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UB AND EIU PRIDE | PERFORMANCE

Poet entertains with spoken word

By Bob Galuski
Entertainment Editor

Poetry interlaced with jokes about family, strange meetings and even tampons filled the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as Katie Wirsing performed.

Wirsing, a full-time slam poet, gave her own spoken word presentation Monday as part of a University Board and EIU PRIDE activity.

While her spoken word poetry received big laughs from the audience, most of what she performed had an underlying theme of acceptance.

During one of her poems, Wirsing regaled the audience with stories about her grandmother, a religious woman who came to accept that Wirsing had a lesbian partner.

The acceptance came in the form of a Christmas card, where her grandmother, or "G-ma," as she called her, wrote both her name and her then-partner's name on the card.

Wirsing was able to keep humor in her act throughout the show, even when discussing topics such as bad breakups.

"Heartbreak is the worst," she said during her act. "I don't think Ebola hurts that bad."

No topic was off-limits to Wirsing, and she covered everything from growing up as a member of the LGBTQA community to playing tricks on unsuspecting people with tampons.

One of the motifs of the show, as Wirsing described, was meeting normal-looking people who turned out to be strange.

One incident included a woman being horrified after finding one of Wirsing's tampons after it fell from her purse.

This caused Wirsing to decide she wanted to play pranks on people with tampons.

One prank involved her running



DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Katie Wirsing, a slam/inspirational poet, performs spoken word poetry Monday during a University Board and EIU PRIDE lecture in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Wirsing performed poetry and spoke about her life experiences.

onto a crowded plane with tampons falling out of her purse every step of the way, and her pretending not to notice.

She segued from there into a poem about the many weird people she had met, all of whom seemed normal at first.

While the audience laughed for most of her performance, Wirsing said she does not intentionally mix humor into her act.

"I just tell stories that happen to be funny," she said.

During her performance Wirsing would constantly call on audience members and have casual conversations with them.

The topics she discussed ranged from therapy to their day, and she would incorporate each of these into her act.

Wirsing also encouraged the audience to be as loud as possible.

"Quiet people make me nervous," she said, laughing.

Wirsing also told the audience stories, specifically about working with at-risk youth in writing workshops.

From there she moved into her teenage years.

Wirsing described how it was for her growing up, knowing she was a lesbian.

She said she would not go into the locker room for gym class because of how the other women would react.

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CITY | CELEBRATION

HOPE to honor women's history

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

About 35 years after a survivor of domestic violence started the Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education of East Central Illinois, people are getting together to celebrate all that women have achieved.

The Little Black Dress concert and party will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Tarble Arts Center.

The event will include various musical performances and an exhibit of artwork made by children in HOPE's domestic violence program.

Althea Pendergast, the executive director of HOPE, said it is important to continue working on women's issues despite the progress made over the years.

"We need to be very proud of the changes that have been made, but always keep in mind that there's certainly more changes that need to be made, and we're not alone here," she said.

She said HOPE's services began with a hotline and now include housing for up to 24 women and children, counseling, educational programs, legal advocacy and transportation.

Pendergast said she was one of the volunteers who helped to start HOPE 35 years ago and has been working as the director since August.

She said the number of things that have not changed over the years is equally important to note.

"I suppose the disturbing thing is knowing that a lot of things haven't changed, that domestic violence is still here, and we're still seeing it not only in the community, but on campus, and the systems that are supposed to protect victims are still systems that we need to train and educate about the realities of domestic violence," she said.

Jeannie Ludlow, the coordinator of women's studies, said women's studies has evolved over the years as well.

She said in the late '60s and early '70s, faculty and staff used to meet at each other's houses to discuss women's studies in secret.

In the late '70s and '80s, those engaged in women's studies began focusing on how gender affects men as well as women, Ludlow said.

She said the focus of women's studies broadened in the '90s to other systems like race and gender identity.

"It's important to say that we needed women's studies and to celebrate that gender is fluid," Ludlow said. "It's a way of being in that world, and it doesn't have to be forced upon us."

The goal of the event is to raise \$5,000 for HOPE's domestic violence prevention education programs and improvements to its domestic violence shelter.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH | EVENT

Film festival to focus on public memory

By Vicky Kane
Staff Reporter

A festival showcasing films from around the world will be at Eastern for Women's History and Awareness Month.

Film studies coordinator Robin Murray said the 2013 Central Illinois Feminist Film Festival is getting global attention.

"We do have films that can be submitted by filmmakers around the world," she said. "We have films coming in from the Netherlands, from Australia. I'm really excited."

The film festival has the same call for submissions each year, which includes falling into two of the four given criteria.

"They could be films created by lots of underrepresented people in the media, but they could also be made by people from the Central Illinois area," Murray said. "They can link local and global issues or emphasize gender or social justice, so we try to leave it pretty open."

Each year a theme is chosen for the Central Illinois Feminist Film Festival, and the screened films are based on the theme. This year's theme was focusing on public memory and was titled "Searching for Clio: Women and Public Memory."

"We're trying to find films that are relevant to that by women filmmakers," Murray said. "And we like to think about public memory in a multicultural and international way, so we wanted to bring in filmmakers from different countries as well as different cultures in the U.S."

One film that will be screened this year is "Pariah," which was co-sponsored by the LGBTQA Advisory Committee.

Abby Wilburn, student representative for the LGBTQA Advisory Committee, said she thinks "Pariah" is a great addition to the film festival.

"Pariah" definitely plays into several different factors in this kind of socioeconomic way. It's a race and ethnicity issue, and then you have the sexual orien-

tation that plays into it, too. I think that it goes hand-in-hand with a lot of struggles that people face that sometimes we tend to ignore," Wilburn said.

Murray also said that some of the struggles people faced in the past have been forgotten and it is important to uncover them.

"Getting a sense of what that history is but also noting when some of that history is buried I think is really important because it really does open people's eyes," Murray said.

Wilburn said she views the festival as a positive way to show people that they are not alone.

"In the end you have this group of people who are oppressed in many ways. You have people who are oppressed because of their race; you have people who are oppressed because of their sexual orientation or because of their gender or their gender identity," she said. "It's important that people know that we all fit in this together. You're not necessarily alone in your fight."

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WEDNESDAY



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Triumphant Trumpets

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Evan Fowler and Scott Wilkinson perform "Concerto for Two Trumpets" by Antonio Vivaldi during the Spring 2013 Trumpet Studio Recital Monday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.



CHARLESTON | FUNDING

Council to be eligible for grants

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

The Charleston City Council plans to approve three plans that would qualify the city for state and federal grant funds.

Mayor John Inyart said the Citizen Participation Plan, Code of Conduct Plan, and the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan will be updated so the city can be eligible for the Illinois Disaster Recovery Program grant.

"When we get state and federal grant funding, there are certain things we have to have in place that qualify us to receive that funding," he said.

He said they are also trying to stay eligible for the Midwest Disaster Recovery Program grant and Federal Emergency Agency grant funds.

"Those are the two agencies we're trying to make sure we're in compliance

with, but I think this will help any time we have grant funding available," Inyart said.

The council will also vote to approve a bid award for the Water Treatment Fence Project and to waive the bidding process to purchase equipment for the Reynolds Drive Lift Station.

Inyart said the city will complete the fence project so the Water Treatment Plant is completely enclosed.

"It's been on our plan for three or four years, and it's just always gotten pushed back in lieu of something else," he said.

The bid award of more than \$22,000 will go to Effingham Fence.

Inyart said the council will waive the bidding process for purchasing monitoring equipment for the Reynolds Drive Lift Station from a single-sourced company.

He said the lift station serves about one-third of the Charleston community.

"Basically a big part of the community's sewers drain south, and then we pump it back north (to the Water Treatment Plant)," Inyart said. "This pumping station is an (intricate) part of the sewage collection treatment system."

He said the city can only buy from one company because the new equipment needs to match the current equipment.

Inyart said before the city purchases anything, they are required to go through a bidding process.

However, when there is only one company to buy from, they must waive the process.

"We're doing that in this case because really and truly there's only one company that's going to provide what we need the way we need it," Inyart said.

The monitoring equipment will be purchased for about \$53,000 from Vandevanter Engineering.

The council will also vote on amend-

ing an ordinance that would allow the city to pay for 50 percent of additional finances acquired by John Williams of Williams Rentals.

Inyart said Williams had to spend extra money on architectural plans.

"We required that he have architectural drawings because some of this work had to do with ADA accessibility in the building," he said. "We agreed to split that cost with him on the architectural drawings, so this is going to increase the amount of his original TIF grant by about \$612.50."

Williams will now receive about \$8,500 for building renovations.

The council will also vote on the purchase of property along Ninth Street.

Inyart said the city will purchase a small area amounting to \$300 for the creation of new sidewalks.

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LOCAL | MEMORIAL SERVICE

Student's memorial set for Wednesday

Staff Report

A memorial service for student Matthew Lulinski will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Lulinski was a freshman pre-nursing major and member of the fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha who died Sunday from natural causes.

A visitation for Lulinski is also set from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at Vandenburg Funeral Home, 19604 S. Wolf Road in Mokena, Lulinski.

A prayer session is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Vandenburg Funeral Home and a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Church, 19515 115th Ave. in Mokena.

CAMPUS | OPEN POSITIONS

Faculty Senate to fill positions

Committee seeking to fill 53 board, council positions

Staff Report

The Faculty Senate is looking to fill 53 university council and board positions.

The Faculty Senate nominations committee is accepting volunteers to serve various groups like the tuition and fees review committee, the intercollegiate athletics board and the apportionment board.

The student standards board has 13 open positions.

Jeffrey Stowell, a psychology professor and chair of the nominations committee, said there are one to three year terms, and most of them expire at the end of an academic year.

"I think just the way that the timing came out this year there's a lot of people whose terms are expiring, but there's no underlying reason other than just by chance that a lot of them happened to line up," he said.

He said the time it takes to fill positions depends on the willingness of faculty to volunteer.

"In the past we've had to extend the deadline for the invitation to volunteer because at times we don't get enough for certain committees," he said.

If no one volunteers for a particular group, Stowell said the committee would ask newer faculty members and other volunteers who did not get the position they wanted.

Andrew Methven, a biology professor and Faculty Senate chair, said the Faculty Senate normally invites a guest speaker to discuss a particular topic during its meetings, but no one could be scheduled for this week.

"It's one of those weird weeks where there isn't much going on," he said.

Methven said Faculty Senate members would discuss various committee reports and the provost's report during their meeting Tuesday.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

EASTERN | ULTIMATE FRISBEE

RSO looking for members, family

By Samantha McDaniel
Student Governance Editor

Traveling to tournaments, cars breaking down and playing the game of Ultimate Frisbee are common occurrences for members of the Ultimate Frisbee Club of Eastern.

This registered student organization represents Eastern in Ultimate Frisbee tournaments across the country.

Caleb Gurujal, a club member and a junior history major, said the RSO is dedicated to playing the sport and competing in competitions in the Midwest region.

Members of the RSO carpool to the tournaments.

Despite travel mishaps like cars breaking down on the way to tournaments, Gurujal said the group always has fun while they travel and are a close family.

"Everyone is just there playing a sport they love, and it's a big party situation," Gurujal said.

Nathan Kinsinger, a sports management graduate student and the president of the club, said it is a tradition to get food that is famous in that area, adding that they also visit Man vs. Food places.

Kinsinger said they are a young group, but has been doing well.

Despite only being 5 years old, the team has competed in the conference for three years and made regionals two of those years, Kinsinger said.

Kinsinger said last year the team was able to compete at regionals.

"While there, we got to play University of Illinois, and they hadn't lost a game during regionals in three years," Kinsinger said. "We actually gave them their first loss, and that was the first time any of us had beat them."

The conference is all Illinois teams, and if the team does well, they go on to the regional level and possibly finals.

"Being a young team, that is quite

a large accomplishment for us," Kinsinger said. "Usually it takes a couple of years to make it to regionals and some teams have never even made it to regionals and they've been around for 10 years."

Schools can have multiple squads representing them if there is enough interest.

Eastern only has one.

Kinsinger said they have had some good athletes and people who care for the sport, and that is why they have been able to make it as far as they have.

The RSO got its start when Kinsinger started playing with a group of students in the South Quad.

"I found a great group of guys who I could interact with and had a common interest with," Kinsinger said. "I didn't really play the sport of Ultimate before — I mean I threw around but didn't really play until I met these guys."

Gurujal said students who would like to join the RSO can email eiultimate@gmail.com.

"We don't cut anyone or have separate teams for our players," Gurujal said. "We are all on the same team," Gurujal said.

To be a part of the team, players have to be available for practice four times a week and tournaments.

"We are like a family, and we are always ready for adopting new people," Gurujal said.

Kinsinger said people who like to play but cannot make the time commitment can attend practices and play with the team.

He said he has been at Eastern for six years, and when he looks back it has been about Ultimate Frisbee.

"I went to classes and stuff, but what I really remember is Ultimate and that group of guys," Kinsinger said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student Organization Cabinet meeting canceled

The Student Organization Cabinet meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday was canceled because of the upcoming break.

Jenna Mitchell, the student vice president of student affairs, said with Spring Break coming up, the members of the organization will have a lot to do and would not be able to attend the meeting.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. March 19 in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Police investigating 4-car fatal crash Saturday

The Mattoon Police Department responded to a four-car fatal crash at Route 16 and Lerna Road Saturday.

According to a press release sent out by the Mattoon Police Department, nine people out of the four vehicles sustained injuries, including Amy Thomas of Springfield, who was killed in the crash. Thomas was transported to Carle in Champaign, while the other injured persons were transferred to Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital.

The accident was caused by 25-year-old Michael Fogarty, of Chicago, who was ticketed for failure to reduce speed, DUI and no seatbelt.

According to the press release, the investigation is being handled by the Mattoon Police Department, the Illinois State Police and the Coles County States Attorney.

BLOTTER

Assault, cannabis complaints occur over weekend

- At 1:20 p.m. Friday sexual assault was reported to have occurred in October 2012 at Andrews Hall. This incident is under investigation.

- At 12:39 a.m. Saturday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Thomas Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 1:58 a.m. Saturday a battery and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor was reported at Taylor Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 2:20 p.m. Saturday, a domestic dispute was reported at University Apartments. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 9:57 p.m. Saturday a disorderly conduct/obstruction of ID occurred at University Court. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 10 p.m. Saturday a cannabis complaint was reported at Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

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- :44 Post Office (Northwest Business Park)
- :53 Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center

Mattoon:

Min. after hr.

- :03 LifeSpan Center
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- :13 Prairie & 1st St.
- :17 CVS Pharmacy
- :20 Amtrak
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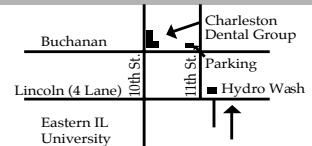
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Brad Kupiec



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Josh Williams

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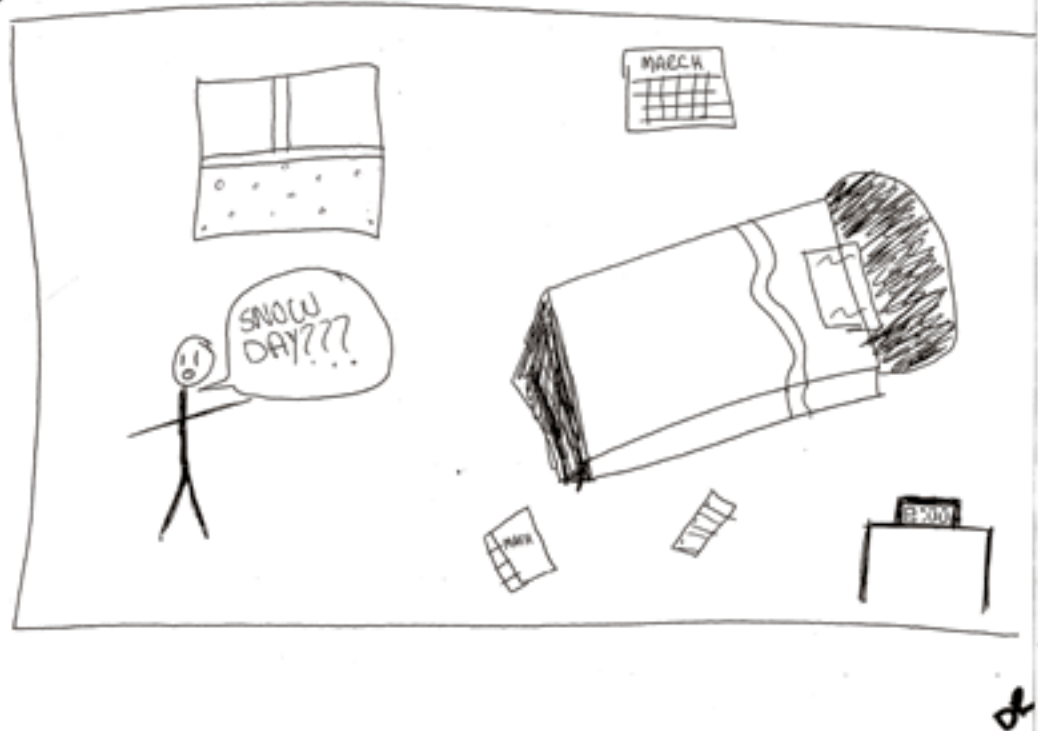


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STAFF EDITORIAL

Tuition increase minimal, necessary

On Friday, the Board of Trustees approved a \$4-per-semester-hour tuition increase to go into effect for new students in Fall 2013. The 1.43 percent increase brings tuition up to \$283 per semester hour.

This means that new students coming into Eastern for Fall 2013 who are taking 15 semester hours will pay \$4,245 per semester for four years.

While many current and prospective students and parents might grumble at the fact that, yet again, tuition has risen for incoming students, the increase is a necessary step Eastern must take in the current financial environment.

Twenty percent of Eastern's total revenue comes from the state. And as the university looks toward the future, the likelihood that state funding will decrease significantly over the next few years is highly likely.

As well, sagging enrollment numbers have been hitting Eastern's revenue hard. During the past four years, enrollment has decreased by about 1,600 students. With such a decrease comes the inevitable slump in tuition dollars that are a large part of supporting the university.

The current enrollment trend is not expected to turn around

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Tuition increased 1.43 percent for Fall 2013.
- **Stance:** Though tuition increases can be a pain, the increase is necessary.

quickly.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president of academic affairs, said even if new-student enrollment increases next year, the effects of a larger incoming class will be offset by large graduating classes.

As Eastern faces such unfortunate financial realities, an increase in tuition is a logical and practical step to try to offset the expected losses in future revenue.

And while some might argue that a \$4-per-semester-hour increase in tuition may deter prospective students and parents from considering Eastern as their university of choice, the fact is that this increase is low.

According to President Bill Perry, the 1.43 percent increase in tuition represents the lowest annual tuition increase since 1993, and second lowest since 1979.

So while a tuition increase is a step nearly no one wishes to see, it is a necessary step. And the pain that will result is dulled by Eastern's attempt to keep the increase minimal.

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

Discovering a new treasure pays off

On Friday night, while most of the college-aged population spent the extent of their late hours drinking away brain cells for Unofficial, I discovered a treasure.

Confined to a couch with a wicked throat virus and ear infection, I stubbornly decided not to sleep Friday night.

I know rest is crucial for the healing process, but throughout last week, every time I awoke I felt like my illness had grown exponentially worse.

So, in the young hours that grew into Saturday morning, I traded away my sleep for seven hours of the delight that is "Downton Abbey."

In our line of work as student journalists, we are not afforded much opportunity to laze about and watch TV — the idea of free time means staying up late to work on homework and trying to squeeze in four or five hours of sleep each night.

This hectic schedule means I must be cautious with committing to a new TV show, and "Downton Abbey" was worth every wink of



Rachel Rodgers

sleep missed this weekend.

The show revolves around the life and troubles of the Earl of Grantham's family but goes so much further than what many refer to as "rich people problems."

Delving into the lives of the staff members adds a dynamic to the show, and viewers are thrust into an unfamiliar world like a child discovering shiny objects for the first time.

Meticulous attention to detail and crafting the plot around historic events — from the Titanic to the invention of the telephone — allows the viewer to become enamored with the characters and to hunger to know what

happens next.

I'm gushing, I know, but it is a great feeling to find a new avenue of entertainment like diving into a marvelous new novel or exploring an artist's work.

Each day for me comes with its own unique challenges and highlights, and no one should feel trapped in a loop of the same routine.

I have heard too many instances of people desperately craving more variety in their lives. Contentment does not need to be found on a grand scale all at once, and a moderate amount of enjoyment can go a long way.

After being thrown off for a week with feeling like my health had been run through a blender, discovering a new show gave me a great distraction.

Small pleasures can make a big difference in one's attitude, and people shouldn't be discouraged to discover something new.

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Right: Jenny Thompson, a building service worker for Buzzard Hall, wipes down a dirty table in Buzzard Friday.

Top: Thompson sweeps the men's bathroom before mopping. She is responsible for the second-floor bathrooms in the South Wing of Buzzard.

Bottom: Thompson checks a paper towel dispenser in Buzzard to see if it's running low. Thompson tries to get the bathrooms finished before students and faculty come in for the day.



Working before the dawn

Heating up green tea in a microwave at 4 a.m. on the second floor of Buzzard Hall is how Jenny Thompson needs to start her day. Thompson, a building service worker, begins her workday when the only students still awake are toiling away in their books or stum-

bling home from a late night out.

Thompson, one of four BSWs who work the 4-to-11:30 a.m. shift in Buzzard, has worked in Buzzard since Summer 2011.

Thompson said it took her a week before she had a system to get through the building.

Now, she moves through the offices and hallways with precision and swiftness, only momentarily stopping to wipe black scuff-marks from the tile floor with her foot when she spots them.

Thompson describes her job at Eastern as

one of the best she could have asked for.

"If you talk to the students and get to know them, everything will be good," she said.

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Wirsing said she had started performing slam poetry 10 years ago and began performing full-time two years ago.

While most of her act comes from her life experiences, Wirsing said some of it comes from whatever is on her mind at the time.

"It's whatever is nagging me," she said. "I travel a lot, so I'm in the car thinking about it. That's where I write a lot of this, in the car."

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Pendergast said the shelter is in need of remodeling for the bedrooms and kitchen, new carpets, paint and a new microwave.

The event is also recognizing various other anniversaries significant to women's advancement, including the 30th anniversary of Women's History and Awareness Month and the 20th anniversary of the first WHAM concert.

Pendergast said some of the performers from the first concert would be returning to perform Wednesday.

She said the winning entries from the teen date abuse video contest

would also be shown.

Pendergast said she is excited to see how the event turns out and to continue the work of HOPE.

"For me, every time I see a woman who stands up after she's been a victim of domestic violence and affirms that she's done and she's not going to accept that kind of behavior anymore, that's a real success," she said.

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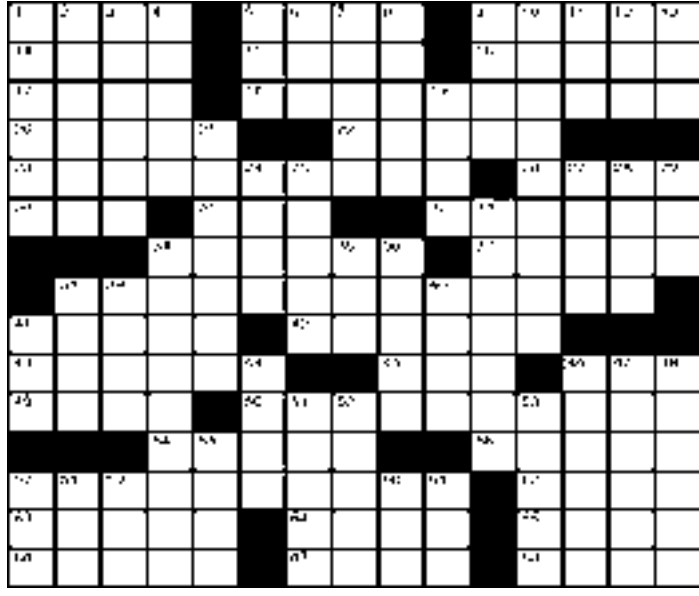
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- 1 Politicos Reagan and Paul
- 5 Do some healing
- 9 Mallorcan seaport
- 14 Lit sign in a dark theater
- 15 Operatic song
- 16 Regions
- 17 Playground frolicker
- 18 Singer called the "Godmother of Punk"
- 20 Not getting any younger
- 22 Mozart's "Cosi fan"
- 23 Misdemeanor
- 26 Reheat leftovers, in a way
- 30 "Bambi" doe
- 31 Pep rally yell
- 32 Grabbed at will
- 34 Triangular Indian pastry
- 37 Bufferin targets
- 38 Set in opposition to
- 41 Land, in Le Havre
- 42 Puts into office
- 43 Enthusiastic reply to "Who wants ice cream?"
- 45 Classical lead-in
- 46 Involuntary sign of nerves
- 49 Color for a panther?
- 50 One given to bad language
- 54 Movie reviewer Roger
- 56 China's Zhou
- 57 Finishing the 18th, say
- 62 Caplet or gelcap
- 63 Dentist's insertion
- 64 Where the clergy sit, in many churches
- 65 Mayberry boy
- 66 It's found in veins
- 67 Tiny time div.
- 68 MADD ads, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Put on a new cassette
- 2 Roughly 21% of the atmosphere



By Mel Rosen

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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 39 Laundry room tool
- 40 deuce
- 41 Advice at the track
- 44 Pop one's cork?
- 46 Blooms from bulbs
- 47 Home to Firenze
- 48 rellenos: stuffed Mexican dish
- 51 Church keyboard
- 52 Sporty car roofs
- 53 Seuss's "Hop"
- 55 Difficult situation
- 57 Pollutant banned by Cong. in 1979
- 58 www address
- 59 On top of everything else
- 60 Employ
- 61 Investigator, slangily

BREWSTER ROCKIT BY TIM RICKARD



STAT ATTACK



17'10.5"

TRACK AND FIELD

Red-shirt junior pole vaulter Mick Viken broke his own school record by clearing a height of 17-feet, 10.5-inches at the NCAA Last Chance Meet. Viken broke his old record by 2 inches. He placed second in the event based on number of attempts. Viken will join teammate red-shirt junior pole vaulter Jade Riebold as the only two Panthers to go to the NCAA Indoor Championships.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eastern women's basketball team's streak of 12 consecutive home wins ended with a 70-62 loss to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Saturday. The Panthers' last home loss was on Nov. 12, 2012, to Bradley. They are 12-2 in Lantz Arena this season. Eastern (19-10) has lost its last two games, but is the No.1 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Senior middle distance runner Britney Whitehead cracked the top in the women's mile run. She posted a time of 4:48.64, the second best time in Eastern's history. She placed ninth in the event at the NCAA Last Chance Meet. Whitehead topped her own second place all-time Eastern finish from early this season. She once broke the record for the mile, but fellow senior Erika Ramos broke it the following week.



VIEWS



Anthony Catezone

Team deserves standing

I saw a team overtaken by jubilee Saturday night.

The Eastern men's basketball team clinched an Ohio Valley Conference tournament berth for the first time since 2010.

But by the looks on the players' faces, you would have thought they had won the conference championship.

All 12 players of the Panthers' roster bolted toward the student section of Lantz Arena, directly behind the press table where I was sitting.

As I sat on the east sideline, staring at the players during the waning seconds of the game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, I couldn't help but think how the Panthers had arrived there.

And how they are justified to not only be so glee-stricken, but also justified to be the No. 7 seed in the OVC tournament.

It was recently brought to my attention that if Jacksonville State had not been banned from postseason play for low academic progress rate, then Eastern might not have made to the 2013 OVC Tournament.

Nobody knows how Jacksonville State's eligibility would have affected Eastern's postseason chances or the entire OVC schedule, for that matter.

But the most important thing is that the Gamecocks weren't eligible this season, so nobody had to worry about that — especially Eastern.

Jacksonville State still competed this season and finished with a respectable 8-8 conference record.

That would have had the Gamecocks as the No. 5 seed in this year's tournament.

Meaning the No. 8 seed Tennessee-Martin would have been the team to lose its spot in the tournament, not Eastern.

But just for the sake of an argument, Eastern took advantage of Jacksonville State's misfortune.

Regardless of the fact that Jacksonville State has an asterisk next to this season's record, it does not take away what Eastern managed to achieve.

Who is to say that Jacksonville State would have even made it to the tournament if it were eligible?

The Gamecocks were seemingly playing for nothing this year.

They had nothing to lose, so they played like it.

Eastern's men's basketball team, meanwhile, had immense pressure this season.

It consisted of a first year coaching staff and several players who never started an NCAA Division-I game.

For a team that once began the season 3-16 and 0-6 in conference play, an OVC tournament berth was almost unthinkable.

The pressure was evident.

But coach Jay Spoonhour and the Panthers managed to close the season with an 8-4 record, making them well deserved for a tournament berth.

Therefore, they earned the spot they have right now.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | GAME RECAP



JACOB SALMICH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alex Austin, a freshman guard, shoots a layup Saturday during the game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in Lantz Arena. The Panthers face Southeast Missouri Wednesday in Nashville during the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

PANTHERS SHOOT INTO OVC TOURNAMENT

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior guard Morris Woods passed the ball to senior guard Austin Akers, who scored an easy layup, capping off an Eastern 15-4 run that lasted through the first eight minutes of the game.

Layups may not always be easy, but they are a high percentage shot more often than not.

The Panthers took advantage of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville's defense, which was not doing a good job guarding the basket.

Eastern scored seven field goals in the 15-4 run, five of which came from layups.

Coach Jay Spoonhour's team ended the season shooting 43.6 percent in its field goal attempts, eighth in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But during the run against Edwardsville, the Panthers made 53.8 percent of their field goals (7-13).

The Panthers took 32 shots in the first half, nine more than when the Panthers first played Edwardsville in early February, when they lost 49-45.

Eastern not only shot the ball well in the first half, making 16-of-32 field goals, it defended the Cougars, forcing 10 Edwardsville turnovers.

Eastern had a great flow on offense as it did not commit a turnover in the first half and only had seven in the game, six fewer than what they averaged in the season.

"Different teams play different types of systems and (Edwardsville) was not really up in the passing lanes and was not pressuring us," Akers

said.

When the Panthers played the Cougars on Feb. 2, Edwardsville had 10 turnovers in the game, Eastern finished with a field goal percentage of 35.7 and most evident the Panthers were on the road.

Eastern won the regular-season finale 61-46, which cemented the Panthers into the No. 7 seed in the OVC tournament.

The fast run was propelled by emotion, Akers said.

"Taylor Jones brought all of Rochester with him and we were really excited to play for him," he said. "It was our last game at Lantz Arena and we wanted to put on (a show) for the fans."

Akers helped the Panthers build a 24-point lead at halftime, scoring eight points and adding four assists in the first 20 minutes.

More importantly, the senior was efficient, making 3-of-4 field goals and 2-of-3 3-pointers.

The Panthers as a team made five 3-pointers in the first half, one fewer than what they average in an entire game.

The Panthers had to play above their averages to win Saturday, and they did.

Eastern shot 4.6 percent higher in field goals and 5.1 percent higher from three-point range.

Eastern will play Southeast Missouri Wednesday night, which recently set an OVC record with 20 3-pointers in a 108-81 win against Austin Peay Feb. 28.

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SOFTBALL | GAME RECAP

Weather forces team to cancel

Panthers to head to Atlanta for weekend series

By Jack Sheehan
Staff Reporter

A successful Cardinal Classic resulted in a runner-up finish for the Panthers, one that had the team eager to play in this past weekend's Marshall Invitational and an opportunity for the Panthers to get over the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Unfortunately for Eastern, Mother Nature had other plans.

The Panthers made the decision not to travel to the invitational late Thursday before the weekend's games because of inclement weather that included below freezing temperatures and precipitation.

Junior Stephanie Maday said safety precautions for snow-covered roads also played a factor in the team's decision not to make the trip from Charleston to Huntington, W. Va., at Marshall University.

Even without the Panthers in the field at the invitational, the other teams still competed.

Host school Marshall dominated its opponents Buffalo and Robert Morris, going undefeated en route to a first-place finish on Sunday.

The Thundering Herd shut out Buffalo 5-0, followed by a 7-3 victory on Friday.

They then defeated Robert Morris twice again on Sunday to earn the weekend invitational crown, one of the victories coming in blow-out fashion, 11-3 in six innings.

Although the Panthers were not able to compete in the invitational, they were able to add two games to their schedule to make up for the lost games.

Those games will be against Georgia State University.

They will serve as a double-header and are set to take place at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday in Atlanta.

Georgia State sports a 12-8 record on the season. Sophomore Callie Alford, who has six home runs and a .703 slugging percentage on the year, leads Georgia State on offense.

Paige Nowacki also has eight home runs and 19 RBI for Georgia state. She has a slugging percentage of .609. Six players on Georgia State's roster have double-digit RBI.

Meanwhile, as a team, Eastern does not have a single home run this season — in eight games.

Senior Melise Brown leads the Panthers with a .542 slugging percentage.

The two-game series will come before Eastern's spring break tournament, the Florida Rebel Spring Games, which start on March 10.

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BASEBALL | PREVIEW

Inconsistency leads to changes

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Coach Jim Schmitz said as a rule of thumb in a college baseball season, about an error a game is expected.

The Panthers have made at least one error in nine of their 10 games — accumulating 16 in total — but over the last two games against Auburn, Eastern has made six errors, including four by Tyler Schweigert.

The shortstop had an error in the third and eighth innings Saturday, which contributed to three- and six-run rallies for the Tigers, in the Panthers' 14-7 loss.

Schweigert had not made an error prior to the second game of the series, but after the Panthers lost Sunday (8-2), the junior had compiled four errors in two games.

"We feel defensively that we need to get a little more consistent up the middle," Schmitz said. "It's just not the (errors), it's the double plays that we're not turning and it's a tough decision made by the staff, but we need to be better defensively."

Schmitz said sophomore infielder Dane Sauer will make the start at shortstop Tuesday afternoon against Vanderbilt, replacing Schweigert. Prior to the Auburn series, Eastern averaged a little over three-and-a-half runs per game, scoring 25 runs in seven games.

The Panthers left Auburn scoring 20 runs in the three-game series, which included an 11-10 win Friday night, which Schmitz said was driven by the batters' patience at the plate.

"Our guys were understanding that when you're behind, you have to get a good pitch to hit, you can't just be up there hacking," Schmitz said.

The Panthers walked eight times in their win against the Tigers, which was almost half the number of walks Auburn's pitchers had given up in their previous eight games (17).

Although the Panthers won the game, Schmitz was left with a dilemma after the game.

Jaden Widdersheim, who was named the closer a couple of days before the start of the season, has struggled in the closer's role, and nearly blew a four-run Eastern lead Friday night.

Widdersheim failed to record an out, facing three Auburn batters, allowing them all to score.

As a result, Schmitz said the team will now go to a bullpen by committee.

No relief pitcher will know if they will close on any given game, Schmitz said.

"We want to keep the pressure off of the relievers," he said.

With conference play starting two weeks earlier than in years past, he said the change needed to be made.

"It's a hard call, do you stay with (Widdersheim), do you switch it up," Schmitz said. "The Auburn win took



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Junior infielder Nathan Sopena tries for a double play after Southeast Missouri senior shortstop Kenton Parmley is thrown out at second during Eastern's 10-0 victory April 1, 2012, at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers play Vanderbilt Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn.

eight arms and we hope we don't have to use eight, but guys got out of jams and if that's what we have to do to get on a steady course, that's what we're going to do."

Widdersheim will make the start against Vanderbilt and if the Panthers want to walk out of Nashville with a win, they will have to play a complete game, Schmitz said.

"You hope against Vanderbilt that you play error-free baseball," he said. "We have given up way too many freebies; walks have been ridiculous. If you walk eight batters and make three or four errors against Vanderbilt, you're going to go home (with a loss)."

Eastern pitchers have surrendered 55 walks this season, the most in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers will face the Commodores, who have walked 73 times in their first 13 games of the season.

Vanderbilt is ranked second in the nation by Baseball America.

The Commodores have won nine games in a row, improving their record to 12-1 on the season.

First pitch is set for 4 p.m. at Charles Hawkins Field in Nashville, Tenn.

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