certified Rubber Lover's members and will receive free condoms package once a month.

"Teen pregnancy has actually decreased in recent years," Cannon said. "Shows on television like 'Teen Mom' and '16 and Pregnant' are glorifying it, but overall it is down."

This only serves to reinforce the notion that these programs are effective and contributing to the well-being of students who take the information to heart.

"We can't just give out condoms," Cannon said. "Our emphasis needs to be on educating students first."

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Jennifer Cannon, sexual health coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center, explains how to use a female condom Monday at "Sex and Booze", a presentation aimed to teach students about the dangers of mixing sex and alcohol.

EIU weather

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ONLINE

College Cuisine Blog: Hard Rock Cafe's Twisted Mac and Cheese and the world of taste-alike recipes



Ever eat something particularly good at a restaurant and drive home thinking how you'll never be able to make something that delicious yourself? Turns out that this problem, like most things, has a solution on the Internet! There are plenty of web sites that offer "copycat" recipes to famous dishes and in this blog, Online Editor Doug T. Graham will offer you one of his favorites, The Twisted Chicken Mac & Cheese found at the Hard Rock Cafe, and show you step-by-step how you can enjoy the dish in your kitchen much cheaper than you would at the restaurant.

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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Jazz Lab Band to perform rare composition in Doudna

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Activities Editor

A melodious homage to Queen Elizabeth II will spread through the crevices of the Doudna Fine Arts Center as composer Duke Ellington's work is brought back to life at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Paul Johnston, the director of the Jazz Lab Band and coordinator of the combo program, said the band will be performing some traditional jazz music, including Ellington's rare composition titled "The Queen's Suite."

"The band recorded the piece, and Ellington had one copy pressed and gave it to the queen," Johnston said.

Johnston said he is excited for the group to perform the piece.

"It wasn't until after his death that it was released, but it is a great piece of music that isn't frequently performed," Johnston said.

The ensemble will also play "Jive Samba" by Nat Adderley and "Alright, Okay, You Win" by Sammy Nestico.

Robin Connell, a jazz pianist/vocalist from Grand Rapids, Mich., will accompany the ensemble in "Waltz for Debby," a composition by Bill Evans and "Come Rain or Come Shine" by



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Jennette Grau, sophomore music education major, performs during "For All We Know" by Sam M. Lewis and J. Fred Coots during the Jazz Lab Band's concert in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Quincy Jones.

Johnston said he is excited to have Connell perform with the band.

"She is a wonderful pianist and vocalist and teacher who I use to work with at the Interlochen Center for the Arts," Johnston said.

The Interlochen Center for the Arts is a non-profit, privately owned arts education institute in Interlochen, Mich.

Johnston said having student perform with professionals broadens their perspectives.

"It's always nice for our students to have the opportunity to work with people outside of the university," Johnston said.

What the professionals show students are really helpful, Johnston said.

"They can help reinforce concepts and ideas we have discussed in rehearsals. It's nice for someone to offer their own perspective and ideas about the music," Johnston said.

"It's nice to have someone else come in and give their own perspective on music and performance."

Johnston said the concert is a unique combination of pieces.

"I think there is something for everyone in this concert," Johnston said. "There's traditional, there's swinging, big band music, some very artful compositions for jazz band and a good mix of older and newer works."

Johnston said he hopes people enjoy both the ensemble and the vocalist.

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CITY

City Council to discuss stop signs, speed limits

By **Kathryn Richter**
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will discuss various traffic-related ordinances regarding speed limits on stop signs located in the downtown Charleston Square today.

The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

One ordinance will call for a change in traffic flow on Jefferson Avenue with the council proposing that traffic traveling on Jefferson Avenue stop at Ninth Street.

Traffic traveling on Seventh Street and 10th Street will also face stops at Jefferson Avenue.

The ordinance also calls for the removal of the stop sign at Jefferson Avenue and 10th Street, with the traffic traveling on Jefferson Avenue.

Another ordinance proposes

limiting the 20 mph speed limit on Sixth Street, currently ranging from the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Sixth Street to the intersection of Harrison Avenue to Sixth Street.

The proposed ordinance would limit the speed limit to the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Sixth Street to the intersection of Van Buren Avenue and Sixth Street.

The hill between Jefferson Avenue and Van Buren Avenue on Sixth Street was once home to the entrance of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library and the entrance to the former senior citizens' home, Mayor John Inyart said.

Inyart said the speed limit was reduced because of the entrance of the library and the entrance of the senior citizens home, where the members of Meals on Wheels

would often load their vans.

According to today's agenda, the city council will also vote on an "emergency purchase" of a Ford F250 pickup truck valued at \$28,328.40 said to be needed for "continued maintenance during the spring season."

The pickup truck will be used as a utility truck.

Two resolutions will also be voted on during today's meeting, both concerning construction at 513 Seventh St.

The first resolution to be voted on will determine whether or not a bid award from Bowsher Roofing in Springfield, who agreed to construct and renovate the roof of the building for \$33,387, will be accepted.

The money used to fund the construction and renovation project will be reimbursed by the Community Development Assis-

tance Program's FLEX Grant.

The FLEX Grant was awarded to the City of Charleston by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The second resolution will be accepting a bid for construction concerning the same building. The construction includes the repair of masonry party walls and will be done by the Kross Masonry & Restoration, located in the city of Newman, for \$13,629.65.

This project will also be reimbursed with money awarded by the FLEX Grant.

The council will also vote on a proclamation that will make the month of March American Red Cross Month.

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CHARLESTON CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library director celebrates one year

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

When Jeanne Hamilton saw a job posting on a library discussion board, she knew she wanted to become the director of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

One year later Hamilton, who used to work as the assistant director for the public library in Effingham, said the past year since she took on the role of director has not been without challenges.

"I've definitely become more confident in making decisions," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said she has had to learn to make quick decisions and know when a decision might take a little more time.

Hamilton said the type of crowd differs from the previous library she directed in Effingham because of Eastern's student population.

After Hamilton's husband, who previously worked in the technology department at the University of Illinois, received a job from the technology department at Eastern, the couple moved to Charleston.

Hamilton said she had already been living in Charleston when she saw the job listing.

"It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said she really enjoys being a part of the Charleston communi-

ty and the small town feel of the city.

Hamilton, who majored in actuarial science, said she wanted a career that was more involved with the public and learned more about library sciences.

Hamilton said she did her post-graduate degree with library sciences, as well.

"I just knew I didn't want to sit behind a desk all day," she said.

"The students definitely bring a different aspect to it. I think at this library we have a lot more students coming using the library to study," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said Eastern students do frequent Mary J. Booth Library on campus, but also said she thinks the students who come to Carnegie want to get away from the "hustle and bustle of campus" at Booth Library.

Hamilton said the older parts of the building offer different nooks and corners that are quieter, as well as reservable study rooms.

Hamilton said the library has four meeting rooms and two study rooms that Hamilton estimates are used about 15 to 20 times a week.

Hamilton said the library's place in the community has also changed over time.

"It's more of a community place than it used to be," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said she listens to requests for books from the community and that the most common requested books are the current bestsellers and



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Jeanne Hamilton, director of Charleston Carnegie Public Library, recently hit her first anniversary as director, having begun March 1, 2011.

any book about to be made into the movie.

She said the book she gets asked about most often is "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.

Hamilton also said "The Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins is also being requested because of its re-

cent movie adaptation.

Hamilton said her favorite part of her job is helping people learn.

"(I enjoy) seeing the excited faces on the people when you find the book they've been hunting all over for or you offer the program that they've been wanting to learn about for a long

time," Hamilton said. "Seeing that you can really help someone learn or enjoy life more from what you're able to offer."

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LOBBYING

Student Action Team gathers 1,700 letters for new science building

Students will deliver letters to legislators, governor

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

About 1,700 letters advocating for a new science building were stuffed into manila envelopes that will be delivered to members of the Illinois General Assembly on April 18.

Every semester, the Student Action Team, which consists of 14 students, travels to Springfield to lobby for funds that would benefit Eastern.

In the past, members of the Student Action Team lobbied for funds for the Monetary Award Program Grant and the Renewable Energy Center.

Jarrod Scherle, the student executive vice president, said the team's primary initiative for the lobby day on April 18 is to try and garner support for a new science building, which would cost about \$81 million and would be located on the south end of The Tundra at Seventh and Ninth streets.

The Student Action Team began a letter-signing campaign that started on Feb. 15 with the goal of

1,000 letters.

The letters are addressed to Illinois senators and representatives.

"After the first week, we received about 600 signed letters so we upped the goal to 2,000," Scherle said.

He said they also plan to deliver copies of all of the letters in a crate to Gov. Pat Quinn's office.

Scherle said they also hope that influence from legislators may lead to funds for the new science building to move higher up in the Illinois Board of Higher Education capital improvements list.

Eastern's request for funds is currently eighth on the list.

During the lobby day, the Student Action Team members will be divided into three groups, Luna said.

One group will deliver letters to legislators, another will meet with them individually and the last group will be calling legislators off of the floor during different sessions.

Scherle said Student Senate members have gathered signed letters from their classmates and members of different registered student organizations. About 10 Student Senate members visited six chemistry classes on Friday to collect letters.

Student Senate member Roberto Luna, a senior finance major, said Eastern implemented the Campus Improvement Fee to help fund \$30

million of the new science building, and they will lobby for the state to match that amount.

"The two science buildings have \$16 million in deferred maintenance, and the Life Sciences Building is short on space and brown water runs from the faucets because of rust," Luna said.

Scherle said the decrepit conditions of the Physical Science Building personally affected him as a student.

"I used to be an engineering student before I became a business student, and I could not see myself taking classes in that building for four years," Scherle said. "The original part of the building was constructed in the 1930s, and if Eastern wants to be a leader in the state at educating science students, then it has to up its game and provide a better facility."

Luna collected about 50 letters from the Latin American Student Organization, he said.

Scherle also made advertisements on Facebook connecting viewers to online versions of the letters.

"The advertisements cost about \$40, and I think it is worth it considering one of those clicks might be worth \$80 million to the university," Scherle said.

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STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kindness spread in unofficial way

By Lauren Lombardo
Staff Reporter

Rachel Fisher will be talking about the importance of random acts of kindness and volunteering opportunities at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Coleman Auditorium.

The lecture will correspond with the University Board event called "Unofficial Random Acts of Kindness Day."

"I was delighted when they approached me to speak at the event. I think it's such a fantastic idea," Fisher said. "It's such a cool way to bring awareness to this subject."

Fisher is the interim director of Student Community Service.

Fisher said she hopes the lecture helps students realize that they should be continuously trying to improve the lives of those around them.

"The students should ask themselves 'if not me, then who? Who will step up to improve the conditions of people around us,'" Fisher said.

Angie Bradley, the UB lecture coordinator, said "Unofficial Random Acts of Kindness Day" was actually celebrated nationally on Feb. 17.

"It's a challenge to see if students can perform a random act of kindness on that day," Bradley said. "We decided to do ours on March 8 with a twist."

The day revolves around providing attention to students who are doing something nice for others, Bradley said.

Fisher said it is a great way to feel good about doing something nice.

"It's a great way to be reminded that your actions have impact," Fisher said.

The UB Chair Darius White said that when a UB member notices a stu-

dent doing an act of kindness or exhibiting generous behavior Thursday, they will be present the student with a UB Kind pin.

The pins act as an invitation for the student to attend the "UB The Difference: Shout Out For Service" lecture that evening, White said.

"The event is open for anyone, but definitely those with buttons should attend," White said. Bradley said she encourages students to attend the event because it is a good reminder and inspiration to those who want to start volunteering or spreading kindness and generosity.

The UB members will be handing out about 300 UB Kind pins in hopes of reaching out to the student community.

"They can pay it forward," Fisher said. "We want to encourage that."

"Unofficial Random Acts of Kindness Day" gives thanks to the people who help in the small ways.

No matter how much time is spent or how insignificant the acts may seem, they are still important, Fisher said.

"It has to start with us; simple steps make tremendous differences," Fisher said.

White said one thing students should expect from the lecture is energy.

The lecture will not only be about giving back, but also entertaining, White said.

"(Fisher) is very energetic; she will make it very active," White said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Payton does not deserve honor, degree

Eastern's Board of Trustees granted several honorary degrees to prominent members of the Eastern community at its most recent meeting Friday afternoon, most notably to Sean Payton, the Super-Bowl-winning head coach of the New Orleans Saints who was a star quarterback at Eastern in the mid-1980s.

Within minutes of receiving accolades from Eastern, Payton's reputation, accomplishments and career were put in jeopardy when the findings of an NFL investigation into his team were released by the NFL commissioner's office some 850 miles away in New York.

The NFL announced Friday it would be handing out severe punishments to Payton, members of his coaching staff and the team because of their role in a scandal unveiled by the investigation. According to the investigation, New Orleans Saints players were rewarded from 2009-2011 for inflicting injuries on opposing players that took them out of a game—\$1,500 for a knockout; \$1,000 for a “cart-off.”

The release stated Payton “was not a direct participant in the funding or administration of the program,” but said “he was aware of the allegations, did not make any detailed inquiry or otherwise seek to learn the facts, and failed to stop the bounty program. He never instructed his assistant coaches or players that a bounty program was improper and could not continue.”

By allowing the “bounty” system to perpetuate, Payton gave his players the go-ahead to injure their fellow NFL players by any means necessary. He put winning above the well-being of other players that, given how often players switch teams, he might have coached in the future.

Payton's punishment has yet to be decided by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell. Based off the speculation of league sources, the minimum Payton will receive is a \$50,000 fine. At most, Payton can expect to be fired and his former team's Super Bowl title stricken from the record books.

It is reasonable to assume the announcement of his honorary degree from Eastern was the best news Payton got over the weekend.

As information about “bounty-gate,” as the scandal is being referred to, comes out in the coming weeks, the question the Board of Trustees will have to answer is: Will Eastern go through with granting Payton his honorary degree?

Weighed against the shame of losing one of the most sought-after jobs and most important championship wins in professional sports, we don't think Payton will lose much sleep should Eastern decide to cancel his honorary degree.

But the decision on whether to grant the degree should mean something to Eastern. For an honorary degree to have any importance, it needs to be granted to someone who deserves it. At the time they made the decision, every person the Board of Trustees chose to honor individuals who deserved it. In light of this scandal, it is clear that Payton does not.

At Friday's meeting, the Board announced that because of Payton's busy schedule, he wouldn't be able to accept his degree in person until 2013. We suggest the Board cancel that meeting before Payton is fired and has enough free time to reschedule.

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COLUMN

Moderates: tame the zealots, for Christ's sake

Dear Christians: The Republican Party has abandoned Christianity, and you should abandon the GOP. Also, they are making you look kind of batty.

I'm an atheist from a Jewish family, so I don't have a God in the fight. But Christians ought to be aware of the perceptions non-Christian observers are forming about their faith.

Suffice it to say, Jesus of Nazareth couldn't win the GOP presidential nomination. Even with a haircut, a nice suit and rough-yet-charming Southern drawl, Jesus would have been booed off the stage at any of the 2012 presidential debates.

We don't have to guess what the response would have been to, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 7:12)

The crowd at a Fox News debate in January shouted down Ron Paul for advocating the Golden Rule, despite his avoidance of the elitist “ye.”

Christians didn't invent the Golden Rule, but they tend to claim it as their own. And that's a good thing—we want a society where people fight to be identified with compassion.

The thing is, compassion is a sure sign of heresy to the religious right. The doctrine of “I am my brother's keeper” is now the dogma of “Keep the brothers away from what's mine!”

Audience members at a September GOP debate apparently own the Ayn Rand Version of the New Testament, which reads: “I am my brother's keeper, unless my brother is dying and



Dave Balson

needs health care. Society should just let that guy die.”

I find a majority of Christians are kind and compassionate and practice a faith based in love and forgiveness. They are proud of its rich history of social justice and worldwide volunteer efforts. Those Christians have lost control of the message.

The religious right has been a powerful organizational force over the past 30 years, exploiting issues like abortion, gay rights, feminism and science education to win major political and cultural influence. At the same time, increasing numbers of Americans have rejected Christianity. According to Gallup polling, the number of Americans with no religious preference went from 6 percent in 1998 to 16 percent in 2010. This trend is particularly apparent in young Americans, according to a Pew poll in 2008: “Young adults ages 18-29 are much more likely than those age 70 and older to say that they are not affiliated with any particular religion (25 percent vs. 8 percent).”

The religious right is a major factor contributing to the youth exodus from the church be-

cause it brands the most inane, offensive culture-war issues as Christian issues. Here are a few things my generation is coming to associate with Christianity:

- A perverse, angry obsession with the sex lives and reproductive systems of others, from Dark-Age “Personhood” legislation and furor over contraceptives to the bigoted battles against gay marriage and the repeal of “Don't Ask, Don't Tell.” Polls have shown that Americans, young and old, religious and non-religious, reject these positions and are disgusted with the primitive polemics used to justify them.

- A complete denial of scientific evidence and a strong desire to push God into the classroom through prayer, creationism or both.

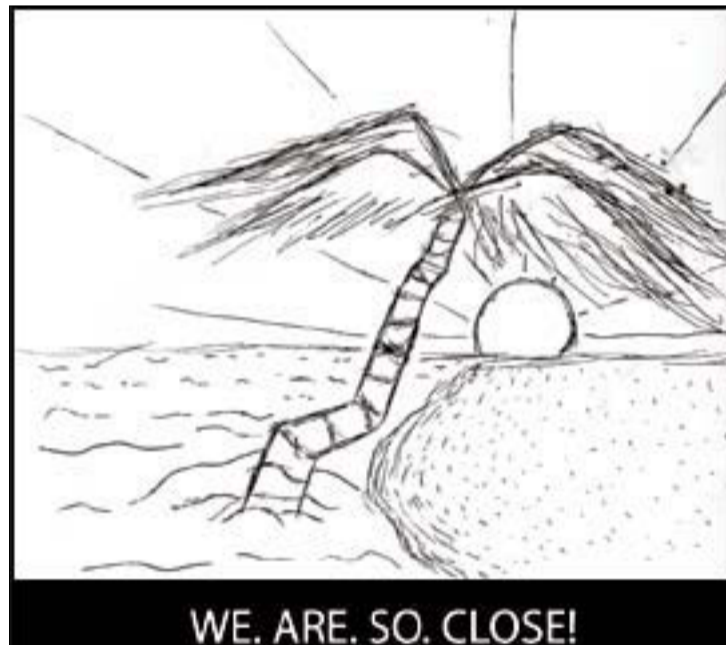
- A particular taste for pre-emptive war in Muslim-dominated countries based not in a devotion to women's rights or secular democracy, but in a perceived history of war between Christians and Muslims.

There are moral issues facing America that Christians could and should invest themselves in solving. One need not cherry-pick the New Testament to discern Jesus' stance on wealth inequality.

So, sane Christians, for the good of the country and of your faith, please get a handle on things. Reclaim Christianity and tell the zealots to zip it. They might listen to you.

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FROM THE EASEL



AROUND THE STATE

Complacency no longer an option for women; wake up

By Linze Griebenow
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Discussing gender inequality always leaves me with an exhaustive feeling, like I've just come in dead-last in the race for my life. This is true because gender and feminist topics are always complex and analytical, but also because there is so much opposition. Personal politics are met with life experience and socialization to make for increasingly difficult mixed-messages.

Although I usually expect to face stronger resistance with men, the most disheartening indifference comes from other women. Sadly, cultural narratives of women, or girls, being catty, manipulative, cruel and deceptive to each other are true. It seems we would rather hate the woman in the hallway because we envy an article of her clothing rather than judge her on the merit of her character.

Women are quick to “other” themselves from those they feel impose a risk to their social status because their sense of self is disturbingly intertwined with social-status. Just like men, women come into the world as clean slates, perfectly unscathed yet by the perils of American

culture. However, because women are taught to invest their values and self-worth in anything other than themselves, they are thwarted into a constant competition to attain what they feel will make themselves whole, such as a man or Coach tennies.

This then serves as evidence that the stereotype is real.

Not only is this dangerous because it opens doors to the possibility that a slew of other female stereotypes are rooted in truth, but also because women generally do not recognize this phenomenon as a problem. Women, I find, typically do not feel they are oppressed or have to navigate their lives around the constraints of their chromosomes.

When we refuse to recognize our own oppression, we not only participate in it but allow others to do it as well. Our silence is our complicity, and American women have successfully internalized their disempowerment to the point of living in a false consciousness, a false reality altogether.

Until women demand, and I mean truly, vocally demand change, we will continue to be blind and the distortion of women in the media and in contemporary culture will perpetuate.

It is rarely, if ever, questioned when members of other marginalized groups of people, such as folks of color or those in low-income areas, organize and call for change because despite our personal feelings, there is no way to deny that there are gross disparities among those groups. However, when the topic of women's rights or feminism is addressed, eyes are readily rolled and an outburst of exaggerated sighs nearly crack through the ozone by men and women alike.

Women, this is completely unacceptable. Although we are not to blame for our historical and even contemporary cultural abuses, we cannot escape partial blame for allowing the state of women to flourish so poorly for as long as it has.

It is imperative that we face topics about gender and the inevitable inequalities that are attached to it, or we will never be able to outlive the stereotypes that so heavily weigh us down.

Nice girl nonsense has helped to keep us under man's thumb; it's time to bite the hand that feeds us inequity.

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TRANSPORTATION

Dial-A-Ride service extends to weekends

By Zachary Pazanin
Staff Reporter

A community service that was originally meant to transport elderly residents of Coles County expanded into picking up all those in need of a ride.

Susan Starwalt, the administrative director of Dial-A-Ride, said Dial-A-Ride was previously only available on weekdays, but it was expanded because there was a need.

"We received funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation," she said. "We had to hire two additional drivers and a part-time dispatcher," Starwalt said.

The Dial-A-Ride service is now available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 8:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The service is for citizens of Coles County and Eastern students who are in need of transportation, which is maintained by the Coles County Council on Aging.

Dustin Salmons, a junior pre-business management major, said he has used Dial-A-Ride previously.

"The expansion to weekends is great idea," Salmons said. "There seems to be a lack of public transportation on the weekends for students."

Starwalt said the new schedule for Dial-A-Ride is from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday in addition to the extended weekend hours.

Starwalt said the cost for Dial-A-Ride is still \$4 for those who are under 60 and maintains the same price is the same for the weekends as well as weekdays, Starwalt said.

A new system now in place allows users to make a reservation as far as two weeks in advance, she said. Before, users had to call at least one day ahead of time.

Dial-A-Ride

- Call 217-639-5169 or 1-800-500-5505 toll free to use Dial-A-Ride
- The shuttle bus will be at Blair Hall at 8:30 a.m. and come back to EIU between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. on March 15.

Starwalt said even though it is recommended to call in advance if someone needs to make a same-day reservation the service will try to work it in.

Dial-A-Ride is currently working on implementing a fixed-route service.

The service will be very similar to the way bus routes operate in larger cities, she said.

For the month of February, the program provided service to 3,000 people.

Starwalt said all vehicles are handicapped accessible and the service is used for transportation for shopping, as well as medical appointments and work.

Starwalt said there will be designated bus stops at various locations in Charleston and Mattoon and the people wishing to use the fixed route service will just wait at the bus stop and the bus will take them to other locations on the route.

According to Eastern's calendar on March 15, Dial-A-Ride will be going to international grocery stores in Champaign.

The shuttle will be at Blair Hall at 8:30 a.m. and it will return to Eastern between noon and 1 p.m.

Those wishing to go should contact the International Studies and Scholars office located in Blair Hall 1170 to reserve a seat and pay for fair, the price is \$10.

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DEBT, from page 1

"Using the Employment Cost Index when comparing state spending levels, the budget for 2013 as proposed by the governor is actually 24.5 percent lower than in 2000," Martire said. "The only way you can make a claim that spending is the cause of the problem and the state has this voracious appetite to spend more and more every year is if you look at the nominal-dollar comparison, which is a meaningless comparison."

It is not tax increases, if they are well designed, that kill the economy; it is spending cuts, he said.

"About 68 to 70 percent of the econ-

omy every year is consumer spending, so when state government cuts its expenditures on services, it is cutting the wages of workers who then can't go out and spend," Martire said. "If instead of cutting spending, the state raised taxes and used this revenue to maintain expenditures, then that would be positive for the economy."

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois sponsored the event.

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Flash Dance



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Bianca Esposito, a junior pre-business major, practices with her Delta Zeta sorority sisters Monday while practicing for Air Band in the aerobics/dance studio in Lantz Arena. Air Band is one of various Greek Week events including tugs, pyramids and Greek Sing that sororities and fraternities compete in. Greek Week 2012 will take place March 31, April 1 and April 9-14.

WORKSHOPS, from page 1

Terri Fredrick, an English professor, said people can go through the training simply to increase their personal understanding.

"(The Safe Zone workshops) are designed to give people an introduction to common terms associated with LGBTQA specifically on a college campus," Fredrick said.

She said they are filtering specifically through the college campus.

The purpose is to provide the LGBTQA community with more allies around campus, Fredrick said.

At the end of each session, participants can become a safe zone themselves, Fredrick said.

"They will receive a sticker marking the fact that they are a safe zone, or an ally of the LGBTQA community," she said.

Fredrick said the sticker is displayed to give people the opportunity to talk about their partners and come to them when they need help.

Barnard said the majority of facilitators are part of the LGBTQA advisory committee and will also include one

member of EIU Pride trained as a facilitator at each workshop.

Barnard said she is looking forward to the training today.

The remaining dates for the Safe Zone workshops are March 21, April 3 and April 11.

"Educating additional members of the EIU community is what makes each training important and beneficial," she said.

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CHALLENGES, from page 1

Sysko said the presentation will help students determine an unethical situation while also establishing steps and having dedication required to correct it.

In her second lecture, she will talk about what happens to students after college, should they enter an unethical workplace.

Sysko said although McKenna is best known for her career as a professional writer, the journalist and forensic auditor is familiar with a variety of workplaces.

Her work can be seen in such publi-

cations as: the Financial Times, American Banker, and the Boston Review.

She has also worked for over 25 years in consulting and professional services.

"She's very qualified to address the issues of ethics. Here's someone who has been in the trenches as an accountant and who has done things by the book successfully," Sysko said.

Sysko said McKenna came recommended to the school by last year's speaker Justin Paperny.

"Justin Paperny described her as a fire-

cracker," Sysko said. "I'm expecting to see some lively discussion."

McKenna also incorporates anecdotes into her lectures to relate with her audience and convey the importance and difficulty of ethical behavior, Sysko said.

"I would encourage everyone to attend, because ethics is not relative," Sysko said. "There really are right and wrong answers."

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TENNIS

Tennis team riding losing streaks

Staff Report

Both the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams took losses to the Illinois State Redbirds and the Northern Illinois Huskies.

The women's tennis team lost to the Redbirds by a score of 7-0, but one doubles team got a win in its match. The team that won is sophomore Janelle Prisner and junior Merritt Whitley. Whitley and Prisner beat the team of Aniko Kiss and Emmie Marx by a score of 8-4. In singles, Prisner lost to Kiss in two sets by scores of 6-2, 6-1, and Whitley also lost in two sets to Marx by scores of 6-2, 6-0.

Phyllis Tigges defeated sophomore Jennifer Kim in two sets by scores of 7-5, 7-5. Carolina Abello beat senior Amanda Dibbs in three sets by scores of 1-6, 6-4, 10-8. Stefanie Youngberg won her match against senior Annie Egan in straight sets by a score of 6-0, 6-0, and Hannah Esker took her match against Kristen Laird in two sets by scores of 6-1, 6-4.

In doubles, the team of Tigges and Ariane Maack defeated Kim and Dibbs by a score of 8-4, and the team of Esker and Heather Nis-

bet beat the team of Laird and Egan by a score of 8-4.

The women are now 2-6 overall throughout the season, with the team going 2-4 on the road and 0-2 at home. The women's tennis team has now lost four straight matches. Its next match will be on Friday against Bradley in Peoria. Match time starts at 1 p.m.

On the men's side, the team lost to the Huskies by a score of 7-0. The team for the men that won its doubles match was senior Jamie Firth and freshman David Constantinescu. Firth and Constantinescu beat the team of Roman Turtygin and Frederic Cadeix by a score of 8-6.

In singles, Dor Amir defeated junior Michael Sperry in two sets by a score of 6-2, 6-3. Axel Lagerlof beat junior Warren Race in two sets by scores of 6-2, 6-2. Roman Turtygin won his match against senior Matyas Hilgert in two sets by scores of 6-1, 6-0. Frederic Cadeix took his match against senior Jamie Firth winning in two sets by the same score of 6-1, 6-1. Max Phillips took the match against Constantinescu in two sets winning 6-3, 6-1, and Maksym Lu-



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Matyas Hilgert, a senior management major, hits the ball during a doubles match against Morehead State March 27, 2011, at Rex Darling Courts.

gutin won against sophomore Volodymyr Zverkovsky in two sets by scores of 6-0, 6-4.

In doubles, the team of Amir and Lagerlof defeated the team of Sperry and Hilgert by a score of

8-5, and the team of Phillips and Bryant Wei beat the team of Race and Zverkovsky by a score of 8-6.

The men's tennis team is 0-5 overall, with the team going 0-5 on the road. The men's tennis team

has now lost five straight matches. Their next match will be this Wednesday as they will take on Bradley in Peoria. Match time is set for 1 p.m.

RECORDS, from page 8

At the Notre Dame NCAA Last Chance, Southeast Missouri's Josh Uchtman placed seventh in the men's shot put. He finished the event with a mark of 58-feet,

3-inches.

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TEAM, from page 8

Even though the Panthers are only 5-6 to start the season and have struggled at the plate, they still have a lot to look forward to. Experience usually pays off in the long run, and Coach Schuette thinks it will this time as

well.

"It's not easy to play this game when you aren't hitting like you had hoped, but this past weekend we started to hit," Schuette said. "Now we are starting to play better so there is a lot

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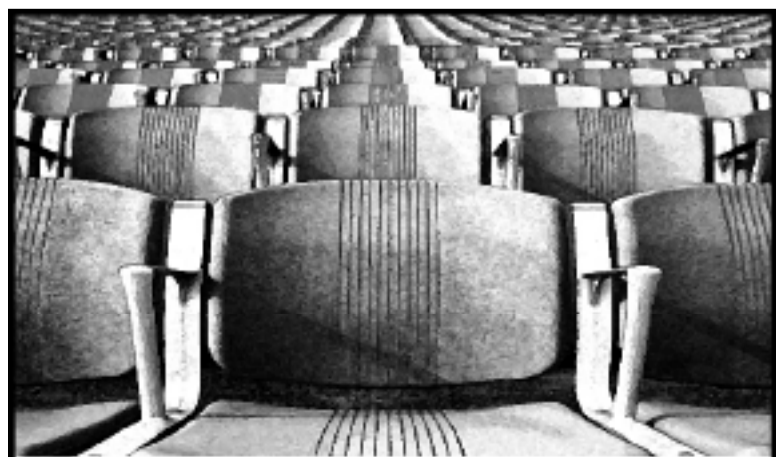
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BASEBALL

Panthers looking to build on hot-streak with win



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Sophomore catcher Jacob Reese throws the ball to a teammate during a game against Illinois State in Coaches Stadium on May 11, 2011.

Team finding offensive groove

By Jordan Pottorff
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team looks to be finding its groove after going 2-1 at the Dunn Hospitality Diamond Classic. The team won three of its last four games and will look to continue its string of good play against the Indiana State Sycamores today in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Panthers will turn to freshman right-hander Andrew Grahn to get the start against the Sycamores in the midweek matchup.

"Andrew Grahn will get the start," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "He was great against Southeastern, and if he pitches like that and keeps the ball down we will be fine."

Grahn is 0-1 on the season, but has an ERA of 1.59 in his lone start of the season. Grahn will be matching up against fellow freshman pitcher Kyle Rupe, as he will get the start for the Sycamores. Rupe is 1-0 on the year with a perfect 0.00 ERA.

After a slow start to the season, the Panthers offensive attack seems to be finding their stride, as they combined for 18 runs in three games at the Diamond Classic. The Panthers combined for 17 runs in games one and two but were held to one run in the finale against Evansville on Sunday.

The Panthers offensive attack has been paced by red-shirt senior David Ciaglia, sophomore Jacob Reese and junior Ryan Dineen. Ciaglia and Dineen have posted batting averages over .500 in their last four games, and Reese has driven in four runs and scored three times.

"The guys that swung the bat, Ciaglia, Reese and Dineen, really had good weekends swinging the bat consistently all three games," Schmitz said. "It's really nice to have Dave

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Jim Schmitz, head coach

(Ciaglia) doing what he's doing. He's taking the pressure off of Dineen and Thoma, and I'm really excited with what he's doing in our lineup."

Ciaglia has provided the power for the Panthers, posting a .533 batting average with three doubles, a home run, a triple and a RBI in the last four games. Ciaglia has also scored four runs and posted a slugging percentage of .828 this season. Reese has also been swinging a hot bat, recording hits in 7 of his last 16 at-bats, including a 4-for-5 effort with two RBIs against Evansville. Dineen has been the table setter for the Panthers with a team-leading batting average of .571 with four RBI's and two doubles in the last four games. Dineen has also been a threat on the bases, stealing two bases and posting a .647 on-base percentage this season.

The Panthers will look to build on their hot streak today against the Indiana State Sycamores. The game is slated to begin at 1 p.m. in Terre Haute, Ind.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers grow as a team

By Erik Jensen
Staff Reporter

Eastern's softball team was in action this past weekend, participating in the Mississippi State Classic in Starkville, Miss., against Mississippi State, Louisiana Tech and Samford.

Eastern finished the tournament with a 1-3 record, but showed signs of improvement throughout the weekend. Eastern head coach Kim Schuette was proud of her team's progression.

"No one wants to go 1-3 for the weekend, but as we reminded the team, it is all about the process and not the product," Schuette said. "We played a very good and very confident Mississippi State team on Saturday who was, on that day, better than us. In the second game against LaTech we actually started to hit the ball, but it was right at people."

In Saturday's action against Mississippi State and Louisiana Tech, the Panthers struggled to get anything going at the plate. They fought hard, but ended up losing to MSU (8-0) and Louisiana Tech (2-0).

Their biggest struggle was getting runners on base. For the day, the Panthers were only able to get five runners on base. A big part of the problem may have been bad luck, as no Panther players were walked in either game.

On Sunday, the Panthers had a rematch against Louisiana Tech followed by their third game of the year against Samford. Fortunately for Eastern, they were able to adjust in the batters box and swing the bat very well.

The Panthers lost to Louisiana Tech 8-6 in a game that went down to the wire. Eastern actually out-hit Louisiana Tech by a total of 13-11.

In Eastern's final tournament game, they beat Samford in an extra inning thriller, 5-4.

"To fight back and tie the game in the sev-

enth, go extra innings and beat a team for the third time in a week with pure guts and hustle, that says something," Schuette said.

Freshman shortstop Bailey O'Dell led Eastern throughout the weekend with a blistering .462 batting average. She also hit two homeruns and drove in three RBIs.

"O'Dell is doing well for us, and we think more people are going to start sparking soon as well," Schuette said. "O'Dell is tough right now and is going up there with confidence and the will to play ball. Confidence is so big in this game."

Abby Wood also had a very efficient tournament, hitting for a .333 average in 12 at bats. Melise Brown chipped in with a good effort at the plate, hitting .250 in Starkville with a pair of doubles, a couple RBIs, and a run scored.

Eastern's pitching staff, consisting of Stephanie Maday, Hanna Mennenga and Reynae Hutchinson, was also able to get a good amount of work and experience in.

"We were OK on the mound this weekend," Schuette said. "There are things we are going to do better soon but the main thing is to not get spooked. It is one pitch at a time and one batter at a time out there."

Maday went 1-2 this weekend with a 4.80 ERA. She pitched 11.2 innings and allowed 10 runs (8 earned) on 15 hits and six walks. She also struck out 12 batters.

Reynae Hutchinson, who got her first start of the season, was very efficient. She went 0-1, but only had a 2.42 ERA in 8.2 innings pitched. She allowed five runs (three earned) on 11 hits and two walks, while recording three strikeouts.

Hanna Mennenga pitched 5.1 innings and allowed seven runs (six earned). She also had four strikeouts.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Two records fall at Last Chance

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Six members of the Eastern track and field team competed at the NCAA Last Chance Meet this past weekend, hosted by Notre Dame.

Red-shirt senior Megan Gingerich, competing in possibly her last indoor track event of her Eastern career, broke her own school record in the women's 800-meter run. Gingerich crossed the finish line at 2:08.65, which placed her in 12th place in the event. Junior Erika Ramos placed 24th in the event, posting a time of 2:14.46.

In the men's 3,000-meter run, junior Graham Morris ran a time of 8:19.02 to finish in 10th place in the event. The time ranks as the No. 8 fastest in all-time Eastern history.

In men's field events, red-shirt sophomore Mick Viken broke his own school record, vaulting 17-feet, 4.50-inches. The mark, which was Viken's best of the year, landed him in fourth place in the event.

Junior Bryce Hogan finished in third place in the men's long jump, landing a mark of 23-feet, 6-inches. Red-shirt senior Donald Romero finished sixth in the men's weight throw with a distance of 61-feet, 1.50-inches.

Around the OVC

Also competing at the Notre Dame NCAA Last Chance meet was Eastern Kentucky, who saw four of its school records fall. Senior Lydia Kosgei broke the school's women's 3,000-meter record with a time of 9:21.40. Junior Soufiane Bouchikhi broke the school's men's mile run record with a time of 4:02.90. Senior Peter Sigilai broke the school's 800-meter run record with a time of 1:48.56. Junior Picoty Leitich broke the school's women's 800-meter run record with a time of 2:07.92.



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Jade Riebold, a red-shirt sophomore pole vaulter, sprints down the lane before vaulting during the EIU John Craft Invite Jan. 21, in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

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