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TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set all clocks ahead one hour.

WALKING PAST EASTERN

Eastern Kentucky women's basketball player Pilar Walker had the chance to beat her former team during the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

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Bill amends tuition waiver

By Bob Galuski
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

A new bill passed through the state senate Thursday regarding Eastern's tuition waiver with changes to the way the waiver works.

The senate bill, commonly referred to as the Eastern Illinois University Law, amended different aspects of the waiver, most of all the language used.

The tuition waiver limitation pilot program is now called the tuition affordability discount program.

The bill also went on to discuss how strategic use of tuition discounting will decrease the amount of loans that students must use to pay for tuition.

"A modest, individually tailored tuition discount can make the difference in choosing to attend college and would enhance college access for low (up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level) and middle income (151 percent to 300 percent of the federal poverty level) families," the bill states.

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Eastern feels temporary warm weather



Byron Arellano, a kinesiology and sports studies major, takes a bike ride outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as the weather warms up Thursday. The weather is expected to exceed 50 degrees before the week is finished.



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Ford Hall to go co-ed for new semester

By Jarad Jarmon
Associate News Editor | @JarmonReporter

Ford Hall, a currently male-only residential hall, will be going co-ed by floor starting next semester in the fall.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, approved the RHA decision to have Ford move to a McKinney style set up at the Residence Hall Association meeting Thursday. In McKinney, the two floors have men and women on both floors.

This is possible with six private bathrooms avail-

able on each floor. Ford will be receiving private bathrooms as one of the renovations to be made over the summer.

Those who applied for early bird re-contracting will be able to change their priorities for the next semester in the Housing and Dining Service Office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union or change it on their PAWS account by Friday. The deadline for room and board re-contracting is Friday.

McKinney President Gabriela Miranda said it is not the biggest change in dynamic when her hall went co-ed two years ago.

"Living with people of the opposite wasn't a challenge for us," Miranda said. "It really works well for us because we are a small residence hall."

Hudson said McKinney was used a testing ground to try out co-ed floors. Other schools have been moving toward the co-ed lifestyle and Eastern is following suit.

"We live in a co-gendered world," Hudson said.

Ford President Jaccari Brown agreed. He said it made more sense to have the floors like this anyway.

"It definitely gets you preparation for the real world," Brown said. "Whether you accept it or

not, you're going to have to deal with the opposite sex one way or another."

Living conditions are similar to business conditions, Brown said.

This style is the "norm" now gaining more interest than single gender floors.

Hudson said this is part of a bigger project to get this set up in the North Quad residence halls. Having this set-up allows Housing and Dining to have more flexibility with whether the floors are co-ed or not.

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Downtime is priority to students on vacation

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @DEN_News

While MTV might depict scenes of college students on a beach in Cancun, some Eastern students take spring break as a chance to unwind at home in preparation of the marathon march to summer that waits on the other side.

In fact, it is not even a week off for students like Rebecca Polston, a sophomore special education major, who said she plans to work full-time over the course of her spring break.

"I'm going to be working more hours so it's more money which I am in need of," Polston said, adding that the money she will earn is an important part of her budget for this semester.

Mark Galvan, a freshman business management major, said he plans to earn money too, working a brief stint at his summer job.

It is not a disappointment either, because Galvan said for him, spring break is not about traveling far away.

"I'm not someone who wants to go anywhere and to me breaks really benefit me in the sense that it's just a break for your mind," he said.

Seniors graduating in May will use spring

"You're able to breathe and not have to go to class or work or anything. You just get to relax."

Lilly Walton, senior political science major

break as a way to rest up before the last leg of their collegiate careers. Like Lilly Walton, a senior political science major, who said spring break comes at just the right time.

"You're able to breathe and not have to go to class or work or anything," Walton said. "You just get to relax."

Walton said it will also offer her a chance to reflect on past years at Eastern and savor the weeks ahead.

"I just want to take it slow and enjoy it before I get out into the real world," she said. "Mentally, I'm just trying to stay calm and clear my mind."

Part of relaxing is just taking time to be off of a schedule, said Victoria Dokianos, a junior special education major.

"There's always something I have to do," Dokianos said, adding that the lack of rigorous time-management is something she looks forward to during spring break.

Some students will not even leave Charles-

ton, like Trevor Current, a sophomore psychology major.

"The whole place is sort of a ghost town but it's really peaceful in a way," Current said.

But that does not mean he will have a shortage of relaxing activities, one of which is playing basketball with his friends at the Student Recreation Center.

"It's pretty crucial, going to the Rec. to play basketball," Current said. "It relieves stress and helps me forget about everything else."

But sometimes it is just as simple as being reunited with friends and family, whether they walk on two legs or four.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing my dog," said Michael Eckardt, a sophomore psychology major.

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Website to be down during spring break

Staff Report

As students leave campus for spring break, aspects of the university will temporarily shut down.

PAWS will be unavailable Sunday from 6 a.m. until noon, according to an email sent out by Information Technology Services.

ITS will also be performing maintenance to all services housed in the Operations Data Center. This includes the Eastern homepage, EIU online, PantherMail, PAWS, Banner INB, various departmental servers, as well as any website that begins with www.eiu.edu.

The Daily Eastern News will also not publish during spring break, but will resume publication on March 17.

Likewise, The News' weekend supplement On the Verge will not publish Friday. Instead, it will resume its publications for March 21.

Certain buildings throughout campus will experience power outages throughout spring break.

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Local weather

TODAY SATURDAY



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Tootin' their own horns



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The Eastern Jazz Lab Band, directed by Andrew Cheetham, perform Thursday night with arrangements from Miles Davis to Glenn Martin, featuring Eastern's Jamie Ryan, under drums and brycussion. The Jazz Lab Band will have upcoming tours at locals high schools, and will be performing April 22 in the Jazz Combos Concert.

Election Day takes hard work behind scenes

By Samantha Middendorf
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Polls open for the Coles County primary election at 6 a.m. March 18.

But what some people may not realize is the months of labor that goes into making an election day a success.

Sue Rennels, the Coles County Clerk, is at the forefront of the election day preparation. Rennels said that the helping hands, supplies and equipment do not magically appear.

The behind the scenes work begins when candidates file their paperwork to be put on the voting ballot.

"After candidates file their paperwork to appear on the ballot, a ballot is submitted to an election vendor," Rennels said. "That ballot

will be proofed many times before it is given the green light to print."

While candidates are applying for their spot on the ballot, voters are in the process of registering.

"At the close of that registration, voter applications are electronically sent to a printer," Rennels said.

The voting equipment used for voting day and the preparation leading up to voting day has to be cleaned and tested every year.

The county provides two early voting sites at Eastern and the Mattoon City Clerk's office.

"Ballots must be printed and delivered and electronic communication set up between the clerk's office and the early voting sites," Rennels said.

The county clerk's office also keeps in mind those who are physically unable to make the trip to the polling locations.

"Two deputy county clerk's are sent to eight nursing homes in Coles County to conduct nursing home voting," Rennels said.

During this time, the county clerk's office is also working on conducting absentee and grace period voting.

"On the Monday preceding Election Day, teams and U-Hauls are sent out across the county to set-up the polling sites and deliver and program the electronic election equipment," Rennels said.

The clerk's office sends supplies to each polling place before the morning of the election.

"Forty-four precinct kits are packed with supplies," Rennels said. "Ballots for each precinct are counted and sealed and are prepared for pickup by election judges."

Election judges are at each poll-

ing place. They attend a judges' school once a year to train for Election Day.

Finally, after all the preparation, voting day has arrived. Rennels said the County Clerk's office begins Election Day at 4:30 a.m.

Workers spend all day managing the events of voting day.

"The day ends when the last vote has been counted," Rennels said.

Although voting day is over, Rennels said the work behind the scenes never quite ends.

"On Wednesday morning, the set-up crews are back out across the county picking up equipment and placing it back into storage," Rennels said.

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CAA approves business, FCS changes

By Jack Cruikshank
Administration Editor | @JackCruik

The Council on Academic Affairs approved 16 changes within the Lumpkin School of

Business and Applied Sciences and the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at its meeting Thursday.

Of the revisions within the school of business, the changes revolve around changes to the marketing and finance divisions of business.

Rich Flight, the assistant chair of the marketing department, said the role of marketing has changed over the last 20 years, such as the establishment of Chief marketing Officers within companies.

"The role of marketing has evolved, but our course offering hasn't so we are examining our principles of marketing course," Flight said.

The council approved a new course, BUS 3100, Survey of Marketing Principles, which will be restricted to those students who are not majors within the school of business.

As well as approving the new course, the council approved a revision to four finance courses, which will allow the courses to be taught online.

The revisions to the business curriculum would have been completed at the council's last meeting on Feb. 27, but the proposals were not completed to the extent the council wanted within the time frame the council was able to act on.

Flight said he and his colleagues within the school of business pulled example syllabus information from other syllabi in order to construct the information from the BUS 3100 course proposal.

The revision to the marketing major also includes consolidating the curriculum core by one class, taking it from six courses to five.

"We felt it would be apt to pull out one of the courses from our core to offer more electives to give students more flexibility," Flight said. "The student isn't losing much content but this changes brings us more in line with what our peers are doing."

The four finance courses revised by the council include FIN 3300, Fundamentals of Financial and Tax Planning; FIN 3900, Risk and Insurance; FIN 4300, Retirement and Estate Planning; and FIN 4500, Financial Planning Case Studies.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, joked that he could teach the FIN 3900 course, as he has taught the course "probably 25 times."

The council approved nine revisions within the school of family and consumer sciences, including revising the core of the major to change from four courses to two courses.

Katie Shaw, an FCS professor, said the old four courses will be eventually phased out, allowing students starting in Fall 2014 to take the two courses instead.

The council then debated the issues that exist with phasing out courses while adding new courses at the same time.

"We know we are going to have a little bit of a mess but we are ready to deal with it," Shaw said.

The vote for the revised FCS core ended with one abstention, with 12 yes' votes and no 'no' votes after the discussion regarding how to phase in the new courses.

The council is scheduled to meet next at 3 p.m. Thursday March 20 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Studying abroad in Spain



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Jocelyn Swanson, a junior Spanish major, was one of the four students who shared their experience studying abroad. Swanson studied in Malia, Spain for a semester, and she talked about the 10-day festival she experienced. The presentations were a part of Latin American Studies Foreign Week.

CUPB to continue discussions; student affairs will not meet

By Jack Cruikshank
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The Council on University Planning and Budget will meet at 2 p.m. Friday in Booth Library to continue the discussion of this semester's budget cuts.

The subcommittees will not reconvene Friday in order to discuss the cuts as a whole. Instead, the subcommittees will have a two-hour time slot, in which to discuss the program analyses and where they feel cuts could come from best.

The subcommittee for Academic Affairs will meet in room 4515, the group including Business Affairs, the President's area and university advancement will be meeting room in 4456.

The subcommittee for student affairs will not meet Friday.

Mona Davenport, the director of Minority Affairs, said the Student Affairs had multiple conflicts with the Friday meeting, so they met Tuesday.

The student affairs group decided on Tuesday to present three recommendations to the overall council in regard to athletics.

The three options are to cut all ledger one funding for athletics or to cut 10 to 20 percent.

As well as reviewing athletics, the group reviewed the basics of Eastern student life. The consensus with student life was that the majority of appropriated funding to student life goes to salaries and not very much can be cut from the pro-

gramming budget not going to salaries.

President Bill Perry has tasked the council with reviewing program analyses and coming up with suggestions totaling \$7 million in cuts with an additional \$1 million to cut but replace back into the budget to "enhance" one or more programs.

The next meeting for the entire council will be at 2 p.m. March 21. The location has not yet been announced, but every other group council meetings has taken place in Booth Library.

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STAFF EDITORIAL CUPB should be better scheduled

While most of Eastern's campus will be heading home today for spring break, there's still one big piece of business going down at the CUPB meeting from 2 to 4 p.m.

The CUPB will continue its discussion of how to cut \$7 million on Friday, with council members trying to decide which programs will be looking at reduced or cut funding in the near future. After President Bill Perry said the council should be looking for programs and things that do not fit in with the mission statement, Grant Sterling, a philosophy professor, said athletics were not as crucial to the mission statement as academics.

Whether or not cuts in the athletic or student life department will be made remains to be seen, but with the next meeting happening on the final day of classes before the weeklong break, it's unlikely that much of anyone will see anything that happens.

With this Friday being its scheduled time, it's understandable for the meeting to go on as scheduled, but shouldn't decisions or suggestions this important be made at a time when more students and faculty will be on campus? The campus can't be isolated in such a way that keeps those who can potentially be affected by it out of the loop.

It's no secret that some students are likely apathetic to the university budget, but they shouldn't be. *The Daily Eastern News* editorialized last week about why students should care about these meetings, as the results of them will impact them in a major way. Whether it be cuts from academics, athletics or student life, each Eastern student is affected in one way or another.

Just because students and faculty may have their eyes set on a well deserved string of days off, there's still important issues going on at the CUPB meeting, whether we like it or not. CUPB isn't taking a break and the \$7 million just isn't going to cut itself.

Students and faculty still need to be aware of what's going on at these meetings since most of them will be away from Eastern for some time. We can't get complacent. Just when you let your guard down could be the time when something you are more directly involved with could be on the chopping block and you won't be there to have your voice heard. So just because you're on break, don't forget about what's going on back in Charleston. You might be coming back to a rude awakening next week.

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Technology takeover is not acceptable

Life for most is a waiting game.

A lot of students wait for class to be over, for the day to end, for the weekend, for Christmas, for their birthday, etc.

What happened to those moments when we just enjoyed a brief conversation with a stranger or even just people watching in between classes?

Perhaps the lack of living in the now among students has to do with technology nowadays.

Too many times have I passed down the hallways of Buzzard or Coleman to find that everyone is on their cellphone, tablet or iPod doing everything they can except interacting with the real world that surrounds them.

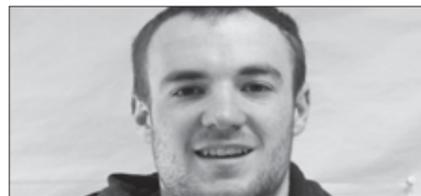
Attachment to technology starts at a young age.

According to a CNN article, 90 percent of children have an online history by the time they are two years old.

According to the same article, 50 percent of five year olds have used a computer, tablet device or smartphone.

This has got to be a sick joke, right?

I personally believe that technology is the future and that it can do a many a great things, but at five years old kids should be nowhere an



Mike Wolbers

iPad.

That kid should be having play dates with other children, learning how to socialize.

Heck, why not give the kid a book or some toys that can help him or her build cognitive skills.

I did not own a cell phone until I was 12 years old and the most complex thing I could do on it was play snake.

I am not condemning technology by any means.

However, the day that I prefer a text message over Facebook to a face-to-face conversation, please by all means, slap me in the face.

One of the great things about being a student at EIU is being surrounded by people that are

so similar and at the same time so different than we are.

How can you possibly expect to see exactly what this campus has to offer you if you have your eyes stuck to a smartphone screen 24/7?

One of my favorite quotes about life comes from the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

"Life moves pretty fast. If you do not stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

This is just my point.

Stop waiting around for things to happen to you.

It pays to look up once in a while and to live in the now and just appreciate the little things that life has to offer.

Coming from a senior who is set to graduate in May, I can tell you that I had not wished so much time away and buried my head into my handheld technology.

It pays to keep your head up.

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Pope's statements embrace changing winds

Pope Francis stirred up quite a frenzy storm during the week when he first announced Hell and Heaven were not physical locations, but instead ideas. Then he added to the controversy by saying, while the church still opposes gay marriage, maybe some instances there an be an exception.

The pope told everyone when he was first voted in that he wanted to help bring the Catholic Church into the modern era, and he certainly has.

While some aspects of the church will – and should – never change, it is a breath of fresh air to see the pope take an active role in updating the church for the modern world.

Aspects of everything need to be updated, rebooted and retooled every few millennia in order to keep things current with the changing times.

No matter how hard your try, life changes, the world changes, and sometimes the rules you set for one era need to be modified for the next.

Without a pioneer to help navigate the



Bob Galuski

new world it's difficult to maintain some sort of consistency with the times and life of other people.

Maybe other world leaders should take a look at what other aspects of the world need to be re-examined for the future. Maybe it takes one person to bring forth enough courage to decide that tradition needs to change.

Aspects of the world that light had not shed on, such as gay marriage need to be addressed in this modern time.

And the fact that the pope has now brought it to light, maybe some of the issues the church has had with it will finally dissolve.

This is not an overnight process by any

means, but the simple fact that Francis has taken the conscience effort to make the matter known signals the winds of change are coming – and they're coming fast.

Though it has taken centuries of history and tradition, the walls between what was acceptable once upon a time ago and what is acceptable now is slowly being torn down.

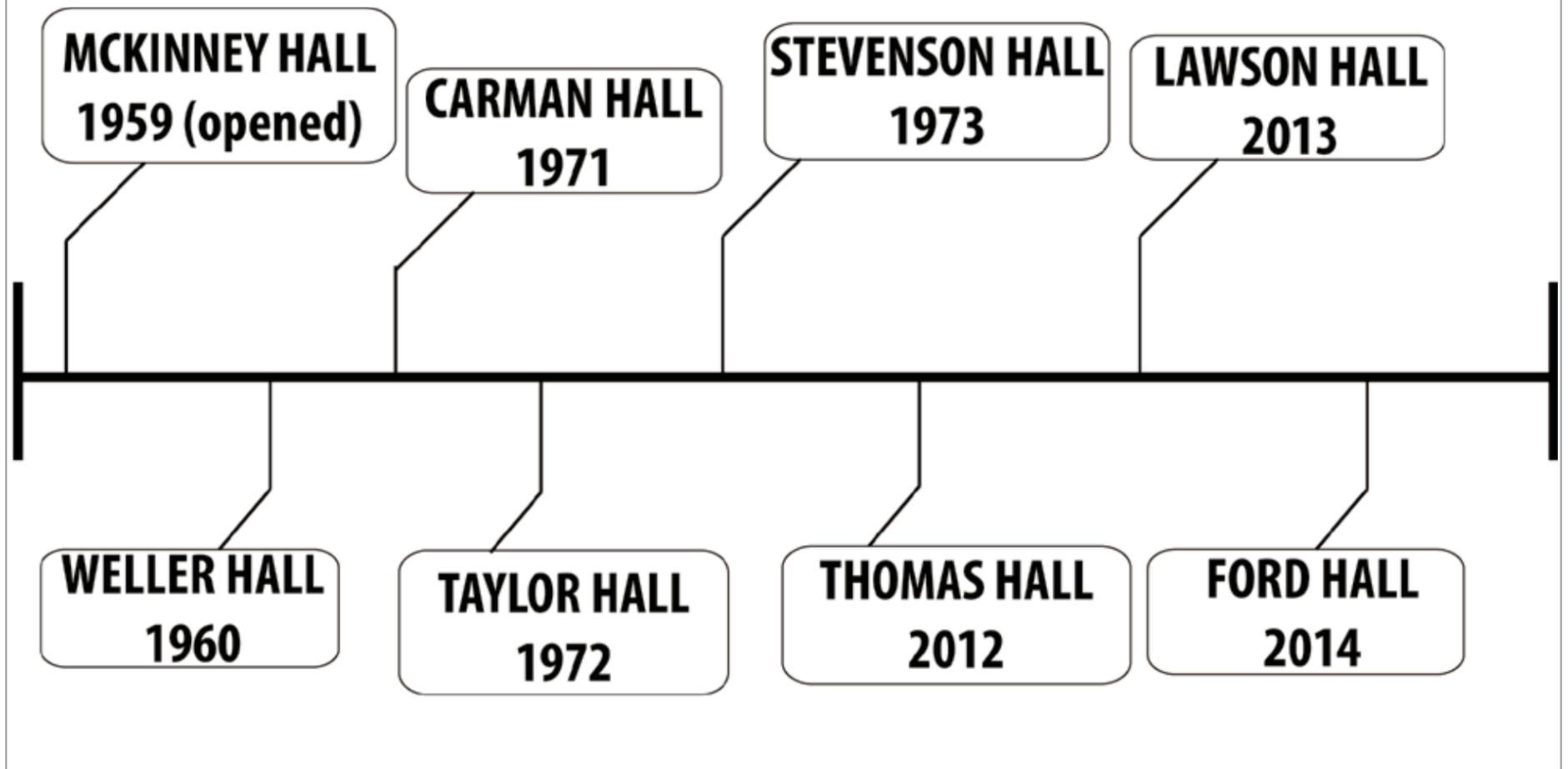
Francis has taken a closer look at how people behave now and has made the adjustments accordingly.

Sometimes it is easier to realize that the times have changed and what is needed, what is necessary, is a re-examination of the rules.

This is by no means a terrible thing. In time you might find that the reason for updating is a good one. In time you might find that it is needed. In time you might find it is a saving grace.

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Timeline of which halls have gone co-ed



GRAPHIC BY BOB GALUSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ford Hall joins six other residence halls on campus as a co-ed residence hall. Traditionally an all-male hall, starting next fall Ford Hall will style itself after McKinney Hall. The rooms will be broken up suite-style with private bathrooms adjoining rooms.

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Terry Moore, a McKinney resident assistant, disproved the misconception that there would be lines for one of six bathrooms. He said people are either asleep, in class or doing something else leaving the bathrooms open most of the time.

Brown said hearing about the renovations

prompted them to research and see if their hall would be interested. Despite a same disinterest in the idea, the hall was interested in the idea.

Brown said Ford Hall Council will have to think more openly when planning an event or program. They have only had to cater to-

ward men in the past, but they will now have to then of more multi-gender activities.

Andrews Hall also asked and received \$50 to be used for Casino Night, a philanthropy fundraiser Andrews will be hosting. It will take place at 7 p.m. April 17. All proceeds will go to the Charleston Food Pantry.

The next RHA meeting will take place at 7 p.m. March 20 in Lawson Hall.

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The bill also goes on to state that even if the federally calculated financial need for college attendance is met, the federally determined Expected Family Contribution can still be a "daunting amount."

The bill stresses the need for Illinois students to stay in Illinois. State universities in other states have adopted pricing and incentives that make college expenses for residents of this State less than in this State.

A mechanism is needed to stop the outflow of Illinois students to institutions in other states, assisting in State efforts

to maintain and educate a highly trained workforce.

"The program established under this Section will allow Eastern Illinois University to compete for highly qualified students who may reside in other states by mitigating the effect of cost differences," the bill states.

The amended bill also strikes out the termination of the program after the 2015-2016 academic year, with no new students receiving waivers. Now, only "sunset dates" for discounted support shall be based upon the first academic year in

which a student receives a discount.

The bill also changes the mandatory annual report from the Board of Trustees to the Board of Higher Education to once every two years.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Dale Righter and arrived in the House Thursday.

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Lawson Hall, Klehm Hall, Thomas Hall, Thomas Dining Services, the Tarble Arts Center and Human Services will have power out between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Coleman Hall, Lumpkin Hall, Andrews Hall, Taylor Hall and Taylor Dining Service – all buildings that will be without power from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. – will also experience a quick, temporary interruption in electrical power when Saturday's electrical outage starts and ends.

Because all of the buildings losing power Saturday are tied to Monday's buildings, when the power outage begins and ends Monday, the Saturday buildings will also temporarily lose power.

The entire Doudna Fine Arts Center, Buzzard Hall, the Life Sciences building, Facilities North and South, Central Stores, the Grounds Shop and the Burl Ives Art Studio will experience power outages from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday.

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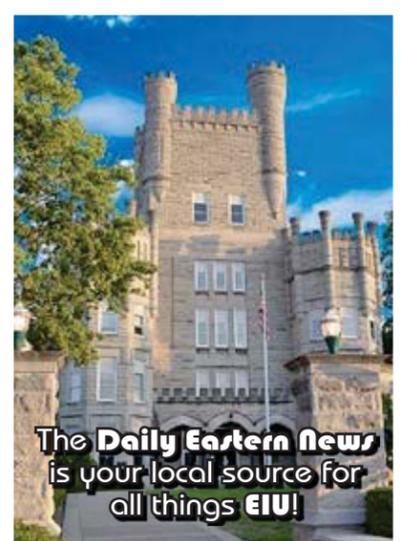
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Seniors depart following loss in OVC tourney

3 Eastern women basketball players end career

Bob Reynolds
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With 5:16 left to play in the second half of the Eastern women's basketball game against Eastern Kentucky in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the realization of a basketball career at Eastern ending hit senior Taryn Olson.

Olson lied on the ground, needing assistance from trainers, after colliding with an Eastern Kentucky player and heard the PA announcer say: "Eastern Illinois foul, Taryn Olson, her fifth."

Olson recalled, she doesn't even remember what happened on that play.

"Honestly, if someone asked me what happened on that play when I went down, I wouldn't be able to tell them," she said. "As I was laying there, I heard the announcer say that the foul was on me and I remember thinking, 'Wow, this is it.'"

Olson was helped off the court by her two teammates, Morgan Palombizio and Jordyne Crunk, who also had their Panther careers end in the loss on Wednesday.

"It only seems fitting that the same girls I walked onto the court into 'battle' with are the same girls that walked me off the court," she said.

Olson's fellow seniors Palombizio and Crunk were both taken out of the game at the 1:13 mark of the second half, when freshman Erica Brown and Kaycee Kallenberger checked into the game.

All three seniors started all 28 games the Panthers played this season.

First-year head coach Debbie Black acknowledged how well her seniors played this season with them starting every game this season and all averaging more than 20 minutes played per game.

"They had to come in and play large minutes for us," she said. "All three started — something they weren't used to. So we wouldn't be out here without the seniors."

Junior Sabina Oroszova also acknowledged how much the seniors meant for this 2013-14 Panther team.

"Even though this was the first

year for them to be playing a big role, they did a really good job of leading the team and sharing their experience with younger players," she said. "Other than good players they were even better people, and we are going to miss them a lot in our program."

After the final buzzer sounded, the Panthers made their way to the locker room, and Oroszova said there were a lot of emotions for all players, especially the seniors.

"Of course there was a disappointment from the outcome of the game," she said. "The feeling that, that was the last college game for our seniors made it even harder. Being on the floor with them for the last time was really hard."

Black ended her season with a 12-16 record and 7-9 in the conference and OVC tournament berth.

Coming from the Big Ten Conference and moving to the OVC, she didn't have any idea what to envision.

"I would like to think we can go a little further," she said. "We went through our ups and downs. I expected to go further in the future. That's who I am, where I come from and what I believe in. We hope to make strides to do that."

Crunk ended her season with averaging 13 points in her final campaign and said there emotions were running high for all of the OVC tournament games.

"There is a lot of emotions right now," she said. "We're not used to playing in a big stadium like this, but you always have to play like it's your last game, so there is a lot of emotions that I can't really put into words."

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Senior forward Taryn Olson walks off the court after being knocked down and fouled out during the Ohio Valley Conference tournament game against Eastern Kentucky Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. Olson, Jordyne Crunk and Morgan Palombizio finished their Eastern basketball careers after the loss to Eastern Kentucky.

Softball plays familiar foe in tournament

By Kaz Darzinskis
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The Eastern softball team visits South Carolina for the second straight weekend, starting Saturday, as the Panthers will play in the Coastal Carolina Chanticleer Challenge.

The Panthers will play against a familiar foe to open the tournament, as Appalachia State, which Eastern defeated in the Charleston Southern Tournament Sunday meets it again Saturday.

In the previous tournament at Charleston Southern the Panthers wound up winning the whole thing.

Eastern pitcher Hanna Mennenga

and position players Hannah Cole, Reynae Hutchinson, Bailey O'Dell, April Markowski and Brooke Owens led to a championship effort in Charleston.

The Ohio Valley Conference named Mennenga and Hutchinson as players of the week, Hutchinson as conference Player of the Week, and Mennenga for Pitcher of the Week.

Hutchinson has had a knack this season for coming up with the timely hit, as in the Charleston Southern Tournament she hit a two-run home run against Colgate to help the Panthers win 6-5. Her ability to get on base and hit for average, batting .362, while also going 5-of-6 in stolen bas-

es has helped pace Eastern offensively.

Mennenga along with seniors Stephanie Maday, and Janele Robinson have been successful at keeping the Panthers in each game they pitch. Their ability to hold runners, and strike out batters, has helped keep the Panthers competitive, as they enter the weekend with a 13-6 record.

Eastern coach Angie Nicholson said the team has been able to succeed because of the effort in workouts between series.

"The girls have been training real hard, so I feel that their bodies were prepared for it and I will say it also shows in the field," Nicholson said.

The Panthers will be heading into

the Chanticleer Challenge riding a four-game winning streak, with a 10-4 neutral site record. The Panthers have yet to play at home this season, as their first home game will not be played until March 15.

On Monday, the Panthers will remain in Conway, S.C., where they will play in a double-header against Coastal Carolina. The first game will begin at noon and the second game is scheduled to be played at 2 p.m.

Following the double-header with Coastal Carolina, the Panthers will travel to Greenville, N.C., to take on East Carolina on Tuesday. That double-header starts at 1 p.m. with the second game starting at 3 p.m.

The Panthers will then travel home to take on Southeast Missouri at Williams Field on March 15, to start OVC play against Southeast Missouri.

At the Coastal Carolina Chanticleer Challenge, Eastern will continue its play after Appalachian State at 5:30 p.m. against Furman.

The Panthers end the tournament with a double-header at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. against Bryant and Furman, respectively on Sunday at the CCU Softball Field.

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How sweet it is

Former Eastern guard has last say in OVC tourney

By Anthony Catezone
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Pilar Walker had ideas of a revenge game against her former team, and she got it.

The now Eastern Kentucky guard began her career at Eastern Illinois, making the 75-52 win in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament Wednesday for the Lady Colonels over the Panthers that much sweeter.

"This win right now feels good," Walker said. "This washes everything away all because coach (Christy) Roberts gave me a chance."

Walker transferred to Eastern Kentucky from Eastern Illinois after three years, where she suffered a knee injury, tearing her ACL during the 2011-12 season.

Before the 2012-13 season, Roberts, in her fifth season as the Lady Colonels' head coach then, paved the way for Walker to come to Eastern Kentucky.

Roberts' confidence in Walker to continue her career as a Division I athlete persuaded her to transfer to Eastern Kentucky.

Despite Walker's recent knee injury, Roberts gave her the chance.

"She could've easily said, 'with your injuries, I just can't keep you,'" Walker said. "She gave me the opportunity that knee injury or not, I am going to work hard."

It was a chance that paid off for

Roberts, as Walker tallied a game-high six assists and took just two shots in 26 minutes as a starter in No. 5 seeded Lady Colonels' win over the No. 8 seeded Panthers, their third straight season with a win in the first round of the tournament.

"If we lost this game I would've been heartbroken," Walker said. "Winning (Wednesday) is icing on the cake," Walker said.

Walker's assists were made even more possible by teammate Marie Carpenter, who had a game-high 24 points off 9-of-17 shooting.

"She looks at me like she needs a break and I just turn my head," Roberts said of Carpenter's 36 minutes of play.

But being a fellow senior, Carpenter said she made it a point to bring her best knowing the history between Walker and Eastern Illinois.

"I know how she feels and know everything she has been through," Carpenter said. "That helped us play even harder."

Carpenter may have made Walker's job a slightly less difficult, but just like at Eastern Illinois, Walker's road at Eastern Kentucky was not always clear either.

Being a six-year senior, Walker underwent a summer of uncertainty when she awaited the NCAA's decision on whether or not she would

return for one more season.

Roberts lobbied for her guard to return for a sixth year still with the uncertainty hanging in the background.

But Roberts received the confirmation from the NCAA, and then Roberts immediately relayed the information to her guard.

"I sounded so depressed at first and then she said, 'it's OK, you got your sixth year,'" Walker said.

Now, with it all coming full circle, Walker and the Lady Colonels followed their rout of the Panthers with an upset win 79-75 against No. 4 seed Tennessee State in the quarterfinals of the OVC tournament Thursday.

This time, Walker scored seven points and again had a game-high six assists with four rebounds.

Leading 77-75, Walker also recorded the final rebound of the game off a missed jumper by Tennessee State's Brianna Lawrence with 22 seconds remaining, a rebound that led to two free throws by Carpenter to solidify the win.

No. 5 Eastern Kentucky advanced to play No. 1 Tennessee-Martin at noon Friday in the semifinal round of OVC tournament in Nashville, Tenn., at the Municipal Auditorium.

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Eastern Kentucky red-shirt senior forward Pilar Walker transferred from Eastern Illinois to Eastern Kentucky two years ago. Walker had a six-assist performance as the Lady Colonels beat the Panthers in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Home series moved to Edwardsville

Panthers begin OVC play

By Aldo Soto
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Belmont joined the Ohio Valley Conference in 2012, after leaving the Atlantic Sun Conference the year prior.

For the OVC baseball teams, Belmont's arrival meant that two additional weeks would need to be added to the schedule, which included a bye-week.

The problem for Eastern coach Jim Schmitz was that the Panthers' season has been moved up one week, as has every other team's in the conference, but they have had to start at home in less than desirable weather.

After Eastern's trip to Starkville, Miss., that ended Sunday, the team bus had to stop in Memphis because of atrocious driving conditions that included low visibility and sleet.

"We were driving about 30 mph for four hours," Schmitz said.

Tuesday's game at Indiana State was then canceled Monday morning, as the Panthers did not arrive in Charleston until after 5 p.m.

Adding to the cancellation was the move of Eastern's OVC season-opener from Coaches Stadium to

Edwardsville, starting Friday.

The latest snowfall that hit Charleston on Sunday effected the change to the schedule that means the Panthers have lost a home conference series.

"Two years I ago my proposal was to only play nine of the teams because we can't play this early, but had other voters that have Astro-Turf that didn't think it would be a problem," Schmitz said. "I pushed the button two summers ago, emailing and calling about this issue, but I was the lone wolf, man."

So, now the Panthers have to move on and prepare for Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, looking past their inconvenience of having to lose three OVC games.

Schmitz has made some changes during the past few weeks, because of necessity and injury.

First, junior third baseman was ruled out 4-6 weeks with a hand injury after a pitch hit him on his hand on Feb. 21, against Arkansas.

Since the injury, senior Tyler Schweigert has taken over at third base.

"Tyler has played third base out of this world," Schmitz said. "I'm really proud on how he has played. Defensively, wow."

The senior, who spent last season playing primarily playing shortstop, has only made one error in 10 games this season.

Schmitz has also moved fresh-

man Frankie Perrone to center field, which has sent former center fielder Caleb Howell over to left field.

Howell's move over to left field then sent red-shirt sophomore Demetre Taylor off the field and into the designated hitter position.

The chain reaction continued as the Montana Timmons was moved from the designated position to right field, where Perrone played most of his game before the Diamond Classic Friday.

The final move Schmitz made during the weekend was taking freshman Marshawn Taylor out of the starting lineup and putting in Dane Sauer in at shortstop.

Schmitz said he decided to replace Marshawn Taylor because of not being able to do the fundamental things.

"It was the inability to put down a bunt and he's hitting ninth and he's been struggling, but we've met with him and told him to play defense and do the little things like bunting," he said. "If players keep failing then as a coach you owe it to your team to put better players in that can get the job done."

The lineup changes will make its conference debut starting Friday, but no times have been scheduled.

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2014 STATISTICS

SEASON	IP	W-L	GS	HITS	RUNS	ER	SO	WALKS	ERA
2014	12	0-1	3	14	15	13	9	7	9.75



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SEASON	IP	W-L	GS	HITS	RUNS	ER	SO	WALKS	ERA
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