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PRESENTATION

Students hear stories on bullying effects

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Administrators, professors and students were united in singing “I Won’t Let Go” by Rascal Flatts, which wrapped up the emotional presentation on bullying and its effects on Tuesday.

“Bridging Voice in Our Community: the Bully Project” started off its series on bullying and ways to help decrease these incidents Tuesday with a presentation on bullying and the consequences by the Social and Emotional Development in Middle Grades class.

Mildred Pearson, an associate professor of education and the organizer of “Bridging Voices in Our Community,” said bullying is a national epidemic that needs to be talked about.

“Bullying can no longer be a silent topic,” Pearson said.

Diana Jackman, the dean of the college of education and professional studies, said bullying is not often talked about, but it is something that future teachers need to be aware of.

“It’s an issue you (future teachers) will have to face on a daily basis,” Jackman said. “I wish I could stand up here and tell you, you’re never going to have to face it, but you are.”

Jackman said it is a good thing that the students and speakers are talking about bullying.

“It’s a difficult topic to talk about,” Jackman said.

The speakers during the presentation included students that presented their research on bullying, students who have dealt with the situations of suicide and bullying, teachers, administrators and an officer from the Charleston Police Department.

There were six groups of students that presented topics about bullying such as cyber-bullying, depression, suicide, empathy, parental and community involvement, and leadership development and gender differences.

The students have been researching their topics and finding ways to introduce the topics in their classrooms.

Some of the suggestions were games where students would take a paper bag and on the outside write things about their physical appearance and on the inside of the bag they would list things that make them feel beautiful on the inside.

Another idea was a word wall that has both negative and positive words that characterize men and women.

Clyde Self, a teacher at Mattoon Middle School, said it is important to teach these things to the students.

Self gave the example of his son making a mistake to illustrate his point that in order for children to know about bullying they have to be taught about bullying.

Self said his son, Ethan, was building a shelf for their Mac computer, but was having trouble with the screws. Ethan was using a regular flat head screwdriver rather than a Phillips screwdriver.

“He didn’t know he needed that screwdriver because I hadn’t taught him,” Self said. “When students have a problem, they don’t know how to handle it without being taught.”

Audience members also heard about the experiences of a student who was bullied, not only by other girls her age, but also their parents.

Paige Logan, a junior at Altamont High School, was bullied by girls in her school and by the girl’s parents online.

“We figured it was because I won Junior Miss,” Logan said.

Logan also told audience member about how a friend from the cheerleading team said some girls claimed they could drag her off campus to beat her up.

“I was scared to go to school,” Logan said. “My grades started slipping and I told my mom that I wanted to be homeschooled. I had to sit in the principal’s office until first period.”

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ROBBERY

Man arrested for 3 crimes

Staff Report

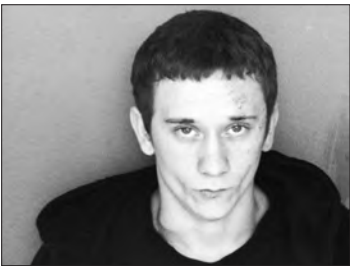
A man, already being held in connection with an armed robbery that occurred Saturday is also being held in connection with two-armed robberies of food delivery drivers.

Martin “Petey” Oliver, 19, of 211 Polk Ave, is currently being held at the Coles County Safety and Detention Center, according

a Charleston Police Department press release.

Two food delivery drivers were robbed at knifepoint while delivering food in two separate incidences on the 900 block of Second Street about 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Oliver was arrested on Saturday at his place of residence at 9:38 p.m. in connection with an armed robbery that occurred on Saturday.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Martin “Petey” Oliver

CITY

Accounting firm presents audit review to city council

By Sara Hall
City Editor

The Charleston city council was presented with the annual city audit review at Tuesday’s meeting at City Hall.

Joyce Madigan of the accounting firm of Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan of Charleston showcased highlights of the required annual audit of the city’s finances of previous year’s expenditures from May 1, 2010 to April 31, 2011.

“The audit provides an excellent synopsis of what’s happened in city within the past year,” Madigan said.

Madigan said the accounting firm found no major problems during the audit process.

She said the firm has seen other clients in the area struggle due to the declining economy. However, she said Charleston continues to positively keep up with their finances.

“We’re impressed by the proactive steps that the city takes to keep the financials in good position,” she said. “You’ve managed to keep things in line and keep expenditures in line with a healthy end balance to keep you moving forward.”

Madigan stated in the review that the city had more than \$500,000 in federal expenditures, which subjected them to extra compliance testing.

Madigan said in the audit review, the firm did implement a required change that changes the way the fund balance is presented.

The balance is now divided into non-spendable, restricted, assigned and budgeted categories.

Madigan said non-spendable refers to prepaid expenses, while restricted allowances cannot be used except for what they are specifically allocated.

She said assigned allowances may be decided that certain monies are assigned in financial statements. Budgeted allowances are pre-assigned.



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Joyce Maddigan, partner in the accounting firm of Gilbert, Metzger and Maddigan of Charleston, presents the annual city audit review to the city council on Tuesday evening in Charleston City Hall. The council also approved an ordinance to place the annual tax levy for the fiscal year of May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 on file for public inspection.

Madigan said the report also discloses any funds that exceed allocations.

She said all reports and data collection have been completed and submitted to the federal government and the Department of Insurance.

The council voted on a resolution implementing the provisions of the Illinois Pension Code Act and approving fire and police pension board report with regard to the annual tax levy.

Mayor John Inyart said this resolution is a statutory requirement puts the council on notice as to the condition of the pension funds so the council can intelligently discuss the tax levy.

The file will remain available for public inspection until the next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The council also voted to approve an ordinance for the annual tax levy for the fiscal year of May 1, 2012 to April 20, 2013.

Inyart said the tax levy will be used as a benchmark for raising

citizens’ tax based on inflation.

“This is how much money we need to run the city on,” he said. “It will be capped and reduced based on what the financial value of the property is.”

City Manager Scott Smith said the current tax levy is based on property values.

He said this amount is in flux until the board of review meets after the first of the year.

Inyart said the final calculation will be made some time in March.

The council also voted to approve purchasing a plot of property adjacent to the water treatment plant at 2801 McKinley Drive for \$150,000.

Inyart said the council obtained grant from the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation for half that amount, so the cost of the lot to the city will be \$75,000.

“I think this will allow us a lot more control back in the McKinley area,” he said. “I think it’s in our best interest to own it.”

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MIRANDA PLOSS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Michael Began, guest conductor, conducts “O Magnum Mysterium” by Morten Lauridsen arranged by H. Robert Reynolds during the EIU Concert Band and EIU Wind Symphony’s Holiday Collage Concert Tuesday in the Dounda Fine Arts Center’s Dvorak Concert Hall. The concert featured holiday inspired music, and was the last performance of the semester for both the concert band and wind symphony.

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CAMPUS

Concert to bring back 'real meaning of Christmas'

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Activities Editor

Eastern choirs will be performing a traditional Christmas program from 1918.

“A Ceremony of Nine Lessons & Carols” will include the Eastern Concert Choir, Camerata Singers, members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Charles Lynch, a harpist, as well as various students that will play the music during the program.

This program has been a tradition in Cambridge, England since 1918, when it was played at Kings’ College.

Richard Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities and the conductor of the program, said the program had been a tradition at Eastern for more than a decade.

“This program will help show people the real meaning of Christmas,” Rossi said.

Rossi said he looks forward to this concert because it is a calm concert.

“This is my calming, unwinding concert,” Rossi said. “It’s a peaceful concert that focuses into the beauty of the season, and the peacefulness and the calmness that should really be involved, as opposed to the haste and craziness of the holiday.”

This program consists of nine readings that will be accompanied by songs.

Each reading will present one of the lessons in the program.

The readings will be presented by Pastor Wally Carlson and Richard Hummel, a retired Eastern sociology professor.

The lessons include: Lesson I: Genesis III: 8-15; Lesson II: Genesis XXII: 15-18; Lesson III: Isaiah IX: 2, 6, 7; Lesson IV: Isaiah XI: 1-3a, 4a, 6-9; Lesson V: Luke I: 26-35, 38; Lesson VI: Luke II: 1, 3-7; Lesson

VII: Luke II: 8-16; Lesson VIII: Matthew II: 1-12; and Lesson IX: John I: 1-14.

Songs will accompany each lesson. Some of the familiar songs that will be performed include “Silent Night” and “Hark the Herald Angels Sing.”

Rossi said some of the pieces have an interesting entry for the voices. Rossi said the entry of voice into “A Ceremony of Carols, Opus 28” has an echo effect.

“It’s designed in a way that the voices enter and sound like an echo in a church,” Rossi said. “The overall effect sounds like reverberation in a church.”

Rossi said the concert will help display the true meaning of Christmas.

“It becomes more reflective of what the season is all about,” Rossi said. “With the readings and the music, it involves more about the meaning behind Christmas, as opposed to

the secularized aspects that seem to engulf us today.”

Before the performance, Katherine Henry and Paige Mundy, flute players, and Lynch will be performing music for audience members.

“A Ceremony of Nine Lessons & Carols” will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Wesley United Methodist Church.

The Wesley United Methodist Church is located at 2206 Fourth Street in Charleston, across from Lawson Hall.

Rossi said he hope people leave with the true meaning of Christmas.

“I hope they walk away with the feeling of inspiration and what the season is all about,” Rossi said. “Hopefully the music will reflect those ideas as well.”

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STATE WIRE

Chicago Sun-Times, sister papers to charge online

By **The Associated Press**

CHICAGO — The Chicago Sun-Times will start charging all visitors to its websites, the newspaper said Tuesday.

Starting Thursday, readers will get 20 free page views every 30 days at any site in the Sun-Times Media Group, which includes the Sun-Times and other papers in the suburbs, the newspaper said. After 20 views, readers will be required to subscribe.

Print subscribers will be offered a rate of \$1.99 every four weeks. Online-only subscribers will pay \$6.99 every four weeks, or about \$78 annually.

The Sun-Times and other print media have struggled with an economic downturn and a migration of advertisers from print to the Web. Both the Sun-Times and Chicago's other major newspaper, the Chicago Tribune, have been through bankruptcy proceedings in recent years, slashing staffs and making other cutbacks.

"We think the time is long overdue for us to begin charging for our content," said Jeremy Halbreich, the chairman of Sun-Times Media. "It is certainly award-winning

content and we need to find new ways to support it."

The Sun-Times won a coveted Pulitzer Prize — considered the top award in journalism — earlier this year for its local reporting on crime in city neighborhoods.

The honor came two years after local businessman James Tyree led an investment group to take the paper out of bankruptcy. Tyree died in March, one month before the award was announced.

The pay wall will also take effect at Sun-Times Media's member newspapers in Chicago's suburbs, including the Naperville Sun, the Beacon-News in Aurora, and the Evanston Review. The Daily Herald, which is focused on suburban Chicago, erected its own online pay wall in September.

Media analyst Alan Mutter said the Sun-Times plan was risky in a media market where the Tribune, local television stations and aggregators such as The Huffington Post don't charge for stories online. But the number of free views before readers hit a pay wall gives the Sun-Times flexibility, he said.

"The Sun-Times is going first," he said. "We'll find out how enforceable a pay wall is."

Holiday frenzy

SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jeremy Nowell, a junior journalism major, restocks the sale racks at the Union Bookstore. According to Nowell, business has increased at the bookstore, as students rush to buy gifts for family members, friends, and even for themselves.

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DOUNDA FINE ARTS CENTER

Concert brings holiday spirit

By Stacey Catterson
Staff Reporter

The Holiday Collage at the Doudna Fine Arts Center brought the holiday magic in the air with various old Christmas favorites and other selections.

Alan Sullivan, interim director of the Eastern Wind Symphony, said he thought the concert went great and the band members did a great job with their performances.

Danelle Larson, an assistant professor of music education and the band director of the Eastern Concert Band, added a free play ensemble to the program.

The free play allowed band members to use their creativity with their performances. The members of the free play did not rehearse their performance before the concert.

"They are having a musical conversation," Larson said.

The ensemble members included Jonathan Parker, David Perez Delgado, Evan Fowler, William Rooney and Jake Schlich.

Some of the audience members' favorite pieces were "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson, "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed, and "Stars and Stripes for Christmas" by John Phillip Sousa and Robert E. Foster.

Sullivan said the "Russian Christmas Music" introduced the band members and the audience to a new style of music.

Bill Mitchell, a sophomore music education major and a member of the Eastern Wind Symphony, said he felt like the Holiday Collage Concert went well.

Mitchell said his favorite piece was "Russian Christmas Music."

"It's just a really epic piece," Mitchell said. "It's one of the standards."

Audience member Nicole Richards, from Oblong, Illinois, thought

the concert was well-done.

Richards said her favorite piece was "Stars and Stripes for Christmas" because of its similarities to other songs.

"It put a good twist on the stars and stripes song," Richards said.

Andy Ambrose, a freshman music education major and a member of the Eastern Wind Symphony, said he is relieved that the concert is over.

Ambrose said now he can get back to studying for finals and start prepping for his Jury, a music performance final.

Taylor Reardon, a freshman elementary education major, said the concert was awesome. She said going to the concert helped her get into the Christmas spirit and season.

"It was energetic, nice and loud," Reardon said.

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FACULTY SENATE

State still owes Eastern \$6.4 million

By Kathryn Richter
Staff Reporter

Eastern has yet to receive \$6.4 million from the state for Fiscal Year 2011.

Bill Weber, the vice president for business affairs, said the state has promised to send Eastern the funds by the end of December.

"We are all impacted by the state's cash flow problems," Weber said.

Weber said Eastern received the lowest amount of funding out of all the state schools even though the university had the highest retention rate in the

state.

Weber also presented the findings from the final stage of Eastern's collaborative strategic planning, which he will be presenting to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on Jan. 20.

Ideas for improvements are listed under six categories including academic excellence, campus and community life, marketing and communication, sustainable finances, global competition and changing demographics and emerging technologies.

The strategic plan preliminary draft outlines steps such as eliminating cer-

tain programs or positions at Eastern that are not financially lucrative or essential to Eastern's mission.

"We need to have some serious discussions and considerations as to what can we stop doing without endangering our mission," Weber said.

Andrew Methven, the chairman of the Faculty Senate and professor of biology, said the strategic plan preliminary draft outlines a set of steps that will help Eastern reach its goals.

"The outcome is going to be a five-year plan for where Eastern is going in the future," Methven said.

CAMPUS

Freshmen reflect on first semester

By Robyn Dexter
Staff Reporter

The class of 2015 nears the end of their first semester, chances are they are finding themselves stressing over finals and finishing up multiple projects and homework.

Like the rest of the college world, they are eagerly anticipating the end of that last final, packing up their dirty laundry and heading for home.

Cole Muench, a freshman sociology major, said his freshman year exceeded his expectations.

"This semester was way more fun than I thought it would be," Muench said. "Classes are definitely a lot harder than I expected but I think I'm doing a lot better than I expected too."

Muench said he enjoys all the freedom he has here at Eastern and loves hanging out with his friends.

Muench said he was able to make fun memories in a short period of time.

"Waking everybody up in (Thomas Hall) with an air horn at 3 in the morning was definitely one of the most fun things this semester," he said.

Lindsay Weber, a freshman nursing major, said she was expecting more homework when she came to Eastern.

"But I also didn't think I'd have to study for tests as much I do to do well," she said.

Weber said she will focus more on her schoolwork more next.

"I'm going to prioritize schoolwork

and studying," she said. "I didn't study as much as I should have for tests."

Weber said adjusting to a residence hall was another transition incoming she had to make.

Weber lives in Lawson Hall.

"I thought I would be crammed in my room and hate it, but I actually don't think (the rooms) are too bad," Weber said.

Tasha Shadden, a freshman educational major, said she is ready to make some changes for next semester.

"I scheduled my classes to start later so I can stop skipping morning class," she said. Shadden, like Weber, said she aims to procrastinate less next semester and prioritize on her schoolwork more.

Maddie Kuerz, a freshman kinesiology and sports studies major, was one of these students when she arrived at Eastern in the fall.

"I'm not good with change, so coming in I felt educationally prepared, but not so much for being on my own," she said.

Kuerz said her experience so far has had its ups and downs, but she really enjoys college so far.

"I've met a lot of great people and joined a sorority, but a lot of my friends are at different schools," Kuerz said.

Kuerz said college takes more adjusting than she thought it would.

"I've enjoyed (Eastern) a lot so far, it's just getting used to the whole concept of college that throws me off," she said.

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have been brought up, he said

Those who wanted to access the building after hours would have to swipe their Panther Card, which would make a record of who enters the building at what time, Lord said.

During the meeting, a motion was passed to create a task force for looking into the future of electronic and online learning materials concerning aspects from online textbooks to online courses.

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Congratulations Ladies, and

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Raybin one of many great professors

There’s always a teacher that you “must take” while at school. It’s the professor you’ll re-arrange your schedule for and wake up at the unholy hour of 8 a.m. to take. It’s the professor you know you’ll have to be up at midnight to register for and possibly bribe others with pizzas or baked goods for their seat in the class. And according to the Carnegie Foundation, David Raybin is one of those professors.

After 30 years of teaching in Eastern’s English department, Raybin was named the 2011 Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. What does this mean? Amid all the fancy-shmancy universities in Illinois, Raybin is recognized as the Morgan Freeman of educators. It’s kind of a big deal.

Raybin is a perfect example of why many of us on the editorial board decided to come to Eastern – there are professors that care. For such a small school, this kind of recognition and attention is fantastic.

Raybin told *The Daily Eastern News* on Dec. 2 that he came to Eastern because he thinks students at a state university should have the opportunities for intellectual growth available to students at elite private universities.

Exactly. Just because Eastern students don’t pay a tuition equivalent to purchasing a yacht in a Jay-Z video does not mean we don’t have access to quality professors. We have all had classes that made us willing to spin a tale of being taken hostage in a foreign land in order to avoid listening to an uninspired lecture. This does not seem to be the case for Raybin.

Passionate is a word that seems to have latched itself on to him during his career at Eastern. Bill Perry knows it. His students know it. Whereas some students can get heart palpitations over someone simply speaking the word “Skyrim,” Raybin has his own passion. And it’s Chaucer’s “The Canterbury Tales.” Raybin is so passionate about teaching it that he was awarded major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities to direct four-week Summer Seminars for School Teachers on Chaucer’s “Canterbury Tales” in England. The grant has been awarded again for 2012. That’s passion, people.

We live in a time where too many people put too much stock in what a student with a vendetta can write on RateYourProfessor.com. Instead, take this national recognition as a sign that there are educators who do care. (For the record, Raybin has a 4.3 rating on the website. Combined with his national recognition, these make for some serious bragging rights.)

The truth is, Eastern is full of amazing professors. Take every opportunity to seek out great professors and soak up every bit of knowledge and insight they have to offer.

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COLUMN

Face your fears, don’t let them hold you captive

Fear is a topic I have written about before. Why would anyone want to write or even read about fear, you wonder? It is because fear is disabling. Fear disables the human mind from doing the things that enrich our lives with experience and adventure and fulfillment.

A wise man once said, “There is nothing to fear but fear itself.” That statement could not be more real. People who plague themselves with fear live in the darkness of their own shadows. Sometimes you have to open up the blinds and see what life has to offer. You don’t know what something will be like or how it might work out if you don’t try it first.

This especially goes for seniors who are graduating and moving on into the world of careers and families. If you have a job in mind, don’t be afraid, just go for it. The only thing to lose is your own pride, if you allow it to be lost.

For everyone else, don’t let fear stand in your way. If there is someone out there you desire to enter into a relationship with, simply ask them out. You don’t know what will happen until you get over the fear of asking. If there is a hobby you want to try, or an activity you think



Julian Russell

might be fun but scary, just do it. Fear keeps us from speaking our minds, participating in classrooms and other settings. Fear keeps us from chasing tornadoes, jumping out of airplanes, delivering speeches to large audiences. Fear keeps us from getting up on stage and playing that song we know on guitar or performing a comedy routine.

So what’s it going to be? Will you let fear stand in your way? Will you let fear continue to lower you deeper and deeper into the ground until there is nothing left but a quaint stub of a human being, unwilling to do anything outside of the normal routine?

Being that way is void of character. Con-

quering fear builds character in a person. Think about someone famous you admire and think of what they do, and how someday maybe you would like to act like them or lead like them or throw a ball like them. Think about what they had to do to get there. Think about the necessary steps, and when you get to the scary ones, turn off that fear.

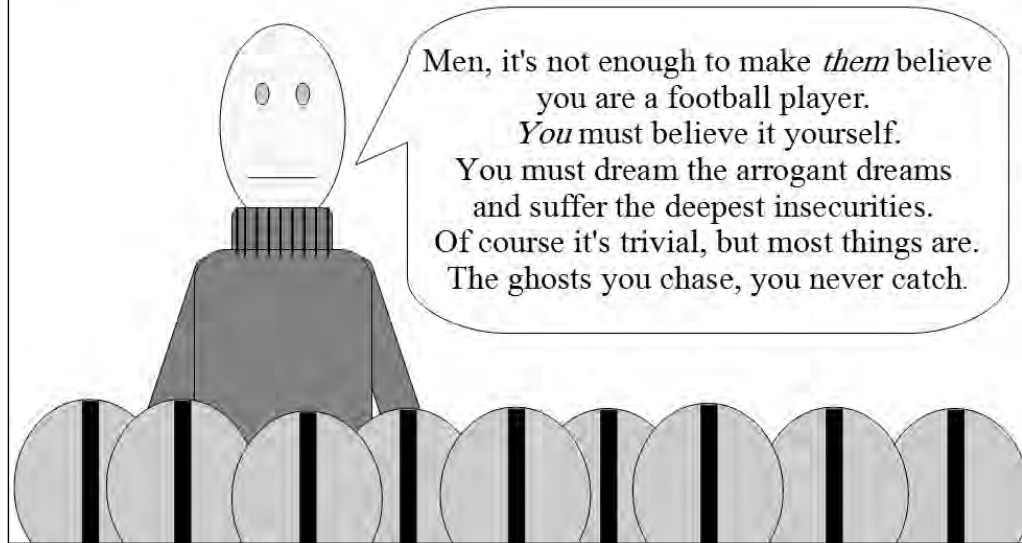
You’ve got to shove and push fear away. Kick through the wall that traps you in a life surrounded by shields of prevention. When you do begin to conquer fear, you’re fright will be replaced by replenishing, overwhelming relief and excitement. You will begin to realize you can truly accomplish anything and, more and more, you will kick down those walls.

You are not alone in the world if you carry fear on your shoulders, but you will be alone if you allow those fears to weigh you down rather than swipe them away like the pesky bugs they are.

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FROM THE EASEL

As the search for the next head football coach draws to a close, it has become clear that the only man who can lead the team to victory is a legend from Eastern's past: John Malkovich



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chick-fil-A

I’d like to comment on the opinion of Lane Kirby concerning the Chick-fil-A restaurant on campus. I am sorry that he doesn’t agree with the way they spend their profits. I happen to like their chicken and all of the items that I’ve eaten at their restaurant. Why is it that because of their belief of the gay lifestyle that offends him that they should be kicked off campus? Several others (including one who is a vegetarian) who not only disagrees with him also enjoy their food.

I recently found out the type of car that I drive is sympathetic towards gays. I won’t tell people not to patronize their products but when I trade next I won’t buy a car from that company. The way liberals look at things, anything they don’t like they would also ask that you would agree with them and boycott that company. Well grow up Mr. Kirby and act your age and quit pouting when you don’t get your way. I hope Chick-fil-A stays on EIU campus. Did you also realize that they are closed on Sundays so their employees may attend church if they so choose? That’s a good way to spend your Sundays.

Tom Royal
Charleston

COLUMN

2011 is almost gone, stop and enjoy the moment

As 2011 winds down, it’s tempting to look back and wonder what it will be remembered for.

I’m sure many will remember this year for its enormous impact on world and national events. The Arab Spring and its restructuring of the political dynamic of the Middle East, the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the world population reaching 7 billion, the assassination of Osama bin Laden and the utter polarization and stalemate of Congress will each have important chapters in the history books.

As simple human beings and students, these events shape our connections to the world. As a news junkie, these things cannot be easily forgotten. The slew of GOP frontrunners and their cringe-inducing primary season thus far will also be sadly stuck in my mind for quite awhile.

Inevitably, however, the moments that truly stick in our minds are the personal ones. For the freshmen, maybe it was the memory of graduation, leaving friends and family and leaving home. Maybe it was realizing your parents were right on a couple things and that college is so unbelievably better than high school. Maybe it was the extra 15 pounds we’d rather not discuss. Maybe it was that night you actually can’t remember but people tell you about.



Sarah Bigler

For seniors, I can attest it’s the freaking out over applications for graduate school, internships and jobs. There are no more nets below you. A sense of deep pride is offset by a subconscious sense of fear that sometimes bubbles to the surface to terrorize you in the middle of the night. But hey, when in doubt, we can always quote the Pokémon theme.

Sophomores and juniors, enjoy your relative calm. You are neither in the beginning days, where you are shy and have no idea what you are doing, nor in the last moments of this stage of your life, where you must figure out what to do next. These days are to be enjoyed and appreciated.

Fear not, seniors. Time rolls on. You will soon forget the jobs you did not get, the internships you wanted. You will no longer mourn

the friends you lost, but hopefully still have the friends you made.

Unfortunately, sometimes bad things happen. The vandalism of the chemistry labs was a particularly sad incident. It’s sad that a person would be so unhappy with him or herself and college life—even worse, possibly at a grade—that they would cause so much monetary damage, and put other students at a disadvantage.

Everything is temporary. A bad grade, a bad break up, a friend who wasn’t the friend you thought they were, or Aeris could get killed by Sephiroth, but there will be another class, another, better boyfriend or girlfriend or friend. You will move on, and the world will not end. It is certainly not worth ruining the chemistry department for the rest of the student body.

We should enjoy our time in college. It will not last forever. Soon we will be chained to desks with bosses and annoying, gossipy co-workers. We should enjoy our professors and annoying, gossipy roommates.

For now, enjoy the much-needed break. Happy Holidays!

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COAT DRIVE

Coat drive to help people in need

By Melody Dozard
Staff Reporter

The annual coat drive at Palm Terrace nursing facility in Mattoon will take place on Friday.

Glenna Birch, administrator of Palm Terrace, said the event will take place from 2 p.m. and carry on throughout the entire day.

“We’ve been collecting these coats for the past three to four weeks,” Birch said. “The garments are all washed and laundered before they’re distributed for the event.”

Birch also said that this has been the second time the facility has sponsored the coat drive.

“We already have eight boxes of coats,” she said.

Birch said that the Palm Terrace has a small committee of 10 members who are responsible for advertising and marketing and who helped manage this event for the local community helped come up with the idea for the event.

“The team at the facility sits down and decides what they want to do for the community and then plans it out before carrying out the service,” she

said.

Birch said anyone can bring in coats for the event, even students at Eastern.

“Anything gently worn or close to new is acceptable,” Birch says. “This could be a coat from either a child or an adult.”

While this is the only coat drive being sponsored this year, Birch said other community events will be at the Palm Terrace that are intended to assist the community.

“There are various community events throughout the year like ‘Food for the Food Pantry’ and ‘Dog Bones for the Humane Society,’” she said. “There are also fundraisers for the local community and there is money raised for the fire fighters and the police department.”

Birch said she encourages those who have excess clothing this winter to visit the Palm Terrace.

She added that even the smallest effort could significantly help someone in need in the community.

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Smith said the city has purchased pedestrian marking devices to be implemented on Fourth Street.

Smith said the devices were ordered after seeing their effectiveness at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

He added that they will most likely be installed before students’ return to campus after Christmas break.

He said depending on their effectiveness, the devices may be installed campus-wide at crosswalks.

“I think it will slow down traffic on Fourth Street and give rise that there’s a cross walk there,” he said.

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Logan said that because of her bully experience she became a spokesperson for the “No Bull Challenge.”

“Lets put a stop to bullying and say no bull,” Logan said.

This challenge allows students to make a three to five minute video about bullying. For more information on the “No Bull Challenge” students can go to www.nobullchallenge.org.

Logan’s principal at Altamont High school, Todd Bean, also spoke.

Bean talked about the ways administrators could handle the problem of bullying.

Bean said the four steps to handle a bullying situation is to listen, evaluate and educate, take action, and drop it.

Bean said administrators have to listen before they take action to let students know that they care.

“The most important thing you can do is listen,” Bean said. “Listening is the first step to trust. Once one person has the guts to talk, others start coming for-

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UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

UPD offers self-defense class

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Even the most timid member of the Eastern community who has never used physical force can learn self-defense techniques and build confidence with practice, the university police chief said.

The University Police Department is hosting a Rape Aggression Defense course Dec. 16-18. There is no cost for the program, and it is a 12-hour course split into three sections.

University police Chief Adam Due said the course consists of a three-hour session on safety, and the remainder of the course is spent on practical training and simulation experience.

“The purpose is to provide an opportunity for people to defend themselves,” Due said. “We don’t tell you to fight back because that is your decision, but if there is no chance to run away and you decide to defend yourself, then we can teach you how to do that.”

The practical training includes participants striking pads using the self-defense techniques, and the simulation portion consists of the participants using what they have learned to defend themselves from instructors in padded suits, Due said.

“Striking a person is a lot different than striking a pad,” Due said. “It seems to be a little bit intimidating to people at first, but that seems to be what participants like the most. Usually after they are done they want to go again.”

During the first few times in simulation, people who have never imagined hitting someone may be more timid and will not react, he said.

“That is why the practice is so important to get a little bit better and more confident with each try,” Due said. “The participants will learn to react quickly, and that is a benefit to being more cautious and aware in the future.”

He said participants also become more confident after seeing what they can do.

“When we do simulation we usually videotape sessions and show it to the participant so they can see how they did, what they could have done differently and what they did that was excellent,” Due said.

This program was implemented at Eastern during fall 2006 and they provide this course about once a semester.

“We have about five or six instructors and we are set to accommodate about 30 people, but we usually get five to 15 participants,” he said. “We

have had as few as two participants and still ran the program.”

Due said some of the aspects involved in the course include talking about safety on-campus and when one travels, deciding to defend oneself, and avoiding problems concerning legal issues such as what is justified to use force.

The techniques are different defense tactics such as ground defense and how to escape holds, he said.

“The usual response of women talking about self-defense is to kick the attacker in the groin, and that is a good one but there are other targets as well,” Due said. “Another important factor to learn is how to make a strike without hurting yourself and taking yourself out of the fight such as throwing a punch without hurting your hand.”

They also teach people to be more verbal and yell, and the ones who are most quiet during the beginning usually become the loudest participants by the end of the program, Due said.

The course is open to Eastern students, faculty and staff, and those interested in registering can contact Due at 581-3213 or ajdue@eiu.edu.

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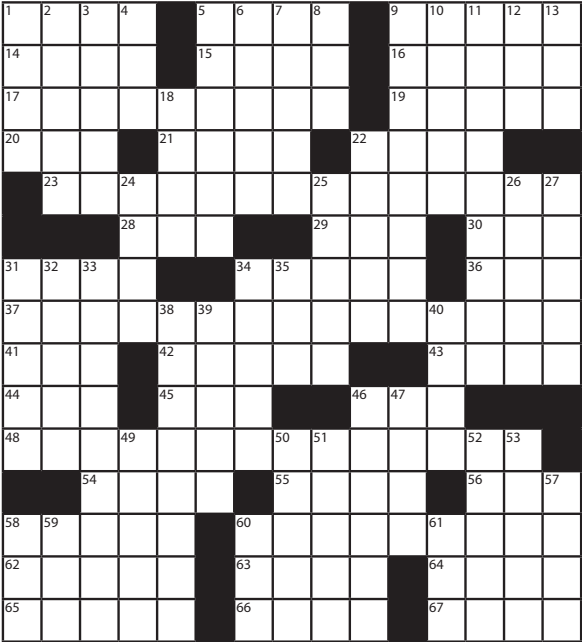
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BASEBALL

Team competes in off-season training

Staff Report

The Eastern baseball team is hard at work in preparation for its 2012 season. The Panthers held the OVC Challenge, the team's annual team fitness competition.

The Panthers were divided into two teams, Team Black and Team Blue. Team Black consisted of red-shirt senior outfielder Ben Thoma, sophomore pitcher Luke Bushur, junior outfielder Nick Priessman, junior infielder Nathan Sopena, red-shirt senior pitcher Mike Hoekstra, freshman infielder Dane Sauer, freshman pitcher Andrew Grahn, red-shirt senior infielder T.J. McManus, senior pitcher Adam Clark, freshman infielder Brant Valach, freshman pitcher Matt Borens and freshman outfielder Pete Strommen.

Team Blue consisted of red-shirt senior outfielder David Ciaglia, junior infielder/pitcher Ryan Dineen,

red-shirt junior pitcher George Kalousek, senior infielder Brad Schweigert, sophomore catcher Jacob Reese, freshman outfielder Trent Whitcomb, sophomore pitcher Christian Slazinik, freshman catcher Joe DeVito, freshman outfielder Caleb Howell, senior pitcher Darin Worman, junior pitcher Scott Houdek, junior pitcher Troy Barton.

The two teams competed in a total of eight events, with the Black Team winning the competition.

Sopena and Kalousek won the agility, Dineen won the medicine ball toss, Thoma won the gator push, Priessman won the broad jump, Thoma won the tire flip, Schweigert won the plate carry, and Thoma won the obstacle event. The Blue Team won the team tire event.

The Panthers will begin their season against Mississippi Valley State on Feb. 17 as a part of the Jackson State tournament.

STATE

Forte not sure when he'll return from knee sprain

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Bears star running back Matt Forte isn't sure when he'll return from a sprained right knee.

His status for the rest of the season is in question after he left in the first quarter of Sunday's loss to the Kansas City Chiefs with a sprained medial collateral ligament, another major blow for a team trying to land a playoff spot in the NFC. Forte's injury came two weeks after quarterback Jay Cutler broke his thumb late in a victory over San Diego.

The Bears (7-5) have dropped two straight since then after winning five

in a row, and although coach Lovie Smith has said he expects both players to return, neither is making any guarantees.

Forte said players with injuries like his generally miss two to six weeks. He got a plasma injection Tuesday morning hoping to speed the healing process, but he will sit out against Denver this week.

"It's disappointing," said Forte, who has started all 60 games since he was drafted in 2008. "It's going to be my first game missed in my entire career. I've been playing going on four years and haven't missed a game. I'm not excited about that."

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One of the players in attendance, wide receiver Erik Lora, was excited about the potential of Babers opening up the offense.

"We've been a pro offense ever since I've been here," Lora said. "Spreading the ball around to a couple receivers would be pretty nice."

Lora said the current players will have to adjust to a new kind of conditioning no matter who the next head coach is.

"We're gonna have to work through it, get faster, get stronger, get better," Lora said.

Babers' offenses have been successful in the past. Babers' offense ranked third in the nation in total offense by averaging 471.9 yards per game in 1998 when he was offensive coordinator at Arizona.

The offense and Baylor is just as successful, and he said he'll be bringing that style to Eastern if he's given the job.

Baylor has the second best offense in the nation, averaging 571.3 yards per game. The quarterback of the offense, Robert Griffin III, has the nation's best passer rating. Griffin is one of five finalists for the Heisman Memorial Trophy, which will be presented Saturday.

Babers said having a quarterback is a crucial part of running his style of offense; however, he said the style of the quarterback doesn't matter much in the system.

To recruit the talent to run the offense, Babers said he will stay in Illinois, especially Chicago.

"We gotta go to Chicago," Babers said. "There's too many people up there to not know what's going on there."

Babers said he and his coaching staff will focus on recruiting Illinois as best they can, beginning in Charleston and Mattoon.

"We want to keep it close to home," Babers said. "We gotta keep those Charleston and Mattoon players from going 45 minutes north (to the University of Illinois). I've been here before. I know there are athletic players around here."

Ultimately, the transition will begin with the current players, Babers said.

"We can win right now if we have offensive linemen who can push people out of the way and defensive linemen who can hold the line," Babers said.

Now that all four coaching candidates have had their campus visits, athletic director Barbara Burke said a decision might be made as early as Friday.

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NATION

White Sox trade closer Santos to Blue Jays for pitcher Molina

By Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The Chicago White Sox traded closer Sergio Santos to the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday, sending him back to the organization where he spent three seasons trying to make the majors as a shortstop.

Toronto gave up pitching prospect Nestor Molina to acquire the 28-year-old Santos in a swap made at baseball's winter meetings.

Santos had 30 saves in 36 chances this year, going 4-5 with a 3.55 ERA in 63 games. The 28-year-old righty is a strikeout pitcher, fanning 92 in 65 1-3 innings. He made a major league-record 25 straight scoreless appearances on the road to start the season.

Santos was golfing when Toronto general manager Alex Anthopoulos called to tell him about the trade. The deal caught Santos by surprise — a few days after the season ended, he signed an \$8.25-million, three-

year contract with the White Sox.

"I think he expected to be in Chicago," Anthopoulos said.

Santos was in Toronto's minor league system from 2006-08 as a shortstop. He converted to pitching in 2009 while in the White Sox organization and made his big league debut the next year.

Anthopoulos was the Blue Jays' assistant GM when Santos was in their organization. The team asked Santos if he wanted to take a try on the mound, but he wasn't interested.

"He didn't want to pitch. He believed in himself as a shortstop," Anthopoulos said.

Santos made it as high as Triple-A as an infielder. He was a career .248 hitter with 72 home runs in the minors, starting out in 2002 in the Arizona system.

The Blue Jays really wanted him back and were willing to trade Molina. The 22-year-old starter has excelled in his minor league career, going 27-7 with a 2.21 ERA overall.

He was a combined 12-3 with a 2.21 ERA in Double-A and Class A last season.

Anthopoulos said Santos' contract situation and "electric stuff" made him especially attractive, given his arm hasn't endured a lot of wear because of his late switch to pitching.

Toronto's saves leader last season was Frank Francisco with 17. Santos immediately inherited the role.

"He's got the ninth inning for us," Anthopoulos said. "We think he's got a chance to be an elite closer."

Chris Sale was second on the White Sox last season with eight saves. Chicago had planned to move him into the rotation next year.

Asked who would be the Chicago closer in 2012, new manager Robin Ventura wasn't sure.

"I knew yesterday," he said. "But obviously, you know, right now you're going to wait and see how the rest of this week goes and figure it out from there."

Khan's bid to buy Jaguars clears hurdle

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL's finance committee voted unanimously Tuesday to recommend Shahid Khan's bid to buy the Jaguars to the full ownership committee for a vote next week.

Asked whether the team would re-

main in Jacksonville, the Illinois businessman said he couldn't comment until the deal was approved — then offered a hint of what the answer would be.

"Hopefully the vote goes the way we're expecting; I'll be happy to elaborate on that, and (fans) will not be dis-

appointed," Khan said after meeting with the 10 owners on the committee at league headquarters.

Wayne Weaver announced last Tuesday that he had agreed to sell the franchise to Khan for a reported \$760 million. The owners will vote Dec. 14 in Dallas.

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Candidate for football head coach, Dino Babers, talks with an Athletics Department staff member before his public interview on Tuesday afternoon outside of the Lantz Club Room in Lantz Arena. Babers is currently the assistant coach and special teams coordinator at Baylor University.

Babers plans for fast-paced offense

By Alex McNamee
Editor-in-chief

Dino Babers' offensive strategy is to be upbeat and fast-paced, to wear down opposing defenses once the fourth quarter hits.

"It'll be the fastest thing you've ever seen," said Babers, the last candidate for the Eastern football head coaching job. "(The players) will be like sprinters running a marathon."

Babers spoke in front of the community Tuesday about his plans for the Panther program if he were hired. Of his ideas, Babers talked about how he'll bring the up-tempo offensive style to Eastern.

"We're gonna run 150 plays at practice on Thursdays and practice is only an hour and a half," said Babers, currently the special teams coordinator at Baylor. "That not just a number I throw out. That's low."

With a well-conditioned team, Babers said his offenses will tire out the opposing team even if that

team is better than his.

"You got a guy who's better than you, beating you in the first quarter," Babers said as he directly addressed many players at the public interview. "Then in the fourth quarter, you see he looks tired. Then you have him. You beat him."

That scenario played out when Baylor beat Texas Christian, Oklahoma and Texas this season, Babers said.

"TCU and Oklahoma cramped up in the fourth quarter," Babers said. "Texas just stopped playing. Did you watch the game?"

Babers concentrated on conditioning, nutrition and rest as playing major roles in how well a team can run his offense. He said it will be important to do two things to train yourself to play in his fast offense – hydrate and rest.

"You have to be geared to play this style," Babers said. "You gotta sleep more than three hours."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers hope to keep perfect home record

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's basketball team has started off the season hot.

In fact, it is the best start to a season that head coach Mike Miller has had during his time at Eastern.

The Panthers are currently 5-2 overall and 4-0 at home. However, Oakland City comes to Charleston hoping to break that streak at 7 p.m. today in Lantz Arena.

Oakland City is a Division II team, but has played against some tough competition early this season.

The Mighty Oaks faced Butler, but proved to be overmatched as they lost 98-53.

Miller said Oakland City is a solid team that is full of good shooters.

This game will be the 10th time these teams have met.

The Panthers hold an 8-1 record against them, although the teams have not faced off since 1990 when Eastern won 117-57.

That was the only meeting the teams have had since Eastern became Division I certified. All the other match-ups were held prior to 1952.

Oakland city enters the game with a record of 4-3. The team is led by junior guard Mitch Stahl and freshman guard Maurice Fuller. Both players are averaging just over 14 points per game.

Eastern's offense has been explosive early this season.

Averaging 77.7 points per game, the Panthers lead the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring.

Senior guard Jeremy Granger leads the unit. He averages 18.1 points and 4.3 assists per game. Granger has also won the OVC Player of the Week award twice this season.

Sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie provides a scoring threat in the post, as he is averaging 12.4 and 7.7 rebounds per game.

McKinnie is also shooting well from the field, scoring on 59 percent of his shots from the field.

Freshman guard Joey Miller gives the Panthers a solid third option on offense. The



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Joey Miller, freshman guard, goes up to the basket at Stony Brook University's Al Rapier, senior forward, attempts to steal the ball. Eastern beat Stony Brook, 72-69.

first year player is averaging 10.2 points per game and shooting 37 percent from the three-point line.

Miller and Granger are also two of the best in the OVC from the foul line.

Miller makes 87 percent of his shots, while Granger makes 92 percent of his free throws.

Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Eastern head coach Brady Sallee speaks with the team before the second half of play during their game against Western Illinois Monday in Lantz Arena. Going into the second half Eastern was leading Western 43-24 but won 88-55.

Panthers trying to do it again

Team upset Missouri in Lantz last season

By Alex McNamee
Editor-in-chief

Missouri may be looking for revenge today, said Brady Sallee, the Eastern women's basketball head coach.

Last year, Eastern upset Missouri when they came into Lantz Arena Nov. 14, 81-73, and now Sallee said the Tigers want the win back.

"I'm sure they've had some spirited practices and have mentioned the score of last year's game a few times," Sallee said.

Missouri just suffered its first loss of the season to Northwestern. Sallee said that will probably motivate them even more.

Missouri is 5-1, the same as Eastern, and are beating teams by 16 points per game. Eastern has beat its opponents this year by 18 points per game.

This year, Sallee said Missouri's coach has the team clicking on the court.

"Coach (Robin) Pingeton is their second year has them really feeling it," Sallee said. "There's a lot of excitement around that program."

In preparing for the Tigers, Sallee said he'll

be trying to formulate a great game plan. He said he will "not sleep."

"Our kids are going to have to be really, really good," Sallee said.

Unlike last year, the Panthers won't have the luxury of sneaking up on the bigger program at Missouri. Sallee said Missouri is probably still bitter about losing in Lantz Arena last year.

The Tigers will be playing on their home court where they are 2-1 this season. They average nearly 1,200 fans per game at home.

"We know it's not going to be an easy task going into a Big 12 arena and upsetting Missouri," Sallee said. "I'm looking forward to taking this team into that kind of atmosphere to see what we can do."

While the team knows beating the Tigers will be difficult, they believe they can.

"I'll tell you right now, nobody in that locker room is thinking anything but (winning)," Sallee said.

The Panthers will have to deal with the Tigers' two top scorers, Christine Flores and Breanna Brock. Flores is averaging 21.2 points per game this season, while Brock is averaging 17 points.

Tip off is set for 7 p.m. in Columbia, Mo.

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