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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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CAMPUS | SEXUAL ASSAULT

## Lawson sexual assault message shows pain

By Robyn Dexter  
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On Thursday, a student worker found some writing on the stairwell of Lawson Hall reading "I'm leaving the school I love because I can't deal with the pain caused by the guy who sexually assaulted me."

The message with signed "Hopelessly Hurt" with a heart.

Though this one was more private than the very public writing on the Doudna Steps, the underlying messages in all the writings and cries for help over the past semester and a half show the ongoing problem of sexual assault on Eastern's campus.

Michael Gillespie, a sociology professor and a Faculty Fellow for Lawson Hall, said he was saddened by the writing on the stairwell.

"It hit pretty close to home for me," he said. "These are my residents."

After thinking about it for a bit, Gillespie said he sees the message as a cry for help.

"It's sort of an emission — someone was hoping someone else would

see it eventually," he said. "The person needed to get that message out there."

Gillespie said this message differs from the writings on the Doudna Steps because of how secluded it was.

"To want to leave the institution is just such a hard experience," he said.

The person who found the message had been working in the building doing some painting and maintenance work and ended up painting over the message, Gillespie said.

The message appeared to be written in permanent marker on one of the bricks in the Lawson Hall stairwell leading out to the roof access.

Mark Hudson, the director of university housing and dining services, said the message was a definite statement of concern.

"We always want to talk to our students that have concerns so we can help them," he said. "It's certainly a disturbing note."

Hudson said that although the top of a stairwell is still a public place, it is a lot more private than large chalk letters on the Doudna Steps.

Hudson said the stairwells are painted every 10 years.

"This message seems more shrouded to me," he said. "The placement makes me wonder how long it was up there."

Jeannie Ludlow, the adviser for the Women's Empowerment League, said she wondered how long the message had been on the stairwell as well.

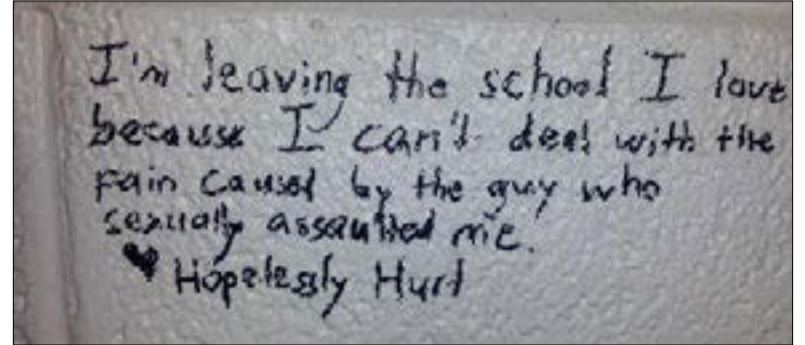
"The language doesn't sound like it's 10 years old (like the paint)," Ludlow said. "It's only really been in the last three or four years that people have been saying sexual assault instead of rape."

Ludlow agreed with Hudson about how this message appears more private than the other writings that have been previously discussed.

"It's more intimate and more private," she said. "It's also likely that this was someone's private space."

Ludlow said the person who wrote the message may have thought the only other people that would see the message were other people who lived in the building.

"It's almost asking for an interper-



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A message in the Lawson Hall stairwell, found Thursday, reads "I'm leaving the school I love because I can't deal with the pain caused by the guy who sexually assaulted me. -Hopelessly Hurt"

sonal connection rather than a social action," she said.

One of the things that stood out to Ludlow when she heard about the writing was the sad tone of the message itself.

"You have someone saying they're leaving the school they love, so this is someone who's clearly very sad," she said.

The first thing that Ludlow said crossed her mind when Gillespie showed her the picture of the mes-

sage was that she wanted to reach out the person.

Ludlow said that if the person has left campus and cannot use the Counseling Center, the Sexual Assault Information and Counseling Service is available.

"We want this person to be OK, and we want them to know where they can go for help," she said.

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EASTERN | PROGRAM

## Boys State brings 500 seniors to campus

By Zachary White  
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Five hundred high school seniors are on Eastern's campus this week in order to gain hands-on experience in government.

They are on campus as part of the Premier Illinois Boys State program put on by the American Legion.

The idea behind Boys State is to create a model government so all of the members, who are called citizens, can learn how a government operates through hands-on experience.

In order to do this, a mythical state called "Boys State" was created.

In the state, there are 18 cities that are divided into six counties with the counties making up the state.

Based off of the U.S. model, there are two political parties — the Nationalists and the Federalists.

The citizens are divided into the two political parties and elections are held starting at the city level.

"Anyone who wishes to run for state office will have filed an application form," Randy Johnston, the executive director of Boys State, said.

The application form is a self-nomination form which has a petition attached with a number of citizens who back the candidate.

Once candidates are part of the campaign, they will have the opportunity to garner support from other citizens.

"Wednesday, candidates will have an opportunity to speak to everyone as to why they should be elected,"



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Thomas Lewis, 17, of Biggsville, listens to the National Anthem with his Boy's State group Monday on the South Quad. The boys are participating in various activities throughout the week all over campus.

Johnston said.

In order to complete the election process, citizens who are not running for office act as the election judges as candidates from the two parties square off for political office.

"It's a combination of learning about government, growing and learning about themselves," John-

ston said.

But knowledge about government, although the core of the program, is not the only thing the citizens can learn from their time here.

John Donovan, consoler, has been part of the Boys State program since 1996.

"I've been here as long as the citi-

zens have been alive," he said.

Donovan said he consistently sees at least one citizen come into the program and leave with something more.

"Every year I have a story of a kid who comes here with no idea on where they're going or what they can do," he said. "And they leave

with an idea of what they want to do, what they can do."

Donovan said one year, a citizen came in and worked on the Boys State newspaper, the STATEMENT, with no previous newspaper experience and no plan of what he wanted to do.

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# Local weather

TODAY WEDNESDAY



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## CITY | LIBRARY EVENTS

# Presenters to entertain, educate

By Amanda Wilkinson  
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Children will have a chance to see and touch animals that live or hunt underground from different continents and climates Wednesday.

John Ham, a naturalist with Animal Tales, at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, will present the program, Animal Underground.

Beth Lugar, the youth program coordinator at the library, said the library hosts intensive programming for children so they stay engaged in the summer.

"It's not just a place to read," she said.

Jared Baker, the director of Animal Tales, said the Animal Underground program is an educational and entertaining program for children of all

ages. "What we do is we follow along the summer reading program theme for the library system in the U.S.," he said. "Our theme is Animal Underground because the natural summer reading program is called Dig Into Reading."

Baker said the program features five animals that either hide out underground or they are animals that hunt underground.

"For example, we have a Harris Hawk in the program," he said. "We talk about why animals might want to go underground because if you get eaten, then game over."

The Paraguayan Screaming Hairy Armadillo, African Spurred Tortoise, Egyptian Fruit Bat and Woma Python are also featured in the program.

"In this program we talk about

why the animals go underground," Baker said. "Some go underground for hiding, some go underground because they live in the desert and it's a whole lot cooler underground."

Baker said they try to have a variation of animals in the program every year.

"Last year, we had a nocturnal animal program that had a 40-pound porcupine, an owl and a coatimundi, which is like a raccoon," he said. "The year before we did this world travel program where we had a wallaby and a mongoose and a toucan."

Baker said they try to have animals people will not normally see at a zoo.

"Zoos are awesome, but they typically have the same display of animals," he said. "What we try to do is get some animals that kids don't often get to see especially in an up close and

personal environment."

The animal programs are designed to help children understand that each animal has a niche where they belong in, Baker said.

He said they also try to foster conservation with that knowledge.

"What we try to do is try to hit those 'wow factor' type facts," Baker said. "Those things the kids are going to remember."

He said although, he tries to get a variety of animals for the programs, there is always one animal they must have in the presentation.

"With all of our shows, we have to have a snake in the show," Baker said. "If we don't have a snake, the kids get mad."

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## CAMPUS | EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS

# Harassment training provided online

By Robyn Dexter  
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Though the topic of sexual assault on campus has been widely talked about in the past semester, another angle that might not always be as talked-about is sexual harassment.

The Civil Rights/Title IX Office has delivered training on preventing sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination to members of campus for decades.

An unnamed representative from the Civil Rights/Title IX Office replied to emailed questions that had been sent on request and said large numbers of employees and student workers complete an online training program each year.

"New employees, including student workers, are required to complete the online training program on preventing sexual harassment," the email said. "Ongoing training for employees is expected to be com-

pleted in subsequent years on a rotating basis."

Employees were notified via email at the end of May that the 20-minute online training session should be completed by June 5.

The email said Eastern was one of the first universities in Illinois to implement such a training requirement because of how important it is for members of campus to help create a welcoming, positive academic community.

"The Civil Rights/Title IX Office also regularly conducts in-person training on preventing sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination for university departments, employee groups, and student groups," the email said.

Students and employees are encouraged to contact the Civil Rights/Title IX Office in Old Main as soon as possible after experiencing or witnessing any potential issues related to sexual harassment or

other forms of discrimination.

"We wish Eastern to be campus where students love to be, where they feel comfortable, and where they thrive academically and personally," the email said.

The office defines sexual harassment as a wide range of conduct including "subtle pressures for sexual activity, inappropriate touching or gestures, offensive or inappropriate language and jokes (including that which appears in social media), demands for sexual favors, and sexual violence."

When a report of sexual harassment is filed, the email said Eastern will implement interim remedies to address the safety and wellbeing of both parties prior to the completion of an investigation.

"Eastern will take immediate and corrective actions to eliminate the harassment, prevent its recurrence and address its effects," the email said. "Even if the conduct is not ac-

tionable, Eastern will take appropriate steps to ensure that potential issues affecting the climate within the workplace or academic setting are appropriately addressed."

Further information about discrimination and sexual harassment policies is regularly provided to students and employees in several formats including via the university website, postings in academic buildings and residence halls, orientations, at registration via PAWS, online and print publications and regular emails to student and employee accounts.

The online training module can be accessed at <http://www.eiu.edu/-training/>.

Attempts to identify the provider of the questions were unsuccessful by print time.

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## Singing the blues



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(Center) Cyrille Aimee scats during her performance of "The Blues" with band members, from left: Adrien Moignard, Sam Eddings, Rajiv Jayweera and Michael Valeanu Sunday. Aimee performed original songs and cover songs such as Michael Jackson's "Off the Wall" on the Mellin Steps, also known the Doudna Steps.

### CITY | BOOK SIGNING

## LOCAL AUTHOR TO SIGN BOOKS

An author from Casey, Ill. will be having a book signing from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Lincoln Book Shop.

Christina Riedle Frye will be signing her book "The Joy is in the Suffering," a memoir about her brother's death.

The Lincoln Book Shop is located at 619 Monroe Ave.

### ONLINE | BLOGS



Editor in Chief Zachary White does a photo essay on a member of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps.

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### BLOTTER

## Weekend brings DUI charges

- At 8:03 p.m. Friday, Bianca Blackstone, 22, of Charleston, Ill. was arrested at University Court on an in-State warrant for failure to appear in court. She was released to the custody of Coles County Sheriff's Office at 9:16 p.m. pending 10 percent of \$7,500 bond.
- At 1:09 a.m. Saturday, Jon Lingenfelter, 30, of Decatur, Ill. was arrested at 4th and Polk. He was arrested on charges of DUI-Alcohol, BAC >.08 and was released at 2:48 a.m. after posting 10 percent of \$3,000 bond.
- At 1:52 a.m. Sunday, Sean Sandiford, 22, of Casey, Ill. was arrested at 1400 Lincoln Ave. He was arrested on charges of DUI-Alcohol, BAC >.08 and was released at 4:33 a.m. after posting 10 percent of \$3,000 bond.

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# Lincoln art displayed at Tarble

By **Amanda Wilkinson**  
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Hoping to capitalize on summer tourists, the Tarble Arts Center is continuing its "Looking at Lincoln" exhibition of local artists' work depicting Abraham Lincoln's life and times until Aug. 11.

Michael Watts, the director at the center, said many people travel to the Lincoln sites in the summer.

"(Lincoln) is a popular subject matter for people that are traveling in the summer time," he said. "Summertime is the biggest time for people to go to the Lincoln Log Cabin."

Watts said most of the students are gone from campus, which makes visiting the center more visitor-friendly.

"There's less traffic and parking is easier," he said.

Watts said all the works included in the "Looking at Lincoln" exhibition

are from the center's permanent collection.

"The initial Looking at Lincoln exhibition was sort of a play on a statewide program called Looking for Lincoln," he said. "It essentially is a way to denote several specific sites around the state that have a Lincoln tie, and there are a number of those in Charleston."

The "Looking at Lincoln" exhibition includes woodcut drawings by Charles Turzak, a lithograph by John Suteuart Curry and a collograph from a 1945 drawing of Lincoln by N. C. Wyeth.

Watts said the center recently acquired drawings by Charles Turzak that have expanded the Lincoln collection.

"The core of the exhibition revolves on Turzak including two different groups of woodcuts that he did," he said.

Turzak's drawings were made before his later more influential work, Abraham Lincoln - A Biography in

Woodcuts.

Watts said Turzak carved the 36 wood blocks for the Century of Progress at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933.

The exhibition also includes other woodcuts by Turzak titled The His-

tory of Illinois in Woodcuts.

Watts said the permanent collection at the center is focused on Illinois folk art, 1930s and 1940s American scene works on paper.

"The Experiences of the Illinois Civil War Soldier: Reflections in Art and Artifacts" will also be displayed at the center until July 7.

**"(Lincoln) is a popular subject matter for people that are traveling in the summer time."**

-Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center

Watts said he likes the exhibition

because it showcases the artwork from the American scene and art-work by the Regionalists.

Grant Wood, the painter of American Gothic, John Steuart Curry and Thomas Heart Bennet were the core members of the Regionalists, he said.

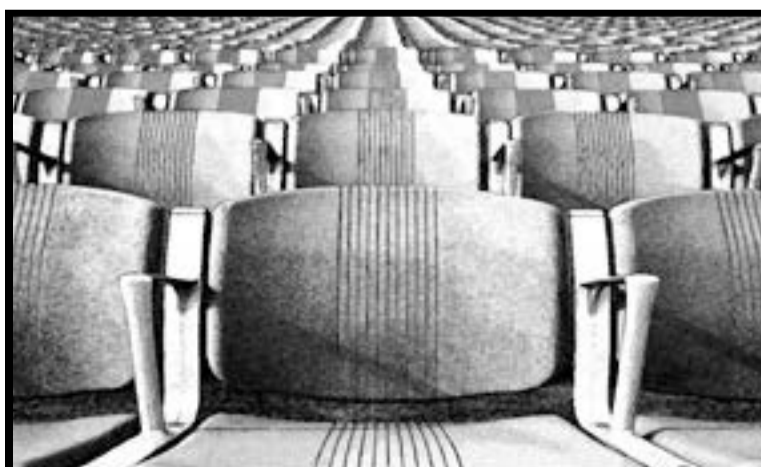
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## THURSDAY'S QUESTION

An 84-year-old Florida woman recently won \$590k in the lottery. What would you do with the money?

## HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID



Help the homeless/need, give my tithes, help my parents out, and help pay off these college loans. And to treat myself I'd go on my dream trip to Japan. The rest I'll save.

Josh Williams



Pay off student loans.

Clare Smith



Buy pizza and beer.

Phillip Melton

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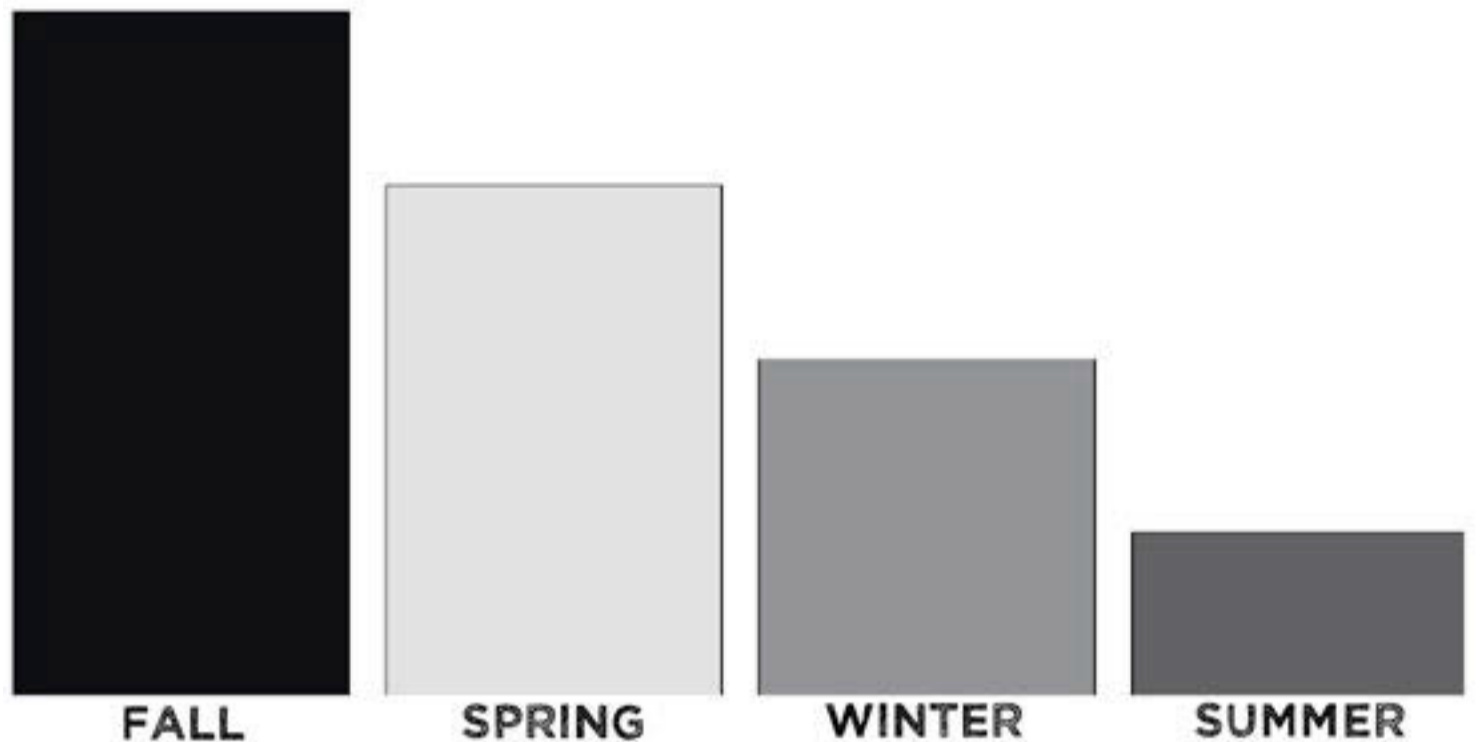


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## DRAWN FROM THE EASEL

## EASTERN'S "FUN FACTOR" THROUGH THE SEASONS



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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Library grant opens doors for Eastern community

Booth Library was selected as one of 125 libraries for a two-part grant that will bring a book series to Eastern.

Three members of the Eastern community applied for the grant and, because of their efforts, the series will be brought to Eastern in Spring 2014.

The series will focus on the Muslim culture and will include two parts, "Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys Bookshelf" and "Pathways to Faith."

The series will include programs lead by a history professor along with book discussions.

The director of the project said the theme was chosen based on the interests of students, which pointed to people of different faith traditions.

This series will help broaden the mindset of the Eastern community, and will be especially helpful to students who may have never had a world religions class and are curious about religions they may not normally experience or witness firsthand.

In a world where Middle Eastern culture is often judged and misunderstood in a negative manner, series such as these can bring a worldly

### OUR POSITION

• **Situation:** Booth Library was one of 125 libraries to receive a \$4,500 grant for a book series

• **Stance:** Hosting this series will bring a more worldly perspective to campus and broaden the understanding of those who take advantage of it.

perspective to a small, Midwest town.

Students should be excited to have this series on campus because it can help clear up stereotypes and inform their feelings and beliefs about other cultures.

The grant will provide 25 different books on five different themes, three films and access to the Oxford Islamic Study online.

Along with the books themselves, there are plans for an interfaith panel discussion.

The benefits of something like an interfaith panel discussion are huge.

Students and other members of the community will have the opportunity to express views on all different kinds of religions.

A panel of this sort was hosted a few years ago in the science department about faith, evolution and science, and it was successful.

Having something like this again will help rescind stereotypes and bring the Eastern community to a new and deeper understanding of other cultures.

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

# Trust is about the relationships you make

At the end of life, everyone always says it is the people and relationships you have that matter the most.

But how does one figure out who to trust and who is worth the time of day?

Is it the people who went to the bar with you religiously in college or the people who were there for you at 2 a.m. when your car died?

What about family and friends? Or are they automatically added into that group?

Do my crazy partners in crime get put in this group by default because they are, well... crazy?

Are co-workers to be trusted and then turned to friends or will they always just be work affiliates?

According to Merriam-Webster, trust is defined as "assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something," which makes me think of a superhero.

But when I am on my deathbed with nothing left to me but my name and peace of mind, I don't want a superhero.

I want someone I can trust on a level beyond



Cayla Maurer

strength and the ability to keep me physically safe.

For most people, being loved and feeling something special is more than any amount of money.

So while my coffee brewed this morning and my bagel toasted, my life stopped and became clear.

I have the people I need for the rest of my life, and nothing is better than that feeling.

Although I will make new relationships along the long twisting road of life, I'm happy where I am.

My best friends know my raw, gritty exterior

is not what matches my sensitive, wishy-washy insides all the time.

My family might not like my choices but they will never deny my need to be happy whether that be shaving the side of my head or going to a concert on a whim.

The people who accompany me out on weekend shenanigans love me for my wild side but also my tender moments around closing time.

Co-workers want me to succeed and push me to be a better person.

So at the end of my less than glamorous life, maybe I won't have millions or have a house on the beach with five kids, but I will be able to say great relationships with great people made me happier than any house can.

Special moments with irreplaceable people will be my last thoughts before I let Jesus take the wheel forever, and that's perfectly OK with me.

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# Keepin' things moving



ZACHARY WHITE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Wade Patrick, Custom Service Crane Inc., pulls on a chiller unit and directs it into place on a semitrailer flatbed Monday on the west side of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The chillers were removed because they were no longer functioning.

## Irish music to bring community together

**Staff Report**  
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Community members will join together to play Irish music this week at Jackson Avenue Coffee in downtown Charleston.

The first Irish Music Circle is Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gaye Harrison, of Charleston, is putting on the program and hoping to draw as many community members in as she can, whether they are musicians or music lovers.

“Those people who bring solo instruments, who play solo, will lead

it off,” Harrison said. “It’s just kind of loose for right now, we’ll see how many people show up, and we’ll take it from there.”

Harrison said she has had several people email her saying they will be in attendance and sending her music they want to play.

She said the idea to do an Irish Music Circle came to her when teaching music lessons.

“I have several fiddle students who are just learning the Irish tunes,” Harrison said. “So I thought it would be fun to get them together with other people and actually

play some music together, instead of just individually at their lessons.”

She said Irish music in particular is easy to pick up even for people who do not read music because many people learn the tunes just by listening to them.

“It seems to me that Irish music is just a little bit more universal, and even if you’re not Irish you still enjoy it,” Harrison said. “I think about everybody will enjoy it. At St. Patrick’s Day everybody’s Irish, and everybody has a good time, so I thought let’s get everybody in on this and have a good time and we’ll

see how it goes.”

She said the music circle may just be a one-time thing, but if enough people join in it could become a monthly or even more than monthly event.

Harrison said people can see the starter list of songs that will be played at [IrishMusicCircle.wordpress.com](http://IrishMusicCircle.wordpress.com).

“We want people to come and just enjoy listening, too, if they don’t play,” she said.

*For comments or concerns contact 581-2812.*

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But after working on the Boys State paper, he pursued a career in journalism and is now in college studying journalism.

“Our motto is ‘A week that shapes a lifetime,’” Donovan said. Donovan is part of a staff of around 100 adult workers who all come down to Boys State as volunteers.

Johnston said volunteer members come back year after year because of the great memories they gain while they’re here — Johnston himself being here for his 43rd year.

“There is something about being here that gets in your blood,” he said.

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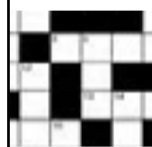
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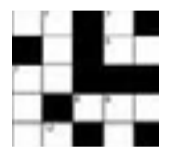
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PHOTO ESSAY | PRACTICE

# Cavaliers prepare for performance at O'Brien



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Hans Griese, 21 of Barrington, practiced with other members of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps at O'Brien field Monday. Griese played the marimba with mallets, sticks that a player strikes against the metal of the marimba to produce musical notes.



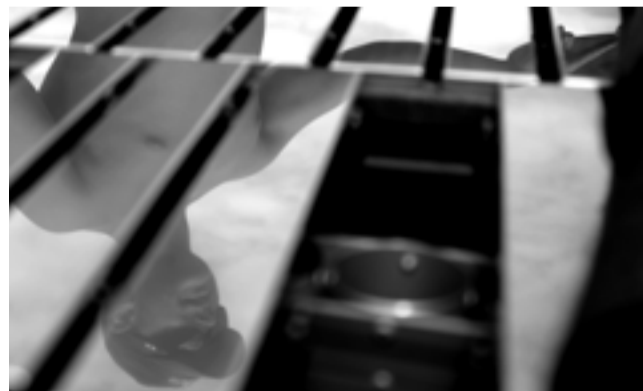
Griese slides along the length of the marimba while playing the instrument.



Griese rests his mallets on the marimba in between practice sets.



Griese steps onto a foot pedal during practice Monday at O'Brien Field.



Griese's image reflects off of the marimba he was playing during the Cavalier's practice.



Griese does pushups with a teammate in between practice sets. Griese was doing the pushups in sets of five.



A mallet bag hangs from the back side of the marimba.



# Riebold first to place on podium

By Michael Spencer  
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The Eastern women's track team has never placed an athlete on the podium at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships.

For that matter, Eastern has never put an athlete in the top 10.

Jade Riebold has changed that.

The redshirt junior finished in third place Friday, capping a record-setting season at Hayward Field on the campus of Oregon University in Eugene.

Riebold cleared 14 feet, 5 inches to tie with the second place finisher, Kansas' Natalia Bartnovskaya.

However, Riebold had more failed attempts in the preliminary portion of the competition, which placed her behind Bartnovskaya.

South Dakota's junior Bethany Buell won the event with a jump of 14 feet, 7 inches.

All three of the athletes will return to compete for the title again next season in their senior year.

As Eastern's highest female finisher on the national stage, her place in Eastern track and field history is well defined.

Tom Akers, Eastern's head track coach, said that he believes she is one of the very best to ever compete for the Panthers.

"Obviously she's had the most success at the highest level," Akers said. "She was second indoors and third outdoors. The only thing that could beat her would be if we had a national champion at the division one level, so I would say that those performances this year would probably put her as our top female athlete ever or at least in the running for it if not the best."

For Kyle Ellis, Eastern pole vault coach, Riebold's body of work speaks for itself.

"I think there have been a lot of great female athletes who have come through Eastern," Ellis said. "But I definitely think she would probably be up there with what she has done: her placing at nationals and her qualifying for the



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Red-shirt senior pole-vaulter Jade Riebold starts her run towards the bar in the Lantz Fieldhouse on Feb. 23. Riebold broke her own OVC record as well as the Eastern record at 14'.

Olympic trials and things like that. It is hard to compare sport to sport, but I would definitely say she is up there."

Eastern alum Kandace Arnold was previously the highest placing Panther at the national championships, pulling down a 16th place finish in the shot put at the meet in 2010.

Riebold's third place finish comes off the back of a second place finish at the indoor track and field championships in Fayetteville, Ark. this spring.

She set an Ohio Valley Conference record at this season's conference meet, jumping 13 feet, 1.5 inches on her way to the conference title.

Riebold transferred to Eastern from the University of Georgia as a redshirt sophomore and has been rewriting the record book ever since.

In her first season as a Panther in 2012, she set records for Eastern and the OVC in both the indoor and outdoor seasons while gathering second

team All-American honors along the way.

This season, Riebold was selected as a first team All-American on Monday, where she joins fellow teammate and junior Mick Viken, who was picked as second team All-American.

She has qualified for nationals three years in a row and competed at last year's Olympic trials.

The only thing that remains is to reach the pinnacle of collegiate pole

vaulting to obtain a national championship.

But the field she will contend with is not going to change next season.

Ellis said that the competition will only become more challenging.

"Out of the top 10 girls from the outdoor meet, only two of them were seniors, and there are a couple more of them like (Morgan LeLeux) who jumped 14 feet, 9 inches last year. She had eye surgery this year, so that held her back, so it's going to be really tough competition next year," Ellis said. "There are a lot of good girls coming back."

The Georgia sophomore LeLeux missed this season's national championships because of surgery on a detached retina during the season.

As far as improvement is concerned, Ellis said it is important for Riebold to maintain her mental composure in the late stages of big meets.

"I thought (Riebold) could have won it," Ellis said. "I think she was the best vaulter out there, I just think she got a little nervous at the last bar."

Akers concurs, saying Riebold deviated from her conventional technique as the competition progressed.

"I think that like most vaulters, as the height goes up, all of a sudden she thinks she needs to change her technique a little bit," Akers said. "She was vaulting real well early, and then she started to let some bad habits creep back into her technique as she started to try harder."

The Panthers' coaching staff already has a plan in the works to move Riebold into position for the title.

"She has to continue to progress in her strength and speed levels, and I think get a little more consistent with her technique at the higher heights," Akers said.

Following this excellent season for Riebold, there can be little doubt that big things are to come for her in her final season as a Panther.

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## CROSS COUNTRY | PRE-SEASON

# Howarth hopes to pick up where she left off

By Michael Spencer  
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Eastern cross country coach Erin Howarth said the future of her team is bright.

The Panther cross country team is coming off the back of a season that saw the team collect a second and third place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference for the men and women, respectively.

The men's team is returning nearly its entire team, as it lost only one runner last year.

"We are pretty excited knowing that we got second (in conference) last year, and we were set up nicely to accomplish our goals," Howarth said.

The top three runners will be making their return as Pablo Ramirez, Bryce Basting and Danny Delaney continue their Eastern careers.

"We are looking for a nice 1-2-3 from there," Howarth said.

If there is one thing the team has, it is parity, she said.

Howarth said it is difficult to pick out the athlete who will make the greatest contribution this season.

"It could be anybody. I keep telling the guys 'who knows who will be in

our top seven?'" Howarth said. "We have a lot of depth that we haven't had in the last two years."

However, on the women's side, there is much less continuity.

Eastern graduated its top three female cross country runners: Olivia Klaus, Britney Whitehead and Stephanie Peisker.

"We had an incredible group of seniors who have had a fantastic career here," Howarth said.

There are six incoming freshman, but Howarth does not like to assume things about underclassmen.

"I think whenever you are looking year to year, it is important not to say 'oh, this is somebody we can replace.' To me it doesn't work that way, and I feel like I'm counting on the great development of some of our underclassmen," Howarth said.

The Butler alum also said she prefers to put stock in the athletes she already has on campus.

Howarth said she feels confident that Kristen Rohrer will make a contribution to the team in her sophomore year after being injured during cross country season last year.

Rohrer had a breakout year during the spring as she competed for the

track and field team.

The men have made some key additions as well.

Charleston native Riley McInerney will join the team next year following a standout season with the Trojans, finishing third at state in cross country and collecting a state title in track and field for the 3200m.

"For (McInerney), everyone is aware of what a great runner he is, but I also think that people forget that you run three miles for cross country in high school and you run five miles and then six miles during the championship part of the season in college," Howarth said. "That's a big difference. That's a big difference in training. That's a big difference in mentality. Some adjust fine, but to some that's a really big adjustment in cross country."

She does not expect freshman to carry the load for her team.

Instead, she wants McInerney and the rest of the recruits to focus on training and staying healthy while they learn the ropes of collegiate cross country.

Despite the changes, Howarth has not changed her goals for next season at all.



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Junior Bryce Basting finishes the race as it begins to rain Sept. 7 during the 2012 Walt Crawford Open at Panther Trail.

She said she still expects a top three finish for the women, and the men should be in the top ten again as well.

Yet, Howarth said conference supremacy for the men is likely to be out of reach.

The Eastern Kentucky men are ranked 17th in the nation and are viewed as a lock for the OVC title.

"We all recognize that Eastern Kentucky is going to be very difficult to beat year in and year out. It is

one of those things where we can surprise them, hoping that they have an off day," Howarth said. "When you're running against the 17th best team in the country and you run a great race, then you've got to realize that that is where we are."

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