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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

ALL THAT JAZZ

Rare composition pays tribute to queen

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A six movement jazz composition filled the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

The EIU Jazz Lab Band played Duke Ellington's "The Queen's Suite," which was composed in 1958 for the Queen of England.

Paul Johnston, the director of the Jazz Lab Band and coordinator for the combo program, said Ellington met the Queen when he attended a jazz festival in England.

"When he got back to the (United) States, he was so impressed by (the Queen) that he wrote a piece for her," Johnston said.

Johnston said Ellington had one record of the suite made for the Queen, but the record was released later after Ellington's death.

"It was fun playing the Ellington and it was a special treat to have our guest with us," Johnston said.

Alex Cler, a trumpet player for the EIU Jazz Lab Band, said he enjoyed playing the suite.

"The Queen Suite' is one of my new favorite pieces of music just from hearing it," Cler said. "It's great that it is a rarity too, something that people don't always hear."

Brittney Vincent, a freshman music major, said she thought the performance was great.

"I enjoyed the feature singer, all the solos and the wide variety of music," Vincent said.

The Jazz Lab Band performed "Flapjacks and Maple Syrup" by Kim Richmond, "Come Rain or Come Shine" by Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer and arranged by Patrick Williams, "Waltz for Debby" by Bill Evans and Gee Lees and arranged by Johnston, and "Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise" by Oscar Hammerstein II and Sigmund Romberg and arranged by Dave Rivello.

Becca Worthington, a freshman foreign language major, said she liked the performance.

"I liked the Duke Ellington piece and the last piece ("Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise"), the baritone sax was very lively," Worthing-



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Robin Connell, guest vocalist, sings Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer's "Come Rain or Come Shine" accompanied by the Jazz Lab Band during their performance Thursday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's the Theatre. Connell is a professor of music theory and jazz studies at Grand Rapids Community College.

ton said.

The group was also joined by a guest vocalist, Robin Connell, a professor of music theory and jazz studies at the Grand Rapids Community College.

"This is my seventh semester in the Lab Band and I think it is

the first time we have a guest artist come in and it is something totally new and totally fresh," Cler said. "You can rehearse it all you want and then when the guest artist comes in, there is always a little bit of change."

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COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

CAA approves course changes for students' benefit

By Jaime Lopez
Staff Reporter

The Council on Academic Affairs ended on a positive note at its meeting on Thursday where it approved changes to courses in economics, history, music and biology.

Jerry Daniel, the chair of the music department, presented the board with changes to Music Theory Rudiments, an entry-level course that develops students' fundamental knowledge of music.

In 2003, the department recognized its students needed to be better prepared to enter the music program, Daniel said.

"About half of our students are not prepared for our curriculum," Daniel said.

The committee approved to set up an online version of the class and allow non-music majors to take it and have the credits they earn count towards graduation.

Doug Klarup, a member of the CAA, questioned if the course would be considered a remedial course.

Non-music majors could take the class and have it count towards graduation, but music majors would have to take it to prepare them for future courses, Daniel said.

Linda Ghent, a professor of economics, proposed changes to health economics.

Health economics class uses economic tools to understand issues and problems associated with the medical care.

Ghent proposed to have the course offered online while respecting the university's policy about small classes with teachers.

"We limit enrollment (in online courses) to protect our campus classes," Ghent said.

Changes were added to the course to fill the course with more non-economics majors, Ghent said.

The course will place more emphasis on the written work.

Jonathon Coit, a history professor, proposed a string of new history courses to the board.

The new courses are all world history classes, from monarchies to mass democracies, the age of sail, empires in global history and the twentieth-century world.

Coit said the courses would expose non-history majors to history other than America's.

Jeffrey Laursen, a biology professor, stood in front of the board and proposed to have Parasitology revised, a course that examines the control of common animal parasites.

Laursen said the decision to revise the course is to let graduate students take it.

In the past, the course has been taught every other semester.

Laursen said he wants it to be taught every fall.

Larry White, a member of the CAA, said the meeting went well, and everything presented to the board was approved.

"(The) meeting went pretty smooth, as smooth as it could go," White said.

Stacey Ruhoff, a member of the CAA, said the next step is to implement the approved changes into each of the courses.

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APPORTIONMENT BOARD

University Board presents budget decreases

AB faces cuts due to low student enrollment this year

By Piper Black
Staff Reporter

The University Board members presented their new budget request to the Apportionment Board on Thursday.

The new proposed budget is \$216,489 compared to last year's budget, which was \$241,250.

The budget is to continue to "provide quality and diverse entertainment, programs and services at an affordable price to EIU stu-

dents," according to a PowerPoint presentation by Darius White, the University Board Chair.

The budget was split into several categories of student entertainment. These categories include comedy programs, cultural arts programs, homecoming and the yearly Quakin' in the Quad event.

The board said that almost every committee has had to make cuts in their budget. The two committees that have not made cuts were Quakin' in the Quad and the homecoming committee.

These two committees have actually had raises in their budgets for next year.

Mary Lane, vice president of business affairs, said the members of the apportionment board were each given a spreadsheet with

the list of proposed budgets. Before their next meeting, each member will review the spreadsheet and make suggestions for each budget, she said.

When the Apportionment Board meets again, each member will voice their suggestions and the committee will review the budgets once again. Then as an overall committee, they will vote to pass or not pass the requested budget.

Although these requests are brought to the Apportionment Board every year, they are facing a lot of cuts this year, Lane said.

These cuts are being made because the budget is primarily paid by student fees, and enrollment has been down, Lane said.

Lane said that although cuts are being made, the apportion-

ment board will make sure that each board gets enough to function properly and provide quality service events.

The comedy programs that the University Board provides include Lunchbox Voodoo, Hello Dali, Last Comic Standing Student Competition, and various guest comedians. The University Board also focuses on cultural arts programs, such as Chinese acrobats, to enhance students' knowledge of diversity both on and off campus.

The University Board is also in charge of the yearly Quakin' in the Quad event that welcomes students back to campus at the beginning of the fall semester.

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EIU weather

TODAY

SATURDAY



Mostly Sunny
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Low: 30°

Mostly Sunny
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Low: 36°

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ONLINE

RHA plans spring events and executive elections

The Residents Hall Association is getting ready for campus events and nominations for new RHA positions, which will take place after spring break.



At a meeting in Stevenson Hall, the RHA planned upcoming spring events and different student organization events that will take place during the rest of March and into April.

The RHA will donate \$50 to an event called a sex positive affair, sponsored by PRIDE, that talks about gender and society.

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ROTC



ROTC cadets use paintball to gain experience

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Cadets from the ROTC program used paintballing to practice training techniques at Fly'n Colors Paintball despite cold temperatures, wind and rain on Thursday.

Groups of cadets were brought out by shuttle to Fly'n Colors, and played out scenario situations both on the outdoor and indoor parts of the course.

John Schield, a freshman physics major, said the cadets have been training last year and throughout the spring.

"We've been learning how to cover each other," he said. "Plus it's the day before spring break, so it has a fun element too."

Schild said his instructors told the cadets to use as much of their training as they could in the paintball exercise.

Cadets could be heard calling out phrases such as "contact left, 35 meters" and "cover fire."

"These are all tactics that we use throughout the semester," Schild said. "It's paintball, we're having fun with it but trying to make it as tactical as we can."

Tony Shriver, who works at Fly'n

Colors, said this is the third season ROTC has been sending cadets out to the facilities and that other military branches such as the National Guard and the Air Force also send people out to play paintball and practice.

ROTC cadets teamed up in friendly competitions with members of the Charleston and Mattoon Fire Departments, who were also out at the facilities to play.

They created possible scenarios and played games such as capture the flag.

Nick Dano, a senior philosophy major, said playing paintball was a great way to get freshmen and the younger students in leadership roles and show them the ropes of ROTC.

"Above all, this is a way to get people excited about ROTC," he said.

Dano said he saw paintball as a great way to give cadets hands-on training instead of just learning about techniques.

"For this, we actually get to use some of those techniques," he said. "It gives the younger kids motivation to be here."

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(Top) William Comstock, a graduate student, works with his team to capture the flag during the EIU Army ROTC paintball lab at Fly'n Colors Paintball, 12284 Old State Road Charleston, Ill., Thursday. The capture the flag game was followed by a round where one team had to escort an individual from one side of the play area to another without being shot. (Bottom) Cadet Zach Rappe, a freshman political science major, takes cover behind a mound of dirt.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

GOP candidates campaign for 110th district

By Elizabeth Edwards
 News Editor

Two GOP candidates, Kevin Garner and Brad Halbrook are vying for state representative of the newly drawn 110th district for the upcoming primary. The new district now includes Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Edgar Crawford and Lawrence counties.

The third candidate on the ballot, Roger Eddy, recently withdrew from the race, leaving Garner and Halbrook to compete against each other for the March 20 primary.

Background and Qualifications

Halbrook, 50 of Shelbyville, said he has been married to his wife, Linda, for almost 30 years and has two children. He emphasized how he has been involved with agriculture his whole life and currently owns a fence company in Shelbyville that builds farm fences all over the state of Illinois.

Not only does Halbrook own his own business, but he said he has served as the Shelby County Republican chairman for the last six years.

As county chairman, Halbrook said he has helped flip the original blue Shelby County to red by helping elect a republican states attorney.

Halbrook said he is qualified to serve as state representative because of the combination of his family life, business experiences and service as county chairman.

While Garner, 44, of Casey, graduated from Casey-Westfield High School and has served eight years in the U.S Navy Reserve.

He currently owns the Garner Auction Service and is also has been employed as Service Manager at LD Mechanical for the last four years.

He is also a single father raising two children. After desiring to run for representative the last 10 years, Garner said

he just felt like it was time to step up.

"I am not a politician," he said. "I am a human being running for human beings." Garner described himself as a workingman and he said he will listen to the district's concerns. "I have been an employer and the employee and have been on both sides of the fence," he said.

Vision for the 110th district

The current economic situation in Illinois deeply troubles Halbrook, and he plans on creating statewide openness and transparency, which will include frequent audits for the state.

"Illinois has become a laughing stock," Halbrook said.

Halbrook is advocating 10-year term limits on elected officials, because he believes Illinois needs new people with new ideas.

"We don't have term limits now and look at our current situation," Halbrook said.

While Garner said his top priority if elected is to bring small business back to the state. As a small business owner, himself, Garner said the businesses in the state are over regulated, over taxed and over governed.

"The state of Illinois makes it very difficult to run a profitable legal business," Garner said.

Garner said he would also try to get concealed and carry in Illinois.

Campaign

Unlike his opponent, Garner said he is the only candidate that is running a grassroots campaign and is not outsourcing his campaign.

Also, Garner said he lives within the district while Halbrook does not. Halbrook defended himself and said Shelbyville was part of the old district before the redistricting and plans to move into the district if elected.

Though, Halbrook does not plan



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brad Halbrook



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Kevin Garner

to move his business, it would be unfair for his employees and customers. As for his opponent, Halbrook said he has never met Garner and had nothing to say about him.

Though Halbrook did emphasize he has been endorsed by Congressman John Shimkus, Rep. Chaplin Rose and GOP House Leader Tom Cross.

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CIRCUIT CLERK

Republicans dominate county circuit clerk race

By Elizabeth Edwards
 News Editor

Two republican candidates, Rustye Cooley and Melissa Hurst, are both running for the circuit clerk of Coles County for the upcoming primary on March 20.

Rustye Cooley said, during a phone interview, that she has been chief deputy circuit clerk for 11 years and she said no one else has her years of experience.

"I have developed a relationship with all the entities involved with the circuit clerk office," she said.

If elected Cooley said she would continue with advancements in the circuit clerk's online services.

While Melissa Hurst said she has worked in the State Attorney's office as a felony secretary and has worked as administrative assistant to the judges for last 9 years.

Mainly, Hurst said she wants to have open communications from all fronts. Her first goal as circuit clerk would be to create a friendly office environment for employees.

She said many times the first contact in the legal process is the circuit clerk office and she wants that experience to be as easy as possible. Hurst also said she plans to develop a relationship with county board and plans to attend their meetings regularly. She also said she plans to have a good relationship with the attorneys in the courthouse.

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Melissa Hurst



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Rustye Cooley

Where to vote on March 20

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union** - Eastern Illinois University
- **Coles County Clerk's Office** - Coles County Courthouse, 651 Jackson Ave., Rm. 122, Charleston, Ill. 61920
- **Mattoon City Clerk's Office** - 208 N. 19th St., 2nd Floor, Mattoon, Ill. 61938

STATES ATTORNEY

States Attorney candidates hope for efficiency

By Marcus Smith
 Assistant Online Editor

Increasing efficiency is what most of the candidates for Coles County States Attorney said is needed in the most in the office.

The Republican candidates are Brian Bower and Duane Deters and the Democratic candidates are Thomas Bucher and Todd Reardon. The upcoming March 20 primary will decide which republican or democrat candidate will represent their party

Brian Bower

Bower is a Charleston attorney, who has been practicing law for 28 years with Brainard Law Offices, and been Charleston city attorney for 22 years.

Bower feels that his experience working as city attorney is similar to what the states attorney does.

"Quite frankly that is very much what the states attorney does," he said. "It prosecutes the charges of the county and it provides legal representation to the county board and the various boards and units under the auspices of the county."

He said if elected he wants to clear cases in an expeditious manner.

"My first goal is to bring organization to the office, and to bring some efficiency to the office through management," Bower said.

He thinks that through better use of manpower the states attorney's office can close cases in a timely manner and save money.

"The office at the present time is operated in a manner that has, in my opinion, excessive court appearances with minimum production," he said.

Bower said that he wants to make the office more responsive to the public. He said that the position is one of public service, and there are customers and the customers are the citizens.

Duane Deters

Duane Deters, a Macon County assistant states attorney, said he has 13 years prosecuting cases from traffic tickets to homicide cases.

"We are going to work harder to make communication better between law enforcement and the States Attorney's office," Deters said. "I would like

CANDIDATES FOR STATES ATTORNEY

Republican candidates

- **Brian Bower**-Charleston city attorney
- **Duane Deters**-Macon County assistant states attorney

Democratic candidates

- **Thomas Bucher**-Coles County assistant states attorney
- **Todd Reardon** - Attorney

there to be as seamless a transition as possible to connect the fight against crime in our streets and the fight against crime in our courtroom."

He said he wants to implement a program to cross train assistants, so when an assistant has to fill in for another the substitute is not lacking skills necessary to do the job. Deters also wants to have one

assistant attorney for each courtroom to handle cases instead of having several assistants in one courtroom.

Thomas Bucher

Thomas Bucher has been Coles County assistant states attorney for four years prosecuting a variety of cases.

Bucher said seeking justice is the most important thing he does as a prosecutor.

"For the last two years I have been the primary prosecutor in our office to handle sex crimes," he said. "In particular the child sex crimes and I get great satisfaction out of being the voice of those children in the courtroom."

Bucher said that his Democratic opponent, Todd Reardon, would be better suited running for the legislature and making laws.

"I will enforce the laws as they are written and he would enforce the laws more as he would like the laws to be written," he said.

Bucher said he is more qualified than Bower because Bower has handled ordinance violations, but has not prosecuted major crimes.

Todd Reardon

Todd Reardon said he has done more jury trials than the other three candidates together and he has practiced cases in 79 out of 102 Illinois counties.

"I have gotten a broad exposure to how things are done and how they can be done better," Reardon said.

If elected he would want to implement a diversion program for first-time, non-violent offenders in order to clear up court congestion and allow those people to keep a clean criminal record.

"A way to alleviate the problem is to try to get rid of the small fish to catch the big fish," Reardon said.

He also wants to use written motions, where the defendant is given a court date when things might be accomplished, instead of them appearing when they are not needed in court.

"Another thing is we have people who are losing their jobs by coming to court 20 times and having the case continued, continued, continued," he said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

How to rock spring break, not go broke

You did it. You survived the cold, dark first half of the spring semester. It probably helped that this winter was the fourth warmest in meteorological history across the contiguous U.S. and third warmest in Illinois history, according to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

But you made it, brave readers, and you deserve a break.

A good portion of you will undoubtedly jet down to Antigua to spend the week partying with Giorgio Armani and Silvio Berlusconi, gallivanting long, sandy beaches with your new, exotic lover and setting up a solid tax haven.

Ah, to be young, care-free and absurdly rich!

But before you leave Chucktown in the dust, take a few precautions to protect your wealth while you're away.

Turn the thermostat down and unplug your electronics. The ghosts you leave behind can't feel warm or cold, and are widely known to be afraid of the Internet.

Walk around your house or apartment and unplug chargers, toasters, coffee machines, WiFi boxes, your TV and home entertainment system. Most of these devices use energy even when not in use, so pull the plugs and save the cash.

Lock your doors and windows. All of them. If it has two locks, lock both. If it has ten locks, lock them all, then congratulate yourself for overcoming your OCD enough to take a vacation.

We made this suggestion before winter break, but apparently not everybody took our advice. There were a string of break-ins over break. Robbers are well aware of the number of students who leave their apartments unlocked during spring break. All they have to do is keep trying the next door until they find one that's open. Don't let your door be that door.

If you have a window or door that doesn't lock, call your landlord and get them to fix it. They have to fix it, legally. So make them do it.

Of course, many readers will stay in Charleston and enjoy the peace and quiet of this beautiful town, now that all the pesky rich neighbors have unplugged their sub-woofers and flown to Antigua.

We know you are the real lucky ones. You'll have Charleston all to yourself. First and foremost, be outside.

The weather forecast for all of next week calls for highs in the upper-60s to lower-70s and lows in the mid-50s. Get outside and bask in the spring air. Explore parts of the state you've never seen. Go camping for the first time in 2012. Go fishing. Play Go Fish on a boat. Eat green eggs and ham.

When you have to be inside, open the windows and let the fresh spring air blow all those winter blues away.

Whatever you do, dear readers, make it count. You'll have to come back in a week and get back to work. And we have to work with you. So have fun and be safe.

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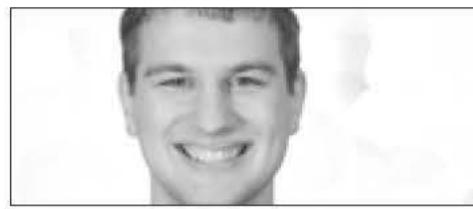
The inconvenient truth about Invisible Children

Unless you avoid Facebook or Twitter, chances are that you have heard of a particular human rights movement this week called "Cloak the Night" or "Kony 2012." Thanks to a 30 minute video and a massive effort to make it a viral Internet story, "Kony 2012" has grabbed the attention of many, and in particular fellow members of the Millennial generation.

If you watched the video put out by the organization Invisible Children, you know what I'm talking about. If you have not, here's the short version: In Uganda there has been an extensive conflict involving the Ugandan government and a man named Joseph Kony, who has lead the so-called "Lord's Resistance Army" for nearly 30 years. He has been indicted by the International Criminal Court for numerous crimes against humanity, particularly for murderous rape and intimidation tactics against Ugandan villages as well as his sickening use of child soldiers.

In essence, Joseph Kony is very bad, and Invisible Children is seeking to bring light to the situation and see Kony brought to justice. If only it were that simple.

The video is Invisible Children's 12th such attempt to highlight Kony's atrocities, and this time around it is pushing for an advanced effort grounded in social media to raise awareness of the issue and to ensure that the Ugandan military will capture Kony so he can stand trial.



Greg Sainer

So what's wrong with this cause? Absolutely nothing that is in relation to the organization's main purpose. The "problems" that I personally find with Invisible Children's efforts, and the subsequent response that has exploded this past week, lie in my desire to see effective activism take place that understands what people are getting themselves into.

African geopolitics has been a complex issue for quite some time, and for various reasons. Uganda is no exception, and partially because of this I must take a voice of caution: If we are to see real progress in this effort to bring Kony to justice, then everyone involving themselves in the effort must understand what they are preparing to do and be ready for a long wait.

Not to be the ultimate "Debbie Downer," but capturing Joseph Kony is not going to be a simple matter of sending the Ugandan army, or American/international special forces for that matter, after him. As the Invisible Children video clearly states, Kony is somewhere within the Central African Republic and is

aware of the efforts to capture him.

If Kony is to be caught, it is going to take an extended, concentrated effort of military forces that either face the criticism of not being entirely higher in moral authority than the LRA (the Ugandan army) or have to deal with the potential issue of bordering African countries not appreciating what they might see as foreign intervention (the United States and allies).

While Invisible Children is promising to flood public discourse with continuous reminders this year to keep the word out, recent new supporters of the movement must realize that this could go well beyond 2012, and be ready to set in for the active, time-consuming long haul.

And in a year where America will be placing a major focus on its presidential election, domestic issues, particularly the economy, will gain every bit of interest from the public.

This is not to say that "Kony 2012" is a movement not worth supporting. But it has taken 10 or more years to raise awareness to current levels and see active American involvement. Even though efforts have kicked into high gear, it could possibly take another 10 years before we see justice for Uganda. Are you ready for the long haul?

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FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN & DAVE BALSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

The fight to save mankind began Tuesday, settle in

Frozen. Suspended in midair, the enemies softly drifted in a pool of blue electronic webs, granting Commander Shepard a few yearned breaths after excessive bombardment and blood.

Yes, since the dawn of Tuesday, the threat of utter oblivion of the human race fell in the hands of gamers around the world with "Mass Effect 3."

As I have stated in a previous column on Feb. 22, video games hold my passion with a tight grasp. As I returned home to Springfield for spring break, an hour after I had walked in the door into the arms of my family, my passion took hold of me.

Instead of enacting in the chores that fellow students have to worry about, like packing to escape to some sickeningly relaxing beach or preparing to travel across the country to immerse bare hands in hard labor to build homes, I decided to honor the break in a different fashion.

I found that one of my older brothers had himself been consumed by a world of stars and strife in a brutal war against a deadly foe and, after seeing my eyes glaze and my mouth drool over the beautiful chaos captured in a sparkly charming high resolution, he passed the reins.

I departed his game, in which he had accumulated about 15 hours of play into the seduc-



Rachel Rodgers

tive suspense of a galaxy far away, and began my own journey.

I realized immediately that this third installment, while embodying the allure of a compelling narrative, retained its prowess of obliterating any chance of a dull moment. This reflects the ability of "Mass Effect 3" to eclipse other adventures in the gaming universe to hook its claws into the avid gamer.

Right beside the "M" for Mature rating, the label should read "CAUTION: This epic endtale to the trilogy will enslave your hands and mind without any assurances to let go until you finish the chronicle that launched in 2007."

This rare triumph in sensational sci-fi bridges the hard hours of service to the previous installments, as past gameplay carries over to each increasingly complex interface, like topping a dense mountain to reach great heights.

Evolving from each conversation to every knuckle-biting decision, all minute details matter in the progression of the story, and the fate of all inhabitants in the vast valleys of space lie within the perspiring hands of the gamer.

To accommodate everyone who shares my loath of spoilers, I will not reveal the twists and turns I have seen, but I will say that familiar faces entice the hunger of gamers for a third time, but they may not remain within your retinas for long.

Faces, new and old, join to fight the foe that fixates only on destruction and death.

BioWare, the games developer, cuts no corners when delivering a product that will consume the masses with an addictively striking storyline captured in glamorous graphics, and provides other facets of obsessive play, like a four-player co-op granting options of a variety of races and classes.

With traces of heart-riveting complements of sound and vision like the "Dead Space" series, and remnants of historically enthralling stories like "Star Trek," this game turns heads and grapples on to one's bones.

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MIRANDA PLOSS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alto Saxophonists Taylor Bainter, art major, Jaymee Findlay, music major, look on as Kurt Swan, music major, performs Duke Ellington's "The Single Petal of a Rose" from the "The Queen's Suite" during the Jazz Lab Band's performance Thursday in the Dounda Fine Arts Center's the Theatre. Ellington wrote the "The Queen's Suite" after returning home from a jazz festival in Leeds, England where he met the Queen.

Connell said she enjoyed working with the ensemble.

"The band really impressed me with their wide range of abilities," Connell said. "And I thought I did OK too."

Connell said working with the ensemble allows them to learn new things.

"I think having someone come in who is not here, there is this new thing, puts them on their toes a little bit," Connell said.

Johnston agreed.

"It's nice just to learn from other people's experiences and hear what they have to say and what they bring to the music," Johnston said.

Connell sang to "Waltz for Debby," "Come Rain or Come Shine," and "Basin Street Blues" by Spencer Williams.

Connell also performed a singer/piano duet with Johnston to

a piece she arranged called "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

"I like how they did a duet," Vincent said. "And I liked "The Queen Suite," I think that was best of all, I had never heard it before."

Connell said she also enjoyed listening to the band play.

"I was just amazed by "The Queen Suite", I have never heard it live before," Connell said. "Ellington's writing is so complex, especially for that time period. And the kids did it very well."

Cler said he enjoyed the concert as a whole.

"This was my last show, it was an awesome way to wrap it up," Cler said.

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LECTURE

Poverty rates topic at lecture

By Al Warpinski
Staff Reporter

Poverty rates, world hunger, volunteering and helping others were the topic of a lecture on Thursday.

In Coles County the poverty rate is 18 percent and every day 1 in 4 kids goes without a meal. These statistics were mentioned by Rachel Fisher, the interim director of Student Community Service, during the "Unofficial Random Acts of Kindness Day" presentation on volunteering.

Fisher emphasized that her main goal is to make a difference and enhance the community.

During her three years as director she has noticed that Eastern students have really started to help out.

"Over 90,000 hours of community service were logged by Eastern students," Fisher said. "Those hours were a combined total of 8,000 students."

The presentation also focused on different things Student Community Service does for surrounding communities.

Fisher has started several volunteer programs like making cards for veterans and Birthday-in-a-Box.

The service include sending birthday

materials to low income families that may not be able to afford birthday supplies and making cards for veterans. It is as simple as it sounds, and only takes a few minutes and the effect they have on these people is overwhelming, Fisher said.

Other volunteer options include a community makeover, where over the course of three weeks Eastern students go out to a local community and clean, paint or just fix up that town.

"The key to volunteering is to be creative," Fisher said. "There are more than 50 different surrounding volunteer organizations that students can join right here on campus."

Angie Bradley, a junior biological studies major and the lectures coordinator for the University Board, said she took this advice to heart.

"You can do anything, when you're volunteering it doesn't matter who you are or what your major is," Bradley said.

She said she came up with her own idea to help suicidal teens that get bullied or picked on throughout teen years.

Bradley said there will be a recording booth for students to tell younger kids that life gets better as you get old-

er on April 9-11 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I feel like it would be simple for us to encourage people to record themselves to benefit people in, not just Charleston, but across the world too," Bradley said.

She said that this idea is pretty simple and as long as it helps someone that the video was worth it. The final product of all the recordings will be aired at 6 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium on April 12.

Klaudia Susul, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, said that the presentation was inspirational.

"This presentation will make me definitely go out and volunteer," Susul said.

Fisher said it is not difficult for students to volunteer. Fisher said students can volunteer by emailing volunteer@eiu.edu or checking out the Student Community Service website. Fisher said there is something for everyone.

"Student Community Services acts as "eHarmony" on campus," Fisher said. "They match student's passions with volunteer options."

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SOFTBALL

Panthers prepare to take on familiar foe

Preseason favorites will meet in Jacksonville, Ala.

By Erik Jensen
Staff Reporter

This weekend, Eastern's softball team will travel to Jacksonville, Ala., to take on the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in their Ohio Valley Conference opener.

Their first game will take place Saturday at 1 p.m., with Sunday's action occurring at the same time.

Jacksonville State, picked to finish first in the OVC preseason poll, comes into the game with a 4-12 record. The Panthers, picked to finish second in the conference, enter OVC play with an overall record of 5-6.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette doesn't let the preseason polls affect her too much, so she doubted it would add any extra pressure.

"There's no such thing as pressure," Schuette said. "People put pressure on themselves because we fear failure. When you have confidence and focus on attacking and playing to win, the other stuff isn't around."

In league play last season, the Panthers defeated Jacksonville State in two of its three matchups, which helped propel them to the regular season conference title.

The Gamecocks continued to battle, though, and won the conference tournament title which earned them a NCAA regional berth.

Even though Schuette would like to beat the Gamecocks every time they play, she does not see any extra significance in this weekend's doubleheader.

"Every game counts as one,"

Schuette said. "Win or lose, each game is worth one. Not any more or any less."

As Eastern enters conference play, it is led at the plate by freshman shortstop Bailey O'Dell. O'Dell currently has a .412 batting average to go along with a team leading two homeruns and seven runs scored.

Morgan Biel and Melise Brown have also been effective at the plate. Biel enters OVC play with a .250 batting average, nine hits and five RBIs. Brown has a .241 batting average to go along with a homerun, seven runs scored, four walks and four RBI.

Stephanie Maday leads Eastern on the mound with a 4-2 record. For the season, she has a 3.16 ERA in 37.2 innings pitched.

Shelby Holley has been the star for Jacksonville State so far in this young season. She enters the weekend with a .392 average and 10 homeruns. She has also scored 11 runs and recorded 16 RBI.

Sam Snow leads the Gamecocks on the mound with a 2-3 record. She has a 3.92 Era in 39 innings pitched.

With spring break around the corner and the weather improving as the days go on, the Panthers are ready for a fun week of softball.

"We are always excited to play, and they (Eastern) are excited to see how we match up," Schuette said. "Spring break is a great time to eat, sleep and play softball. It's a great time to spend with the team and each other. We play a lot of games and spend 10 days together, which helps us grow as a team."

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ONLINE

Panthers aim to snap losing streaks

So far this season the Eastern men's tennis team has now lost a total of six straight matches, losing to the Bradley Braves even though all the doubles

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TRACK

Boey, Riebold ready for nationals

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

The Eastern track and field team will send two athletes to Nampa, Idaho, for this weekend's NCAA Indoor Championship.

Red-shirt senior Zye Boey will be making his third appearance at the meet, competing in the men's 200-meter dash, while red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold will be making her first appearance, competing in the women's pole vault.

Boey enters the meet as the No. 15 200-meter dash runner in the nation, posting a season-best time of 21.07 seconds. Riebold will enter as the No. 13 women's pole vaulter in the nation, posting her season best vault of 13-feet, 11-inches. Both Boey and Riebold each hold school records in their respective events.

Boey, who earned All-American honors last season, finished seventh at the event. Riebold will become the first EIU woman to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championship.

Riebold said she would like to be like Boey, earning All-American status, as well as set a new personal best.

"I'm a little nervous. I'm sitting 12th, so I'm kind of at the bottom of the list," Riebold said. "I want to go home an All-American, which is top eight, and I'd also like to PR."

Competing against Boey in the 200-meter dash preliminary race will be Marquis Holston of Norfolk State, Anaso Jobodwana of Jackson State and Kind Butler of Indiana. Boey and Butler have raced against each other already this season, at the Indiana Relays. Also competing in the 200-meter dash is Trey Hadnot of Louisiana Tech, Aaron Raden of Central Connecticut, Hora-



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Red-shirt senior sprinter Zye Boey and red-shirt sophomore pole vaulter Jade Riebold are headed to Nampa, Idaho, for the 2012 NCAA Indoor Tournament. Boey is ranked 15th in the 200-meter dash in the nation going into the contest while Riebold is ranked 13th nationally in vaulting.

tio Williams of Florida State, Ameer Webb of Texas A&M, Everett Walker of Baylor, Maurice Mitchell of Florida State, Andre Walsh of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Javon Young of Charleston Southern, Tavaris Tate of

Mississippi State, Prezel Hardy, Jr. of Texas A&M and Akheem Gauntlett Arkansas.

Competing against Riebold will be Victoria von Eynatten of Virginia Tech, Kelsy Hintz of San Diego

State, Sandi Morris of North Carolina, Martina Schultze of Virginia Tech, Breanna Bussel of Nebraska, along with fourteen other competitors.

The NCAA Indoor Championship

takes place this weekend in Nampa, Idaho, hosted by Boise State.

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BASEBALL

Panthers face tough Florida road trip

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Eastern will travel south to the Sunshine State to play seven games in an eight-day span. The Panthers enter the road trip with a 4-6 record and will look to use this stretch to build momentum and consistent play heading into the conference portion of the schedule.

"We are excited about the four teams we will play and we will have seven games against good competition," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "This is a very tough trip and we want to get some other guys in and get a look at some of our guys."

The Panthers will begin the road trip with a three-game series against South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz will turn to red-shirt senior Mike Hoekstra in game one. Hoekstra has been stellar this season, posting a record of 1-1 with a 1.66 ERA and 15 strikeouts in three appearances. He has also kept the opposition off the bases as they are hitting just .164 with Hoekstra toeing the rubber.

"Mike (Hoekstra) is a fifth year guy and he has the experience to handle Friday night and the first weekend of OVC play," Schmitz said. "There is a lot of excitement and Mike has thrown the ball so well this season."

The Panthers will then turn to sophomore left-hander Christian Slazinik in the second game of the series. Slazinik has also thrown the ball well this season, posting an ERA of 2.93 to go along with a team-leading two wins on the season. Eastern will round out the three-game series by sending junior Troy Barton to the mound. The 6'6" righthander is 1-1 on the season with a 3.12 ERA. Although Barton has seen limited action on the season, he did record the teams first win over a ranked opponent since 2009, beating then, No. 14 Louisville 3-2 on Feb. 28.

Following the South Florida series, the Panthers will travel to Davenport, Fla., to compete in the Florida Tournament from March 12-16. Eastern will face off against the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Navy Midshipmen, the Bucknell Bison and the Northwestern Wildcats.

Offensively, the Panthers have struggled to find consistency at this point of the season. Eastern's offensive attack has been held under three runs in five of its ten games, and has managed just one run in their last two games.

"Offensively, we struggled this week so we finally got on our own field and got the chance to get some swings in," Schmitz said. "Once you get in the game you get back to some bad habits. We just watched some film and made some changes to some of our swings."



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Ben Thoma, a red-shirt senior outfielder, prepares to swing at the ball during a May 11, 2011 game against Illinois State in Coaches Stadium. The Panthers will go on an eight-day road trip over spring break for seven different games in Florida.

The Panther's offensive attack has been paced by sophomore Jacob Reese and junior Ryan Dineen. Reese and Dineen have been the most consistent contributors this season, posting the two highest batting averages on the team. Reese has posted a team-leading batting average of .417 after recording an average of .237 in his freshman season.

"Jacob (Reese) has been a real surprise," Schmitz said. "He struggled

last year and has just slowed the game down this season. He has been hitting the ball the other way and has laid down some good bunts."

Reese has also been the Panthers' best weapon with runners in scoring position as he is hitting .417 in run scoring opportunities.

Dineen has also been an offensive threat this season, recording a .394 batting average and a team-high seven RBIs. He has also recorded four dou-

bles and is currently on a seven-game hitting streak.

"Dineen is taking his great summer into the fall and spring," Schmitz said. "He really grew up this summer."

The Panthers will be in action today against the South Florida Bulls. The game is slated to start at 6 p.m.

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