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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charles Foy, assistant professor of history, speaks about how European powers treated black mariners in the 18th century Monday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Lecture Hall.

Professor launches 18th century African American database

By Olivia Angeloff
Staff Reporter

"If you're black you're a slave." Charles Foy, an assistant professor of history, said this statement in his lecture titled, Freedom/Unfreedom in the Black Atlantic, on Monday night at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Of course Foy was not referring to African Americans in today's society, but rather African American mariners in the 18th century.

Mariners were African American slaves sold to ship captains by their owners to work on the boats.

"It's really an unknown and difficult story," Foy said.

Foy said these slaves were extremely important to all of the nations' economies at this time because boats were the only means of transportation from country to country.

To get this information to the public, Foy is in the process of

creating an 18th century black mariner database.

Mariner slaves from the 17th century to the 18th century will be in this database where users can look up specific slaves that worked on ships.

There will be 47 different pieces of information for each slave in the database.

Information such as name, age, ethnicity, owners names and owners occupation will be available for each slave.

Foy said he has already inputted 12,000 names into the database and has around 6,000 more names to go.

Eventually the database will be available and will have a website, but not for another year or two Foy said.

Foy hopes this database will help other historians in their field of work.

"(The database's) real value is in the future," Foy said.

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GOVERNMENT

Student Senate secretary seat needs be filled

By Courtney Bruner
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate has received four applications from candidates looking to fill the vacant student government secretary seat.

The Student Senate will fill the secretary position today.

When Christy Anderson, the previous secretary, became the new student executive vice president she left the secretarial position open.

"It is essential for (the secretary) to be at every meeting and for the whole meeting," said Anderson, a senior communication disorders and sciences.

Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle said the secretary needs to have good note taking skills as well as computer skills with Microsoft Word and Excel because the secretary is in charge of recording the minutes for each senate meeting.

While many members of the senate may come and go at meetings, Anderson said the secretary cannot do that.

"They are one of the most unbiased members of senate," said Scherle, a senior finance major.

The secretary is not allowed to vote but is still very active in the student government, which allows them to be a good person to help with the election commission.

The secretary also has lesser known responsibilities like becoming the head of the election commission, Scherle said.

Scherle also said the senate is looking for someone who is willing to serve multiple semesters. Unlike other student senate positions, the secretary does not have any term limits.

Anderson had been the secretary for three semesters.

"It avoids the dilemma of having to rehire and retrain a new secretary," Scherle said.

Anderson said the candidate needs to be prompt for every meeting because it is the secretary's job to record what happens in the meeting.

The decision of who will be the next secretary of the senate will be made Tuesday, and the secretary will have his or her first meeting on Wednesday, Scherle said.

Anderson said she hopes the new secretary will enjoy the position.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"It's really a neat position," Anderson said. "You really get to know all the senate members."

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BOOTH LIBRARY

Workshop to teach students how to protect identity

By Samantha McDaniel
Staff Reporter

One in 20 Americans risk being a victim of identity theft this year, according to the research firm Javelin Strategies.

In order to combat this growing pattern of dissolving Internet safety, Library Services will be offering a workshop on Internet safety.

This workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday in

Room 4450 of Booth Library. To register for the event, go to the Booth Library website; however, space is limited.

Brian Hyder from the library services in Booth Library will be leading the workshop. Hyder has led workshops on topics ranging from Microsoft PowerPoint and Panthermail to various technology related safety and security topics.

Identity theft, according to the Federal Trade Commission, "occurs when

someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes."

Hyder will be discussing how students and staff can protect their personal information on the Internet to prevent identity theft and other Internet safety hazards.

"The workshop consists of an informative and thought provoking presentation with open discussion encour-

aged," Hyder said.

The workshop deals with topics involving online, and "off-line" activities, which have implications for safety, security and protection of personal information that most people have never considered, Hyder said.

Computer viruses, laws, hacking, and many other topics will be discussed, he said.

"All the technologies that will be discussed relate back to the Internet as the backbone of our lives," Hyder

said.

The discussions will leave those who attend with defensive strategies for whatever they are doing online, Hyder said.

"The core benefit attendees will find in the workshop is the ability to identify the real threats they face on an individual level," Hyder said.

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TODAY

WEDNESDAY



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what's on tap

TUESDAY

9 a.m. Yearbook portraits
Seniors can have their portraits taken for the yearbook by going to the Charleston/Mattoon Room in the MLK Jr. Union from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Mock interviews
Practice interviewing with an actual recruiter and receive tips on interview etiquette in Career Services.

THURSDAY

All day- Deadline
Deadline to submit applications for Alternative Spring Break for any of the United States locations.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* the timeline that accompanied the story titled "Former Graywood employee pleaded guilty" had three incorrect dates.

Keyun D. Newble and Marquis A. Harmon were arrested on Jan. 23, 2011.

Paul McCann died on Jan. 24, 2011.

The Illinois Department of Human Services started the process to terminate Graywood's contract on Jan. 28, 2011.

The DEN regrets the errors.

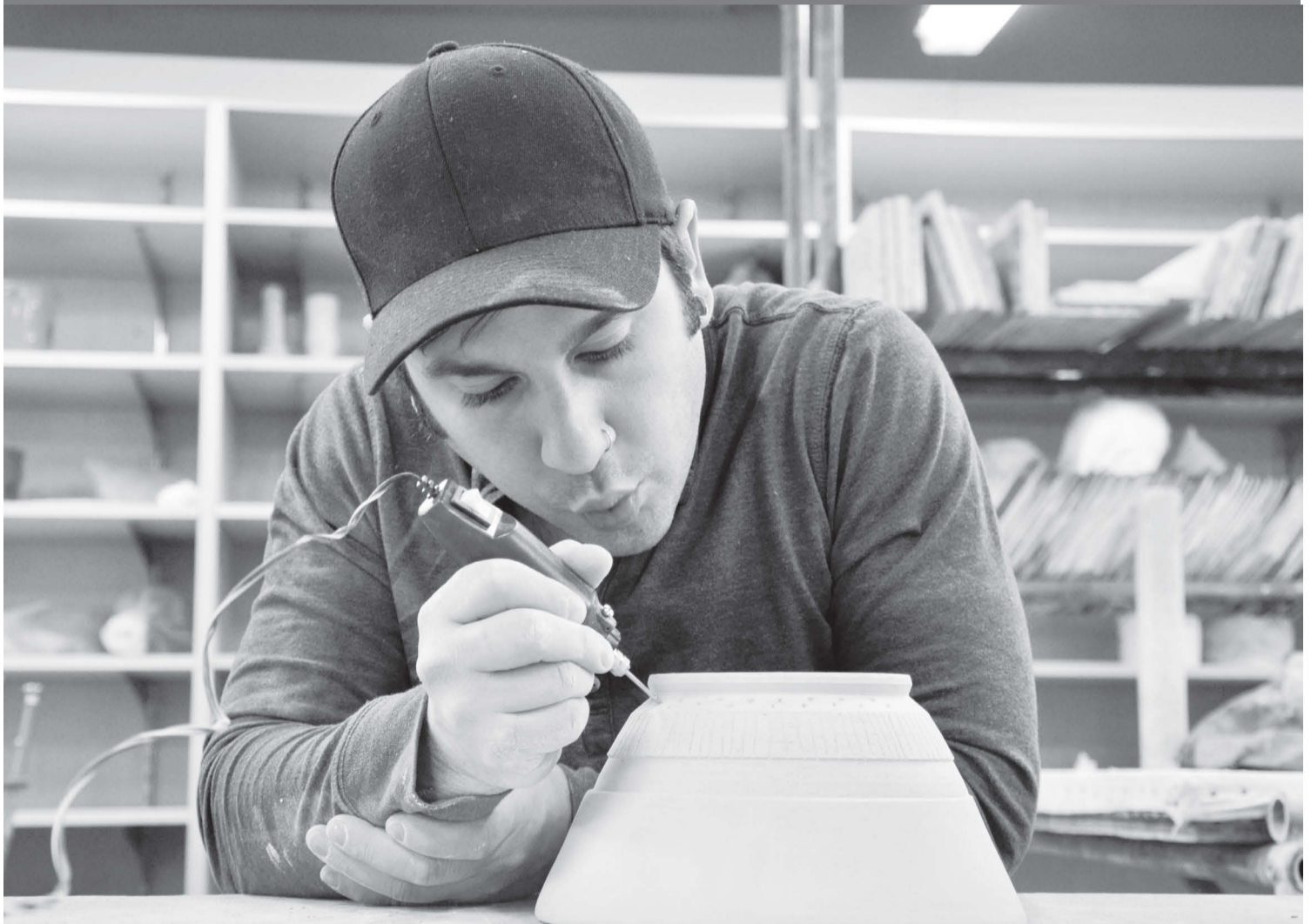
ONLINE



Blog: Tackle the treadmill

Barbara Harrington, Online News Director, shares her experience with working on a treadmill in the latest Health Blog: Tackling the treadmill at DENNews.com.

Calmly carving



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Adam Dupuis, a senior art major, carves different decorations into a flower pot in the ceramics room of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday.

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A study showed that Eastern was able to contribute to \$180 million dollars to Charleston and Mattoon.

LECTURE

History of Franklin plant presented at Booth library

By Robyn Dexter
 Staff Reporter

Wesley Whiteside, a professor emeritus of botany, continues to successfully grow the *Franklinia altamaha*, a now relatively rare plant that can no longer be found in the wild. The plant, more commonly known as the Franklin tree, has been growing on Whiteside's 5-acre botanical garden east of Charleston for nearly 50 years.

In his lecture, Whiteside detailed the history of the plant and how he came to grow it. *Franklinia altamaha* was discovered by John Bartram, a known explorer and horticulturalist of the time, and his son William in 1765. The pair were intrigued by the plant's bright red leaves and delicate white flowers, which Whiteside described as looking like "a fried egg, sunny side up."

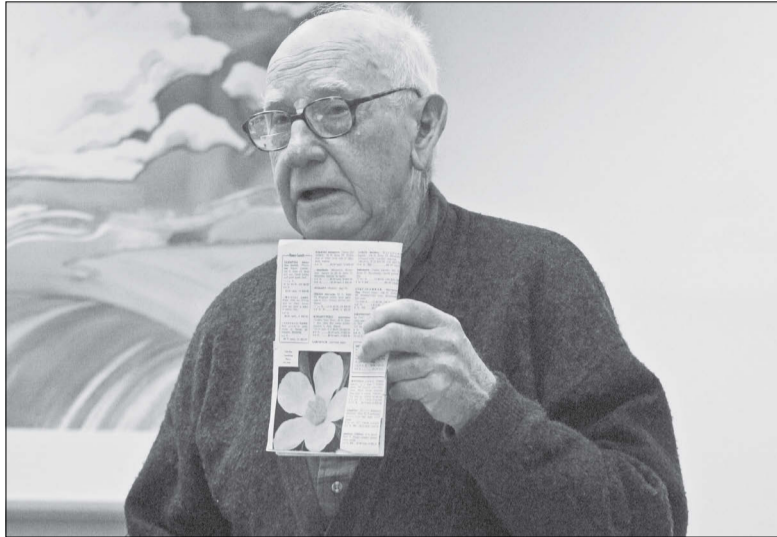
William named the plant after the most prominent figure of the time, Benjamin Franklin, and the name was first officially printed in 1785.

"The name is linked with Benjamin Franklin, but the history is linked with John Bartram," Whiteside said.

All *Franklinia altamaha* existing today are descendants of the first two trees Bartram planted in his garden.

Whiteside first planted the *Franklinia altamaha* in his garden in 1963, and estimated that he has had about 40 of them since then.

"I've had plants that came through



ROBYN DEXTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Wesley Whiteside, professor emeritus of botany, discusses the flowers of the *Franklinia altamaha*, more commonly known as the Franklin tree, during his lecture in the Booth Library conference room.

minus 27 degrees in January 1994 with relatively little damage and with normal blooming that summer," he said.

However, the plant is not easy to grow and does not grow in the wild.

A census of the plant, which Whiteside believes is not completely accurate, estimates only 2,000 plants successfully growing worldwide. Whiteside has had a struggle with the plant since he began growing it nearly 50 years ago.

The current group of *Franklinia altamaha*, which is made of 12 plants, is separated into two groups. The first

group consists of the older plants from around 1996, and the second group is from 2008. Both groups are now thriving in a special soil and environment cultivated and brought up by Whiteside himself.

While Whiteside may call the plant "lost *Franklinia*," it will never truly be lost as long as he works to preserve and cultivate it.

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WRITING CENTER

Writing center blog launched this year

By Rachel Rodgers
 Campus Editor

The Writing Center and the Writing Across the Curriculum program collaborated this semester to create its first blog focusing on writing improvement at Eastern geared towards students, faculty and staff.

Tim Taylor, the director of both the Writing Center and the Writing Across the Curriculum program, said the "EIU Writes" blog is a site that contains tips, information, ideas and discussion about writing.

"The blog gives people different perspectives on the writing process, different types of writing that is out there, writing that is demanded at Eastern and how these writing skills transfer to other avenues of one's life whether it's your personal life or professional life," Taylor said.

The latest blog post was titled "Don't Fall into the Spell Check Trap: Tips for Strong Editing and Proofreading."

Certain blog posts are aimed toward faculty and those who are interested in teaching.

"We are directed at a broad audience, so in some cases, some of our posts are focused on instructors with tips on how to better structure a classroom and different writing activities that can be implemented," Taylor said.

Taylor said there are blog posts at least once a week and they plan on posting two to three feature posts a week.

Five authors update the blog.

Among the authors are Taylor, Fern Kory, the assistant director of the Writing Center, along with Dan Davis, Chris Houchens, and Bryan Hebler, three graduate students who work in the Writing Center.

"We believe that writers at EIU can learn a lot from one another, so we wanted to create something interactive to supplement the information available on the Writing Center website, which is mostly for students, and the Writing Across the Curriculum website, which is mostly aimed at faculty," Kory said.

Taylor agreed the blog is beneficial to Eastern students and faculty.

"There are other writing centers across the nation that have public blogs, but I think that what we want to do with this blog is to get a disciplinary cross on writing aspects that are helpful for a broad audience," Taylor said.

Taylor said a feature of the blog will be interviewing faculty members, alumni and maybe even students to get different perspectives on writing at Eastern.

"We are going to interview President Perry this week about his writing experience and his ideas about writing and the role of writing instruction at EIU," Taylor said.

Another goal is to showcase students' writings and publicize events such as if a student presents a paper at a conference.

The "EIU Writes" blog can be accessed at www.eiuwrites.blogspot.com.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Drug tests for welfare recipients a good idea

Lawmakers in Springfield, Ill. are pushing a bill in the senate that would require random drug testing for people on welfare.

Supporters of the legislation say that those who choose to get high make it more difficult for others to get the assistance they may need.

The federal program, Temporary Aid for Needy Families, provides assistance to indigent families with at least one dependent child under the age of 19.

Under the bill, recipients who don't pass the test run the risk of losing their privileges to coverage of food and other necessities.

We understand the many valid concerns with such legislation.

The tough consequences may be just for those who use the drugs, but it will also hurt the person's children, who are already the blameless victims of their parent's irresponsible lifestyle.

Some also consider it an invasion of privacy.

Drug testing would be a government intrusion into the personal lives of millions in the state.

The real problem with this legislation is that it fails to address the underlying factors that contribute to drug use and poverty among so many in the state.

Too often, we find ourselves treating the infection instead of the wound.

Illinois, along with the rest of the country, needs to have an honest conversation about the plight of our impoverished neighbors.

However, we also believe random drug testing for these individuals may prove to be worthwhile.

Since many people have to pass a drug test to get a job, these individuals may be encouraged to get their life together in order to get their next meal.

More importantly, these people are abusing the program.

After all, these individuals are using tax dollars and taking money away from people who may truly need it.

Drug testing for those on welfare would filter out those who are not spending their money wisely.

The legislation may also help addicts stay clean for their families.

As lawmakers work to address Illinois' budget shortfall, they must make sure every tax dollar is being spent as efficiently as possible.

The Congressional Budget Office says that these kinds of assistance programs are some of the most effective forms of stimulus spending, when done right.

This legislation would help both those who fund and those who receive welfare.

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COLUMN

Death penalty a difficult decision for Quinn

I cannot say I envy the position Governor Quinn is currently in. He has a month and 10 days, until March 18, to make the decision on whether our state will have the death penalty.

The death penalty has always been a controversial topic, and despite the decision Quinn makes, a large group will be left unhappy. Both sides have strong arguments to support their point, but soon the debate will be brought to an end.

The fate of the death penalty in Illinois now rests on one man's shoulders. I have my own clear opinions about the death penalty, but I would not want to be the person to make this decision for an entire state.

Those who think Quinn should rid our state of the death penalty have many strong arguments on their side.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, Illinois has removed 20 wrongly convicted people from death row since 1987. That makes Illinois the second-highest state for the number of innocent people found on death row.

Since 1976, Illinois has only executed 12 people—a smaller number than those who have been wrongly convicted.

Illinois currently has 15 people waiting on death row. In the past 10 years, our state has spent more than \$100 million to send these 15 men to death row and keep them there.

Worldwide, the number of people sentenced



Abby Allgire

to death each year is dropping. In 1994, 313 people were sentenced to death worldwide. In 2010, that number fell to 112.

The world appears to be gravitating away from the death penalty as a form of punishment.

According to the 2009 FBI Uniform Crime Report, the South has the highest murder rate, yet the South accounts for 80 percent of the executions in the United States.

This suggests that the death penalty does not deter murder, which is often one of the arguments used to support the death penalty.

All that being said, an opposite, equally strong side to the argument can be made.

One of the strongest arguments for the death penalty is that, in certain cases where all the evidence leads to the suspect and the crime was heinous, no other punishment seems reasonable.

If Quinn completely eliminates the death penalty, then the option to give the death sen-

tence is no longer there, even in the most heinous crimes. The death penalty would no longer be an option for crimes such as multiple murders, heinous crimes against children, etc.

The death penalty also serves as a final act of justice for the victims and their families, rather than the families having to know that the person who killed their loved one is still living.

Most state prisons are already beyond their population limit, if the death penalty is eliminated, then prisons will have to house even more criminals. Even though those who are put on death row can remain in prison for several years, that is still a shorter term than remaining in prison for life.

Both sides have valid arguments as to why Quinn should or should not abolish the death penalty. Many people are anxiously awaiting his decision on March 18.

I commend Quinn for taking the time to weigh both sides before making a decision. I know I would not want to be the one carrying the weight of the state on my shoulders.

Quinn is asking for the public to send him letters with their opinions on the death penalty. If you have as strong feelings as I do about this topic, mail a letter to the governor at: 207 State House, Springfield, IL 62706.

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FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

The strange new bedfellows of online news

Break out the champagne glasses, AOL and The Huffington Post are getting hitched.

AOL Inc. announced Monday that it intends to acquire the online news site for \$315 million.

For those of you who do not know The Huffington Post is an example of media that grew in response to corporate ownership.

It began in 2005 with a group of ambitious bloggers creating a variety of content about everything from entertainment to politics.

Eventually contributors began doing original reporting, so that by 2009 President Obama called on a reporter from the Huffington Post, the first Internet publication at a presidential press conference.

The Huffington Post has been able to create a huge online community of readers who comment, contribute and keep up a global conversation.

However, this merger is just one more example of media convergence into corporate ownership, except now it is online.

This is hardly any different than what has been going on at newspapers for the past 20



Emily Steele

years.

Everyone has been going on about how this merger is a huge surprise and what great things the two visionaries can do together, but to me it just seems like a step back.

The Huffington Post is a great example of positive online innovation and AOL revenue has been falling recently.

Now it just seems like the combination of these two powerhouses will create another Internet news vacuum.

Websites like Google News are picking up articles and reposting them without paying those who produced the news anything. It is basically the news industry's version of Napster.

The Internet is sucking up content from all over the news universe like some sort of digital black hole and spitting out the regurgitated remains for a free online information buffet.

These are all worst-case scenarios though.

Maybe the merger will not follow in the footsteps of previous corporate media combinations that have failed to do the one thing their supposed to; get relevant news to their audience.

In recent years, AOL has also been making ventures into the news industry by creating the hyper-local online Patch websites as well as Seed, a citizen journalist venture.

I suppose the good things to come out of this is the possibility the new Huffington Post/AOL Inc. project succeeding and creating the digital template for the newsmakers that follow.

And right now, that is what we are all looking for—a way to make it online.

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PROGRAM

Video presents role of African Americans serving in the military

Staff Report

African American Heritage Month continues with "For the Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots," a program documenting the role of black men and women who served in the military.

Lt. Col. Stephen Knotts, a professor and the chairman of military sciences, is the presenter for the

program.

"The program will be about how black men and women fought to preserve freedom in the United States while, at the same time, had their own freedom denied to them," Knotts said.

The program begins with a 25-minute video presentation.

"The video consists of nine scenes from a larger documentary

and, hopefully, they will help people understand what contributions this group of people have done to secure their rights along with the trials and accomplishments that have followed them," Knotts said.

A general discussion with audience participation follows the video and is expected to last approximately 35 minutes.

"The program can benefit any-

one wanting to get a better understanding of important history of the army and people will have a chance for comments and concerns afterward," Knotts said.

The timeline addressed in the program spans from the Revolutionary War to the recent conflicts in the Middle East.

"Black-Americans have served in the army during every war that

the United States has been involved with even though they have faced discriminations," Knotts said.

"For the Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots" is co-sponsored in coordination with the Minority Affairs Department, the African American Heritage Month committee and the ROTC.

The program begins at 6 p.m. today in Lumpkin Hall Room 2030.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

More audience participation needed during student senate

By Jessica Leggin
 Staff Reporter

All Eastern students are given the opportunity to voice their issues and concerns regarding the university; however, many do not use this privilege.

The quickest way for Eastern students to get their issues heard and get the attention of 30 senators is to attend the weekly Student Senate meetings, said Tommy Niernan, the chair of the external relations chair.

Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, students have a chance to have their voices heard and address their problems, questions and concerns during the Student Senate meeting.

"If you have a problem this helps get your opinion heard and noticed," said Niernan, a junior business management major.

Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle said many students are not taking advantage of participating in the weekly Student Senate meetings.

"It's kind of embarrassing, but attendance at the meeting can get up to 10 on a good week," said the senior finance major. "It's never more than 10. Five is a good average."

Scherle said the only time the Student Senate receives a rush of students is during elections or if a big controversial topic is being discussed or debated on, such as the Douglas versus Douglas debate.

Last fall semester, Associate Professor of English, Chris Hanlon, proposed to change the name of Stephen A. Doug-

"We have a very enthusiastic senate that is looking for things to do."

Jarrod Scherle, student senate speaker

las Hall to Frederick Douglass Hall.

Many organizations, including student government, were at the forefront of this issue, which raised attendance at the Student Senate meetings.

Scherle said many students did not want the name change of Douglas Hall, and while taking notice of the student needs, he wrote a resolution against the name change.

"Students were dramatically outspoken against this," he said. "There were extremely more people that came to this meeting than last spring election results."

Despite the ending of the Douglas versus Douglas debate, he still wants to consistently see high student participation at the Student Senate meetings, Scherle said.

"We have a very enthusiastic senate that is looking for things to do," he said. "I would always encourage someone who has suggestions to the smallest; let's plant a tree to something as big as building a new football stadium."

Although students can suggest many issues and changes, many proposed concerns have to be researched.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy said the Student Senate has to research when someone brings an issue. "If it's an issue outside of our realm

of control we try to send it to the person who we think can help," she said. "Even if student government directly can't fix your problem or answer your questions, we have a library of networks and contacts with people who can."

Murphy said students who want to participate in the Student Senate meetings will be placed in the audience participation section of the meetings.

"It is the first thing on the agenda at the beginning of the meetings," she said.

In order to make students more aware of meetings, Student Senate has posted information on Eastern's event calendar, Facebook and the student government's website. Also, the Student Senate plans to purchase two sandwich boards to be placed outside the union to advertise the time, date and location of the weekly meetings.

Scherle said he is currently seeking the Student Senate approval to release money for this Wednesday's meeting.

"This is just another attempt to get students out to our meetings," he said. "Students deserve to know what's going on."

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STATE

Aspiring rapper awaits trial in threat case

By The Associated Press

EDWARDSVILLE — An aspiring rapper accused of writing a note threatening a "murderous rampage" while he attended Southern Illinois University in suburban St. Louis in 2007 says he is unsure if he will ever stand trial, figuring the languishing case reflects a weak case against him.

Olutosin Oduwole (oh-loo-TOE'-sihn oh-DOO'-wawl-ee) told the Belleville News-Democrat for a story Monday that he is "really playing the waiting game" on whether he'll be tried on what he calls a frivolous felony count of attempting to make a terrorist threat.

Oduwole, 25, was a student at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville in July 2007 when campus police found a note in his car while impounding the disabled ve-

hicle. Investigators said the note demanded payment to a PayPal account, threatening "if this account doesn't reach \$50,000 in the next 7 days then a murderous rampage similar to the VT shooting will occur at another highly populated university. THIS IS NOT A JOKE!"

Authorities say they found ammunition in his car and a loaded handgun in Oduwole's on-campus apartment, and that the student had been dabbling in buying firearms online.

The note did not make any direct reference to targeting SIU's campus, police said.

But prosecutors have said the timing of the note's discovery could not be overlooked, coming just four months after a student killed 32 people and injured 25 before killing himself on Virginia Tech's campus.

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Foy said that hopefully African-Americans who are researching their genealogy will be able to use the database to learn more information.

Historic texts such as letters, slave ads and colonial newspapers have been Foy's primary source for the database. These texts will also be available for users to read in the database.

Foy hopes that others will use his database and also contribute infor-

mation to it.

His said idea is to create a base, open it up and let other work on it in the future.

Eventually Foy wants to publish mini biographies on certain slaves and also write a book on his research.

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SWIMMING



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Megan Eshleman, a senior freestyle swimmer, races in the women's 500-yard freestyle against Saint Louis University Saturday in the Ray Padovan Pool. Eshleman took second place in the race, but the women's team lost to Saint Louis University 132-72.

Seniors succeed in last home meet

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

The Panther men and women swimmers finished up their home dual meet season by splitting a meet with the Billikens of Saint Louis University, as the men hung on for a 104-101 win while the Panther women fell to a score of 132-72.

Before the meet, the Panthers honored their seven departing seniors before they competed for the last time in Padovan Pool at Lantz Arena.

Head Coach Matt Bos said the seniors, Megan Eshleman, Ian Hoppe, Alyssa Lehman, Nathan Moritz, Sofia Pappanastos, Matt Scaliatine and Cody Showers, all had great days as well as good Panther careers.

"I would like to thank the seniors for what they have done for our program over the past four years," said Bos. "I wish the women could have

gone out with a win, but nonetheless, they all swam very well today."

The Panther women were lead by seniors Eshleman and Lehman, who won their respective 1000-Free and 100-Back races with times of 10:47.90 and 1:01.53.

The women also saw sophomore Kelli Dicanio win her 100-Breast race with a final time of 1:08.43

On the men's side, Panther individual winners included Showers in the 50-Free sprint with a time of 21.59, as well as junior Rich Waszak, who took the 200-Free with a time of 144.65.

Also leading the Panther men were sophomores Mike Lacine and Ken Tiltges, as Lacine took the 200-IM in 1:57.24 and Tiltges out-touched the Billikens with a final time of 47.44 in the 100-Free.

The Panther men also took the top prize in the 200-Medley relay as Waszak, junior Matt O'Hagan,

Lacine, and sophomore Colin McGill teamed up for a season-best time of 1:35.07 to beat St. Louis.

The Panthers will now look towards the Summit League Championship meet Feb. 16-19 in Indianapolis, Ind. The meet is hosted by Summit League rival Indiana University/Purdue University- Indianapolis, and will feature the rest of the Summit League teams.

Bos said that while the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies are favorites to win, he expects the entire meet to be competitive, as Summit League teams continue to improve from top to bottom.

"It's going to be a good meet. Looking up and down, I think everybody's swimming better now than they have been in the past at this time of year," said Bos.

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Around the OVC

Eastern Kentucky had the top three times in the women's 60-meter hurdle event at last weekend's Middle Tennessee State Invitational.

Junior Lutisha Bowen, sophomore DanHeisha Harding and senior Jasyrn Norris finished first, sec-

ond and third in the event, while also claiming the top three times in the Ohio Valley Conference.

April Holman of Austin Peay recorded a personal best in the women's high jump with a mark of 5-foot-0.05-inches.

The mark is among the top five in

the Ohio Valley Conference. Austin Peay competed at the Niswonger Invitational, held at Eastern Tennessee State.

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TENNIS

Team splits matches

By Grant Truccano
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams lost tough matches to Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne, 4-3 and 6-1 respectively this weekend; however, the women were able to beat Northern Illinois on Friday.

The Panthers beat the Huskies by a score of 5-2. Freshmen Janelle Prisner and Jennifer Kim, sophomore Merritt Whitley and junior Annie Egan all won their individual matches.

The women then traveled to IPFW where they lost 6-1.

Whitley was the only woman to win her individual match. She won the first set by a score of 7-5 before losing the second set 6-2. She would put the finishing touches on the match, winning her third set 6-1.

"There were a lot of missed opportunities in both doubles and singles to make us lose the match," head coach John Blackburn said.

The men's match was much closer, but they came up short losing 4-3.

Sophomore Warren Race, junior Matyas Hilgert and freshman Kevin Bauman scored the points for the

Panthers as they won their individual matches.

The doubles teams for the men did not fair well as they lost all three of their matches.

"We need to work on our mental approach more when it comes to matches," Race said. "We need more conditioning for practice to get prepared for our upcoming matches."

Blackburn said the Panthers were unable to cash in on a lot of chances to win some matches.

"We had a lot of close opportunities that we did not cash in on," Blackburn said.

The men's next tennis match will be Feb. 12 as they travel to West Lafayette, Ind. to take on Purdue, while the women get to take time off until Feb. 18 as they will travel to Carbonale for a match against Southern Illinois.

"The men need to just keep on playing complete matches and making the right choices in those matches," Blackburn said. "The women need to just keep working on doubles."

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"We came out with a lot more energy, we were looking for each other, looking for the right shots and not rushing anything," Wyss said.

The Panthers greatest improvement from half to half was its three-point shooting percentage.

In the first half, the Panthers shot 25 percent (2-of-8) from beyond the arc. In the second half, the Panthers shot 83 percent (5-of-6) from three.

Sallee said his team definitely rose to the challenge as it outscored the Redhawks 48-23 in the second half.

"That's what good teams do," Sallee said.

No fouls, no problem

In the first half of Saturday's game, the Panthers were not getting many foul calls from the referees to

go their way.

Despite being frustrated, sophomore forward Mariah King said the team did a good job of keeping its head up and put the ball up strong to the basket.

One of the challenges King had to figure out at halftime was how to get the foul calls to start going her way as she was held to five points in the first half.

"I was told at halftime to keep going into the defense," King said. "They weren't calling the fouls but I had to keep going in there to make them call the fouls."

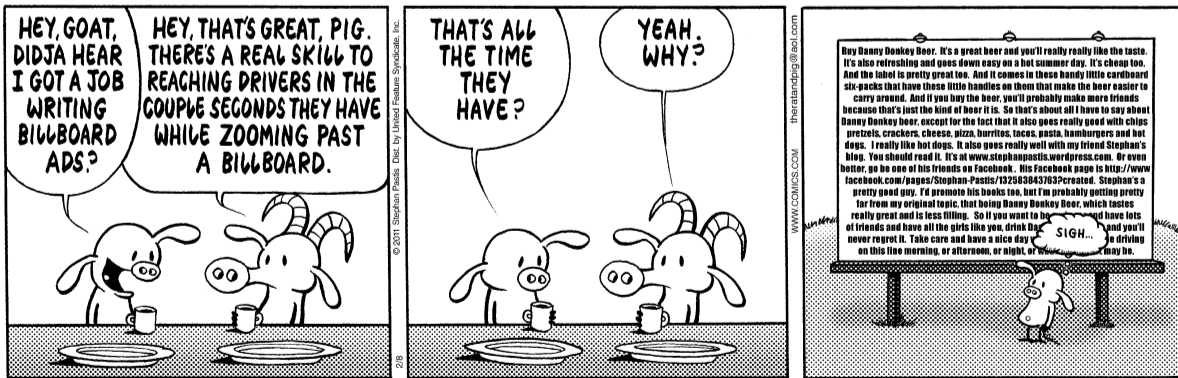
In the second half, King continued to go to the basket.

She scored nine of her 14 points in the second half.

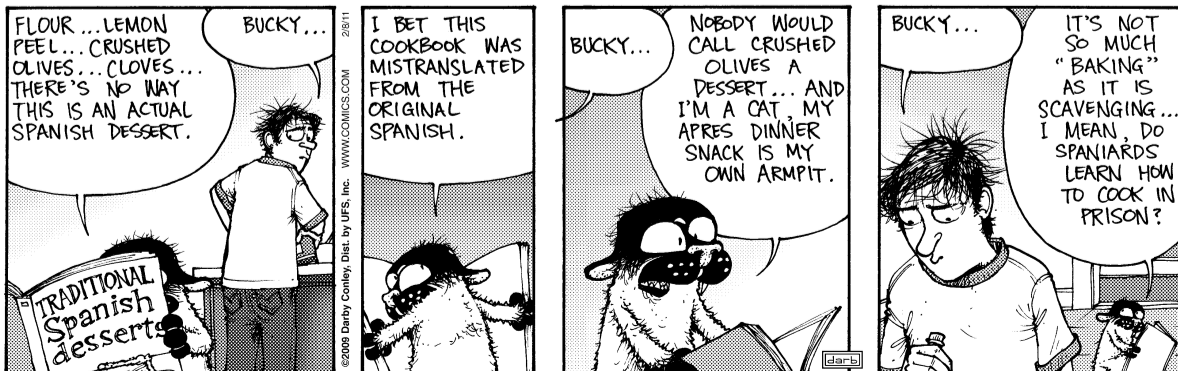
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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Shaun Pratl, sophomore forward, goes up to the basket during the game against Murray State on Monday in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost to Murray State, 66-53.

Racers pull away from tie with 15-point run to win

Sanders scores career-high 18 points in loss

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball team was tied 49-49 with Murray State with seven minutes remaining until the defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Racers went on a 15-0 run.

With seven minutes remaining, Murray started getting every loose ball, every rebound and making nearly every shot it took.

While the Panthers went ice cold from the field and were unable to handle the added pressure, turning the ball over multiple times.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said numerous things went wrong which allowed Murray to make its big run.

"We had some turnovers, some missed shots, an intentional foul, we had a number of things (happen) that you can't do," Miller said.

The Panthers were able to get two garbage time baskets while Murray added two more free throws.

The game ended 66-53, extending Murray's winning-streak to six games and also extending Eastern's losing-streak to five games.

"Down the stretch we turned the ball over too many times. Part of it is on me; I had too many turnovers tonight"

Jeremy Granger, junior guard

Despite the loss, junior forward Xavier Sanders had a career night. It was the first start of his career and he scored a career-high 18 points and tied a career-high with seven rebounds.

Sanders also had a thunderous slam dunk that brought the crowd to its feet. He received a pass from the elbow, took one dribble and hammered the ball through the hoop while getting fouled.

"(The dunk) felt pretty good, you always imagine doing one of those, but its bitter sweet that we lost the game," Sanders said.

The Panthers shot the ball well, finishing the game shooting 56 percent from the field; however, they committed 20 turnovers.

Junior guard Jeremy Granger had 16 points, but he committed a team-high five turnovers. He said turnovers were what really hurt the team.

"Down the stretch we turned the ball

over too many times," Granger said. "Part of that is on me; I had too many turnovers tonight."

Murray was led offensively by guard B.J. Jenkins with 21 points.

Jenkins also went 5-9 shooting from beyond the arch. The Racers as a whole made 12 three-point shots finishing the game 12-26.

Miller said turnovers and Murray's hot shooting was the difference in the game.

"(Our game plan) was to make it more of a perimeter game, but (Murray) cashed them in tonight, they had a couple guys who step up and make shots," Miller said.

The Panthers return to action on Thursday at Morehead State. The Panthers beat the Eagles 47-40 earlier this season. Tip-off is scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Second half performance key to win

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee challenged his team in the locker room during halftime of Saturday's game against Southeast Missouri, as both teams were tied 26-26.

Sallee said the team did not have the necessary energy or effort in the first half they would need to win a college basketball game.

Sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss said the team knew the way it played was not good enough.

"We knew the first half wasn't the way we needed to finish the game and you can't finish a game playing that way," Wyss said.

Sallee's halftime speech was not his usual tirade of screaming and yelling, he said; in fact, he said it was more about getting the team ready to play much better in the second half.

"There was no screaming, no yelling, it was very to-the-point, there were a lot of challenges in the room in terms of different individuals and how I thought they were playing," Sallee said.

In the second half, the Panthers took their field goal percentage from just 30 percent in the first half to 50 in the second half.

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TRACK AND FIELD NOTEBOOK

Eastern athletes shine over thousands

Boey a star at Meyo Invite

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern track and field team competed against more than 1,700 athletes at last weekend's Notre Dame Meyo Invite in South Bend, Ind.

The meet featured 45 women's teams and 35 men's teams. It was an impressive collection of talent from all across the nation, as 38 of the 81 competing teams were ranked in their respective region. The men's competition featured 17 ranked teams, and the women's featured 19 ranked teams.

The Panthers have been competing annually at the Meyo Invite, which always showcases some of the nation's best talent.

At last year's meet, the Panthers managed to post three top ten finishes. This year's top finisher, red-shirt junior sprinter Zye Boey, did not compete, as he missed last year's entire indoor season with a knee injury. The last time Boey competed at the Meyo Invite was in 2009 as a red-shirt freshman. Boey took second in the 60-meter dash and first in the 200-meter

dash, just as he did last weekend.

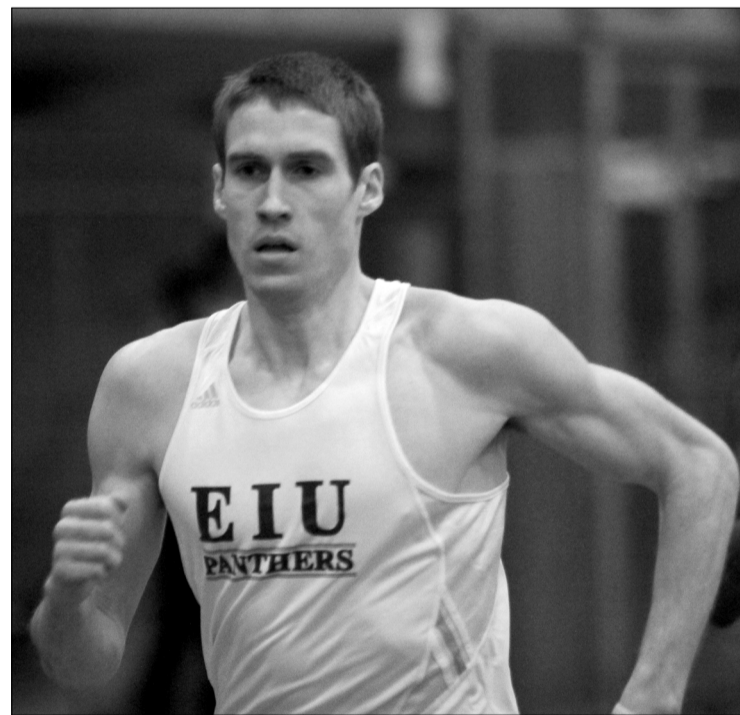
As for the team's performance at the Meyo Invite this time around, Boey said the team had a solid performance and responded well to the level of competition at the event.

Boey also broke his own school record for the 200-meter dash, which is an accomplishment, he said, and means a lot to him. Though proud of his accomplishment, Boey said that the season is not yet over and there is still work to be done. Boey qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championship at the Illinois Intercollegiate on Jan. 29. The NCAA Indoor Championship does not take place until March 11. But before then, the Panthers will head to Iowa State next weekend to compete in the Iowa State Classic.

Travel not an issue

With heavy snow and ice causing class cancellations on campus mid-last week, potentially dangerous travel conditions became a question facing the team.

The Panthers would be traveling approximately 250 miles from Charleston to South Bend, Ind. but hoped that the worst of the storm would pass before the team's sched-



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Red-shirt senior middle distance runner Wes Sheldon runs during the Eastern Mega Meet on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the fieldhouse of Lantz Arena.

uled depart last Friday.

"It wasn't an issue. We got out and ran outside when we were there for a little bit. It was a little bit colder, but it was kind of nice to get away for the weekend and com-

pete somewhere else, but the snow definitely wasn't an issue," red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich said.

Gingerich said South Bend saw much more snow than Charleston, SHINE, page 7

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball
Thursday vs. Murray State
6:45 p.m. - Morehead, Ky.

Women's Basketball
Thursday vs. Morehead State
4:15 p.m. - Morehead, Ky.

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