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Basketball team on road to face Western Illinois

## Reward offered for info about vandals

Staff Report

Coles County Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 for anyone with information about the vandalism to the chemistry labs on the third and fourth floor in the Physical Sciences Building, a university detective said.

Det. Kent Martin said the investigation into the chemistry lab vandalism over Thanksgiving Break is ongoing and he wanted to encourage students to come forward with any information before the semester ends.

The damage to the chemistry labs is reported to exceed \$100,000 and research was destroyed.

Martin said callers to Crime Stoppers never have to identify themselves, but individuals are welcome to call him, but the call will not be anonymous.

Anybody who has information should call Crime Stoppers at 1-866-345-8488, text "crimeleads" to 274637 or call Martin at 217 581-3212.

#### Pantry seeking donations

By Samantha Bilharz

Eastern students will be packing their bags, cleaning out their fridges and heading home for the holidays, but the local food pantry wants students to be aware of those in need.

Ember Zimmerman, the director of the Charleston Food Pantry, said the donations she is requesting be bought specifically for the food pantry.

"That cuts down on things we need to throw out," she said. "Food must not be expired, open, damaged or in glass containers."

She also said the donations must be non-perishable.

Zimmerman has been the director of the Charleston Food Pantry since February 2011 and said Eastern students make up about 45 percent of the food donations the pan-

The pantry receives food donations from Eastern students on a regular basis, but more during the holiday season and towards the end of the school year.

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COACHING SEARCH



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Dino Babers will be announced as the new Head Football Coach at Eastern at a press conference today.

## Dino-Mite: Babers is new head coach

By Alex McNamee Editor-in-chief

Dino Babers is Eastern's new head football coach and it will be made official at a press conference today.

Babers will be the new head coach, according to footballscoop.com, a website created by a college football coach for coaches and athletic directors. The website's "About" page says it is the "most widely viewed website by coaches and athletic directors."

'We have confirmed that Baylor outside receiver coach / special teams coordinator Dino Babers will be named (Eastern's) head coach," the website said.

Hotel reservations for Babers have apparently been made for check in this morning.

Attempts to reach Babers in his Baylor office were unsuccessful.

David Kaye, Baylor's assistant director of athletic communication, said the Baylor athletic department would not comment on speculation.

"If I knew you were dead wrong, I'd tell you," Kaye said.

Players have not been told who the head coach choice is, defensive back Keithan Hedrick said Thursday.

One of the four candidates has been officially ruled out. Mark Hutson is no longer in the running, said Roger Dunaway, Tulane's assistant athletic director.

Hutson was also in the running for the Tulane head coaching job, but wasn't chosen for that position either. Dunaway said Tulane decided to hire New Orleans Saints' wide receiver

coach Curtis Johnson instead.

Attempts to reach either of the other two candidates, Jeff Choate and Randall McCray, were unsuccessful.

At Babers' public interview Tuesday, he discussed his offensive schemes in details. Babers said he would transform Eastern's offense into a fast-paced, high energy unit.

Babers said he was excited to have a chance to be Eastern's head coach. He coached for one season at Eastern

The press conference is scheduled to be at 11:30 a.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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### Va. Tech gunman kills cop, later dies

By The Associated Press

A gunman killed a police officer in a Virginia Tech parking lot Thursday and was found dead nearby in a baffling attack that sent shudders through the campus nearly five years after it was the scene of the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

The shooting took place on the same day Virginia Tech officials were in Washington, fighting a government fine over their alleged mishandling of the 2007 bloodbath.

Before it became clear that the gunman in Thursday's attack was dead, the school applied the lessons learned during the last tragedy, locking down the campus and using a high-tech alert system to warn students and faculty members to stay indoors.

The officer was killed after pulling a driver over in a traffic stop. The gunman who was not involved in the traffic stop - walked into the parking lot and shot the officer, Sgt. Robert Carpentieri said. Police wouldn't talk about a motive.

A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed the gunman was dead, but wouldn't say how.

It appeared the gunman died about a quarter-mile away from the traffic stop, in another school parking lot, where officials said a man was found dead with a gun nearby. While police at a news conference wouldn't confirm the second body was the gunman, Carpentieri said "you can kind of read between the lines."

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

#### RHA closes 2011 with ugly holiday sweaters

By Robyn Dexter Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association met in Weller Hall Thursday to plan for next semester and to celebrate this semester 's end with an ugly holiday sweater party.

RHA members, decked out in holiday attire, split into their separate committees of president's council, programming, social justice and diversity, community service and community development before reporting back to the council as a whole.

Members of the community development committee reported that they're planning for Green Week, which RHA is trying to organize, will be a spring event concentrated on "going green."

RHA members will be asking for donations from student organizations and residence halls to put on activities such as bingo, a treasure hunt, trivia and jeopardy.

The social and diversity committee is working to coordinate Social Justice and

Diversity Week in the spring, and will be contacting representatives for it.

The service committee just finished its coat and toy drive and is planning a Relay for Life team in the spring.

The programming committee announced the movie that will be shown at Kids and Friends Weekend on Feb. 24-25: The Lion King.

Eddie Hillman, RHA secretary, said that Camp New Home is booked, so RHA will be looking into new places to host their retreat. The retreat will be Jan. 28 at a location to be determined.

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, reminded RHA members that next Friday is the deadline for the Early Bird Contract and the residence halls close for break at

Hudson also said that Jan. 19 is the Housing and Dining night at the Eastern vs. Tennessee State basketball game, at which there will be prizes given away.

"The grand prize is a double as a single (room) for all of next school year, it's a double win," Hudson said.

Alison Sinadinos, RHA adviser, said Eastern housing is seeking conference assistants for summer 2012. These assistants will help at camps over the summer and represent Eastern.

"It's a great way to earn a little bit of money as well as take some classes,"

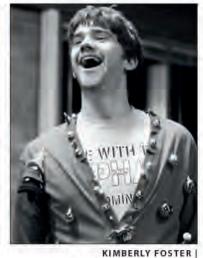
The online applications are due by Jan 20. and interviews will be in Feb-

Seth McCormick, RHA representative for Taylor Hall, said he was grateful for a full and productive semester.

"We set our goals, worked towards them and accomplished them," he said. McCormick said he's looking forward to Kids and Friends Weekend and continuing to serve as a represen-

RHA will reconvene on Jan. 12 in the NRHH Thomas Hall classroom at

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Jacob Deters, Taylor Hall representative and co-chair of the programming committee for the Residence Hall Association, gives his committee report at the RHA meeting Thursday in Weller Hall. Deters and others took part in an ugly Christmas sweater contest, which Deters won.

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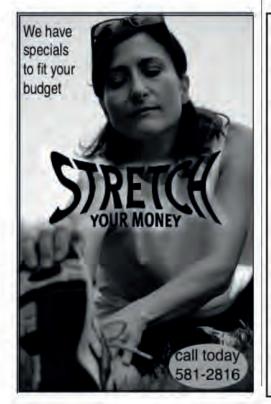
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#### Giving blood



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said. "I feel relaxed and actually

Sauser said the board plans on

having the stress relief event for

next year, but will probably en-

courage the time of the event to

greater event if it lasted longer, so

it would give more people the op-

portunity to experience it," Saus-

er said. "But for a rush hour pro-

Clarissa Wilson can be

gram, it was pretty successful."

"I think it would be an even

be longer than it was this year.

ready to go to work now."

Josh Majerus, a sophomore biology major, donates blood Thursday, his 20th birthday, during the Community Blood Services of Illinois drive in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

UNIVERSITY BOARD

#### UB Stress Busters event helps students relax

By Clarissa Wilson Staff Report

Aromatherapy, massage therapy and stress balls were given to Eastern students, faculty, friends and commuters before finals week on Thursday.

The University Board had a rush hour event titled "Keep Calm and Come to Stress Busters" to help alleviate the stress that comes with finals, said Graham Sauser, the UB special events coordinator.

"I think we accomplished what our program set out to do, which was to be of a beneficial service to Eastern students during a time that can be really stressful to a lot of people," Sauser said.

Sauser said that many people who came out to support the event wrote comments down on provided sheets of paper. Most students said they really enjoyed the massages given and that it helped them relax.

"I talked to just about everyone who signed up and they all conclude that they really needed the massage and felt 10 times better than before," Sauser said.

Dana Jordan, a junior sociology major, said the event helped her relax.

"Before I came to the stress busters event, I was really stressed

out from classes and after participating with the massages, I feel calm and at peace, well at least until I leave here," Jordan said.

Sauser said the board felt it was important for an event about keeping stress down. They felt it was significant to Eastern because the timing of finals, work and deadlines for everything. These times can cause people to feel anxiety and being able to reach out to the students directly was definitely their main goal, he added.

Labrina Bone, a senior special education major, said the massage really helped her feel better.

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"My body was hurting," Bone

Tom Roberts

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#### Appeal is Blagojevich's last hope to cut sentence

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Rod Blagojevich has one last hope to reduce his harsh 14-year sentence: an appeal.

But lawyers for the disgraced former Illinois governor face long odds in chipping away at the time he tion off an appointment to President Barack Obama's old Senate seat and other crimes, legal experts said Thursday.

Attorneys will have the daunting task of demonstrating that the respected, 25-year veteran Judge James Zagel who oversaw Blagojevich's two trials made major errors at trial and he said. "A higher court is loath to

in calculating a sentence for the 18 convictions, said Lance Northcutt, an adjunct professor Chicago's John Marshall Law School.

"Zagel is careful to rule in a way to avoid having his decisions overturned and his reasoning for this sentence on Wednesday was detailed," second-guess the trial court - and they rarely do."

Northcutt was in the crowded Chicago courtroom Wednesday observing as Zagel scolded a visibly anxious Blagojevich - in a tone befitting a school principal — for harming public confidence in gov-

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#### Holiday hymns played at concert

By Sabrina Duncan Staff Reporter

Faculty members, students and family members were able to get into the spirit of the holidays at a performance Thursday at Wesley Methodist Church.

Eastern's Concert Choir, Camerata Singers and members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia performed "A Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols," which consisted of hymns and prayers about Christmas.

The program included prelude music performed by students Katherine Henry and Paige Mundy on the flute, and Charles Lynch, a professor from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, played on the harp.

Richard Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities, and Sarah Todd, a graduate conductor, led the orchestra. The readers of the verses and prayers were led by Pastor Wally Carlson and Richard Hummel.

The lessons included: Lesson I: Genesis III: 8-15; Lesson II: Genesis XXII: 15-18; Lesson III: Isaiah IX: 2, 6, 7; Lesson IV: Isaiah XI: 1-3a, 4a, 6-9; Lesson V: Luke I: 26-35, 38; Lesson VI: Luke II: 1, 3-7; Lesson VII: Luke II: 8-16; Lesson VIII: Matthew II: 1-12; and Lesson IX: John I: 1-14.

The ceremony then continued with the entire ensemble performing a hymn, "Once in Royal David's City."

Some of the famous congregational hymns that were performed included "Silent Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The concert choir and Camerata Singers included the sopranos, altos,



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Members of the Eastern Concert Choir, Camerata singers and Sinfonia, conducted by Richard Robert Rossi, perform "Balulalow" by Benjamin Britten Thursday during "A Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols" at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Fourth Street.

tenors and bass members.

Aaron Haney, a junior social science major, was surprised but fortunate to attend the concert.

This program has been a tradition in Cambridge, England since 1918, when it was played at Kings'

Another performance will occur today at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church in Effing-

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**PRESENTATION** 

#### Faculty gets budget overview at workshop

By Samantha McDaniel Activities Editor

Faculty members received a general overview of budget information in order to prepare for jobs as financial managers on Thursday.

Representatives from the budget office, the office of training and development, and the office of planning and institutional research presented at the workshop meant to introduce faculty to the different areas of making and maintaining a budget.

The presentation was a part of the "Responsibility for Account Manager

Heidi Hawkins, a budget analyst in the budget office, said what she went over was fundamental to the job of a financial manager.

A financial manager is someone who takes control over a fund for a particular group, department or organization.

Julie Benedict, a training and development specialist for Eastern in the human resources department, said this was a new lesson or a review.

"It gave a lot of background information, kind of general, for new employees we gave a lot of information to kind of catch them up," Benedict said. "It also has a lot of detailed information that the experienced managers could also uti-

Benedict said it helps prepare the managers' information about the different areas of the budget and the different types of funds.

Hawkins said there are different types of ledgers, or accounts. Some of the ledgers each have different origins and pur-

In each ledger, there are different

budgets where money can be moved either temporarily or permanently.

Hawkins said, financial managers cannot use funds from one ledger to the other, unless they transfer money through the budget or account office.

Hawkins said when financial managers need to ask questions if they do not know where they can transfer money.

"As a financial officer, you need to know who to contact for questions so mistakes aren't made," Hawkins said.

The different ledgers include one from state and income funds, one from student fees, revenue bonds, gifts and grants, and equipment and faculties.

Each of these ledgers gives money to certain funds that go for certain purposes around the campus.

"This goes to the bond funded facilities like the union, housing, the library and the student rec center," Hawkins

Hawkins said there are many resources that financial managers look at for their information.

One resource is the planning and institution research office.

Amy Edwards, the assistant director of planning and institution research, said they are in charge of finding many facts and figures that are used in reports around campus.

"If we don't have anything on it, we can help you get with who does," Hawkins said.

We started this to help our financial managers to be more equipped, or at least know where to find the answer," Benedict said.

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## Newman Center to host one-man play

By Tim Deters Staff Reporter

A one-man play will help to celebrate the Year of the Priest today.

The Newman Catholic Center will be presenting "Vianney" to celebrate the Year of the Priest by honoring a historic catholic figure.

John Titus, chaplain of the Newman Catholic Center, explained that "Vianney" is the story of St. John Vianney, a 19th century French priest and patron saint of parish priests.

After attacks on the Catholic Church

during the French Revolution, St. Vianney was determined to save the souls of all the villagers of Ars, France.

St. Vianney spent 16 hours a day in a cramped confessional, providing counsel to thousands of pilgrims who waited in line for days, Titus said.

The production of Vianney is part of the Catholic Church's worldwide celebration of the Year of the Priest. This celebration is meant to revive interest in and promote an understanding of the role of priests, according to a press release for the performance.

As part of the Year of the Priest, Pope

Benedict XVI has declared St. Vianney the model of all priests in the world.

"Vianney" will be performed by Leonardo Defilippis, who depicts St. Vianney on stage while a projector displays scenes behind him.

"I find the character of John Vianney extremely endearing," Defilippis said. "There is an urgency in him that is extraordinarily compelling and convicting.'

Titus said the play make audience members see prayer in a different way.

"You can't experience this drama and not come away with a greater insight

into the power of prayer," Titus said.

Titus also explained that Vianney is not just for students who are Catholic or religious. He said that the production is meant to inspire anyone who

"It's an important story about the power of an individual affecting and impacting the lives of others," Titus

"Vianney" is recommended for audience members 9-years-old and older. Admission is free, though donations are

All donations support the St. Hed-

wig Haus of Hospitality in Charleston, a Catholic worker house for women and children.

The live theatrical one-man drama Vianney will be performed at 7 p.m. today in the St. Philip Neri Chapel of the Newman Catholic Center at 500 Roosevelt Ave. in Charleston.

The play is sponsored by the EIU Knights of Columbus, St. Charles Knights of Columbus and the Monsignor Moriarty Circle of Columbian Squires.

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Eastern Illinois" or email us at marymiller2353@yahoo.com STAFF EDITORIAL

#### **Dino Babers** right choice for new coach

The editorial board had a long discussion this week about which of the four candidates for the Eastern football team's head coaching job was the best choice. It was a toss up between Dino Babers and Jeff Choate. We felt both would be great head coaches no matter where they ended up and we were excited both were interested in the Eastern position.

We were pleased Thursday to find out Babers would be athletic director Barbara Burke's hire for the position, according to footballscoop. com. We think Babers will be a great football head coach because of his offensive style, his values and personality.

The fast-paced no-huddle offense is the way to go in college football. Many programs have been successful with this style of play, including Baylor, where Babers was a coach this season.

Baylor's high-octane offense averaged 570 yards per game - good enough for second best

Burke also possessed what we considered the number one value in a new head coach for the football team. Burke has talked a lot about moving the football program in a new direction and getting a fresh start. Babers is a perfect match for her vision.

With retired head coach Bob Spoo at the helm, Eastern ran a pro-style offense. Babers' offensive philosophy will result in a faster and more threatening offense than the previous one.

His offense should provide a wow factor, attracting students and community members to games throughout the season.

In Babers' public interview Tuesday night, he said Eastern would run 150 plays in a 90-minute practice. We think this type of playing style will put people in the seats and get a lot of wins.

We also really like Babers' values. He said he wants to be a teacher on the football field rather than a drill sergeant. He said he doesn't think pushing players around the yelling profanities in their faces is effective.

We absolutely agree. There is no need for that on the football field in front of these student athletes; after all, they are supposed to be here learning the game.

Babers' personality was exactly what we would expect from a head coach. He was affectionate, confident and well spoken. Those are three traits a coach needs, especially one who is trying to help Burke take the program to a whole new level.

Burke has a Blueprint for Success, and a head coach that is as personable as Babers will help her in the fundraising effort to improve the athletic department as a whole.

We also took into account how much the players liked the coach. Babers was definitely a favorite. In asking the players their comments, they liked Babers personality, philosophies and

As with every coach, we had our questions about what Babers brings to the table. Yet we feel the positives far out-weigh the negative.

We think Babers will be a great coach. We think Burke made a great hire. We are excited to welcome Babers to campus.

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#### COLUMN

#### Chick-fil-A sells good chicken, doesn't hide beliefs

When I picked up the paper on Tuesday, I was not expecting to find an article about Chick-fil-A being "anti-gay" on the front page. I have known for some time that a Christian family owns the company, and therefore are automatically in a whole different category compared to other major fast-food chains. Naturally, I would have concluded that the Cathy family's beliefs were likely against same-sex marriage, but Chick-fil-A being involved in a controversy? I was not fully aware such a predicament existed.

Needless to say, upon reading the article I immediately wondered what had occurred elsewhere in regards to Chick-fil-A's apparent stance on gay rights. Tuesday's article mentioned that Indiana University at South Bend had suspended Chick-fil-A from its campus following a controversy involving the Pennsylvania Family Institute. According to a Feb. 1 article from The Washington Times, after further review the university had ended the suspension and allowed Chick-fil-A to continue service on campus. A Nov. 27 article from nyunews. com reported that the New York University student senate had voted 15-4 not to ban Chick-fil-A from campus upon review of the restaurant based on an accepted set of principles.

So, what's the basis of the issue with Chick-fil-A? It is that a privately run Christian company is taking a fairly overt stance on one side of an issue that is viewed by others as discriminatory, bigot-



Greg Sainer

ed, un-Christian in some cases, and wrong. Accordingly, this has led to multiple calls from pro-gay-rights groups to review the relationship between campuses and Chickfil-A and, according to Nico Canaday, "to re-valuate what kind of message" is sent to current and prospective students by having such an organization on campus.

With full respect to those who have decided to oppose Chick-fil-A, the message I get, and have gotten from my time here at Eastern, is that the university allows a generally popular restaurant to be on campus that provides pricy, but comparably goodquality food to students looking for another option that is not dining hall food or a Subway sandwich.

With the revelation of Chick-fil-A's apparent actions in supporting organizations that are opposed to gay marriage and gay rights, do I feel that a continued partnership between Eastern and Chick-fil-A will equate to an "implicit endorsement" of the decisions of Chick-fil-A's individual franchise and corporate owners? No, because I view every partnership Eastern has undertaken as part of the business world that has become a major part of campus life in

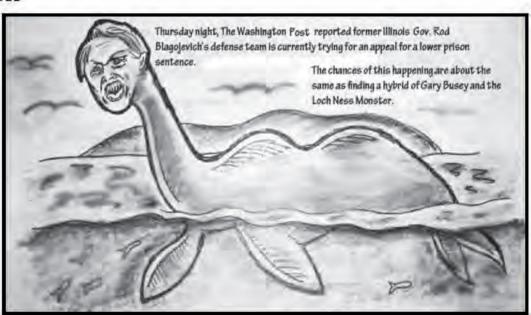
I commonly partake of the Pepsi softdrink products provided through its partnership with Eastern, despite the fact that they have been criticized by Christian organizations for evident support and advertisement within the gay community. Why do I do this? Because the Pepsi products are the only type of soft drink available short of taking a trip to Wal-Mart for the Coca-Cola products I prefer.

What I am trying to get at here is that it is not blatantly obvious that Chick-fil-A is supporting explicit opponents of gay rights. As Peter Wood wrote in a Jan. 31 article for The Chronicle of Higher Education blog, "(Chick-fil-A) isn't busy on campus promoting an anti-gay marriage agenda. It's just selling chicken sandwiches.' And while I do not have scientific polling data, I would venture to say that a decent majority of Chick-fil-A patrons at Eastern see things in a similar light.

There will always be two sides to every coin, and something I told a friend once is that you cannot really have a middle without two extremes. So, if I may be facetious, I think all the middle wants this time is some chicken. How about we let them have

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#### FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

#### AROUND THE STATE

#### Suit against Vermont man absurd, let them eat kale

By Jack Baker

Northern Star - Northern Illinois University

Chick-fil-A is suing a Vermont man for infringing on the company's trademarked slogan, "eat mor chikin."

The company claims that the silk screened T-shirts and other items made by Bo Muller-Moore with the words "eat more kale" could hurt its business.

According to an article on Yahoo News, Chick-fil-A claims that the "eat more kale" message "is likely to cause confusion of the public and dilutes the distinctiveness of Chick-fil-A's intellectual property and dimin-

I am so happy about this, because I bought five shirts from Muller-Moore thinking that they were actually from Chick-fil-A. This lawsuit is so important, because otherwise so many confused people would end up buying the wrong products.

In case you couldn't tell, I am being sarcastic. This is absolutely ridiculous.

How does Chick-fil-A think that people are

going to confuse handmade, silk-screened tshirts from Vermont with chicken sandwich-

Maybe they would have a case if Muller-Moore spelled the word kale with a C and then had pieces of lettuce say "eat mor Cale" in a commercial. But no, all the two messages have in common are the words "eat more" ... and they're not even spelled the same way.

To make matters worse, this isn't even the first time that Chick-fil-A has gone after companies for having a message similar to its "eat mor chikin" slogan. Apparently it has done it 30 times before, according to the Yahoo News

What's coming next? Is Chick-fil-A going to sue moms every time they ask their children to eat more vegetables?

It's sad, but I could actually see that happening. I mean, its current lawsuit is based around a premise so ridiculous, that I actually had to specifically say I was being sarcastic because if not, no one would have taken me se-

It is really sad these kinds of lawsuits are allowed to happen in this country. But it's good to know that there are people in the world like Muller-Moore that aren't afraid to stand up to large corporations.

Muller-Moore said that he sees the current lawsuit as a David vs. Goliath type fight.

He's right. In most cases likes this one, large corporations bring about brand protection lawsuits just in order to scare people away, according to a Vermont law school professor interviewed for the article.

However, Muller-Moore said he won't back down and will fight to protect his business.

More people need to do this. Corporations already have way too much power in this country, and regular people need to stand up

While I understand that sometimes companies need to protect their trademarked images or slogans, there needs to be a limit. This case is absurd and it is going too far. Maybe if there were more people like Muller-Moore, corporations wouldn't have as much power or get away with the ridiculous things they get away with now.

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**COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS** 

## CAA approves changes to studio art option majors

By Robyn Dexter Staff Reporter

The Council on Academic Affairs approved revisions to the bachelor's in fine arts: studio art option at a brief meeting Thursday in Booth Li-

Glenn Hild, the chairman of the art department, presented the revisions to the council. Though there were not many major revisions to the art option, there were some word changes to make certain aspects more prominent.

"We changed the word 'may' to 'must' so students have to apply for admission (after earning the required credit hours)," Hild said.

According to the course outline with revisions, students wishing to pursue this option must apply after earning a total of 45 hours of credit, complete the foundations program and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 for all course work, among other requirements.

The other revisions were mainly to credit hour requirements.

"We reduced the number of hours from nine to six (for required 3D studio art courses)," Hild said.

The CAA members added three new items to the agenda, which will be acted upon at the next meeting in

These items include revisions to the film studios interdisciplinary minor, revisions to the English Honors Admission Requirements and the revision of the course proposal format

The course proposal format requires the incorporation of at least one of the four learning goals to all courses. Another addition requires that all senior seminars address all four of the learning goals.

A topic from the Dec. 1 meeting that was briefly touched on at Thurs-



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Glenn Hild, chair of the art department, explains proposed revisions to the studio art option Thursday during the Council on Academic Affairs meeting in the conference room of Booth Library. The council approved the revisions before ending the last meeting of the semester.

day's meeting was the formats and incorporation of online senior seminars.

Mary Herrington-Perry, assistant vice president for academic affairs, said there are currently seven online senior seminar courses since summer 2008. These courses will have to meet the four learning goal require-

The first CAA meeting of the

spring 2012 semester will take place at 2 p.m. on Jan. 12 in Room 4440 at Booth Library. From there, the council will continue with its learning goal subcommittee meetings every other week, with the next one taking place at 2 p.m. on Jan. 19.

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#### Spirit on display for local contest

By John Downen Staff Reporter

If Charleston residents are enthusiastic about the holiday season, they can show off their spirit in the town's annual decorating contest.

Charleston's 11th annual Spirit of the Holidays Outdoor Decorating Contest will begin next week.

Kimberly Wargo, the event's coordinator, said the contest, which judges local participants on their home displays, will offer more than \$500 in prizes donated by local vendors, including gift certificates, free oil changes and other

She said judging will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14 and is free to anyone who enters before the deadline at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Wargo said the city will be divided into four different quadrants, with each section having a different winner.

She said the winners of the four quadrants will then be judged to crown an overall champion.

Wargo said the contest started in

2001 and will feature this year's overall winner in a written article for the JG-

She said the piece in the newspaper will include pictures of the winners' homes and information about the their approach to decorating.

Wargo said that the judges use five categories to critique a participant's decorations, including overall lighting, the creativity of their decorations, cohesiveness of the display as a whole, technical use, such as electric props or moving decorations and the display of holi-

Wargo said that the spirit category is the most important aspect when judges are evaluating the homes.

According to Wargo, the judges look for houses that capture the spirit of the

To register for the event, participants should visit Charleston's Parks and Recreation office at 520 Jackson Ave. by 5 p.m.

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#### Thomas' finals feast to relieve exam stress

Staff Report

Students can cram their faces to prepare for last-minute finals cramming during this year's finals feast from 9 to 11 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Dining Hall.

The theme this year is "Don't Bet on Finals" and will be casino-themed.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said the feast will also be attended by President Bill Perry, vice presidents and the deans of different colleges.

"In order words, don't leave it to

chance," Hudson said. "Do your work.

Hudson said the finals feast is a way of showing support for students.

We think it's a nice way for university administrators to come out and see students as they are getting ready to go onto finals so that (students) know we are thinking about them," Hudson said.

Hudson said he wants students to relax during a stressful time and that there will be a lot of indulgent food.

"Nothing says 'I love you' like food,"

#### PANTRY, from page 1

During this time of need, the Charleston Food Pantry is dedicated to providing quality food for community members.

"We do our part to keep our cost down and the community does their part by generously donating money and food," Zimmerman said.

She said cash and food donations increase during the holiday season and so do the food pantry's client base.

"This time of year, the amounts among many other foods.

on the checks are usually larger, but they're mostly one-time gifts. Our regular donors also give a little more this time of year," Zimmerman said.

The client base that uses the food pantry's resources has increased from last year by nearly 50 people a week, which is equivalent to being open an extra day, Zimmerman said.

Around this time of year the food pantry normally receives donations of soups, canned vegetables and beans,

The food pantry is currently low on canned fruit, nutritious cereal, instant mashed potatoes, pasta and canned meat.

However, Zimmerman said the pantry is running out of room for the food they currently have.

"Our pantry is fiscally sound, but that does not mean the community should stop donating. We rely on the community for most of our funding," Zimmerman said.

volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Zimmerman said donations can be brought by anytime during normal operating hours.

When money is donated to the food pantry, the volunteers normally shop at the Eastern Illinois Food

"Cash always goes the furthest. Our agency shops at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, which means we can The food pantry is run by unpaid buy at a deep discount. I can buy a

case of crackers for less than one box costs at the store," Zimmerman said.

She said the food pantry will continue to feed those in need throughout the holiday season.

We're doing what we do every open day, feeding those in need of emergency food services," Zimmer-

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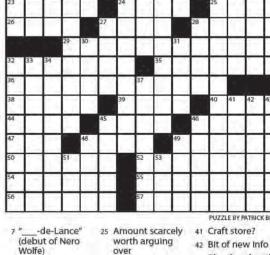
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#### NATION

#### Pujols, Angels agree to \$254 million deal

**By Associated Press** 

DALLAS - Three-time NL MVP Albert Pujols agreed Thursday to a \$254 million, 10-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels, leaving the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals after more than a decade for a new baseball life in southern California.

Pujols' contract, which is subject to a physical, is the secondhighest in baseball history and only the third to break the \$200 million barrier, following Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year deal with Texas before the 2001 season and A-Rod's \$275 million, 10-year contract with the Yankees before the 2008 season.

#### TRAVEL, from page 8

Senior guard Ceola Clark gives the Leathernecks a threat from beyond the three-point line. Clark has made nine three's this season and is shooting 33 percent from deep. Facilitating the offense, he scores 9.8 points and dishes out 5.6 assists per game.

The Panthers offense has been potent this season. They lead the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring with 78.4 points per game. They are also amongst the nation's best assists teams. Averaging 16.9 assists per game, the Panthers are ranked No. 17 in the nation in assists.

Eastern is led by senior guard Jeremy Granger, who leads the team with 17 points per game. Granger is also averaging 4.3 rebounds, 4.3 assists and one steal per game. Granger, who injured his shoulder in the Panthers' overtime win against Maine, appeared to have hurt it again in Wednsday's game against Oakland City.

"He got hit. He just keeps getting hit," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "It's very, very tender, and he's been taking a shot every game for it."

Despite the injury, Granger still managed to score nine points, going 4-for-5 in the game.

The game between the Leathernecks and the Panthers will be the 155th meeting between the two teams. Eastern won the last meeting in Macomb, winning 44-41. The game would make history, marking the lowest scoring combined total for both teams in Eastern's NCAA Division I history.

Tip-off for this non-conference rivalry game is set for 7 p.m. Saturday in

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#### STATE

#### Bears buckle down to face Tebow

By Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Chicago defensive tackle Henry Melton had some quick answers to the challenge facing the Chicago Bears this Sunday. How do you stop Tim Tebow, who's been as effective as he has been unorthodox?

"Tackle him," Melton said when asked about the 236-pound quarterback who's helped make option football a part of NFL lingo.

His passing might not be precise or textbook, but Tebow's ability to take off running has led the Broncos to five straight wins.

Any secret plans?

"Sack him," Melton said with a laugh. "We've got a couple things we're working on to get him down. I'm not going to say too much. ... I think we're going to do something different than a lot of teams did. Tebow was running free on them."

Playing in Denver's high altitude against a quarterback who's hot and also unpredictable makes Sunday's game even more difficult for a Bears team struggling on offense. Backup Caleb Hanie has thrown three interceptions in each of his two starts since Jay Cutler was knocked out with a broken thumb. And now versatile leading rusher Matt Forte is out with a sprained

The Bears' defense did OK last week in a frustrating 10-3 loss to struggling Kansas City that left the Bears at 7-5.

The lone TD was a head-shaker: Linebacker Brian Urlacher and safety Chris Conte went up at the same time to bat down a Hail Mary pass from Tyler Palko at the end of the half and ended up knocking the ball right to the Chiefs' Dexter McCluster.

To end their two-game losing streak, the Bears must shake off the home loss, face a formidable Denver defense and also figure out how to corral Tebow, who's 6-1 this season as a starter.

"Whatever he's doing, they're winning games," Urlacher said Thursday.

And for those who say Tebow's style can be a bit ugly, his passes far from perfect, Urlacher responds with a "who cares?"

"I've never been part of an ugly win, I know that much," Urlacher said. "I've been in some ugly losses but ugly wins don't exist. ... Their whole team is playing well right now. It's not just one guy."

The Bears have already beaten two quarterbacks who can take off and run this season — Carolina rookie Cam Newton and the Eagles' Michael Vick.

"Carolina. They do some of the same things, it's just that Cam Newton is a little bit faster," Bears linebacker Lance Briggs said of facing an option attack. "Teams do it. Teams do it, they just don't live and die by it like Denver."

His take on Tebow?

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"Well, he's a scrambler, they run a lot, he's one heck of a football player, and we're going to have to stop that," Briggs said.

Tebow also had a decent game passing last week in a tight victory over the Vikings, completing 10 of 15 for 202 yards and two TDs. The Bears will have to make sure they aren't vulnerable to play action if they concentrate too much on shutting down the Broncos' running game that also features Willis McGahee, who is closing in on 1,000 yards but nursing a sore knee.

They run the ball with power, too. It's not just the option," Bears defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli said. "And the quarterback, he probably runs as much after he drops back and throws. If it's not there, he'll take off and run. He's gotten a lot of yardage as a runner off of drop-back passes, as much as he has with the option."

Marinelli said that playing against Newton and Vick this season helps, but is quick to add that Tebow has his own style. Tebow has gained 468 yards rushing and averaged nearly six yard per carry.

"He doesn't shy away from contact. We respect that. We understand that," Marinelli added. "He's a big athlete. He's nimble and he's a fighter."

Tebow has led game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime five times in his first 10 starts.

"One of the important things for them in games is that they've kept it relatively close, or close enough that they can make something happen at the end of the game," Briggs said.

And the Bears must not let containment slip away at critical junc-

"New York allowed him to scramble out of the pocket and didn't keep him inside," Briggs said of the game in which the Broncos rallied past the Jets with a late 95-yard drive capped by Tebow's 20-yard TD run.

"And then after that, just get him down," Briggs said. "It's important to get that guy down."

#### REBOUND, from page 8

In last season's game, Nixon scored 15 points, and junior guard Kelsey Wyss was the only other Panther in double figures. Wyss scored 10 points.

#### Panthers ranked in poll

In the Collegeinsider.com mid-major poll, the Panthers are ranked No.

the nation's top scoring offenses, averaging 79 points per game.

They are the only Ohio Valley Conference team in the top 25 poll.

#### Around the OVC

Only one OVC team won Wednesday, out of three games. Tennessee Tech beat Western Kentucky at home.

Meanwhile, Eastern and Tennes-

Also for the Bearcats is senior dis-

tance runner Eric Finan, who holds the

school records in the indoor 3,000-me-

ter and 5,000-meter runs. An All-

American, Finan also was the NCAA

Great Lakes Regional Cross Coun-

try Champion, finishing 60th in the

For the Cincinnati women's team,

senior Kathy Klump is coming off

NCAA cross country championship.

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see-Martin lost their games. Tennessee-Martin lost to Vanderbilt, giving up 99 points in the game.

There are two games coming up Friday. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville plays DePaul, while Austin Peay plays Bowling Green.

Western Michigan. Tennessee Tech, Murray State, Tennessee-Martin, and Tennessee State are all traveling to play

Eastern is the only team at home Saturday. Tip off for that game is set for 4 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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her best track season in which she set

school records in the indoor 500-meter,

800-meter, indoor 4x4 relay, and was

the indoor 500-meter Big East Confer-

The EIU Early Bird begins at 3 p.m.

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#### There is a full slate of games Saturday. Eastern Kentucky plays Miami The Panthers currently have one of (Ohio). Southeast Missouri travels to





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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Panthers travel to face rivals

Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's basketball team has been on a roll to start the 2011-2012 season, winning six of its last seven games.

After three straight wins in Lantz Arena, the Panthers will take to the road for three games. They now sit at 6-2 overall this season. The first stop on the road trip is in-state rival Western Illinois.

Western Illinois enters the game with a 3-3 record; however the Leathernecks are 2-1 at home. The only blemish on the home record was a 67-66 loss to South Dakota State.

Western has put up a good fight against some tough opponents. The No. 19 nationally ranked Michigan Wolverines just snuck past the Leathernecks with a 59-55 win in Macomb.

The Leathernecks offense has struggled to put up points on a consistent basis, as they average 63.8 points per game. The offense is paced by freshman forward Obi Emegano. Emegano is putting together an impressive freshman campaign, averaging 14 points, 3.8 rebounds and shooting 63 percent from the field.

6-foot-7 forward Terell Parks gives Western a big presence in the post. Parks is the only other Leatherneck averaging double-digits in scoring. He is scoring 12.3 points per game and adding 10.3 rebounds and 1.3 steals per game.

Senior guard Ceola Clark gives TRAVEL, page 7



Red-shirt senior L.C. Doss searches for a pass opportunity over a fallen Oakland City defender Tuesday during a men's basketball game in Lantz Arena. The Panthers won the game 83-67, with their next game against Western Illinois in Macomb.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### **Panthers** hopes to rebound

By Alex McNamee Editor-in-chief

The Eastern women's basketball team will try to rebound from a road loss against Missouri Saturday against Indiana State.

The Panthers lost to Missouri Wednesday, 56-54, but will come back to Lantz Arena for the border rivalry against the Sycamores.

Both teams have had successful seasons, with the Panthers at 5-2 so far and the Sycamores being 5-3. The Panthers have had a dry spell against the Sycamores, not having won a game against them since the 2000 season.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee is 0-5 in his career against the Sycamores, losing last year 59-50 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Sycamores leading scorer is Shannon Thomas, who averages 13 points per game and 9 rebounds. The team is only averaging 58 points per game this season.

In contrast, the Panthers average 79 points per game, and their leading scorer is junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon. Nixon averages 14 points per game. Four Panthers average double figures in points.



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Junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon makes her way around a Western Illinois player during Eastern's 85-55 win Monday in Lantz Arena.

## Team to open indoor season

By Dominic Renzetti **Sports Editor** 

The Eastern indoor track and field team will open its season today with the EIU Early Bird, along with Eastern, Cincinnati, Indiana State and Vincennes University.

The Panthers are returning a number of key team members on both the men's and women's teams, as well as adding some new faces.

Entering his final season of a Panther, red-shirt senior Zve Boey was a 2011 Indoor first team All-American in 200-meter dash, as well as the 2011 Ohio Valley Conference Male Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. Boey had a big year last year, breaking the Eastern indoor 200-meter dash record.

Junior Erika Ramos is coming off a cross country season as in which she set the Eastern school record for the 6K event, as well as leading the Panthers to an OVC cross country title. Ramos will look to set some school records in this year's indoor track season, as she has been steadily moving up the all-time ranks in multiple events. Last season, Ramos moved into the No. 3 spot in the 800-meter dash in the No. 6 in the mile

In field events, the men's team will be returning red-shirt sophomore pole vaulter Mick Viken. Viken broke the Eastern indoor

pole vault record, previously held by current coach Kyle Ellis. Viken, now in his second season as a Panther, will have to live up to his OVC Indoor Freshman of the Year honors.

The women's team will return junior thrower Alisha Donner, who placed third in the OVC last season, and moved into No. 10 on the all-time Eastern list.

Both the men's and women's pole vaulting team is bringing in transfers who will compete this season. The men's team will add sophomore Dan Chalus, a transfer from Chicago's North Park University. At North Park, Chalus set the school's record with a jump of 14-feet 10-inches. He finished fifth at last year's College Conference of Illinois Wisconsin (CCIW) indoor championship.

The women will be adding redshirt sophomore Georgia transfer Jade Riebold. Riebold finished tied for seventh during the 2010 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Indoor Championships. Riebold red-shirted her 2011 season at Georgia.

Cincinnati brings tough competition to the EIU Early Bird, with senior hurdler Terrance Somerville. Somerville posted the nation's top 110-meter hurdle time and finished sixth at the USA Track and Field Indoor Championships.

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# The Daily Eastern News' weekly arts and entertainment section

## Shows feature senior art

#### STEPHANIE FRANK: "SYNESTHESIA"

By Seth Schroeder Verge Editor

Most art shows feature installations in traditional galleries, but for her senior art show today art major Stephanie Frank will feature her work at a bar with several musical performances.

The show is called "Synesthesia" and Frank said it is part of her work to try and create a visual representation of sound.

"Synesthesia" will start at 7 p.m. at Friends and Co. on 509 Van Buren Ave.

Frank said she is sometimes worried that having her work in a nontraditional space such as a bar might be a detriment to the show, but she said she wanted to find something else other than a normal whitewalled gallery.

"When telling my professors about it you kind of get this look like, 'Really?'" Frank said. "But once I explained it they thought it would work for me."

The name of the show comes from a neurological condition where one sense, such as sound, creates an involuntary experience in another sense, such as sight. While synesthesia can result in numerous different combinations, Frank said her show will focus primarily on how sound can cause some to see colors.

"I'm trying to create the effect of synesthesia for people who come to my show," she said.

Frank's work for the includes several paintings of sound waves in a variety of colors. She also has pieces of stage equipment set up that will shine different lights on the paintings and will change the light based on the beat of the song. There will also be mirrors on the paintings to create further light effects.

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Stephanie Frank, a senior art major, tapes mirrors to a painting in preparation for her senior art show today at 7 p.m. at Friends and Co. on 509 Van Buren Ave.

#### ERIN POTTER: "ABANDONED"

By Seth Schroeder Verge Editor

After a summer flashflood in Jacksonville, Ill. several residents abandoned their ruined mobile homes. Erin Potter, a senior art major, painted these and other items people have given up for her senior art show.

"I'm basically showing things people have left behind, like trailers." Potter said.

Potter's show is called "Abandoned" and will start at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Paper Café at 1148 Sixth St. There will be food and also be a musical performance by the group Jedidiah and Jakob Adam. The show is free.

Potter said she thought the theme for her show was interesting and hit close to home because Jacksonville is close to her hometown. She said many people affected by the flooding did not see it coming.

"A lot of people lost homes and houses," Potter said. "It's interesting to see people leave things."

She said she also will show a painting of an abandoned factory as well as pottery, metal works and jewelry she has made.

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SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Erin Potter, a senior art major, bowtorches a piece of metal work Tuesday.





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Editor's Note: This list represents the collective opinion of the Verge staff on what we thought was best in each category. Each of us had the chance to nominate entries from the 2011 calendar year for each category and then voted on our favorites. What are your favorites?

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## OF THE YEAR

"Bridesmaids"

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2"

3 "The Help"

4 "X-Men First Class"

5 "Midnight in Paris"

"Ceremonials"- Florence and the Machine

"Born this way"-Lady Gaga

3 "21"- Adele

"Watch the Throne"-Kanye West and Jay-z

5 "Bon Iver"- Bon Iver

"L.A. Noire"

"Arkham City"

"Saints Row III"

4 "Gears of War 3"

5 "Dead Island"

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## Instrumental music proven to increase study productivity

Finals are a week away and students are cramming for their tests. While students study their hearts out, it is typical for them to have their headphones in listening to music. It could be for different reasons such as keeping themselves from going insane or blocking out other dis-

The beauty of music is that there are many different genres out there. Everybody listens to something different. For me, depending on how much attention I have to spend, I listen to different things. From my jazz Pandora station to the band A Day to Remember, I listen to it all while studying.

I tend to listen to jazz when I have to cram for a test; it helps me remain calm and focus on the task at hand. When I am working on an assignment that does not require much attention, or do not really want to do, I listen to the rock band A Day to Remember. Their intense sound gets me pumped and motivates me to finish the task at hand. These musical choices mimic the extremes of my study habits, but there is one album that I always enjoy while studying for just about anything.

'Time Without Consequence" by Alexi Murdoch is a necessity in a student's study play list. This album came out in 2006. Murdoch is a singer/songwriter who has impacted my studying. His music has been played on the television show "The O.C." and one of my favorite movies, "Away We Go."

This album highlights all of Murdoch's talents. He has beautiful lyrics, simplistic music, and showcases a voice that is soothing.

"Time Without Consequence" starts out with the song "All my Days." This song has repetitive guitar and drums that build slightly. This peaceful song reveals Murdoch's inner thoughts. This song makes calming down and studying easy.

A song similar in sound is "Song for



Kelly Johnson | Verge Columnist

You." This song talks about saying the right words about how he feels. Both of these songs are breathtaking and beauti-

The majority of his album sounds the same, but that is the beauty of it. The majority of the songs blend together, and you can almost lose track of how long you have been listening to it. This makes you less antsy about the music and helps you focus on your study materials.

While listening to this album, the majority of it sounds similar. But the one song that sticks out while listening to this album is "12." This song is almost seven minutes long and does not really have any lyrics. Murdoch's voice in this song is used as an instrument; he does not have any lyrics besides the word "Shine." This song is truly beautiful.

Out of this whole album I would have to say my favorite song is "Orange Sky." This song is well known because it is the main song that is featured on television and movies. The warm sound paints an image of standing underneath an orange sky. What I like so much about this song is that it can comfort someone.

Students might find listening to music helpful to their studies, when in reality it can be very detrimental to their success. The type of music you listen to can determines the productivity of your study

Patricia Poulter, a music professor, said if students are trying to study and focus on the music more than the work, most likely they are not paying full attention to

the subject matter.

"If you are truly listening to the music, you are not studying your subject matter; you are studying the music," Poulter said.

So what music helps?

Mark Rubel, also a music professor, said different types of music can have different effects on the mind.

"Depending on the music and what they're studying, it may be a calming and focusing agent, or something to bring up their energy levels," Rubel said. "Music is like that, it acts in direct and diverse ways on the psyche."

The type of music you listen to plays into the productivity of the time spent

I think if you listen to soft quiet music, it will help your studying remain calm. Regardless, music is also a good way to block out the sound.

If you are cramming for a test at the last minute, because that is what college students do, it is better to refrain from music with lyrics and singing. According to a study by Clifford Nass at Stanford University, you listen to music in the same part of your brain that processes words; so listening to music with words while reading affects you negatively.

"If a person can have quiet instrumental music on in the background to mask other noise or to help them feel calmer, that is fine," Poulter said. "But for some people who are especially aware of music, it is unlikely they can have music on while studying without being distracted."

So music fanatics, be aware of your thinking while studying.

Regardless of listening to instrumental music or your favorite band, studying is important and you need to find music that mimics the amount of concentration that is needed.

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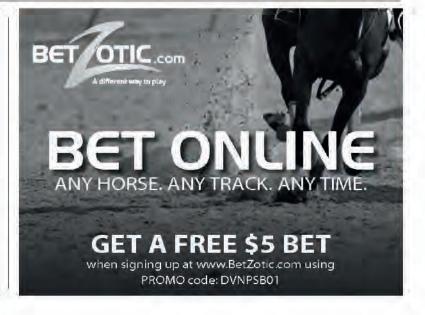


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Sampson will also be the first musical performance during "Synesthesia". He said he plays blues and folk music as Sair Clara but Frank's art will stand out more while electronic music is playing.

"I'm the early act, which is deliberate," Sampson said. "We wanted to make sure there would be a time where artists and teachers can come and seriously appraise the art without having to go to a big party."

Sampson said Frank's art is very interactive and people can expect to have a new experience with music at the show.

"Her art really is a potpourri of music and trying to convey that visually in an abstract way," Sampson said.

Mike Gherarcini, owner of Friends and Co., said he is very excited about the show and they have been trying to be as accommodating as possible for Frank and helped her set up her work.

Gherarcini said he used to be an artist and that displaying unique artwork helps the bar break away from being generic.

"It's nice to have a place with some unique art hanging on the walls," Gherarcini said. "It's nice to have someone come in and show off their work. People appreciate it and that's really the clientele we are looking for, people who will appreciate it."

He said he hopes the bar gets similar opportunities in the future and they are always open to something different.

"There are no bad ideas," Gherarcini said. "You can only reinvent the wheel so many times."

Gherarcini said the show will bring

in people with musical interest and people with an art interest.

Frank agreed with Gherarcini and said the show will blend the two worlds together.

She said she has been exploring music as a concept in her artwork for several years. This included portraits of her friends performing at musical shows as well as pieces where music is represented as a body part such as part of a heart or brain.

"I started researching sound, how people listen to sound and the nervous system," Frank said. "You don't even realize you're moving. It's kind of like human nature. Even like tapping your foot."

She said the whole project started as her playing around but has turned into something really neat.

"Everybody can relate to liking music," Frank said. "Whether rock, country or dubstep. Whatever your preference. I've never met anyone who didn't like music."

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Potter said she used a palette knife more often for the show to get a thicker paint texture. She also said she did her first color lithograph and a seven color lithograph for printmaking pieces.

Jennifer Black, the owner of the Paper Café, said she tries to host anyone who wants to have an art show as long as she can schedule it.

She said she has hosted shows at the café since 2004 and every show is free and non-profit.

"The Paper café is a community art effort," Black said. "It's something to give back to the community."

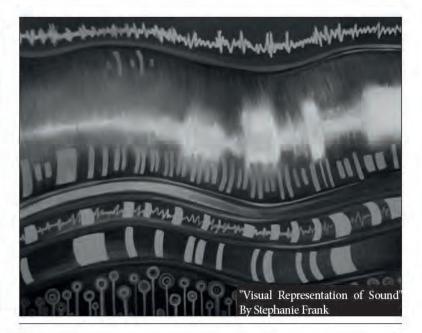
Black said she is also an artist and every show she hosts helps give her new ideas. She said everything she has given to the café she has gotten back many times over.

She said she features students, community artists, local musicians, traveling artists and traveling musicians. Black said she is glad to give artists a place to show their work and give people something different to do than just go to bars.

She said she tries to not make a big deal about the café and does not advertise much.

"It's a secret nobody knows about until they hear about it," Black said.

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## Special guest to play with Jazz Ensemble

By Samantha Devermann Verge Reporter

The EIU Jazz Ensemble will be welcoming a special guest 7:30p.m. tonight in the Doudna Theatre.

Trumpeter Bobby Shew will be playing with the ensemble to showcase what they have been working on all fall semester.

Sam Fagaly, the director of jazz studies and the director of the Jazz Ensemble, said this is the first time this group of students has performed with Shew.

"A little over half of this concert will feature Bobby Shew and the music he has selected for us," said Fagaly. "We are fortunate to have a guest artist of his stature."

Fagaly said Shew enjoys teaching and sharing his music with fellow jazz musicians everywhere.

"He's an incredible trumpet player and also a wonderful person," Fagaly said.

Andrew Cheetham, assistant professor of trumpet said the music for the concert is contemporary, hip and fun to listen to.

"I think audiences of all kinds respect good music played well when they hear it, and they'll certainly hear it (tonight)," Cheetham said.

Shew began playing at the age of 10. He moved to Las Vegas and Los Angeles to eventually play with over 15 big bands. He was nominated for a Grammy in 1980.

He has also done a great deal of studio work on TV shows like "Hawaii 5-O," "Mary Tyler Moore," "Happy Days," and "Laverne and Shirley" among others.

He has worked on soundtracks for "Grease," The "Rocky" series, "The Muppet Movie," "Taxi" and others.

"The audience can expect to hear a fantastic student jazz ensemble with one of the worlds most famous and well-respected jazz trumpet players," said Cheetham.

"The purpose of most of us who do clinics and concerts with school groups is to encourage improvement in their skills, to encourage their success in life through music, not necessarily as a career but just as a joyful thing to do," Shew said.

Double bass player Chad Mathis, a music graduate student, said this is the first time he has played with someone of Shew's level.

Mathis said a jazz ensemble con-



FILE PHOTO

Pianist David Hoffman performs a solo Sept 30 during an EIU Jazz Ensemble performance in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The EIU Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony joined together for "Life in the Groove."

sists of a wind section such as saxophone, trombone and trumpet, and a rhythm section that includes piano, bass, drums and guitar.

"Everybody's part is important," said Mathis.

Mathis said he hopes all his hard work will pay off tonight.

"It's the last day of class before finals, so it will be a big feeling of relief when it's all done," he said. Eastern's Jazz Ensemble is composed of 18 undergraduate and graduate music majors.

They also have performed with jazz artists Mel Torme, Dizzy Gillespie, Diane Schuur, and Joe Williams to name a few.

The group has received several awards including Outstanding Ensemble and Solo Performance citations at the Notre Dame and Elmhurst College jazz festivals.

The Jazz Ensemble's latest CD is entitled "Three O'clock Downbeat".

Fagaly said he notices the audience is typically made up of students, parents and Charleston residents.

"We hope to have a big turnout," Fagaly said.

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#### Students deal with stress from finals

By Corey Ascolani Verge Reporter

Students deal with stress in different ways, but they also might not realize where the stress comes from.

"A lot of us use exercise to cope with stress," said Brent Walker, a kinesiology and sports studies professor.

Walker teaches a stress management class at Lantz. He says different things can cause stress around finals. One thing that can increase stress is a change in routine, like how the class routine is changed specifically for finals week, Walker said.

He also said the weeks preceding can be stressful as well from assignments being due at the end of the se-

People can be affected by stress in a variety of ways such as physical symptoms and cognitive symptoms, Walker said.

The cognitive symptoms can include eating changes. This can include eating less for short-term stress as in a presentation or eating more for long-term stress as in dealing with money issues, Walker said.

He said the physical symptoms can include headaches, arm aches and even sickness

Karyn Skrzypczak, a senior marketing major, said she experiences some of these physical symptoms.

"I get headaches when I get stressed," Skrzypczak said.

Walker said there are multiple ways to relieve stress.

"Aerobic exercise is best for reducing stress," he said.

Walker also said students can reduce stress by going on a treadmill, talking to others perhaps friends and family. "Just venting relieves stress," Walker said.

Skrzypczak said she listens to Pandora and drinks lots of coffee to deal with stress.

Suzi Richerson a freshman nursing major, said she also listens to music.

"Anything to take your mind off of the finals," Ridherson said. "If you take a break when studying you don't feel overwhelmed."

Richerson also said sleep is important

"If you don't get enough sleep for the next morning you feel dead," Richerson said. "If you over-cram you blow your final."

Brian Pritschet, a kinesiology and sports studies professor, said it is good to have movement and activity enhances learning.

"If you feel unfocused, it's good to get up and move around," Pritschet said. "Simply walking around relives muscle tension and stress."

Both Pritschet and Walker agree exercise reduces stress.

"Exercise is used as a mental timeout when studying," Walker said. "Our minds need a break to help refocus and it may help change perspective on our problems."

Walker said to help with stress it is important to realize when stress happens.

"Learn the signs," Walker said.

He said people should to know how to deal with stress when they acknowledge the signs.

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