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In tune with the season



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Nancy Alvarado performs a violin solo at Eastern's Symphony Orchestra holiday concert Friday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Christmas in Heart of Charleston celebrates 20th year

By Jack Cruikshank
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

With chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost-cold air nipping, yuletide carols echoing from the choir and folks dressed up like Eskimos, the 20th annual Christmas in the Heart of Charleston could have come straight out of the Nat King Cole song.

The event, sponsored by the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, helped kick off the holiday season and commenced with a parade around the town square at 4:30 p.m. and continued for two hours.

Throughout the Christmas celebration, many groups provided

entertainment and food for the patrons who braved the cold.

To start the evening, the girl scouts of eastern Coles County sang traditional Christmas songs such as "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" on the north end of the Charleston square.

As well as the girl scouts, the Charleston High School a cappella group provided a range of Christmas accompaniments for the public to enjoy in the CTF building on the east side of the square.

The Charleston sixth grade choir followed the a cappella group, with musician Tom Vance concluding the performance.

While singing and music



JARAD JARMON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Steve Swies, the grand knight for the Knights of Columbus, roasts chestnuts on a fire during Christmas in the Heart of Charleston on Saturday on the Square. The holiday celebration featured a holiday parade, carriage rides and Christmas carols.

played a large part of the event, food played another. The Knights of Columbus, led by Grand Knight Steve Swies, roasted

chestnuts for anyone who wanted to try them.

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New campus equipment to add bandwidth

Eastern currently at maximum usage capacity

By Jarad Jarmon
Student Governance Editor | @JJarmonReporter

Eastern has purchased new network equipment, which will double the current bandwidth of the university.

The equipment has the ability to be expanded to handle five gigabits of used bandwidth for future need. Eastern's current system can only handle one gigabit of bandwidth usage. The campus is currently at the max capacity for bandwidth usage prompting need for new equipment.

Ryan Ethridge, Information Services network engineer, said he hopes they have it installed over winter break.

Ethridge said this did not mean the speeds would be faster on campus.

"This doesn't necessarily mean faster speeds but a more consistent internet connection when more users get online," he said.

The campus uses two separate connections and services for both the residence halls and the administrative offices and computing facilities. Housing and Dining Services and Business Affairs purchase a specific amount of bandwidth, which is capped at that level until additional bandwidth is purchased.

Brian Murphy, the director of infrastructure technologies, said both service providers charge the university \$9.50 per megabit per month (1,024 megabits equal out to a gigabit). Murphy said it is much cheaper now than it used to be.

"Historically, bandwidth had been one of the more expensive items costing close to \$90 per MB per month at one point," Murphy said. "But, as new updated fiber networks have been installed throughout the state, we have seen these costs come down."

The Network Services within the Information Technology Services constantly monitors the bandwidth utilization. Murphy said as utilization approaches maximum capacity, the bandwidth is increased.

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Halls to stay open for football game

Staff Report

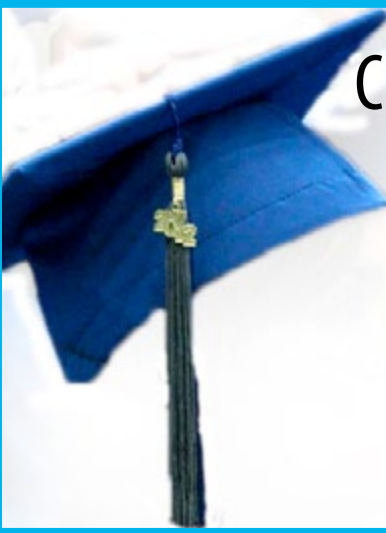
Because the Panthers won the first game of the playoffs, those living in residence halls will have the option to stay a little longer for the football game at 7 p.m. Friday against Towson.

Students interested in seeing the game will be able to stay until Sunday when they have to leave the residence halls.

Only students wanting to go to the game can stay this extended period. Students not going to the game will still have to be out of the residence halls at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Panthers won against Tennessee State Saturday, 51-10, advancing in the playoffs.

Kick off for when Eastern takes on Towson will be at 7 p.m. Friday at O'Brien Field.




Commencement ceremony to arrive

Date: Saturday in the Lantz Arena. Participating students should meet in the Lantz Field House one hour prior to their ceremony.

Ceremony times:
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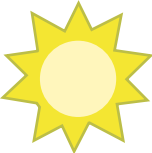
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Members of the Coles County Barbershop Chorus perform "O Holy Night" during their 38th Annual Christmas Benefit Concert Sunday at the Wesley United Methodist Church. Money donated at the concert will go to support the Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry and H.O.P.E. of East Central Illinois. More than \$2,000 was raised at the 3 p.m. concert.

Chorus raises money for charity

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @tmskeeper

The Coles County Barbershop Chorus hosted its 38th annual Christmas benefit concert at the Wesley United Methodist Church Sunday.

The concert raised more than \$2,000 for the Charleston Food Pantry and the Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education program, an organization that provides shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The benefit show has raised more than \$100,000 collectively during its tenure.

Tom Woodall, director and co-founder of the 43-year old group, said that the show is about what is truly important during the holiday season.

"The real joy in life is giving," Woodall said, pulling out his camera to snap a picture of his son with his family standing next to the piano. "We love to do this, we love to sing. So instead of going around washing cars and selling pizzas, if we can sing a concert that has meaning to it like this had meaning today, and have people enjoy it (then we will)."

Woodall said the 30-man group hopes to send a message of unity and Christmas spirit with their performance, one that he said is indicative of the chorus member's spiritual beliefs.

Woodall said it was that spiritual message that was emotionally empowering for him.

"Today, it was a Christmas message," Woodall said. "The first portion of the

program was secular and designed to be. The second portion was what we feel to be the real meaning of Christmas. (The chorus members) believe what they're singing. That's why I had tears running down my face."

The barbershop chorus took the stage in tuxedos with red bow ties and cummerbunds to perform a set of secular music that ranged from "Carol of the Bells" to "I'll be Home for Christmas."

The concert featured a range of full chorus performances to traditional barbershop quartet pieces that featured some of the group's individual singers. Additionally, the group produced an ensemble that was meant to teach some basic music theory through a Christmas-themed exercise.

After the first set, the chorus invited audience members to make an offering to the food pantry or H.O.P.E housing program. Members of the chorus brought around offering bowls while Terry Stevenson played guitar.

The group then took the stage to perform their second and final set that concluded with a performance of "Silent Night."

Prior to the last song, the group presented a story about how the song was written. They described the humble origins of the song and said that it fit the spirit of a holiday that is as well.

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Coles Arts Council searches for design

Staff Report

The Coles County Arts Council is searching for a new logo and is inviting community members to showcase their talents.

In what they are calling as a need for a "fresh take on their logo," the Coles County Arts Council is launching a logo design contest open to the general public, according to a press release from the Coles County Arts Council.

The winning participant will be awarded \$250 and provided two seats to the 2014 Prelude, the Coles County Arts Council's annual gala event.

All entries should be submitted through the online contest application located on the Coles County

Arts Council's Facebook page.

The contest began Friday and will continue until Jan. 6.

Those interested can use a list of potential topics, which include creativity, community and the arts, according to the release.

The logo design must be easily transferable to multiple media, such as web, print and clothing.

All submissions must be provided as electronic files.

The winner will be required to convert the logo a high-resolution, vector format file at a later date.

Participants can enter up to three logos, and all artwork should be submitted in color, but should easily convert to grayscale, according to the press release.



BLOTTER
Fraud, cannabis complaints reported

- At 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, a private property accident was reported near Facilities Planning and Management. No citations were issued.
- At 11:10 a.m. Wednesday, a credit card fraud was reported to have occurred at multiple times and off-campus locations. This incident is under investigation.
- At 2:17 p.m. Thursday, a private property accident was reported near Lantz Arena. No citations were issued.
- At 8 p.m. Thursday, a theft was reported at Lantz Arena. This incident is under investigation.
- At 9:58 p.m. Thursday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Thomas Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.
- At 1:16 a.m. Friday, Christopher Oliver, 21, 240 N Pleasant Dr.,

Glenwood, was arrested at Lincoln Avenue and Fourth Street. He was charged with DUI-drugs, possession of cannabis less than 2.5 gm and released at 4:23 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$3,000 bond.

- At 7:40 a.m. Friday, a private property accident occurred near the Doudna Fine Arts Center. No citations were issued.

- At 9:37 a.m. Friday, vandalism was reported at University Apartments. This incident was forwarded to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 10:51 a.m. Friday, misuse of registration was reported at University Court. This incident was referred to the Secretary of State police.

- At 2:35 p.m. Friday, a criminal damage to property was reported in W-Lot. This incident is under investigation.

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Students share their views on the best way to study for finals, which include flash cards, cramming the night before and eating or drinking certain snacks or drinks.

Don't crack under the pressure

Students share study techniques

By **Dominic DeMondo**
& **Nathan Kissel**
Staff Reporters | @DEN_News

Once again Eastern is approached by that time of the year – finals week.

With finals starting Monday, students have found different ways to finish the semester strong.

For Andrew Kahr, a senior marketing major, the key to studying for finals are note cards and study guides.

Jeremy Reusch, a junior recreation administration major, said sacrifices would have to be made in order to ensure a good grade on finals.

“I won’t be going out nearly as much with finals approaching,” he said.

Sacrifices other than being able to go out and have fun include the loss of sleep for some students, like Dylan Gregor, a junior business

management major.

“I like to fill out the study guide the night before the test and stay up all night to study it,” he said. “I just sleep when I’m finished with the test.”

Different majors may also require different types of finals, which Golene Thrush, a freshman early childhood education major, said effects study habits.

“Even though I’m a freshman and my first year in college I don’t feel challenged this year,” Thrush said.

Kelsey Thrush, a sophomore art major, said because of her final there is no real need to study, but instead works on projects in the weeks leading up to finals.

“Because my finals are art projects, I work on my projects for a couple of weeks before school ends so I don’t stress about them,” she said. “Coffee helps relive my stress so I can work on my projects for

longer periods of time and get them done.”

Ashley Travis, a freshman pre-occupational therapy major, said she faces a different problem.

“It’s going to be difficult because most of my class finals are cumulative, except speech,” she said. “I’m kind of scared because it’s my first year in college and I don’t know what to expect going into finals.”

However, Travis said she has a cure for when the stress gets to be too much.

“Chocolate helps relive my stress during finals so I can focus on my studying,” she said.

Joe Hall-Ingram, a library specialist in Booth Library, said the library will see an increase in students during the week of finals and the weekend going up to finals.

Along with the influx of individual students, Hall-Ingram also said he will see groups come to meet to finish up last minute projects.

Eric Schumacher, a communication studies professor, said students should keep in mind a few things while studying.

“All nighters never paid off for me. I couldn’t focus the next day. Plus, they’re unnecessary if you plan well. Get some sleep,” Schumacher said. “Don’t reward yourself for studying with junk food, TV breaks or anything like that. If you take a break, go for a walk or head to the gym. You’ll feel better and it will be easier to stay focused.”

He also said to not study in front of the TV, and to remember everybody goes through the same thing.

“It might be bad, but it’s only for a few days,” he said. “You’ll get through it.”

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NCA examines learning, teaching

Staff Report

Members of Eastern’s accreditation steering committee met Friday to discuss their ongoing self-study process and review the fourth accreditation criterion, which evaluates teaching and learning across campus.

Led by Rebecca Throneburg, a communication disorders and sciences professor, and Karla Sanders, the executive director for the Center for Academic Support and Assessment, discussed how the university’s assessment of teaching and learning on Eastern’s campus, using the results of this year’s online survey as indicators.

The accreditation process, which has been ongoing throughout this year, asks that the committee review the university’s efficiency and conduct in accordance with five criteria, including mission statement, teaching and learning, and resources, planning and institutional effectiveness.

The committee, which is co-chaired by Bob Augustine, the dean of Eastern’s graduate school, and Jeff Stowell, a psychology professor, have been assessing the university by such standards through student and faculty surveys, as well as working with faculty and administrators to improve the university’s approach to learning.

The accreditation process, which is overseen by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association for College, will continue next semester with an evaluation of the fifth criterion, which analyzes planning and institutional effectiveness at the school.

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Textbook distribution for Spring 2014 will begin Monday, January 6th. Please visit our website at www.eiu.edu/textbks/ for additional information and for our check-in and check-out processes.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Pension
woes not
finished

As legislators passed into effect a new pension reform bill last week, they broke an agreement with the Illinois State Constitution. Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution which states, “Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired.”

It is as if the lawmakers are professors who, at the beginning of the semester, give students a syllabus outlining what the course will be. However, when the semester nears the end, the professor changes the syllabus agreements.

This pension reform breaks the agreement between lawmakers and the state of Illinois by making sure funding is cut.

However, despite a new bill passing, this does not mean the issue is settled once and for all. In fact, it only presents a new way of the controversial issue still being fought – this time through the courts.

With the new bill passing, it brings with it a slew of discontent among different unions, unions who will most likely challenge the status in courts. As the unions challenge this bill, it will delay the system of the working in the new bill.

To be clear: just because the bill has been passed does not mean pension woes will miraculously become fixed overnight. This is a lengthy process and one that has already spanned several years.

Much like healthcare reform and the economy as a whole, everything that happens in D.C. and trickles down stateside comes with a guarantee of long-term wait-and-see provisions.

While the lawmakers may feel as though this new bill passing means the state of Illinois can breathe finally, it just gives it a whole new set of problems. Instead of getting the problem fixed, the legislators have passed a bill to stall the process. In the end, it is the people working who pay the heaviest price.

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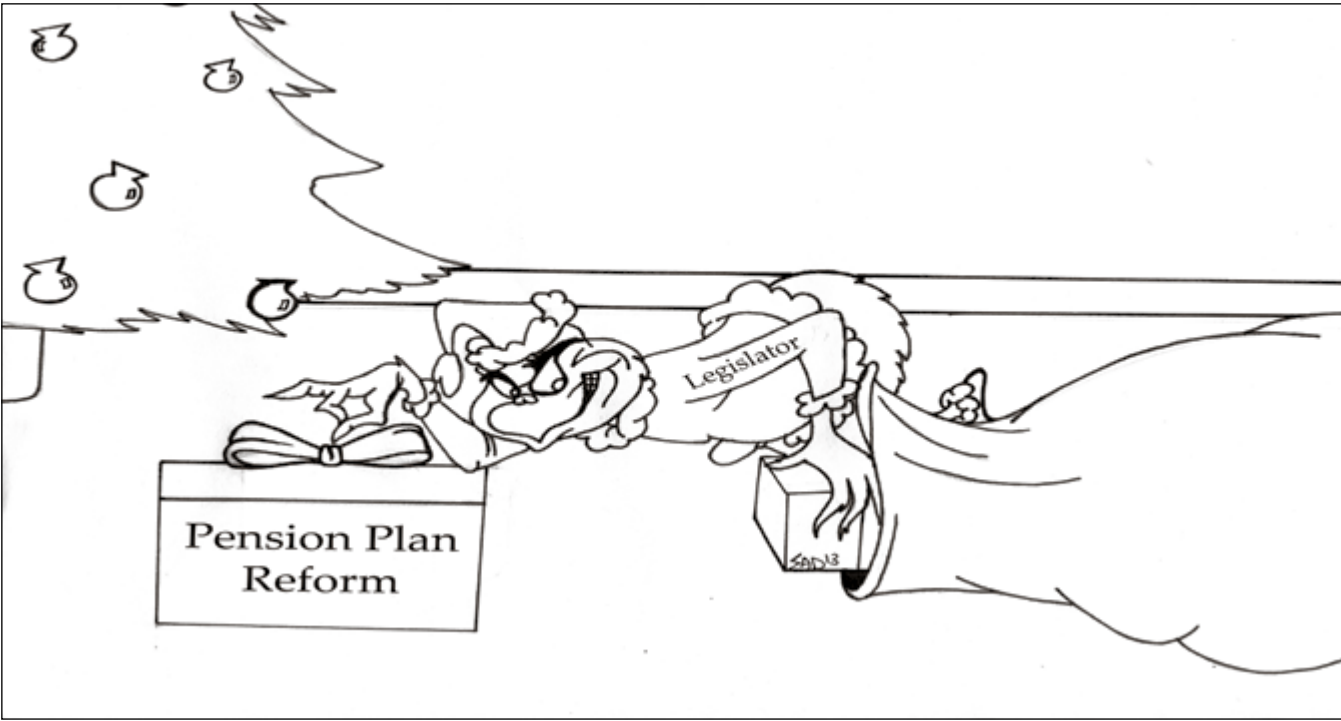
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Today's quote:

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."

- Albert Einstein

DRAWN FROM THE EASEL



SABRINA ANN DUNCAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Farewell, thank you for your support

By Seth Schroeder
Editor-In-Chief



Every semester is unique with challenges and experiences. I had the opportunity this semester to take on the challenges and experiences of leading a publication nearly 100 years in the making.

Back when I was a freshman this was something I never thought was possible. It was interacting with the

Eastern community in a brand new way, and serving as a mentor to a place that had taught me so much.

Taking on the mantle as Editor-in-Chief was the most terrifying thing I've ever done as a student here. But my love of Eastern and *The Daily Eastern News* kept me dedicated and focused on my work.

It has been an honor serving the students, faculty and staff here, but I owe whatever success I've had to the rest of the staff. I know they poured hearts into their efforts here, and most of them spent far more hours than they did on their classes.

None of us are in this job for the money (which is usually not much) or the fame (which is usually nonexistent). We are people who care about our community and want to dedicate our lives to helping others the best way we know how.

It's a unique life. We meet a lot of different people and get to tell their stories. It's usually a modest living, but the job is incredibly fun.

Admittedly, it's weird to think *The News* will continue on with its daily routine even as I step away from it and eventually leave Eastern all together, but I know it will be in good hands.

Eastern is a unique community and *The News* is still the best place around to tell its story. As a reader, I hope you continue to pick it up every day, and I hope you find your university reflected back at you when you do so. I hope the rest of your time here at Eastern is productive and enjoyable, and I hope you find a family here like I did.

By Emily Provance
Opinions Editor



As the last edition of *The Daily Eastern News* for the fall 2013 semester is now in your hands, I want to thank you for your support this semester.

This semester has been a lot of good things and some not so great but it has been a great learning experience. I have made good decisions and I have made

mistakes but that's part of the growing process.

They say to be a good editor you have to first be a good writer. This semester I think I did just that. I have written more this semester as an editor than I ever did as a reporter. They weren't stories they were columns, and arguably columns could be harder sometimes than stories because they are opinion and not only facts.

There has been times where I have had to write things last minute and they may not of been my best writing, so I say thank you for your patience and thank you for taking time to read not only my opinions, but the opinions of your fellow peers.

It takes a lot to be brave enough to put yourself out there with your opinions. Not only do your words go in the paper, but also your picture. I encourage all of you to write a column and to continue to read *The News* daily. The opinions page is for you. It is here for you to get your thoughts out to the rest of the world.

I recently received a couple of emails from a faculty member thanking me for my inspiring columns and that they feel that they have met me because of how I write my columns. This was one of my goals and I welcome your feedback as well as I have received other feedback.

That being said, it is time for me to pack up my desk and let another journalist experience the opinions page. Thank you and please continue to support *The News'* future opinions pages as well.

Give Mandela's death meaning

The world felt the shock as countless headlines and social media outlets proclaimed the death of Nelson Mandela Thursday. At age 95, the advocate for peace and equality died, leaving a hole where once stood a mighty titan.

You might be thinking Mandela's effects only took place when most college students were barely starting school. But Tata, or "father" as his followers called him, set in motion precedents countries still feel today.

Elected in the first fully represented democratic election of South Africa in 1994, Mandela dedicated his office term to stripping away the racism and inequality felt in the post-apartheid world.

Along with the already daunting task of reuniting a nation still reeling from a 50-year segregation war, Mandela continued fighting for other issues such as poverty and land reform.

All of this from a man who felt the sting of a country's betrayal when he was locked up in prison for 27 years because of his defiance to the apartheid government. And yet, when he walked out of the prison in 1990, he brought with him a renewed sense of peace, one that would follow



Bob Galuski

him through the rest of his life.

Much of what he fought for still needs an activist voice like his, even in America, where issues can hit hard at home for us. According to the Illinois Poverty Report, sent out January 2013, 33 percent of Illinoisans are in poverty or near it. After Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bill on Nov. 20, Illinois became only the 16th state to allow same-sex marriage.

Racism still exists, or at least the perception of it, even in Charleston – given the numerous town hall meetings addressing this issue during the past year alone.

Just because Mandela died does not mean the world has come to standstill on issues. Just

because Mandela fought for these issues across oceans does not mean we do not feel the same effect here at home.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others," Mandela wrote in the last few pages of his book, "A Long Walk to Freedom."

Maybe the world would be better off if instead of just celebrating the life of Mandela, we actually learned a little bit more from it. Maybe instead of just shrugging it off, or laughing about it, we actually tried to fix what the problem is.

The solution to every problem begins at home. It does not matter if it is in South Africa or in Charleston.

As Mandela said in one of his speeches, "Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."

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Seasonal symphony



KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern’s Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Concert Choir perform holiday-inspired songs during the Holiday Concert Friday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

» BANDWIDTH CONTINUED FROM PAGE1

In the past, bandwidth has had to increase three times in the last six years in the administrative offices and increased in the residence halls four times in the last five years

Murphy said the growing bandwidth need has caused major costs for

the campus.

“Increased bandwidth requirements has a ripple effect in costs, as new updated equipment, with larger connection capacities have had to be installed at a significant cost to the university in order to support new network band-

width levels and anticipated growth,” he said.

To ail this problem, the ITS department has been using what they call a packetshaper. This allows them to more efficiently distribute the bandwidth and define policies so important

services get the bandwidth they need.

“As the demand for bandwidth increases over time, obviously, costs for equipment and support also increase,” Murphy said.

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» CHRISTMAS CONTINUED FROM PAGE1

“We [the Knights of Columbus] have been at this event for 17 years,” Swies said. “The cold doesn’t scare us. To people who have never tried (chestnuts), once we explain how to eat them, the people love them.”

Diane Ratliff, the tourism and special events coordinator for the Charleston Parks and Recreation department, organized the event and said it was a success, despite the weather.

As well as the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, many other local businesses contributed to the event.

First-Mid Illinois Bank & Trust, Vineyard Church and the Salvation Army were all on hand to provide free refreshments for the crowd.

Many businesses on the square also remained open for the event, some even offering discounts for the day.

“Although we have a smaller turnout, I think everyone is having a great time,” Ratliff said.

As 2013 celebrates the 20th year of the event, Ratliff said that fact brought in a different crowd than in other years.

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McGill takes 48th at Senior Nationals

Swimmer raced fourth fastest time at Eastern

By Dan Hildebrandt
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Eastern senior swimmer Colin McGill competed in the USA Senior Nationals and finished 48th overall in the 100-yard backstroke with splits at 24.21 and 26.29 for a final time of 50.50 on Friday in Knoxville, Tenn. Unfortunately, this was not good enough to qualify him for the finals on Sunday.

Despite a slow start to his race, Colin still clocked in with one of the best times in Eastern swimming history. His performance in Knoxville was one of the top-five fastest swims in school history. He now owns three out of four of Eastern's top swims of all-time.

Eastern coach Elliott McGill said Colin did not have the best start, but he did rebound to put together a very respectable time

"It wasn't the cleanest race ever, but it was still the fourth fastest performance ever at EIU," Elliott said. "He



Colin McGill, a senior freestyle swimmer originally from Champaign, Ill., cheers during a swim meet Nov. 9 at the pool in Lantz Arena. Last year, McGill was named All-Summit League honoree in three relays and also in individual action.

left a few tenths out there with his start and a bad breakout. At the end of the day, he did very well, though."

Elliott was pleased with his swimmer's performance. Although Colin did not qualify for the finals on

Sunday, he swam well enough to come close to the expectations his coach had set for him coming into

the meet.

"Colin swam very well," Elliott said. "You always want to perform better at a big meet like this, but really he swam just about as good as we expected."

The field in which McGill competed included Olympic medal-winner Matt Grevers along with many other highly touted swimmers.

Elliott said, the senior Panther should think of himself as one of the best swimmers in the country.

"Colin placed 48th at Nationals," Elliott said "I think that speaks for itself. I think if you place 48th at a National Championship and you are an athlete here at EIU, by definition, you are then a top-notch athlete."

With semester break coming up, McGill and the Panthers will not have another meet in the month of December. The next event on Eastern's calendar is the training trip down to Florida from January 2-11.

After semester break, the Panthers will get back to competing when they take on Ball State in Muncie, Ind. on January 18, 2014.

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Paramore, Edwards Dominate Early Bird

By Blake Nash
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The Eastern men's and women's indoor track team started their seasons on the right foot with fourteen first place finishes at the EIU Early Bird Invitational.

Jalisa Paramore and Calvin Edwards led the Panthers with two wins apiece. Paramore won the women's long jump with a distance of 18'10.75" and the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.61.

Edwards won two sprint events, the 200m dash with a time of 21.96 and the 400m dash with a time of 49.25.

"We had strengths in a lot of events today," coach Tom Akers said. "I thought our sprints looked really strong, Calvin (Edwards) had a good week for us, and real solid performances on the women's side," said Akers.

The Panthers also swept the pole vault event with wins by Jade Riebold and Mick Viken. Riebold won with a height of 13'6.25," while Viken won the men's competition with a height of 17'0.75." Both come into this season as All-Americans.

A couple of freshman also found their way into the winner's circle. Freshman Jonathan Boey opened his EIU career with a win in the 60m dash, with a time of 6.75.

Fellow freshman Lauralyn Rosenberger also won her first event of her career with a first place finish in the triple jump with a jump of 34'11".

Eastern's Kendall Williams also swept the triple jump with a mark of

45'0.25".

The Panthers also swept the 3000-meter races with wins by Laura Magnuson and cross country star Pablo Ramirez. Magnuson won with a time of 11:08.38, and Ramirez won the men's event with a time of 8:31.68.

Akers pointed out that more of the cross country runners will be available for the next meet.

"They'll be running when we get back from the holidays," Akers said. "Their season ended a couple of weeks ago, they're still on their down time, from racing hard and working hard since the fall."

The Panthers women's team also won the Distance Medley Relay race with a time of 12:51.93. Winning members of that team included Quincy Knolhoff, Charmaine Arnold, Ivy Handley, and Kelsey Hardimon.

Dhiaa Dean and Kristen Paris also took home first place finishes in the 600-meter and 800-meter middle races, respectively.

Dean posted a time of 1:35.14, while Paris finished with a time of 2:16.83. The last win of the day for the Panthers was won by Kaitlyn Corzine with a total of 677 points in the women's pentathlon event.

The Panthers will now have time off before the holidays, until their next meet, Jan.18, at the University of Illinois.

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Eastern was then handed the ball minutes later after Tennessee State quarterback Michael German and center Demetri Rhaney had a botched ball exchange, resulting in a fumble and a recovery by Eastern.

"Center-quarterback exchange, hard ball, hard hands and things happen," German said. "Those are some things that you prepare for all week, but you can't assume and can't practice them all physically."

The Panthers capitalized on the turnover, making a 25-yard field goal by Cameron Berra. Then four minutes later another integral part of Eastern's offense made his return stand out, as Erik Lora caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Garoppolo.

Lora missed Eastern's last game against Tennessee-Martin on Nov. 23, with a right shoulder injury that he sustained a week before against Jacksonville State.

The red-shirt wide receiver caught three passes for 76 yards, but did not receive much action in the second half. Babers said he was protecting Lora from any further harm and the score of the game made it an easier decision.

"We still want to take care of Erik because he's such a vital part of what we do and based off the score of the game and the way things unfolded we thought it would be better to play it safe and we took him out," Babers said. "Erik's ready to go and he'll be there when we need him."

Now only was the Eastern defense moving forward so was its offense. After two quarters of play Garoppolo had thrown for 220 yards and three touchdowns, completing 16-of-23 attempts. The Panthers also rushed for 121 yards in the first half. In their first game against Tennessee State, the Panthers rushed for 149 yards in the entire game.

Reed said the size of Eastern's offensive line was the difference.

"We're a pretty big team, but when we faced those guys defensively we look like midgets out there," he said.

Every starter on Eastern's offensive line is at least 6-feet-6 inches tall and weighs an average close to 300 pounds.

Little led the offense in the second half, rushing for 134 of his 184 yards in the final two quarters. He scored



Red-shirt junior running back, Taylor Duncan, is tackled by a Tennessee State defender during Saturday's game at O'Brien Field. Duncan returned to the Panthers' starting lineup after missing the last two games of the regular season and scored a touchdown in Eastern's FCS playoff win.

three minutes into the third quarter, making it 44-0 and then scored his longest touchdown in his career with 9:46 left to play.

Little received the handoff from Garoppolo and then ran toward the right side of the offensive line. Little followed his blockers and shifted back to the middle of the field and then when he reached the 34-yard line he reversed his path and cutback to his right. After crossing midfield Little was ahead of everyone. His 80-yard gallop was his final carry of the afternoon.

Garoppolo did not do much throwing in the second half, attempting only three passes, but the running game, which gained 192 yards in the second was more than enough to move the Panthers imua.

Eastern is now slated to play Towson at 7 p.m. Friday at O'Brien Field, where ESPN2 will broadcast the game.

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Red-shirt sophomore running back, Shepard Little, runs past Tennessee State defenders Saturday at O'Brien Field. Little ran for 184 yards and scored two touchdowns in the Panthers' 51 - 10 win over the tigers.



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Red-shirt junior wide receiver Adam Drake, runs the ball into the end zone during Saturday's game against the Tennessee State University Tigers at O'Brien Field.



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Eastern's football team defeated the Tennessee State University Tigers with a final score of 51-10 during Saturday's game at O'Brien Field.

Eastern moves forward after 41-point win

By Aldo Soto

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The Eastern football team is moving forward in the FCS playoffs, or as its coach Dino Babers would say "imua," the Hawaiian word for forward.

The Panthers won their first playoff game since 1989 and first home play-off game since 1986 with a 51-10 victory over Tennessee State Saturday at O'Brien Field.

The Panthers jumped out to a 37-0 halftime lead, which is becoming a custom of Eastern football this year, as it was the 10th game in which it has led by double digits starting the

third quarter.

Tennessee State did not have its revenge after losing to Eastern 34-16 in the regular season. The Tigers rushed for 45 yards on 33 carries, averaging 1.4 yards per attempt, while their defense allowed 313 rushing yards to the Panthers, who were led by Shepard Little's 184 yards and two touchdowns.

Babers said his defense always goes forward and it goes back to a saying he learned while at Hawaii: imua.

"Look at the line of scrimmage, our defensive line was moving forward and their offensive line was moving backward," Babers said. "Our linebackers are stepping through the

line and hitting the backs and moving them backwards. Our DBs are hitting their receivers and moving them backwards. And when you have a forward mentality on the defensive side of the ball that aggressiveness gives an opportunity to win football games."

The Tigers turned the ball over three times and gained 287 yards on the afternoon, not scoring their first points until 7:28 was remaining in the third quarter, which trimmed Eastern's lead, but still left Tennessee State trailing 44-7.

Tennessee State coach Rod Reed said Eastern was simply the better team.

"We played a really good football

team and they are the No. 2 team in the country for a reason," Reed said. "I really think (Eastern) has a chance to take it all the way to the championship game."

Eastern began the game methodically driving down the field behind quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. The Walter Payton Award finalist completed all five of his attempts in the opening possession for 69 yards. Taylor Duncan, who stamped his return to the starting lineup after missing the last two games, scored a three-yard touchdown, capping off the 10-play, 81-yard drive.

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Friday night lights: Eastern, Towson set for quarterfinals

By Aldo Soto

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The Eastern football team has reached its fourth appearance in the FCS playoffs quarterfinal, following its 51-10 win against Tennessee State Saturday and will play Towson at 7 p.m. Friday at O'Brien Field.

After a dominating win over Tennessee State, Eastern moves on to play another set of Tigers, who defeated Fordham 48-28 Saturday in Towson, Md.

At 12-1, Eastern has tied the most wins that Panthers' coach Dino Babers has been a part of.

Eastern is ranked No. 2 in the FCS and Towson is No. 5 in the Sports Network Poll.

Like Eastern, Towson received a first-round bye in the playoffs, as the Tigers earned the No. 7 seed in the tournament.

Friday's game will feature two of the three Walter Payton Award finalists, which is given to the best offensive player in the FCS.

Eastern quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo and Towson running back Terrance West each lead their respective positions in touchdowns. After throwing three touchdown passes against Tennessee State, Garoppolo's total reached to 51.

In Towson's win against Fordham, West rushed for 84 yards and ran in three touchdowns of his own, reaching 33 on the season.

Babers said he did not know much about Towson, but that he does know about West.

"(I know) absolutely nothing about Towson, except that they have a tailback, who rushed for 1,800 yards and he's going to Philadelphia and has a chance to be one of the top three players in the FCS, that's all I know," Babers said.

Although he admitted to not knowing anything about Towson, Babers said it is exciting to prepare for a team that Eastern has not yet played before.

"When you go into the unknown and you don't know how that's exciting," he said. "Breaking down a totally different defense, game planning for a coaching staff you have never seen, athletes that you have never seen, being able to have to make adjustments right on the cusp and they gotta be right or you lose. I find that exciting."

Towson is 11-2 and coached by Rob Ambrose, who is in his fifth year as head coach and has 20 years of college coaching experience.

Friday's forecast in Charleston has the temperature expected to be in the 20s at kickoff, but Garoppolo said the cold weather has not bothered him or the rest of the Eastern team.

"It wasn't anything out of the ordinary being from the Chicago-land area," Garoppolo said after Saturday's game, when it was 22 degrees at O'Brien Field. "We're used to this cold and especially after South Dakota State last year, where it was almost a blessing in disguise because nothing is going to beat that type of cold and windy conditions we played there."

The game will be televised on ESPN2 and ticket information is available by calling 217-581-2106.

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Sycamores pull away from Panthers in second half

By Anthony Catezone

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The Eastern men's basketball team saw glimpses of an upset win Saturday night against Indiana State, but then came the 9:17 mark of the second half.

Eastern was trailing 44-39, its second five-point deficit in the second half, but at 9:16, the Sycamores would go on a 12-0 run and keep the Panthers scoreless for almost five minutes in Indiana State's 66-48 win at Lantz Arena.

Eastern forward Sherman Blanford said the Panthers felt rushed at times against Indiana State, when they should have focused on better ball control and more open shots.

"We could've kept our composure better," Blanford said. "I think some of us were surprised we were in the game and it was this close."

Blanford had a game-high 18 points and 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the season, as he shot 7-of-15 from the field.

The 6-foot-6 forward said he was in a rhythm early in the game and he wanted to take advantage of as many opportunities as he could, while also doing what he does best: rebounding.

The Panthers outrebounded the Sycamores 39-38, but the five-point deficit was still the closest Eastern would get in the second half, as Indiana State's lead would stretch to as many as 19 before

going final.

With 5:50 remaining, Sycamore guard Jake Odum made a 3-pointer on a fast break possession, which extended Indiana State's lead to 53-39, its largest of the game to that point. Odum had seven fast break points, as Indiana State outscored Eastern 20-4 in that statistic.

"You could see in that game Odum said, 'OK, my team needs me. I moved the ball and deferred long enough, now it's time to go make some plays,'" Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said.

Odum, who was shooting just 28 percent from 3-point range entering the game, made 3-of-4 from behind the arc, as he had 15 points and five assists against the Panthers.

The Panthers managed to stay close, however, keeping the Sycamores at a 42.9 field goal percentage, whose 51.4 percent was 13th in the country before Saturday night.

"We tried to limit the amount of times they shot the ball without a hand in their face," Blanford said.

Spoonhour said the Panthers did a good job executing that defensive game plan, surrendering very few open looks to the Sycamore offense.

But as for Eastern's offense, it shot just 29.6 percent from the field and 23.1 percent from 3-point range.

"When you shoot 29 percent, which is scary that it's becoming too routine for us, it's not always one thing,"

Spoonhour said. "It's not just because a guy can't shoot."

The second-year coach said so many things leading up a shot has more effect on it and with a youthful team, that is something the Panthers are hoping to work out by Ohio Valley Conference play.

"There was a time when this same Indiana State team had a tough time, too, when they were freshmen and sophomores," Spoonhour said. "Now, they're ready to perform."

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