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UNIVERSITY

# Perry agrees not to re-name Douglas Hall

By Shelley Holmgren Administration Editor

The semester-long debate surrounding the renaming of Douglas Hall may finally have a resolution. President Bill Perry has decided to agree with the University Naming Committee's decision to not re-name Douglas Hall to honor abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

"To come to the decision it required a lot of thought, background work, conversations with people and reading," Perry said.

Perry said he came to this decision by reviewing the many components of the ongoing discussion, including the original proposal, authored by English professor Christopher Hanlon, archival information from Booth Library regarding the initial naming of the Lincoln-Douglas housing complex in 1951, as well as commentary given by historical scholar Stewart Winger of Illinois State University.

In his arguments, Hanlon has proposed that it is not appropriate to name the hall after Douglas, due to his pro-slavery legislative record and racist comments.

Other key opinions considered by Perry were the resolutions passed by the various university governance groups.

On Dec. 2, the Residence Hall Association voted unanimously against the name change. Additionally, only one member of Douglas hall council voted in favor of changing the name.

After some debate, the Student Senate also voted against the name change on Nov. 17.

However, members of Faculty Senate agreed with Hanlon's proposal and supported the name change with a vote of nine approvals, one opposed, four abstentions on Nov. 9.

One of the biggest aspects of this debate occurred when the Naming Committee voted against the name change with a 5-0 vote on Dec. 6

Although the Naming Committee voted against the proposal, there was much discussion in what could be done to clarify the buildings' namesake for the Lincoln-Douglas debates, rather than Stephen Douglas.

Perry has decided to ask Blair Lord, the vice president for academic affairs, and Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, to collaborate with the various groups on campus to develop a display for the Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas Complex.

These groups include: Graduate Program in Historical Administration, the Center for Translational Humanities and the Department of

Perry has also asked that the Coles County Historical Society be consulted during the display development.

As it stands, no further action will be required from the Board of Trustees. Perry plans on focusing his next efforts to begin the planning stages for the historical display, which will be funded by gift funds, rather than appropriated funds, he added.

The naming of Lincoln and Douglas occurred on Feb. 6, 1951, by an approval vote by former Eastern President Robert Guy Buzzard to "honor the historical debate that took place in this community," according to meeting minutes from the time

In response to Perry's decision, Hanlon said, "I appreciate President Perry for his careful consideration of this matter, and I continue to believe that the name of Douglas Hall distorts history and reflects poorly on Eastern."

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CITY

# Reductions in pensions will impact city

# New laws went into effect Jan. 1

By Elizabeth Edwards

City Editor

Reductions in pensions will impact the city of Charleston in the long run, said city manager Scott Smith.

As of Jan. 1, a new pension system expands the retirement age for new public servants including fire-fighters, police officers and teachers.

New teachers, firefighters and police officers will be required to work five years longer.

Smith said the new law will not have a short-term affect on the city, but he expects the law will have an impact in the future.

"We will not recognize immediate savings. The law will help the city reduce their tax obligation in the future," Smith said.

The new law will only apply to

new hires that are not already part of the old pension plan.

New firefighters and police officers will be expected to serve a minimum of 20 years of service.

Mary Jo Eberspacher, a secondary education professor, said the pension reductions could have negative affects on the future of the Illinois educational system.

"We often lose our best and most energetic in the teaching profession because they can make more money, better benefits in other professions," Eberspacher said.

The new laws are titled Two-tier Pension Reform and Public Safety Pension Reform.

The new laws will not affect public servants already part of a pension plan.

Another law that was enacted Jan. 1 was a new political signs law. Prohibition of Political Signs re-

Prohibition of Political Signs requires the city to allow outdoor political campaign signs on residential property at anytime. However the

# Laws affecting Charleston

- Sex Offender Registration -SB 2462
- Two-Tier Pension Reform SB 1946
- Public Safety Pension Reform SB 3538
- Sex Offender Registration SB 3176
- Prohibition of Political Signs HB 3785

city can regulate the size of the sign.

Two new laws affecting sex offender registration were also put into effect Jan. 1. An amendment to the sex offender registration now requires sexual predators to register at a law enforcement agency if the person is living in a municipality for three days. The original law required sex offenders to register with a law enforcement agency by the fifth day. The other amendment will require sex offenders to report a copy of the terms and conditions of their parole to a law enforcement agency.

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#### FINE ARTS

# Photographer captures difference makers

By Sara Hall

Staff Reporter

Paola Gianturco, an author and photographer, gave a presentation on the photographs from her book "Women Who Light the Dark"

These photographs document Gianturco's encounters with women all over the world who were able to make a difference. She said she spent five years traveling to 23 countries to meet these women.

Gianturco said she was also inspired to create a book dealing with women, despite publishers' opinions that the book would not sell.

"I couldn't find any books about women around the world," she said. "Publishers told me (people) would not be interested. It turns out that people actually were."

The women in these books were able to pursue their work through funds from the Global Fund for Women.

"This organization run by women for women's rights," Gianturco said. "(They) provide grants to women in over 160 countries."

Gianturco said she decided to donate 100 percent of her royalties from this book to Global Fund for Women because she supports its cause.

"I like what they do as well as how they do it," she said. "They are making the world a better place.

Gianturco said she first became interested after reading about women who worked to send their



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Paola Gianturco, an author and photographer, speaks about different women from countries around the world and tells their stories during her "Women Who Light the Dark" presentation Wednesday night in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

children to school when they could not afford anything else.

"They are heroic, and I wanted to document that," she said.

Gianturco traveled to Zimbabwai. She explained that in this country, 20 percent of the population has AIDs, and men are advised to have sex with little girls to cure themselves.

To channel their pain, Guianturco said the girls use poetry as their weapon. They write poems about their rapes and perform them in public meetings. In one instance, a girl's poem was able to convict her rapist and have him

sent to jail.

In Vietnam, Gianturco said women are frequently faced with domestic violence. She said through the grants they received, a group of women was able to set up a hotline for psychological and emotional counseling.

"These groups allow the women to regain their confidence and have fun again," she said.

Gianturco also photographed an Indian woman who taught children who worked to make money at train platforms. Gianturco said this type of teaching has expanded to 12 train station platform schools.

Gianturco said the women in her book are meant to inspire and stand as a positive reminder to the readers.

"(These) women might have nothing material, but they have imagination," she said.

Those interested in seeing more of Gianturco's work can attend her gallery talk on her exhibition "Celebrating Women" at 4 p.m. today at the Tarble Arts Center.

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# **EIU weather**

**FRIDAY** 





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Mostly Cloudy High: 27° Low: 23°

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# what's on tap

**THURSDAY** 

#### 4 p.m. Paola Gianturco exhibition

Paola Gianturco will speak about her exhibition and her book Celebrating Women in the Tarble Arts Center.

7:30 p.m. Peer Education Session

The session will take place in the Buzzard Auditorium and educate students on financial health.

FRIDAY

#### All day deadline to add classes

Friday is the deadline for students to add classes.

#### 1:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The board should immediately go into executive session following roll call at 1 p.m. The open session will begin after the executive session. The agenda, table of contents and board report are available at http://eiu.edu/~trustees/.

## 6 p.m. Miss Black and Gold pageant

The Zeta Nu chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is hosting the 2011 Miss Black and Gold 2011 Scholarship Pageant. The pageant is themed "A Night in Paris" and will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Union.

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

# 35 seconds to remember



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Kevin Martin, a graduate student in business administration, bangs a pan as part of the Haitian tradition of "bat teneb," meaning "to beat back darkness." Martin and others gathered to commemorate the one year anniversary of the earthquake on Wednesday outside the Doudna Fine Arts Center, at 3:53 p.m. for 35 seconds, the length of the earthquake.

**CAMPUS** 

# Senior portraits moved to February

The Warbler yearbook senior portraits for today and Friday have been postponed until February.

The new portrait days are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 7, 8 and 10 in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and on Feb. 9 in the Arcola Room.

Starting Jan. 17, students can sign up for time slots at www.ouryear.com by entering in the university code 1611.

# **BLOTTER** Student arrested for cannabis possession

- At 11:49 p.m. Monday, it was reported that a debit card had been fraudulently used at an off campus location. This incident is under investigation.
- At 7:53 p.m. Tuesday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Carman Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.
- At 2:56 a.m. Wednesday, Patrick Dicken, 19, 4050 Rose Ave., Western Springs, was arrested at Taylor Hall. He was charged with possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released at 4:10 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond.
- At 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, a disorderly conduct was reported at Taylor Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

## **CORRECTION**

In Tuesday's issue of The Daily Eastern News a headline was incorrect on Page 1.

Murnane pleaded guilty to battery charges. The DEN regrets the error.

\$4 Red bull Vodka

\$3 Margaritas \$4 Pineapple up/dn Martini

\$2 Rails

Friday

**Thursday** 

\$4 Long Islands *\$3 Coronas* \$4 Pitchers

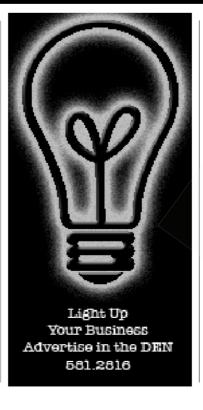
\$4 Mint Chocolate Martinis

Saturday

\$2 Domestics \$8 UV Pitchers \$3.50 Bacardi Mixers \$3 Whiskey DOUBLES

Free Pool 8-11 \$1.00 Pabst Drafts & \$2 "Stu's Shooters" Every Night!

Tacabada Stu's Charleston Lounge & Loft 8-1 Thursday - Saturday Tacabada group Stu's Stu's Stu's Club Thursday - Saturday 10-1



# **EIU History Lesson**

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1994

Officials Eastern were opposed to a proposal by Champaign officials to raise the Champaign bar entry age from 19 to 21 would cause University of Illinois students to flock to Eastern. At the time Charleston's bar entry age was 19.

1988

Thirteen members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity received letters of dismissal on Christmas Eve the Daily Eastern News reported. The national chapter determined the members were not living up Pi Kappa Alpha standards.

1978

Eastern President Daniel Marvin began preparations for a two-week trip to Taiwan to meet with educators and government officials. He was invited by the president of the Kaohsiung Teachers College, which Eastern had an exchange program with.

FYHIRIT

# Exhibit opens with Ben Franklin

By Rachel Rodgers

**Campus Editor** 

Benjamin Franklin traveled through time Wednesday to speak to students, faculty and community members about his life experiences and philosophies.

Fred Krebs, a history professor at Johnson County Community College, portrayed Benjamin Franklin.

Krebs is a member of the Chatauqua Circuit, which is an organization of professors who reenact historical figures.

"(When portraying Benjamin Franklin) I really do like to blend humor, inspiration and solid historical work in a way that people find engaging," Krebs said.

Krebs mentioned several aspects of Benjamin Franklin's life, like his opinion on tyranny, liberty and politics.

"My favorite part was when he was talking about how freedom and liberty are two different things and how he was really against tyranny and questioned whether we are still a republic now," said Andi Morgan, a sophomore history major.

Krebs has been performing as Benjamin Franklin since 1985.

"I'm getting more and more comfortable with the kind of message I want to portray with Franklin but you can't be too comfortable and you have to leave room to be inspired yourself," Krebs said.

Mandy Smith, a senior English major, said Krebs's performance seemed very authentic.

"He knew a ton of information about Benjamin Franklin and I almost got lost and forgot that this was a re-enactor," Smith said.

Krebs spoke about the value of the three words consistency, continuity, and credibility that are important to his performances.

"You start off with having something that is consistent in the way you present it and one thing builds on another to create a very flowering kind of completion," Krebs said. "When you are done with it, people believe it because your heart and their heart tie together."

All of the seats were filled at the event in the reference section of Booth Library and there were also people standing in the back.

"I felt that (Krebs) was very knowledgeable and I like when he took questions from the audience and treated each question as important while providing a very in depth answer," said Samantha Sauer, a senior history major.

"An Evening with Benjamin Franklin" as interpreted by Krebs was the opening event for the Benjamin Franklin exhibit in Booth Library that will take place for the next six weeks.

"I thought his performance was really great because he knew all of the information and really kept the audience captivated which was a great start for the exhibit," Morgan said.



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Fred Krebs, professor of history at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan., portrays Benjamin Franklin Wednesday at the opening of the exhibition "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" at the Booth Library West Reading Room.

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STUDENT GROUPS

# The Vehicle meets milestone

By Kayleigh Zyskowski News Editor

Eastern students have met a milestone many writers strive for within the Fall 2010 edition of *The Vehicle*.

Every semester the publication gives Eastern students the chance to gain literary experience by having their work published.

For this semester's publication, 50 students submitted their art, poems and stories, while 34 student submissions were included.

The submissions were lower for the Fall 2010 publication compared to the Spring 2010 book; however, Lisa Myers, the Editor-in-chief of *The Vehicle*, said this is normal.

"Usually there are more submissions in the spring because people have had chance to work on their pieces from their creative writing classes," said Myers, a senior English major.

And while the submissions are open to the entire campus, most of the submissions are from English majors.

"We have talked about this a lot, about how to branch out and have

more submissions from across campus," said Ben Tillery, the assistant editor for *The Vehicle* and a junior English major.

One of the ways the staff has tried to receive more submissions from across different departments on campus is by creating an online submission process.

This is the second year the online submission has been an option.

"We have a good system so far with the actual online form, but we're looking to re-vamp the website in general," Myers said. "Right now it is basic, but we want it to be more artistic to better reflect Eastern and the English department."

With the new online format, Myers said they have talked about features allowing writers to get in touch with other writers and an online archive of previous work.

"It's a slow work in progress," Myers said.

Letitia Moffitt is the faculty adviser for *The Vehicle*.

"She is great, she really takes a side role and lets me take the reigns," Myers said. "She has suggestions but she truly wants this to be a student publication."

An assistant editor was added to the staff for this semester and Myers said the extra help was welcomed.

"It was nice to have someone to bounce ideas off of," Myers said.

Tillery said one of his main responsibilities was collecting the online submissions and preparing them for the reading committee.

"People have all but stopped carrying in their submission," Tillery said. "So, part of my job was to print them all off and getting them ready for the reading committee by marking out the name and assigning each submission a number so the process is anonymous."

Tillery also helped with the publicity for the chapbook.

Myers and Tillery will keep their positions for the Spring 2011 edition

"It's a lot of work, but it's rewarding," Myers said. "We had a few errors, but over all it was good."

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# Student Gov. website still not functional

By Nike Ogunbodede Student Government Editor

The student government has been going through some changes, but its website is still not functional.

"With the website, we ran into some obstacles that we haven't had before," Student Body President Michelle Murphy said in the Nov. 29 issue of the *Daily Eastern News*.

With a total of 10 broken links, the website is still under construction.

"The Webmaster is supposed to make sure the website is up-to-date and has the most current information available to the students," Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle said.

The former Webmaster, Kris Caldwell, was paid \$300 for one semester, and worked a minimum of two weekly office hours. Caldwell was not ideal, he was the best person to apply at the time, Murphy said.

"He was only available for one semester," Scherle said.

Once a new webmaster is hired they will have to be willing to work on the

website right away, Scherle said. However, the website has been out

of date for more than two years.
"That's a lot to cover in that short

of a span," said Ashley Copple, a sophomore business major. Instead of only hiring one person the student government could hire

multiple students and that would give them more experience, Copple said. The idea for a Webmaster and graphic designer was brought up after

Murphy introduced a senate bill to reallocate funds to hire fellow students to work on the website.

The new Webmaster needs to not

necessarily work two office hours, but be able to work when needed, Murphy said.

Applications are currently available in the Student Activities Center.

"I hope the best person this time is younger so they can stick with it until at least next December," Murphy said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

# Snow days not option in college

Snowy days do not necessarily mean snow days, at least not for college students. Cold temperatures and snow on the ground are not reasons to skip classes, especially during syllabus week.

Wednesday's weather is an example of this. High winds and heavy snow made travel anywhere a little dangerous, but the first week of classes is one of the most important in the semester because students learn the rules and regulations of their classes. It may turn out that attendance is mandatory.

Besides missing out on information and homework assignments skipping class is literally a waste of money. A single class costs iust under \$20. With the tuition costs today stu-

No excuse is a good enough reason to skip classes

dents should get the most they can out of their money. One of the best ways to this is to actually go to class.

It is understandable if students who commute cannot get on campus because the roads are bad or the snow is falling heavily, but even then there are teachers who make the commute regardless of the weather.

Those who live in town have no excuse. It may not be fun to walk to class in the snow and it sure is not fun to drive in, but Eastern's campus is small enough that it does not take too long to get to where one needs

Students might have to wake up a few minutes earlier so they can leave earlier to get to class on time.

However, it still should not take much longer than the normal time it takes someone to get to class. The snow might mean it will take about 15 minutes instead of 10 minutes to get across campus. Regardless of how long it takes someone to get to their classes they should still be going.

Every student going to Eastern knew when he or she applied that it is located in central Illinois. Snow is almost a guarantee.

Therefore, every student knows that they need to bring a warm coat or jacket and proper shoes for when it snows with them when they come to school.

Winter is not the time for T-shirts and shorts. Students need to be smart and realize that they need to dress appropriately when going outside during the winter.

No excuse is a good enough reason to skip classes. We are attending a university to learn and the only way to do so is to go to class.

So get up early, dress appropriately and go to class – snow or no snow.

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# Beware, "The Mumblers" are coming

Sitting in a classroom on any campus it does not take long to classify individuals into the wide assortment of students an institution

There are "The Shifters," "The Nappers," "The Doodlers," "The Note-takers," "The Texters" and "The Interested."

And in my 16 years of attending school, grade school through college, not one of these individuals annoys me more than "The Mum-

Everyone knows this individual unless, of course, you are one.

This is the student who sits toward the back or side of the room and is constantly sighing and mumbling under his or her breath complaining about the course, professor or both.

If you are this person, just leave, you are not doing anyone a favor.

The deep sighs and complaints of how dumb the class is or how ugly the professor is will not change the fact that you will be attending this class for approximately two-and-a-half hours for the next 14 weeks.

The truth is the course is not worthless; you



## Kayleigh Zyskowski

simply have a different interest than the professor who is trying to share his or her craft.

I know it may seem difficult to believe, but others in the class may actually be attending to fulfill a graduation requirement or possibly even learn something to further their knowledge for a future career.

And yet, the "The Mumblers" do not end with the students who complain about how bored they are.

This group is extended to the ones who are deeply offended when an assignment is given. This could be a paper, a project or as simple as a reading, but it is inevitable, as soon as the rubric or page numbers are given the droning "are

you serious?" will fall over someone's lips.

Now, in answer to that question, yes, I am quite certain the professor is serious judging by the portion of the syllabus that clearly states the due date for the paper, project or discussion of

I understand many times students find their way into courses they are sincerely not interest-

In my experience, this has happened mostly with general education courses. However, this is not an excuse to openly express your boredom.

As a college student, expect to take general education courses. It is part of the learning pro-

And if you feel you are sincerely disinterested in a course you have enrolled in, drop it and find a class that will bring you a greater challenge. It is not too late. The deadline to add courses is Friday. You will be aiding those around you as well as yourself.

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#### FROM THE EASEL



# Digital era will turn DVDs into fossils

I had a realization while alphabetizing, arranging and stacking my family's extensive DVD collection over winter break—I cannot wait until all of my entertainment is completely digital. I am eager to have the movies, books and video games that I enjoy be in a form that cannot get lost in a sea of clutter.

Despite the advantages of digital media, which unlike physical media does not need to be pressed into discs, driven in trucks across country and end up in a landfill when it breaks, the majority of consumers have yet to embrace digital downloads or streaming as their preferred method of purchase. However; trends are suggesting that public perception is changing.

Very few media are completely resisting going online. Staggering sales of e-readers, which doubled from 2009 to 2010 and are expected by industry analyst Gartner Inc. to have a 68 percent growth in 2011, show that more and more people are alright with only owning digital versions of print materials.

The Google books initiative, which has Google working with the world's universities to scan books and let users read them online if they are out-of-print or have no copyright, will



Doug T. Graham

further decrease the need for physical copies of materials. Who knows, maybe all classes will be like my Advanced New Media Design class and have digital textbooks.

Beyond printed materials, disc-based media may be ready to make a big plunge to online. As far back as two years ago when Sony's Blu-Ray was fresh off of its trouncing of Toshiba's HD-DVD, industry analyst Rob Enderle of the Enderle Group said Blu-ray was going to be the last major physical way to watch movies, saying it will be overtaken by digital media before ever going mainstream.

He may be onto something—according to Digital Entertainment total spending on DVDs, Blu-ray discs and digital downloads, fell from \$21 billion in 2008 to \$18.8 billion

The popularity of the movie rental and online streaming service Netflix, which for the fourth straight year has the most satisfied customers in ForeSee Results' survey, is a good sign that people are warming up to the idea of not needing a physical copy of something to en-

I pin the driving force in the nation's change of heart on the same thing that is stunting our generation's ability to communicate with friends in the physical world—Facebook. For many, Facebook is the first experience a person has that is entirely digital (unless you print out your wall every day to read it), you have interacted with Facebook in a completely digital way. The more positive digital experiences people have, be it commenting on your Facebook friend's profile picture or watching an entire season of Dexter on Netflix Instant, the faster you will see change.

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#### **EVENT**



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Amanda Woolard, a sexual health education coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center on campus, demonstrates the use of a dental dam Wednesday during a Rubber Lovers presentation in the Charleston-Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Rubber Lovers educate new members

By Kacie Berry Staff Reporter

The price for safe sex is expensive, especially when considering the cost of condoms, sexually transmitted infection screenings, and, for women, pap smears.

Students, however, can sign up to be a Rubber Lover and receive a free pack of condoms every month from the Health Education Resource Center.

Amanda Woolard, a sexual health education coordinator for the HERC, walked new and returning Rubber Lover members through the steps to successfully apply a condom at Wednesday night's first Rubber Lovers meeting of the semester.

Woolard, a graduate student in the family and consumer sciences department, said she wants students to become aware of the risks of unprotected sex.

"I hope (the students) get the basics," Woolard said. "I hope they understand the 18 steps, and that the most common symptom of an STI

is none at all. I hope they understand they can come to us for any kind of health related topic that they're concerned with."

Woolard said she hopes more students attend the next meeting and feel comfortable because the presentation offers a relaxed atmosphere.

"We hope to inform students of the precautions they need to take when they're sexually active," Woolard said. "We also hope they use condoms to lower the STI ratings and pregnancy ratings."

While a couple of students joined Rubber Lovers for the first time, most students were returning members, Woolard said.

Among those returning members were Lisa Techman and Robert Flowers.

Techman, a junior family consumer science major, said her experience Wednesday was more of a reminder of the 18 steps when practicing safe sex.

Flowers, a junior psychology student, said he was reminded of the percentage of people in the U.S.

who have STIs.

Woolard said the HERC is a place for students to get help and information about the precautions of sexual activity.

The HERC offers flavored and unflavored male condoms, female condoms, dental dams, lubricants, and other forms of protection against STIs and pregnancy.

The Health Service offers pregnancy tests, STI testing for males and females for \$30. Also, if females choose, a pap smear can be added to the STI screening for an additional \$15.

Students who join Rubber Lovers now will receive a pack that includes condoms from the HERC once a month until August. To continue receiving the pack, students are encouraged to join Rubber Lovers again in August.

The HERC is located on the top floor of the Student Services Building and can be reached at 581-7786.

Kacie Berry can be reached at 581-2812 or klshreve@eiu.edu.

CAMPUS

# NRHH makes highest donation this year

By Olivia Angeloff Staff Reporter

Each year Eastern's National Residence Hall Honorary chapter sells breast cancer awareness T-shirts all over campus, and each year numerous students hand over the \$8 knowing it goes toward a good cause.

However, some students may not be aware of just how much they are helping out.

At Thursday night's NRHH meeting the NRHH executive board announced to members that its annual breast cancer fundraiser totaled a profit of \$5,275.08.

Making this year's fundraiser the highest grossing profit that Eastern's NRHH chapter has ever had.

Colleen Nelson, a junior special education major and NRHH member, explained that this year the NRHH made around a \$3 profit from each T-shirt.

"Any profit we make goes to breast cancer," Nelson said.

NRHH made its donation to Mills Breast Cancer Institution in Champaign.

Mills Institution is a center where patients can live while undergoing

their treatments.

Josh Lawrie, the NRHH adviser and area director of housing, said the NRHH decided to donate its profits to the Mills Institution because the profits are remaining local.

The NRHH also wanted to make sure its profits went toward an issue that affects many people.

"The past four years (breast cancer) has been a growing concern," Lawrie said.

This is the third consecutive year that the NRHH has made a donation to the Mills Institution.

Last year Eastern's NRHH chapter met the \$12,000 mark the Mills Institution sets for donors.

An exam room at the Mills Institution is named after the NRHH for this achievement.

After meeting the \$12,000 mark, the Mills Institution honored Eastern's NRHH chapter with a plaque that is now displayed in the institution.

Lawrie said after this year's donation NRHH has now donated more than \$17,000 to the Mills Institution.

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# **S**TATE

# Trooper injured in accident

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Authorities say an Illinois State Police trooper remains hospitalized in critical condition as a result of a weather-related accident that occurred early Tuesday.

State Police Lt. Tom Gartland says the trooper, whose name is not being released, was injured when his unmarked sport utility vehicle collided with semitrailer truck on Interstate 55, south of Atlanta. The trooper is assigned to District 13 in DuQuoin.

# DOUGLAS, from page 1

Overall, Perry said he believes the debates were very beneficial to the university.

"I was pleased that the debate on campus was civil to generate a lot of information," he said. "There were individuals of multiple disciplines from various areas of the university who participated in it. It was a really good experience for the campus and there is a very positive educational outcome."

Shelley Holmgren can be reached at 581-7942 or meholmgren@eiu.edu.









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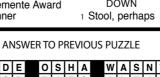
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# Top Cat

with sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon

# Ball hawk: a magnetic rebounder

By Alex McNamee **Staff Reporter** 

Rebounding and boxing out have always been focal points for Eastern head coach Brady Sallee to preach the importance of executing them.

This season, sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon, often the smallest player on the floor, standing at fivefoot-eight, has executed on those two facets of the game. Nixon is second on the Eastern women's basketball team in rebounding, averaging 6.2

Nixon's average is one-tenth less than junior forward Chantelle Pressley, who averages 6.3 boards per game. Pressley is five inches taller than Nixon.

Yet in Ohio Valley Conference games alone, Nixon's average is 6.8 rebounds per game, in five conference games. Pressley averages 6.2.

Although Nixon may have the higher conference numbers, Pressley is one of the reasons Nixon is able to get so many rebounds, the sophomore said.

"It comes from my team boxing out," Nixon said. "Keeping those big

girls away from the ball helps me to go get those balls."

In the Panthers' previous two games, both wins, Nixon combined for 37 points and 18 rebounds. That rebounding total is more than any player on the team.

In fact, only one of the opposing players on either of the two teams had more rebounds than Nixon in a single game. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville forward Raven Berry had 13 against the Panthers. Berry is six-foot-one.

Nixon's speed and agility gives her an advantage in jumping for the rebounds, she said.

"Coming from the perimeter and getting that momentum to go in there and jump definitely helps me to grab those rebounds," Nixon said.

In recent games, Nixon said she has been inspired by a message Sallee told the team over the holiday break.

"Coach said in order to beat teams we need to get more rebounds," Nixon said.

In two of Eastern's last three losses, it has been outrebounded. In the third loss that it was not outrebounded, it ended the game even in rebounds, 38-38 with the opposing team.

Sometimes even, Eastern has been

outrebounded badly. In the Panthers' most recent loss to Valparaiso, it was out-rebounded 44-29.

Nixon said outrebounding opposing teams is key in getting extra offensive possessions, which can lead to winning.

"If I can give us just two more possessions, with offensive rebounds, that might help," Nixon said.

There have been a number of games where rebounding has helped Eastern gain important extra possessions, Nixon said.

"It might sound crazy, but it really helps at the end of the game to have extra possessions," Nixon said.

If winning is not the only motivation for rebounding, then practice is.

At the end of every practice, Nixon said the team does a drill called "Bricks" where a player holds a ball overhead, shuffling the feet in the paint from one side to the other.

In practice, if Sallee is happy with how a player has boxed out and rebounded, Nixon said the player will not have to do the drill.

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# **DEFENSE**, from page 8

"Coach says they are similar to SIU-E - they didn't give up," Nixon said.

In Eastern's game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, the Panthers and Cougars went into overtime, where the Panthers would prevail by a slim margin.

"Eastern Kentucky always plays hard," Nixon said.

Nixon said it would help the team to have Lantz Arena packed with fans

"If I could play all of our games here, I would."

Brady Sallee, head coach

on Thursday. EKU is 0-5 on the road this season.

Sallee said playing in Lantz Arena

is always a nice advantage. "If I could play all of our games

here, I would," Sallee said. Eastern is playing Morehead State on Saturday and with two big games

this weekend Sallee said his team needs to take it one game at a time. We've got to be ready Thursday and not concerned whatsoever with Saturday, and that's the message I've

been trying to send," Sallee said. Tip off is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena.

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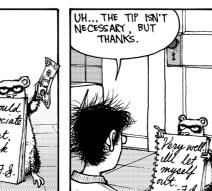
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#### **VIEWS**



**Dominic Renzetti** 

# Big Ten to face **Big Blue**

Eastern's track and field team will head up to the University of Wisconsin for the Badger Track Classic. Times have been rough in Madison recently.

The Badgers basketball team surrendered a loss to Big Ten rival Michigan State on Tuesday in overtime and the football team lost to TCU in the Badgers' first Rose Bowl appearance since

Now, on top of all that, the Badger track and field team has to come back to campus a week or so early for competition, as classes do not resume at the University of Wisconsin until Jan. 18. Would it be fair to say that the Panthers may have a slight psychological advantage? I think so.

The Panthers are done with winter break, back on campus, and back in the swing of things. The Panthers are coming off of a very impressive opening meet at the EIU Early Bird, and now look to make their first road trip of the year. For the Badgers, this will be their first competition of the year.

The Badgers still have a very good team. Wisconsin finished second in the Big Ten last year, qualified 24 athletes for the NCAA championships, and came into the season with the number seven ranked recruiting class.

I still think the Panthers can go into Madison this weekend and turn a few heads. Zye Boey looked great at the EIU Early Bird meet. Hopefully it is only a preview of things to come for the rest of the indoor and eventually outdoor

Another athlete I was very impressed by was red-shirt freshman pole-vaulter Mick Viken. The EIU Early Bird was Viken's first meet in a Panther uniform, and he has already started to make

Viken cleared 16'09.50" putting him second on the all-time EIU list. That is what I call making a good first impression.

If Viken puts on same performance at the Badger Track Classic that he did at the EIU Early Bird, it would truly be a weekend to remember for him. Viken comes to Eastern as a transfer student.

Guess where he transferred from: the University of Wisconsin.

Viken will get a chance to show the Badgers and their top ten recruiting class on what they really missed out on.

As I said before, I think it would be huge for the Panthers to go into Madison this weekend and make a statement by giving Wisconsin and some of the other big schools there a run for their money.

It will show that the Ohio Valley Conference is not just another small, pushover bunch of schools, and that Eastern can be a legitimate threat with the athletes they have.

Let's show the Big Ten a thing or two about Big Blue.

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#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Rivalry continues in Lantz

# Laser sidelined with back injury

**By Rob Mortell Sports Editor** 

Coming off its third Ohio Valley Conference loss of the season, the Eastern men's basketball team aims to even up its conference record

against rival Eastern Kentucky. After losing to Southeast Missouri, when the Panthers held a 17-point lead in the second half, head coach Mike Miller said it is important that the team bounces

Eastern is scheduled to tip-off against Eastern Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. in Lantz Arena, where the Panthers are 4-3 this season.

"As you get into league play, opponents are as different as can be,"

The last time Eastern and Eastern Kentucky played, the Panthers won 77-54 last season, which was part of their eight-game winningstreak to end the regular season.

Eastern Kentucky is a balanced team; however, it is led in scoring and rebounding by forward Spencer Perrin, who averages 12.7 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

Guards Josh Daniel and Justin Stommes are an accurate three-point shooting tandem as they shoot more than 40 percent from beyond the arc.

The Colonels are among a few select teams that run a half-court trap defense. According to Miller, they also run a hybrid of the Princeton offense.

"(Eastern Kentucky) plays different than what you see everyday, and they have been very effective in how they play," Miller said.

The Panthers will enter the game

# "As you get into league play, opponents are as different as as can be."

Mike Miller, head coach

with a record of 6-9 overall and 2-3 in the OVC, while Eastern Kentucky comes in at 7-9 overall and 2-4 in the conference.

Senior guard Tyler Laser will miss his sixth straight game with a back injury. When healthy, Laser is among the OVC's best three-point shooters. Miller said there is no set return date for Laser.

"(Laser) has got an appointment with the doctor next week and we will know a little bit more then, but right now we are going week to week," Miller said.

With Laser out, the Panthers lose experience against the Colonels' trapping defense. Miller said the team is counting on young players to set up in his place.

"These new guys are trying to find this identity are now going to see something they have never seen before," Miller said.

Six of the Panthers next eight OVC games will be in Lantz Arena. Miller said this is a key stretch to make up some early ground in the conference standings.

"We have got to play consistently, that's the big thing," Miller said.

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L.C. Doss, a junior guard, passes the ball to Alfonso McKinnie, a freshman forward, during the game against Anderson University Jan. 3 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers play Eastern Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena.

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Defense looks to shutdown Jones

# Coach Sallee says EKU's forward is best in OVC

By Alex McNamee

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he thinks Eastern Kentucky sophomore forward Alex Jones is one of the best post players in the conference.

Jones averages a double-double this season, 15 points and 10 rebounds per game.

We have problems with big, strong post players, so that concerns me," Sallee said.

Jones is fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring and second in rebounding.

Sallee said aside from good post play, he expects EKU to play hard,

with a high intensity level.

"Chrissy's (Roberts, EKU head coach) teams are going to play hard, they're going to compete and they're going to try to make it extremely tough to score," Sallee said.

The way Sallee expects EKU will play is going to force Eastern to pick up its intensity level Thursday in Lantz Arena.

No matter the Colonels' record EKU is 4-10 – Sallee said Eastern will have to play with more intensity than it would against any other team in the OVC.

Sallee said EKU has a lot of talent that has not all come together

One of the talented players, Sallee says, is Reese Bass, a transfer from the University of Michigan.

Sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said she expects EKU to play

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Chantelle Pressley, a junior forward, goes up against Valparaiso Dec. 30 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers now have a record of 8-7 after their 68-43 win over Southeast Missouri Saturday.

## **EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE**

Women's Basketball

Thursday vs. Eastern Kentucky 5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's Basketball

Thursdy vs. Eastern Kentucky 7:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

**M&W Swimming** 

Saturday vs. Western Illinois 1 p.m. - Western Illinois

Women's, Men's Basketball

Saturday vs. Morehead State 4 p.m., 6 p.m. - Lantz Arena

M&W Track Saturday at Wisconsin Invite

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## **NATIONAL SPORTS**

Baltimore at Pittsburgh 3:30 p.m. on CBS

New York at New England 3:30 p.m. on CBS

NBA **Detroit at Chicago** 7 p.m. on Comcast Sports Chicago NHL

Boston at Pittsburgh 6 p.m. on Versus

**College Basketball** 

Bethune-Cookman at North Carolina A&T 7 p.m. on ESPNU