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BRING ON THE 'TERROR'



Tartan Terrors take over Doudna

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Clapping, tap dancing, bagpipes, Celtic music and comedy filled the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Wednesday.

The Tartan Terrors, a Celtic dance and music group, performed traditional, original, and modern Irish and Scottish music.

The music ranged from traditional Celtic folk, such as "Mary Mack" and "When Pink is Just a Color Again."

Ellen Wilkes Irmisch, a dancer and the one of the founders of Tartan Terrors, said the audience was really upbeat and interactive.

"The audience has been awesome, and the most important thing is the people," Irmisch said.

The group made fun of the other members, joked with the audience and put modern twists on traditional Celtic dances by adding modern instruments.

"We enjoy having fun with each other, and we want that to translate from the stage," Wilkes Irmisch said. "It's all about adding a twist to it and having fun because it should be all about fun."

The group also encouraged audience participation by having them sing parts of songs such as "Mary Mack."

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(Top) Multi-instrumentalist Sahra Featherstone plays the violin during the Tartan Terrors performance Wednesday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. (Bottom) Ellen Wilkes Irmisch, co-director of the Tartan Terrors, dances to music performed by the group.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate votes in favor of \$2,500 stipend

Unanimous vote will be effective Fall 2012

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate unanimously voted to lower the student government executives and student senate speaker's semesterly stipend to the recommended a proposed \$2,500.

The change will be effective at the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester.

Members also voted in favor of holding a special election concerning the student vice president for business affairs position.

Students would be deciding whether or not to eliminate the student vice president for business affairs position; however, the chosen \$2,500 cannot be altered.

The proposal, which offered a change from the former 12-credit hour stipend to a standing \$2,500 stipend for each of the executives, passed unanimously with 25 votes.

Student Body President Ed Hotwagner defended the \$2,500 proposal because of the extra hours they put in to the organization.

"I don't believe \$2,000 is enough for what we do," Hotwagner said. "I do 15 official office hours (only five are required) not to mention the time when I am in my office doing homework but am still there."

Executive Vice President Jarrod Scherle agreed.

Hotwagner asked the senate members to voice their opinions and offer feedback before voting.

"This is something we need to decide but not hastily, I'd love to hear your feedback" Hotwagner said.

Senate member Mitchell Gurick, a freshman business major, and John Poshepny, a senior business major, were among the firsts to speak up.

"There is no money, we cannot afford (the 12 credit scholarship)," Poshepny said, "It is not sustainable, people should not be doing it for the tuition waiver anyway, they should be doing it for the students."

Gurick, who was against the special election, offered a possible amendment to Hotwagner's proposal.

"Why not cut the compensation down to \$2,000 instead of cutting the position (vice president for business affairs)?" Gurick said.

Hotwagner was not in favor of the proposed compromise.

Gurick, along with rest of the senate members eventually voted in favor of the proposal and it passed unanimously.

Hotwagner also presented a proposal that would allow him to hold special elections concerning the elimination of the student vice president for business affairs and consolidate its duties to other positions.

The duty allocations would be attributed to the student vice president for student affairs—a position currently held by Kaci Abolt.

Poshepny voiced his sadness that measure needed to be taken, but said the proposal was a necessity because of decline of enrollment and lower funding.

Gurick voted against the proposal, but said his vote was more about student participation than the financial aspect.

"It is not that I oppose the measure, something had to be done, but I felt if we cut the compensation down to \$2,000—we could have kept the position," Gurick said. "I support anything that saves us money, but why eliminate an opportunity for student participation?"

After the proposal passed, Gurick said he will support whatever decision the students and the Student Senate members make.

"We are here to serve the students and will adapt accordingly," he said.

The elections will take place March 26-27 and all students can vote online using their Panthermail login.

The meeting also brought changes to the members of student senate as at the beginning of the meeting a new senator was appointed and at the end of the meeting, another resigned.

Brian Shields, a business graduate student, was appointed to fill a spot vacated by Blair Jones last week.

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

Spring Concert canceled

Staff Report

The spring concert for this year has been canceled because of lack of funds to properly put on the annual event, said Darius White, the University Board chair.

White said the reason for the deficit was poor allocation of money at the beginning of the school year.

More money was allocated to the two concerts put on during Family Weekend, but neither show sold out, White said.

The concert usually takes place during the spring and has had different artists like: Mike Posner and the Far East Movement, Drake and Jason Mraz in the last few years.

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CAA to distribute course proposals

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet today at 2 p.m. in Room 4440 in Booth Library to split up 17 course proposals.

Of the 17 proposals, 10 were submitted to add new courses and revise courses from the history department.

RHA begins planning post-Spring Break events

The Residence Hall Association is preparing for spring events that will take place after break including nominations for different RHA positions at its meeting today.

The RHA will meet in Stevenson Hall and will be hosted by Lincoln Hall.

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CAMPUS

BOTTLE SHOCK

Drinking games survey reveals student-drinking patterns

By Bobby Galuski
Staff Reporter

A survey about drinking games among college students found that a large number of students who answered the survey played drinking games in order to socialize.

Emily Schumacher, a senior health studies major, said she was curious about drinking game patterns across campus and wanted to do a survey.

With the help of advisers, she sent out an email to Eastern's student body.

Schumacher reported that out of the 488 students who responded to the survey, 57.7 percent said they used drinking games to mingle with others.

Fifty-three percent of students reported using drinking games to socialize simply because they were new to a group.

Matt Congreve, a junior marketing major, agrees with the 53 percent of students that socialize while playing drinking games and said drinking games were a perfect gateway to get to know people.

"The games are fun, and it doesn't have to be alcohol," Congreve said. "You can play the games and just use water, but I think it's the fact that you're playing a game with people that makes it easier to socialize."

George Karnezis, a freshman pre-engineering major, said the situation was also a good atmosphere to meet people.

"It's a social medium," he said. "People are usually in a good mood during these games, and that's when you start talking to them."

However, socializing was not the only reason for participating in drinking games.

More than 18 percent of students answered that they used drinking games to get drunk, 12.6 percent joined for the competition attributed to the games, while 11.4 percent said they wanted to get others drunk.

Schumacher also concluded that students who played drinking games ended up binge drinking during the games.

More than 7 percent of students reported only having 0 - 1 drink during the games, while 32.4 percent had 2 - 3 drinks, 20.7 percent had 4 - 5 drinks, and 11.1 percent had 6 or more drinks.

The frequency of when students played these games also caused Schumacher concern.

"37.3 percent of the sample participated in drinking games more than three times per month, with 12.1 percent playing more than 7 times per month," Schumacher said in her results.

Out of the students that participated in drinking games, 44.6 percent reported experiencing alcohol-related problems.

These problems included hangovers, blackouts, vomiting, and injuries sustained while under the influence.

This survey was prompted by the curiosity of Schumacher, as well as the timeliness of the subject.

Richard Cavanaugh, a health studies professor, and one of Schumacher's advisers on the survey, said students need to be more informed about the dangers of drinking games.

"Everybody reads about it all the time, instances of college students drinking, and what happens after they over-drink," Cavanaugh said.

Schumacher does have recommendations for future health educators.

"By developing programs or disseminating information across college campuses that specifically target drinking game participation, college students can better understand the risks and problems better associated with playing drinking games," Schumacher said in her results.

Schumacher's other adviser in the survey, Misty Rhoads, a health studies professor, described a program other colleges have, what she

WHILE PLAYING DRINKING GAMES, HOW MANY DRINKS DO EASTERN STUDENTS CONSUME?

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20.7%

6+
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11.1%

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calls a bystander program.

"It teaches students how to react in situations where they would witness somebody having problems due to binge drinking," Rhoads said.

Schumacher will be presenting her findings to the American As-

sociation of Health Education, at a national convention March 13 in Boston.

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Students encouraged to sign leases early

Signing late may result in last minute issues

By Ryan Owen Child
Staff Reporter

Landlords remain unaffected by lower enrollment but still want leases signed as fast as possible, leaving students who are not ready to commit in limbo.

Alex Koch, a junior health studies major, signed a lease in October 2011 that runs until June 2013, something he said he now regrets after deciding to leave Eastern when this semester ends.

"I have to find someone to take up my lease in the next few months, or I will have to pay it myself," Koch said.

At \$370 per month, the cost of the signing day will come in at

around \$4,070 for the year in rental fees.

"Paying rent for a house I won't even be living in will be a nightmare, really, it would have been nice if we could have just signed later," Koch said.

Koch's landlady Alverta Darding declined to comment.

Rental agencies want to secure tenants as early as possible and often give their properties to the fastest bidder.

Fran Decker with Eastern Illinois Properties, who was quickly instructed to hang-up by her manager, said her company had already filled 97 percent of their properties for next year.

Tatum Tonn, of Unique Properties, said the demand for rental properties remains high, despite lower enrollment, thanks to higher costs associated with living on campus.

More students are looking to live

in privately-leased houses because of the rising cost of university housing, Tonn said.

However, residence halls work well for unsure students who, either by preference or necessity, are inclined to sign late.

Shelby Leake, a worker for University Housing and Dining Services, said Eastern caters to a broad range of student housing needs.

"Our residence halls guarantee a room for students of all kinds, while university apartments specifically look after graduate students and families," Leake said.

Leake was also keen to highlight how Eastern's housing program allows students to cancel their lease if they withdraw from the university, secure an internship or decide to study abroad.

Off campus, short-term arrangements are harder to come by; although, Unique Properties is one of a few companies that offer six-

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month leases.

Stephen Davis, Eastern's Attorney at Law, urges students to study their leases carefully before signing, whatever the length.

Joint leases denote that all roommates are responsible for paying all of the rent, while individual leases mean tenants are only accountable for their own rent, Davis said.

"Individual leases are hard to come by and most students are signed up to joint leases," Davis said. "It is important that, before signing the lease, students trust their roommates financially and

emotionally."

Davis admitted that many renters like to keep hold of the security deposits and advised students to undertake a condition report when they move in.

"If students list all of the things that aren't right with the house and establish what they have inherited, it helps protect their security deposits," Davis said.

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RESEARCH

Student maps out Riverside crime

Police utilize student's research

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Eastern student Clayton Ballerine knew the rise in crime in his hometown was something that needed to be calculated and assessed.

As a graduate project, he decided to create a geographic information system regarding crime rates in his hometown of Riverside.

"I had done several projects where I had done something and put no real use to it afterwards," he said. "I wanted to do something that would be useful."

Ballerine got in contact with Riverside Police Chief Tom Weitzel, who he found out had been

trying to get a grant to do the project himself.

"Clayton approached me in October 2011 and asked if we would be willing to share our crime data with him," Weitzel said.

Weitzel said he loved the idea and started setting Ballerine up with the information he would need to complete his project.

"It's pretty rare that residents come to us and offer to help," Weitzel said.

In mid-October, Weitzel and the Riverside Police turned over the crime information for the year to Ballerine and gave him the rest of the data at the end of the year.

"It took me a good month or two to put everything together because I was in the lab every other day for four or five hours," Ballerine said.

Part of Ballerine's process was creating different file systems to

plug the information into.

"I had to enter in every single crime and attributes of that crime essentially by hand, which took quite a bit of time," he said.

Ballerine produced his project and turned it back around to Weitzel.

Weitzel released the information publicly at a village board meeting on Tuesday, and it is now available online.

"The documents have been released to the entire department so they can use it on their shifts," Weitzel said.

Weitzel said the areas Ballerine mapped out where crime is high will most likely follow trends over the next few years, and the maps can help the department focus on where crime is higher.

"We've loaded (the maps) onto our internal system, which will allow the personnel in patrol cars to

pull it up right on their laptops," Weitzel said.

Having the maps in the police department system is beneficial to both the police and the residents, Weitzel said.

"It's just a good informational tool for residents to have so they know what's going on in the area," Weitzel said.

Ballerine said when he came up with the project, he knew it would be a good resume builder and would benefit the residents of Riverside.

"It's nice to be able to help my hometown, because it's definitely an area where crime is on the rise," Ballerine said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Make Eastern a Safe Zone for everybody

The LGBTQA community needs a place to feel comfortable expressing their feelings and beliefs, and Safe Zone workshops are the perfect first step toward that goal.

Safe Zone workshops are put on through the LGBTQA advisory committee as a training session for faculty, staff and students.

These workshops are meant to raise awareness of the LGBTQA community and to also benefit Eastern's campus. According to the Safe Zone program's website: the Safe Zone Program is for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender and allies to have a safe place where they can express how they feel on topics like sexuality, among many other topics that people might consider controversial.

After someone completes the workshop they will be given a sticker, which makes them an ally and a safe zone for the LGBTQA community.

The Safe Zone workshops are needed at Eastern and throughout Charleston to better educate people about the LGBTQA community. Just because a person's beliefs or lifestyle is different from yours doesn't mean it's wrong. People need to be more open to other ways of living life.

The training sessions can host a maximum of 20 people; however, nowhere near 20 people signed up for the third Safe Zone workshop of the semester on Tuesday. The lack of people signing up led the LGBTQA advisory committee to cancel Tuesday's workshop.

This is unacceptable. A lot more people should be signing up for training.

The LGBTQA community should feel safe on Eastern's campus, not feel as though they can't express themselves or are not being accepted. The truth is, even on this progressive, accepting college campus, our LGBTQ brothers and sisters still face bigotry and ostracism on a daily basis. Safe Zone training helps friends of the gay community stand firmly with them and against bigotry. We believe allies outnumber bigots. We think allies ought to make that known, and on Tuesday, we failed the LGBTQ community in that effort.

The next workshop is offered on March 21 from 9-11 a.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Two more workshops will be held in April. One on April 3 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union and another on April 11 from 2-4 p.m. in the Casey Room of the Union.

Sign up for the next workshop by going to the Safe Zone website on Eastern's webpage and click on the registration tab and show your support for the LGBTQA community.

We can make Eastern a Safe Zone for LGBTQA members of our community—one person, one workshop, one sticker, one conversation at a time.

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COLUMN

Find the path to your future by mapping your past

This week leading up to spring break is a time of looking forward for the majority of students because soon after we get back from spring break the time for picking classes for the fall semester begins.

I, like the other seniors who intend on graduating, have been robbed of the need to plan for next semester, or for anything other than what jobs I will apply for during spring break.

While applying for jobs, I've kept reminding myself that the main task I am trying to accomplish is to tell the employer two stories: What I've done in college and how that makes me the perfect candidate for whatever job it is.

Amid the tedium of retelling the same story about myself over and over, I've found myself wondering why my college experience has played out like it has. This wondering led to a self-analysis of the factors that influence me most, an exercise I found to be rewarding and I'd recommend to any student.

Knowing one's influences is important—few decisions are made without considering the opinions of others, be it a friend, family member, professor, celebrity on television or even something simple like a sign on the quad.

For example, everyone leaves college with a story of how it went. My basic sto-



Doug T. Graham

ry goes like this: I was a journalism student who worked with the student newspaper all four years, I spent a semester studying in Europe and I fell in love with a wonderful woman whom I met at school. Behind that and every story there are many influences. One would analyze my story by asking questions like, "Why did you work for the newspaper?" "What made you decide to study abroad?" "How did you meet your girlfriend?" and so on.

The result of this questioning would be a much deeper understanding into why college was the way it was. Going forward into the world, it is very important to ask ourselves why we do the things we do to learn more about our decision making process so, among other things, we can make better decisions in the future.

At the very least, I hope this exercise helps you find out who is your influence so

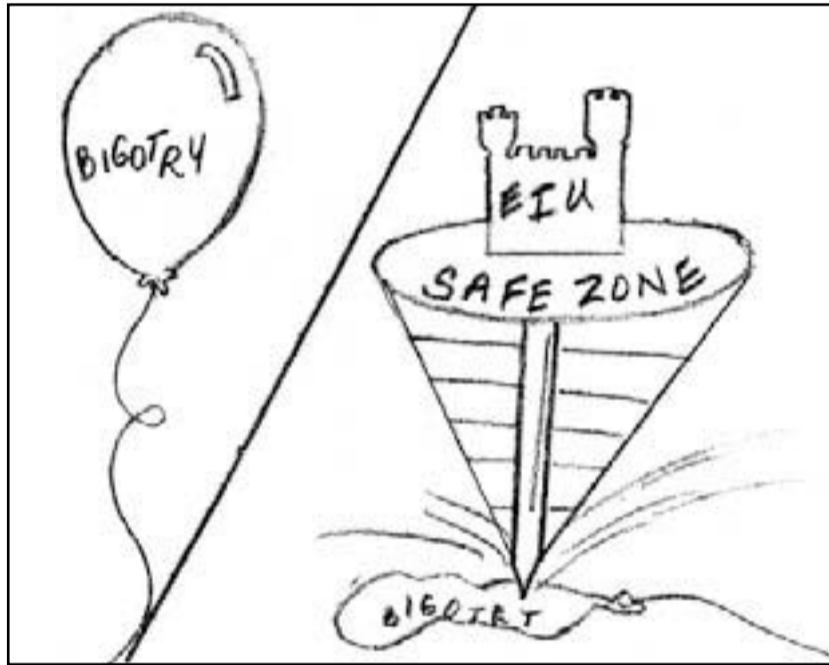
you can do one of the nicest things a human being can do to another: thank them. By thanking those who've influenced you to make good decisions, you are encouraging them to continue doing good.

I recommend thanking your influences because two of the nicest compliments I've ever received were from people who were doing just that. Recently I was told by a veteran *News* reporter that I was the first person they met when they first walked in the Newsroom. They said because I stopped what I was doing to help them get what they were looking for, it was easier and easier to come back and get more stories and eventually make *The News* for them what it is for me, a second home. When I was a freshman, I was touched when my professor-assigned project partner in a particularly boring gen. ed. class told me that some days the only reason they came to class was because I was there.

So, spend some time figuring out who or what has defined your time at Eastern. At the very least, you'll know what made your quest for the diploma on your wall unique to you.

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FROM THE EASEL



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GUEST COLUMN

Student government execs not earning compensation

By **Sean McElhenny**

Executive compensation in the form of tuition waivers is being sugarcoated with the terminology "scholarship." Student government executive members do not have the best GPA in this school, did not get money for having the highest GPA at their last school, didn't come from a poor community as a high-risk youth and have never been an oppressed minority. Please do not call it a scholarship, as the receiving of this money has nothing to do with scholarly work at this school. Executive members are getting money to sit in an office, answer a phone, all while doing homework and posting things to Facebook.

The gross congratulations that I witnessed at the student government meeting I attended was going to go unmentioned, but due to the current tabling of tuition waiver reform, I feel that discussing it just got pushed into "open season."

"Thank you for serving the student body and for showing what SGA (the Student Government Association) does," Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples said at the meeting. Please don't congratulate yourself. We all know that the show student government puts on couldn't have been better if members gave each other high fives, like when a guy gets a

girl to give up her number.

Their recommendation to cut tuition waivers by \$700 is also a joke. I wrote a guest column about two weeks ago and in it I didn't recommend that tuition waivers be cut by about 20 percent, it said 50 percent. Student Body President Ed Hotwagner's stance has changed because he won't be president. He shouldn't sit there and say he feels bad receiving all this money when cuts are being made elsewhere. The real reason is because I wrote something about it. I applaud student government for trying to change what has been going on and how much its members are being paid. I also applaud the group for attempting to remove a position on the executive committee.

If Hotwagner wants to set the dollar amount, why go so high? I think that any amount between \$1,750 and \$2000 is fair. Student government currently spends \$15,000 per semester on executive compensation. That's \$1000 per weekly meeting. All I saw at the meetings was a \$75 show, at most. Make the student body think you earn their money, don't thank each other for the little bit of work you did to get signatures and then mail them off. I'm getting signatures on paper too, but I don't get any money for it.

Do I think that student government should be eliminated? No way, it has the ability to do

good. Do I think members get benefits they don't like to admit to because it's "not what this group is about" by getting to pad your resume? Absolutely!

What will Hotwagner's resume say? Will it say, "as student body president I received a 'scholarship' for my 'work' in student government," or would it be truthful? "I got my fraternity brothers and their friends to vote for me. They got me the job, and with it I padded my resume with fake terminology like 'scholarship.'" Then, to say thanks, I made sure that student government paid my frat to set up and tear down the events we held in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom."

Student government members got tuition paid for by me and other students. I bet Illinois State University and the University of Illinois would love my money, because it's becoming clear that Eastern just wants to give it away. Eastern has the highest compensation in the state for student government members.

Make no mistake, I will get the 1,300 signatures needed, because—to quote from Hotwagner's web page—"You will do things I do like and you will do things I don't like, but you won't stop doing."

Sean McElhenny is a senior communication studies major

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One member of the band would sing a line and the audience would reply, "My mother wanted me to marry Mary Mack."

Irmisch said they played a lot of different music.

"They'll also get to see originals by us, one by Phill for his mom," Irmisch said.

The group also honored troops and breast cancer patients through routines and music.

The group played "When Pink is a Color Again" to honor their fans that had breast cancer and "Desert Storm" for those serving overseas.

"We really hope that the two groups of people, the troops and breast cancer patients, will help the families going through it," Irmisch said. "We hope they will give them some inspiration."

Lindsey Fraser, a Charleston resident, said she enjoyed the performance.

"I liked hearing all the different instruments, and they are playing a wide variety of music," Fraser said.

Fraser said she liked their dances as well.

"I really liked their breast cancer dance," Fraser said.

Theresa Coleman, a Charleston resident, said she loved the performance.

"I like the breast cancer awareness song and dance," Coleman said. "Our aunt is a breast cancer survivor, so we found it moving."

Irmisch said it is important to honor both groups of people because both are really affected by these things.

"Over 200 million families are affected by breast cancer," Irmisch said. "Anything that inspires them is great."

Irmisch said the troops have shown a lot of support for them.

"We have fans who have served in Iraq and have actually taken our music," Irmisch said. "Two years ago on an army base, they played our music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and everything Celtic. So we just want to honor those troops, the amazing people who are fighting for freedom."

Jenni Passig, an instructor of theatre arts, said the performance was great.

"I thought it was a great, well-round experience," Passig said. "There was a little bit of music, humor, dance and basic entertainment, and a variety of interesting musical instruments."

Greig Cairns, a member of the Tartan Terrors, said he enjoys performing for audience and with group.

"The adrenaline rush is a lot of fun. We laugh all the time, it is just a good good time," Cairns said. "We all enjoy the music and generally enjoy each other playing."

Irmisch said she hopes the audience learned about them.

"Hopefully they will see some variations of traditions," Irmisch said.

Irmisch said she thinks the audience will get to see instruments that they do not always get to see, like the bagpipes.

"One of the things, it is great you are seeing some of these really traditional instruments, still have drum, yet here are the modern variations," Irmisch said. "This shows where the instruments have come, but it also shows the foundation of them."

Irmisch said she thinks playing the bagpipes helps to show where it came from.

"We have this incredible instrument that someone would play 600 years ago on the battlefield," Wilkes Irmisch said. "And they would use them in a battle to give commands."

Irmisch said some of their dances also came from the ancient battlefields.

"The Highland dancing that we do was originally military based, the idea is that you dance to strengthen yourself for war, which actually dates back to Roman times," Wilkes Irmisch said.

Karen Eisenhour, a professor of theatre arts, said she found the performance interesting.

"It was visually exciting; the music was wonderful; the comedy was great," Eisenhour said. "It speaks to a lot of different people."

Cairns said audience members could learn a lot about their culture.

"Some places we go, they already know about it; there is a lot of Scottish and Irish ancestry in a lot of places," Cairns said. "Sometimes we go places and they don't really know much about it, and so we get a chance for us to expose them to that, a lot of good conversations with people about it."

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Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples appointed Shields, who was sworn in by Hotwagner earlier in the meeting.

"He has been a committee member and has been involved with the student government for a number of years," Samples said.

Jones resigned as she works on the same night that the senate meets.

"I really loved every second of my time this year, but I don't feel that I am able to give Student Government the time and dedication that it deserves right now," she said in her resignation.

At last night's meeting Pete Zizzo, sophomore math major, joined Jones as he too resigned.

"I'm leaving because of health and financial reasons, I've had a lot going on and on and haven't been able to work lately," Zizzo said "I never wanted to leave this group, when I work on something I put all my focus into it."

Zizzo said he sought the advice of his parents and friends before making his decision.

"I talked to my parents and they said I should take some time to focus on me," he said. "I'm going to work on school and getting better."

Zizzo said he will miss the organization and hopes to return next semester if his circumstances improve.

Along with member changes, Scherle gave a report updating the group on his letter writing campaign.

Scherle has bypassed his last goal and currently has 2,030 letters including 70 online letters all in support of a new science building for Eastern.

"Currently we are above 2,000 letters but numbers are one thing but this is what we are taking to Springfield," he said making reference to a stack of letters. "I guess we'll have to bump up our goal to 3,000 and keep going, we've got a month left."

The senate also approved three funding proposals to fund a primary awareness campaign, refreshments for their open forum meeting and a reception for the nine Distinguished Professor Awards.

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

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It's on!



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Landon Hines, a senior business marketing major, faces off against Minority Affairs Director D'Wayne Jenkins during the tip off of the fifth annual student/faculty basketball game in McAfee Gymnasium on March 7. The event was sponsored by the Black Student Union.



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GOLF

Teams look for hot start in Jacksonville

By Anthony Catezone
Staff Reporter

The spring season for both the Eastern's men and women golf teams will begin over spring break in Jacksonville, Fla.

Starting with the Butler North/South Invitational from March 11-13 and then continuing with the Butler Spring Break Invitational from March 14-15.

Both teams have a positive attitude heading into the invites.

Senior David Lawrence said that the teams gained an edge compared to past years because the mild winter allowed them to practice more outdoors.

"This mild winter has been huge for us," said Lawrence. "Last year, we hadn't been able to play outside at all before our spring season began. This year, we have been able to get out and stay closer to tournament form. If we can all put it together, I expect us to contend for titles all spring."

With having gone to Jacksonville last year, both teams already have a year of experience with the courses under their belt. Sophomore Elyse Banovic said that she and her teammates are more prepared and look forward to the challenge.

"Going to Jacksonville last year helped the team a lot," said Banovic. "We

learned that playing in Florida is different than in Illinois. The conditions of the course are just not the same as we're used to. I think it is also a great team bonding experience and enhances our play for the other upcoming tournaments."

Head coach Mike Moncel said that both teams have areas they need to improve on from the fall but still has high hopes for the spring.

"The men played very good at times. (They) just need a little more consistency in the four and five spot," Moncel said.

"The women did not play as well as we would have liked," Moncel said. "We need to play the final holes stronger. We are looking for more constant play from the guys and a little more firepower from the girls."

Looking ahead to the rest of the season, the teams want to compete for an OVC Championship. Lawrence said that their experience has set them up to do so.

"We have our sights set on one goal, and that is to win the OVC Conference Tournament," Lawrence said. "As a senior-laden team, we feel like this is our time."

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INTRAMURAL

Volleyball game heats up

By Joe Havel
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On Wednesday night in a coed B-level volleyball match, the SPhi team squared off against Legit as BH.

It was a competitive three sets, with SPhi coming out on top 2-1.

In the first game, the SPhi team came out strong with a lot of huge spikes by its front line.

Legit as BH couldn't handle the big smashes by SPhi and continually let the ball hit off the side of their wrists and travel out of bounds.

SPhi was in full control as it led 13-7 and had all the momentum, but Legit as BH fought to come back with key blocked shots and cut the lead to 13-11.

Although that run didn't last, as SPhi zipped two straight spikes right past the Legit as BH players and stretched the lead back to 15-11.

Legit as BH made multiple costly errors as SPhi was nearing game point and gave them the win, 25-17.

As game two began SPhi didn't look the same, and Legit as BH stayed with them and the game was tied 6-6 early.

Unlike the first game, Legit as BH was able to block SPhi's spikes and took a 10-6 lead because of it.

Legit as BH clearly wanted to force the series into game three and looked

very focused.

SPhi suddenly marched back into the lead but with key faults by the Legit as BH servers, which kept SPhi in contention.

With the game was now 12-11, SPhi's rallies were getting longer and longer as the game went on, but it seemed to work in Legit as BH's favor. Legit as BH would take the lead back, 17-16.

The next few rallies went back and forth and Legit as BH was up 20-18.

Once again, Legit as BH had trouble serving and SPhi was able to tie the game up and then take the lead 23-22.

Legit as BH would come back with three straight points and take the set, 25-23 to force game three.

Game three would see the two teams going back and forth throughout the entire game.

SPhi was strong down the stretch and ended up taking the game 12-10 to take the series.

After the game, SPhi was excited with their teamwork.

"We worked really well as a team," the SPhi players said, collectively.

Despite the loss, Legit as BH were still satisfied.

"It's OK, we played hard," the team said, collectively.

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Around the OVC

Austin Peay continued its good start to the 2012 season with their fourth win in a row, beating Alabama A&M 7-1 on Tuesday. The Governors (8-3) were also perfect at the Riverview Inn Classic over the weekend, posting a record of 3-0 with wins over Youngstown State, Iowa and Akron.

The Murray State Racers are also playing good ball of late, winning six of its last seven games. Murray

State's senior left-hander Luke Shuemaker was named Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week for his performance out of the bullpen. Shuemaker tossed nine scoreless innings of relief and recorded 13 strikeouts in two appearances. For the season, Shuemaker is 0-0 with a 0.49 ERA and 19 strikeouts in 18.1 innings of work.

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NATION

MLS thriving decade after barely hanging

By Associated Press

Don Garber was still in the infancy of his tenure as commissioner of Major League Soccer when the league faced legitimate uncertainty about its future and was forced to fold two underperforming franchises.

That was 10 years, nine new franchises and 13 new or renovated soccer stadiums ago.

"There were many times where we were wondering whether or not we would be able to continue to operate," Garber said. "The league came out with that launch in 1996 and at that time everybody thought we had cracked the code for soccer in America, and all of a sudden the league would explode on the pro sports scene. In reality, it's difficult to launch a sports league. There is lots of competition and soccer was clearly an emerging sport at that time."

"... We feel really good about the developments over the last 10 years and I feel really bullish about the future."

For the first time in recent years, the biggest story entering the MLS season isn't expansion, even though the league will welcome its 19th franchise with Montreal becoming the third Canadian member of the MLS. Instead, it's acknowledging a decade of successes.

When franchises in Miami and Tampa, Fla., were contracted following the 2001 season, the league was left with 10 teams, just three different owners and only one soccer-spe-

cific stadium.

Since that 2002 season, the league has successfully added teams and diversified its ownership in nearly every corner of the country, gone north by bringing on three Canadian franchises and raised the talent level to where the quality of play is gaining international respect.

"I think the improvement of the league over the last 10 years is exponentially more than 10 years," said Seattle coach Sigi Schmid, who was coaching the L.A. Galaxy 10 years ago. "You look at Year 1 through Year 6 and you look at Year 6 to now or whatever, the quality of play has gotten better. The fan bases, every club, every city you go into, with the exception of a few, has a really good base support following."

The MLS season begins on Saturday with expansion Montreal hosting Vancouver; Colorado vs. Columbus; D.C. United vs. Kansas City; San Jose vs. New England and reigning MLS Cup champion Los Angeles hosting Real Salt Lake. On Sunday, Dallas hosts New York and Chivas USA hosts Houston and the first week of play wraps up Monday night with Portland hosting Philadelphia.

Toronto and Seattle both received first-week byes due to their involvement in the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Champions League, as did Chicago. The Sounders host Toronto in their opener on March 17, while Chicago opens its season at Montreal the same day.

Montreal is the latest franchise

to join the fray, hoping to achieve a modicum of the success that recent expansion markets — Toronto, Seattle, Portland and Vancouver — have enjoyed.

But while successful expansion has dominated the league's on-field story lines for much of the past few seasons, this year might as well be highlighted by individuals who turned down overseas offers to continue playing in North America's top league.

David Beckham's groundbreaking initial contract with the league expired at the end of last season when Beckham and the Galaxy claimed the MLS Cup title to cap a dominant season. And while a handful of clubs in Europe — most notably Paris Saint-Germain — came close to wooing Beckham back across the Atlantic, the English star decided to continue his soccer career in California.

The Galaxy weren't done there. Landon Donovan thrived during his loan at Everton, but returned to L.A. Robbie Keane will have his first full season playing in MLS with the Galaxy, while Edson Buddle returns from Europe and Juninho from Brazil.

About the only question regarding Los Angeles is along the backline, where Omar Gonzalez is still recovering from a serious knee injury.

"I think we've been developing a team that's a little bit deeper than last year. Hopefully, that's a good sign," L.A. coach Bruce Arena said.

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BASEBALL



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Senior infielder Brad Schweigert flips the ball to first base May 11, 2011, during a baseball game against Illinois State at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers will travel to Tampa, Fla. for their next three-game series.

Panthers seeking consistent play

Baseball team set for Florida road trip

By **Jordan Pottorff**
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team failed to build on its current hot streak, losing 10-0 to Indiana State on Tuesday in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Panthers (4-6) entered the game swinging the bat better than they had all season, but were shut down by freshman

right-hander Kyle Rupe. Rupe tossed seven scoreless innings, giving up seven hits and striking out a career-high 10 batters en route to picking up his second win of the season.

Eastern's offensive attack did manage to test the freshman right-hander in the opening innings as it had runners in scoring position in two of the first four innings, but were unable to capitalize on its scoring opportunities. The Panthers also picked up hits in six of the seven innings Rupe was toeing the rubber.

"As good as we felt last week after beating a ranked team and going 3-1,

the game humbled us pretty quickly today," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said in a press release. "We had sloppy defense and lost our identity. Strong defense and pitching is how we win games"

Indiana State out-hit the Panthers 17-7 and also committed one less error in the midweek matchup. Eastern's offense was paced by sophomore Jacob Reese and junior Ryan Dineen as they each picked up two hits against the Sycamores in the losing effort.

On the mound, freshman Andrew Grahn was not able to build on his first collegiate start of his career, giving up

five runs (three earned) on seven hits in 2.1 innings of work. Five other Panthers saw time on the mound, as the relievers combined to give up five runs (four earned) in 5.2 innings of work.

The Panthers will return to action this weekend when they will travel to Tampa, Fla., to take on Big East opponent South Florida in a three-game series. The Panthers will continue their southern road trip with a four-game set at the Florida Tournament in Davenport, Fla. The Panthers will face off against Iowa, Navy, Bucknell and Northwestern.

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VIEWS



Female athletes deserve recognition

By **Dominic Renzetti**
Sports Editor

The month of March is Women's History Month. As unfortunate as it sounds, the world of sports is often a male-dominated one. The achievements of women in the sporting world, more often than not, are swept under the rug and not appreciated nearly enough as they should. I believe the achievements of women in sports are just as important as those by men and should be celebrated equally as much.

When I started as the sports editor of The Daily Eastern News in August of 2011, I wanted to bring more attention to one of the best teams at Eastern that no one seems to know about: the women's rugby team. Whether the team is made up of male or females, it shouldn't matter. What does matter is that there is a team that plays right here in Charleston and wears Eastern colors that has only lost a handful of games in the past few years. Just because it was women's athletics, it didn't matter to us. We here at The News wanted to let our readers know about one of the best rugby teams in the country.

When women's basketball season rolled around, the idea was no different. The team is great. People need to, and want to, read about them, so we'll cover them. The women's basketball team doesn't get nearly enough respect as it should. The games are just as competitive as the men's games and feature just as much athleticism and excitement. Don't believe me? Watch the team's last game against Tennessee Tech. Anybody who loves the sport of basketball will be on the edge of their seat, holding their breathe, waiting for the next play. How many times does a tornado affect the outcome of a basketball game? The game featured components that have probably only happened in the sport of basketball, men's or women's, a handful of times.

Right now, red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold is heading to Oregon to compete in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, and she's already made history. Riebold became the first Eastern woman to ever qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championship. Riebold has had an amazing first year, and only being in her red-shirt sophomore season, there's more to come.

Riebold isn't the only woman from the Ohio Valley Conference champion women's track and field team. Earlier in the year, we ran a story on senior Bridget Sanchez, a sprinter who is balancing her athletic career while also being a 4.0 GPA psychology major. The softball team won the OVC championship last season and this season. We'll do our best to provide the best coverage possible for such a great team.

These are just a few of the many great female athletes we have here at Eastern. Their accomplishments matter, and they should get recognized for it.

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TRACK

Wiggan uses injury for motivation

By **Antonio Taylor**
Staff Reporter

Red-shirt junior Sean Wiggan battled a knee injury and now is preparing for competition in the outdoor track and field season.

Wiggan went from making the All-Ohio Valley Conference first team and setting records in the 800-meter dash his freshman year to being red-shirted his junior year because of tendonitis in the knee.

Wiggan said this injury brought his morale down, but he used it as motivation to get healthy and compete again.

Rehab for this type of injury took Wiggan two months to complete.

"It was tough," Wiggan said. "I was on a rehab plan twice a day for two months straight," Wiggan said.

Wiggan credits his healthy recovery to the athletic trainer Toshiro Hirano.

"Coach Toshi helped me stay on top of my rehab. He has a lot to do with how well I feel now," Wiggan said.

With the help of Hirano, Wiggan was able to compete in the indoor season.

The past indoor track season was Sean Wiggan's first time back in competition. Without any training for the track season, Wiggan says he was confi-

dent when competing.

"I felt consistent and on top of my abilities," Wiggan said. "Coming back to the season without training, I didn't expect to feel as good as I did."

Fully recovered from his injury, Wiggan says he is excited to compete again.

"I'm excited," he said. "I know my potential and I know I can do some real big things on the track. I know what I am capable of, now I just have to compete," Wiggan said.

Being out of competition for a year made Wiggan appreciate his sport more.

"I took a year off, so I really appreciate to compete because I know what it's like not being able to compete. So since I have another chance, I appreciate it more," Wiggan said.

The outdoor track season is next time Wiggan will be able to compete again. He is looking to get back to the OVC Championships where he had a runner-up finish at the outdoor championships in the 800-meter dash. Wiggan currently ranks third on Eastern's career list in the 800-meter dash, posting a time of 1:49.54 at Louisville Twilight.

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Red-shirt senior sprinter Sean Wiggan competes at the EIU John Craft Invite Jan. 21 at Lantz Fieldhouse. This is his first season back since his injury.