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Facing frigid temps

Faculty, students still head to campus despite single digit, below zero temps

By **EMILY ZULZ**
Associate News Editor

Vicki Woodard can count on one hand the number of times Eastern has cancelled classes due to weather conditions.

“That decision is made by the president in some consultation with the vice presidents,” said Woodard, university spokesperson.

Temperatures Thursday were in the single digits and below zero.

Charleston School District cancelled school for the day.

Illinois State University cancelled all classes for Thursday as well.

Northern Illinois University cancelled the night classes held on Thursday.

Eastern did not cancel any classes.

“If it was going to be real windy too (Thursday) that would have been a different story,” said President Bill Perry.

He said a high wind on Thursday would have created a greater wind chill factor.

Factors that might result in cancellation are heavy snowfall or icy conditions, Perry said.

“In winter, typically we worry about things that would make travel to campus hazardous,” he said.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A student faces the cold weather outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Wednesday. Temperatures Thursday reached 2 degrees with a wind chill of -20 degrees and were expected to drop to -3 degrees during the night.

CAMPUS | CELEBRATION

March to honor King

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Students will march in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. with burning candles in memory of the civil rights leader.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is in charge of putting on the event, which will take place Monday evening.

Students will have a chance to meet up with one another in Thomas Hall at 5:30 p.m.

They will march together with their candles over to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to participate in a ceremony that will start at about 6 p.m. The ceremony is going to be held in the Grand Ballroom.

The ceremony will include Cordell Ingram from Decatur and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha as the keynotes speaker.

Cordell is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the principal of Roberts Charter School.

“We are also going to honor the first ever member of Alpha Phi Alpha,” said Quentin Frazier, member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

William Ridgeway was the first member at Eastern’s chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Since this is the chapter’s 40th year on campus, several awards will also be offered at the ceremony.

These awards will include the Alpha Image Award, the Annie B.



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Bruce Ratliff, finance major, leads the Unit Gospel Choir during the celebrations of Martin Luther King Jr. birthday on January 21, 2008. The event, Evolution of a Dream, was organized by Alpha Phi Alpha and began with a vigil march in remembrance of the civil rights activist.

Singleton Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award.

“The Annie B. Singleton award is for a female student involved in community service on campus,” said Gary White, vice president for Alpha Phi Alpha. “The Alpha Image Award

is for faculty or staff that are involved on campus and the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award Essay Contest will be awarded to a student from Charleston High School.”

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CAMPUS | ACTIVITY

Spring Read 2009: Reading for pleasure

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**
Campus Editor

Allen Lanham, dean of the Booth Library said it is important for students to read for pleasure.

“In a busy day sometimes one doesn’t take time to relax and read for pleasure,” he said.

Lanham encourages students to get involved in the program “Spring Read 2009” formerly known as “One Book, One University” sponsored by the Booth Library.

This program encourages students, faculty and staff who are interested in the program to read “Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

This book is considered to be inspirational and tells about the author, Mortenson, who decides to give back to a poverty stricken village in Pakistan by building schools mainly for girls. During his journey, Mortenson is faced with road blocks as he receives death threats from Americans and seen as a traitor and struggles with his family.

Lanham said this book is parallel to the EIU Read’s book “Mountains beyond Mountains”

by Tracey Kidder that focuses mainly on Dr. Paul Farmer’s work in Haiti, Peru and Russia and how he attempts to fix healthcare in poor, Third World countries.

“This book is just another journey in another part of the world,” he said. “There are similar circumstances. It’s all about being somewhere and recognizing a need.”

Lanham said this book is great for students who are in all disciplines such as math, science, history, English and many others.

“Sometimes the obstacle is that people on college campuses are reading in their own discipline,” he said. “In this book one can find an artistic theme and it can touch on all majors.”




Lanham said he knows students have other required readings to do for class, but believes that there are some who still read outside of class for enjoyment.

“I believe that these people who get involved in reading and expand their thought develop additional skills they can apply to a variety of situations,” he said.

Lanham said a student who keeps up with his readings in class, are sure to keep up with the spring read despite the page numbers.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Housing and Dining Halls try to "Pack the Place"

Lincoln Hall wins competition, Taylor Hall finishes in second

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Lincoln Hall packed the place Thursday night. Pack the Place: Residence Hall Competition went from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Lantz Arena.

Check-in for residence halls started at 5 p.m. and the actual game started at 5:30 p.m.

This was the third and final installment of the competition sponsored by the athletic department and The Agency.

Ryan Gilmore, director of marketing and promotions, said Pack the Place has exposed Eastern's basketball and football to students that may not have otherwise shown up.

The Agency has also helped bring exposure to the residence halls, according to Gilmore.

"I wouldn't say we had poor attendance before, but we are able to fill in the parts of the student section that we normally would not fill in," Gilmore said. "I think it is a good partnership and cool for somebody to take interest in athletics."

Lincoln was the winner of this Pack the Place event, with Taylor coming in second.

"The winning residence hall had the highest percentage so far," Gilmore said. "This has definitely brought (athletics) some exposure."

Gilmore said he appreciates the support and hopes to work together with more projects similar to this one in the future.

Two other Pack the Place events took place earlier in the year. The first was on November 15 and was a senior night football game.

"Lincoln Hall won that," said Cory Dimitrakopoulos, student director of The Agency.

The second one was a men's basketball game on De-

"I think it is a good partnership and cool for somebody to take interest in athletics."

— Ryan Gilmore, director of marketing and promotions

ember 4. Taylor Hall won that and a free iPod nano was given away at halftime.

"All that participated from the winning residence hall got pizza from the athletic department at a later date," Dimitrakopoulos said.

At this game, a digital camera was the final giveaway at halftime and athletic bags and pom-poms were given to participants at check-in.

Douglas Hall won last night's Pack the Place, so they will get pizza at a later date.

"It is only for residents who actually attended," Dimitrakopoulos said. "Attendance has been increasing since the first one."

A total of 112 students participated in this particular Pack the Place.

"The incentive to come was a pizza party, and I think Lincoln Hall won because it is home to most sophomore and freshman girls' basketball players," said Diana Zultowski, a sophomore physical education major.

"The Agency is still deciding whether or not to continue the residence hall competition," Dimitrakopoulos said. "Students have given us positive feedback when we've asked what they think about the campaign and events, so it may be a good way to keep students coming by continuing the competition."

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Man waiting for tools gets brick of marijuana

The Associated Press

DENTON, Texas — A man in Denton, Texas who was expecting a shipment of tools instead received a 30-pound brick of marijuana that police said is worth more than \$10,000.

Officer Ryan Grelle said the man opened the box Monday night, realized it contained drugs and con-

tacted police.

The package from the Pharr area was handled by UPS in McAllen on Jan. 6. and apparently was intended for a Dallas address.

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CAMPUS | SENATE

Committee explores library hours

Booth Library dean does not oppose extending hours, but needs more funds

By BOB BAJEK
Student Government Editor

The Academic Affairs Committee is continuing to research expanding the hours at Booth Library.

Chris Kromphardt, former chair of the committee, led the initiative last semester.

He is seeking the position this semester. Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin will choose committee chairs at the next Student Senate meeting.

The research is going well, Kromphardt said.

“Last semester, we spoke with various organizations on campus,” Kromphardt said. “We spoke to the Library Advisory Board, Faculty Senate, the inner-Greek council, Black Student Union and Dr. Dan Nadler.”

Kromphardt will talk to other organizations such as the Residence Hall Association and the Student Organization Council to get their points of view.

The committee asked if the groups thought library hours were sufficient and why? The committee also asked what areas could be fixed.

The committee looks to have Booth open at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

It’s also exploring the option of keeping Booth open until 6 or 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

“If a student needs a book, journal, printing, etc., they cannot get it if they have an 8 a.m. class,” Kromphardt said.

The senate member knows people who live off campus and have 8 a.m. classes or study all day on Friday and Saturday, which is why he hopes to help them out.

The Academic Affairs Committee made a survey on library usage. Cari Brito, a professor in the psychology department, helped the students with surveys, which will be available online.

Allen Lanham, dean of library services, wants approximately 1,242 students to answer the survey, accord-



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A student sleeps in one of Booth library’s lounge areas on Thursday afternoon. The library is often a place where students chose to relax before or after classes as well as study and print out assignments. Recently there has been a push for extending library hours so that students with 8 a.m. classes can use the library’s resources as well as extending afternoon hours on Friday and Saturday.

ing to the Nov. 12 Library Advisory Board minutes.

The survey will be available for the entire month of February, Kromphardt said.

The committee will present their findings at a forum for organizations after the survey. It will be a constructive conversation on what they should do.

Krompardt hopes to present his findings to Eastern President Bill Perry in April.

Lanham is not opposed to the committee researching such a proposal.

“It didn’t seem like a fact finding mission to me of adding hours right away,” Lanham said. “It looked more like them informing the Library Advisory Board that they would do research on the topic.”

Lanham said he gave the members a recent copy of the patron satisfaction comments from 2008 and will reply to those soon.

According to the Library Advisory Board minutes, faculty weighed in on the committee’s proposed research.

“There were some faculty on the board who asked them what was the real issue,” Lanham said. “They brought up, are you looking for a place to study, make photo copies, etc.”

The dean said students have com-

puter labs, study space in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and Copy Express photo copy options.

Booth Library is currently open 98 hours a week.

In 2003, Lanham added hours from midnight to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and opened on Sundays at noon instead of 1:30 p.m.

“Dean Allen said the method we are using is similar to the one Student Government used a few years ago,” Kromphardt said.

One of the issues Lanham has with increasing library hours is he wants to offer more to the students.

“If we invest in the library, we want to add more resources and services to the students instead of just the same old repetition of time,” Lanham said. “But we could be on different wavelengths here.”

Lanham said he does not have the information of how much extending the library hours would cost financially.

Since the last extension of hours, he does not have enough people to fill additional hours, meaning additional employees and or longer shifts are needed.

A staff of seven is required – even late at night for the safety of students, Lanham said.

The dean is not sure if students will use the library more if it is opened

longer on Fridays.

“I have asked students if they would come on Friday night and have not found anyone wanting to come that night,” Lanham said. “Only on a snowy day will they come.”

For statistical data, Booth Library has laser scanners at both entrances to count the amount of people who use it. A head count at the computer labs during various points in the day are also performed.

The survey still needs to be presented to the Student Senate, Kromphardt said.

“I had a resolution for the survey last semester; however, technology apparently hates me and the screen turned off during the senate meeting,” he said. “It will have to go in front of the senate for approval again.”

Kromphardt said the committee studied other peer institutions with comparable size and class times.

“We have talked about shifting hours like maybe starting Sunday at 10:30 a.m. instead of noon which is too late,” he said. “It would shift the closing time like 6:30 instead of 8.”

Shifting is to be recommended if Eastern President Bill Perry says the library’s budget cannot be expanded, Kromphardt said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

BASEketball tournament looking for teams

A BASEketball Tournament will be held on Jan. 31 at the Student Recreation Center to benefit local charities.

The tournament will help raise money and non-perishable-food donations for the Soup Stop, a local soup kitchen, and the Charleston and Mattoon Food Pantries.

BASEketball is a combination of basketball and baseball.

Teams are three people per team with two substitutes.

Cost is \$15 per team and 15 canned or non-perishable food items.

Additional donations are appreciated.

Sign-up sheets are available to the left of the Student Activities Center entrance in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Crime Stoppers need help in robbery

The Mattoon Police Department is currently investigating the 2:44 p.m. Jan. 7 robbery that took place at Pharmax, located at 1221 Charleston Ave.

The suspect is described as a white male, in his 40s, wearing blue jeans, jean jacket and a black baseball cap.

He indicated he had a weapon and fled the store on foot after the robbery.

Anyone having information concerning the burglary to Pharmax, is urged to contact the Mattoon Police Department at 258-7901 or the Coles County Crime Stoppers at (866) 345-8488.

All calls to Crime Stoppers are confidential and information leading to the arrest and conviction are eligible for a cash reward.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz and News Editor Matt Hopf

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The Indio Cigar Factory was misspelled in Tuesday’s edition of The Daily Eastern News.

The DEN regrets the error.

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The rewards of
accomplishment

Living through the depths of winter gets old. You wake up in the morning, think about how comfortable you are lying in bed.

You then realize shortly you will have to plod to class, braving dangerously low temperatures, howling wind and a gray sky that lately seems to have decided that we don’t deserve to see the sun anymore.

Then comes class, the official reason we are here.

With class comes time-consuming work that requires devotion outside of class hours.

Wouldn’t it be better to give yourself a break from it all and do nothing? It crosses everyone’s mind.

The devil on your shoulder is probably right; the world would keep on turning if you didn’t do an assignment.

There are only two reasons I can think of as to why anyone gets anything done.

It either makes them feel good or it is what everyone who came before them did, and they don’t know what else to do.

Have you ever looked back on a Sunday night at all the lounging you engaged in that weekend and been filled with a sense of pride? I’m jealous of anyone who can honestly say yes.

Work is a necessary component of life.

One can turn on the TV and observe people who devote themselves to a life devoid of substance.

Reality shows display the antics of mindless twits who were born rich, treating every gathering as a beauty pageant where somehow whomever has the most self-absorbed, bland personality is the winner.

If people can go their whole lives like that and not have a horrifying realization on their deathbed about the pointlessness of it all, then more power to them.

Most of us possess enough self-respect to go through life trying to accomplish something meaningful.

Raising a family, working at a job that gives you a good feeling at the end of the day or having a creative outlet are all things that make life real.

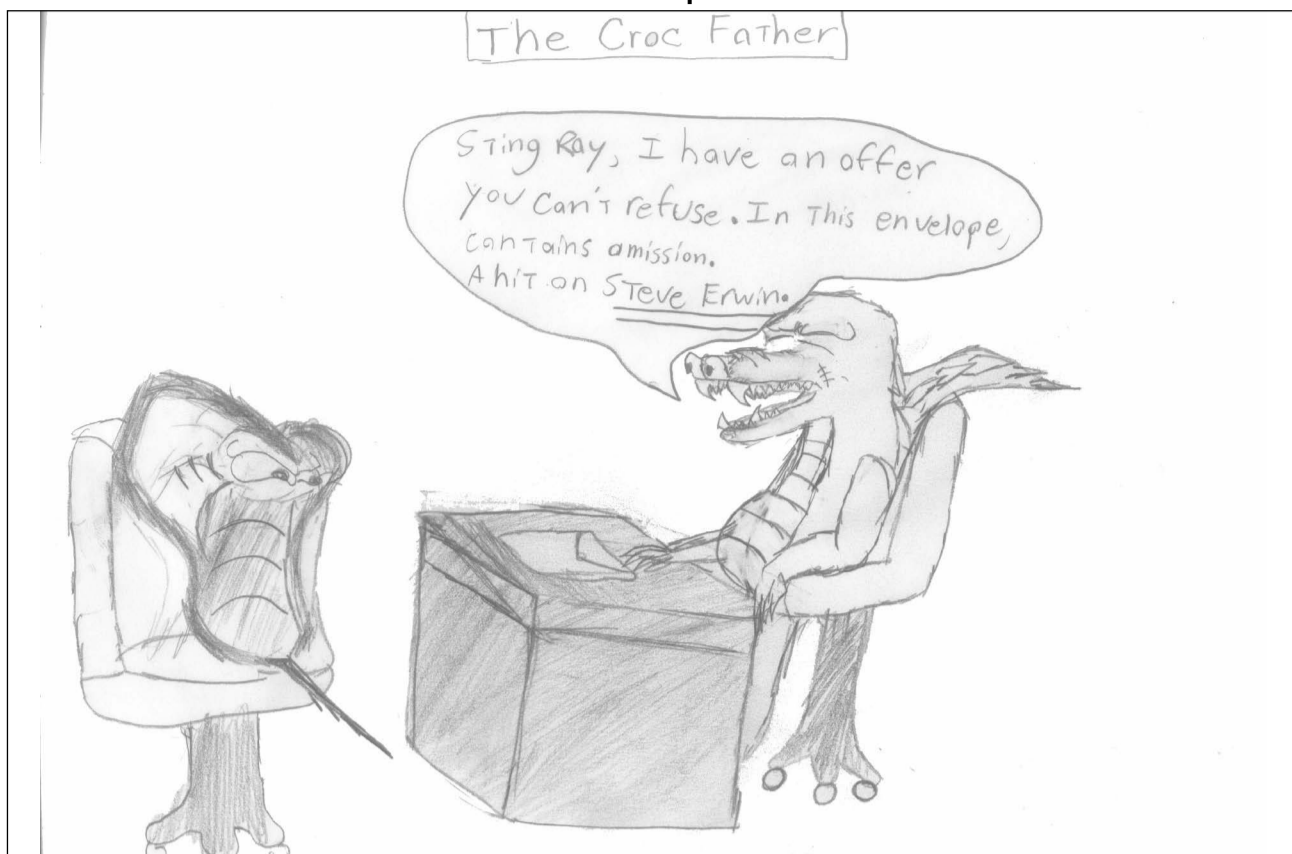
Laziness has its perks, but it is generally not a path to take frequently.

I feel better telling someone that I risked frostbite to enter a classroom with the intention to learn, rather than tell them I almost went to class, but decided not to because the walk would be unpleasant.

The only way to have a sense of accomplishment is to do the obvious thing: accomplish something.

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Drawn to Amuse | Ian Winston



STAFF EDITORIAL

Students’ sloppy e-mails
more than a respect issue

Whether through intimidation or outright shyness, students are always looking for a different means of communication through professors. In an age of ever-changing technology, students are presented with a multitude of different communication methods rather than talking to their professors face-to-face. E-mail is one of the easiest ways to contact professors regarding class or assignments. With professors’ e-mail addresses regularly available in the directory of Eastern’s Web site, students are able to reach their professors whenever they want.

Convenient as it is, this method has left some Eastern teachers vexed. The process itself is not the problem, but the way messages are conveyed has some teachers feeling disrespected and insulted.

After 13 years of formal schooling, one might assume students would adopt a level of professionalism when addressing their professors. Unfortunately, this is apparently not the case.

In Thursday’s issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, two professors voiced their opinions on the type of language used in messages from their students.

Citing drug references, poor grammar or abbreviations reading like text messages, the professors noted a disturbing trend of students’ messages reading like they are chatting with friends. Of course, some students have better relationships with certain professors than others; some professors may seem more relatable or easier to talk to than others.

But at the same time, both parties treat each other with a level of respect, something apparently lacking in students’ e-mails.

Understandably, students want to have that friendly relationship with their professors where both parties are mutually

“This type of behavior wouldn’t be tolerated in the professional world and it shouldn’t be tolerated here.”

treated as if they are colleagues. By achieving this relationship, some students may feel more comfortable coming to professors for assistance with homework assignments or their studies.

However, to achieve that level of respect, students must take the first step and treat their professors with a sense of respect.

Not only does sending unprofessional e-mails reflect badly on a student’s respect for professors, but it speaks volumes about the student’s future in a professional environment.

How will the student’s future boss react when he receives an e-mail reading like a text message from an address with drug references? This type of behavior wouldn’t be tolerated in the professional world and it shouldn’t be tolerated here.

If students want respect from professors, they should at least have the decency to behave like professionals – or at least professionals in training – when communicating with people who are devoting their lives to furthering others’.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

INTERNSHIPS ARE KEY
TO SNAGGING GOOD JOBS

SOUTH CAROLINA — Remember how when you were graduating high school, all you ever heard from your parents and teachers was how important it was to go to college, how a degree would be the key to all those doors of opportunity for a secure future?

And then we were smacked awake when we realized that without an internship, some of our degrees would be little more than a ticket to the back of the job pool line. While a college education is vital in today’s world, it can look pretty

lonely on a blank resume without a long list of “related work experience” to keep it occupied.

That’s why many of us have steered our attention toward the summer, not for endless parties and fun in the sun but in the direction of important connections that will give us an edge when we graduate. I know I have been reminded time and time again that an internship, or three or four, is absolutely necessary if I don’t want to go straight from full-time student to full-time unemployed.

But has anyone else noticed the internship pool is looking a little shallow lately? Employers everywhere, from

small town businesses to big time corporations, are cutting their internship slots, both paid and unpaid. The big bad economy is making it hard for workers to keep their jobs, much less for poor college kids to stand a chance at a temporary slot. What a great time to be graduating, huh? I get that paid internships are less than a priority in these times for many businesses, but what I cannot wrap my head around is this trend to cut the unpaid positions. How does it save to cut out the training of the future workforce?

Amanda Davis
The Daily Gamecock

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Women's tennis opens up season

The Eastern women's tennis team is full of youth this season.

The Panthers' line-up features five freshmen, two sophomores and a junior, all of which must be thrust into the lineup as they start the spring season.

The Panthers will play against Miami (Ohio) at 10 a.m. on Sunday and against Western Michigan at 3 p.m. on Sunday in Bloomington, Ind.

"Although we look young on paper, we all show a sense of maturity that will carry over into the matches," sophomore Abby Allgire said. "There is an opportunity out there, all we have to do is go out and take it."

That opportunity includes the No. 54-ranked Western Michigan women's tennis team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

"We have a young team this year so getting the team chemistry and feeling back is hard, but so far it's going great," Allgire said. "We gained a lot of talent and are really lucky for that. I hope as a team we can continually grow this year and become mentally and physically sound."

Allgire along with Cara Huck and junior Hayley Homburg are the only returnees for the Panthers, which finished 13-7 and 5-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers finished in three-way tie for fifth place in the league and a coaches' voting decision left them out of the conference tournament.

Swimming returns to action

The Eastern men's and women's swimming teams to intercollegiate action after a long break.

The Panthers, which have not competed officially since Dec. 5, will compete at 2 p.m. against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis at Padovan Pool.

The Eastern women's swimming team (1-5) defeated IUPUI earlier this season 170-126.

The Eastern men's swimming team (1-5) also defeated IUPUI earlier this season 152-127.

-Compiled by Staff Reporter Wal-ly Swenson and Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. They can be reached at 581-7944 or at DENSportsdesk@gmail.com.

» Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

The most impressive part of the blowout victory, quite simply, was the execution of the team's game plan. It's not uncommon to hear a coach or an athlete talk about how they need to execute better to win, how they need to control the ball better, or how they need to cut down on mistakes.

But rarely does a team come out and execute when they say that's what they need to do.

And that's what the Panthers did.

Throughout the week it was clear that Eastern head coach Brady Sallee was set on cutting down his team's turnovers. He said it, and so did Galigan and Sims. So what happens?

The Panthers come out and commit a season-low 12 turnovers in their biggest win against Eastern Kentucky in program history.

Phrases such as "chip on our shoulder," "playing angry," and "playing with something to prove" were used after last Saturday's loss to Southeast Missouri.

Well, the Panthers played with all

of those emotions as indicated Thursday, and their ability to fix problems in the span of three practices is incredible at any level, let alone for a relatively small Division-I program.

They always play with energy, but it was more evident Thursday.

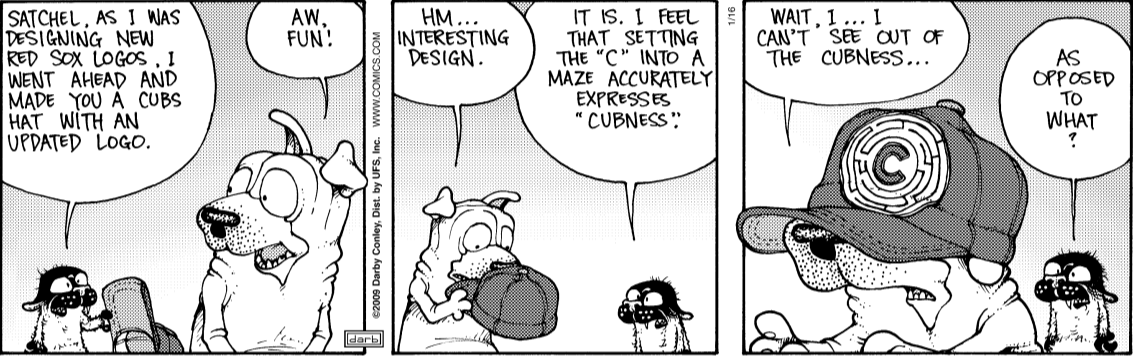
The usual mild-mannered Kloak even picked up the first technical foul of her career after hot-headed Colonels freshman guard Kayla Drake took offense to a hard foul by Panthers senior guard Ellen Canale.

Collin Whitchurch can be reached at 581-7944 or at cwhitchurch@eiu.edu.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



GET FUZZY | BY DARBY CONLEY



» Practice

FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers were able to shut down the Ohio Valley Conference's top freshman scorer in guard Kayla Drake.

Drake entered Thursday averaging 16.7 points per game and was held to only 12, including zero in the second half.

MORE ONLINE

• See dennews.com for more notes about tonight's games.

The Panthers continue OVC play on Saturday when they welcome Morehead State at 3 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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» Seal

FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers could not give up both if they wanted to win.

"We did a good job, we stopped them for the last seven minutes," Martin said. "We knew we couldn't give up both three pointers and paint shots, but we only gave up 6 points in the paint."

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said

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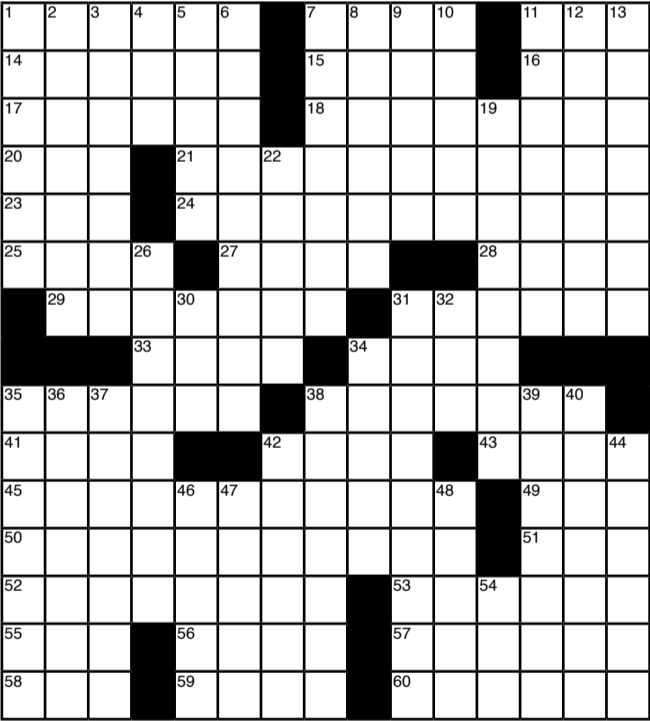
the Panthers knew they could not play ECU the same way they played against different teams.

Dan Cusack can be reached at 581-7944 or at dscusack@eiu.edu.

The New York Times Crossword

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Team discipline impressive

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

The most impressive part of the Eastern Illinois women's basketball team's 78-44 victory against Eastern Kentucky on Thursday was not the play of red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims. Nothing against Sims' effort (18 points on 7-for-10 shooting, four rebounds, an assist and a steal), or that of junior forward Maggie Kloak (18 points, six rebounds and two steals).

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN ILLINOIS 78, EASTERN KENTUCKY 44

Practice makes perfect

Panthers' ball control, season-low 12 turnovers lead to win

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Dominique Sims was not pleased with the way her team handled the ball last week. After committing 20 or more turnovers in three consecutive games, Sims said the team made a vow to control the ball better. It paid off Thursday for the Eastern Illinois red-shirt junior guard and the rest of the Panthers. The Panthers committed a season-low 12 turnovers and set a team record with 14 consecutive home victories in an easy 78-44 victory against Eastern Kentucky in Lantz Arena. "In (last Saturday's loss to Southeast Missouri), we turned the ball over a lot, and we made a vow to each other after the next practice," Sims said, who tied for game-high with 18 points. "We said we needed to take care of the ball to win, and that's exactly what we did." The Panthers (11-6, 5-1 Ohio Valley Conference) pulled away in the first half, led by Sims as well as the post play of senior forward Rachel Galligan and junior forward Maggie Kloak. Kloak scored 11 of her 18 points and Galligan 10 of her 16 in the first half as the Panthers built a 23-point halftime advantage. Panthers head coach Brady Sallee said that it was the team's defense that helped build the lead as they forced 21 Colonels turnovers, leading to 30 points against the Colonels (6-9, 3-4). "I thought we did a good job of letting our defense lead to easy buckets," Sallee said. "And when you look at turnovers and at fast break points, I think you see the reason (of why) we scored in the 70s."

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Kloak takes a shot during Thursday evening's 78-44 victory against Eastern Kentucky in Lantz Arena. Kloak scored 18 points during the Panthers' 14 straight home wins. The 14 consecutive wins set a team record.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN ILLINOIS 58, EASTERN KENTUCKY 48

Senior helps seal victory for Panthers

Parrish makes basket as home team wins

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Billy Parrish was in the right place at the right time. Parrish, an Eastern Illinois senior forward, got a key pass and his layup gave the Eastern men's basketball team a 50-48 lead with 2 minutes, 20 seconds remaining against Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky. The Panthers held on to win 58-48. The Panthers (7-9, 4-2 OVC) and the Colonels (9-8, 3-4 OVC) battled for two halves as neither team lead by more than four until the end. The Panthers' victory helps them maintain a hold on third place in the

OVC. EKU senior guard Mike Rose kept the Colonels afloat in the second half with five 3-pointers, but a combination of Eastern Illinois junior guard T.J. Marion, Eastern Illinois junior center Ousmane Cisse and Parrish were too much for the Colonels. After a Rose 3-pointer with 7:52 remaining, the Colonels were held scoreless as the Panthers scored the final 14 points of the game. Parrish said that was not something the Panthers were expecting coming into the game, but with how the defense reacted – it was effective. Martin said the Colonels rely on both the 3-pointers and layups in the paint.

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Eastern Illinois freshman guard Jeremy Granger drives toward the basket during the game Thursday night in Lantz Arena. The Panthers won 58-48 against Eastern Kentucky after taking a lead late in the game.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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| SWIMMING Saturday vs. IUPUI 2 p.m. – Padovan Pool | WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday vs. Morehead State 3 p.m. – Lantz Arena | MEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday vs. Morehead State 7 p.m. – Lantz Arena | WOMEN'S TENNIS Sunday vs. Miami (Ohio) 10 a.m. – Bloomington, Ind. | WOMEN'S TENNIS Sunday vs. W. Michigan 3 p.m. – Bloomington, Ind. |
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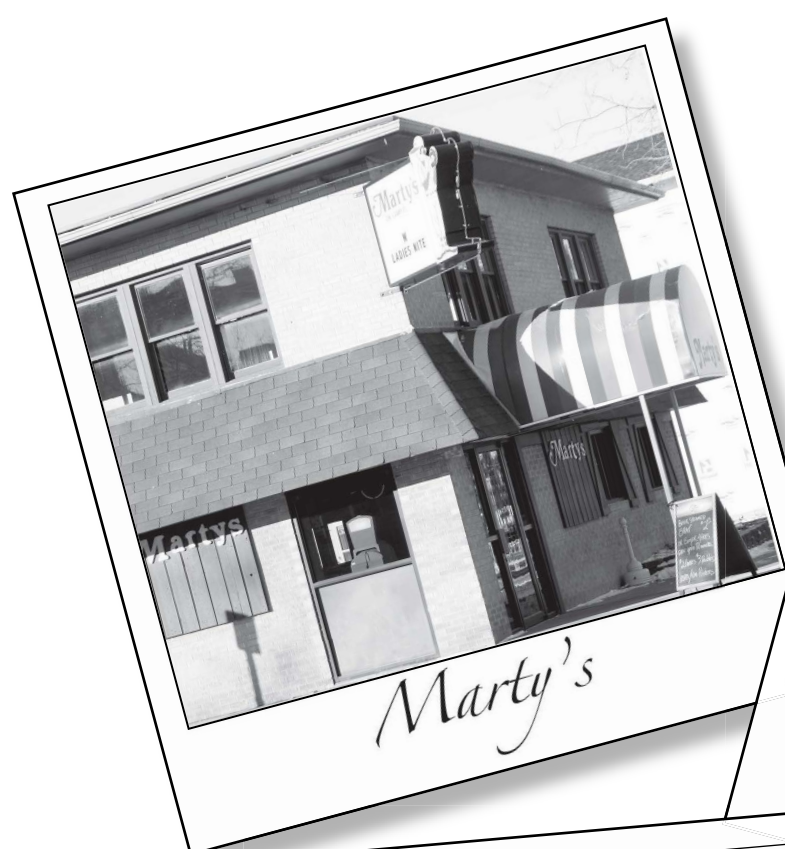
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THE ULTIMATE BAR FLY GUIDE



Marty's



The Panther Paw



Jerry's

By Sarah Ruholl
Assistant Verge Editor

The bar scene in a small college town is one unlike any other.

Whether it is for a beer or two after class or a Friday night on the town, the Charleston bar scene has a lot to offer Eastern students.

Most bars have daily drink specials and, unless there are bands playing, there is no cover charge, making a night on the town in Charleston affordable on a student's budget.

"You don't need to spend as much money compared to a Chicago bar," said Eric Carlson, a senior physical education major.

When deciding where to go, Carlson and his friends look for a bar with classic rock, small crowds and drink specials.

"I don't like being at a bar with a bunch of other people," said Mike Green, a senior political science major.

There are options in Charleston for all kinds of bar goers. From dancing, to live music, karaoke and games, there are a wide variety of things to do on any given night.

"Roc's has this dice game I play for hours," said Steve Galas, a senior industrial technologies major.

Many bars, like Mad Hatter's and the Panther Paw and Grill, have arcade games and pool tables for students to use.

"I like to hang out and shoot some pool," Carlson said.

Whether you live near campus or are closer to the square, there are plenty of options.

"It's nice being able to walk every where," Galas said.

There is one thing most people do not like, though.

"I wish they were open later. I'd spend more time at the bar if they didn't close at 12:45 a.m.," Green said.

AREA BARS

Panther Paw – Live music on most Thursdays with a \$5 cover. Drink specials change daily.

Lefty's Holler – Karaoke night is every Thursday, with \$1 drafts. Daily drink specials include \$2 Jack and SoCo on Saturday.

Mac's Uptown Cellar – \$1 pints Monday through Thursday, with a different beer on special each night. Features live music on most weekends and acoustic music every Sunday.

Friends and Co. – Live music is featured throughout the week. Pitchers are \$3 on Sunday.

Roc's Blacktop and Top of the Roc – Top of the Roc has a dance floor and two bars; drafts are \$1 on Saturday. Roc's Blacktop is a quiet atmosphere with ribs and steak on the menu.

Mother's – The bar is only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Located on the square, it is a change of pace and scenery from campus.

Jerry's – A neighborhood type bar with revolving drink specials, it has a laidback atmosphere. Darts, pool, foosball and other games are available.

Marty's – Friday 4 o'clock Club with \$5 Miller Lite and Coors Light pitchers has been a tradition since the bar opened in 1973. Ladies' Night is Wednesday, and the grill stays open until midnight on Thursday.

The Station – Features a restaurant menu and full bar. There is plenty of seating for groups.

Mad Hatter's – Long Island Iced Tea pitchers are \$6.50 on Thursday. Pac Man, pinball and pool tables provide entertainment.

Ike's – Features old school arcade games. Drink specials change daily.

ON THE VERGE OF A NEW SEMESTER

It just hit me as I was typ-
ing my byline that, holy
crap, I'm Verge Editor.
Being Verge Editor has
been my goal since I came
to Eastern last year.

I am a musician myself, and
have always wanted to be that per-
son to spread the word about in-
teresting things going on in the
music scene. I blame the mov-
ie "Almost Famous" for that.

At my interview, I was asked
how my involvement in the
music scene here in Charles-
ton would affect my work.

I think that, in order to write
about something, you have
to be passionate about it.

I've been playing music since
fourth grade and attending shows
since my sophomore year of
high school. I've been a promot-
er for seven years, and last semes-
ter, I put together my first show,
the Grassroots Music Show.

I have so many ideas for what



Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Verge Editor

The Verge can do this semester,
and it's already showing prom-
ise. We're planning on expanding
our online presence, starting with
entertainment-related blogs, vid-
eo, photos and audio. We will also
be posting links to Web sites relat-
ed to the stories on dennews.com.

In addition to our dennews.
com page, we also have a Facebook
fan page and a MySpace page.

The idea behind having a Face-
book and MySpace page is so that
you, the reader, can keep in con-
tact with us. After all, the reason
why we do this is for you. If you

have an idea, we want to hear it.
If you think we can do something
better, tell us. If you have a pho-
to you think we could use, send it.

But wait, there's more!
Instead of just writing about
events and doing in-depth piec-
es, *The Verge* wants to get in-
volved, too. After all, you
guys can't have all the fun.

The Battle of the Bands last se-
mester was just a step towards
our desire to become an integral
part of this music and art com-
munity. We are currently in the
idea stage of planning Verge-host-
ed events, such as shows, co-
hosted benefits, and anything
else we, or you, can think of.

With all of these new things go-
ing on, it will feel a little rocky
at first. This semester will be like
a debutante ball— nerve-wrack-
ing, scary and intimidating; but
in the end, worth it, because
we are coming out and show-
ing off just what we can do.

FEATURE PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Little Boy Jr. has been together for about two years. The band is currently recording their first album.

LBJ RECORDS AT IN-TOWN STUDIO

By Neil Schneider
Staff Reporter

When 22-year-old Nash Bruce moved to Charleston in fall 2008, he was focused on getting his band Dramatic Habits off the ground. Bruce didn't know he would soon be building a recording studio and recording bands spanning the Midwest. Fruitfly Studios is located off 18th Street in Charleston. "The studio wasn't the reason I came here," Bruce said. "I moved to Charleston and started Fruitfly in earnest this fall, as a source of income to support myself while trying to get my band going." Bruce explained that one of the perks of living in Charleston has been his ability to network with bands and other acts. "Most of my networking has been done in central Illinois," Bruce said. Bruce added Charleston's close location to four major interstates

with multiple cities within a three-hour drive are major benefits to his move. Fruitfly Studios, was built and opened in the fall of 2008. They have recorded local acts such as Phil Riley, The Iron Tigers and Matt McKay. Some of the studios out-of-town bands include Lopez on the Runway and Eleven Eleven from Kankakee, Illinois. Fruitfly Studios is currently recording the upcoming debut album of Little Boy Jr. Finding new bands in local areas isn't always easy, Bruce said, but he believes scouting around is a good idea before trying to begin the recording process. "I, or a trusted friend, usually scout a band to see if there style is something I would even be interested in recording," Bruce said. "I consider it vital to possess a solid understanding of the sound that a group is looking for. During pre-production, where any se-

rious structural changes typically occur, we discuss the overall flow of a song and I do my best to get their perspective while still coming in with a fresh set of ears." Dan Lazzarotto, guitarist and vocalist of Little Boy Jr., heard about Fruitfly Studios from a friend. "We had heard really good things...so we went for it," Lazzarotto said. Little Boy Jr. has recently laid down "scratch tracks," which are drum and bass tracks for the guitars, keys and vocals to use while recording. There is no album title or release date set for the album, but the band seems pleased with the progression the album is making. "It's early in the recording process, but so far things have been going good," said Joe Courtney, guitarist and vocalist of Little Boy Jr. The band was formed in Charleston during Lazzarotto's

freshman year but didn't start playing shows until the next year. "We spent a lot of time practicing and figuring out what our sound was going to be like," Lazzarotto said. Little Boy Jr. describes its sound as a combination of garage-rock, jazz and Mo-Town. "We really don't like to take too much influence from today's musical scene," Courtney said. The name Little Boy Jr. comes from the lyrics of song by a Swedish garage-rock band. The other members are Scott Fritz on drums, Bob Schroeder on bass, and Matt Caponera on keyboard. Little Boy Jr. is currently focusing on finishing recording their album as well as playing some local shows. They aren't ruling out the possibility of doing a little touring in the future. "If the opportunity shows itself, I think we will take it," Lazzarotto said.

TOP FIVE'S:

FILMS

1. "Gran Torino," Warner Bros.
2. "Bride Wars," Fox.
3. "The Unborn," Universal.
4. "Marley & Me," Fox.
5. "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," Paramount.

The Associated Press

VIDEO RENTALS

The most rented DVDs, according to Billboard magazine.

1. "Burn After Reading," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "Death Race," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "The Dark Knight," Warner Home Video.
4. "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "Eagle Eye," Paramount Home Entertainment.

The Associated Press

SINGLES

The top singles, according to Billboard magazine.

1. "Just Dance," Lady GaGa feat. Colby O'Donis. Streamline/Kon-Live/Cherrytree/Interscope.
2. "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," Beyonce. Music World/Columbia.
3. "Live Your Life," T. I. Feat. Rihanna. Def Jam/Grand Hustle/IDJMG/Atlantic. (Platinum)
4. "Love Story," Taylor Swift. Big Machine.
5. "Heartless," Kanye West. Rock-a-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG.

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The Staff Blues Band will be performing with MugWump Specific at 8 p.m. Friday at Friend & Company.

‘Button’ curiously reverses trend of mediocre films



By Brad York
Senior Verge Reporter

With expectations soaring, “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” proves to be a mild let down in the most beautiful of fashions.

The story is mildly based off a F. Scott Fitzgerald short story with the same title. It follows the life of Benjamin Button, played by Brad Pitt, as he travels through life and love from old age to his youth.

Let’s face it, Pitt is not an un-gorgeous man to look at, which helps you escape into the performance, but with a plot this bizarre it becomes relevant why this character would be such a challenging role. It shows in Pitt’s portrayal. Button’s body looks old, but his mind is still full of youth. This story shows just how alike the mind works at a young age and again at old age.

At times, the story drags on which makes the portrayal seem awkward or like Pitt is simply trying too hard, but he puts forth a valiant effort with the screenplay adapted by Eric Roth, Oscar winner for his adaptation of “Forrest Gump”. The role is just a little too Gumpish. Still fascinating is the transformation Pitt underwent to play the role.

Cate Blanchett plays Button’s love at first sight, Daisy, as the movie progresses into an epic three-hour story of just how and when Benjamin will be with Daisy.

Blanchett is superb as Daisy struggles with living a normal life with Button flashing in and out. A connection between Blanchett and Pitt is obvious as the sexual tension steadily rises between Daisy and Button.

David Fincher, the director, saves the movie with visually stunning cinematography and help form a brilliant special effects team. Fincher sends you on a journey of bizarre occurrences, just as “Forrest Gump,” but “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” is backed by larger than life awing landscapes and a plot that is just as dazzling as the visuals.

A majority of the film takes place in New Orleans and was also filmed in the city, but the need to throw Hurricane Katrina in as a back-drop seems a little to pushed or unnecessary. In fact many aspects of the film seem a little pushed, but it doesn’t take away from the gorgeous scenes and dreamy plot.

French composer Alexandre Desplat developed a sound for the original score that sets the scenes in a trance of astonishment at the simple beauty you are watching.

The movie was rightfully nominated for five Golden Globe Awards, including best motion picture, director, actor, screenplay, and original score. Although it took home none of the awards “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” is easily one of the year’s best films as the line of mediocre movies pile up.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

FRIDAY

- The Tom Fuller Band**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Friends & Co.
Cost: Free
- Anger Management**
Time: 9 p.m.
Place: Trotter’s Family Inn, Ashmore
Cost: Free
- The Staff Blues Band and Mugwump Specific**
Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Mad Hatter’s
Cost: Free

SATURDAY

- Ultraviolet Hippopotamus**
Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Mac’s Uptowner
Cost: \$4
- Hero Complex**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Jackson Avenue Coffee
Cost: Free
- Miss Black and Gold Pageant and Ball**
Time: Pageant at 4:30 p.m., Ball at 10 p.m.
Place: University Union
Cost: \$5

SUNDAY

- 17th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor Exhibition**
Time: Sunday 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. , Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Place: Tarble Arts Center
Cost: Free
- Recent Aquisitions Exhibition**
Time: Sunday 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. , Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Place: Tarble Arts Center
Cost: Free
- Flight of the Conchords Season 2 Premiere**
Time: 10 p.m.
Place: HBO
Cost: Free

MONDAY

- No Classes for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- Tuesday**
- Meeting of Respect for Youth (University MADD)**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Lantz Club Room
Cost: Free

WEDNESDAY

- Lost: Season 5 Premiere**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: ABC
Cost: Free
- First Open Mic of the year featuring Little Boy Junior**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place:7th Street Underground
Cost: Free
- THURSDAY**
- Too White Crew**
Time: 10 p.m.
Place: Panther Paw Bar & Grill
Cost: Free
- Open Mic at Jackson Avenue Coffee**
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Jackson Avenue Coffee
Cost: Free
- The Staff Blues Band**
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Friends & Co.
Cost: Free

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