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### TUITION

# Where do student fees go?

By Stephanie Browbosz & Cameron Dow  
Staff Reporters

An average full-time Eastern student pays about \$817 in mandatory student fees during an academic school year.

There are a total of 11 fees that cover things like Eastern's textbook rental service, student health insurance, an activity fee and Student Legal Service.

"I would like to see some fees go toward Greek life so we can get working air conditioning," said Abbey Roberts, a sophomore accounting major.

The student legal service fee is \$5.22 and has been that way since the 2008-09 academic year.

The Student Legal Service can provide students with court representation and council student organizations on civil matters, according to the 2010-2011 Fee Booklet.

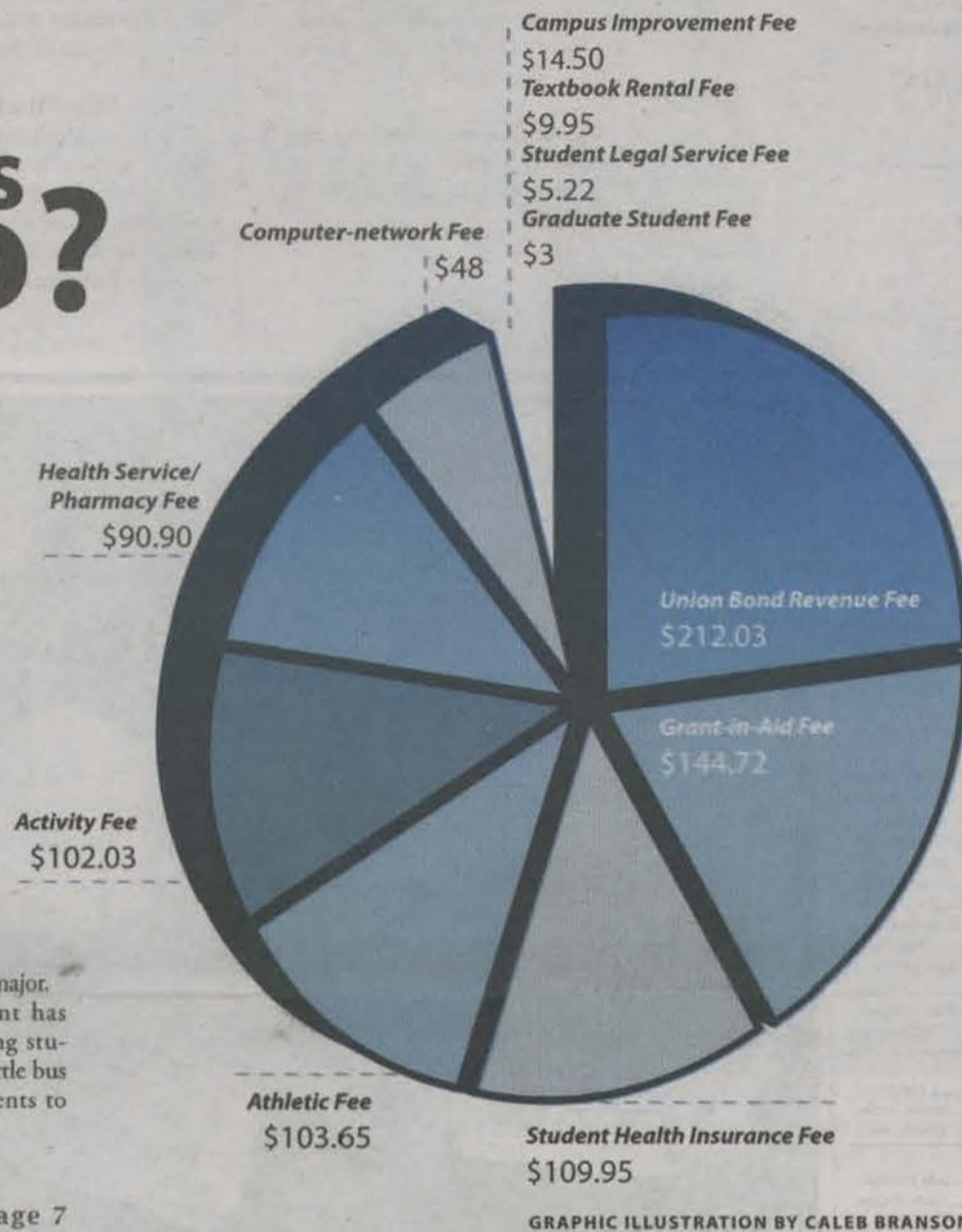
The Union/Bond revenue fee, which costs students \$212, funds the operation of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Lantz Arena, O'Brien Stadium and the Student Recreation Center.

The Union/Bond revenue is the most expensive fee.

The breakdown of all the fees can be attributed to the operation and maintenance of buildings on campus like the Union and the Student Recreation Center. The highest operating fee for the Union is \$80.03.

"I would like to see my fees go more toward activities and Grant-In-Aid. Just whatever would help out the students more, like the shuttle bus and helping kids pay for their tuition," said Andre Simmons, a senior communication studies major.

The student government has been looking into extending student fees to create a new shuttle bus route to take Eastern students to Mattoon.



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### ADMINISTRATION

## Senate to determine retention methods

By Jennifer Brown & Shelley Holmgren  
Staff Reporter & Administration Editor

The Faculty Senate and the Committee on Retention Efforts discussed methods to improve retention for the university at a special forum Tuesday.

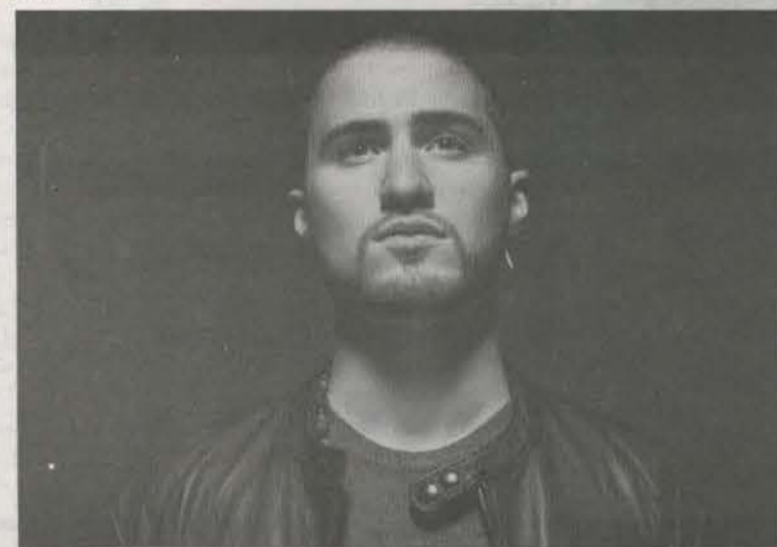
Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said retention is important for students to succeed while they are at Eastern receiving an education.

CORE, or the committee on retention efforts, is a joint committee from student affairs and academic affairs to tackle such questions such as why students decide to leave the university, and more importantly, why do they stay. Committee co-chairs Karla Sanders and Kimberlie Mook led the forum.

Years ago, the president set a goal for 85 percent freshman and sophomore retention by 2013, Sanders said.

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### EVENTS



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## Two artists for spring concert announced

### Mike Posner and Far East Movement to headline show

Staff Report

Far East Movement and Mike Posner will perform in Lantz Arena in April.

The University Board sent out a press release Tuesday night announcing Far East Movement and Mike Posner to be this year's performers at the spring concert.

Far East Movement is most known

for their songs "Girls on the Dance Floor" and "Like a G6." Posner is known for his Billboard Hot 100 Top 10 single "Cooler Than Me."

The concert is scheduled for April 23 in Lantz Arena. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the concert will start at 8 p.m.

Ticket sales for the concert will begin March 25 to Eastern Students and can be purchased at the Martin Luther King Jr. Ticket Office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. General public ticket sales will start April 1.

Tickets purchased with an Eastern student identification card will be

### MUSIC | CHARITY

## Patrons pack JAC at Haiti Night

By Nick Livers  
Staff Reporter

Several Eastern students and Charleston residents crowded Jackson Avenue Coffee for "Haiti Night at the JAC" Tuesday.

The event, organized by the EIU Haiti Connection, raised money to support Gadyen Dlo, the group's pure water program in Haiti.

Shortly after the event's 6 p.m., the line to purchase bread bowls had already stretched to the door.

Customers listened to local music groups Motherlode, Rydelle, Jenna Jackley, Eric Fitts and Steve Kaiser.

Chad Barton, resident of Terre Haute and bassist of the indie-folk band Rydelle, said this was the first benefit concert his band has performed together.

"We've been following Haiti's story for the past year," Barton said. "When you feel something in your heart, you just do it."

The back room, where the musicians performed, remained packed throughout the night.

Dano Reible, owner of Jackson Avenue coffee, said he was impressed by the turnout of the event.

"For previous Haiti Nights, we just had one group," Reible said. "This time Motherlode, Rydelle, Jenna Jackley and Eric Fitts and Steve Kaiser, gave it a different variety of music."

Christy Anderson, a member of the EIU Haiti Connection, said she was pleased with the turnout after selling



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Eric Fitts, a senior jazz studies major, performs Tuesday at "Haiti Night at the JAC," a fundraising event put on by the Haiti Connection at Jackson Avenue Coffee. Proceeds from bread bowls sold throughout the night will go to Gadyen Dlo, a pure water program.

about 100 bread bowls with more than an hour remaining in the event. She said she hoped to sell 120 by the end of the night.

The group also hosted a silent auction, which included Haitian art such as a steel drum, a basket and a piece of Haitian street art.

Local artists also donated pieces to the auction.

"We're actually getting more for most of the pieces than we expected," Anderson said.

Tommy Nierman, a junior business

management major, and Jenna Mitchell, a sophomore political science major, came to the event together after hearing an announcement about the event at a Student Government meeting.

"The wide variety of music really livened the atmosphere," Mitchell said.

Nierman said he decided to come to the event because he thought it would be great to help Haiti.

All of the proceeds from the bread bowl sales will go toward purchasing water purification systems for Haitian families.

# EIU weather

TODAY

THURSDAY



Chance of rain  
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# what's on tap

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**3 p.m. Disney program**  
 Walt Disney recruiters will give a presentation about internships for college students in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

**7 p.m. Student Senate meeting**  
 Student Senate will be meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Union.

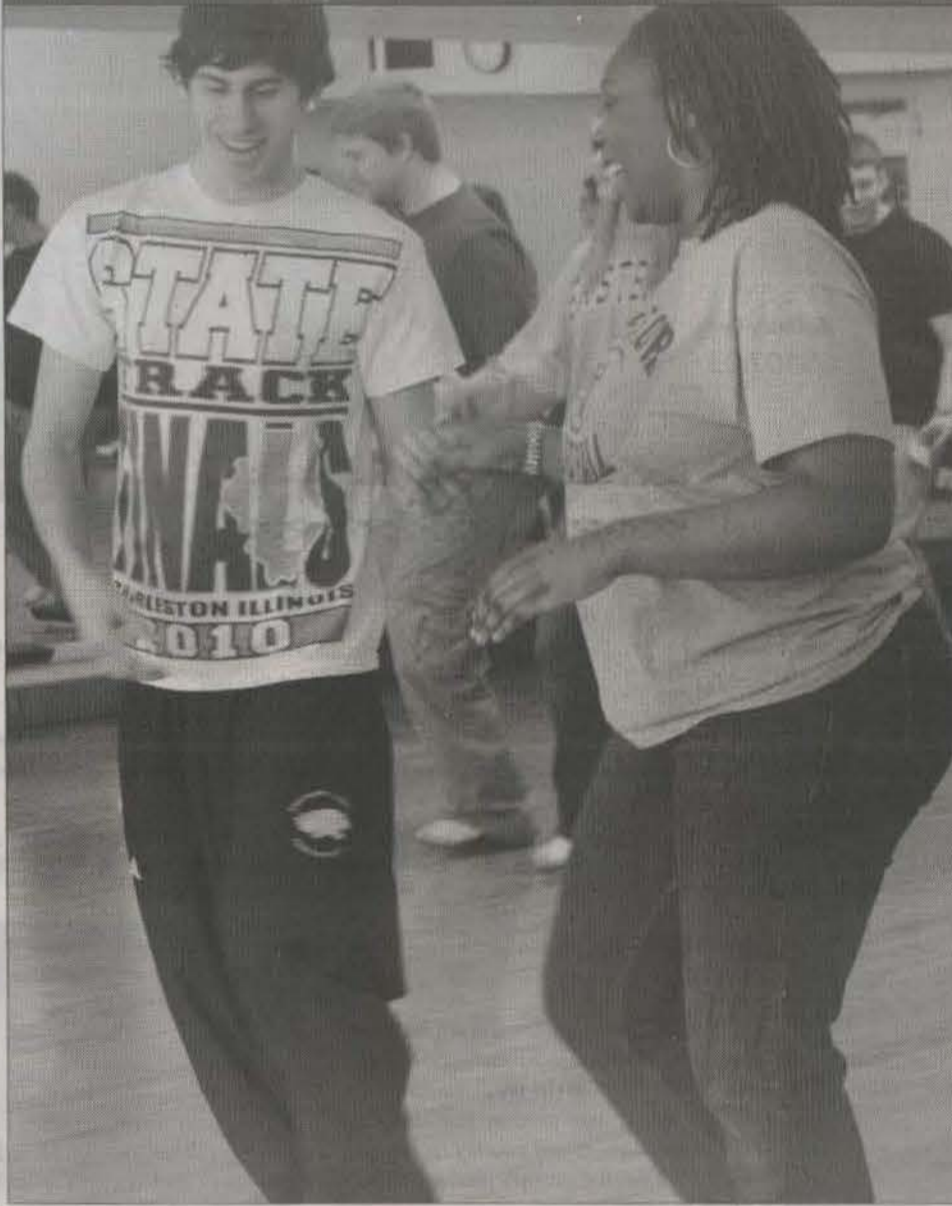
**5 p.m. Rubber Lovers**  
 Rubber Lovers is having an open session to inform students about safe sex practices in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Union.

**7 p.m. Film "The Linguists"**  
 The film "The Linguists" will be shown in the Doudna Fine Arts Lectur Hall as part of the EIU Humanities Series on Meaningful Work. The film is a chronicle of two scientists documenting dying languages.

**1 p.m. Board of trustees meeting**  
 Eastern's Board of Trustees will meet in the Grand Ballroom of the Union. The board should immediately go into a closed executive session.

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## Shall we dance?



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Connor Kustief, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, and Jalisa Israel, a freshman communication studies major, dance the Cha-Cha Tuesday during a ballroom dance class in McAfee Gym.

## ONLINE



### Blog: Charlie Sheen on Twitter

If you haven't been #WINNING, letting #tigerblood flow through your veins, then you haven't been following Charlie Sheen on Twitter.

Go to DENnews.com to read Assistant Online Editor Christopher O'Driscoll's blog, explaining how Sheen is taking over the internet (and even find some ways to keep him out of your own browser).

## ENTERTAINMENT

### How Sheen sitcom can go on

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charlie Sheen is gone, but his sitcom "Two and a Half Men" is likely to stick around.

Although the eight-year-old show is aging and revolved around Sheen's playboy character Charlie Harper, Warner Bros. Television and CBS have every incentive to try to keep it going after producers fired him on Monday.

The show, for one, is a huge moneymaker: It is the most popular comedy on the air, and in syndication. But the more important question might be whether viewers will buy a remade show next fall.

There are numerous examples of shows losing stars and plugging along with other actors, though not necessarily in the same roles. Just ask Dick Sargent, Jimmy Smits, Farrah Fawcett-Majors, Sandy Duncan and, yes, even Sheen.

In Sheen's case, he worked for two years on ABC's "Spin City," essentially replacing original star Michael J. Fox in 2000 when Parkinson's disease made it impossible for Fox to continue.

For TV networks and producers, there's much less risk to keeping proven concepts alive than to hope audiences embrace something new.

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ONE DOLLAR

## EIU History Lesson

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2004

The replacement of three Board of Trustees members was entering its final stages as the background checks were taking place. The responsibility of appointing candidates goes to the current Illinois governor.

1994

The president of Eastern's teacher's union said the Illinois Board of Higher Education should look into cutting administrator's salaries before altering sick leave payout policies for faculty. In January 2004 the IBHE decided to demand all state universities submit reports on their sick leave policies.

1977

The Apportionment Board eliminated funding for The Vehicle, Eastern's literary magazine. The budget we also cut for the Student Senate, the Eastern News, Health service, the Art Board and the theater plays.

## BROADCASTING



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LaMar Holliday, a senior journalism major, gets ready to report on WEIU's NewsWatch Tuesday. The News Watch program is up for a regional Emmy, which it has won two years running.

# WEIU-TV wins an Emmy

By Jeremy Kappel  
Staff Reporter

WEIU-TV has entered its Feb. 8, 2010, newscast into the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation College Emmy Awards and finished in the top three of the national competition.

They have piled up two regional Emmy titles and are still hungry for more.

In February, Eastern placed second in the Student Newscast Competition 2011 hosted by the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts.

The Emmy Awards competition receives hundreds of entries each year and has schools all across the United States entering.

Kelly Runyon, the news director at WEIU-TV, said larger schools like Arizona State University, Brigham Young University, and North Carolina State University are in the competition every year.

"Students who participate in regional and national competitions

could have doors open for them in (the) future," Runyon said.

Eastern is a smaller university compared to other schools in the competition.

The newscast that placed in the top three of the Emmy Award competition took place during a snowstorm in Charleston.

It included weather coverage and live elements throughout the newscast.

Twenty-five students from the WEIU-TV team worked together on the Emmy Award winning newscast. Marine Glisovic, Krista Henery and Katie Glaze were three members of the award winning team.

The team said it was an honor to be selected and nationally recognized for this award.

The members of the WEIU-TV news team said they had plans for after college.

"I would like to report for one of the large news outlets in the United States like New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles," said Glisovic, a se-

nior journalism major.

Glaze, a senior technology major, said she plans on pursuing a career in the film industry.

"I would like to work on television stations like the Travel Channel or MSNBC," said Henery, a senior journalism major.

The awards ceremony is a red carpet event where Hollywood stars, industry leaders, Academy Governors and members of the Foundation will all be in attendance, Runyon said.

The members of the WEIU-TV team said it took 35 to 40 hours a week to work on the newscast. The team would start working on the newscast at 7 a.m. and would not finish until around 5:30 p.m.

Winners will be honored in April at an awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

Several awards will be given including individual newscast awards.

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## MUSIC

# Bands team up, crumple paper to make music

By Seth Schroeder  
Activities Editor

Using paper as instruments, the EIU Concert Band teamed up with the Mayo Middle School band for a concert Tuesday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

For most of the concert, the bands performed with their regular instruments. They rhythmically tore, folded, crumbled and hit pieces of paper for the song "Paper Cut" created by Alex Shapiro, an American composer. "Paper Cut" also included an electronic track that was played while the bands performed.

Ethan Shotts, a freshman computer science major, plays tuba for the concert band. He said switching between instruments and paper was a new challenge.

"('Paper Cut') is something new we haven't tried before," Shotts said. "It's not what we are used to just playing."

Barry Houser, the acting director

of bands, said "Paper Cut" was more of a novelty piece and it would not be something to perform every year.

"We made a lot of great music tonight," Houser said. "Overall it was great for as little time as we had to rehearse 'Paper Cut.' I know it sounds weird but I think we could spend a little more time developing the technique of using paper and seeing what kinds of sounds we can get from it."

Houser also said working with the students from Mayo Middle School was enjoyable and they were very disciplined.

Houser's wife, Abigail Houser, is the conductor for the Mayo Middle School band.

"Just because the director is my wife this is in no way a favor to her or this school," Barry Houser said. "This band keeps getting better and they've earned it."

Abigail Houser said it was a great experience for the middle school students to perform with older and more experienced musicians.



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Daniella Collins, left, a communication disorders and sciences major, plays bassoon Tuesday as the concert band performs the piece "Paper Cut," which included members folding, crumpling and tearing paper to make sound.

"Today was wonderful," Abigail Houser said. "This is the first time many of these kids have gotten to perform on a stage and for some of them they may never get to again. Even the first note we played and cut

off just rang. It kind of gave us this 'wow' effect."

Chris Mroczek, a conducting graduate student, said the bands played musically and energetically. He said the Mayo Middle School

band was excellent and well behaved.

"When you think of middle school students they may not be what you think of," Mroczek said. "But they were a fun group and looked like they had a good time."

Barry Houser also said the Mayo students spent most of the day at Eastern. He said they listened to college level music at the recital hall, took a tour of Doudna and had dinner with the EIU Concert Band.

The middle school performed first with "Asian Folk Rhapsody" by Richard Saucedo, "Our Kingsland Spring" by Samuel Hazo and "Fire Dance" by David Shaffer. Eastern's concert band performed "Rush" by Hazo, "Second Prelude" by George Gershwin, "Second Suite in F" by Gustav Holst and "Hosts of Freedom" by Karl King. Both bands performed "Paper Cut" as the second to last song.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Senate presents resolution on voting disclosure

By Erin Riedl  
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will be discussing a new resolution today that would make the votes of Student Senate members public.

The resolution deals with public disclosure of voting records.

Roberto Luna, John Poshepny and Brian Shields are the three Student Senate members who wrote the resolution.

The resolution proposes that a vote count for each piece of legislation on the table be made public on the student government website.

Luna, a junior finance major, said it would showcase to students their Student Senate members are voting the way students want them to, since many students are unable to attend the student senate meetings.

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Roberto Luna, Student Senator

this on opencongress.org and he thought it would be a good idea," Luna said.

Another resolution is asking for money for the student's distinguished professor banquet.

At the banquet, awards will be given to professors who have been nominated by Eastern students.

The money for the banquet, if approved, will come out of the student government budget.

Jennifer Prillaman, the student

vice president for academic affairs, and Holly Henry, the chairwoman of the student academic affairs committee, are presenting the resolution.

"We are asking for money for food and for plaques to award the professors," Henry said.

Also at the meeting, Alpha Sigma Tau, an Eastern sorority, will be speaking about its upcoming philanthropy bake sale for Briana Silver, a sister who has Lemierre's syn-

drome.

"We will be going to student government for help and support since they are our leaders on campus," said Kyerstin Zapiain, a senior sociology major.

The bake sale will be at Coleman Hall the second week of April.

There will be a table set up with information about Silver and Lemierre's syndrome.

Silver had been hospitalized since Thanksgiving break until a week ago.

"We are trying to raise money to help out her family with hospital resolutions," said Ashley Hoogstraten, a senior communications major.

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## BLOTTER

# Two students charged with DUI

- Jared Grant, 28, of 310 East Logan, Arthur, was arrested at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue at 1:09 a.m. Saturday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, with blood alcohol content greater than .08 and was released at 3:03 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond.

- A disorderly conduct was reported 3:10 p.m. Saturday at Taylor Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 3:55 p.m. on Saturday, a criminal damage to property was reported at University Court. This incident is under investigation.

- A theft was reported at 5:16 p.m. Saturday from Lantz Gym. This incident is under investigation.

- A private property accident occurred at 1:50 p.m. Saturday at Greek Court. No citations were issued.

## STAFF EDITORIAL Help Haitians badly in need of clean water

More than a year ago, on Jan. 12, 2010, Haiti was struck with an earthquake that literally shook its foundations to the core.

The death toll has reached more than 300,000 from the earthquake, cities are left in ruin and the government is as broken as the shanties that fell like a pile of toothpicks.

Added to all of this tragedy and squalor, Haitians are bereft of perhaps the most valuable necessity that we take for granted: safe drinking water. The average American is said to use around 600 liters of water per day, compared to less-fortunate countries that use about 20 liters per day, according to the EIU Haiti Connection. That means that we use 30 times the amount of those in more poverty-ridden countries.

We are a spoiled and overly fortunate nation to have water that is safe to drink and waste at our leisure. Since we do not have to worry about whether our drinking water will kill us, we choose to dwell on other concerns.

We have known people to pitch a fit of gloominess over things as unimportant as not getting the right cappuccino at Starbucks or being overly ecstatic for having someone comment on his or her Facebook status.

These exaggerated emotions seem to be displaced due to a relative lack of traumatic issues that directly affect us, for which, of course, we are grateful. Of course, there are others who strive to cure our obliviousness to the traumas of others by bringing tragedies like Haiti right to our doorsteps. In collaboration with Deep Springs International, the EIU Haiti Connection is encouraging members of the Eastern community to contribute to the Water for Life Initiative for Haiti. The Water for Life Initiative focuses on providing families with access to purified water.

According to the group's statistics, there are about 1.1 billion people across the globe who do not have access to safe drinking water and 3.5 million of these people die each year from water-related diseases. Can you picture that? While we sit pretty and squander our wealth in water, others are dying because of the lack of such a seemingly simple necessity.

The EIU Haiti Connection is trying to raise money to purchase bucket purification systems for Haitian families in our sister Haiti communities, Barasa and Dekosye.

It is kind of overwhelming to think we could possibly save the life of an entire family by raising \$10 to give them a fancy bucket that works its magic on their hazardous water.

According to the EIU Haiti Connection, if a student either gave or collected a quarter a day for 40 days, a Haitian family could drink clean water for a lifetime.

With the amount of spirit embodied by our fellow Panthers, we think we could all pitch in much more than a measly quarter a day and provide several families with the promise of clean water, if we just make the effort. To start collecting for this program, you can pick up a free water bottle today at the Newman Catholic Center to store change donations in.

## GUEST COLUMN

# How the faculty union negotiates contracts

By Jonathan P. Blitz  
Vice President and lead negotiator  
EIU/UIP

Every time in recent memory when University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) and the administration have undertaken contract negotiations, the process threatens to overtake the Eastern community. Now that the latest contract is signed and sealed (if not yet delivered), as UPI's lead negotiator I want to present some of my thoughts on the process.

The two parties generally meet beginning soon after the spring semester is over. Unfortunately, for the three summer months little progress is ever made. First, the budget is usually in flux well into the summer, making monetary decisions impossible to make. Second, without UPI's constituents present, our leverage at the bargaining table is gone.

There is an understandable disappointment when after three months we have little to report. Then the real negotiations begin.

In this past round, the furlough issue caused a lot of consternation for UPI. We put three choices to the membership as a

single issue referendum: 1) accept furlough language and pay raises; 2) reject furlough language and forfeit pay raises; 3) reject furlough language and insist on pay raises.

Of the 350 members who voted, 227 voted for accepting furlough language and a pay raise. This was agreed to, but it took time. In any case, I doubt it delayed the conclusion of the process, as explained below.

Once faculty return to campus, the administration predictably stalls progress. I believe this repeated pattern of behavior results from the administration testing UPI membership support for the negotiating team. It takes time to prove membership support, usually two or three months, until we can move to the next phase.

Unfortunately, these stall tactics force the administration into hard positions, since this is the only way to stall, rendering further productive talks impossible.

A federal mediator is then brought in to facilitate. This takes another couple of months since ours is not the only contract to be mediated, and the mediator has no power to impose a deal. So seven or more months after negotiations begin, a settlement may be in sight.

There were certain bottom-line issues UPI had to have for a settlement. These were no secret. It took more time than it could have to get there. Unfortunately, the process had to play out.

In the end, we are grateful to the administration for not using bad economic times as a reason for proposing draconian proposals to cause a real rift. UPI was able to attain things of value during this time of financial distress.

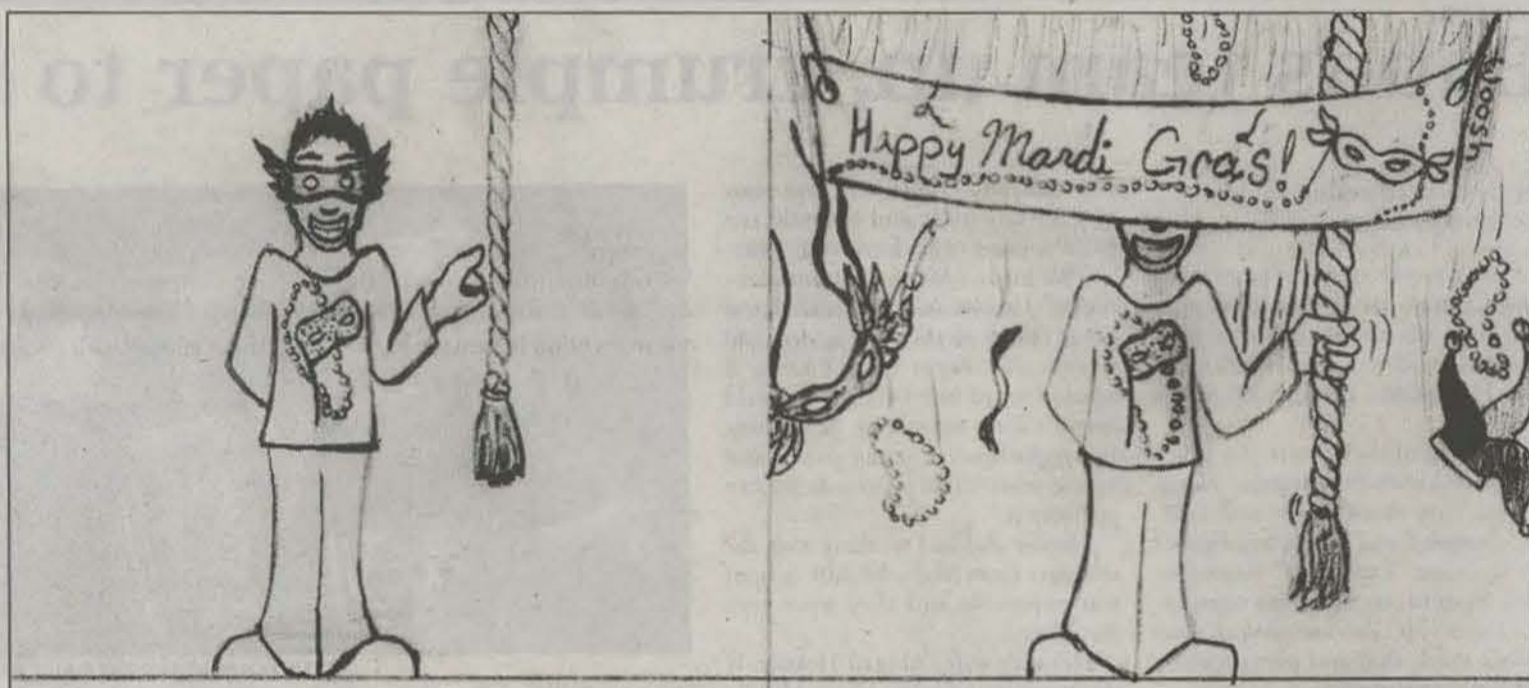
The most immediately notable are automatic, multi-year contracts for Unit B faculty who meet certain qualifications. We left some things behind, but negotiations begin again after the next academic year.

This long process has worked so far. Perhaps negotiations could just as easily begin in late July or early August, cutting down the overall time with little impact.

Having done this twice now, once as lead negotiator, I am relatively certain that there will never be an agreement until both sides feel it is in their best interest to have one.

This takes time unless there is complete trust on both sides, or one side capitulates. The former is unlikely to be true and the latter unlikely to happen.

## FROM THE EASEL



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## COLUMN

# Fighting the pathetically plastic 'reality'

By Melissa Sturtevant  
Columnist

Operation Beautiful, the University Board's project to boost students' self-esteem this week, evoked in me the memory of the show "Bridalplasty"—"The only show where the winner gets cut"—which presented a plethora of medical and moral controversies.

The show, which concluded at the very end of January, included contestants who were all brides-to-be, vying for plastic surgeries (yes, plural) to receive before their weddings. The contestants participated in challenges that determined how many plastic surgeries they received based on how far they got in the show. When a contestant was eliminated, the host would vainly and moronically say, "Your wedding will still go on, it just won't be perfect."

When women feel like they need plastic surgery in order to have a "perfect" wedding, I think our society has become the epitome of profane.

First, a wedding should be about two people who are so in love they wish to join together in love, respect and friendship. A wedding should be deemed "perfect" when the two people willingly enter into such a bond and their

vows are kept.

Second, looks are fleeting. Underneath all the dye, our hair will still be gray someday. If staples were removed, wrinkles would still be there. A woman's real breasts are still underneath the silicone and even though lifts can be performed, they will someday sag. Wasting money on such a thing as looks is completely useless and it can be spent doing better things.

Third, the fact that this is what women are competing for is ridiculous. Money should not be wasted to give superficial women a sense of beauty. That money from the show could be given to charities or people in need. "Bridalplasty" is one in a string of shows that value looks over personality, morals and self-worth. Shows like "America's Next Top Model," "What Not to Wear" and "Dr. 90210" all focus on how skinny or photogenic a woman is, why wearing the right clothes can make you happy, and how living in Beverly Hills and being able to afford the best plastic surgeon can make you better.

Operation Beautiful's intent is to remind people to feel better about themselves. People should remember that looks don't last. I'm not saying we should completely disregard looks—it is important to keep healthy, and dressing up

every once in a while is OK (no one is going to be hired if he or she shows up at a job interview in sweatpants)—however, looks can't create happiness, nor should they dictate how people live their lives.

Comparing ourselves to images of "perfection" will only make us go crazy and make us feel bad about ourselves. "Bridalplasty," or any other shows of the sort, are laughable and shouldn't be taken seriously. People should take responsibility for how they look instead of relying on money and doctors to fix their bodies for them.

Instead of liposuction, hit the gym four days a week. Instead of dying gray hair, make the gray look glamorous. Instead of staples and Botox, stop frowning so much when complaining about looks, and that will be sure to delay the onset of wrinkles. There are things that can be done naturally in order to look better. The natural ways cost less and are more attractive than anything surgical. Ignore the idiocy of prime time television and take some pride in how you are built and what you look like.

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**LECTURE**  
**Scientists help clean environment**

By Jennifer Brown  
 Staff Reporter

The women, science and sustainability forum recognized three women scientists in the biological sciences department and happened to fall on the 100th anniversary of the International Women's Day.

Ann Fritz, assistant professor of biology, moderated the discussion and led the scientists in the discussion of their research.

"In biology we use sustainability to characterize healthy, diverse, long-lived eco-systems such as prairies, forests, wetlands and we humans certainly derive benefits from living in vital, productive ecosystems in healthy environments," Fritz said.

Fritz organized the panel so where one left off the discussion, the next scientist could continue on the same topic.

Karen Gaines, chair of biological sciences, began the discussion by speaking of her work in toxicology and how it affects wildlife.

"As more women go into the sciences, I think we're bringing the perspectives and limits," Gaines said.

Gaines's specialty in environmental science and wildlife has led her to scientific experiments in how toxins relate to wildlife and the environment.

"Species are defined by their niche," Gaines said. "When there is stress, it may be toxicological. It could be in terms of land use."

The species that are affected have the ability to expand and adapt their niche to their environment, Gaines said.

Gaines is working on a project where the bi-product of corn may have toxins in the ash and is focusing on wildlife in an adverse landscape.

"It's corn around here, but what if we start growing biofuels? How is that going to change things and how is wildlife going to respond?"

Janice Coons, professor of biological sciences, focuses her research on native plants and the restoration of habitats.

"We work with endangered and threatened species," Coons said. "At one time they were plentiful, but due to habitat destruction there are very few of them left."

Coons focused her discussion on how to rebuild restoration areas using native plant species.

Throughout her discussion, she covered the survival strategies which



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Janice Coons, a member of the biology department, speaks during "Women, Science and Sustainability: A Panel Discussion" in the Doudna Lecture Hall on Tuesday. The members of the panel discussed different projects they had been or are currently a part of in the field of sustainability.

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Nida Schweil-Elmuti, instructor of biological sciences, finished the discussion of women and science with a global perspective on Palestine women overcoming barriers and sustaining their environment.

A security fence was built not long ago to separate Israel from neighboring territories, Schweil-Elmuti said.

"This fence was built in order to keep the occupants safe on the other side.

"This monstrous wall actually created a prison for both populations, not to mention inhumane barriers to the Palestine population," Schweil-Elmuti said.

The women of Saudi Arabia are expected to overthrow the monarchy because their rights are really repressed, Schweil-Elmuti said.

"Women are behind the throw of the dictator of Egypt," Schweil-Elmuti said.

There are two garden sites on Eastern's campus which students can see native species. Prairie Garden is located west of Lawson Hall and north of University Court; Woodland Garden is located by Eastern's football field.

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**NATION**  
**Obama to GOP: Don't cut education**

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Placing a limit on his own willingness to slice spending, President Barack Obama issued a not-too-veiled warning at Republican budget cutters Tuesday and characterized any reductions in money for education as irresponsible and harmful to the long-term health of the nation's economy.

In his most vigorous defense yet of his education spending proposals, Obama conceded that after years of deficits, the government needed to embrace fiscal discipline. And in a restrained speech to Democratic donors, he cautioned the partisan crowd not to equate compromise with failure.

"Not everything is a fight, not everything has to be a battle to the death," he said to top-dollar contributors as they ate, surrounded by Renaissance paintings in Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

Earlier, however, Obama set down a marker for the ongoing budget battles in Washington, illustrating just how far the compromise theme can go.

"I want everyone to pay attention. Even as we find ways to cut spending, we cannot cut back on job-creating investments like education," he told a crowd at TechBoston Academy in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. "There's nothing responsible about cutting back on our investment in these young people."

Obama was joined by philanthropist Melinda Gates in the latest stop on his monthlong push for an education agenda aimed at garnering bipartisan support for more flexibility and accountability for teachers, and more innovative standards for students.

In choosing TechBoston, the White House sought to showcase a school in a working-class neighborhood that had turned around its graduation rate thanks to new flexibility for its leaders and plenty of help from private foundations.

Offering a recitation of challenges, however, the president stressed the cost of carrying out an effective ed-

ucation agenda that corrects trends that show U.S. pupils falling behind their counterparts in other countries. In doing so, he set the parameters of the debate under way in Washington on how to continue to pay for government operations through the end of the fiscal year and avert a government shutdown.

"Fixing our schools will cost some money," Obama said. "Recruiting and rewarding the best teachers costs money. Making it possible for families to send their kids to college costs money. Making sure that some of the state of the art equipment all of you are working on ... that costs money."

The quick day-trip also had a political subtext, like most things on the president's agenda now that the 2012 election is approaching. Boston is a Democratic stronghold with a strong donor base and Obama coupled his education speech with a dinner to raise money for House Democrats, who lost their congressional majority in the November midterm elections.

The event raised \$1 million and cost a minimum \$5,000 per seat. Dinner, a VIP reception and participation in a photo line with the president cost \$30,800 per person or \$50,000 per couple, according to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Obama was greeted upon his arrival in the city with opinion pieces in the rival Boston Globe and Boston Herald newspapers by Republican Sen. Scott Brown and Republican former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

"Washington has lost the faith of the American people," Brown wrote. "If we are going to tackle the huge challenges of creating jobs and addressing the debt, the American people need to be able to trust Washington again. Shining a light on our spending habits is the first step."

Romney was far tougher on Obama in his Herald piece, comparing Obama to President Herbert Hoover.

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## COMPETITION

## Bands to battle it out

## Staff Report

Eastern is hosting a battle of the bands at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The show will feature many different bands that have experience playing in this type of venue. Corndog People, All American Madness, The Spinning Chambers, Tommy Gun Geisha and DeJay Physics Loop Project are the bands competing.

Travis Shoot, a guitarist and lead singer for the "Spinning Chambers," said he is excited for the upcoming

show. This is his first battle of the bands competition at Eastern, and he is ready for his band to express its experimental style of music.

"My favorite part about playing is the openness in not fitting into a genre," Shoot said. "We're all perfectly fine with letting it see where it goes."

Shoot has been playing music almost his whole life, starting out on the drums, then moving to guitar at age 17. Shoot said he loves to entertain and his passion for music is unlike any other.

"There is nothing that makes you

lose yourself more than playing music," Shoot said. "Everything else disappears, it's magical."

Each band will have approximately 10 to 15 minutes to perform and prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. There will be two judges to evaluate each band, grading vocals, creativity, lyrics, sound quality and overall performance.

Eastern hosts a battle of the bands to give local bands a chance to showcase their talent.

The show's coordinators advise people who want to watch to arrive at about 6 or 6:30 p.m.

## STATE

## Town mourns two electrocuted teens

## By The Associated Press

Okawville — A tiny southern Illinois farming community strained a school's gymnasium Tuesday in a loving farewell for the senior class president and a popular classmate electrocuted when a 30-foot irrigation pipe they hoisted in darkness to free a raccoon touched a power

line.

An estimated 1,100 people filled the 900-seat Okawville Junior-Senior High School gym in Okawville for the funerals of student officer Nick Bledsoe, 19, and Justin Eldridge, 18. Their caskets were then ushered out for separate burials, with the funeral procession stretching three-quarters of a mile, police said.

Just a night earlier, four days after the deadly farming accident cast the town into numbing grief and mourning, some 1,400 people — the equivalent of Okawville's population — filed by the coffins in the gym during visitation. That wake was meant to last five hours and end at 8 p.m., but the last person filed out just after midnight.

## NATION

## Gay legislators impact new marriage debates

## By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Of America's 7,382 state legislators, only 85 are openly gay or lesbian. They are, however, playing an outsized and often impassioned role when the agenda turns to recognizing same-sex couples with civil unions or full marriage rights.

In Hawaii and Illinois, gay state representatives were lead sponsors of civil union bills signed into law earlier this year. In Maryland and Rhode Island, gay lawmakers are co-sponsoring pending bills that would legalize same-sex marriage. In New York, a gay senator, Tom Duane, is preparing to be lead sponsor of a marriage bill in his chamber later this session.

"For my colleagues, knowing that I am not allowed to marry the person that I love and want to marry, that's very powerful," said Duane, a Democrat from Manhattan. "It's more difficult for them to take for granted the right they have to marry when I don't have it."

The gay lawmakers have impact in two important ways. Their speeches,

often evoking personal themes, can sometimes sway wavering colleagues, and they can forge collegial relationships even with ideological foes through day-to-day professional and social interaction.

Rep. Deborah Mell, a Chicago Democrat elected to the state House in 2008, made a point of bringing her partner to legislative functions, and a year ago announced their engagement on the House floor.

Her fiancée, Christin Baker, was on hand when Mell gave an emotional speech Nov. 30 during the civil union debate. One of Mell's points: Current law would bar doctors from consulting her if Baker, her partner for more than seven years, became seriously ill.

"The more visible we are, the better," Mell said in a telephone interview. "When you look someone in the eyes, it's a little harder for them to deny that we should have the same rights."

Also speaking in that debate was Greg Harris, another gay Chicago Democrat, who urged his colleagues to be "on the right side of history."



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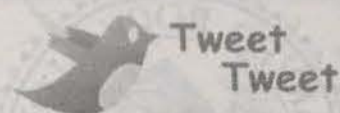
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## NATION

# Workers disciplined for viewing porn at work

By The Associated Press

DENVER — The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has counseled or disciplined 24 employees who accessed pornographic sites on government computers between 2005 and 2010 as the financial system teetered and almost collapsed.

In a letter dated March 3, the SEC responded to a Freedom of Information Act request by Denver attorney Kevin D. Evans listing the offices of the employees. They were in Atlanta, Denver, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Fort Worth, Texas.

In addition to the federal employees, the SEC disclosed the names of contractors whose employees were investigated by the Office of the Inspector General. According to the letter, the contractors

were: Labat-Anderson Inc., CACI International Inc., Garda Security Inc., Keane Federal Inc., and ISN Corp. Seven employees who worked for those contractors were investigated, but the SEC did not release their names.

The Denver Post first reported about the letter on its online edition Tuesday. A copy was obtained by *The Associated Press*.

A judge in December denied Evans' request that individual names be released following objections from the SEC and one of the employees that it was an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

Regional SEC Director Donald Hoerl did not immediately return a message seeking comment. Two of the five contractors did not immediately return messages left by *The Associated Press*.

## SENATE, from page 1

"I say aspirational because we're not quite there yet," Sanders said

Currently, the university averages a 79 percent retention rate for freshmen and sophomores.

In their research, Sanders said students enjoy the small campus setting, but negative comments reflected the lack of variety in local restaurants and shopping.

"We are in a small town and we have those challenges," Sanders said. "The relationship with (the student's environment) is what has the most impact."

Sanders also reported 77 percent of students are not working for pay on campus and less than 50 percent of students are spending less than 10 hours a week studying.

For continuing students, Sanders said CORE is focused on keeping the students aware of registration by sending regular e-mail reminders.

"We've been looking at that data. We sent the list of the students that aren't registered to their department chairs," Sanders said. "They have reported back to us they are doing a variety of things upon the major, upon how many students they have, some of them were making phone calls."

Another factor that can have a serious effect on retention rates are at-risk students. Sanders said there is a 20 percent gap between the students who are academically at risk, doing well academically and the av-

erage freshmen to sophomore retention rate.

Sanders said professors and resident assistants should always be looking out for students who display at-risk characteristics, including a sudden drop in grades, isolation and changes in appearance or demeanor.

President Bill Perry said this faculty involvement is what can make a big difference in a student's life.

"When I speak with alumni, I get a lot of great stories about their experience here at Eastern and how a faculty member or a staff member made a huge difference in their completing college," Perry said. "That's the story we have to not only continue to tell, but live."

Mooch brought up another reason for students not returning to the university — difficulties with paying the bill.

One way the committee is trying to address this issue is by sending a survey to unregistered students to find out how the university can help.

"We're just in the part where we're gathering additional information so we can build a strategy to help students that are in this situation," Mooch said.

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## FEES, from page 1

Another portion of student fees are also given to the Apportionment Board, an Eastern organization that takes student fees and divides them among the University Board, Student Recreation Center, student government and the AB itself.

After giving the four groups their yearly budgets, the AB oversees any additional money allocation requests made.

Ashley Hoogstraten, the head of the Apportionment Board, said the University works to keep the fees as reasonable as possible.

The projective budget that was presented at the last AB meeting raised concerns that student government and other Eastern groups over budgeting the money in their accounts.

"I don't think they are necessarily over budgeting, but they are budget-

ing for what they think they need," said Hoogstraten, a senior communication studies major. "But (the requests) have been bigger this year."

The requests might not be as feasible as groups think, Hoogstraten said.

She also said despite concerns of the student fees rising, that students will continue paying the same fees they originally started paying during their first year of enrollment, for their entire time spent at Eastern.

Booklets of the complete breakdown of student fees are available in the Student Activity Center of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union or on Eastern's website.

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## OVERPOWERS, from page 12

When asked about the weather conditions Hilgert said the cold did not affect him but the wind made the match somewhat uncomfortable at times.

Hilgert immediately went on the attack during the match.

"He had a weak forehand and my strategy was to go after it," Hilgert said.

He did just that and attacked the backline with powerful forehands.

He attributed the win and his biggest strengths to consistency, better shots, and experience. Playing on the court next to Hilgert was sophomore squad member Warren Race. Race won with strong performance of 6-0, 6-2.

"Trying to have a good first serve percentage and to focus on placing shots," Race said. "Keeping the ball deep and mixing up shots."

The other five members including sophomore Michael Sperry, junior Jamie Firth and freshmen Charlie Dryden and Kevin Bauman of the squad prevailed with similar performances. The Panthers also went 3-0 in doubles on the day.

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## FIRST GAME, from page 12

Schmitz said. "We feel fine that we at least have different options."

### Pitchers give strong showing

The Panther pitching staff had a great weekend, as the bullpen once again had a strong showing. Red-shirt junior Mike Hoekstra started Sunday's first game and allowed one hit through his first four innings. Hoekstra struck out five batters before he allowed two runs on three hits in his fifth and final inning. Senior righthander Brent McNeil worked four innings in relief of Hoekstra to get the save, allowing two runs on five hits over four innings of work while walking nobody and posting no strikeouts.

Junior lefty Adam Clark, sophomore right-hander Troy Barton and senior righty Matt Miller combined to throw four scoreless innings out of the 'pen in Sunday's second game, as Clark allowed the bullpen's only two hits while striking out two and walking none over his two innings of work.

### Fewer errors lead to wins

The Panthers did not make any errors in Sunday's opening game and they won by a score of 7-4. The team lost the second game 4-1 after making two errors and allowing three unearned runs charged to freshman right-handed starting pitcher Luke Bushur.

Schmitz said his team cannot af-

ford to give away runs and games like they did in the second game Sunday.

"We've got to find a way to win those kinds of games and not give them away," Schmitz said. "That was just a gift. We've done it two other times this year. We've got to stop giving away gifts and understand we've got to play a little better."

The Panthers will return to action this weekend as they travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to take on the Alabama Crimson Tide with Friday's first pitch set for 6:05 p.m. Central Time.

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## NATION

# In the pits: NASCAR's bad boys are behaving better

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Kyle Busch and Tony Stewart are known for their racing success and explosive tempers.

Most every problem on the track is followed by a profanity-laced rant, a tantrum and, in Busch's case, a meltdown right in the car that has at times prevented him from making a strong finish. Then came the sulking and scowling. If they even bothered to give interviews, the answers were usually short and snippy.

It was boorish behavior, but tolerated. Nothing was going to change NASCAR's two biggest bad boys.

Until, that is, they changed. Busch and Stewart seem to have mellowed this season. That was never more apparent than Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Both had a chance to win, and neither did.

Busch was done in first by a flat tire, then a blown engine. He was running second when he got his flat, had to stop for a new tire and dis-

agreed with his crew's decision to change only two and not all four. That's where Busch would typically unload on crew chief Dave Rogers, working himself into a hysteria that could have derailed his race.

Instead, Busch simply scolded Rogers. He then calmly offered advice when a caution moments later gave them a chance to salvage the setback. A blown engine 10 laps later, however, ended his day at his home track, where wins mean the most to him.

As Busch climbed from his disabled car, the race streaming around him, viewers braced for his reaction. If he didn't stomp away from the cameras, his interview would likely be a bitter one.

Then, for the second time in two days, he was a total pro.

"I've been blowing tires, mowing grass, knocking walls down and setting balls of fire down the backstretch in both races this weekend," he said. "It might be good just to get out of here and come back and try again next year."

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SOFTBALL NOTEBOOK

# Maday wins honor; pitcher of week

By Lenny Arquilla  
Staff Reporter

Panther newcomer Stephanie Maday has earned her first career Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week honor.

Maday proved why she is a force to be reckoned with by retiring a new career-high 12 strikeouts against Butler and holding them to just four hits. She improved her record to 3-1, while still maintaining a zero ERA.

It was also her first career shutout victory over the Bulldogs on Sunday as EIU went 1-1 overall at the Lipscomb Lady Bison Classic. She now has 23 total strikeouts and seven walks to her credit. She also has not thrown any wild pitches or hit a batter this season, all while holding the opposing teams to a combined .159 batting average.

Senior designated hitter Melinda Jackson had a perfect day at the plate against Butler this weekend recording four RBI off two homers in the victory.

This brings her career total to nine, which moves her to seventh on the Panther all-time list. Jackson is batting a .400 on the season so far and looks to stay on top of her game. She was also nominated for player of the week because of her performance.

### Around the OVC

Larkyn Wood, first baseman for Eastern Kentucky, won OVC Player of the Week by leading Eastern Kentucky to three wins in its first four games on a spring break trip to Florida. In addition to her .571 batting average over the four games, Wood



Sophomore infielder/outfielder Ally Seplak attempts a slide into home plate April 27, 2010, during a home game against Tennessee Tech at Williams Field.

combined to go 6-for-7 with two home runs, five RBI and four runs scored on Sunday.

Morehead State swept Oakland in a doubleheader (8-7, 2-0) on Friday. In the opening game against OU, sophomore Kayla Ashbrook hit a three-run shot making it her third home run of the year. Sam Woodall provided the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the eighth. She also added two hits in the second game.

In the nightcap, freshman pitcher Kelsey McMurray tossed her first career complete game shutout, limiting the Grizzlies to only two hits in a 2-0 victory. Head coach Holly Bruder went over the 100-win mark for her Morehead State career as well. Tennessee Tech picked up wins over Middle Tennessee (6-0) and NC State (3-1) last week. Sophomore Melody Christian went a combined 5-7 over the two games. She drove in

three runs on three hits and stole a pair of bases in the win over MTSU. She followed that up with a pair of hits against NC State. Junior Holly Thomas pitched her third shutout and fifth complete game of the season against the Blue Raiders. She struck out seven batters and allowed just one walk versus MTSU.

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## STATE Gene tests for sports?

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Was your kid born to be an elite athlete? Marketers of genetic tests claim the answer is in mail-order kits costing less than \$200.

Some customers say the test results help them steer their children to appropriate sports. But skeptical doctors and ethicists say the tests are putting profit before science and have a much greater price tag — potentially robbing perfectly capable youngsters of a chance to enjoy activities of their choice.

"In the 'winning is everything' sports culture, societal pressure to use these tests in children may increasingly present a challenge to unsuspecting physicians," according to a commentary in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Scientists have identified several genes that may play a role in determining strength, speed and other aspects of athletic performance. But there are likely hundreds more, plus many other traits and experiences that help determine athletic ability, said Dr. Alison Brooks, a pediatrician and sports medicine specialist at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Brooks and University of Michigan physician Dr. Beth Tarini wrote the commentary to raise awareness.

A handful of companies are selling these tests online. In some cases, the tests screen for genes that are common even among non-athletes.

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**All Access**  
with Randolph Tribble, sophomore jumper and football player

# Taking his talents to Charleston

By **Dominic Renzetti**  
Assistant Sports Editor

While some high profile athletes prefer to take their talents to South Beach, others like to venture outside of Florida and travel somewhere with a few less beaches. Somewhere like Charleston.

Sophomore Randolph Tribble came to Charleston from Riviera Beach, Fla., hoping to impress in not one, but two Panther uniforms. Tribble is a defensive back on the Panther football team during the fall, but after the final whistle blows on the season, Tribble does not enter hibernation. Tribble also suits up as a long jumper and triple jumper for the Eastern track and field team.

An athlete in constant competition, Tribble has his routine down to a science.

"It's pretty straight forward. I lift at 7 a.m., then I go to class from 9:30 until about 2, and then it's off to track practice," Tribble said.

After a long day of studying and sports, Tribble said he likes to unwind by playing video games. Tribble said his favorites are Madden and Call of Duty.

Tribble also loves to listen to music, saying he enjoys a wide variety. Tribble said he listens to every-

thing from hip-hop to R&B and Cajun music. Music is very influential in Tribble's athletic life. Tribble said he prepares a play list of songs to listen to each week to help in get in "the zone."

"I try to get one for every week, then I'll listen to those same 20 songs everyday," Tribble said.

Tribble said he travels back to his home state of Florida often for family functions and events. Tribble said despite Florida's nicer weather, Florida and Charleston has similar atmospheres.

Even though most of his family and friends remain in Florida, Tribble said he has still found a group of friends at Eastern, but generally likes to keep a low profile.

"I try to keep a small circle of friends and not associate myself with too many people," Tribble said.

One thing Tribble brought with him to Eastern was his love for the Miami Heat basketball team; something that he says has not always been well received in "Bulls Country."

"My girlfriend antagonizes me about it all the time, Chicago this, Chicago that. We'll see come playoff time," Tribble said.

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Randolph Tribble, a sophomore finance major, and the men's track team celebrate after taking first place in the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Championships Feb. 26. Tribble, who competes in the long jump and triple jump, also plays on the football team.

### Question & Answer

**Is there anything you'd like to try or experience in your life?**  
Travel to Europe.

**Is the glass half-full or half-empty?**  
Half-full.

**Ever laughed so hard you cried, and if so when?**

Yes, watching my teammates slip on the ice when walking from the stadium.

**If you could play against any athlete in the world, who would it be?**

Allen Iverson.

**What sound annoys you the most?**

When people grind their teeth.

**Who let the dogs out?**

Spoop.

**Current favorite music artist?**

Wiz Khalifa.

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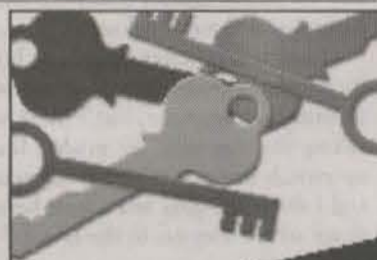
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## TENNIS



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Matyas Hilgert, a junior management major, goes to hit the ball Tuesday during a tennis match against Kaskaskia College at the Rex Darling Courts. Eastern shut out Kaskaskia 7-0 overall, with Hilgert winning in his singles match as well as doubles.

# Tennis blasts Kaskaskia

## Hilgert performs well in home match

By Seamus Riley  
Staff Reporter

In the unexpected chilly weather and with a small, but devout group of fans, the Eastern men's tennis team

showed their brute force in a dominant performance against Kaskaskia College men's squad.

The Panthers began their first outdoor home performance of the season Tuesday with a 7-0 victory.

"Good footwork, superior conditioning and a fast pace was the game plan," head coach John Blackburn said.

The bitter weather conditions can

prove a problem for any team, especially the wind, but Blackburn said he did not expect it to affect his squad and it certainly appeared not to.

"They did a good job but there is room to improve," Blackburn said.

Junior Matyas Hilgert ended his match with a 6-0, 6-0 victory and he appeared in charge the entire match.

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## VIEW

# No fairy tale Cinderella story for OVC this year

Eastern's men's basketball team had a disappointing season to say the least. In the preseason, they were picked to finish third, but ended up in ninth, missing the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for the fourth time in head coach Mike Miller's six-year career as Eastern head coach.

The Panthers' season was plagued by inconsistent play and injuries. The offense was one of the worst in the OVC, as most of the players just watched junior guard Jeremy Granger run the show.

Eastern's defense was not horrible, but that being said, the defense definitely needs improvement. The Panthers struggled to get hands up on shooters, which led to many three-point shots.

The Panther defense showed a glimpse of stellar play against Morehead State at Lantz Arena on Jan. 15. They held the eventual conference champions to 40 points. They would win 47-40, while holding NBA prospect Kenneth Faried to five points.

That brings me to my next point; I don't think Morehead State will be able to pull off the same magic as Murray State did last season in the NCAA tournament.

Last year No. 13 Murray State beat No. 4 Vanderbilt and lost to the national championship runner-up, Butler, in the next round.

That Murray team was extremely balanced and defense could not key in on one player. This is why they were able to have so much success. They had tons of talent for an OVC



Rob Mortell

team, but their strength was in their team.

It did not shock me at all that Murray was able to beat Vanderbilt. When a team performs as a unit like the Racers did, good things happen.

On the other hand, I think opposing defenses will have a much easier time guarding this year's Morehead State team. If you take away Kenneth Faried and Demonte Harper, this team is mediocre at best.

With a record of 24-9, I don't see Morehead getting a better seed than 14 or 15, which mean it would play the No. 2 or No. 3 seed, and I just don't see Morehead pulling off that big of an upset.

Faried is a great player and will make it to the NBA. He can take a game over defensively and on the glass, but if a team gets physical with him, his offense disappears.

If the Panthers were able to contain Faried and Harper in one game, I think a big name school will have no problem.

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## BASEBALL

# Panthers bring it in, win first game of season

By Brad Kupiec  
Staff Reporter

The Panthers won their first game of the season Sunday in Evansville, Ind.

Even beyond getting the first win, head coach Jim Schmitz said he thought the team played better overall last weekend than they did in their first six games against Southern Mississippi and Central Arkansas.

"I feel much better just about how we played," Schmitz said. "Obviously winning is important, but I think we swung the bats well. We made a lineup switch down in Central Arkansas and I think the guys feel a little better about where they are in the lineup."

## Line up change helps offense

The Panthers scored eight runs against Evansville in Sunday's double-header, by junior center fielder Zach Borenstein, who went 3-for-8 on the weekend with a pair of triples and three runs scored from the leadoff spot in the lineup.

Also leading the charge were red-shirt junior outfielder Ben Thoma and

Sophomore second baseman Ryan Dineen throws for the out at first base April 2, 2010 at Coaches Stadium. The baseball team will travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. this weekend.

senior outfielder Shawn Ferguson, who each went 4-for-8 overall against Evansville. Thoma also drove in two runs and scored another while Ferguson drove in one run and scored another one.

Schmitz said he made some lineup alterations between games Sunday, in-

cluding starting red-shirt junior David Ciaglia in left field and junior Brad Schweigert at second base. Schmitz said this was done and will continue to be done when the team faces a left-handed

starting pitcher in order to help spark the offense against lefties.

"Last year when we played a lefty, we really went down pretty easily,"

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Women's Tennis**  
Thursday vs. Chicago State  
Noon - Rex Darling Courts

**Track**  
Friday - NCAA Championships  
TBA - College Station, Texas

**Baseball**  
Friday at Alabama  
1:05 p.m. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**Softball**  
Sunday vs. Columbia  
8 a.m. - Kissimmee, Fla.

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Sunday - North/South  
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All Day - Jacksonville, Fla.

## NATIONAL SPORTS

**College Basketball**  
Robert Morris at Long Island  
6 p.m. on ESPN2

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**NHL**  
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6:30 p.m. on CSN

**College Basketball**  
Big East Tournament  
8 p.m. on ESPN