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UNIVERSITY | BANQUET

Ray stars in one-man play

Carl Ray talks about power of forgiveness in inner struggle

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

The inner struggle Carl Ray has had for the past 40 years was the feature in his one-man play, "A Killing in Choctaw."

In 1962, when he was a young boy, Ray replied "yes" and "no" instead of "yes, sir" and "no, sir" to a man named Bill. Ray was then knocked down and beaten.

Later that night, Bill came to Ray's house and shot his father while looking Ray straight in the eyes.

The man shot Ray's father eight times in the chest. Ray said the shots seemed to happen in slow motion.

Ray's play was the featured entertainment for the African-American Heritage Month banquet Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ray said he always blamed himself for the death of his father until he talked with a minister. He said he was then able to forgive himself in 2002.

"It was like I was lost in the wilderness for 40 years," Ray said.

Ray has been in and out of therapy, but was not on the path to being fully healed until he talked with the minister about being forgiven by God.

At the time of the incident, Ray's mother was strong and did not cry, but Ray still hated himself after.

After Ray would also get violent with people, which he could not control at times.

"I was running from Bill," he said. "I was doing to other people what he had done to me."

Ray said his family never talked about what happened.

The first time Ray's family actually saw how he felt and how he thought his father's death was his fault was when he first performed his play.

Ray said he started doing his show because he wanted the story to be told and not for the money. He has appeared on PBS and BET to tell his story as a motivational/inspirational speaker.

"I have been doing this play since 1999," Ray said. "A gentleman at a museum heard me speaking and gave me the idea. He financed the play. I never would have thought of this idea on my own."

Ray said performing his play has not only gotten the message across, but has been therapeutic. He said now he can connect more with the audience while performing.

Ray also said people sometimes come up to him after a show to tell their own stories.

"The stories I get are things people would not normally talk about," Ray said.

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CAMPUS | FEATURE PHOTO



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Students lift up their feet to avoid getting splashed as they ride through a puddle on a tandem bicycle Saturday. Temperatures reached a high in the 50s, melting the 7.5 inches of snow.

CAMPUS | RESIDENT HALLS

Open windows could result in up to \$50 fine

Resident assistants, building staff could issue fines

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Some students in residence halls have received warnings from resident assistants and building staff if they were caught with their windows open in their rooms.

If students continue to break the rule, it could result in a \$50 fine.

In late January, open room windows in Carman Hall caused hot water pipes to freeze and break.

Not only was there building damage, but some residents had personal items such as clothes, textbooks and electronics ruined because of the sprinkler system activating.

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, said the university struggles to keep residents windows closed.

"We were telling people to keep their windows closed," he said. "Like, can't you see what happens?"

When a student leaves their window open, a slight breeze can interrupt the thermostat causing it to work harder and generate more heat.

Hudson said the opening of a window may bring upon initial relief but can end up causing a

"We shoot for 70 but you can't pinpoint every room being the same. If students would like to be warmer or cooler, then they need to adjust what they are wearing."

— Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services

lot of damage.

"Students need to call if they have problems," he said. "If they are receiving temperatures outside the comfort zone then they need to report it."

Hudson said temperatures in the residence halls usually range between 66 and 74 degrees, and if a student does report a problem, it has to be outside of that norm.

"We shoot for 70 but you can't pinpoint every room being the same," he said. "If students would like to be warmer or cooler, then they need to adjust what they are wearing."

Not only does an open window cause freezing pipes, but it can also cause an energy issue, Hudson said.

"It's all about using more energy," he said. "It's a conservation effort also."

Hudson said the same goes for a hot day when it comes to open windows.

"For hot summer days, if the air conditioner is on, having the window open can bring in warmer air and the system has to work harder," he said.

Hudson said there are some days where students can open their windows.

"There are certainly times between heating and cooling days when someone can open and get some air," he said. "We are not saying you can never open your window."

Marni Hussey, an RA in Carman Hall, said she thinks the \$50 fine is a strong rule that needs to be enforced.

"It's strong because we don't want people to lose a thousand dollars worth of stuff," said the sophomore psychology major.

Hussey said some of her resident's rooms were drenched because of the breakage in the pipes.

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CITY | FEATURE

Singing valentines for a cause

Coles County Barbershop Chorus has serenaded for almost 40 years

By MELISSA STURTEVANT
Staff Reporter

There is no better way to celebrate Valentine's Day and say "I love you" than by giving a singing valentine; one that doesn't come in an envelope.

The Coles County Barbershop Chorus has been serenading and crooning the community for almost 40 years and for the past four years, the chorus has been delivering singing valentines raising money for local charities.

Founded in 1970, the 35-member chapter often holds benefit concerts and the money received from those goes to community organizations.




Organizations they have donated to include a local food pantry and homeless shelter programs.

Proceeds from the singing valentines, however, usually go to local high school music departments.

Tom Woodall, founder of the group, said the budgets for the schools' music departments are diminishing, which is why the money earned from the valentines goes toward them.

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EIU WEATHER

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WEATHER BRIEF
Warm conditions remain for the start of the work week. Expect a chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms today. A better chance of thunderstorms are likely Tuesday evening through Wednesday.

CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Fun with Zooperstars



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Ryan Bottorff gets silly strung by Mia Hammster, a Zooperstars character. Zooperstars characters came to Lantz Arena Saturday during the men and women's basketball games.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Hudson wins first Grammy; Brown investigated

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A tearful Jennifer Hudson won her first Grammy, thanking her family "in heaven and those who are with me today" to kick off an evening already stoked with drama when police said they were investigating double nominee Chris Brown for an alleged assault on an unidentified woman.

Brown and longtime girlfriend Rihanna, each nominated and slated to perform, separately dropped out of the Grammys at the last minute and their whereabouts were not immediately known Sunday night.

The victim of Brown's alleged assault wasn't identified, and it wasn't immediately clear whether Rihanna's absence was related to Brown's.

Hudson, 27, made no direct reference to the killings of her mother, brother and nephew that kept her in seclusion until just this month.

But while fighting back tears, she made it clear that her family was foremost on her mind.

"I first would like to thank God who has brought me through," said

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— Jennifer Hudson, Grammy winner

Hudson, also an Oscar winner, as she accepted her award from Whitney Houston.

Hudson later performed "You Pulled Me Through," a dramatic song about overcoming deep despair, with the lyrics: "When I was drowning, when I was so confused, you, you pulled me through."

As she sang the last note, she looked directly into the camera and dissolved into tears once again.

While Hudson's emotion was front and center, drama unfolded behind the scenes when police said just 90 minutes before the show began that they were investigating the 19-year-old Brown.

His performance was subsequently

removed from the show, though it was unclear if he bowed out or was dropped.

Then, minutes before U2 opened the telecast by zipping through its new single, the Recording Academy said Rihanna had scratched her performance as well. The couple could be seen sitting together at a Grammy pre-party the night before.

According to the police report, Brown and a woman were in a vehicle in the ritzy neighborhood of Hancock Park when they began to argue around 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Brown stopped the car and both got out, whereupon the argument escalated, the report said.

The woman, who had visible injuries when police arrived, identified Brown as her attacker, but he had left the scene, the report said.

The absences of both performers put a huge hole in the Grammy telecast, but the Recording Academy found able replacements in Justin Timberlake, Al Green, Boyz II Men and Keith Urban as they all sang Green's classic hit, "Let's Stay Together."

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LOCAL | STORE OPENING

Sugar Mountain offers local produce

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

Bob Winkler has a passion for fresh produce. Winkler recently opened Sugar Mountain Farms, a shop that sells locally grown, natural produce, along with locally made crafts at 1000 18th St. in Charleston.

Last summer, Winkler opened a vegetable stand at the site of his current location, selling vegetables from his own garden and from Amish farmers. In late October, Winkler moved his stand indoors and opened Sugar Mountain Farms, where he sells fruits, vegetables, flowers, crafts and candles.

After the recent salmonella outbreaks, Winkler said consumers want to know their food is safe.

"Mostly, they want something that is a good quality," he said. "They want somebody to be accountable when (their food) isn't good."

Winkler buys much of his produce from Amish farmers, local grow-



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

ers and home-gardeners. The fruits and vegetables that cannot be grown in Illinois or are out of season, Winkler buys from a local distributor.

Soon he will switch to a distributor based in Indiana, which offers certified organic foods as well as all-natural foods.

Certified organic produce must be grown without using herbicides or pesticides containing petroleum-based chemicals, while all natural produce can be grown with minimal amounts of these chemicals, Winkler said.

Winkler said he will carry both certified organic and all-natural pro-

duce, selling whichever costs less.

"No one is going to buy a \$4 head of lettuce," Winkler said. "I'll sell both within reason."

He said few Eastern students shop at Sugar Mountain Farms, a trend he wants to change.

"I miss a lot of the market with being in a college town and not having a lot of college kids," Winkler said.

Winkler said he would eventually like to sell crafts from college students in his shop. Winkler also said he is selling and delivering roses and chocolate-covered strawberries this week for Valentine's Day.

"I'm open for anything," Winkler said. "The more (produce) I sell, the more I can bring in."

Sugar Mountain Farms' current hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Educational events celebrate Darwin

Eastern is sponsoring educational programs to commemorate Darwin's contributions.

Timothy Berra, professor in the department of evolution, ecology and organismal biology at Ohio State University, will present "Chasing Nurseryfish and Avoiding Crocodiles in Northern Australia" at noon today in Buzard Auditorium, room 1501.

John Wagner of The Field Museum will be the guest speaker at "A Chat with Charles Darwin" at 5 p.m. today in the Life Sciences Building, room 2080.

Both events are free and open to the public.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

Roosevelt Dardon, 21, of Dolton, was charged with driving with a suspended license, obstructing justice, resisting arrest and suspended registration, the University Police Department said.

An attempted bribery was reported on Jan. 30, police said.

Bridget Prendergast, 19, of Orland Park, was arrested at 4:20 p.m. Feb. 2 on an in-state warrant for a disorderly conduct charge, police said.

CORRECTION

The movie "Wall-E" is nominated for an Academy Award, which was incorrectly reported in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The DEN regrets the error.

CAMPUS | FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE

'Portion Size Me' studies effects of fast food

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

"Portion Size Me," a video on the effects of correct portions of fast food, has sold approximately 50,000 copies.

James Painter, chair of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, made the video and provides commentary throughout.

"Portion Size Me" looks at a study by Painter that had two students eat only fast food for 30 days, but in portions subsequent to their weight.

On Dec. 31, 2008 Painter appeared on The Early Show on CBS in New York in a segment called "Shedding Pounds with Portion Control."

Previous videos appeared on WEIU and WCIA in Champaign, but Painter said this coverage was the most widespread. Aaron Grobengieser, one of the two participants in the video, said he and Ellen Homann, the other participant, had to be careful about how many calories they consumed daily. However, Grobengieser said he and Homann lost some weight in

the process.

"As far as the proof of the project, it was certainly consistent with the nutrition guidelines," he said.

Grobengieser said the main message of the video was to show that eating healthy fast food is possible.

Homann said she enjoyed being part of the video.

"The study showed that we both lost weight and improved our cholesterol levels," Homann said.

Homann and Grobengieser have both graduated and are now registered dietitians.

Karla Kennedy-Hagan, assistant chair of the School of Family and Consumer Science, was the dietician who followed the students around and assessed their progress.

"What we did was start each student on a nutritional assessment and set diet pattern specifically for each one," Kennedy-Hagan said. "The message is clear—people don't think portions through."

Copies of "Portion Size Me" are available to rent in the library.

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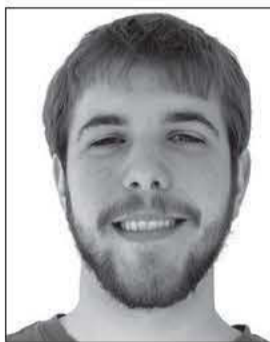
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Beer and travel are acquired tastes

Beer and student exchange are very similar. I believe an argument can be made that the two share much in common, that characteristics thought unique by one are actually reflected in the other.

Start (for those of you who are 21) by thinking about what distinguishes different kinds of beer. There are hundreds of different kinds, but as anyone who's ever taken that first sip knows that first taste, generally, isn't very good. It's strange and it's new and it's not until you give the tastes a chance to stand out that you can truly appreciate a good beer. This is similar to studying abroad. Students who take a summer or a semester to travel to another country are faced with weird new aspects of the culture they're being introduced to, and the transition isn't always cozy. A country that embraces haggis and kilts is likely to be off-putting to someone experiencing those things for the first time, at least until you get a chance to get a feel for the entire culture.

This metaphor can be applied to another, less prevalent kind of student exchange: domestic. Eastern and dozens of other colleges across the country take part in the National Student Exchange, which allows students to spend up to a year at another school just as if they were studying abroad. As someone who took part in this program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in Fall 2007, I can tell you that the culture shock that comes with going from Illinois to New England is pretty significant, even if it's not quite as profound as a semester jaunt to Holland.

It's kind of like comparing a Bud Light with a Heineken: To the dilettante they taste pretty much the same, but to the experienced beer drinker the difference is considerable.

It's on similar grounds that I would argue for the relevance for programs like National Student Exchange. To someone with strong American sensibilities – like the typical college student – another university in the United States would give them a chance to experience the difference in culture championed by exchange advocates as so important while not being overwhelmed by such differences as the abovementioned haggis. Put simply, it's easier to appreciate nuance if you have context.

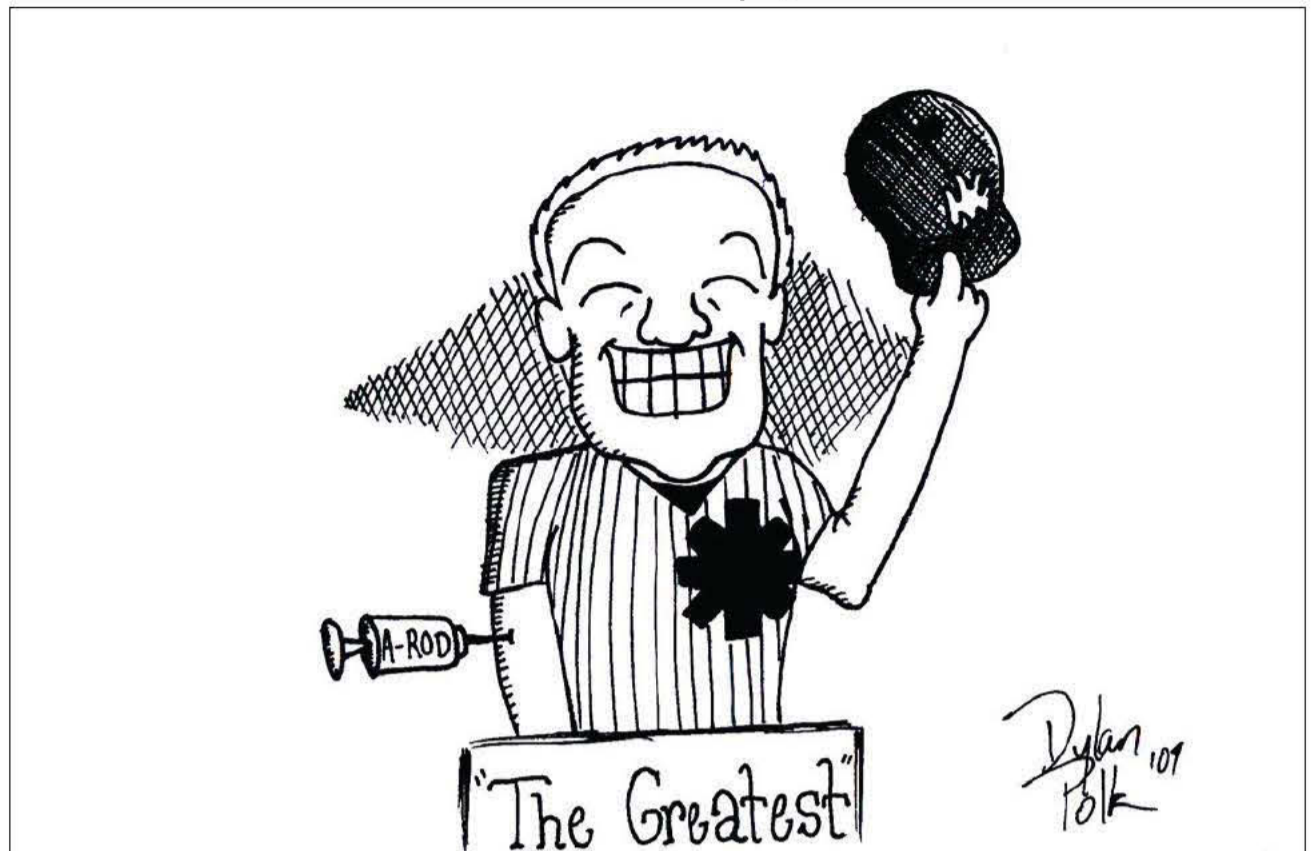
Of course, this is not to disparage traveling abroad. However, I think that many of the benefits of such an experience have to be lost on an American whose mind is still very much centered in the Midwest. There are very few common points of reference, and while the idea of total cultural immersion might be thrilling to some, total appreciation of a culture is most likely lost on thousands of Americans who might think the coolest thing about living in England is the use of the word "bubbler" or the tiny cars that drive on the opposite side of the road.

I personally would love to travel abroad, but at the same time I can't help but think there are just so many things I've yet to experience in the United States that will help me expand my admittedly limited worldview.

Like Yuengling.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Questionable appointments won't slow Obama down

Nearly a month after taking office, President Barack Obama's administration has already come under fire by the media. The president's policies and officials' past records have come into play regarding the appointment and nomination of two potential cabinet members, calling Obama's ethics and government practices into question.

Several nominees have either come under investigation or have withdrawn because of past tax problems, including:

- Former Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who was nominated for Head of Health and Human Services, but withdrew after it was revealed he had failed to report thousands of dollars in charitable donations, car services and consulting incomes.
- Nancy Killefer – who served in President Bill Clinton's administration as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer – who was nominated by Obama for the newly-created Chief Performance Officer. Like Daschle, it was revealed she had failed to pay numerous taxes dating back to 2005 and subsequently withdrew her name from the nomination.
- Timothy Geithner, the newly-appointed Treasury Secretary, who allegedly did not pay \$35,000 in self-employment taxes for several years. Geithner was confirmed as Treasury Secretary and has not withdrawn from the position.
- Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif., who has been nominated by Obama for Secretary of Labor, but her confirmation is pending after it was reported that her husband, auto shop owner Sam H. Sayyad, paid only \$6,400 in outstanding state taxes dating back to 1993.

Critics of the Obama administration have pointed to these nominations as an example of the president's business ethics and have subsequently called his morals into question, echoing the recent investigation and impeachment of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

"The president's willingness to own up to his mistakes is a far cry from the Bush administration's attempts to twist and pervert media scrutiny to fit its agenda."

After eight years of watching the executive branch duck and dodge media scrutiny, the general public would expect more of the same.

But in an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper, the president admitted his mistakes and assured the country that it would not happen again.

"I think I screwed up," Obama told Cooper last Tuesday. "And I take responsibility for it and we're going to make sure we fix it so it doesn't happen again."

The president's willingness to own up to his mistakes is a far cry from the Bush administration's attempts to twist and pervert media scrutiny to fit its agenda.

It shows the administration is willing to answer honestly to the people for questionable government practices.

It shows the president doesn't just hear the media's criticism, but he listens and works to solve problems within his reach.

It shows after eight years of corruption and greed, change has finally come to Washington.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRAMMYS SHOULDN'T BE ONLY BASIS FOR SUPPORT

In response to the staff editorial ran on Feb. 5 stating why Lupe Fiasco is a good choice, I have to admit, I'm appalled. Not at the fact that they're saying Lupe Fiasco is a good choice, but at the fact that their reasoning is based on his Grammy Awards.

Now don't get me wrong, Fiasco probably is a good choice, not necessarily my first choice, but a good one nonetheless.

The fact that *The DEN* puts all this behind Grammy-winning Fiasco, who won't be here for eight weeks and makes no mention of Grammy-winning Libby Larsen, who is here for a concert being put on Tuesday by various EIU ensembles to this day.

Or how about Grammy-winning Bob Mintzer, who will be here on Saturday to play at the EIU Jazz Festival?

Or how about the Grammy-winning combo he's in, the Yellowjackets, who will be performing later that night in Dvorak?

When you look at the sheer magnitude of these musicians' careers and compare them to Fiasco's, pardon the pun, but it's a fiasco that *The DEN* hasn't even made mention of them, and without this little blurb, probably wouldn't until Feb. 11 where it's page 3 news about the concert, or Feb. 16 about the Jazz Fest.

It's really about bloody time that *The DEN* stop waiting until after major events occur to write about them.

Adam Chesni
Senior pre-business management major

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» **Banquet**

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"The stories I get are things people would not normally talk about," Ray said.

Ray said he wants people to get the power of forgiveness from the play and that forgiveness is freedom.

"I thought the main theme was forgiveness for yourself and everyone," said Taisha Mikell, worker for the Student Success Center.

Karen Armour, a graduate assistant in the Gateway office, liked the self-healing aspect of the play.

Mona Davenport, director of minority affairs, said to hear someone express what he has gone through personally was nice.

"People can learn from him," she said.

James Harden, an education professor, had asked Ray to come and tell his story at Eastern.

Harden and his wife were at a soul food restaurant in Indianapolis when Ray came up to them.

"(Harden's) son was looking at me, and we were playing peek-a-boo," Ray said.

Ray then told them his story.

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KAITLIN SULLIVAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students attend the African American Heritage Month banquet Friday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. In addition to dinner, Carl Ray performed a one-man play titled "A Killing in Chocktaw," in which he describes how the murder of his father impacted his life.

» **Windows**

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"The rooms were drenched and laptops, stereos and closet full of clothes worth thousands of dollars were destroyed and the university is not liable if they are not insured," she said.

Students are responsible for all personal items damaged because of the pipes breaking.

Jarvis Hudson, an RA in Car-

"We are so adamant about keeping these windows closed."

— **Jarvis Hudson, RA in Carman Hall**

man Hall, said the RAs constantly warn the students about keeping their windows closed.

"We are so adamant about keeping these windows closed," he said.

Jarvis Hudson said he is in favor of the \$50 consequence if a window is found open.

"People shouldn't have to suffer and lose their things because of others," he said. "This causes extra stress on the team, (resident assistants) and the (building service workers) who have to prevent these damages from occurring."

Gino DiGiulio, a freshman English major, said even though his room received minor damages, he does not think the \$50 fine is fair.

"I understand where they are

coming from, but we shouldn't really have to pay for the school's bad piping system," he said. "I can see maybe something else happening, but not this."

Mark Hudson said he does not want to charge students for having their windows open.

"I prefer not to charge anyone," he said. "This is just our objective to keep the windows closed and some seem to understand that."

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» **Valentine**

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"If we can give them a couple hundred dollars and help them buy music or costumes, that's what the valentines are for," Woodall said.

Starting early Friday, four quartets will deliver the valentines throughout the community.

"We go wherever the person who made the request tells us," Woodall said. "If a wife requests one for her husband for four men to sing 'I Love You Truly' to the clerk at the front desk, that's when it gets interesting."

James Tidwell, chair of the journalism department, has been a member of the chorus since 1989.

Although he is not participating in the singing valentine project, he thoroughly enjoys being a member.

He said that although the name of the chorus is the Coles County Barbershop Chorus, not every member is from Coles County.

"We have members from Effingham, Arcola and Tuscola," Tidwell said. "There is one member who drives 40 to 50 miles to be with us."

On average, 30 to 40 singing valentines are ordered every year at \$40 each. The recipient receives two love songs, a box of candy and a card, which includes a photograph of the event.

Valentines will be delivered between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. this Friday and Saturday. For information on scheduling a valentine, contact Les Heath at 348-8677.

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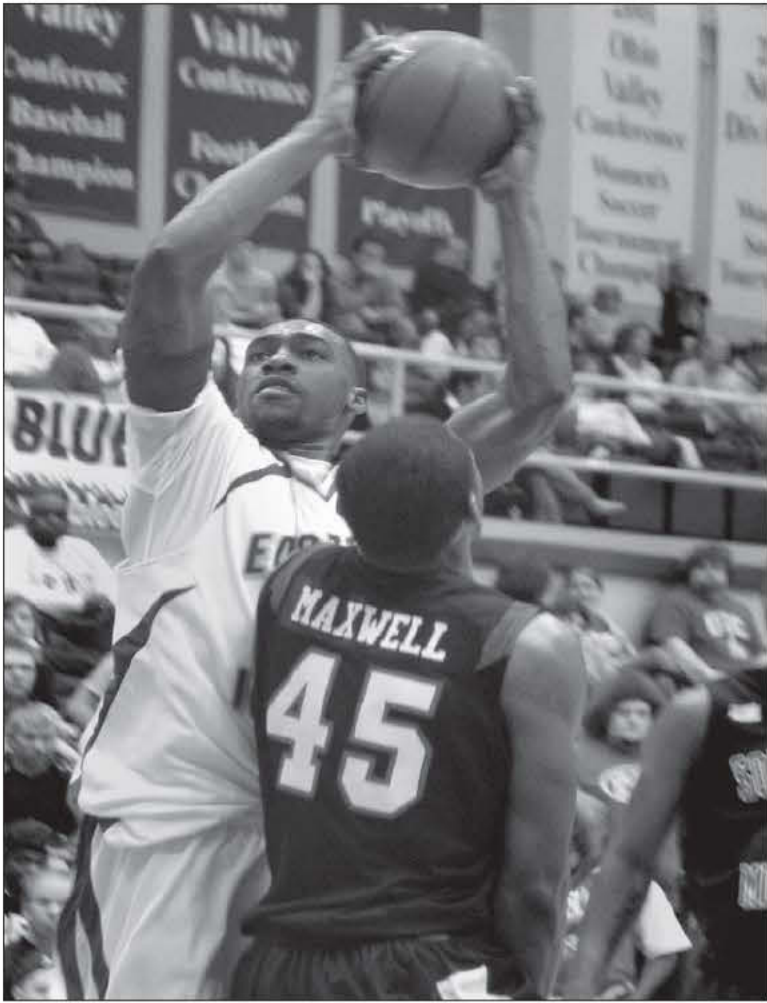
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Eastern junior guard T.J. Marion leaps toward the basket during Saturday's men's basketball game against Southeast Missouri in Lantz Arena. The Panthers won 70-62. Marion scored nine points for the Panthers.

» Hassles

FROM PAGE 8

"When we were (2-of-11) from (beyond the arc) — that is not our identity," Miller said. "We were fortunate that first half to get back to even."

Laser led the Panthers with 22 points, while junior guard Romain Martin added 10 points and Marion

chipped in nine points.

SEMO senior guard Kenard Moore led all scorers with 24 points.

Herring and forward Jajuan Maxwell added 15 points each for the Redhawks.

Eastern's next game will be against fifth-place Murray State at 7 p.m. today in Lantz Arena.

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» Murphy

FROM PAGE 8

"He's a great role model," Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke said.

Here's what Romo did talk about: Plans with the football coaches about what he has faced in the NFL and how the Eastern football team can use different plans for this upcoming season.

"I was bursting at the seams to keep it secret," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "It's nice when he comes back."

Romo created quite a stir on Friday afternoon that had the football offices at O'Brien Stadium filled.

"It's really nice for our kids to see what they could become if they got lucky and worked hard," Bellantoni said. "It's nice to have him back on campus. Never mind the fact that we grill him. We learn a little football. It's good to see an old friend. I hope it's not too much of a bother

for him, and he'll come back in the future."

Someone let the word loose that Romo was here.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo's wife, Susan, was told that she had to leave the middle school to see if Romo was here and get some autographs.

Spoo said Romo was able to give some invaluable insight to the coaches.

"It was obviously beneficial," Spoo said. "There's no question about that. Anytime we can pick the brain of an NFL quarterback, he's going to give something that's going to possibly help you."

The Panthers will need that after finishing the 2008 season with a record of 5-7. Prior to last season, the team made three consecutive NCAA Football College Sub-division playoff appearances from 2005-07.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Both tennis teams fall

The Eastern women's tennis team lost 5-2 against Northern Illinois on Saturday at Rockford's Clocktower Resort.

Eastern junior Hayley Homburg picked up a win at No. 3 singles for the Panthers (1-3).

Sophomore Cara Huck picked up a win at No. 2 singles. The Panthers lost two singles matches in three sets.

The Eastern men's tennis team lost 6-1 to Saint Louis on Friday in Champaign.

The Panthers (1-2) picked up only

one win, and that was senior Vuk Milicevic winning at No. 3 singles. Eastern also lost two singles matches in three sets to the Billikens (3-1).

The men's team is back in action Saturday when they face Dayton and Robert Morris in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The women's team will face Robert Morris and Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne Sunday, also in Fort Wayne, Ind.

— Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or kjmurphy@eiu.edu

» Time

FROM PAGE 8

"Our game plan was to not let them get middle penetration," said Sims, who had 11 points and a game-high six assists. "We had to be able to stay on our feet and realize they're not going to give the ball up because they like to shoot the ball 10-12 times a game."

The Panthers tied a program-record with 11 blocked shots in the

game.

No player recorded more than two blocks on their own but seven players registered at least one block in the game.

The record dates back to 1990 when the Panthers also had 11 blocks in a game against Western Illinois.

5-foot-7 freshman guard Pilar Walker, the shortest player on the Panthers' roster, contributed with two of the team's blocks.

Eastern concluded its four-game

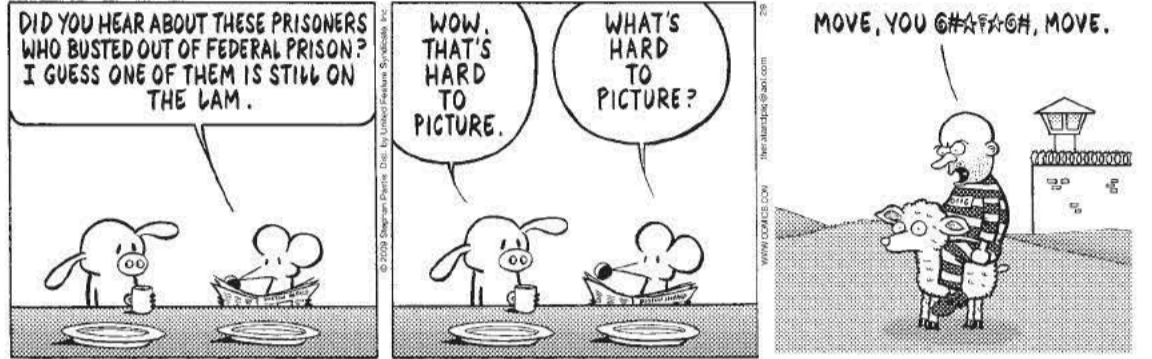
home stand with a 4-0 record, and have won five straight overall.

They hit the road this week to take on Morehead State at 4:15 p.m. Thursday in Morehead, Ky., before traveling to Richmond, to play Eastern Kentucky at 3 p.m. Saturday.

They remain one game behind Murray State in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

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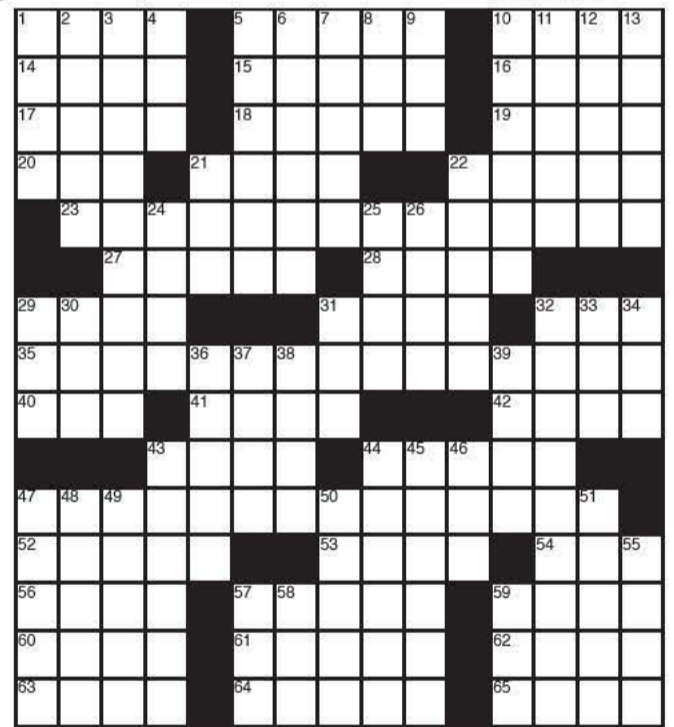


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- ACROSS
- 1 Flexible, electrically
- 5 Desert plants
- 10 For fear that
- 14 Prisoner's knife
- 15 Be ___ in the neck
- 16 "Even ___ speak ___"
- 17 Cab
- 18 Window features
- 19 One at the computer
- 20 Agent Gold of HBO's "Entourage"
- 21 Japanese sleuth Mr. ___
- 22 Primp
- 23 2000 De Niro/Stiller comedy
- 27 "Mighty" man who struck out
- 28 Not written, as a test
- 29 Makes mistakes
- 31 Pleased
- 32 "___ Pinafore"
- 35 Basic, as issues
- 40 Toddler
- 41 Land west of Vietnam
- 42 Chooses
- 43 West Germany's capital
- 44 Alternative to singles, in figure skating
- 47 What judges do in court
- 52 First name in W.W. II infamy
- 53 Commedia dell'___
- 54 Gold, in Guadalajara
- 56 Color lightly
- 57 So yesterday
- 59 Editing mark
- 60 Suffix with kitchen
- 61 Parisian love
- 62 No. on a bank statement
- 63 Like show horses' feet
- 64 Bedsheets, e.g.
- 65 "___ be in England"
- DOWN
- 1 "The Thin Man" dog
- 2 The third time's said to be one
- 3 Strom Thurmond follower of 1948
- 4 106, to Trajan
- 5 Truman who wrote "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- 6 Lack of interest
- 7 Something to paddle
- 8 Even score
- 9 Ones who are elected
- 10 Winner's wreath



PUZZLE BY ANDREA CARLA MICHAELS

- 11 German steel city
- 12 Bonbon, e.g.
- 13 Shorebirds
- 21 The Appalachians, e.g.: Abbr.
- 22 "The Devil Wears ___"
- 24 Sunrise direction
- 25 Explorer Marco
- 26 "I smell ___"
- 29 Ambulance worker, for short
- 30 ___ Speed Wagon (old vehicle)
- 31 Auto gizmo that talks, in brief
- 32 Sidewalk game with chalk
- 33 Big Apple museum, with "the"
- 34 Sizzling sound
- 36 Standoffish
- 37 Half of Mork's goodbye
- 38 Advice regarding touching a hot stove
- 39 Actress Spelling
- 43 Sang loudly, with "out"
- 44 Chase
- 45 To the rear, on a ship
- 46 Suffix with Israel or Manhattan
- 47 Spouses
- 48 Singer Piaf
- 49 The Lone Ranger's faithful friend
- 50 Bourne of "The Bourne Identity"
- 51 Build
- 55 Sgt. Snorkel's four-legged friend
- 57 Friend
- 58 French friend
- 59 ___ Paulo, Brazil

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 73, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 53



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior guard Megan Edwards makes a pass during Saturday's 73-53 victory against Southeast Missouri in Lantz Arena.

Not this time

Team avenges Jan. 10 loss in Cape Girardeau

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team had been there before.

With a sizeable halftime lead against Southeast Missouri, Saturday's 73-53 victory against the Redhawks in Lantz Arena resembled the team's earlier loss in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

But this time it was the hot shooting of senior guard Megan Edwards and a stifling defense that held Southeast Missouri's top two scorers to a combined 5-of-22 shooting as the Panthers turned a six-point halftime lead into a 20-point route.

"When we went down there and played them we didn't play the way we wanted to play," said senior forward Rachel Galligan, who finished with a game-high 18 points. "We kind of felt like we let the game slip away with turnovers, and we just weren't playing EIU basketball so we were looking forward to this game and playing at home and having them play here and we just played the way we wanted to."

On Jan. 10, the Panthers blew a nine-point halftime lead in Cape Girardeau, losing one of their two Ohio Valley Conference losses of the

season.

Edwards led the way in the second half for the Panthers (17-7, 10-2 OVC), connecting on two of her five 3-pointers for the game.

Edwards finished a perfect 6-of-6 from the field - 5-for-5 from 3-point range - in scoring 17 points against the Redhawks (12-11, 7-5).

"When I play I'm not really looking to shoot, I'm looking to pass first," said Edwards, who moved into a fifth place tie in career 3-point field goals with 112. "I just happened to get a couple going and it's not like I was trying to shoot the ball 20 times, we were just running our offense and it just seemed to be me who kept getting open and luckily they went in."

The Panthers remain behind Murray State (15-6, 10-1) and won their 19th straight game at Lantz Arena.

Edwards, senior guard Ellen Canale and red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims combined to shut down the Redhawks' high-scoring duo of senior guards Tarina Nixon and Sonya Daugherty.

Sims said they were expecting Nixon and Daugherty to shoot the ball a lot and had to play aggressively to be able to shut them down. Nixon finished with six points while Daugherty was held to seven for the game.

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Guard Thomas likely to be done for season

Ashley Thomas will not play again this season.

The junior guard who missed the last two games with an injured back learned Saturday that she will have to wear a plastic back brace for 6-8 weeks, essentially ending her season.

Thomas said the injury she sustained to her back more than a year ago had not healed correct-



Ashley Thomas

ly, causing her pain as she sat out the Panther victories against Illinois-Chicago Wednesday and Southeast Missouri Saturday.

She got an MRI Thursday to see the extent of the injury and

found out Saturday that she will have to wear the brace.

"It's really hard because this is the year we've all been talking about for a while," Thomas said. "It's our last season with the seniors, and we've been together for three years, so it's really hard. But I'm glad we're doing well."

Thomas has not completely ruled out returning this sea-

son. She said she is going to get re-evaluated after 3-4 weeks, but knows a return is not likely because 6-8 weeks from now would put the season into the second round of the NCAA Tournament, meaning Eastern would not only have to make the tournament, but also win a game against a likely-higher seeded team in the first round.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 73, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 53

Last place team hassles Panthers

Second-half rally propels Panthers to win over SEMO

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

The Southeast Missouri men's basketball team had only seven healthy players and had lost 12 in a row before playing the Eastern men's basketball team Saturday night in Lantz Arena.

While the Panthers prevailed for a 70-62 victory, it was not the prettiest of games as Eastern trailed in the first half, but took a lead for good with 17 minutes, 55 seconds remaining in the game.

Eastern sophomore guard Tyler Laser said the team knew they had

to man up.

"I wouldn't say we came out sluggish, but we had a few mental breakdowns so they had some looks," Laser said. "We just had to shake ourselves and say 'let's go.'"

Eastern junior guard T.J. Marion said he was happy the team found a way to win, but that they did not come in with the mindset that the Panthers (11-11, 8-4 Ohio Valley Conference) should have.

"I don't think we did all the things we do in practice," Marion said. "I think we practiced hard, but we didn't come out like we do in practice."

Eastern took control the rest of the game, leading by as many as 10 as the Panthers won their eighth OVC game of the season for the first time since the 2002-2003 season.

The Panthers are still in fourth place in the OVC.

Eastern trailed by two at halftime, but opened the half on a 10-2 run taking a six-point lead on free throws from Eastern freshman guard Jeremy Granger.

But Eastern's control against SEMO (3-21, 0-13) in the first half was not that evident.

Eastern trailed 10-3 after four minutes of play, but scored six straight points to get into the game at 10-9.

SEMO took control again leading by as much as 10 with 5:28 remaining in the first half after free throws from SEMO senior forward Jaycen Herring.

But a lay-up by Eastern junior forward Edin Suljic tied the game at 32 with 28 seconds remaining in the

half.

In the timeout before, Eastern head coach Mike Miller said he told his players they needed to establish the inside.

Marion said he knew he had to be a player to step up and score close to the basket.

"I knew I had to," Marion said. "We were playing like them and shot 13 (3-pointers) more than they were shooting. Coach said to get it inside, and they were playing zone so I tried to find the bottom of the zone and make some baskets."

Miller said Southeast Missouri came out and established the way they wanted to play early, and Eastern did not play to its identity in the first part of the game.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
W. Virginia at No. 6 Pittsburgh | 6 p.m. on ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Penn State at Michigan | 6 p.m. on Big Ten Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 4 Duke at No. 8 N. Carolina | 6:30 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
No. 21 Kansas at Missouri | 8 p.m. on ESPN

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
*Eastern Illinois 70, Southeast Missouri 62
*Jacksonville State 75, E. Kentucky 70
*Austin Peay 83, Murray State 80
*UT Martin 100, Tennessee State 73
*Morehead State 72, Tennessee Tech 64

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
*Eastern Illinois 73, Southeast Missouri 53
*Jacksonville State 73, E. Kentucky 55
*Murray State 94, Austin Peay 76
*Tennessee State 89, UT Martin 53
*Tennessee Tech 71, Morehead State 67 (all games played Saturday)
*Ohio Valley Conference game

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KEVIN MURPHY

Romo talks football

Yes, Tony Romo was here Friday.

Romo was here because Jessica Simpson was performing with Rascal Flatts in Champaign.

But he was here to talk football.

And that's it.

End of story.

He was not here to talk about offseason storylines or about Simpson, Terrell Owens or about the Cowboys.

He wasn't here to talk about donating money or anything else. He's just a former Eastern quarterback here to talk about schemes with the current Eastern football coaches.

And while Romo was pursued by athletes, administrators and media, he handled it with ease.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Monday vs Murray State | 7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Thursday at Morehead State | 4:15 p.m. - Morehead, Ky.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
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