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### FACULTY SENATE

# Success Center works to handle increase in alerts

Center offers help to students on academic probation

By Kimberly Foster  
Photo Editor

Prior to 2007, the number of students regaining good academic standing after being put on academic probation was an average of 34 percent, but in 2011 that number increased to 86 percent.

Also, in 2007, Eastern received a grant to create the Student Success Center.

Cindy Boyer, director of the Student Success Center, went over the achievements the center has accomplished in its five years on campus during the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday in the conference room of Booth Library.

The center offers help to students on academic probation, students reinstated to the university after being academically dismissed and members of Building Outreach and Opportunity for Students in Transition, a program intended for students from under-enrolled and historically at-risk populations, Boyer said.

Students put on academic probation for the first time are required to enroll in EIU 2919: Strategies for Academic Success, an empowerment course created to increase responsibility, motivation, time-management skills and effective study habits, according to Boyer.

Boyer provided student-given commentary on the course crediting it with giving him new opportunities, stability and direction.

"I can assure you this is not the type of statement you would get on day one, day two or day three of that course," Boyer said. "Students are embarrassed and angry many times



Kimberly Moock, co-chair of the Committee on Retention Efforts, and Faculty Senate members Jason Waller, Grant Sterling and Assande Adom listen as Faculty Senate chair Andrew Methven asks a question Tuesday during the senate's meeting in the Booth Library conference room.

that they are in the class, but it seems to become a very positive impact upon them."

Jeff Cross, associate vice president for academic affairs, acted as project director for the five-year, \$1.85 million Title-III institutional development grant that allowed for the establishment of the Student Success Center.

The grant provided funds for the addition to Ninth Street Hall of about 5,000 square feet, with the university supplementing an additional 1,000 square feet of space.

In previous Master Plan documents, according to Cross, Ninth Street Hall was slated to be torn

down. Only one floor of the three-story building was handicap accessible. With the addition of the Student Success Center, however, an elevator was installed providing access to all three floors.

"In the current institutional Master Plan, there sits Ninth Street Hall and it's not a dotted line anymore to be removed," Cross said.

One of the newest programs integrated into the Student Success Center is the Early Alert System, a program introduced last semester that allows instructors to track students with low attendance, missing assignments or both.

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## Early Alert System statistics

- 852 individual alerts
- 585 students received alerts; 38 majors
- 430 students (74%) — 1 alert
- 86 students (15%) — 2 alerts
- 42 students (7%) — 3 alerts
- 16 students (3%) — 4 alerts
- 6 students (1%) — 5 alerts
- 5 students (1%) — 6 alerts
- 311 courses
- 102 faculty members

Source: Center for Academic Support and Assessment

### CAMPUS

# Community addresses pension issues

By Rachel Rodgers  
Administration Editor

*Editor's Note: This is the third installment in a series of articles about public pensions in Illinois as the General Assembly grapples with a budget crisis.*

More than 100 members of the Eastern community gathered Tuesday to address different pension concerns like possible employee contribution increases along with state constitutional issues like reducing benefits.

President Bill Perry along with Hank Davis, the director of accountancy, and Richard Wandling, a political science professor, led the first forum on pension reform hosted by the Council on University Planning and Budget.

Perry said Senate Bill 512, which proposes to raise employee retirement contributions from 8 percent to about 15 percent, was referred to the Illinois House of Representatives Rules Committee, and action will most likely be deferred until after the Illinois Primary on March 20.

Davis said he thinks Senate Bill 512 is unsound because it puts more financial burden on employees when they were not the ones who caused the pension liability.

Perry said some aspects of pension reform could have a negative affect on recruiting and retaining faculty members who may decide to teach in a different state that offers a more appealing pension situation.

Another legislative topic discussed at the forum that could affect recruiting and retaining faculty members was Senate Bill 1318, which proposes to repeal the provisions that give 50-percent tuition waivers to children of state university employees.

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### CONCERT

# Chinese songs presented at concert

By Samantha McDaniel  
Activities Editor

Chinese traditions will take center stage as song and dance is used to showcase the daily lives of Chinese laborers on Saturday.

Tarim, Uyghur Song and Dance Ensemble from China, will be performing music unique to its culture at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Saturday. Admission to the performance is \$10.

Dan Crews, the director of patron services of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said the group is from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in China and will be playing song that are traditional to that region.

Crews said this is the first time Tarim has ever been to the United States.

"This group, they are probably some of the finest musicians that play Uyghur music, which is just a very ancient form of music," Crews said.

Though the group has become well known throughout China, Crews said the members, as Uyghurs, are an ethnic minority with some being located in farther Chinese providences.

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### CITY

# Domino's closed while looking for new owner

## Local business owners shocked by closing

By Kathryn Richter  
City Editor

Charleston's Domino's Pizza is closed while those in charge look for potential owner-operators said Tim McIntyre, the vice president for communications for Domino's Pizza.

The contract with the former franchisee owner was terminated and Domino's Pizza is hoping to "reopen the store as soon as we can," McIntyre said, via email.

McIntyre also said no timeline is established for the anticipated re-

opening.

Paul Pagliai, the owner of Pagliai's Pizza, said he was not sure if Domino's was closed and he said he went by (the building) and said he saw the lights off.

Greg Magnus, the owner of Chubby's Pizza, said he does not mind Domino's closing because it means more business for him, but also said he does not enjoy seeing a business fail.

"I'm really kind of surprised by it," Pagliai said.

Pagliai said when Domino's first came to Charleston in the late '70s or early '80s, they were one of the few places that delivered, but he said now almost every place in town delivers.

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The Domino's sign was laid down by workers in front of the closed building where Domino's used to operate.

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# Success measured by thinking differently

By Robyn Dexter  
Campus Editor

Eastern's Black History Month would not have been possible this year without the direction of Minority Affairs Director Yolanda Williams.

Williams took over Black History Month responsibilities when the previous director retired.

She said she was "volunteer drafted" for the job, but that it has been an exceptionally rewarding experience.

Williams said her master's is in African-American studies and her undergraduate degree from Eastern is also in African-American studies.

"It was something that came naturally," she said.

Programming is something Williams said she has always been interested in, and the whole program just seemed to fit her.

Williams said it is important to remember that Black History Month is not just a month; it is a concept that should be lived out every day.

"The best part of this month has been the student involvement," Williams said. "We've only had two cancellations out of all our events."

Williams said she has gotten positive feedback from registered student organizations and students about the events over the past month.

"I told the students this month was designed with them in mind," she said.

Williams said when she worked with her committee, she wanted attendees of the events to not only be educated, but also entertained by the programs.

"We wanted the students to leave each program learning something new or meeting someone new," she said.

Williams said one of the biggest challenges she thought she would have to overcome while planning Black History Month was the financial aspect.

She said she thought it was going



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Director of Minority Affairs, Professor Yolanda Williams, works in her office in Blair Hall. Williams has kept busy throughout February, as the organizer of the events in African-American Heritage Month.

to be a bigger struggle financially, but after she put out messages to departments and RSOs, many of them responded positively and donated.

Williams said she started planning for Black History Month in late October.

"I did get a late start, but that's where the committee came in with great ideas and personal connections," she said.

As many as 11 RSOs stepped up to help with February's events and several departments such as the women's studies department, the journalism department and Booth Library all helped make the month possible.

"The whole passion about getting people to financially donate was something I didn't think would come easily but I realized that if you have a passion for what you want people to donate for, then getting them to donate is easy," she said.

Opening students up to information other than the typical Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks components that are usually presented during the month was important to her, Williams said.

She said sometimes it was difficult to bring African-American speakers and lecturers to campus during February because it is the time when they are

busiest out of the year.

Williams said if she is selected to be the director next year, she already has plans she wants to implement.

"As for improvements, I would like to see more student involvement on the committee," she said.

Williams said the success of the month cannot be determined by the number of attendees at the events.

"When (students) leave thinking differently and wanting to make a change either on campus or in the community, to me that is success," she said.

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## EVENT

# Lip sync show to close Black History Month

By Shauna Miller  
Staff Reporter

The final event planned for Black History Month will include a lip sync show and feature several Eastern performance groups.

The event, called "Harlem Nights: Then and Now," is free to everyone and was planned by TRiO Adviser D'Wayne Jenkins.

The lip sync show will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 7 p.m.

It will include student and staff performances as well as refreshments

provided by the University Board.

Jenkins asked many students and faculty from all areas of campus to be a part of this event. Some performers include members of Jolie Dance Troupe, Rhythm and Xtacy Dance Team and Dramatik Xpressions theatre troop.

There will also be some surprise faculty performances and a special guest host, Jenkins said.

"Staff members were chosen so students can see them in a different light. We can enjoy all types of music the same way you enjoy the music of today," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said students can expect a variety of music from all eras including hip hop and rhythm and blues.

"We have a lot of diversity from James Brown to Chris Brown," Jenkins said.

Jenkins explained the event was chosen as a culminating event because there have been many educational events throughout the month and the committee wanted to end with something different.

"Music is a big part of our culture. The committee wanted to have a feel good event to show how far we've come," Jenkins said.

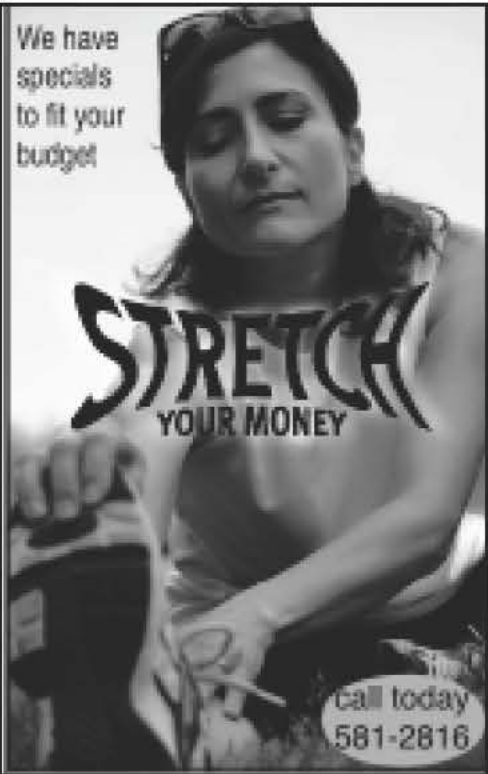
Jenkins said the event name "Harlem Nights: Then and Now" was chosen because it will show how music has changed over time and how it has stayed the same.

He said the idea is to have a fun event for music lovers of all ages and types as well as celebrate the many accomplishments African Americans have had in the music industry.

"Plan to have fun, expect the unexpected and enjoy yourself," Jenkins said.

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COMMUNITY

## Local businesses offer student employment

By Kathryn Richter  
City Editor

Brittany Pond is a full-time student and president of Pemberton Hall while maintaining a full-time job.

Growing up in a poor, rural area, Pond said, made her realize the importance of going to school and working hard.

She works in Charleston at Ruffalo-CODY.

"It's really hard because I work 26 hours a week and I go to school," Pond said.

Pond, a freshman sociology major, said at one time she worked two part-time jobs, including one at the fast food restaurant Arby's while still going to class full-time.

Pond said she could only keep that schedule for about a week before Arby's could no longer work around her schedule.

Pond said she would eventually like to attend law school at Boston University.

Pond said the two things that are the hardest for her to sacrifice are sleep and socialization.

"It doesn't give me a lot of time to do fun, recreational activities," Pond said.

Pond said it is hard to see her friends do things like go and get their nails done or have a girl's day, knowing that she cannot attend because of her work obligations.

Pond said she has also learned some important lessons of working while attending school.

"You're treated in such a degrading way, it stops you from acting that way," Pond said.

Dan Reible, the owners of the Jackson Avenue Coffeehouse, said about 75 percent of his employees are Eastern students.

"When I'm hiring students, the personality of the people I hire works real well with my customers," Reible said.

Reible said he often correlates his worker's schedules so their different personalities serve to the clientele at different times of the day and by doing this, giving his shop different personalities.

"A lot of the people we have here are studying some very interesting things and the customers enjoy talking to them about it," Reible said.

Beverly Herr, the owner of Dirty's Bar & Grill, also said the majority of her employees are Eastern students.

Herr said she thinks it is important for the community members to get to know the student workers since Eastern is such a big part of the town.

Reible said there are disadvantages to

hiring college students.

"The drawback I've found is when you get down to the end of the semester or midterms, you get someone that gets inundated with the work they (have) to do," Reible said.

Reible said the stress of academic life sometimes makes students have to take time off work or rearrange schedules.

"If I can help, I can," Reible said. "A lot of times, they just have to barrel through it."

Reible also said another drawback of hiring student workers is covering the various breaks during the school year and during summer.

"When I hire people, I find out if they are going to be staying here during the summer," Reible said.

Reible said he normally does not hire people who will not live in Charleston during the summer, but is willing to work around academic pursuits such as summer classes and internships.

Herr said also the biggest drawbacks for hiring Eastern students are figuring out the work schedule for breaks, around various activity as well as academic schedules.

"It is very challenging for any employer to have all college students," Herr said.

Herr said it is also challenging to hire students who live in the residence halls on campus because their halls shut down during breaks, leaving the students no place to stay during the breaks if they are working.

Herr also said that by hiring community members, she would not have to work around classes or breaks, but she says the scheduling stress is worth it.

Herr said the student workers are younger "a little bit more fun," and the community members enjoy the students.

Herr says she thinks student workers can learn a lot from working while attending school.

"I think it teaches them a lot because I think it's important that college students have jobs," Herr said.

Herr said some students graduate college and are shocked by the real world.

Herr said that not only does working help them prepare for that, but working also teaches students about the industry they work in, as well as ethics.

"I think for the most part, my staff has learned a ton since they started," Herr said.

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## Tree triage



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Tree surgeon Brent McCullough tosses branches from the bushes outside of Klehm Hall on the South Quad on Feb. 28. McCullough and the other campus workers were trimming down the foliage across campus, so that the plants could grow back for the spring.

## EVENT

# Folktales told at 7th Street

## Gullah culture explored in performance

By Laura Bolbat  
Staff Reporter

Black heritage from South Carolina and Georgia will hit the stage on Thursday as students explore Gullah culture.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with folktales by Aunt Pearl Sue.

Anita Singleton-Prather as Aunt Pearl Sue will perform during the last Black History Month event, "The Gullah Journey: Africa to America."

Singleton-Prather said she has traveled to many locations to entertain audiences with her folktale stories based on her grandmother and her Gullah culture.

Singleton-Prather said she has traveled a lot to talk about black history.

Singleton-Prather said since February is Black History Month, many people have asked her to present her story.

Singleton-Prather said her story tells students about black history.

"75 percent of African Americans today can trace their ancestors coming to America," Singleton-Prather said. "The folktales I share enlighten the audience on my family story and the others that influenced me."

Singleton-Prather said communities of lively people who are the descendants of enslaved Africans are located on the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia.

The language they speak is called Gullah, which is an American-based creole language, therefore the people are mostly referred to as Gullah, Geechee and Native Islanders.

Singleton-Prather said she will share this culture during the show.

"I do speak some Gullah in the show," Singleton-Prather said.

Singleton-Prather said she is also an educator, singer, actress and historian.

She has been featured in the film "Forrest Gump" and has been on the ABC program "Good Morning America."

Her one-woman show "Tales from the Land of Gullah" has also been shown on PBS.

Singleton-Prather said she has great energy and admiration for her Gullah heritage.

She said she expresses it through language, dance, music and other fun, creative ways.

Singleton-Prather said audience do not sit and watch her performances.

"There is a lot of audience participation during the events I do," Singleton-Prather said.

She said she is looking forward to making a stop at Eastern and meet the people.

"The main purpose is to share Gullah culture in an entertaining way that many can enjoy," Singleton-Prather said.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# CHS prank a reminder to opt-in to 'Alert'

Educators often talk of a "teachable moment," when a significant event demonstrates a problem that people can learn from.

One of these moments happened Friday, when a single phone call turned Charleston High School upside down.

As reported in the Feb. 27 issue of *The News*, a student allegedly made a phone call to the 911 center at 8:45 a.m. reporting that a student brought a gun to school. CHS officials acted swiftly, shepherding students into their classrooms while police began searching every room, locker and student for the supposed weapon.

While we believe the school and police should be commended for their swift action in assuring the safety of the students, the incident exposed significant problems with the school's emergency communication system.

Although police started their search at 8:45 a.m., it was not until 10:14 a.m., nearly an hour and a half later, that parents received word from the school about what was going on. The school sent out an auto-call that said police were in the building and that all staff and students were safe inside classrooms. It also asked parents not to call or visit the school because of the lockdown.

In the absence of official word from the school, several parents received information on the lockdown from their children, who broke school policy to turn their phones on and contact their parents. Several parents came to the school to take their students out of what they thought to be a dangerous situation, one of which, Lisa Killough, arrived as early as 9:10 a.m.

The main thing to learn is that if the school had a plan in place to disseminate information quickly to parents and students, they could have eliminated a lot of the worry and panic created by the misinformation.

As students of Eastern, we can be comforted by the fact that our administrators have a swifter, better system in place: Alert EIU. The system, which has been around since the spring semester of 2008, sends out a text message in cases of "emergency situations."

Alert EIU is a system we support. It has a lot going for it: it is free, unobtrusive and incredibly useful at getting official information out to students and faculty quickly.

The biggest problem with Alert EIU is that students have to opt-in to it. This is a problem, because there are many students who would benefit from this system if only they knew how to sign up.

Do yourself a favor and go to the Alert EIU page on Eastern's website at [www.eiu.edu/alerteiu](http://www.eiu.edu/alerteiu) and register for alerts.

Doing so will get you in on a safety service that separates the colleges from the high schools.

## COLUMN

# I will graduate at age 5, what are you doing?

People aren't very original. Just ask anyone with a funny name. They've probably heard the same joke about their name a thousand times.

The same goes for my birthday. I was born on this day, Feb. 29, 20 years ago. But I've only had five birthdays. It's Leap Day, meaning it only comes up every four years.

This is because our year isn't a perfect 365 days, and there's actually an extra few hours each year. Over time these hours add up, so adding a Leap Day helps keep our seasons from migrating away from their normal months.

Spending all this time at once gives everyone an extra day and gives anyone born on this day the unique title of "Leap Day Baby" or "Leapling."

I love my birthday. For the most part it's just like being born on any other day, but people tend to make a big deal out of it that straddles the line between entertaining and annoying. For those of you who might be having a kid today, or any Leap Day, here are a few things that kid can expect out of life:

**Learning how much people suck at math.**

Math is one of those things that's culturally acceptable to be bad at it. But even so, I'm astonished when people get my birthday-age wrong. They know my physical age, all they have to do is divide by four. They're rarely just



Seth Schroeder

blurring things out either, they will sit and think about this problem and still get it wrong most of the time. This is second-grade arithmetic, maybe fourth, since you're often dealing with a fraction. I kind of hoped they'd have that figured out by now.

**Getting asked how old they'll be when they can drive.**

The same goes for drinking age or retirement age. Normally I think the person could make the obvious distinction between physical age and the arbitrariness of a birthday. But since most of these people are getting the above math wrong, I really can't be too sure.

**Rarely getting picked for jury duty or driver's tests.**

Getting randomly selected for these things are based on birth date. Leaplings are rare, as such the government often doesn't pick Feb. 29

because they get far fewer people. Most people view jury duty and extra tests to be a hassle, so this can be beneficial.

Growing up with these sorts of things has shown me that as much as we like to pretend we're all individual snowflakes, deep down people think the same about a lot of things.

The possible exception to this is a recent episode of the show "30 Rock." Main character Liz Lemon (Tina Fey) discovers the rest of the world makes a big deal about Leap Day, though she has been unaware of it. Their Leap Day involves wearing holiday colors, a Santa Claus allegory and giving candy to children.

In this pseudo-reality, people are encouraged to let go of their inhibitions on Feb. 29. It's considered a free day, where a person's actions don't count to the rest of their life.

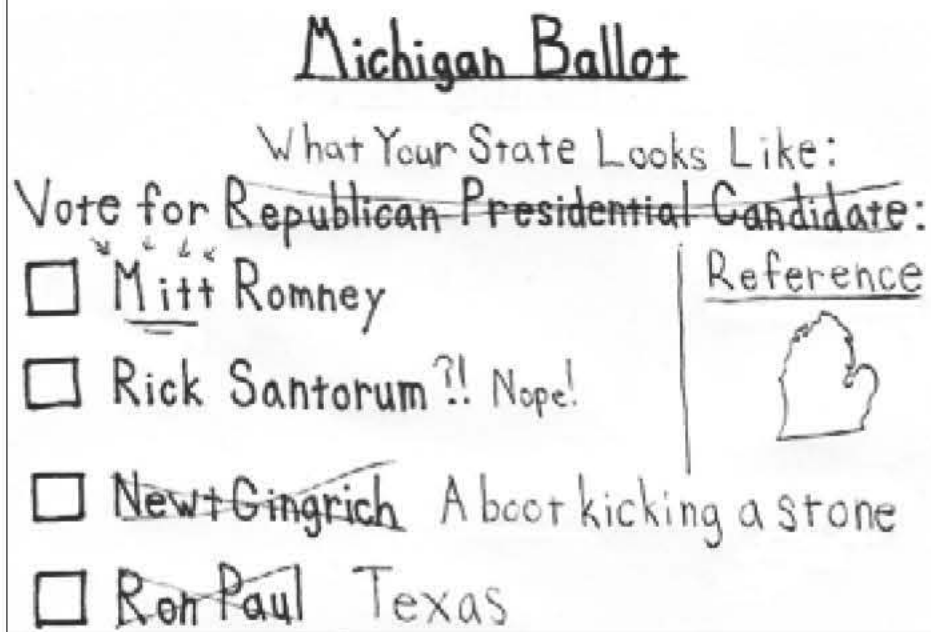
I recommend you do something similar. Do something impulsive, try something new, at least be grateful that there's an extra day between you and some assignment.

I've known my whole life that Leap Day is an important and special day; it wouldn't hurt for the rest of the world to do so.

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## FROM THE EASEL

# How Mitt Romney secured his victory in Michigan...



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## COLUMN

# That which does not kill me only makes me funnier

So you may not be aware of this, but I'm pretty damn funny.

OK, your first thought is "cocky much?" But it's true. Because what better way to sabotage a column about humor than to come right out and say I'm funny?

For arguments sake, let's say I've been known to make a complete fool of myself from time to time. (For evidence, look at any of my performances of attempting Zumba—strikingly similar to Martha Stewart auditioning for a Ying-Yang Twins video.)

See? Funny, right?

But notice what I did there. I took a situation where I would normally be insanely self-conscious of my uncoordinated self gyrating in public and turned it into a joke. Why did I do this? Because it's how I use humor—as a defense mechanism.

It started when I was a kid. I had the unfortunate displeasure of growing up with a group of guys who found almost as much enjoyment from playing "Donkey Kong" as they did tormenting me. They made fun of my glasses (apparently "geriatric chic" wasn't the style then), they made fun of my weight and just my plain old weirdness.

Blah blah, woe is me. We all know kids can suck. But their torment actually became a blessing because I took it as a challenge. My new mantra became, "No one can make fun of me better than I can." And it worked. My new-



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ly adapted self-deprecating humor finally made these people laugh with me instead of at me. And I really tore myself a new one. As I grew older, my humor became more brazen, raunchier even. I learned not to take myself too seriously ... OK, to be completely honest, any shame I did contain went right out the window. Did I still care what people thought about me? Absolutely. But like a coat of medieval armor, I used my sense of humor as a shield.

In high school, I truly began to embrace what my sense of humor could do for me. I joined theater and took on ridiculous character parts that most people would shy away from. Because as much as I used humor as a defense mechanism, I also realized that I genuinely loved making people laugh. To the point where I would dress up as Nikki Sixx from Motley Crue and sing "Girls, Girls, Girls" at the top of my lungs. Oh yeah. It happened.

Some people may say I do some of the things I do for attention. And that's partly true. I was

the biggest attention-seeker with the most severe self-image problem that you'd ever meet.

That's another thing most people don't realize about funny people. We're the ones with the worst demons raging inside us. And we definitely don't like to deal with those issues. At all.

My spirit animal, Sigmund Freud, once said, "The ego expels whatever within itself becomes a source of displeasure."

As a wannabe psych major, I can say that Freud may be on to something here. Now, I'm not going to run to grab my copy of the DSM IV (yes, I have my own copy) and diagnose myself with some personality disorder (OK, too late—I got my fingers crossed for Avoidant Personality Disorder).

The point of sharing my little Lifetime movie-worthy tale (starring Jennifer Love-Hewitt) is to share that I'm at the point in my life where I am pretty OK with myself. Now I just have to learn to use my sense of humor as just a form of entertainment—not an escape route.

So, to quote my fellow columnist (and probable life-mate) Nike Ogunbodede, "Haters gonna hate." To those cretins I grew up with, I want to say: thanks for tormenting me. You made me the terrifying, honest and occasionally hilarious person I am today.

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Javari Keys plays the video game "Ranger Mission" Tuesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. "I drove down here from Chicago to visit and support my fiancée in the 'Miss EIU' contest," said Keys. Key's fiancée, Destiny Wintord, is a sophomore psychology major.

SUCCESS CENTER, from page 1

Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support and Assessment and co-chair of the Committee on Retention Efforts, presented the Fall 2011 Early Alert System statistics.

When an instructor submits an alert, the student indicated and the CORE office automatically receive an email informing them about the issue.

74 percent of the students received just one alert.

22 percent received two or three, the remaining 5 percent getting four or more.

By the end of the semester, however, just 19 students received an A in the alerted course. Sixty-six received Bs, 93 garnered Cs, with 62 Ds and 128 Fs.

"A lot of times we have students saying, okay, I'll talk to the professor and they do it and close it out," Sanders said. "Sometimes they say, I'll make an appointment with the Student Success Center, they do and they don't show up."

"There's only so much enforcement we can do, but we feel like if we're offering the services, if the students want to take advantage of them, great," Sanders said. "After a year we'll have more data built up that we can share with the students and then they'll keep mushrooming."

The Faculty Senate will next meet March 20, with Police Chief Adam Due of the University Police Dept. and Dan Nadler, vice president for students affairs, expected to give a report on campus security.

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"There is a lot of delivery service out there that you are competing with," Pagliai said.

Pagliai said he knows most of the pizza places deliver in town, as well as most of the Chinese restaurants and barbecue places.

"The delivery business is pretty fractured anymore," Pagliai said. "Deliveries keep becoming a smaller and smaller portion of our business."

Pagliai said the timing of the closing also surprised him.

"It used to be when the students would leave (for the summer) years ago, when they made a larger portion of our business, I hated to see the summers come," he said.

Pagliai said he also noticed an increase in the number of people who dine and carry out.

Chelsie Clapp, a night crew leader at Little Caesar's, said the business they have received has increased.

"We have just gotten a lot busier since they have closed," Clapp said.

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PENSIONS, from page 1

Andrew Mertz, an associate professor of mathematics and political science who has taught at Eastern for about eight years, said he received several offers from different institutions before choosing Eastern, and he chose Eastern because of the personal interactions with people and certain benefits such as the tuition waiver. Mertz has two daughters.

"I think this is a great institution with a positive work environment, but depending on the reform, if the changes are extreme I am concerned that I may have to reevaluate my options," Mertz said.

Many other pension proposals are appearing in the General Assembly, but they have not advanced much, Perry said.

"If you go to the General Assembly's website and search pensions, about 10 pages show up with more than 1,000 results," Perry said. "There is a lot out there, but nothing is getting much traction yet."

Perry said they should also address state constitutional issues about potentially reducing retirement benefits.

According to Article 8, Section 5 of the Illinois State Constitution, "membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired."

Eastern Treasurer Paul McCann said defined benefits and defined contributions are the two main pension-payment options, and most people choose the defined benefits structure.

Defined contributions consist of choosing the amount of money to go toward retirement per installment and the full benefits would be determined in later years.

The defined benefits structure is the opposite of defined contributions as the employee chooses the total end amount for retirement and the installment is set for each pay period.

McCann said the defined benefits option is much more expensive to the state, and that is why the state would prefer to reduce benefits.

"The state is out of money and out of options, and they are looking for solutions to the problem," McCann said. "In general, in order for the state to afford the defined benefit expenses, they would have to reduce immediate costs or come up with dollars regularly."

According to Gov. Pat Quinn's Fiscal Year 13 Budget Address, the general revenue fund payment for public pensions is \$5.2 billion, which is triple what it cost in FY 2008.

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CHINESE SONGS, from page 1

"In fact, they are really closer to Russia and Mongolia than they are to Shanghai or Beijing," Crews said.

Tarim includes 18 members and has performed at many government events in China, Maynur Zbrayim, a member of the Tarim, said the group's music is about everyday occurrences.

"Our songs, dance and music are about laboring people, about our harvest and our happy lives," Zbrayim said.

Zbrayim said she thinks younger generations will like the performance more.

"The students like our performance more," Zbrayim said. "They know our art more, because maybe they learned about some of our history (and) our art."

Crews said the group does some interesting dances.

"They had two performers do what is called a cup dance, they had like five cups on their head," Crews said. "When they were done dancing, they pour water out of the cups, you had no clue there was water in there. They hold their heads so level and straight, it is a neat experience."

Tarim is a part of the Arts Midwest World Fest, which is an organization that brings four international groups to the United States over the period of two years.

The groups visit nine locations for a week each and give workshops at local schools and organizations.

"Our performances are different, for the very young students we have simple performance, because they are too young to understand our performance," Zbrayim said. "For older people, we have a more difficult performance that is not so easy."

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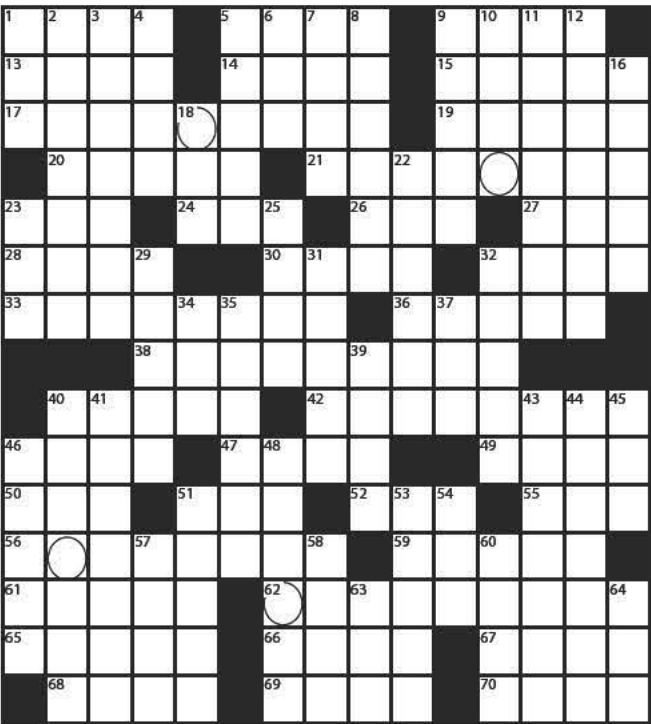
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LOUISVILLE, from page 8

Junior Troy Barton was also impressive in his season debut, tossing 5.1 innings of scoreless baseball to pick up his first win of the season.

"I told him on the mound it's great to have him back and be the leader for the rest of the season," Schmitz said. "We missed him the first two weekends and it affected the entire weekend."

Barton surrendered just three hits to the high-powered Louisville offense and also showed good command of his pitches as he recorded three strikeouts in the win.

"He did a great job with his fast-ball and that's what kept (Louisville) from jumping on his pitches," Schmitz said. "We think he is the No. 1 pitcher and we think he is the guy who can get us the big win on Friday nights."

At the plate, the Panthers executed on their run scoring opportunities, manufacturing a pair of runs in the top of the fourth inning. Red-shirt seniors Ben Thoma and T.J. McManus reached base to open the inning and were pushed into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt by red-shirt senior Dave Ciaglia. Then, sophomore Jacob Reese got the Panthers on the board with a perfectly executed bunt single to the shortstop.

"The big thing to emphasize here is we didn't get some bunts down and we didn't move runners against Southeastern Louisiana," Schmitz said. "Everyone wants to hit a double or a homerun, but we got some runs by guys doing their jobs. It's not to single out names but everyone did the little things to help us win."

Freshman Brant Valach rounded out the inning with an RBI single in the next at-bat. The Panthers added what would be the game winning run on a failed pickoff attempt that scored McManus in the sixth inning.

McManus led the Panthers as he went 2-for-4 and scored two runs in the win. Reese and Valach also had key contributions in the win, going 1-for-4 and knocking in an RBI. Junior Ryan Dineen chipped in two hits to round out the Panther offensive attack.

The Panthers currently stand at 2-4 on the season and will be back in action this weekend at the Evansville Tournament in Evansville, Ind.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers pound way to victory

By Erik Jensen  
Staff Reporter

The Panther softball team competed in the Scranton Scramble this past weekend in Birmingham, Ala., where they finished in second place going 2-2.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said she felt that her team was able to improve throughout the weekend and was proud off its effort.

"We are coming home a better team than when we left, and that's a good sign," Schuette said.

Eastern showed signs of progression at the plate with some good batting statistics for the weekend.

Freshman shortstop Bailey O'Dell led the team at the plate for the weekend, adding on to her strong start to the season with five hits in 12 at bats, three RBIs and one walk.

Sophomore Ashleigh Westover also had a productive weekend with the bat. She had four hits in 13 at bats to go along with two runs scored and a walk.

Junior Melise Brown demonstrated why she was an all Ohio Valley Confer-

ence performer last year with four hits in 13 at bats, to go along with three walks and two runs scored. She also had two RBIs and displayed her power with a double and her first homerun of the year.

The Panthers were led on the mound by their sophomore pitching duo of Stephanie Maday and Hanna Mennenga.

Maday started two games for the Panthers and won one of them. She pitched 12 innings, gave up eight hits, struck out 16 batters and gave up five earned runs (2.92 weekend ERA).

Mennenga also received two starts, and finished with a weekend record of 1-1. She threw 11.1 innings, gave up nine hits, struck out 13 batters and gave up three runs (1.85 weekend ERA).

Around the OVC

The OVC player of the week went to junior outfielder Leah Taylor of Tennessee-Martin. She played in the Frost Classic and had a great tournament. She hit for an average of .389 while scoring seven runs. She also had two homeruns and a blistering .889 slugging percentage. Eastern's own Bailey O'Dell was also nomi-

nated for this award.

The OVC pitcher of the week was split up and went to sophomore Lauren deCastro of Austin Peay and freshman Leanna Pittsenbarger of Eastern Kentucky.

DeCastro threw two complete game wins for Austin Peay last week. She pitched 12 innings and gave up only six hits. It was a notable week for deCastro, because her victory at Jackson State was the first true road victory by an Austin Peay pitcher since 2009.

Pittsenbarger won three games on the mound for Eastern Kentucky last week. She pitched 21 innings and allowed a mere two runs to score. She also showed off her dominant control by walking just three batters. Eastern's Hanna Mennenga was also nominated for this award.

Eastern will be back in action this weekend when it will face off against Mississippi State, Louisiana Tech and Samford at the Mississippi State Classic in Starkville, Miss.

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"She's got that uncanny ability to understand when she needs to take over and when she needs to keep everybody interested," Sallee said.

The time to take over doesn't always come at the end of the game like it did against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, Sallee said.

Sometimes it doesn't work out the right way, either.

"I've hit some game-winning shots and

made some game-winning plays, but on the other side, I've made some turnovers and missed some game-winning shots. I'm not afraid to fail," Nixon said.

Nixon failed Dec. 7, 2011, in a two-point loss against Missouri. She had the ball in her hands for the last shot. She missed.

"I was OK with it because she had the ball in her hands. It was where it needed to be," Sallee said.

Sallee said Nixon is unique in that she has the ability to score 25 points a night if she wanted to; however, she spreads the wealth.

"She buys into the balance of the team," Sallee said. "The special ones have that ability to make others better but help their team win games."

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# Go get 'em, Ta'Kenya

## Star guard scores 30 in big game

By Alex McNamee  
Staff Reporter

Ta'Kenya Nixon is a go-getter. She scored Eastern's final eight points Saturday on her way to a 30-point game, pulling the "depressed" Eastern women's basketball from its two-game hole.

The Panthers needed some positive vibes going into this weekend's conference tournament and Saturday was their last chance.

The team was on a two-game losing streak, matching its longest of the season, and head coach Brady Saltee said the players had to want to win the last game of the regular season.

Man, did Nixon want a win.

"The two-game losing streak got us away from knowing we were a good basketball team," Nixon said of the 22-7 Panthers. "We got a little depressed at the end of the season."

Nixon turned her determination into a career-high 30 points, but that didn't surprise her head coach.

"I don't know that Ta'Kenya has ever walked out on that floor and not wanted it really badly," Saltee said. "That kid's passion for winning really separates her."

Nixon said she has been a go-getter her whole life, on and off the basketball court.

The Michigan City, Ind., native said she has grown up knowing nothing was going to be handed to her.

"You can't just wait around for things to happen. You have to make things happen," Nixon said.

When Nixon sees her teammates looking for someone to step up, she takes the initiative because she has developed the confidence to do it.



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Junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon will be heading into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament Friday coming off a 79-76 victory against Eastern Kentucky.

"Somebody has to do it," Nixon said. "I'm not going to wait around for somebody else to do it."

Saltee said Nixon's attitude has devel-

oped throughout her life and said it has been her driving force.

"It's the end result of somebody who doesn't buy into the sense of entitle-

ment that a lot of people in (Nixon's) generation do," Saltee said.

He said basketball players like Ta'Kenya — those who can make players

around them better, while wanting the ball in "winning time" — are at a premium in the women's game.

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### BASEBALL

## Panthers upset No. 14 Louisville

By Jordan Pottorff  
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team picked up its first signature win of the season, knocking off No. 14 Louisville by a score of 3-2 on Tuesday in Louisville, Ky. It was the Panthers' first win over a ranked opponent since beating No. 15 Oklahoma 8-6 on March 19, 2009.

The Panthers, holding a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the ninth inning, got themselves into trouble giving up two runs after loading the bases with no outs. Senior left-handed pitcher Adam Clark was solid in relief, tossing 2.2 innings of one run baseball, but was pulled in the ninth inning after Louisville began to claw its way back into contention.

"Adam (Clark) got us to that point in the game and did a great job," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "You don't want to lose because you feel he is the guy, but he had already gone 2.2 innings and had walked the lead off guy."

After pulling Clark, Schmitz turned to Darin Worman to close out the game. Worman had previously been perfect in his 5.1 innings of work, posting an ERA of 0.00, but struggled with his command on Tuesday, giving up one hit, hitting one batter and giving up a run in his fourth appearance of the season.



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Junior pitcher Troy Barton throws the ball during a June 11, 2011 game against Illinois State at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers won 3-2 Tuesday in Louisville, Ky against No. 14 Louisville.

The Panthers then turned to hard-throwing junior Keith Koser to salvage the game and record the first signature win of the season.

"I brought Worman in and he wasn't sharp today," Schmitz said. "That's what happens sometimes and we went with

Koser to finish it out."

Koser answered the call, getting the Panthers out of trouble and recording the first save of his career as he struck out one and gave up one hit in one inning of work.

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

## Granger earns Second Team OVC honor

### Tournament begins Wednesday

By Dominic Renzetti  
Sports Editor

Senior guard Jeremy Granger was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference Second Team, as the conference announced its All-Conference teams and awards Tuesday.

Granger, who averaged 15.9 points per game, led the OVC in free throw percentage for the second time in his career.

Granger is the Panthers' all-time leader in free throw percentage and the No. 3 all-time OVC player in free throw percentage. This season, Granger became the first player in Eastern history to lead the Panthers in both scoring and assists in two seasons. He had 88 assists this year, bringing him to 313 for his career, the third most in Eastern history.

Joining Granger on the All-OVC Second Team is Jaron Jones of Eastern Kentucky, Tyler Stone of Southeast Missouri, John Fraley of Austin Peay, Ivan Aska of Murray State and Mark Yelovich of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

ville. Six players are featured because of a tie in voting for the final spot.

The OVC tournament begins on Wednesday. The Panthers did not qualify for the tournament.

### Around the OVC

Murray State's Isaiah Canaan was named OVC Player of the Year, while teammate Jewaun Long was the OVC Defensive Player of the Year. Steve Prohm, coach of the Racers, was named OVC Coach of the Year.

Canaan was also named to the All-OVC team, joining Donte Poole of Murray State, Robert Covington of Tennessee State and Kevin Murphy and Jud Dillard of Tennessee Tech.

Tennessee-Martin's Myles Taylor was named OVC Freshman of the Year.

Making the OVC All-Newcomer team is Tyler Stone of Southeast Missouri, Myles Taylor of Tennessee-Martin, Mike DiNunno of Eastern Kentucky, Kellen Thornton of Tennessee State and Jerome Jones of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

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