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Musicians take a journey through time

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Baseball hits the road, looks for chance to win

UNIVERSITY

Tuition hike considered

Money from new students may compensate for lacking funds

By Shelley Holmgren Administration Editor

VOLUNTEERING

To offset financial difficulties, Eastern may be considering a tuI don't think it would be a large increase in terms of percentages."

Robert Webb, vice chairman, Board of Trustees

ition raise for new students. Robert Webb, vice chairman of Eastern's Board of Trustees, told the Illinois Statehouse News on March 22 that raising tuition has become necessary because universities are

getting less money and later payments from the state.

I would anticipate that there will be a tuition increase; I don't think it would be a large increase in terms of percentages," Webb said.

"But of course, it only applies to the freshman class, and that would be a guaranteed rate for the next four years."

When The Daily Eastern News asked Webb if he still believes this holds true, he confirmed.

"In our last couple of meetings, we've been looking at the financial picture and looking ahead at the funds available with state appropriations," Webb said.

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State alters employee health care provider

Illinois to save millions from new contracts

By Kayleigh Zyskowski & Sam Bohne News Editor & Assistant News Editor

An estimated 99,474 state employees will have to change their health care plans after a recent decision by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

A press release sent out Wednesday from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services., stated Illinois will save approximately \$102 million per year from new health care contracts signed with four "managed care organizations.'

These new plans will replace the old plans according to the press release. Plans available July 1, according to the press release, include: Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Maintenance Organization Illinois, BCBS Blue Advantage, Health Link Open Access Plan and PersonalCare Open Access Plan.

According to the press release, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Director Julie Hamos stated "providing high quality health care is our highest priority. Through these plans, we are also able to realize significant savings for taxpayers and improve our state's fiscal health."

"Quite a few of us believe that our system is extensive, complex, inexpensive and shifting."

John Allison, history professor

The press release also

stated that members will receive letters this month outlining the steps to take if their current plan is no longer available.

A press release from Health Alliance, which previously provided health care, stated they were "surprised" by the change and that the change may force members to pay 70 percent more in premiums and out-of-pocket fees in order to continue seeing their present doctors.

John Allison, the EIU/University Professionals of Illinois president and history professor, said a lot of people are concerned about what the next step is to change their plans.

"Because Health Alliance has been dropped a lot of employees who live in this part of the state are concerned they won't have access to the health care providers they have had for years,"

Employees are now concerned with the hassle of transferring records and not being with doctors they have seen for a long time that already know their conditions, Allison said.

While some had concerns, others thought the new plans could save money.

"Quite a few of us believe that our system is extensive, complex, inexpensive and shifting," Allison said.

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JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Fifth grader Katie Weber throws a ball at the dunk tank during the Fun Day on Thursday at Jefferson School. The Fun Day was put on by greek organizations as a part of Greek Week. Greek members sat in the dunk tank and organized games like kickball and relay races during the day.

Chapters show off 'true colors'

Greeks sponsor 'Fun Day' for elementary school

By Elizabeth Edwards City Editor

Sororities and fraternities sponsored an activities day for local elementary students where they participated in events such as relay races, kickball games, crafts and inflatables on Thursday.

The activity day was called Jefferson Fun Day and was at the Jefferson Elementary School in Charles-

Brittany Meyer, a fifth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, said the students always look forward to the activity day.

Fourth, fifth and six grade students participated in three sessions, which were crafts, relay races and outdoor activities.

During the craft session, the stu-

dents made photo frames out of previously cut flowers and hearts, and key chains made with color-

The photo frames, made by the students, will be sent to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Meyer said she loves the activity day because it teaches students the importance of volunteering.

Meyer said as teachers, they do not always get an opportunity to do community service activities with the students.

"The students always ask after the event 'how else can they help?" Meyer said.

During the outdoor activities session, the elementary students got the opportunity to dunk Eastern students in a water tank.

Before serving his time in the tank, Jason Englehart, a junior sports studies major and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, commented on the appearance of the wa-

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what's on tap

12:30 p.m. Sciencefest

The College of Sciences invites students to attend its annual Sciencefest Celebration in the University Ballroom of the MLK Jr. Union.

7 p.m. "Bridging the past" reception The 2011 Historical Administration graduate students will open their exhibit "Bridging the Past: Paul Sargent's Coles County with a reception. The reception will take place in the Tarble Arts Center.

Stress Free Zone

Volunteers are needed to help create a relaxing atmosphere for local single mothers at an event sponsored by Salisbury Church for local single mothers. Volunteers will help with games for children, help at the stress free zone, overall management, setup and clean up.

Transportation will be provided if needed. To reserve a spot visit www.eiu.edu/volunteer or call Rachel Fisher at 581-6048.

6 p.m. Sex Positive Fair

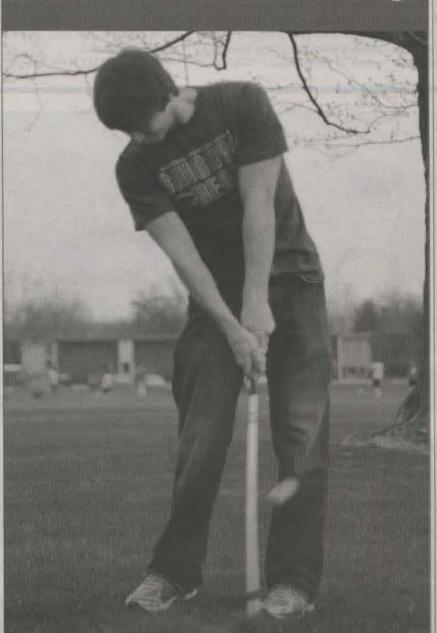
The Doug Dibianco Sex Positive Fair is being put together by PRIDE and will take place in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

5 p.m. Edible books

Students can vote for their favorite edible book creations in Booth Li-

If you want to add to the tap, please email dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

Not the Masters, but close enough



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Cook, a freshman biology major, hits a golf ball on Thursday near the intramural fields. Cook said it was his first time hitting a golf ball this year.



Blog: On the Cheap

Check out a new On the Cheap at DENnews.com. Christopher O'Driscoll, assistant online editor, will re-vamp your online purchases this week with online coupon codes.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's issue of The Daily Eastern News, Roberto Luna was misidentified.

The DEN regrets the error.

CLARIFICATION

In Thursday's issue of The Daily Eastern News, the headline "Tree to live on, compensation to be cut," should be clarified. The student government is not cutting compensation, but discussing decreases of the compensation.

Lineup set for global concert in Chicago

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Chicago cultural officials have announced the lineup for seven free global music concerts this summer in the city's showcase Millennium Park.

The popular outdoors Music Without Borders series runs June 9 to July 21 at the park's Pritzker Pavilion. Folk, pop and traditional music groups from Europe, Asia,

Africa, North America and South America are all featured.

The opening act is a folk music group from Inner Mongolia. Others include a Paris-based electroswing acr; a group playing Cuban dance music and a performer who has revolutionized indigenous Egyptian music.

All concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m., with seating in the band shell and on the adjoin-



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EIU History Lesson

April 8

2003

An unknown amount of jewelry and undergarments were stolen from the Sigma Kappa and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority houses. Those who had items stolen thought the incident happened during Saturday's Airband competition, a Greek Week event which Sigma Kappa won.

1994

Eastern was found to be the only university out of seven state schools without a female doctor or a gynecologist according to a survey released by the Women's Studies Council Meeting. Eastern also ranked last among the schools surveyed for allocating the least amount of student fees to its Health Service at \$49.20.

1986

Illinois' Emergency Services and Disaster Agency rejected Charleston's request to pay for \$16,000 in preventative work the city did to protect its water supply from spring flooding. "I'm pust healty glad that the couper

GREEK WEEK



Members of the sorority Sigma Kappa attempt to complete their pyramid Thursday at the Greek Week pyramids competition near Campus Pond Thursday. Sigma Kappa took third place behind Sigma Sigma Sigma in second place and Delta Zeta in first.

Pyramids: Race to the top

By Shelley Holmgren **Administration Editor**

'On your mark ... get set ... go!" At these words, members of Eastern's Greek Life dashed across the field to do something a little unconventional - form a human pyramid. Although this skill is most commonly left to competitive cheerleading, several teams formed pyramids with predator-like agility, leaving others to topple down. Once a team formed its pyramid, the members had to hold the position for three seconds and then run back to the end of the field.

For the sorority division, Delta Zeta placed first, followed only 11 seconds later by Sigma Sigma Sigma and Sigma Kappa soon after.

Justine Ryan, a freshman communication studies major, was ecstatic when she heard she and her fellow Delta Zetas had placed first.

The team began training for the event once a week at the beginning of March, Ryan said. However, as the event inched closer, they practiced ev-

"We deserve this," Ryan said. We've trained hard for it and it's nice to finally catch a break this week."

Wednesday night, Delta Zeta practiced with Lamda Chi, who took first place for the fraternity division. Ryan was ecstatic the two teams could place together.

Wednesday night was also the first and only time Lamda Chi practiced for the event, said Dillon Dorsett, a junior health studies major. However, the fraternity's first-place win was a surprise for Dorsett.

"We knew we were going to place, but we didn't expect to win," Dorsett

After Lamda Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon finished second and Sigma Chi finished soon after.

Allie Moran, a freshman communication studies major and member of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority team, said she began preparing for the event weeks ago. She said she enjoyed the pyramids event because it is not as "intense" as tugs.

"It's all in good fun," Moran said. "I'm a very competitive person, so I would have liked to win, but it meant a lot to have our sisters out here sup-

Ben Johnson, a senior elementary education major and member of Alpha Tau Omega, serves on the Greek Overall Steering Committee responsible for rules and games, including pyramids. Johnson was very pleased with how smooth the event went as

The winners

Fraternity

Third Place - Sigma Chi 18.84 Second Place - Sigma Phi Epsilon 18.31 seconds First Place - Lamda Chi Alpha 18 seconds

Sorority

Third Place – Sigma Kappa 20.62 seconds Second Place - Sigma Sigma Sigma 20.53 seconds First Place - Delta Zeta 20.42 seconds

well as the good turnout.

"Last year did not have a good turnout because it poured, so I'm glad we had nice weather," he said. "It was even better to have all of the fraternities and sororities circled around the field united. It looked like everyone had a good time."

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Check out a video of the tournament at DENnews.com

APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Groups to work together in future

By Olivia Sloss Staff Reporter

The University Board and the student government announced that in the future they will come together to work on their budgets during the Apportionment Board meeting Thursday night.

Christy Anderson, student executive vice-president and a senior communication sciences and disorders major, said after the cuts they got back last week, the UB and the student government decided to come together and work out the budget cohesively so they did not have to argue.

"I'm just really glad that the budget

was approved today, that if UB is happy with the budget then student government is happy," Anderson said.

Ted Hart, the assistant director of Copy Express, said he does applaud the UB and the student government coming together to work on the budget; it shows they have a good understanding of each group's needs and it shows maturity and teamwork.

Ashley Hoogstraten, a senior communication studies major and chairwoman of the AB, said she did not expect the UB and the student government to come in and say they would be working together, but congratulates

them on coming to an agreement. Michelle Murphy, the student body

president and a senior communication studies major, said they will have to make some minor cuts to printing and T-shirts funds on their budget, but nothing that will fundamentally change the student government.

Alex Boyd, a sophomore political science major, agreed that the UB and the student government should work to-

"I am glad to see that we can work together with UB and that we should keep the relationship strong because we do work together and I think that is the most important thing," Boyd said.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Charleston to kick butts

By Amy Wywialowski Staff Reporter

Employees from the Heath Education Resource Center and the Student Community Service department will host their fourth annual Kick Butts

The event is open to the Charleston, Mattoon and surrounding communities, and the day will consist of a 5K walk and run followed by a community picnic. The day begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Charleston Morton Park.

There will also be games, free food and educational community information about the risks associated with

Ryan Messinger, the assistant director of health education and promotion at the HERC, said the event began four years ago when the HERC received a grant to perform a community outreach program.

Registration for the walk and run is \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 12 and under. The registration fee also includes a T-shirt, snacks and refreshments.

Catherine Bocke, the marketing, public relations and web design coordinator at the HERC, said about 86 people have registered for the event and participants can also register the day of the event at 8 a.m.

"We are expecting over 100 runners and walkers," Bocke said. "We will have a lot of activities for all ages, including a bouncy house and educational coloring pages for kids."

Bocke and Messinger said they agree the overall goal of the day is not only focused on education, but also community involvement.

Education is the main goal, but it is also a great kick-off to spring and a way for the community service and educational side to mesh too," Messinger said.

The event is scheduled to end at about 2 p.m. and Hit-Mix 88.9 WEIU-FM will provide music and entertainment throughout the day.

Bocke said she encourages students to attend the community picnic if they do not wish to participate in the run and walk.

"It is a fun day and a good way to just get off campus for a little while," Bocke said.

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RSO



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shea Brunson, a communication studies major, Marcus Waller, a kinesiology and sports studies major, and Christopher Dunlap, a sociology major, are the graduating seniors of Phi Rho Eta Fraternity, Inc. Phi Rho Eta promotes academic and community service values, leadership and integrity.

Fraternity focuses on academics, success

By Jordan Cryder Staff Reporter

istered student organization, revolves organization. around academic and community service values to meet high standards of

Marcus Waller, the president of Phi Rho Eta, said because Phi Rho Eta is an RSO, they have a lot of freedom that allows them to host a variety of different programs.

Phi Rho Eta has been an RSO since the fall 2007 semester.

"We work pretty close with other Greek organizations to try to improve campus unity and we constantly look for service projects along with co-sponsors," Waller said.

Some of the service projects Phi Rho Eta participates in include Relay for Life, Breast Cancer Awareness Week and HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

Phi Rho Eta was founded in 1994 at Southern Illinois University-Car-

Waller said they want to teach students that they can still have fun and be successful at the same time.

He also said they want to help students graduate in four years with a

good grade point average and plenty of real world experience.

Certain requirements must be met Phi Rho Eta Fraternity Inc., a reg- to be a member of the Phi Rho Eta

Waller said they are looking for students with at least a 2.70 GPA or better, who are involved on campus and have past experience and potential to grow.

Waller said he became president because of his 4.0 GPA, leadership skills and campus involvement.

He said they look for certain qualities like leadership, social awareness and people who are creative, but can also adapt to new surroundings and situations.

Waller said Phi Rho Eta can benefit students by making them a more productive member of society.

'I myself have increased my GPA dramatically by simply applying the ideas learned while becoming an Eta,"

The main purpose of the Phi Rho Eta organization is to help young men get the right start in life by holding them to a positive and higher standard of manhood, Waller said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL New funds should not lead to poor standards

A bill recently passed by the Illinois House will most likely help Eastern's budget, but we worry that it could hurt the quality of the university's education father down the road.

The bill, introduced by local Rep. Chapin Rose, would appropriate some state funds for universities based on a school's performance in areas like retention and graduation rates. The bill passed unanimously in the House Tuesday, and is likely to win Senate approval. Only 4 to 5 percent of a university's funds would be outcomes-based, but that is still a lot of money to cash-strapped universities.

Outcomes-based funding would likely be very good for Eastern in the near future. As we reported in a Thursday article, "Outcomesbased funding bill passes," Eastern receives the least state funding of the six four-year master's institutions in Illinois. But Eastern also boasts the highest retention rate and the second-highest graduation rate of those institutions.

Outcomes-based funding would reward Eastern for those achievements, and the university could definitely use the cash. We think Eastern has done a remarkable job preserving the quality of the education it provides, while tightening the budget enough to avoid the type of major tuition hikes.

That said, Eastern should take steps to ensure that outcomes-based funding does not lead to outcomes-based teaching. To many, the bill seems reminiscent of the failed "No Child Left Behind" policy. This is a poor analogy to the proposed bill. NCLB forced teachers to teach to the standardized test, emphasizing memorization over a thorough understanding of a broad curriculum. This legislation would not result in direct pressure on teachers to change their curriculum, the way NCLB does.

What concerns us is the prospect of tying something as important as state funding to numbers that do not necessarily reflect the quality of education, nor the proficiency of students, at the university. High graduation and retention rates can reflect anything from a university's ability to help students finance their education to the quality of its advisers.

But it can also reflect the demands of its curricula. Some students come to college without the skills or maturity to handle the course load. It benefits neither the university nor the student to ignore this fact, and Eastern, like every other university, watches students drop out every year.

If the university has this extra financial incentive to retain and graduate these students, it also has the incentive to make the course work easy enough for them to handle. The university could then be compelled to put indirect pressure on the faculty to make curriculum less demanding, and lower the quality of an Eastern education. This would degrade the hard work of the best students and inflate the inadequate achievements of the worst students. We urge the university to devise safeguards against such an outcome.

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Goodbye Glenn Beck, hello happiness

If I could do cartwheels, I'd be doing them this week. In the face of a potential federal government shutdown, efforts in Libya, violence in Cote d'Ivoire, and the ongoing disaster in Japan, there is finally some good news I, personally, have been waiting for: Glenn Beck is done

I don't fantasize that he will disappear completely from the spotlight. There are a lot of unusual people out there, and I'm not that lucky. But his days at Fox News have come to an end.

Beck was known for his brash accusations, do-anything-for-attention style and, of course, that chalkboard. He worked every issue out to be a lack of morality, and often behaved as though the end of the world was upon us.

Even determined conservatives, such as Pulitzer Prize-winner George Will, have said his exit is a good thing.

"It's a good thing for Fox," Will said on "America's Morning News." "I think Fox is on the cusp of being accepted as it ought be, as a very fine journalism operation, and I think that Glenn Beck has drift into more bizarre and extreme positions."

Widespread reports had advertisers for Beck's show dropping like flies. Advertisers began pulling out of his program, despite consistently high ratings, since 2009. He had lost most



Sarah Bigler

mainstream ads, including from Geico and Proctor and Gamble, and was left with 15 minutes worth of ads from penis extending pills ("Extenze") and infomercials for the Egg Genie and the Jewelry Exchange.

Since the beginning of the year, eight radio stations had already dropped Beck's syndicated program. WISN in Milwaukee put out a statement that Beck's performance in the ratings wasn't as strong as they had expected when they picked up his show. They called it an "easy decision" to drop his programming.

Beck's program debuted the day before President Obama's inauguration in 2009, and media outlets have continually pitted the president and Beck against each other, something that Beck played-up on a regular basis.

Some of his most controversial statements (or "greatest hits," if you want to look at it that cialist or fascist inclinations.

So here you have Barack Obama going in and spending the money on embryonic stem cell research," he said March 9, 2009, on his show. "(It's) Eugenics. In case you don't know what Eugenics led us to: the Final Solution."

Both Democrats and Republicans criticized him in July of that year when he called President Obama a racist.

"This president I think has exposed himself over and over again as a guy who has a deepseated hatred for white people or the white culture," he said. "I'm not saying he doesn't like white people, I'm saying he has a problem."

Stephen King once called Beck "Satan's mentally-challenged younger brother," and liberal commentators such as Jon Stewart on the "Daily Show" and Keith Olbermann had even more imaginative nicknames for him, some unprint-

Glenn Beck's insane ranting is better off left on a street corner. Millions of rational Americans shouldn't be subjected to it. I say, let's pop some champagne!

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FROM THE EASEL



AMANDA LIMBACH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

And the award for worst fiscal plan goes to..

Washington can barely keep its head above water. Disputes over the stopgap budget have the federal government thrashing around like a scared kid in the deep end, facing a total shutdown if party leaders fail to reach an agreement about how to deal with the end of this fiscal year. I wonder what fresh hell will be upon us when they actually start discussing plans for

Enter Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, and his 2012 fiscal plan. To the cool-kid Republicans, this plan is the Jesus Christ of economic values; cut spending to pre-2008 levels, slash Medicare, basically eliminate Medicaid, reverse Obama's historic Affordable Care health care plan, among other awesome things like more tax breaks for oil companies, rich people and corporations. Sounds great, right? It is.

It has to be! He awesomely explains it in a Youtube video so we dumb, media-sponging "average Americans" can understand his brilliant and complex plan for our future (there's infographics!).

Spoiler alert: Rep. Paul Ryan's darkened silhouette walks purposefully down some hallway, then babbles about how the government is lying to us from behind a few meaningless cartoon charts that compare the year 1940 with now. He wraps it up with action-movie suspense music and a hot helping of fear-mongering in a cool three and a half minutes. I feel so



Mia Tapella

According to reality (you know, facts and such), the most controversial aspects of the plan are Ryan's total decimation of Medicare and Medicaid. While he claims that his plan is the "only way to save" these programs, it's pretty clear that Ryan has little concern for anyone actually participating in them.

His plan would eliminate Medicare for those under 55 (kids and the disabled included), replacing it with some ridiculous Monopoly money voucher system to help pay insurance premiums (which, by the way, will not be adjusted for inflation or increasing health care

True brilliance abounds with the "plan" to "save" Medicaid; Ryan would have it chucked completely and replaced with block grants to

Ryan (and every other Republican leader) would have us believe that slashing health care and retirement programs is the only way to save our children and grandchildren from drowning in the fiery pits of fiscal debt. Because obviously it's all those pesky poor, elderly and disabled people draining our government of resources!

Am I taking crazy pills? Maybe we could stop providing huge tax breaks to oil companies, or not give a 10-percent tax break to the most affluent people in the country, or not make the Bush tax cuts for corporations permanent, or eliminate any number of other egregious tax breaks in a system that so obviously favors the wealthy, or not allow Wall Street traders to manipulate the system to the point that they pay lower taxes than I did when I was a bartender.

Luckily for everyone other than rich people, Ryan's plan is political suicide. It will be dead on arrival in the Senate, though it will probably play a major role in framing the debate for the upcoming campaign. That said; it is entirely beyond comprehension that anyone could seriously propose such an unbalanced, unfair, horrible plan.

I think Robert Greenstein of the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities summed it up pretty well for Lawrence O'Donnell Monday night: "So over a decade, people that are millionaires get a million dollars in tax cuts while low-income children, seniors, and people with severe disabilities go without basic health care. It's extraordinary."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Meet your student body president candidates

By Nike Ogunbodede Student Government Editor

One of the most important studentheld positions, the student body president, is up for grabs during this year's student government executive elections.

The petitions are in and three Student Senate members are currently vying for the coveted seat.

All potential candidates, who turned in their petitions, will be meeting on Monday at a yet-to-be determined time to discuss what each position entails.

Michelle Murphy, a senior communication studies major, is the current student body president - a position she has been in since her junior year.

Ed Hotwagner



"I just want to keep listening-I don't want [students] to ever feel like they don't have a voice."

After being the student government's parliamentarian and the chairman of the student affairs committee, Ed Hotwagner wants to fill in the seat that will be vacant after Murphy graduates this spring.

Hotwagner, a senior math education major, is currently running with the Party for United Leaders Supporting Excellence and said he is ready and able to take on the position.

'I have been around for four years and I have got to see a little bit of everything," Hotwagner said. "I've always been the type of person that has taken leadership roles."

Hotwagner is an executive member of Panther Nation, put on the Panther Pile, and is a member of Greek

The student government has done some really good things; it should keep producing to the best of its abilities, Hotwagner said.

Hotwagner, from Manhattan, a south west Chicago suburb, said he will be open to establishing communication with the student body right away.

"I only know so much as a senator-I just want to keep listeningthe students are the ones that wants things," he said. "I don't want them to ever feel like they don't have a

Unlike previous years, none of the future executives are making elaborate promises, nor have they established any party platforms.

"I would hate to break ties with the University Board; (it) is a great board and they do a lot of great things," Hotwagner said. "It could hurt us if they don't want to work with us any-

But with Eastern's enrollment less than accommodating, Horwagner acknowledged next year's budget will not be the same as it was

"Everything operational are things that we can't cut-things like paying for phones and printings could not be cut," he said. "It's not like we cut any programs all together."

The student government's budget, along with budgets of the UB, the Student Recreation Center and the Apportionment Board, directly comes from Eastern student fees and because of low enrollment budgets have been

We cut all of the phones except the student body president and the executive vice president," he said. "We are doing the best with what we are

If elected, he intends to increase productivity from his office, work on establishing a stronger senate and mend the growing tension that has developed between the student government and the University Board.

We do a lot of great things but I want to look into what we could do to make things better," Hotwagner

One word Ed Hotwagner uses to describe Alex Boyd, "hardworking."

Alex Boyd



"I hope to open up the lines of communication between student government and the student body."

Voted "Most Creative" during the senate's annual "Paper Plates Awards" during his freshman year, Alex Boyd wants to take charge of the student government and Panther Nation.

Boyd, a sophomore political science major, is currently the senate's diversity affairs committee chairman.

"I hope to open up the lines of communication between student government and the student body," Boyd said. "It's important for students to be informed with what we do if we are going to properly represent them."

Boyd is one of the founders of Leaders Establishing A Difference, the new Eastern political party.

The student government has been run the same way by the same people and I want to change things, Boyd

"There are a lot of people that don't know what we do or don't know that we exist," Boyd said. "And those people that do know what we do, don't think we are doing enough."

The senate has nowhere to go but up, he said.

"If we are going to do something, then people need to get behind their programs and man-up...people need to be held accountable," he said.

Boyd said he was glad this year's senate has been productive.

"The issue about parking is that it would need such a change and it's not something that I would see in my four years here," Boyd said. "It's just a never ending cycle.

Things are working the best way they possible can with the situation Eastern has, Boyd said.

We are lucky to have the system that we (have)," he said. "Even if it does mean us, underclassmen, have to park a little farther away."

The student body president is given the task of appointing Eastern students to Eastern's Student Supreme Court, but Boyd said if he was elected it would not just be his decision.

Ideally (the Student Supreme Court) would be chosen by the student body president, the executives and the speaker because they are the most experienced people," Boyd said.

The senate member, who grew up the youngest of three boys in Kankakee, said the senate members have become a family to him.

"I grew up with two brothers and everyone always took care of me and even though I came here with a sibling, it is nice having a group of friends," Boyd said.

One word Alex Boyd uses to describe Tommy Nierman, "driven."

Tommy Nierman



"I'm hardworking and follow through with my goals."

Deciding that no party is the best party, Tommy Nierman chose to run as an Independent during this year's spring election.

Nierman, who ran against Michelle Murphy during the last presidential elections, wants other senate members to follow his example.

"I don't think the party system doesn't do anything for the students," said Nierman, a junior business management major. "When you run independent people can come up to you and say 'Tommy, you said you were going to do this. Why haven't you'."

Nierman is the senate's external relation committee chairman and Eastern's student representative for the Charleston City Council.

"I bring experience, results, and campaign promises that are measurable," Nierman said. "I really want to try and create a change."

Nierman has been on senate for five semesters.

The first thing I want to do is put together a president's council where we gather leaders from the student government, the University Board, the Black Student Union and hall councils and have them meet with President (Bill) Perry once every month or every two months," Nier-

According to Nierman, the president's council will consist of at least seven student leaders that will bring student issues directly to Perry.

Nierman said his resume speaks for

"I'm hardworking and follow through with my goals," Nierman said.

Nierman, a Woodstock resident, has put on programs like the local business expos, Senators-in-Training, and "House Parties, Toga Parties, and Can My Landlord Do That."

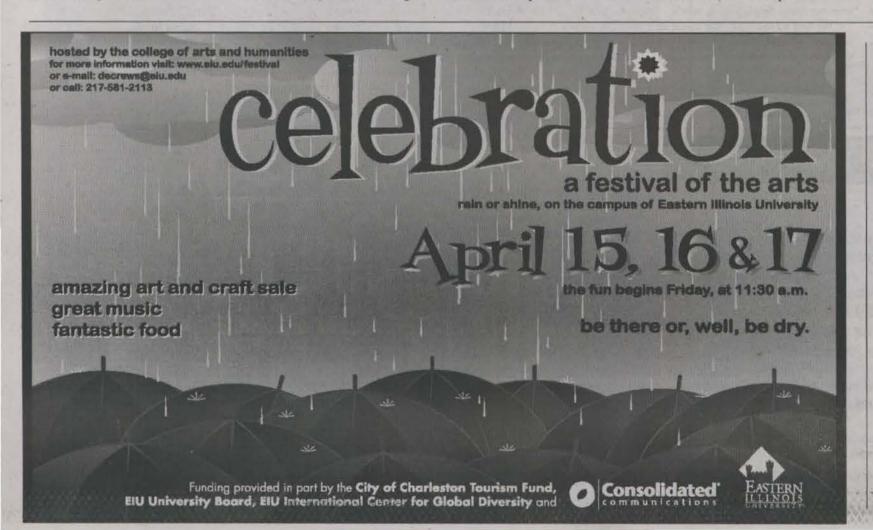
"It feels like student government is a lot of people trying to see what they can get and the student government has so much potential and we are living up to what we can do," Nierman said.

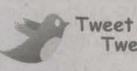
Nierman said because of the economic crisis, he is in favor of Roberto Luna's not-yet-proposed bylaw change "Executive Compensation II" that would limit the tuition waivers given to executive member and the Student Senate speaker from 12 credits to nine.

"The budget does need to be cuttimes are hard-but I would like to see executive compensation cut before we cut programs," Nierman said.

One word Tommy Nierman uses to describe Ed Hotwagner, "sig-epic."

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CONCERT



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The Percussion Ensemble performs "Elegua," a traditional Afro-Cuban song, during its concert in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Dvorak Concert Hall Thursday.

Group performs global music

By Shaun Johnson Staff Reporter

A variety of different music, some distinctively from other countries, was performed by the EIU Percussion Ensemble symphony Thursday night.

Kyle Dombroski, a freshman psychology major with a minor in music, said playing dynamically is the most difficult thing in mastering a compo-

"Learning notes is pretty simple but to actually put meaning into it is pretty challenging," Dombroski said. Dombroski said he thought the

performances went well. "Overall our hard work and practice paid off," Dombroski said. "You always have to think 'we can do bet-

He also said the most important thing to remember as musician is that if there is a mistake and something unexpected happens onstage, you have to keep going and most of the time the audience will not even no-

"Listening to each other is also very important," Dombroski said.

Patrick Rheingruber, a graduate student seeking a percussion performance degree, explained the hardest part of mastering a composition.

"(The hardest part of mastering a composition is) making sure all the parts are fitting correctly and making them sound the way they should," Rheingruber said. "Sometimes it's hard trying to get it on paper," when it came to mastering a composition.

When perfecting a piece Rheingruber stated that it depends on the difficulty of the piece and the skill level of the musicians.

He said the most important thing to remember as a musician is to try to stay calm while playing.

Just being as relaxed as possible; the more tense you are the more errors there will be," Rheingruber said.

The director of the night's perfor-

mances and a professor of percussion, Jamie V. Ryan, said that generally they are still working when it comes to perfecting a composition.

"You're generally never done with a piece of music," Ryan said.

Ryan said he believes that every piece on the program deserved a different type of skill or sensibility since they were from various countries such as Cuba and Japan; it is a mastery of a different genre.

"It all requires a different type of approach and skill," Ryan said, "it's different for every piece."

He said the most important thing to remember as a musician is to play as a group and to make sure you are sensitive to the music and the group.

"You never really make it about yourself but about the music. One of my teachers always told me 'just play the tune, man," Ryan said.

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ON THE SQUARE

Modern rock band performance at Jac

By Elizabeth Edwards City Editor

The Jackson Avenue Coffee shop will offer modern rock music and a relaxing atmosphere Saturday night.

Dan Reible, the owner of Jackson Avenue Coffee shop, said the Unemployed Architects will perform.

"I would basically describe them as young college modern rock music,"

He said he was looking for a group that would appeal to the younger crowd and The Unemployed Architects were referred to him by a friend.

"They have a quality sound and understandable lyrics," Reible said.

The Unemployed Architects has been together for three years and are from Bloomington, said Tyler Sweitzer, member of the group.

"I would describe us as more alternative rock like the Chicago style,"

Students should go to the event if they want to hear quality music in a quality setting, Reible said.

The Jackson Avenue Coffee shop offers students a relaxing setting that is all about the music, Reible said.

Sweitzer said this would be the first time the Unemployed Architects have performed in Charleston.

If students want a good live show and something to do on a Saturday night, they should come out to the performance, Sweitzer said.

Reible said he was looking forward to a new artist performing at Jackson, especially a group that is catered toward the younger crowd.

"We are always looking for different styles of music," Reible said.

Sweitzer said the Unemployed Architects would offer free CDs at the per-

The Unemployed Architects consists of four members who play guitars, drums and a keyboard.

Sweitzer said the band has performed all over Illinois and is looking forward to performing at a new venue.

Some names of their songs are "Aftermath," "Feel Fine," "Matchless" and 'Completely Closed.'

If someone is interested in the Unemployed Architects they should go to www.theunemployedarchitects.com,

The admission to the concert is free and the Jackson Avenue Coffee shop is at 708 Jackson Avenue.

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RHA suggests new weekend dining spot

By Daniel Cravens Staff Reporter

A recommendation to move weekend dining from Taylor Hall to Thomas Hall was made at Thursday's Residence Hall Association meeting at Car-

A motion was pushed by a member of the RHA to vote on the issue and was unanimous in its recommendation to do so. Michael Frisby, secretary of the RHA, said students were unhappy with the way weekend dining was and that they will be happy with the decision.

During the meeting, a debate occurred regarding the topic of the student government's executive branch members receiving a 12 credit hour tuition waiver for their service.

Guest speaker and candidate for student body president, Tommy Nierman, talked to the RHA about his stance on the issue.

should be reduced to nine; citing that 60 percent of the Student Senate budget was going toward this credit waiver and teachers' jobs had been cut as a result of these reduced funds.

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, said phase one of a two-phase project regarding campus streets would take place

Hudson said storm sewer drains will be added to prevent the flooding that has occurred in residence halls in the past.

Also during the meeting, each hall had a speaker announce upcoming events they will be hosting. One of those upcoming events is "Alex's Lemonade Stand," sponsored by Carman Hall.

Daniel Turano, a social science studies major and resident assistant at Carman Hall, said they have already raised \$600 of their \$1,000 goal.

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RO '70s night missing tie-dye

By Geoffrey W. ZuHone Staff Reporter

While no lava lamps were present at Reservation Only dining in Stevenson Grill Ect. Thursday, the staff was dressed and prepared for '70s night.

One the last themed nights this year at RO, '70s night had all the staff dressed in tie-dye shirts and '70s-era music playing throughout the dining

According to Adam Checchin, a senior physical education major, there were not many people getting into it.

We had virtually no one come in tonight," Checchin said. "I just don't think that many people want to take the time to do it."

Katelin Jones, a senior biological sciences major and student manager of RO, said she would have liked to see these

events advertised more in the future.

Amber Calvert, a sophomore biological sciences major, ate at RO Thursday night, but she said she did not know it was '70s night very far in advance.

"One of the best parts of '70s night is that we get to keep our tie-dye Tshirts," Checchin said.

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TUITION, from page 1

"We've projected these figures and believe it is a possibility."

This news follows the recent decision by the University of Illinois' Board of trustees to increase U of I tuition by 6.9 percent for incoming students this year, the Illinois Statehouse News reported. This means new students at Illinois' Champaign-Urbana campus will pay \$11,104 a year in tuition. Students at the Chicago campus will pay \$9,764 and students in Springfield will pay \$8,108.

Those figures are set for four years, not including fees and room and

William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, would not confirm whether or not the university would be raising tuition or not. However, he said the university will make a recommendation regarding tuition to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting on April 25.

When evaluating tuition rates, the university looks at several factors including university expenses and enrollment, Weber said. Expected state appropriations also play a key role in determining tuition, Weber added.

For this fiscal year, the university has received about 42 percent of the

"It only applies to the freshman class, and that would be a guaranteed rate for the next four years."

Robert Webb, the vice chairman, Board of Trustees

\$47.4 million of the appropriations owed from the state. However, Weber said the university may not receive the remainder of funds until the next fiscal year.

In order to make a recommendation for a tuition raise, the president's council discusses these criteria at length. However, the ultimate decision to make a recommendation to the board lies with President Bill Per-

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TRUE COLORS, from page 1

After serving her time in the dunk tank, Molly Reinle, a sophomore early childhood education major and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, also commented on the water.

"It was very very cold," Reinle said.

Hannah Seay, a freshman communication studies major and member of Kappa Delta, said she remembers the day when she took part in the fun day when she went to Jefferson Elementary School.

She said she remembers always looking forward to the activity day.

Mindy Gayheart, an adviser of

"It looks cold and dark," Engle- Greek Week and graduate student, said Greek Week has been going on for about 10 years.

We have got positive feedback about the event," Gayheart said.

Jeannie Dolan, a senior elementary education major and member of Kappa Delta, said in the past, the most important part of Greek Week is the community service activities, like the activity day.

Dolan is a member of the community service committee of Greek

Other members of the committee are Nick Persin, a senior journalism major and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Jenna Wright, a senior sec-

"We have got positive feedback about the event."

Mindy Gayheart, Greek Week advisor, grad student

ondary education major and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

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HEALTH CARE, from page 1

"There is no middle agency, or HMO, trying to make a profit."

Linda Holloway, the assistant director of payroll and benefits, commented on the change in a statement sent to The Daily Eastern News Thursday.

"The changes referred to in the news release concerning the state saving taxpayers \$1 billion over the next 10 years will hopefully not have a great impact on State employees," Holloway stated. "Of the Health Plan contracts that were awarded, there will be plans available that should offer the same type of coverage with the same providers that employees are currently utilizing or have available to them."

Holloway advised that employees watch for information to be sent to them via mail on benefit changes.

"Health care expenses are on the rise every year, and we have to trust that the State has evaluated all of the contracts and selected the best plans and the best value for our employees," Holloway stated.

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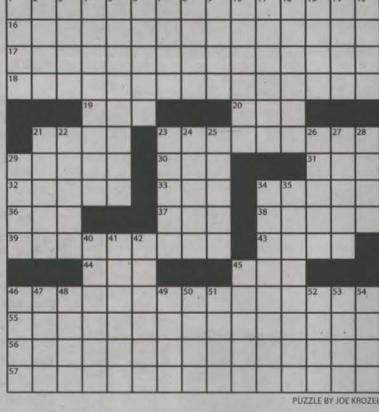
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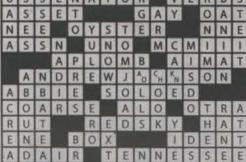
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STATE

Rose leads Bulls past Celtics 97-81

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 30 points and the Chicago Bulls closed in on the top seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the Boston Celtics 97-81 on Thursday.

The Bulls' 17th win in 19 games put them four games up on Boston and Miami with four to play and eliminated the Heat from getting the

No. 1 seed.

The Celtics, who play the Heat on Sunday, still have a mathematical shot albeit a remote one.

But barring a collapse, Chicago will be the top seed in the East.

It's another step for a team that expected big things after a major overhaul, and all the Bulls have done is deliver their best season since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen made

championship celebrations a regular event.

Rose was a one-man highlight reel against Rajon Rondo, beating him with his crossover and getting to the rim, particularly in the early going. Rose scored 16 points in the first half as the Bulls jumped out to a 48-43 lead, and Chicago regrouped after momentarily falling behind in the

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The Panthers are currently 7-19 overall, but 3-3 in OVC play, while Morehead State is 5-22 and 1-1 in the OVC.

Schmitz said he thinks despite not playing well last weekend against Austin Peay, he thinks his team is still right near the top of the OVC in the standings. The Panthers sit just one game out of first place in the conference.

"Early on, we didn't play well at Austin Peay and still came away with a win," Schmitz said. "We're not happy with just one, but at times you've just got to fight your way through that kind of playing and that's what we did down there. There's eight weekends in the year, we've got six to go. Right now, everyone's playing to win it."

Eastern has had problems lately not

only with defense, but offensively as well. The team has been leaving runners on base, as they out-hit Western Illinois on Tuesday, but stranded 10 runners on base in the shutout loss. Schmitz said that was something the team worked on this week, particularly on Wednesday during the off day.

"We did a round called 'line drive or you're out,'" Schmitz said. "Just trying to put a little pressure on them to really get the idea that you've got to get a good pitch and handle the pitch, it's not just hacking away. We're leaving guys on and the reason is we're ether swinging at bad pitches or we're just not taking good swings."

Red-shirt junior outfielder Ben Thoma has been struggling for the Panthers at the plate this year, batting only .237 and .217 in OVC play, but he does lead the team in RBI's with 16.

"As you look at our line up, there's not a lot of people behind him swinging the bat that well," Schmitz said. "He's got to learn, as (now junior) Zach Borenstein learned last year, as a hitter you're going to have to get your pitch. When you swing at somebody else's pitches they're going to keep throwing it. That's a lesson all good titers learn, they've got to get a good pitch."

The Panthers are set to play a double header Saturday in Morehead, Ky., against the Eagles with the first game set to start at 1 p.m. Sunday's single game is set to close out the three-game series, also starting at 1 p.m.

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One factor on both team's performances has been completely out of their hands.

"The weather has not been that great for tournaments," said junior Lauren Williams. "It seems that almost every weekend we have one it's really cold, windy, and rainy."

Lawrence said he thinks because there was such nice weather in the fall they have to pay for it in the spring.

He said though the weather has had an effect on scores, that is not what really matters.

"It's not always about the number on the card," said Lawrence. "You really have to compare yourself to ev"It's not always about the number on the card."

David Lawrence, junior golfer

eryone else out on the course at the same time." Williams echoed his sentiment, saying the weather is the same for the other team as well.

"If the other teams can go out there and shoot a good score then there is no reason that we can't either," Williams said.

For Bernier the OVC tournament means the end of her Eastern golfing career. Only her and men's golfer Francisco Cherizola will be graduating after this year.

"This spring season has gone by extremely fast for me and quite frankly I don't want it to end!" Bernier said.

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Panthers to take on OVC foe Saturday

Staff Report

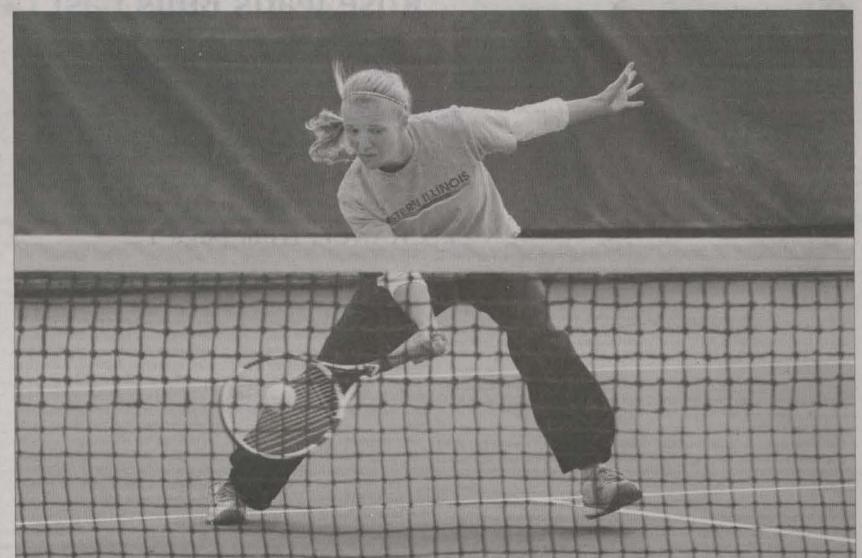
The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams will compete at home this Saturday against Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State. The men's match against Murray State will begin at its new start time, 10 a.m., with the women's match following af-

The men's match will be the final match of the regular season, with the men then moving on to the OVC Championship Tournament April 15. The women's team will have one additional meet against Southeast Missouri Sunday following the meet against Murray State.

The men's and women's teams have each lost their last six meets, while both Murray State teams are each coming off losses. The Murray State men lost 2-5 to Tennessee Tech, while the women lost to 3-4 to Austin Peav. Both losses came at home, where the men and women are a combined 4-7. The Panthers have a combined record of 6-16 while on the road.

Neither team has earned a record about .500 this season. The Murray State men's team has a 1-2 record in the OVC, while posting a 4-11 record overall. The women have a 3-3 record in conference play, while they stand at 7-11 on the year. The Panther men have a record of 2-14 and 2-4 in the OVC, while the women are 5-9 this year and 2-5 in

The weekend's matches will be the final played at Rex Darling Courts this season.



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Senior Cara Hucks returns a serve against Chicago State March 30 at Rex Darling Courts. The women's tennis team has a record of 5-9 with two matches left in the regular season.

NATION

Judge: Lockout ruling to take 'couple of weeks'

By The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. - The first quarter of the legal fight between NFL players and owners has finally started, and the referee in the case is already calling for the final whistle.

Even that may not be enough to get these two sides back together in what has turned into a bitter dispute.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson told both sides Wednesday that it could take "a couple of weeks" for her to rule on the players' request to lift the lockout imposed by owners and let them get back to the job.

In the meantime, she urged both

sides to get back to the bargaining table and hammer out a deal before she makes the first of what could be many legal decisions.

'It seems to me both sides are at risk, and now is a good time to come back to the table," Nelson said.

James Quinn, an attorney for the players, said they'd "listen carefully" to Nelson's recommendation. But David Boies, a lawyer for the league, hedged when asked about Nelson's offer to supervise talks.

'We don't need a settlement of this lawsuit," Boies said. "What we need is a collective bargaining agreement so that players can go on playing and the league can put on games. Until we have that, we're not going to make any progress.'

Boies said in court that "there are numerous factual disagreements between the parties."

The first issue is whether Nelson should issue a preliminary injunction that would lift the lockout. The players argue their careers are being "irreparably harmed" by the work stop-

The owners argue that the court doesn't have the jurisdiction to impose the injunction while the National Labor Relations Board is considering an unfair labor charge filed by the league that players didn't negotiate in good faith.

The three highest-profile plaintiffs in the players' antitrust lawsuit against the league - Tom Brady, Drew Brees and Peyton Manning were not in attendance. Plaintiffs Ben Leber, Mike Vrabel, Vincent Jackson, Brian Robison and Von Miller were in court, accompanied by veterans Charlie Batch and Tony Richardson.

Hall of Famer Carl Eller, the lead plaintiff in a separate, similar case filed by retirees, former players and rookies, was also present. Nelson approved a motion to consolidate those cases, and attorney Michael Hausfeld - on behalf of the Eller group - took turns with Quinn arguing against and rebutting Boies.

'All of these players are being affected every day by being locked out," Quinn said.

Boies said the union's decertification was "a sham," and likened it to flipping a light switch to turn the negotiations over the \$9 billion business in their favor.

But Nelson pressed Boies over and over again on the players' right to decertify, saying she was having a hard time seeing how antitrust exemptions protect a lockout after a union has disbanded.



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TRACK & FIELD

Eastern 'ready to hit road' for season's first away meet

Team will face top javelin thrower

By Dominic Renzetti Assistant Sports Editor

Just one week after the Eastern track and field team's only home meet of the season, the team will hit the road for the first time as an entire team since the indoor season ended.

This weekend, the Panthers will head to Bowling Green, Ky., for the WKU Hilltopper Relays, at Western Kentucky University.

Though the team enjoys competing at home, red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich said sometimes it is good to compete somewhere new.

"It's good to get away sometimes," Gingerich said. "I think it brings out the competition in people. We haven't really traveled since the indoor season."

With the WKU Hilltopper Relays expected to be a smaller meet than what the Panthers are normally used to, Gingerich said it should be a good meet for team.

"It's going to be a smaller meet. I think there's only about five teams, so it should be a good experience for us," Gingerich said.

Other teams competing against

the Panthers this weekend will be host, Western Kentucky, Chattanooga, Kentucky State, Bellarmine, and Ohio Valley Conference rivals, Murray State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

Host Western Kentucky, representing the Sun Belt Conference, enters the meet with the No. 47 ranked men's team and the No. 69 ranked women's team in the most recent national poll.

The Hilltoppers have two of the top athletes in the country in the men's javelin throw and the women's hammer throw events. The Chileanborn Ignacio Guerra is currently the nation's No. 1 javelin thrower. Guerra, a junior, threw 258-feet, 2-inches at last weekend's Florida Relays.

His throw also broke his own Chilean national record, the Western Kentucky school record, as well as currently ranking as the No. 11 throw in the world so far this year as well as being No. 1 in the NCAA. Guerra has already qualified for the Pan-American Games.

Senior Lauren Iguane holds the No. 6 best hammer throw distance in the nation after finishing second at last weekend's meet. Iguane has won the Sun Belt Conference's weekly field athlete of the week award two weeks in a row.

Temperatures are expected to be in the 80s for this weekend's meet, as well as a possibility of rain showers. Gingerich said adjusting to the weather conditions is one facet of the outdoor season track that athletes must adjust to coming from the indoor season. She said the athletes must have mental toughness, and always be prepared for conditions such as rain or wind.

Practice this week has been nothing out of the ordinary for the Panthers, Gingerich said the team completed two hard workouts this week and is ready for competition.

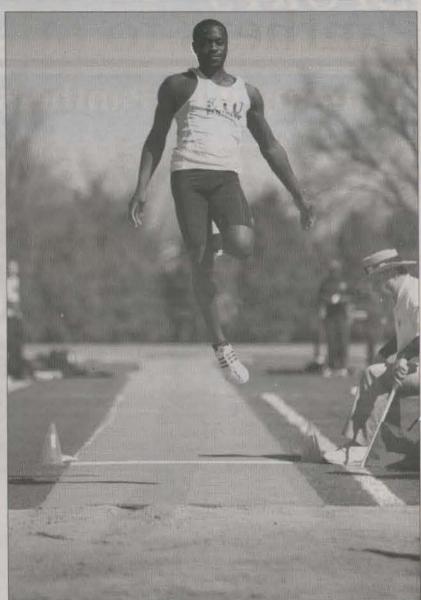
"I'm ready to hit the road," Gingerich said.

After last week's success, Gingerich said she believes the Big Blue Classic has set the tone for the remainder of the season.

"Coming off a good indoor season, we're prepared for outdoor," Ginperich said

The WKU Hilltopper Relays will begin 9 a.m. Saturday with the men's hammer throw. Next weekend the Panthers will head to the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan.

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Sodiq Alliu, a sophomore jumper, hangs in mid air during the men's long jump Saturday during the EIU Big blue Classic at O'Brien Field.

NATION

Before deliberating, Bonds' jurors get an earful

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The eight women and four men sat in the jury box for more than 4½ hours, listening to angry arguments from federal prosecutors and Barry Bonds' attorneys at the end of a 12-day trial that exposed the dark world of baseball's

Steroids Era.

Now, Bonds' fate is up to them.

After listening to tawdry accusations of drug use, theft and body parts that grew (Bonds' head) and shrank (his testicles), the 12-member panel gets to decide whether the home run

king will become a convicted felon. Bonds' trial on charges he lied to a grand jury more than seven years ago when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs ended Thursday with closing arguments from both sides that were filled with virulence and self-righteousness.

"There's a real irony to this case," Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parrella concluded. "These substances that the

defendant took to make himself strong
— he wasn't strong. He was weak. He
was too weak to tell the truth."

And with that, at 3:51 p.m. PDT, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston turned to the jury box and said: "At this point ladies and gentlemen, we're turning it over to you."

The jury's first order of business

when it starts deliberations Friday—the day the World Series flag is raised at nearby AT&T Park, home of Bonds' San Francisco Giants—is to elect a foreman. Then it must sort through the testimony of 25 witnesses and hundreds of exhibits that include syringes, vials and dizzying computer graphs of drug tests.



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Running it in: Panthers score early to secure 24th victory



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Junior catcher Hailee Hanna catches a strike from Amber May, a senior pitcher, that flies past Whitney Davis, a junior infielder from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Thursday at Williams Field. Melise Brown, a sophomore outfielder, scored the only run during the game allowing Eastern to win 1-0.

GOLF | PREVIEW

Team heads out for invite in Arkansas

By Doug T. Graham Staff Reporter

This weekend, all of Eastern's golfers get one final chance to get on top of their game before the OVC Championship at the end of the month.

Junior David Lawrence said the goal for the men's team has been to be in their best form come OVC Championship time. Because the ultimate goal is to be ready for the OVC tournament he said it feels like it is right around the corner.

"It's getting down to crunch time and it's time to start seeing the results of hard work pay off," Lawrence said.

The men will be traveling down I-57 for 339 miles to Jonesboro, Ark., to compete in the Arkansas State Invitational at Jonesboro Country Club.

The tournament will be the team's third in three weeks. When they return from their upcoming tournament they will have traveled 1,836 miles to and from their last three tournaments alone, which is just over 33 hours.

The women will be playing in the Loyola Invitational at Evanston Country Club in Evanston. When they begin the first round of play on Monday it will be their first time in tournament play since the South"It's getting down to crunch time and it's time to start seeing the results of hard work pay off."

David Lawrence, junior golfer

ern Illinois Saluki Invitational two weeks ago. The team's finish, they were 12 of 14 teams, was their worst this year.

Freshman Elyse Banovic identified the area that the women's team needs to improve the most on in their upcoming tournaments as their short

Senior Veronica Bernier agreed, saying their short game is not where it needs to be.

"This is definitely an area where all of us need to improve in order to win a tournament," Bernier said. "We could shave off so many strokes from our short game if we were more consistent."

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BASEBALL | PREVIEW



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Ryan Dineen, a sophomore infielder, slides into third base during the game against Southern Illinois University-Carbondale March 23 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers are at Morehead State this weekend for a three-game series.

Baseball hits the road, looks for chance to win at Morehead State

By Brad Kupiec Staff Reporter

Panther baseball will hit the road this weekend as Eastern travels to Morehead State to take on the Eagles in a threegame, Ohio Valley Conference series.

The Panthers are coming off a week in which they lost 4-0 at home to cross-state rival, Western Illinois, Tuesday before having Wednesday's game at Chicago State canceled because of poor field conditions.

The day gave the Panthers a chance

to do some extra work on hitting, according to head coach Jim Schmitz.

"We had a really good, quick practice today," Schmitz said on Wednesday. "(We had) good weather, so we got to hit a lot."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's Tennis Saturday – Murray State 11 a.m. – Rex Darling Courts Women's Tennis Saturday vs. Murray State 11 a.m. - Rex Darling Courts M&W Track Saturday – WKU Hilltopper Relays TBA – Bowling Green, Ky. For more please see elupanthers.com

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Charleston musicians set to take journey through time

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Displaying passion for theater

By Matt Congreve Verge Reporter

In Student Spotlight The Verge showcases an Eastern student, This week The Verge is featuring Andrew Swanson, who plays Fredrick Fellows in "Noises Off."

"Noises Off" by Michael Frayn will start production on April 15 at 7 p.m. The play will feature several different actors and crew in humorous situations depicting what really happens backstage. Andrew Swanson, a sophomore theatre arts major, will be playing Fredrick Fellows in "Noises Off."

Swanson's interest in theater began early in his life, acting in other plays for his high school as well as being in a professional production of "A Christmas Carol" when he was young.

"I was in fifth grade, and my friend signed up for an acting class and he forced me to come along with him," Swanson said. I didn't really want to do it, but then I ended up loving it and did it ever since."

The character Swanson plays is a neurotic, dim-witted actor who worries and never really knows what he's doing.

"Noises Off" is definitely a comedy," Swanson said. It's sort of like a play within a play. It's neat because it gives you an inside look at what really happens backstage during a show and it's pretty accurate to what actually happens."

Swanson is happy to be a the-



atre major and he is passionate about the success he's had so far.

"Every time you try to tell people you're a theater major, they often wonder, "What are you going to do with that?" I think you really just have to love it," Swanson said. When it comes to being in shows, for me it's just about rehearsing and going over and over the material. That way, you'll feel comfortable with it and you're not

constantly worried about what's coming next."

"Noises Off" will take place in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$12 for Eastern employees and seniors and \$15 for general admission.

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Calendar of Events

Friday:

On-campus event: What: "The Green Hornet" Where: Buzzard Hall Auditorium When: 7 p.m. Cost: Free

On-campus event: What: Opening Reception for Bridging the Past: Paul Sargent's Coles County Where: Tarble Arts Center When: 7 p.m. Cost: Free

Off-campus event: What: Open Circle Jam Where: lackson Avenue Coffee When: 7 p.m. Cost: Free

On-campus event: What: Concert Where: The Uptowner When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Details: See page 3B for more information. Cost: \$2

Saturday:

Off-campus event:

What: Concert When: 7 p.m. Where: Jackson Avenue Coffee Cost: Free Details: The band Unemployed Architects will be performing.

Off-campus event: What: Concert When: 9 p.m. to midnight Where: The Penalty Box Bar & Grill Cost: Free Details: The Suppliers and DJ Twin will be performing. The Suppliers are a rap group who recently won a radio contest to open for Ludacris.

Sunday:

On-campus event: What: A Musical Journey through Time Where: Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center When: 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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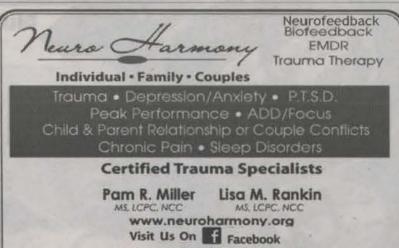
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Musicians travel through time with century pieces

By Samantha Bilharz Verge Editor

When attending "A Musical Journey Through Time," audience members can expect a wide variety of music styles. The concert includes music from most of the major musical periods in history. This includes the Renaissance (1380-1630), Baroque (1600-1750), Classical (1750-1820), Romantic (1800-1900) and 20th century (which also includes music of the 21st century) periods.

"We start with 17th century then we have an 18th century piece, then we have two 19th

century pieces, we have two 20th century coral pieces and a 21st century piece. So that's why it's 'Journey Through Time," because basically it's a little bit of everything," Sergei Pavlov, conductor of the concert choir and Eastern Symphony Orchestra said.

"A Musical Journey Through Time" will involve both the Eastern Illinois University choral ensembles and the Eastern Symphony Orchestra. "Trombone Concerto" by Ferdinand David, two poems from "Opus 88" by Dmitri Shostakovich, "Clarinet Concerto No. 2" by Carl Maria von Weber, "Floating World" by Stephen Andrew Taylor, "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson are some of the songs that will be performed.

There will also be works performed by the orchestra alone. These will be a capella choral pieces and one accompanied by Derek Maninfior who will be playing the organ.

Also performing with Maninfior will be two instrumental concertos featuring Mark Rheaume and Moria Tunison, who are the winners of the EIU Concerto Competition. Rheaume will be playing the trombone and Tunison will be playing the clarinet.

"This is our most intense concert of the semester, as it involves both of the EIU Choral Ensembles and the Eastern Symphony Orchestra," Janet McCumber, director of the university mixed chorus said.

Pavlov said the community has been supportive of the school and the orchestra.

"The great thing is that the orchestra concerts are pretty full. The first time I did a concert here at Eastern I was very surprised," Pavlov said. "So a lot of people from the community are obviously very supportive of the school and the orchestra

and that's great. You don't get this everywhere. It's really impressive. There is great awareness on the part of the community that this is something really important."

Eastern Symphony Orchestra and EIU Choral Ensembles: "A Musical Journey Through Time" will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$12 for adults, \$10 for Eastern employees and seniors.

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Old Shoe to perform music at first-time show in Charleston

By Jose Gonzalez Senior Verge Reporter

Old Shoe, a band that is making its first trip to Charleston, is set to perform at The Uptowner today.

Paul Priest, a guitarist for Old Shoe, said the band is made up of four original members.

The four members include Priest, Matt Robinson, Daniel Huber and Christopher Morrow. They come from the Chicago area and comprise a collection of music experience.

Robinson, the guitarist for Old Shoe, said the band started as his own solo project, The Matt Robinson Band. He started playing guitar in high school as a part of a band named Treetop Affair.

"My first show I played as a part of Old Shoe was a CD release party and it felt good, because it was different, because it wasn't all centered around me," Robinson said.

Robinson said the concept went from a solo project to a collective effort. He had been playing for a few years while the other band members have been in music for more than 30 years. Robinson said the name Old Shoe came from his wife. Being an "old shoe" means being something familiar and unpretentious and is also a throwback to older music.

Christopher Morrow, a drummer for Old Shoe, said despite Old Shoe having not played in Charleston, Morrow is no stranger to the area.

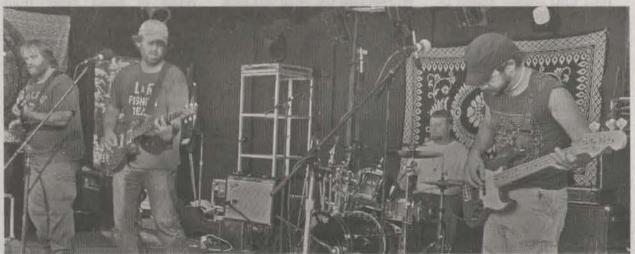
Morrow said he had played in the Charleston area about two or three years ago with the band The New Fuse. He has been playing drums since he was in the fifth grade.

Priest said though it may be Old Shoe's first time in Charleston, it is not their first time playing in the bar scene.

"We've played everything from large outdoor festivals to a bar's second room to a bowling alley to showcase venues such as Martyrs or Double Door," Priest said. "If there's an audience, then we do our thing and it doesn't matter the size of the room, town, stage. We're there for the lovers of music."

Robinson said The Uptowner is the ideal place to start for a new band.

Morrow said he has done



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Band members (from left to right) Paul Priest, Matt Robinson, Chris Morrow, Dan Huber, perform at the Hoodilidoo Music Festival 2010, Lacota, Mich.

freelance work as a drummer and does it to pay his bills and

"The drummer is the guy that holds down the groove and rhythm sections," Morrow said.

Morrow said he plays jazz, metal, country, along with a shoebox of other kinds of music, because Old Shoe's music is a large spectrum of music.

"I want to play grooves that people can dance to," Morrow said.

Priest said some of their mu-

sical influences include Neil Young, Phish, Grateful Dead, Van Morrison and Ozric Tentacles.

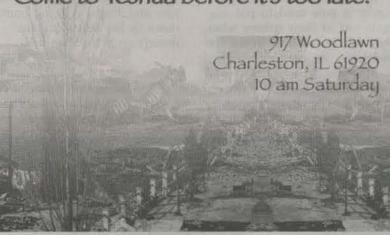
Morrow said playing in Charleston and Chicago has its similarities. The differences are what sets it apart from everything else he is done, but it's similar because of the young receptive audience he played for.

"It's harder to be taken seriously because of competition," Morrow said. "It isn't difficult to be taken seriously in Charleston." He also said Chicago is different because there is more happening compared to Charleston, entertainment wise and it is difficult to develop a reputation in Chicago rather than in college towns, also because bands compete more in the city.

A cover fee for the show will be \$2 and will begin at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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New barbecue restaurant opens near square

Pop's BBQ brings a new variety

of food to area

By Samantha Wilmes Assistant Verge Editor

Charleston is getting a bit saucier with the addition of a new barbecue restaurant.

Pop's BBQ was in the making for some time to come, said owner Ron "Pop" Stearns, who is 76 years old.

Stearns has been living in Charleston for the past 40 years. In those 40 years, he has become popular in the community with his barbecue foods before the restaurant even opened.

Pop's BBQ opened March 18 and since its opening Stearn, said they have had lots of support and business from the area.

"I was a hobby barbecuer, with temporary permits for a number of years I barbecued. I've wanted to do this for a long time," Stearns said.

Stearns considers the restaurant a family affair. He is working with his wife, children and grandchildren.

The restaurant is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Ron "Pop" Stearns, owner of Pop's BBQ

ods of the way they make the food. One method is the use of fresh meats.

"The meat all comes from Dutch Valley Meats in Chesterville," Stearns said. "We're getting the best around."

Another method Stearns follows is the type of grilling used. Pop's BBQ does not use a gas grill because the smell will cook into the meats. At Pop's BBQ, they use an automatic wood feeder, which feeds wood pellets into the grill.

Stearns learned all of his barbecue techniques on his own through trial and error, barbecue cookbooks and competitions.

One specialty of Pop's BBQ is the sauce he makes which he calls SIN sauce. SIN stands for Southern Illinois Nectar. Stearns came up with this in the '60s.

The menu offers an adequate amount of foods.

What Pop's BBQ offers is the

basics of barbecue foods; spare ribs, beef brisket sandwich, hickory smoked pulled pork sandwich, pork chops, baked beans, cole slaw and potato salad.

Currently the restaurant has carry-out and offers dinner options. Pop's also sells meat by the pound and catering. The prices of meals range from \$4.50 to \$18.95.

A full menu is listed on Pop's BBQ Facebook page. The restaurant has been open for a few weeks now and has almost 150 "likes" for the page.

There are not many other restaurants in the area with a barbecue centered menu, however there will be another barbecue restaurant opening soon on Lincoln Avenue.

"Soon we will start with delivery, but as of now it is all carry out," Stearns said. "When the weather changes we can put out a few picnic tables so customers can eat outside."



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Sign welcoming customers at Pops's BBQ located near the square at 302 Madison Ave.

Stearns said there have been times where they have actually ran out of food because business has been going so well.

"I really want to thank the community, who has given us nothing but encouragement," Stearns said. Pop's BBQ is located near the square at 302 Madison Ave.

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New X-Men story best time for fans to reunite for franchise

I love the X-Men. Since I was a kid, I have been border-line-obsessed with this band of not-so-merry mutants. My older sister taught me to read with dog-eared copies of *Uncanny X-Men*. The only reason I would get out of bed in the morning was to get my fix of the X-Men animated cartoon on Fox. The only thing I wanted for my 13th birthday was mutant powers – sadly, this did not happen.

For those of you who grew up with the X-Men comic books or the animated series like I did, there is no better time to pick up an X-book than now. Marvel has dubbed 2011 as "The Year of the X-Men" – and I couldn't be

One of the best X-Men story arcs in a long time is unfolding in the pages of X-Men Legacy and New Mutants right now. In



By Shelley Holmgren Administration Editor

February, writer Mike Carey and artist Clay Mann launched "The Age of X," a new alternate reality crossover that weaves characters old and new into a dystopian battleground.

One of the best X-Men story lines to come out of the '90s was the "Age of Apocalypse" crossover. During this time, our favorite mutants were thrust into an alternate reality where Charles Xavier was dead, Magneto was leader of the X-Men and Apocalypse ruled North

America. Sounds like a ball, right? Not quite.

After "The Age of Apocalypse," the X-books suffered through a dark age until writer Grant Morrison revamped the series. The book was again overhauled with Matt Fraction on *Uncanny X-Men* and Carey on *X-Men Legacy*.

Similar to "Age of Apocalypse," in "Age of X," many of the most iconic figures in the Marvel universe have been re-imagined into warriors banding together to survive in a world when the X-Men were never formed and mutants are hunted mercilessly.

Cyclops, now called Basilisk, has some serious mental issues going on upstairs thanks to the government using his optic blast ability to obliterate other mutants. Another character with an interesting twist is Rogue, now referred to as Legacy, or to her dismay "Reaper." For those of you who adore the Southern mutant like I do, Carey is your man. Since his run on X-Men Legacy, Carey has given Rogue control of her powers, led her through a war with Bastion (the amalgamation of the Master Mold Sentinel and Nimrod for those of you who watched the cartoon) and pushed her up front and center of the X-Men team.

In "Age of X," her absorption power is now used to put mutants out of their misery when they fall in battle – hence the nickname "Reaper."

Magento is also front and center of this gang of renegade mutants. The character has received a lot of attention lately thanks to the upcoming film "X-Men: First Class," directed by Matthew Vaughn. I could not be happier.

The best part of this new crossover is that it pays tribute to both "The Age of Apocalypse" and "The Days of Future Past," one of creator Chris Claremont's finest contributions to the franchise.

Overall, this is an amazing storyline and it is such a great way for X-Men fans who have gone on the back burner to come back to the franchise. Gambit has a shotgun, Cyclops is a maniac and Rogue is being hunted down by her fellow mutants – it doesn't get better than this.

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