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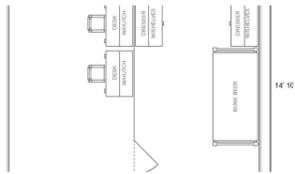
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CAMPUS

Kenyetta perform a powerful piece

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

After only two-and-a-half weeks of rehearsal, and learning six pieces from scratch, the members of the Kenyetta dance company performed the program entitled "Power."

The members of Kenyetta performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theater.

Nicole Clarke-Springer, the program's choreographer, said the first song of the program, "Nine," was created in 2009 and was inspired during her pregnancy.

"I felt like I was being pulled in nine different directions," Clarke-Springer said.

She said that she later developed the rest of the program to go along with "Nine."

"("Power") is about getting pulled through life to just about the breaking point, but still trying to keep your center," Clarke-Springer said. "Then towards the end there's a realization that the past is the past and it's time to move to the future. It's all right, it's a new world."

Clarke-Springer said this is her third time working as a guest choreographer for Kenyetta. She danced professionally for 10 years until becoming a choreographer in 2004. She said her favorite part of "Power" was the creation and rehearsal process.

"Once it gets on stage it's gone so quickly," said Clarke-Springer. "I'm always inspired whenever other people are inspired. Whatever ignites that passion is what makes me go."

Joe Musiel, a dancer with Kenyetta, said he was originally nervous about performing at Eastern because he was unsure of what the crowd would be



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The Kenyetta Dance Company opened their performance in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Theater with the dance "Nine", which was a company premiere Saturday.

like. But, after working with several Eastern students during a workshop 10 a.m. Saturday, he quickly became comfortable performing.

"The workshop was very fun, everyone was laid back and down to earth," Musiel said. "It set the tone for who I would be performing."

Musiel said that performing in "Power" was challenging for him because it was a different style than he was used to.

"It's called the black aesthetic dance," Musiel said. "There's more emphasis on who you are as a dancer and you personify that... I had to use more of the emotional side of dance in addition to the technical side."

Musiel said there were a few mess-ups with this performance.

"There's no perfect performance even though that's what we strive for," Musiel said.

Musiel said he began dancing

"on a whim" his senior year of high school. He wanted to continue but then ran into financial problems.

It was only after he found a sponsor with a woman from his church that he was able to continue studying dance at Indiana University. He joined Kenyetta through a friend who was involved with the group.

Taylor Blue, a Charleston resident, said the show was very dynamic.

"I heard about the show, it sounded amazing because it was just dancing, and I love dancing," Blue said. "I haven't been to a dance show in a long time... It made me want to move my body which is a wonderful thing, because the more you move your body the more happily you are living."

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CITY

Former Graywood employee pleaded guilty

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor

A former Graywood employee pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of a disabled man on Friday.

Daniel J. Clark, 24, pleaded guilty to criminal negligence of

a person with disabilities, Dustin Higgins, 21.

In 2008, Higgins was beaten in a Graywood group home at 1511 B St. in Charleston, according to police.

During a stipulated bench trial, Clark's defense attorney, Brett Olmstead, said that the state's attorneys had enough evidence to find Clark

guilty.

A sentence hearing is scheduled for April 1 where Clark could be sentenced to three to seven years or up to 14 years for his charges, said the Circuit Judge James Glenn.

Another defendant Christopher P. Oliver, a former Graywood employee, maintained his innocence Friday.

Oliver's defense attorney Thomas Brandstrader said his client is requesting separate counsel.

Oliver is charged with involuntary manslaughter and criminal negligence of a person with disabilities.

Oliver is also charged with first-degree murder and criminal abuse.

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UNIVERSITY

Former professor dies Sunday

Staff Report

Doug DiBianco, a former professor in the music department, died Sunday morning.

DiBianco served as a professor at Eastern for 33 years before retiring in the 2010 spring semester.

He was born in Manhattan, and grew up in the Bronx and Colorado; he studied music at Notre Dame and the University of Illinois.

While teaching at Eastern, DiBianco had controversy arise through complaints concerning his teaching techniques.

Four cases were investigated with one leading to a lawsuit, according to the Oct. 28, 2009 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*.

DiBianco was the adviser for Pride from its origin in 1992 until his retirement.

Services are being made through Caudill King Funeral Home; however no plans were finalized as of Sunday afternoon.

August 2008

Dustin T. Higgins was attacked at a Graywood group home at 1511 B St. He would die a few days later of injuries he suffered from the attack.

May 2009

Former Residents of Graywood, Edward E. Flexter and Robert T. Gardner, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery charges concerning Higgins' death.

Jan. 24, 2010

Paul McCann died at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center from injuries he suffered from a beating.

Feb. 4, 2011

Graywood employee, Daniel Clark pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and criminal negligence of person with disabilities concerning Higgins death. Christopher Oliver maintains his innocence and requests new counsel.

April 1, 2011

A sentence hearing scheduled for Clark.

November 2008

An arrest warrant was issued for former Graywood employees, Daniel J. Clark and Christopher P. Oliver, concerning Higgins' death.

Jan. 23, 2010

Keyun D. Newble and Marquis A. Harmon are arrested in connection with McCann's death.

Jan. 28, 2010

Illinois Department of Human Services starts the process to terminate Graywood's contract.

Feb. 28, 2011

A status hearing scheduled for Oliver.

EIU weather

TODAY



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TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy
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what's on tap

MONDAY

8 p.m. Pride meeting
Pride will have their weekly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Effingham Room in the MLK Jr. Union. Anyone is welcome to attend.

9 a.m. Senior portraits
Seniors can have their photos taken for the Warbler yearbook in the Charleston/Mattoon Room in the MLK Jr. Union.

TUESDAY

1 p.m. Resume critique
Career Services will be doing 15-minute resume critiques to help students perfect their resumes.

2 p.m. Microsoft workshop
Booth Library will host a hands-on session to help students learn new techniques in Microsoft Word 2007.

WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Mock interviews
Practice your interviewing skills with an actual recruiter in Career Services. Reservations are required.

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

ONLINE



Blog: Crazy comments

The DEN blog is starting up a new topic blog. Online Editor Julia Carlucci will discuss the most extreme comment of the week and its repercussions in the new Crazy Comment Blog. Read the first Crazy Comment Blog at DENnews.com.

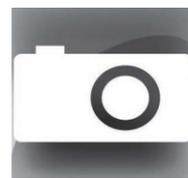


Photo Gallery: Super Bowl

Did you have a Super Bowl XLV party? So did most of Eastern. Check out the photo gallery to see photos from parties on and off campus. Find the photo gallery "Super Bowl XLV Parties" at DENNews.com.

Snow still affects drivers



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Taylor Peters, a junior psychology major, attempts to get his car to move from where it stuck in the snow Sunday. The snow is still affecting drivers even after the storm.

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EIU History Lesson

February 7

2008 Student Senate argued with the university to try to raise the required diversity awareness hours from three credit hours to six.

1994 Long-distance basketball shooters teamed up to take a shot at world hunger in the World Food Day Three-Point Shootout in Lantz Arena.

1989 Eastern's computers had to have parts of the hard drive removed after two different viruses shut the computers down.

HOUSING

Deluxe doubles available for fall semester

By Rachel Rodgers
 Campus Editor

The deluxe double room option is available for the first time in ten years at Eastern.

Mark Hudson, the director of the Housing and Dining Services, said the rooms are different because they have been modified with an adjoining door to connect the two rooms together.

"These rooms are designed to give students a little more elbow room and we are always looking for ways to meet students' needs," Hudson said. "The double as a single option is really popular so we thought this would be a nice little twist on that."

The deluxe double room option is the same cost for buying a triple room as a double.

The additional cost would be \$450 for each student.

Jody Stone, the assistant director of the Housing and Dining Services, said there is less pressure on occupancy space now so they have decided to bring back the option for the deluxe double rooms.

"There will be 15 deluxe doubles available on the north side of

the fourth floor of Thomas Hall and 15 available on the south side of the ninth floor of Andrews Hall," Stone said.

The deluxe double room consists of two desks, two beds and two dressers like regular double rooms.

"You are basically going to have one set of furniture in this two room set up so then you can do a lot of things like move all of the furniture to one room and then be free to bring a couch or TV into the other room and make it into more of like a living room," Hudson said.

No additional construction will be needed for the double deluxe rooms because the rooms were modified ten years ago when the option was first implemented.

"Everything is all set and ready to go," Stone said. "We will see what students think about the rooms and get their feedback and see if any changes need to be made."

Hudson said the rooms will be assigned according to priority students and those who signed an "Early Bird" contract will have priority first.

The option was not present on the "Early Bird" contract but if students are interested in adding the

"These rooms are designed to give students a little more elbow room."

Mark Hudson, director of the Housing and Dining Services

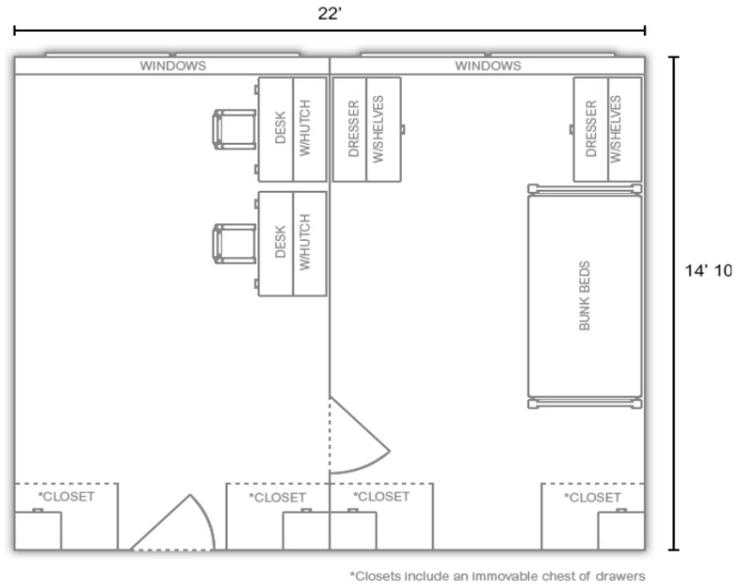
deluxe double room option to their preference sheet, then they can contact the Housing and Dining Services.

Stone said if the deluxe double rooms become incredibly popular then it could determine whether more are needed down the road.

Re-contracting for the fall 2011 school year starts today and the deluxe double room option is available.

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Deluxe Double Room:



SUBMITTED GRAPHIC FROM HOUSING AND DINING SERVICES

BRIEF

Booth library to host Franklin Tree seminar

Staff Report

Franklinia alataamaha, or the Franklin Tree, is a small, rare plant named after Benjamin Franklin who cultivated it in the Charleston area. The plant was discovered and collected by John Bartram, a friend of Franklin, and his son William, in October of 1765 in Georgia.

David Bell, the reference librarian for Booth Library, explained that the plant no longer exists in nature.

"If it hadn't been collected at that time it would be extinct," Bell said.

Bell said he is interested in gardening, so for the library's current Franklin exhibit, he planned a seminar on the Franklin Tree.

The seminar will be at 4 p.m. today in the library's conference room on the fourth floor.

Wesley Whiteside, a professor emeritus of botany, will speak about

the history of the plant, how it got its name and Franklin's experiences with botany. Specimens of the tree will be presented during the exhibit.

Bell explained that Whiteside lives in the Charleston area and has been growing the Franklin Tree, as well as a variety of other plants, in his five-acre botanical garden. He also said that Whiteside has been attempting to grow this "unique and amazing" plant for 10 to 15 years. Whiteside has 12 specimen; some are over 10 feet tall.

The plant is known for how difficult it is to raise, despite the fact that it can easily multiply through seeds or cuttings. Bell explained that the plant is "very particular, dry summers are bad and it needs lots of water."

The seminar was originally scheduled for 4 p.m. Jan. 31, but was rescheduled for its current time due to weather.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students to vote in Edwardsville

Nike Ogunbodede
 Student Government Editor

Brad Saribekian, a junior accounting major, issued a resolution during the last Student Senate meeting asking for a money allocation that will pay for two Eastern students to go to the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee conference.

Student representatives of Illinois public universities will travel to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on Feb. 12 to vote on behalf of their universities.

"There are certain things that universities do that have to go through board approval and (the Student Advisory Committee makes) recommendations to the board," said Saribekian, a junior accounting major.

The IBHE-SAC is made up of university students who meet six times a year in an effort to better higher education.

Saribekian, Illinois' public sector chair, along with a soon to be appointed Eastern voting delegate will travel Saturday to represent Eastern among

the other public sector universities.

"I work with students from almost every university: public, private, and community," Saribekian said.

According to the IBHE website, the IBHE analyzes the needs and requirements of Illinois higher education and modifies the master plan that guides development of the state's system of public and private colleges and universities.

"I will be requiring a full report if I am not able to go," said Anderson, a senior communication disorders and sciences major.

The voting delegates will vote as a student advisory committee and then will profess their views as a cohesive body, Anderson said.

"The voting delegate will be able to discuss with the other delegate about issues on the table," said Christy Anderson, the student executive vice president.

Illinois universities are broken up into three sectors: public, private and community.

"It's a way of breaking up the advisory committee so we can deal with issues

that directly affect us because things that affect the private sector might not affect the public," Saribekian said.

Saribekian was voted by other public sector voting delegates to act as the public advisory chair.

"Almost every single public university attends where as the private community colleges have not yet elected their chairs," he said.

"Eastern's strong point is that we have a good report with the administration not every university has that," Saribekian said.

Saribekian said he asked for \$492 to cover travel, room and food expensive coverage for a three-day stay, but the trip is now consolidated to one day.

The money allocation will be discussed during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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EDITORIAL

NJ Gov. is not likely to lure many Ill. businesses

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has launched an ad campaign in Illinois intending to lure businesses to relocate to his state.

This is in response to the increased corporate tax signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn Jan. 12.

It is doubtful Christie will have much success.

New Jersey's state and local tax burden rank first in the nation, according to an article in *The Daily Herald*.

The tax increase was desperately needed in Illinois.

The state faced a \$13 billion shortfall, the effects of which are being felt at every college in the state.

MAP grants were cut across the state, though Eastern covered the decrease on student's behalf.

We applauded the legislature for the bill, and for facing up to what has become one of the most difficult jobs for modern politicians: Telling their constituents the truth that taxes need to go up if we really want to tackle the deficit.

The tax increase provides the state much more confidence in its future financial stability, and more companies are moving in than moving out.

Christie has enough problems to deal with back home, and his economic approach of simply not delivering on promised tax relief or pension payments is not winning many hearts and minds back home.

He stopped a massive infrastructure project and lost his state thousands of jobs.

Christie's campaign to attract Illinois businesses is little more than political theater. Christie has long been grooming himself to be a major player in Republican politics.

Many believe he will make a run for president in 2012, and his current ad campaign gets his name in the headlines and depicts him as pro-business.

We believe his failed attempt to lure businesses from other states using taxpayer dollars will be remembered in any campaign in his future and will turn voters eyes toward his failures as a governor.

We welcome Gov. Christie to our beautiful state and we hope he enjoys what time he spends here.

To the people of New Jersey, we want to thank you for the tax dollars we'll get from all of the money your governor is spending on your behalf to polish his national image.

At some point, Christie will have to go back to his state and deal with its problems.

But we do appreciate the business.

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COLUMN

Obama sits and chats with Billy the Kid

Before the Super Bowl, President Obama sat down with Fox News host Bill O'Reilly for a widely anticipated interview.

Since it was announced over a month ago, pundits on both sides wondered what the confrontation between the cool-headed president and the temperamental host would look like.

O'Reilly is well known for shouting down guests on his show, "The O'Reilly Factor," telling those who disagree with him to shut up and cutting the mics of those who bring out the temper-tantrum-throwing 10-year-old boy that lurks just below the surface.

O'Reilly also takes any opportunity to distinguish "real Americans," conservative Christians who live in states that don't touch large bodies of water, from liberal elites who just happen to be in America. And he doesn't leave it up to the viewers, which camp he believes the president to be in.

So how would the interview go? Obama has done several interviews with Fox News, despite the biased attacks the network levies at the president on a daily basis.

But why would he choose to sit down with Bill the bigoted bully? What good could come from an interview with a man who makes his living hurling insults at Obama?

For the past two years, Obama has given pre-game interviews with the network airing the big game. He sat down with CBS's Katie Couric last year and NBC's Matt Lauer the year before.



Dave Balson

Fox aired the Super Bowl this year and chose O'Reilly to do the interview.

It's hard to say, watching the interview, that Obama much enjoyed his Sunday evening chat with O'Reilly.

But watching the president trying to have a grown-up conversation with a guy who was intent on trapping him into saying something un-American was by far the best of the pre-game entertainment.

O'Reilly resisted the temptation to ask the commander-in-chief what about his Communist background made him hate American grandmothers, opting instead to make his first few questions about Egypt.

To his credit, O'Reilly thanked the president for helping secure the release of two Fox journalists who were assaulted and detained by pre-government forces in Egypt.

It was obvious early on; however, that Reilly had no intentions to let the president finish a thought, much less a sentence.

Still, Obama held his own.

When O'Reilly asked him to pick a winner for the Super Bowl, Obama responded, "Once my Bears lost, I don't pick sides."

Sensing an opportunity to reveal Obama's distaste for the great American sport, O'Reilly said, "So, you don't care?"

O'Reilly spent a lot of the 14-minute interview interrupting Obama and trying to put words in his mouth.

O'Reilly's constant interruptions would have seemed rude and amateurish no matter who the subject was. And it is the job of a journalist-if we could be so kind to O'Reilly by calling him that—to press the president for answers at every opportunity.

But to have 15 minutes to ask questions to the leader of the free world, it's probably wise to let him respond once in awhile.

In the end, both men walked away having gained something. For Obama, he got 15 minutes of airtime in front of the largest television audience of the year. He entered the arena with with one of his most vocal critics and emerged unscathed.

For O'Reilly, half of the country got to watch him try really, really hard to practice grown-up talk.

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMNS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Degrees need to give students an advantage

By **Alyssa Prac**
Northern Star - Northern Illinois University

In order to be a doctor, you need to get through medical school. In order to be a lawyer, you need to pass the bar exam.

I completely support having requirements such as these because I would not want someone performing surgery on me who is not familiar with the human anatomy, or someone who received their knowledge from watching Law & Order marathons defending me in court.

Society convinces us that if we pay thousands of dollars to go to college and get a degree, we can do whatever we want.

In some professions; however, it seems a little unfair.

As a journalism major, for example, I am devoting time and money to attend a university while someone can go online, post a blog and be considered a journalist.

It is almost as if I would be better off getting a Tumblr account than wasting four years and thousands of dollars.

Nevertheless, I still feel that people should have the proper knowledge about any subject that they plan on devoting their career to.

Degrees or experience should be required for all skilled professions.

I would not want to listen to someone who is running for office, but has never been involved in politics; nor would I want to be taught by a teacher who cannot write a grammatically correct sentence.

Yes, I understand that college is not for everyone and some are faced with financial obstacles, but I am merely saying that whatever the profession may be, the person should be fully qualified for it.

Whether it be the little piece of paper that states you were at some type of college for two to four years, or the fact that you have accumulated an adequate amount of work experience, these accomplishments should give

someone an advantage in their search for jobs.

It might not be as important now, but later on, you will notice the difference that having a degree can make, specifically when it comes to receiving your paycheck.

According to a report from the U.S. Census Bureau titled, "The Big Payoff: Educational Attainment and Synthetic Estimates of Work-Life Earnings," "high school graduates can expect, on average, to earn \$1.2 million; those with a bachelor's degree, \$2.1 million and people with a master's degree, \$2.5 million."

While this is encouraging to those of us who are working toward degrees, the gap will lessen significantly if employers do not retain higher education as a requirement.

I am not saying that every job necessarily needs a degree; the degree helps prove that you are qualified.

But if you don't have the means to go to college, then be sure to prove that you are suited for the job.

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BRIEF

Race and freedom in the Atlantic to be discussed at Doudna

Charles Foy, a history professor, is presenting "Freedom/Unfreedom in the Black Atlantic" at 5 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

"Freedom/Unfreedom in the Black Atlantic" will address the treatment of black mariners, both free and enslaved, by European countries in the 18th-century Atlantic.

The duration of the lecture is expected to last 45 minutes and, after-

wards, the audience can participate in an open discussion.

The focus of the lecture is on the attitudes of race and freedom during the 1700s.

The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Translational Humanities and the African American Heritage Month committee.

Foy is the first scheduled speaker for the Center for Translational Humanities Speaker Series.

STATE

2 children dead in house fire

ROXANA, Ill. — Two young children trapped inside a burning house died overnight, even as firefighters in the small southwest Illinois community of Roxana made several attempts to rescue them, fire officials said Sunday.

Roxana Fire Chief Daryl Trask said the fire broke out late Saturday night in a two-story house with three apartments. A couple living in an upstairs apartment was able to escape the burning building with a 6-week-old baby, but a 6-year-old and 5-year-old were trapped inside.

When firefighters arrived, the couple told them about the children, and fire-

fighters tried several times to get inside but intense smoke and heat kept them from getting into the building, Trask said.

The children were pronounced dead Sunday at Alton Memorial Hospital. Authorities have not released their identities, and it wasn't clear whether the couple was related to them.

The fire wasn't considered suspicious, Trask told The (Alton) Telegraph. The apartment did not appear to have working smoke detectors, he added.

The Madison County Coroner's office confirmed the deaths Sunday and said autopsies were pending.

Roxana police did not offer further details.

Trask said the fire is believed to have started in a kitchen on the second floor. The second floor and roof were extensively damaged. Residents in other apartments were able to safely escape.

Roxana is a community of about 1,500 people about 20 miles northeast of St. Louis.

The Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office was to investigate the cause of the fire, Trask said. Messages left for the office Sunday weren't immediately returned.

Snowstorm depletes city snow budgets

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Platoons of snow plows and end loaders worked the streets of Joliet last week, scooping up snow that had swallowed the city and carrying it to vacant lots dubbed "snow farms" to await higher temperatures.

The cost of digging out from 18.5 inches of snow? Some \$450,000 — a major blow to the city's budget.

Cities across Illinois were hammered financially by last week's blizzard. Officials in several cities say they've used all the money set aside for snow removal, meaning any response to future storms will probably end up requiring cuts elsewhere in the budget.

"When the snow hits, it hits. You have to try to remove it," said Larry Frang, executive director at the Illinois Municipal League. "More plowing snow this month may mean less filling potholes next month."

Illinois cities, like state government, are already struggling. Local tax revenues are down, demand for

some services is up and the state is behind in paying cities their share of state taxes. Even something as basic as road salt has doubled in price, officials say.

Many cities had scaled back during the recession, which left them underfunded for an unusually snowy winter and short of both salt and staff when the blizzard hit. The Illinois Department of Transportation also started helping out three years ago, when salt prices soared, by plowing state routes in some poorer cities.

Joliet officials said hiring outside contractors accounted for more than half their snow-removal tab last week.

Contractors also cost the city of Champaign. Elizabeth Hannan, administrative services manager, said the city paid contractors \$120 to \$150 an hour. City workers receive between \$115 and \$144 an hour when benefits and other costs are factored in, she said.

Some cities were in trouble even before the blizzard.

Bellefonte Mayor Mark Eckert said his city had already plowed through its snow budget. Large snowfalls on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve forced the city to pay employees double for overtime instead of the usual time-and-a-half, he said, and now that money will have to come from some other part of the city budget.

"Hopefully you don't have to dig too far in the cash register," Eckert said. "I've been preaching to department heads all year long for two years that just because it's in the budget doesn't mean we have to spend it."

Michael Norris, Springfield director of public works, said the city's overtime budget was cut by 25 percent in the past two years. With the city's fiscal year nearly over, Springfield had exhausted its overtime budget even before the storm. He said the city will have to find ways to

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stretch other resources to pay for the emergency snow work.

"All municipalities are faced with very similar issues of cutting back," Norris said.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said he doesn't know how much the storm will wind up costing but he doubts it will hurt the city's budget.

Some Illinois cities said they've stayed within their means when it comes to snow.

David Barber, Peoria public works director, said he expected to stay under budget this year despite the city cutting \$14 million from the general fund each of the past two years. He said the city had to lay off workers, use more sand instead of salt and

hire outside contractors, but said it was the proper prescription for a belt-tightening city.

Richard G. Marley, Decatur public works director, said the city has never "been extravagant" with salt by only addressing primary roads, major intersections and hills. Other costs have stayed low as well, he said.

"We are halfway through winter and our budget for overtime is just dandy," Marley said.

Dean Barber, Mattoon public works director, said this winter has been more expensive for overtime and labor, but that the city likely will not surpass its budget.

Many Illinois cities were not that fortunate.

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Originally, Clark was charged with first-degree murder and criminal abuse, but the charges were dropped as part of the agreement with the state attorney's office.

A status hearing for Oliver is scheduled for Feb. 28.

Oliver was originally scheduled for a stipulated bench trial but opted out and instead is seeking trial.

Clark could also be asked to testify against Oliver during Oliver's trial, said Assistant State attorney Rob Scales.

Clark's testimony is part of the

agreement with the state attorney's office.

Two former Graywood residents have pleaded guilty to aggravated battery charges in connection with Higgins' death.

Edward E. Flexter and Robert T. Gardner are serving their sentence of two and half years in an Illinois Department of Human Services facility.

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NATION

2 arrested in fatal fraternity house shooting

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Two men angry over a dispute at an Ohio fraternity house party left the gathering and returned early Sunday, spraying bullets into a crowd and killing a Youngstown State University student who was trying to separate two groups, authorities said. Eleven other people were injured, including a 17-year-old with a critical head wound.

The men were arrested and

charged later Sunday with aggravated murder, shooting into a house and 11 counts of felonious assault, Youngstown police Chief Jimmy Hughes said. The suspects are in their early 20s and from the Youngstown area, but Hughes withheld their names pending further investigation.

"These guys were in the location for a little while before the shooting occurred," he said. "Something hap-

pened that they became unhappy. They had some type of altercation."

The shooting occurred at a two-story brick house in a neighborhood of once-elegant homes, many of which are now boarded up. The house party had been bustling with 50 or more people early Sunday, Hughes said.

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TRACK & FIELD

School records fall at invite

Boey and Gingerich set new marks

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

Two Eastern school records fell last weekend as the Panthers traveled to South Bend for the Notre Dame Meyo Invite.

Red-shirt junior Zye Boey took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.89 seconds to break his own previous record of 20.93 seconds, which he set in 2009.

Boey beat out Stanley Azie of Illinois to secure the win. Boey defeated Azie at last weekend's Illinois Intercollegiate in the same event to win the 200-meter dash.

Boey also competed in the 60-meter dash, where he took second place for the first time this season. Boey recorded a time of 6.85 seconds. He fell short to Michael Granger of Mississippi, who ran a 6.67 second time. Granger is currently ranked No. 14 in the NCAA in the men's 60-meter dash.

On the women's side, red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich took seventh place in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.96. The mark breaks an Eastern record of 2:12.54, which had been held since 1987 by Lauren Lynch.

Sofie Persson of Mississippi took second place in the event with a time of 2:06.77. The junior currently holds the No. 4 fastest women's 800-meter time in the NCAA. The event was won by Holli Hosch of Northern Iowa with a time of 2:06.31.

"For me personally, it's just about

doing the best I can. It's not just about 'Oh, I have to get this record or run this time', for me it's about knowing I'm competing and putting forth my best effort and seeing the results that come from the hard work I put in at practice," Gingerich said.

After posting a top five all-time school mark in the women's 800-meter event last week, sophomore Erika Ramos again put her name on the Eastern all-time list with a 5:01.61 time in the one mile run.

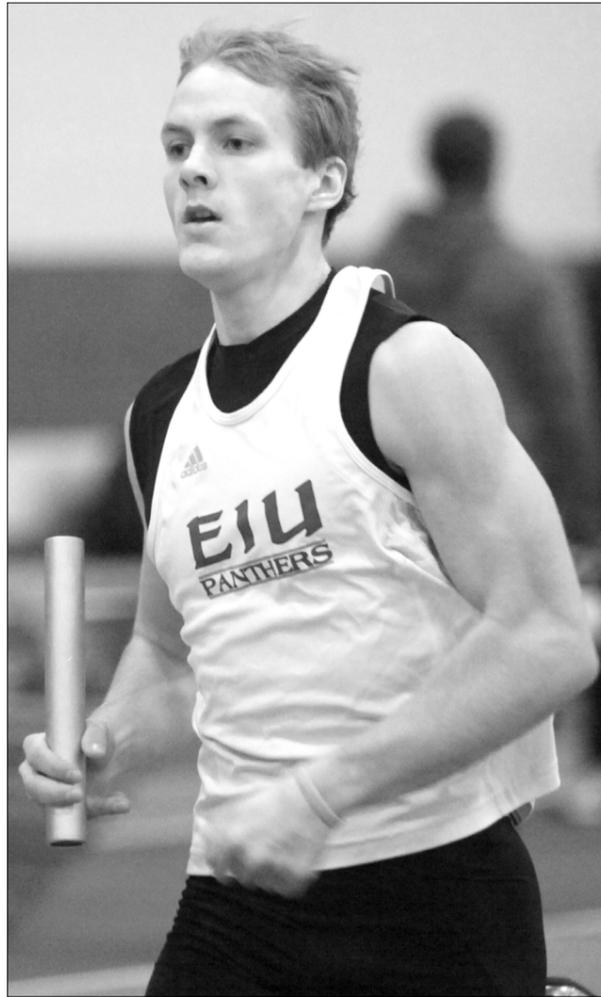
Ramos took ninth in the event, but the time currently ranks sixth on the Eastern all-time list. Teammate Bridget Sanchez placed second in the 400-meter run with a time of 56.37. The mark gives the junior the second fastest time in Eastern history for the event.

Senior Darren Patterson also moved into fourth place on the all-time Eastern list with his fourth place finish in the men's 400-meter relay. Patterson recorded a time of 47.94. The men's 4x400 team of senior Darren Patterson, freshman Cody Boarman, senior Preston Smith and red-shirt senior Patrick Torrici took fifth place with a time of 3:14.20. The time now stands as the No. 5 fastest on the all-time Eastern list.

Red-shirt freshman Mick Viken took first place in the men's pole vault with a mark of 17-foot-0.72-inches. Viken remains just short of taking the Eastern record, which he tied last week.

The Panthers will look to compete again at next week's Iowa State Classic.

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Reid Basting, a junior sprinter, runs the men's 4x800-meter relay Jan. 22, 2010 during the EIU Mega Meet in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

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Bos said that several of the seniors had big performances in the final dual meet of their Panther career.

"Megan Eshleman had a good meet, a really good 1000-Free and won that. Alyssa Lehman had two good swims today. Sofia Pappanastos, as far as in-season times, was about as good as she's been, so they swam really well," Bos said. "Ian Hoppie had his best 1000-Free of the season, so I think it was a good way for them to go out. I wish the girls could have won with their last meet here. It was a good competitive meet; St. Louis is a tough team and I think we competed well against them."

The Panthers are continuing to back off in their training with regards to yardage swam in practice so their bodies can heal up for the Summit League Championships Feb. 16-19 in Indianapolis.

"There's definitely a difference between what we've done these last three weeks as far as our meets go. As we rest in practice we're getting faster," Bos said. "We're starting to see people look a lot better during the week, training-wise. I think we're in a good spot right now and really happy about where we're at."

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At halftime, the score was 26-26, but Sallee said he was ready for the first half to be over with a while before the half ended.

Sallee said his tone at halftime was softer than normal because he was focused on challenging his players and getting them focused on winning the game.

"There was no screaming, no yelling, it was very to-the-point, there were a lot of challenges in the room in terms of different individuals and how I thought they were playing," Sallee said.

The offense clicked, out-

scoring the Redhawks 48-23 in the second half, on its way to winning its third consecutive game.

With the win, the Panthers have reclaimed a winning record overall this season at 12-11.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Losing streak grows to four

Hot-shooting SEMO beats Panthers for second time

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Southeast Missouri State entered Lantz Arena on a six game losing streak, and its tremendous shooting in the first 13 minutes would lead it to its sixth victory of the year.

Eastern's men's basketball team lost to SEMO for the second time this season, after the Redhawks shot over 70 percent for the first 13 minutes of the game. The hot shooting put SEMO up by 14 with 7:27 remaining in the first half. The Panthers would not see the lead for the rest of the game.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the team played well, but it is tough to win when the opponents shoot that well from the field.

"(SEMO) made some hard shots early and they got out in front of us a little bit," Miller said. "Every time we got back into the game, we would have a breakdown and they would capitalize on it."

The Redhawks hot shooting continued throughout the game as they finished the game shooting 52 percent from the field. Eastern did not fair as well shooting the ball, as it finished the game shooting 41 percent.

Miller said every time the Panthers would cut into the lead, it seemed SEMO had an answer for them.

Eastern struggled to get to the foul line for the second consecutive game. Against Jacksonville State, the Panthers attempted five free throws, while against the Redhawks they attempted 10, making seven. SEMO was 18-25 from the foul line.

Miller said the free throw discrepancy was one of the main reasons the Panthers lost.

"We are not putting enough pressure on the defense because we are not getting to the foul line," Miller said.

Despite the loss, junior guard Jeremy Granger tied his career-high with 29 points. He also added four rebounds, two steals and he made four shots from the three-point line.

The loss extends the Panthers losing streak to four games and brings their overall record to 8-14 and their OVC record to 4-8, while SEMO improves to 6-17 overall and 5-8 in conference.

The Panthers have a quick turnaround as the take on the defending OVC champion Murray State, today at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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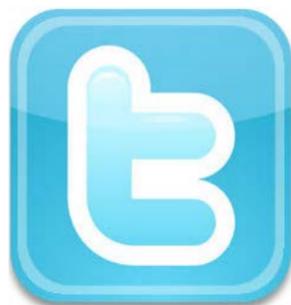


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Alex McNamee

Crunk-Hill rivalry another layer of OVC

When comparing the Big East Conference to the Ohio Valley Conference, sure the Big East has better talent, crowds and national exposure, but there is one positive for the OVC: a minute recruiting pool.

This is a good thing, because it can establish camaraderie between teams and players on those teams. With women's basketball teams from the Big East, such as Connecticut and Notre Dame, coaches recruit players from all over the nation, like a bunch of different colored bugs asked to come to a school and turn into one united color — like blue.

When you put Connecticut and Notre Dame together in one arena, you have a bunch of players who only know each other based on their impressive statistics. Thursday, when Eastern and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville competed in Lantz Arena, there was much more on the line than improving stats and records.

Like all teams in the OVC, the Panthers and Cougars recruit from the same kiddo pool. When you are only recruiting against conference teams in a select few states, you run into situations like the one Jordyne Crunk and Jazmin Hill were in Thursday as high school teammates on different college teams.

It is easy not to realize this sort of thing is happening in the OVC, but it really is, and it is good for the conference to have player-to-player rivalries rooted from being on the same high school team.

Not only is it good for the conference, but it is interesting to write about, fun to talk about and exciting to experience, especially for the players involved.

"It was really funny, we talked trash during the week," Crunk said.

Crunk and Hill went to Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, which is only about a 30-minute drive away from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where Hill ended up out of high school. With Belleville and Edwardsville being near-neighborhood towns, Crunk did not only know Hill personally, she knew most of the team.

"SIU-E is really close to my home and I played a lot with those girls in the summer, so I knew how they played," Crunk said.

Unlike Big East players, the OVC has Crunk and Hill, along with other situations like this one, who are already close friends coming into the game, having played on the same team in high school.

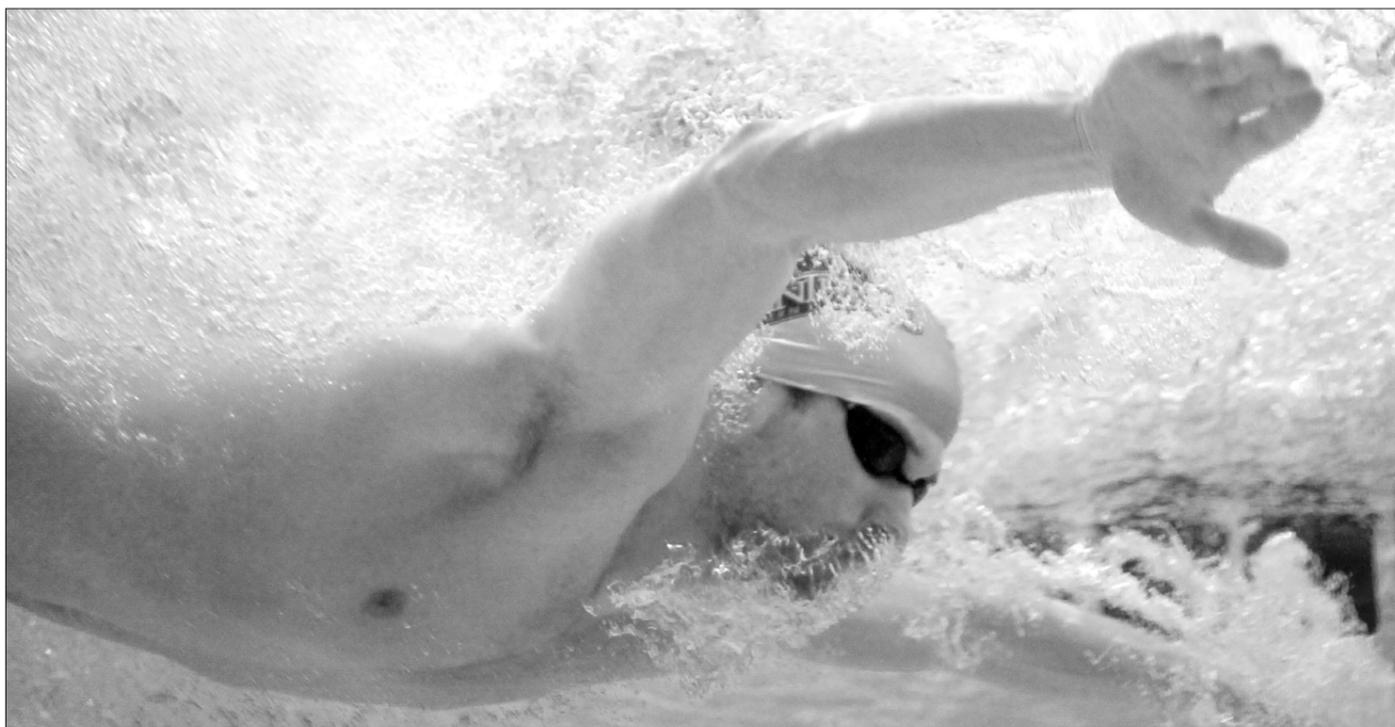
It is that kind of camaraderie that makes the OVC what it is. When you have players who know each other as well as Crunk and Hill do, it makes for better games, because those players will be even more excited to play than they would be just playing a regular conference game.

Having played on the same high school team, the same person who coached them is what makes the Crunk-Hill rivalry truly unique. Crunk's mom, Lori, was their coach for all four years of high school. Both Lori and Jordyne's dad, RJ, were at the game Thursday to root on their freshman daughter, as she outplayed one of Althoff Catholic's other former star pupils.

Crunk and Hill are both freshman and budding stars. The good news for the OVC is this personal rivalry can only get more intense with time.

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SWIMMING



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Matt O'Hagan, a junior breaststroke swimmer, races in the men's 200-yard individual medley Saturday against Saint Louis University in the Ray Padovan Pool. The men beat Saint Louis 104-101. (Danny Damiani | The Daily Eastern News)

Panthers split meet with Saint Louis

Team prepares for conference

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

The Panther swim teams finished up their dual meet season this past

weekend, hosting Saint Louis University in Padovan Pool at Lantz Arena.

The Panther men came out on top Saturday, with a close final score of 104-101. Meanwhile, the Panther women were bested by the Billikens with a final score of 132-72.

Head Coach Matt Bos said he thought the meet with Saint Louis

University went very well and was a good way for the Panthers to close out their regular season.

"I think it was good, they raced pretty well, I think we did too. We're both about 12 days away from our conference meet so I think we're both kind of in the same situation," Bos said.

Before the meet got underway, the Panther teams honored seven departing seniors, including Ian Hoppie, Nathan Moritz, Matt Scaliatine and Cody Showers for the men, and Megan Eshleman, Alyssa Lehman and Sofia Pappanastos on the women's side.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team rises to challenge

Team steamrolls Redhawks in second half

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Led by the hot shot of sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss in the second half, Eastern's women's basketball team rose to the challenge head coach Brady Sallee had laid out for it.

Wyss' 17 points led the team to a 74-49 win against Southeast Missouri Saturday, as the Panthers shot 50 percent from the field in the second half, and 83 percent from the three-point line.

Wyss was 5-of-8 from beyond the arc and 2-of-2 at the free throw line. She drained four consecutive three-pointers in the second half before missing one late in the game.

The team rose to Sallee's challenge at halftime, but Wyss had been challenged well before the game to start taking more shots.

During practice Friday, Sallee said he saw Wyss pass up a few shots that he wanted her to take. When he saw her passing instead of shooting, he challenged her.

"I just walked by her and said, 'Look, we need you to shoot the ball,'" Sallee said. "She's one of

our top offensive weapons and she doesn't get enough shots in games."

In the locker room before Saturday's game, Sallee said he asked Wyss if she would listen to him in the game and take her shot.

"She goes, 'Yeah coach, I got this,'" Sallee said. "I thought she came out really aggressive. She was hunting for opportunities."

Sallee said sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon was doing a good job of helping Wyss create shots throughout the game. Wyss said she knows Nixon is always looking for her on the offensive end.

"Right now she says she is really confident in my ability to shoot and I'm really confident with my shot," Wyss said. "I know when she penetrates and draws the defense to be ready for the ball because she is looking for me."

Nixon had seven assists in the game, and added 12 points and eight rebounds.

So Wyss answered her coach's call, as did the rest of the team as it bounced back from shooting 30 percent in the first half to over 70 percent 10 minutes into the second half.

"Our halftime talk got to all of us," Wyss said. "We knew the first half wasn't the way we needed to finish the game and you can't finish a game playing that way."

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Chantelle Pressley, a junior forward, makes a shot and scores for the team against the SEMO defense Saturday in Lantz Arena. Eastern beat SEMO 74-49.

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