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FACULTY

Martin begins 'exciting,' busy first week

Fundraising campaign main focus of new vice president

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

Bob Martin walked into Old Main ready to grab the reins of a major project.

Martin assumed the position of vice president for university advancement Monday.



"This is the friendliest campus I've ever seen."

— Bob Martin

Eastern is preparing to enter the public phase of a major private fundraising campaign. The silent phase began in 2007. It will go public starting in the fall.

"It will be the biggest alumni and private support campaign in Eastern's history," Martin said. "We will announce (the fundraising goal) this fall. It's still quiet. That will come from the president's steering committee and what we're comfortable with and

what the needs are of the university and how well we can meet those. It's going to be a very important campaign for Eastern."

He said campaigns like Eastern's typically last between six and seven years. The majority of his week was spent meeting the staff.

The position name was changed from external relations following Jill Nilsen's retirement to emphasize fundraising. The campaign is his main focus.

"I've had meetings with communications and marketing staff, my philanthropy staff and the alumni staff, and I met with some members of the alumni board my first weekend here before I officially started," Martin said. "I met with the president's council (Wednesday) and the president (Thursday), and I've had phone conversations with some of the trustees. Mostly, it's been welcoming me to campus, but a lot of things we're getting ready for are concentration on some

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CAMPUS

'Monologue' opens to full house



CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dawn Eve Levy prepares for her dramatic performance before the premiere of "The Vagina Monologues" Thursday evening in the Tarble Arts Center.

Surprised audience reacts positively

By Krista Bendersky
Staff Reporter

Laughter filled the room during the opening night of the play "The Vagina Monologues." The play is made up of 17 various monologues about vaginas. Crystal Grissom, a senior theatre major and the director, opened the show by saying if audience members felt uncomfortable about some of the topics, there were people they could speak with who would help them be more at ease.

Ashleigh Corson, a psychology major, attended the show after receiving an e-mail advertising it.

"I read the book and enjoyed it, so I decided to come for fun," Corson said.

Corson's favorite part was "The Little Coochi Snorcher that Could," which describes the first positive sexual experience a woman has in the 1970s.

Amanda Welshaar, came with Corson and agreed with her about her favorite part.

"I'm not sure, I liked many, but I'd have to say the coochi monologue too," Welshaar said.

Jamie Flood, a senior sociology major, performed the monologue

"I like the end the most because I feel like women embody the things we feel that the heart should embody."

Jamie Flood, a senior sociology major

"The Flood," which she has been practicing for weeks. "The Flood" is the narrative of an elderly woman who recounts a lifetime of negative experiences with her vagina. Flood, a women's studies minor, felt that this show not only corresponded

with her name, but also with her education interests.

"I like the end the most because I feel like women embody the things we feel that the heart should embody," Flood said.

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UNIVERSITY

ITS restructuring process continues to be in effect

Weber currently consulting to appoint new interim assistant vice president

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

A few months has passed since the layoffs of 11 Information Technology Services workers in the fall.

Restructuring was finalized in October to move away from mainframe computing and because of the need for

more support in areas like web development and the rise of mobile computing problems.

Employees say the process has gone fairly smooth for the ITS department so far.

William Weber, vice president for business affairs, said he has been meeting weekly with ITS managers about the new structure for the unit.

"A restructuring that we went through is never easy," he said. "It's never easy to do layoffs."

Kathy Reed, a manager in the ITS department, said no bumps have occurred since the restructure.

"Whenever employees are laid off, employee morale is going to suffer for

a time," she said. "No one wants to see a person lose his/her job. However, ITS staff have adjusted admirably. Some have assumed new duties, some are working with different co-workers and supervisors, some are learning new skills."

In contrast to the number of layoffs last semester, five new positions have been added to ITS, including four in the area of web development and design and one in database administration.

"We were aware we needed more support in those areas," Weber said.

Four out of the five new positions are part of the Center for Academic Technology Support department.

These positions include Senior

Graphic Designer, Web Developer, Web Copywriter and Graphic Designer Associate.

Ryan Gibson, a web-master for the Center for Academic Technology Support, said all applicants would be evaluated by Human Resources and then face-to-face interviews with the top three candidates would be conducted.

He hoped face-to-face interviews for the senior graphic designer position could start later in the month.

Mike Hoadley, assistant vice president for academic technology, said the goal is to get all four positions filled by June.

Weber is also in the process of appointing a new interim assistant vice

president to replace Chat Chatterji. Weber said Chat Chatterji, former interim assistant vice president, wanted to move on to other matters and has been reassigned to other duties off-campus.

"We both decided it was time to move on," Weber said. "He strongly believed in a centralized ITS unit and lots of people who work with IT also work elsewhere, such as CATS."

Weber is currently in the process of consulting with ITS staff in regard to appointing a new interim assistant vice president.

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WEATHER TODAY



Snow Showers

HIGH 34°
LOW 26°

Snow moves into the area early this afternoon. Expect total snow accumulation of 2-4 inches by Saturday morning. Flurries may linger into early Saturday, but by Saturday afternoon the snow should be out of the area. The sun comes out by Sunday, with temperatures in the lower 30s.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Saturday
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Sunday
Partly Sunny
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

WEIU-TV's 'Highways' begins eighth season

The WEIU-TV series 'Heartland Highways,' which highlights a variety of interesting people and places in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, will begin its eighth season at 7 p.m. today on WEIU-TV. The series will again be aired on RFD-TV beginning in March.

UB presents 'Precious'

The University Board will show the film "Precious: Based on the novel 'Push' by Sapphire," at 7 p.m. today and Saturday in the Buzzard Auditorium.

The film is about the hardships of a young teenage mother who is constantly abused by her mother and sexually assaulted by her father. The film is free to attend.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Sarah Jean Bresnahan

Lighting the way



BREANN PLEASANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
The sidewalk is illuminated outside The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday.

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How to help someone through a seizure

Online reporter Jennifer Brown lists a few steps regarding what to do to help if you encounter someone having a seizure. Check out her health blog on DENnews.com



Reactions to FOURtune of Health event

The Health Education Resource Center put on a presentation Tuesday titled "FOURtune of Health." The theme was affording relationships, dating and sexual activity. Listen to a podcast on DENnews.com for a reaction to the event.



How tech are you?

Do you text 24/7? Are you on Facebook every time you hit the computer? When's the last time you carried on a conversation without the use of technology? Find out how technology prone you are by taking a quiz on DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

Alexandra Arauz, 19, 38 Park Ave., River Forest, was arrested at 1:33 p.m. Jan. 30 at Pemberton Hall. Arauz was charged with possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis and possession of drug equipment and released at 3:43 p.m. with a notice to appear.

Tavieus Cowan, 26, 6612 S. Wash-bash, Chicago, was arrested at 12:02 a.m. Jan. 31 at Ninth Street and Cleveland Avenue. Cowan was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 12:17 a.m. pending a \$1000 bond.

ENTERTAINMENT

Murphy died from pneumonia, prescription drugs

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Brittany Murphy, the star of "Clueless" and "8 Mile," died from pneumonia, with prescription drugs and anemia also playing a role, a coroner's official said Thursday.

The Dec. 20 death of the actress was accidental and likely could have been prevented if Murphy had seen a doctor sooner, Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said.

He noted, however, that she did have an appointment scheduled with a physician a few days after she

died. Winter declined to specify what types of drugs were involved in her death and said further details would be released in several weeks when the report was completed.

He also said there was no evidence of wrongdoing.

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ENTERTAINMENT



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Sophomore biology major Jared "Ziggy" Chuck plays guitar and serves it up to the crowd at So You Think Rap Thursday night at 7th Street Underground.

Rappers bring noise to crowded 7th St.

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

For once not paying attention in class worked out for Scott Erickson.

A senior sports management major, Erickson has been writing songs lyrics for two years which paid off when he won first place in the contest with two original songs "I'm Going Off" and "Chillin'."

Contestants were judged in the same form as "American Idol" Thursday evening at "So You Think You Can Rap?"

Each contestant was judged on two songs they performed for the two judges, Jim Thompson and DeMarlon Brown.

"I want to make music that can make people feel good."

Scott Erickson, a senior sports management major

The judge's votes, along with audience votes, determined the winner of the contest.

"I'm Going Off" was to the beat of the song "Crook County" by rap artist Twista and "Chillin'" went to the beat

of "Ice Cream Paint Job" by rap artist Dorrough.

Erickson chose "Crook County" because he is from Cook County and he liked the beat of "Ice Cream Paint Job."

Erickson goes by the stage name "Renegade" and said he puts a lot of time into writing lyrics and looking for beats that are solid for his music.

"I want to make music that can make people feel good, that they can play at a party or with their friends cruising around," Erickson said.

Erickson won 10 hours of recording time with local music producer Jim Thompson.

Another performer, Chris Balleto,

performed two songs called "Can't be" and "When."

"Can't be" is about a woman and "When" is about growing up and looking through old photographs with lyrics like "when did rap replace ninja turtles?" and "when did people stop calling me by my first name?"

"I wanted to do it last year," Balleto said. "I heard about it yesterday and then got all my music and everything together."

Michael Lattimore was in the contest last year and wanted to come back again.

He performed his take on "DOA (Death of Autotune)" by Jay-Z and "Go Hard."

Jared "Ziggy" Chuck, another contestant, did acoustic hip-hop with the help of an acoustic guitar, which the judges thought was new and original.

Ian Winston, last year's winner, was told he has a lot of energy by the judges, but Winston was not able to use that energy to maintain his victory.

Thompson picked Erickson as the winner because he connected with the audience and had great content and diction in his rap pieces.

"I could hear his message through the music crystal clear," Thompson said.

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ASK A STUDENT SENATE MEMBER

VP of student affairs leads new committee

By Jenna Mitchell
Staff Reporter

The "ask a student senate member" segment is a bi-weekly question-and-answer article with a student senate member. Mark Olendzki, a senior history major, is the vice president of student affairs in student government. His involvement in the student senate began two years ago when he, along with 15 other students, brought a petition to one of the senate meetings opposing a resolution that senate members were planning to pass.

While involved with student government, Olendzki has worked on many projects, including his newest endeavor, the Panther Service Committee.

What was your first involvement with the student senate?

I went to the meeting as a con-



I decided student government was something I wanted to do. I wanted to feel like I was representing the students.
-Mark Olendzki

cerned student. What was going around that year was an increase in the diversity requirement. It's not that I wasn't OK with that; they were just trying to increase it to a higher requirement. It increased a burden on people who didn't have a concentration or remotely a concentration in a major that referred to this subject.

I went to a meeting and presented my opinion and from there on, I decided student government was something I wanted to do. I wanted to feel like I was representing the students.

What major projects have you worked on in the past with the student government and the university?

I was in charge of the committee that amended the student body constitution, which passed this fall. I was also in charge of Pantherpalooza in September, which dealt with the (registered student organizations) on campus.

Were the projects successful?

I believe so. I'd say more than half of the active RSOs were present, and it is really hard to get an active number on that because sometimes all of them are not up-and-running due to active members who had just graduated. It is very difficult to get a read of how many active RSOs there are.

What is the new committee called that you are

currently working on?

The Panther service committee.

What is the main purpose of the new committee?

It's a new and old committee. Something like it has existed since the first Panther Service Day in 2003. The primary focus is going to rely around the annual Panther Service Day and other community service opportunities. I will be working very closely with the student community service office along with Rachel Fisher, the head of student community service.

How will this benefit the student government, the students of Eastern and the entire university?

Well, it is definitely going to foster better relations with the Charleston community. We as students are members of that community, and as far as student government, it gives

us a chance to get out there and be active members of the community, especially because there is a lot of talk about how we represent the students and the community.

Will there be any events pertaining to the newfound committee?

I am planning on organizing little trips. I'm relatively new at this... food drives and trips to pantries.

How can Eastern students get involved with this if they are not a member of student government?

It is open to everybody. All they have to do is contact me by e-mail or phone. I am looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering; I'll take anything I can get.

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IEWS



Sam Sottosanto

Donating hair, lock by lock

A few weeks ago, I went to get my hair cut. I wanted about two inches off. I can't stand it when my hair gets really long because it's hard to manage.

It gets tangled easily, it's hard to wash in the shower and it takes a lot longer to comb when I wake up in the morning.

But when I got my hair cut that day, something made me change my view of long hair.

There was an 11-year-old girl there who was also getting her hair cut.

She had beautiful, long, dark hair that reached almost down to her hips. She was getting about 10 inches off.

Her mother, father and baby sister were all there watching; her mother seemed particularly proud of her daughter, snapping photos of the process.

This little girl was cutting the 10 inches off of to donate to Locks of Love and I thought, "Wow. What a generous thing for this little girl to do."

Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that takes 10-inch donations of hair or more and turns them into wigs for children suffering from longterm hair loss because of cancer.

Now, I've thought about donating to Locks of Love for a while.

But my problem is that I always get to the point where I can't stand the long, easy-to-tangle hair.

I've seen girls and women with long hair alike, and it was actually kind of ironic: Both of my roommates last year had amazingly long hair that reached about down to their waists; one of them had actually donated to Locks of Love.

If they can do it, why can't I?

Hair grows, on average, about half an inch every month.

So that means in order to grow 10 inches of hair, I'd have to wait one year and eight months before I got it cut again.

I think the longest I've ever gone without cutting my hair has been about eight months.

It's also helpful to get your hair trimmed every once in a while, too.

The more you get your hair trimmed, the faster it will grow. Vitamins B, C, E, Beta Carotene, and Magnesium have also been known to make hair grow faster.

It's also best to avoid using a straightener or hot oil treatments on your hair if you want it to grow faster.

Some rules Locks of Love stipulate are that you can't donate colored, bleached, permed or dreadlock hair.

Locks of Love accepts gray hair, and curly hair can be pulled straight in order to measure 10 inches.

All hair must be bound in a ponytail in order to be accepted.

It's going to be a tough process, but I'm going to challenge myself to try to give to Locks of Love again.

And I want to take this time to urge anyone else who's ever thought about donating to Locks of Love to try it, too.

It's a small way to contribute to charity.

I know if I were in the position of needing a wig, I would be thankful for those who donated to help me.

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

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

Function, structure among issues facing Faculty Senate

Like so many young minds entering college, the faculty senate is eager to find itself. Many students are most likely unaware of the faculty senate's function or, sadly, even its existence.

As stated by article II of its constitution, "The faculty senate is the representative voice of the faculty, except in matters within the scope of collective bargaining as determined by regulations for collective bargaining by academic employees. All matters affecting the welfare of the university are the necessary concern of the faculty senate..."

That being said, the faculty senate has been a less-than-decisive force for change across Eastern's campus in recent years. This is not to say there is anything wrong with those currently in place on the faculty senate nor a problem with its inherent function.

However, as stated in an article that appeared in the Jan. 27 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, some members of the senate voiced concerns over the structure and function of the group at last week's meeting.

One concern is that not all colleges on Eastern's campus are being fairly represented as some colleges have a disproportionately large number of representatives on the faculty senate while others may have too few, or none at all.

"When we look at the number of faculty senate representatives from each college; it's not historically evenly represented," said Dawn VanGunten, vice chair and secondary education and foundations professor. "Various colleges are very overrepresented."

The notion of changing the bylaws to allow for a more even representation of all faculty on campus is one that should be considered.

In the article, John Pommier, chair of the faculty senate and a recreation administration professor, said he believes "the change would be especially beneficial when major issues, such as furloughs, come up and the senate wants its

"Although a university is all about the students, the real strength of a teaching institution lies in the strength of its faculty."

voice heard."

While the topic of furloughs has been addressed and discussed countless times recently, it seems another topic that needs to be addressed among the members of faculty senate is its function and actual involvement around campus.

In the article, faculty senate members expressed concerns that the group currently does not have much of a voice on campus and something must be done about it.

We could not agree more.

"I'm not so sure we've used our voice with persistence," said John Best, a psychology professor and senate member. "It's not a structural problem; it's a process problem. I think we've got a good structure. It'd be better to have more members from one college who are interested and engaged than someone who was just thrust into it."

Although a university is all about the students, the real strength of a teaching institution lies in the strength of its faculty.

We feel Eastern has much to boast about when talking about its faculty. As a whole, the university has done quite well to draw the best and brightest throughout respective fields to teach our students.

The faculty senate should feature the best of the best among educators and should be an entity the entire campus can look up to when issues facing the university arise.

"I think what we are now is a big ole' Fender amplifier," Best said. "People come in with their guitar, plug in and we're just like 'OK, we'll put that out there real big and real loud.'"

That type of function needs to change.

We applaud the faculty senate for recognizing these problems and taking a proactive mindset when discussing them.

Now that the topic has been brought up, we hope the faculty senate follows through and makes said changes.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

A Super (Bowl) controversy

By the *Daily Vidette* Editorial Board
Illinois State University

As the Super Bowl has shifted from being a sporting event to more of an entertainment event, more and more people tend to remember the fanfare surrounding the game rather than the game itself.

While commercials are typically one of the more anticipated parts of the Super Bowl, this year one is drawing more headlines than usual.

Tim Tebow, a college football player not even affiliated with the Super Bowl, will be featured in a 30-second pro-life commercial, which has

drawn criticism from several women's organizations.

The ad, which is being sponsored by the conservative, Christian non-profit organization Focus on the Family, tells the story of his mother Pam Tebow's decision to give birth to Tim even though she faced a dangerous pregnancy.

On a missionary trip in the Philippines while pregnant with Tim, Pam contracted a dangerous infection that doctors said could lead to her dying during childbirth unless she terminated the pregnancy.

She ended up choosing to give birth and the rest is history. Tim won the 2007 Heisman Trophy and helped lead the University of Florida

to two national championships during his collegiate career.

This message is being met with criticism as several women's organizations, including the Women's Media Center and National Organization for Women, are calling for CBS to pull the ad from their Super Bowl broadcast.

They claim the commercial is "intolerant, divisive and pushing an un-American agenda," according to the director of the Women's Media Center.

There are also claims this commercial will increase violence toward abortion clinics.

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alumni events, some marketing pieces, annual fund pieces and the campaign. It's been an exciting first week."

"It will be the biggest alumni and private support campaign in Eastern's history."

Martin, vice president of university advancement

Increasing membership in the alumni association is one goal Martin has for the position. A variety of media will be used in contacting alumni.

"We want to, through communications and marketing, send out the best information that reaches the most people in the most effective way," he said. "For some people it's going to be Facebook, Twitter and Web sites. For other people it's going to be snail mail."

Martin described his first week as fun and busy.

"This is the friendliest campus I've ever seen," Martin said. "I've been greeted by people in the parking lot. It seems like everyone is so happy to be here. Auburn (University) is a great place, I loved Auburn, but this has seemed the most welcoming place I've ever been, so we'll put Auburn in second."

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Rebecca Rowe, performed "My Vagina Was My Village." This monologue told the story of a young Bosnian refugee who was sexually abused and raped.

Also a first-time performer,

Rowe auditioned after receiving an e-mail about the show.

Rowe's favorite monologue was "My Angry Vagina," which is told from the vagina's perspective and rants about tampons,

thongs and visits to the gynecologist.

"It's a really good idea because it gets the word out about these issues," Rowe said.

The Vagina Monologues will

perform again at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday.

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STATE

Dem. nominee won't step down

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A political newcomer who won the Democratic nomination for Illinois lieutenant governor said Thursday he has no intention of leaving the race after details emerged about his arrest for allegedly holding a knife to his former girlfriend's throat.

Scott Lee Cohen struck a defiant tone even after running mate Gov. Pat Quinn predicted he would have to leave the race. Cohen said people should make up their minds about him after all the facts come to light.

"There are questions, and I will provide all answers honestly and openly," he said in a statement. He did not immediately return messages from The Associated Press.

Cohen was arrested in 2005 on domestic battery charges, ac-

cused of pushing his then-girlfriend's head against a wall and of the knife incident. The police report noted abrasions on her neck and hand, but the charges were dropped after she failed to appear for a court date.

Police records show the woman had been arrested for prostitution, the Chicago Tribune reported. Cohen said he did not know that at the time. He told WTTW-TV's "Chicago Tonight" program Thursday that he met the woman at a "massage therapy place" where he was a client, and he believed she was a masseuse.

He has denied hitting her and described their relationship as "tumultuous." He said he has asked both her and his ex-wife to come forward to clear the air.

His ex-wife, Debbie Cohen York, also had accused Cohen of

violent behavior and sought an order of protection against him in 2005 as she filed for divorce. She said the violence was fueled by his abuse of anabolic steroids, according to court documents.

"Over the past year, my husband has been taking injectable anabolic steroids, including but not limited to Winstrol, Cretine, and Steen. And as a result, he has an erratic, explosive temper," she alleged in the documents. She also claimed he tried to force her to have sex with him and left threatening notes at her home, including some written in lipstick on mirrors.

Cohen acknowledged Thursday evening that he used steroids, but denied abusing his former wife.

"I never touched her, I never touched any woman," he told WLS-TV. "That's not my style,

that's not me."

York stood by her allegations but said Cohen is a changed man.

"At the time, he was going through a different phase," York said. "He was a different person than he is now."

She refused to answer questions about pending legal issues between the two, including the status of alimony and child support payments.

Cohen, a pawnbroker and owner of a cleaning supplies company, shocked the political establishment by beating four state lawmakers to nab the Democratic nomination with 26 percent of the vote. Illinois voters choose the nominees for governor and lieutenant governor separately — so although Quinn and Cohen didn't campaign together, they now make up the Democratic ticket.



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The Newman Catholic Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union were the settings on campus where people were able to vote for their registered districts in this closed primary.

The proposed tax swap for the Coles County schools failed with 4,966 against and 3,865 in approval.

The proposal would have added a 1 percent increase to retail purchases in Coles County, excluding medicine, farm equipment and farming inputs, most vehicles and groceries.

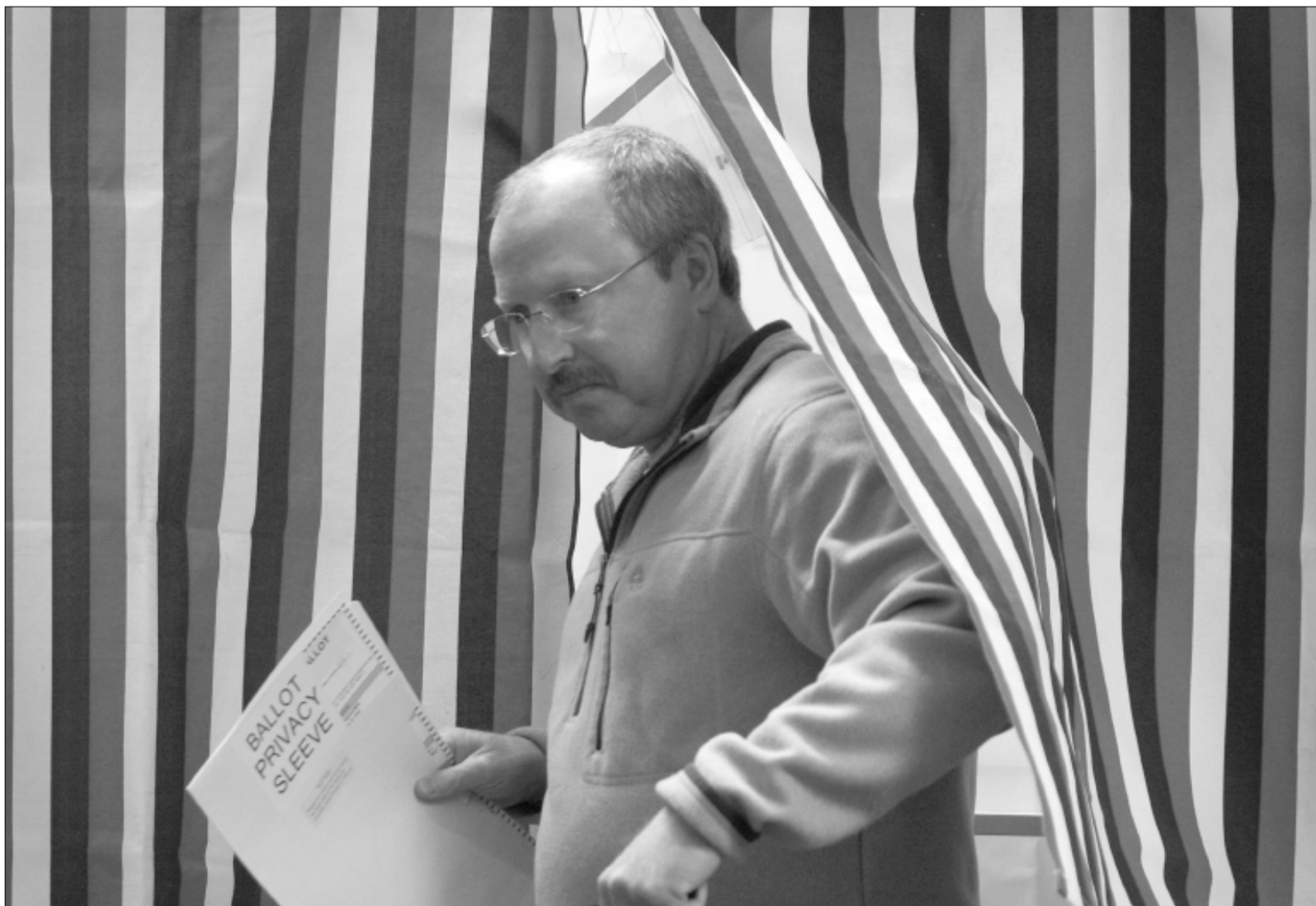
A total of 8,831 votes were counted toward the proposal.

The Coles County primary election results include Ed Johnson getting the Democrats spot for sheriff and Darrel Cox receiving it for the Republicans.

Sue Rennels, the Republican candidate for Coles County clerk, ran unopposed.

Republican county treasurer George Edwards ran unopposed as well.

Officials in Coles County counted a total number of 30,142 votes Tuesday.



Information and photos compiled by Photo Editor Amir Prellberg

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Charleston resident Bruce Gubbins leaves the polling booth Tuesday afternoon in the Newman Catholic Center.



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A line of pens lie next to the applications to vote. The forms prove that you voted and are then cross-matched with everyone who is registered to vote.



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The ballot counter for districts 15 and 19 reads 227 total ballots counted Tuesday afternoon in the Newman Catholic Center.



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Judge of elections Claire Krukenberg hands a pen to a Charleston resident to use for voting Tuesday afternoon in the Newman Catholic Center.



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Judge of elections Sue Hanft monitors the polls as citizens vote in the primary election Tuesday afternoon in the Newman Catholic Center. Hanft checks the initials on the ballots before the voters submit their votes into the ballot counter.

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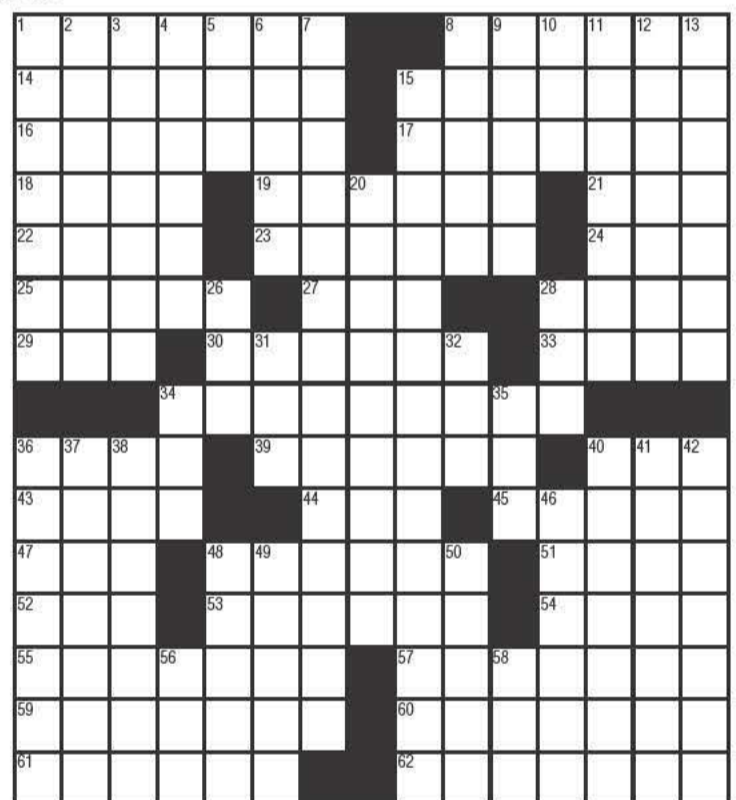
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 - Valerie of "The Electric Horseman"
 - Like broken things
 - Pros at projecting
 - Ready to be fired
 - Pot cover
 - Basketball Hall-of-Famer Holman
 - Resistance leader in Woody Allen's "Sleeper"
 - Eldest of a trio of comic brothers in 1930s-'40s films
 - Neil Sedaka's "___ Ape"
 - Williamson who played Hamlet and Macbeth on Broadway
 - Its chapel was designed by Eero Saarinen, briefly
 - Processing time unit: Abbr.
 - Foul territory?
 - Pas de deux part
 - Dostoyevsky's exile city
- DOWN
- Some winter wear
 - Coarse, as stucco
 - Plantation creation
 - Dieter's concern
 - Org. whose emblem features an eagle and a crown
 - She's a paradigm of patience
 - Notable head-turner
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 - Like some love
 - Time of Obama's swearing-in
 - First Across word in the world's first crossword
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 - Elk's enemy
 - His opening statement is famous
 - Uniform adornment
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- Matter of lease concern?
- Bring bad luck to
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- One with a dreaded style?
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- Choate ran with him in 1996
- Half of a recurring "Saturday Night Live" duo
- N.Y.C. transportation debut of 1904
- Movement Herman Wouk called "a single long action of lifesaving"
- Sets off
- Do a store chore
- City hall, often
- Clown's over-the-top topper
- Mekong River native
- Zinger
- Police blotter abbr.
- One of Iowa's state symbols
- & 35 Mocha is on it
- Mix on the range
- Far from Rubenesque
- Put on a pedestal
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STATE Cubs settle with Marmol, add Millar

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Pitcher Carlos Marmol and the Chicago Cubs agreed Thursday to a one-year contract worth \$2,125,000, the midpoint between the figures the sides exchanged in arbitration last month.

In addition, Chicago reached a minor league contract with first baseman Kevin Millar.

Marmol, a 27-year-old right-hander, was 2-4 with 15 saves in 19 chances and a 3.41 ERA in 79 relief appearances last year, taking over as

closer from Kevin Gregg on Aug. 18.

Eligible for arbitration for the first time, Marmol had asked for a raise from \$575,000 to \$2.5 million and had been offered \$1.75 million. In addition to his base salary, he can earn \$100,000 in performance bonuses based on games finished: \$50,000 each for 55 and 60.

With Gregg not re-signed, Marmol won't have competition for the closer's role this spring. But what the Cubs do want from the hard-throwing right-hander is better control.

Marmol was 11 for 11 in save chances

after taking over the closer's role. He limited batters to a .170 average during the season and surrendered only two homers.

But his season was also filled with bouts of wildness. He walked 65 batters in his 74 innings, threw six wild pitches and hit 12 batters.

Since the beginning of the 2008 season, Marmol has made 161 relief appearances.

Shortstop Ryan Theriot is the Cubs' last player in arbitration.

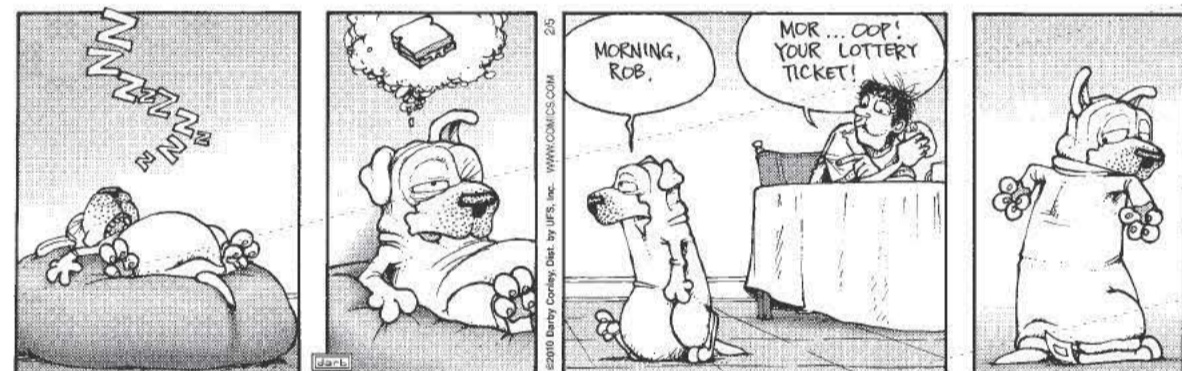
The 38-year-old Millar hit .223 with 14 doubles, seven homers and 29 RBIs in 251 at-bats for Toronto last year.

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Redshirt freshmen James Hollowell goes up for a layup during practice Jan. 26 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers will go up against Southeastern Missouri's Redhawks at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

SHIP, from page 12

During the Jan. 9 match against Eastern, Redhawks junior forward Cameron Butler and freshman guard Marland Smith attacked for 17 and 15 points, respectively.

Senior forward LaMont Russell had 13 rebounds.

"Their guards have been extremely aggressive and they've been very good getting to the basket," Miller said. "(Junior guard Anthony) Allison has shot the ball well. Every time you step out there, you have to be ready to play, and that is the one thing that I've seen out of their team."

Eastern red-shirt freshman forward James Hollowell summed up the game plan for the Panthers' rivals.

"We pretty much have to contain and drive because their forwards

drive a lot and get to the basket," Hollowell said.

"We need good on-the-ball defense, not giving up any lanes to the basket and good help defense will be our keys."

One area lacking for the Panthers last week has been the energy level, Hollowell said, and will need to be corrected before gaining a victory.

"We just have to play with energy throughout the entire game," he said.

"In both games against Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville, we were up the whole game, and then the last few minutes we let (the lead) go."

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RECRUITING

Houlihan, Bland part of Tribune corps

Skilled athletes fill Eastern's recruitment list

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Eastern junior linebacker Nick Nasti was the 2006-2007 *Chicago Tribune* Player of the Year in football.

Providence's Pete Houlihan and De La Salle's D.J. Bland both earned *Chicago Tribune* First Team honors this year.

Houlihan played almost every position for the Celtics as they lost in the 6A state championship game.

He was named to the Catholic Blue All-Conference squad, was the conference player of the year and was a coach's all-state honoree.

He had 55 tackles (33 solo, 22 assists), six interceptions (two returned for touchdowns), two forced fumbles, 11 pass deflections, a kick-off return for a touchdown, two punt return touchdowns, 16 receptions, 366 yards receiving and three

"I felt like (Eastern) was a place I could call home, Alcorn was not the best fit for me. They loved me as one of their own."

D.J. Bland, Eastern football recruit

touchdowns.

"We had him in camp and he was technically sound already," secondary coach Bobby Babich said. "That was both on film and in camp."

Babich said he knows Houlihan will be a corner.

"I could see Pete in the mold of (junior cornerback) C.J. James down the road," Babich said.

Eastern defensive line coach Forrest Jackson picked a good time to see Bland.

Jackson saw Bland score four touchdowns in a variety of ways, including a punt return for a touchdown.

"He's got one of those great personalities that (people) flock to," Jack-

son said.

Bland was the Catholic White MVP this season and originally committed to Alcorn State, before he had a change of heart.

"I felt like (Eastern) was a place I could call home," Bland said. "Alcorn was not the best fit for me,"

Bland said he likes the family atmosphere of Eastern.

"They loved me as one of their own," he said.

More wrestlers on the way

Columbus' (Miami) Alex Wethy has won more than 100 matches in his prep wrestling career.

Picking up a wrestler is not anything new for the Panthers.

Nasti was a state wrestling champ during his senior year and sophomore linebacker Gordy Kickels was also a state wrestler.

St. Charles East senior Jon Voytilla just entered wrestling his senior year. Voytilla helped his football team post a seven-game winning streak after the Saints dropped their first two games of the season.

The Saints went on to win the Upstate Eight Conference as their defense gave up less than six points a game during the seven-game winning streak.

"He proved us right during the course of the season," special teams coordinator Matt Smiley said.

Smiley was most impressed with Voytilla when the team had to close because of the swine flu.

"Jon was one the guys that helped them through that," Smiley said. "He had to lead those guys."

State basketball experience

Oswego's Collin Siebert and Marshall's Taylor Duncan both played in last year's Illinois High School Association basketball tournament.

Marshall finished third in Class 2A as Duncan poured in 21 points and eight rebounds in the third place game.

Siebert scored 10 points as Oswego took second place in Class 4A.

Midwest connection

The only Pennsylvania athlete that will be on the roster next season is Parkland's (Pa.) Adam Gristick.

The senior from Allentown, Pa., sent video to the Eastern coaching staff to get himself noticed.

Gristick's uncle is Missouri's defensive coordinator Dave Steckel.

Eastern connection

Lockport's Niko Folty's sister, Erika, is a cross country and track runner at Eastern, giving Folty an Eastern connection.

Niko had two interceptions and recovered one block punt for a touchdown.

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING VS. SAINT LOUIS, SATURDAY, NOON

Swimmers look for fourth-straight win

By Bob Bajek
 Sports Editor

Beating Saint Louis' swim teams earlier this season was the first victory for Eastern over the Billikins in six years.

For round two, the Panthers hope once again to pounce their rivals at noon Saturday in Padovan Pool in their final tune up before the Summit League championships. During the Nov. 20 meet at Saint Louis, the men's team (5-2) won 114-107 and the women (4-3) won 124-94.

"We had a real good meet with them at their place in November," Eastern head coach Matt Bos said. "The guys meet came down to the last relay. The girls jumped up on them early in the meet and held on."

This time, Bos said Saint Louis is a better team since its last face-off, so it's a different match-up.

"It's going to be a really tough competition going into our last couple weeks," Bos said. "One, we are trying to prepare for our conference championships, but at the same time, we have a really tough meet ahead of us. I expect people to go out and compete



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Freshman swimmer Micheal Bower celebrates after taking first place in the mens 400-meter individual medley Saturday afternoon against IUPUI at the Padovan Pool with a time of 4:18.88.

very hard and pick up some wins and have a close meet."

Senior swimmer Kellie Logterman said the Panthers want to gain another victory.

"I think everyone is going out there and do their best and hopefully beat

them again," Logterman said.

This meet also comes during the swim teams' tapering cycle in their training, which begins 24 to 30 days before the Summit League championship.

"The main, hard sets of the week,

we knocked it down 10 percent off from what we normally do in the year," Bos said.

Bos said starting this week, there is a greater drop off in the practice workload. He said his teams did 75 percent of the workload this week and

for next two weeks before the Summit League Championships, only 50 percent of a workout.

The tapering cycle, Logterman said, helps out a swimmer's body greatly.

"In the beginning and middle of the season, we are doing hard practices, and our bodies are broken down and sore," Logterman said. "It helps us feel better and loosens up our muscles a bit."

Junior swimmer Matt Scaliatine said tapering is key for him. "It's been helping a lot," Scaliatine said. "I have a good feeling of how it will help when it counts at the end of February."

Scaliatine hopes to step up his performance on Saturday. "I need to keep working on technique and working on turns," Scaliatine said.

"Hopefully, we will get another victory that will preview (our success) at conference."

There will be a pre-meet ceremony for the six senior swimmers. They are Logterman, Laura Nilsen, Sarah Jones, Lauren Scotts, Lauren Zillmer and Brian Strole.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 74, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-EDWARDSVILLE 63

Turnovers cannot stop streak

Team wins 10th straight game

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team finished off a 74-63 victory over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Thursday in Edwardsville.

The Cougars kept it tight at the end of the first half, trailing 33-27; however, after beginning the second half hot, Eastern outscored the Cougars 22-10 to take a 55-37 lead and never looked back.

SIU-E never took a lead in the game but fell behind with 11:36 left in the second half by 18 points, which was the Panthers biggest lead of the game.

Despite shooting 65 percent in the first half, the Panthers could not pull away from SIU-E as they committed 15 turnovers.

The Cougars converted on the Panthers' mistakes by putting up 16 points off turnovers in the first half.

"I probably can't repeat what I said in the locker room to them, but clearly, we had to take care of the ball," head coach Brady Sallee said.

"I thought we were actually playing better and competing better than SIU-E was there in the first half, but we had to fix some things."

Four different players in double figures led Eastern as the team ran away with a win in the second half.

Senior forward Maggie Kloak led the Panthers with 21 points and eight rebounds, while freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon helped out with 19 points and 11 boards.

Nixon said in her postgame interview on WEIU-FM that she had fun out on the court, especially playing against the Cougars' senior guard Ashley Bey who kept up with her.

"She's very quick and she was a



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Freshman guard Kelsey Wyss makes a pass during practice Monday in Lantz Arena. Eastern beat SIU-E 74-68 on Thursday night in Edwardsville. The team will face SEMO at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

big challenge to be," Nixon said. "She kept herself in front of me and got some good steals, and she was tough for me to guard."

Senior guard Dominique Sims added 12 points to the Panthers' total and was a big part in Eastern's early second half run.

"What I saw out there was Dominique start the second half and know that she had to step up as a senior and she did," Sallee said.

"I thought she and Maggie played really good games being senior leaders."

Freshman forward Sydney

Mitchell set a career-high mark with 11 points, coming off the bench after sophomore forward Chantelle Pressley left the court with an injury early in tonight's game.

"Chantelle could've come back and played, but it was kind of a precautionary thing," Sallee said. "I thought Sydney came in a played hard and really adjusted to playing long minutes when she's used to like 10."

Eastern played without senior guard Ashley Thomas in the game, as head coach Brady Sallee chose to give her a rest. Thomas has started in 22 of Eastern's 23 games this season.

"We thought that this was a good game to give her some rest because she's had a really tender back lately," Sallee said.

For the game, the Panthers shot nearly 57 percent from the field and 74 percent from the free throw line, converting on 20-of-27 freebees.

"I thought our players did a good job answering the bell in the second half and we had a lot of players come off the bench and play some long minutes," Sallee said.

Eastern held the Cougars to 35 percent shooting despite taking a total of 70 shots in the game, 25 of which were three-pointers.

Nixon and the rest of Eastern's defense held SIU-E's three leading scorers on the season to under 10 points each.

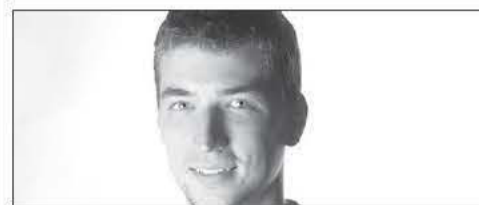
The Cougars' leading scorer this season, freshman forward Raven Berry, had just two points and five rebounds.

SIU-E was led by freshman forward Michaela Herrod who tallied a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

The Panthers will look to continue their winning streak to 11 games against Southeast Missouri 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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VIEWS



Bob Bajek

Sunday Worship: the Super Bowl

Ah, the Super Bowl.

This is the day of worship for those of us devoted to the wonderful religion of football (or ridiculous ads).

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But in actuality, I — and we — do.

The New Orleans Saints.

None other than Eastern alumnus, Sean Payton, coaches the Bad Boys of the Bayou. If the Panther turned religious' team puts down a good ole' whipping on the Indianapolis Colt, it would be the first time an Eastern graduate will hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

So, Eastern, let's cheer for those Saints.

If the Saints triumph this Super Bowl Sunday, there are many positives for Eastern besides hurricane torn New Orleans.

First of all, Payton has agreed with athletic director Barbara Burke to be the keynote speaker for the Feb. 24 Athletic Director's Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn in Effingham. This is only the second year the Gala has been held.

Tickets are going for \$100 per person or \$150 a couple with all proceeds going to Eastern student athletes.

"The fundraising for the Gala is really resources for our legacy, which is capital project campaign," Burke said. Burke will also be speaking about the future vision of intercollegiate athletics from a facility standpoint.

In other words, having Payton speak, especially if he has a ring, might increase donations at the Gala and during future events Payton's star could help make these facility projects a reality sooner.

Second, the Eastern football team would have more prestige.

In a previous interview with Panther defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni, he said having alums like Payton in the NFL helps sell Eastern football to potential recruits. Any success in Payton or his fellow Panthers have in the professional ranks reflect well for the mid-major program.

Third, this event could help raise campus pride in Eastern athletics. It is no secret a good portion of students would rather watch the NFL or even other college teams play instead of attending their own school's games.

Our athletes have champion like attitudes, just as former stud Panther QB Payton did. Maybe student attendance will increase a bit to witness this champion attitude.

So, ladies and gents, get ready to put on your Reggie Bush jersey and root for him and his fellow Bad Boys of the Bayou to whip those nasty Colts.

Who's up for some E-I-E-I-E-I-U chants after each Saints' touchdown?

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MEN'S BASKETBALL AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI, SATURDAY, 7:45 P.M.

Team looks to right a sinking ship

Panthers look to end cold stretch

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

Losing six of their last seven, the Panthers men's basketball team has sunk to .500 and a losing Ohio Valley Conference record.

To fix this, Eastern will try to

defeat rival Southeastern Missouri 7:45 p.m. Saturday at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

This is the second meeting between the two clubs.

Eastern vanquished the Redhawks 88-68 Jan. 9 in Lantz Arena.

The Panthers (11-11, 5-7 OVC) will need to focus solely on this match-up, according to Eastern head coach Mike Miller.

"It's always different when you play someone a second time and they have been right there in these games and have been better at home," Miller said. "I think we will take a little from the first game, but we really have to look at (the film)."

Southeast Missouri (7-15, 3-8 OVC) beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 68-49 Tuesday.

The Redhawks also had a close

meeting with Jacksonville State Jan. 28 in a 58-55 loss.

Gamecocks junior guard Jeremy Bynum hit a three with eight seconds left to finally put the Redhawks away.

"They've got guys that when they get going, they are able to put up some numbers," Miller said. "On their last road trip, they were competitive."

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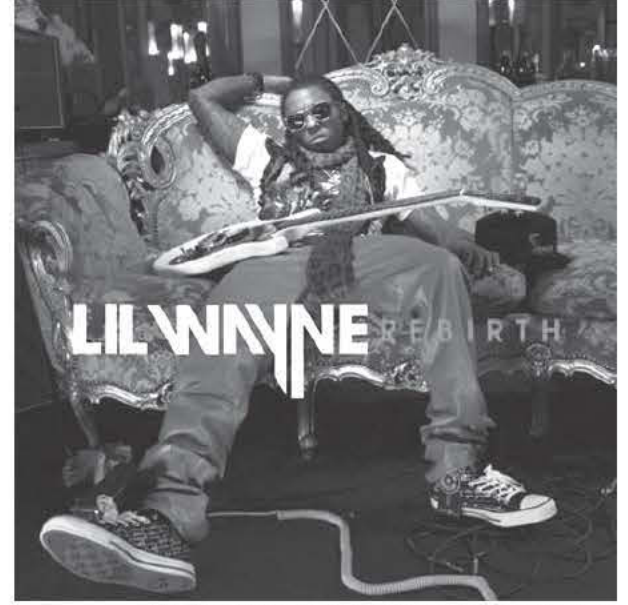


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Frederick Douglass revived in one-man performance

By Michael Cortez
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty will be able to experience Frederick Douglass in a way that cannot be done through textbooks.

"In the Shadow of Slavery," a one-man musical performance that chronicles Douglass' life, will show at The Theatre in Doudna Fine Arts Center Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors and Eastern employees and \$7 for students.

Mel Johnson Jr. will play Douglass. Many may remember him for his co-starring role opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger as Benny in the 1990 movie "Total Recall." Since then, Johnson has directed, produced and acted in many works on stage, screen and television. As a theater director, he created the award-winning "Give'em Hell Harry," starring Jason Alexander from "Seinfeld."

Besides acting and directing, Johnson became the artistic director of The Imagination Workshop, a group of actors, writers and directors who work within the psychiatric community and with kids at risk. During his tenure as artistic director, The Imagination Workshop won the first Ovation Award, which is given to a company for outstanding community outreach.

Johnson, along with writer and director of the play Tom Dugan, has been on campus since Jan. 28 visiting acting and directing classes at Doudna. They sat in on classes and answered questions from the students asking about their careers. They also gave advice for those hoping to act or direct after college.

Doudna arrangements supervisor Dan Crews said he was fortunate when it came to bringing Johnson to Eastern because it was at a time they could shift scheduling around.

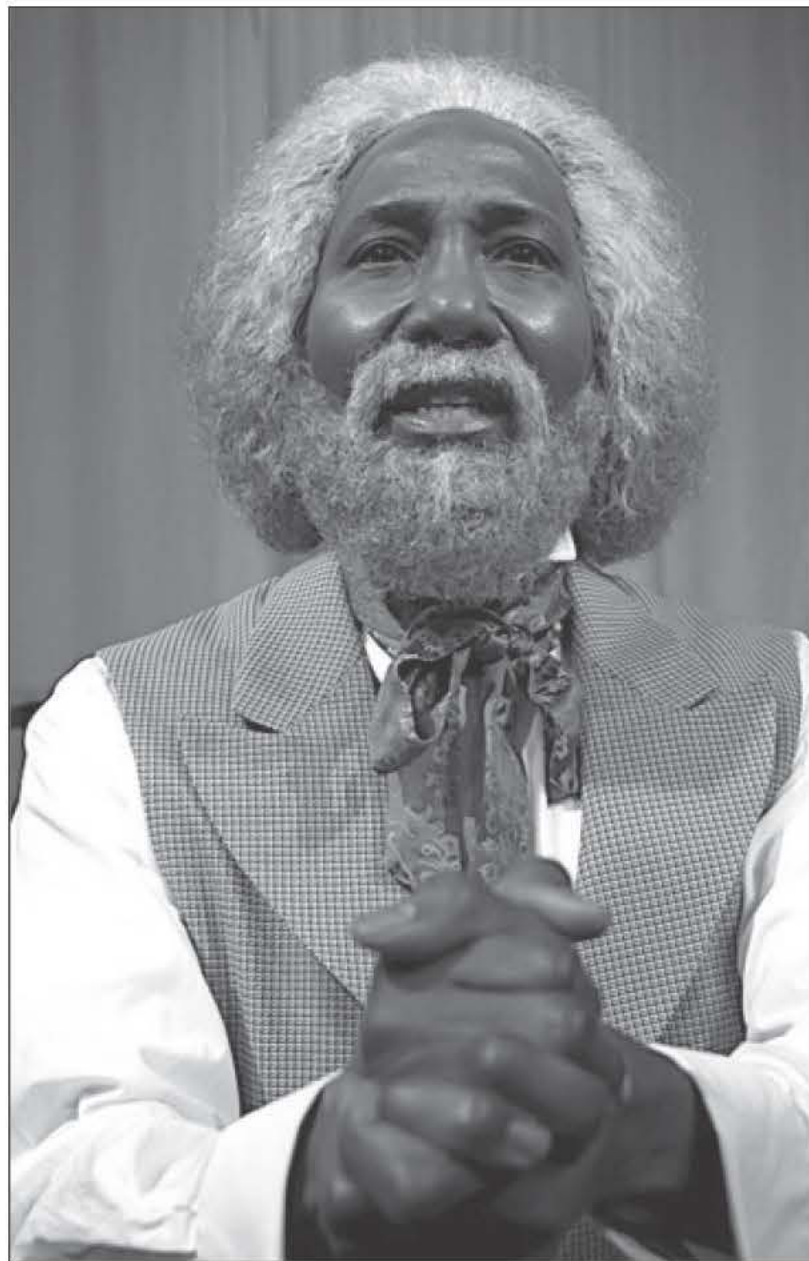


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Dwight Vaught, assistant dean and director of Doudna, has already once scheduled Johnson to bring the play to another university he worked at before coming to Eastern in August last year. Because of his previous contact with Johnson, it made things a little easier to get back in touch with Johnson and bring the play to Eastern.

Vaught said the play received many positive reviews among students and expects the same here.

Crews says the play fits in well with Black History Month since Douglass was one of the founders of the African-American Civil Rights Movement and that it is one of the first events to start the month off. Also, it will be a good chance for students to learn about Douglass outside of the traditional classroom environment.

Crews said the play will be a look into the life of Douglass in the form as a narrative.

"Johnson will be talking directly to the audience as that character," Crews said. "The audience will have down and direct contact with him. They will be rubbing shoulder to shoulder."

Vaught says he feels the students will receive a better educational experience when they can actually hear the character tell his life story on stage.

"It will be real captivating when you see him become someone else," Vaught said. "He channels Douglass, not just in costume, but in spirit. That's part of what art does. You can read something in a book, but you only get a polar sense of what it's about."

Vaught said he hopes the play will reach the audience in a way that can't be done with books. He wants the play to spark conversation around campus and give students something to talk about.

"When you read a book, you retain only some of it," Crews said. "When you see it on stage, it will make you more excited and involved."

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Don't care too much for money, it can't buy love



Colleen Kitka

The hallmark of Hallmark holidays, Valentine's Day casts a shadow on what was once a day to celebrate love. It is a day for profit-seeking companies to earn an extra buck after the busy holiday season.

Wait, companies put out valentine products even before that; I saw red hearts popping up on store shelves already in mid-December.

According to the Greeting Card Association, Valentine's Day is the second-most popular holiday to give seasonal cards after Christmas.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports 65 percent of households will celebrate the lovers' day with a greeting card, while 38 percent will celebrate with candy, 32 percent with flowers, and another 17 percent with other gifts.

It's atrocious what capitalistic culture has done to make money off a once-thought simple tradition to commemorate love with

hand-written valentines. In return, people have turned their back on Valentine's Day.

A male friend shared his animosity for the up coming holiday by saying the boy is always required to do something or spend money to acknowledge his love, especially on Valentine's Day. If not, women would hold it to the male species forever and never forget.

Another acquaintance said he avoids celebrating the day with his fiancé by going on a weekend service trip. He still sends flowers, but complained about the expense.

My own fiancée complains that it is an extra day he is re-

quired to spend more money on me, in addition to the other 364 days of the year.

Gifts, candies and special nights out are not what I ask. All I want is to spend quality time with the man I love.

I believe we just need to put the love back into the holiday and not let the commercialism cover our hearts.

So as you plan your three-day weekend next week and make Valentine's Day arrangements, why not consider a romantic evening at home with your significant other, sharing your favorite meal and a bottle of wine or not call over all your single friends and have a romantic comedy movie night?

There is no need to go big with expensive dinners or fancy jewelry. Don't feed the money-hungry corporations with store bought cards and boxed chocolates. Make your own to show your love, and your loved one will appreciate it even more!

Fun food for the Super Bowl

Nuts and Bolts (Chex Mix)

- 2 (6 oz.) pkg. pretzel sticks
- 2 (16 oz.) cans salted peanuts
- 4 c. Wheat Chex
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- 4 c. Corn Chex
- 2 c. Cheerios
- 3 c. (6 sticks) butter
- 2 tbsp. garlic salt
- 4 tbsp. seasoned salt
- 1/2 c. Worcestershire sauce

Mix butter, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Pour over peanuts, pretzels, Chex cereals and Cheerios. Mix well. Bake at 250 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Stir every 15 minutes. Cool. Store in airtight containers.

Chocolate Rolo Pretzels

- 3 c. miniature pretzels
- 25 Hershey's Rolo candies
- 1 large bag plain M&Ms

Place pretzels on a jellyroll pan. Unwrap Rolo candies and cut in half. Place half of each Rolo on top of pretzel. Bake in a 250 F oven for 1-2 minutes, or until candies are soft. Place an M&M on each pretzel. Cool. Store in an airtight container.

Chili cheese dip

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 can no-bean chili
- 1 c. shredded Mexican cheese blend
- tortilla chips

Spread cream cheese into 8 in. x 8 in. baking dish. Evenly layer the no bean chili on top. Top with cheese. Bake for 20 minutes in a 375 F oven. Serve hot with tortilla chips.

Honey Garlic Chicken Wings

- 2 1/2 pounds chicken wings
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 6 Tbsp mild honey, to taste
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 large garlic cloves
- 2 tsp. fresh or dried ginger

Thaw and clean chicken wings in a deep pan. Cook in the oven at 425 degrees F for 30-40 minutes or until nicely browned and getting crisp. Mix soy sauce, honey, water, garlic and ginger together in a small bowl and pour over wings. Cook until wings are coated in the sauce. The sauce will become very thick and stick to the wings. Serve hot.



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Pumping up the volume

By Kristin Menas
Staff Reporter

Music inspires. It inspires emotion and helps prepare us for many of life's events. Music is also often used as a preparatory tool for athletes before game time. Every athlete has their own idea of the perfect tune or music genre that supports their ability to compete. Below, Eastern athletes explain the different music they use to help prepare for game time and the different emotions that music inspires.



Ashley Aardsma

Sophomore, kinesiology major with a teacher certification

Sport: Rugby- Wing and back-up Scrumhalf

Favorite Pregame Tunes: rock, alternative, some rap

"The lyrics of the songs I listen to get me pumped up and remind me what it's all about, like why I've worked so hard and why I play. The beat just gets my body moving and helps me get in the 'it's on' mind set."



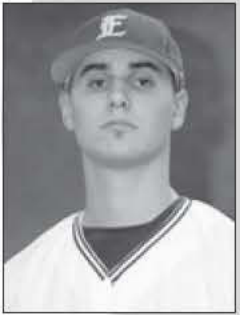
Ian Winston

Senior, art major

Sport: Track- High Jump

Favorite Pregame Tunes: dubstep

"I listen to a lot of dubstep music while I warm up and before I jump to get my legs bouncing. My mentality before and during my event (is that) I tend not to even think about it until it's time, then I just go out and have fun with it."



Mike Hoekstra

Junior, kinesiology major

Sport: Baseball- Pitcher

Favorite Pregame Tunes: Breaking Benjamin, rock

"I like listening to Breaking Benjamin before a game because they go all out at their concerts, and that's how I want to play baseball."



Kayla Heal

Freshman, kinesiology major

Sport: Rugby- Left-wing

Favorite Pregame Tunes: Skillet's "Comatose" album, anything that is loud/angry that helps build adrenaline

"My favorite song would be 'Rebirthing' by Skillet because the music builds in intensity. The instruments are pretty bold and different. After I listen to it, I'm super pumped to accomplish whatever I'm about to do."



Alison Berens

Freshman, undecided

Sport: Volleyball- Middle blocker

Favorite Pregame Tune: "Thunderstruck" by AC/DC

"I don't know why, but that song has always gotten me in the zone and pumped me up."



Seth Knolhoff

Sophomore, biology major with teacher certification

Sport: Football- Offensive Lineman

Favorite Pregame Tunes: "Show Me How to Live" by Audioslave, rock/metal

"My favorite pregame song of all time is 'Show Me How to Live.' I really like the thick guitar, and I like how it gets crazy during the chorus. Plus, it was my favorite music video as a kid. This song gets me focused and a little crazy-jacked-up at the same time so it's pretty much the perfect pregame song."

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Band sheds layers of influences

By Jose Gonzalez
Staff Reporter

Some bands are more recognized and popular than others, but even the ones that aren't still put in the time and effort to give their fans a high standard of music taste.

The Max Allen Band thrives on this fact.

The band will play at 10 p.m. today at Mac's Uptowner and will cost patrons \$5 at the door.

According to their official MySpace page, the Max Allen Band is known as an "eight-up mix of musical genres" from Indianapolis.

It might play reggae one minute and mix into rock, rap and funk as well. The band is a musical whirlwind of many genres like reggae, rock and funk. It is accustomed to play just about anything.

Max Allen, lead vocalist and guitarist for the group, believes technology has added to the band's wide range of genres they cover.

"The musical genres that we listen to is broad because we're in an iPod era," Allen said. "We listen to jazz, funky, but it's kind of hard to put a finger on exactly what we listen to, but I prefer Phish because they hit a lot of genres."

Allen said he likes playing music because he considers himself a "lifer" of music. He thinks of himself as a part of the music he expresses.

Allen gives a piece of himself to those who listen, and in return he knows he is evoking an emotional response

when listeners scream and shout.

Most of Allen's inspiration for music comes from his life experiences. He writes about anything, and the truest songs come from true feeling, real emotion.

The music side of it comes from being in the moment, it all pieces itself together as the members bounce ideas off friends and draw from their experiences as musicians.

Dace Robie is another member of the Max Allen Band. Robie, who has previous band experience playing saxophone and guitar, was recruited to the band as a bass player full time after substituting in for nearly six months.

"We connected on a lot of musical levels," Robie said, "and the band has grown together since."

Robie said he, Max, and Shaan France have a lot of potential.

"Something we're always trying to work toward is getting a lot of flavors into the set, and after a few more shows, we'll be taking some time off to get better musically," Robie said.

Micah Hunter, the general manager for Mac's Uptowner, said he is excited to bring the Max Allen Band back to his establishment.

Hunter said the band first came to Charleston about a year ago after he originally heard of the Max Allen Band through a booking agent.

Hunter said he was attracted to the band's music because of the performance aspect; they are just a three-piece band.



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The general manager was also impressed with the band were because they played with a wireless guitar and interacted with the fans.

"I watched them play in Terre Haute (Ind.) a few weeks ago, and I was surprised at how much better the band got," Hunter said. "It was a packed house, but a year ago it wasn't like that, but the people that did show, they quickly spread the word."

With a long list of influences and a feel for jamming, the band is sure to put on a set to impress and leave fans astonished at the wide range of sounds heard.

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Barrymore brings out best in actors in 'Whip It'



DIRECTOR'S DEBUT MOVIE OFFERS COMEDIC CAST, UNIQUE, QUIRKY PLOT

Rating: A

By **Jose Gonzalez**
Staff Reporter

The year 2009 saw interesting movies in and out of the theater. If there is one that takes the cake, it certainly is "Whip It."

Recently released to DVD, the film stars Juno's Ellen Page as an energetic indie-music lover named Bliss Cavendar who seeks to add thrill to her life by heading to Austin, Texas, to try out for a roller derby team named the Hurl Scouts.

"Whip It" is Drew Barrymore's directing debut. She also takes a lead role in the film. Other stars include Juliette Lewis, Daniel Stern, Marcia Gay Harden, Eve, Jimmy Fallon and Andrew Wilson.

This film blew me out of the water when I first saw it.

The plot originally intrigued my interest. The story revolves around Bliss (Page) and her idyllic existence in a small Texas town.

That soon changes when she goes to Austin to see a roller derby game. She falls in love with it and decides to try out for the team.

I've never seen a movie about roller derby, so this is a nice change of pace for those looking to decide to rent a film for any night.

It is chock full of comedy, especially with Ellen Page's one-liners, which she made famous in "Juno." Drew Barrymore's

character, with her swanky, yet vicious attitude, adds more comedy and makes her one of the best in the film.

Andrew Wilson & Jimmy Fallon's roles in the film also provide some good slapstick humor.

The acting in the film was phenomenal. With a who's-who of talent across the board, "Whip It" provides a slew of comedic moments in the film, especially with interaction between Bliss and her father (Stern).

Drew Barrymore delivers as Smashley Simpson, one of the team captains of the Hurl Scouts. With a resume, including "Fever Pitch," "The Wedding Singer" and "Never Been Kissed," Barrymore stands as a prolific actress and provides experience to some of the other actors and actresses in the film.

Barrymore provides her years of experience being in front of the camera, and therefore, makes the others around her that much better. This is especially seen in young actresses Ari Graynor and Kristen Wiig.

Overall, this film is good for a rental or a buy. The acting, combined with the plot of the film make "Whip It" a film to remember.

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Wayne's 'Rebirth' bears disappointment

RAPPER GOES TO JAIL, ALBUM SHOWS SOFTER SIDE WITH A TRY AT ROCK

By **Brad York**
Verge Editor

Since Lil Wayne began his trek to stardom listeners have grown to expect the unexpected from the New Orleans famed rapper. "Rebirth," Wayne's latest studio album, shows us yet another side of Wayne that has been aching to get out.

"Rebirth" is an album in which Wayne, commonly referred to as Weezy, has tried to defy the odds stacked against him and develop an album composed of rock music. The album, intended to be released on April 7, 2009, suffered delays and was officially released Tuesday.

With Wayne's freedom days running thin, it could be possible the record label wanted to release the album closer to his incarceration date in order to raise sales. Perfection is another alleged reason for the delay, but after hearing the full album, it leaves the question, "Should he have waited longer?"

Weezy is a wizard wordsmith on many of his rap tracks throughout the years, as listeners hang on to each lyric wondering where he could go next. This isn't the case with "Rebirth."

Throughout the album Wayne tiptoes on beats he used to stomp all over.

"On Fire," the second single released, is a perfect example of this. The track stands tall back to back against the other shortcomings, but the beat-driven song would be best if rapped over. Instead Weezy takes the back burner and sing-talks over the bass-bumping beat.

This lyrical style seems to be Weezy's theme on the album. Many tracks are supplied with guitar solos intertwined in random locations and do nothing for the listening experience.

Wayne tries to bring a heavier approach to rock on the track "Ground Zero." The song begins with a bass guitar laying down a rhythm and drums pounding a tribal beat. A wailing guitar soon joins in, and eventually Wayne begins to spit a rhyme fueled with drug references, sexual intercourse and claims of walking on air.

The rapper's sound is nothing new, and this song feels redundant as Weezy screams the chorus, "Don't look now, but the ground is gone / I'm so high that the ground is gone / I don't even know which cloud I'm on / Don't look now cause the ground is gone / Right now I'm a million miles from home / and I'm so high that the ground is gone."

The third single off the album, "Drop the World," is the best song on the album. This is partly because of the fact that the song hardly sounds like rock music. Wayne enlisted the help of producers Hit-Boy and Chase N. Cashe to produce the music for the track, which offers deep bass bumps and water drops as main rhythmic beats.

But the best part of the song, and possibly the album, is the verse Eminem slams through. One line states, "Man, it feels like these walls are closing in / This roof is caving in, oops, time to raise it then / Your days are numbered like pagers and / My book of rhymes, got 'em cookin', boy / This crooked mind of mine got 'em all / Shook and scared to look in my eyes."

Although this isn't Wayne's best work, we can't knock him for trying something off his radar. It can be assured that this won't be the last we hear from Wayne, but will listeners still want to hear from him after his jail sentence has ended and the bitter taste of "Rebirth" begins to subside?

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Rating: D

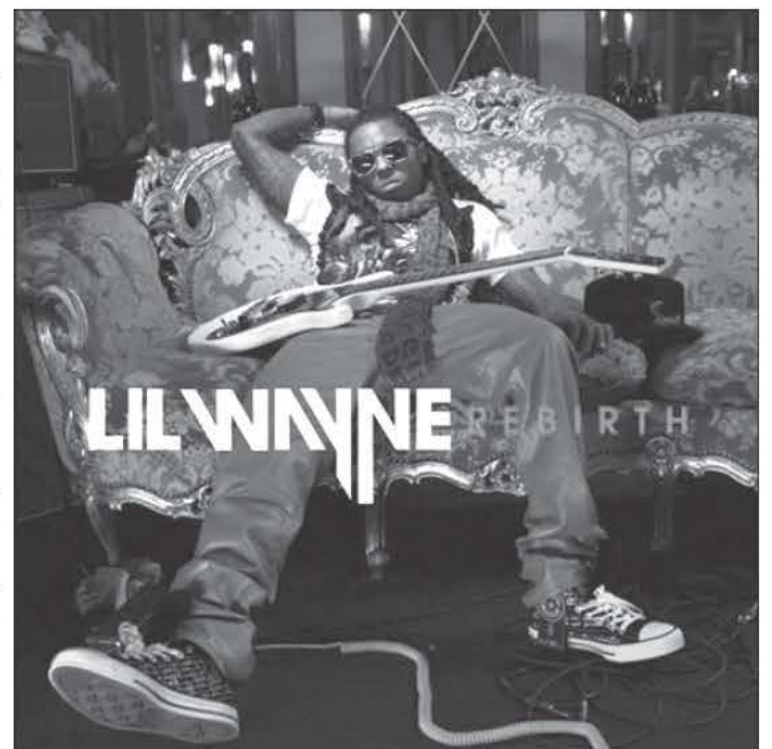


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