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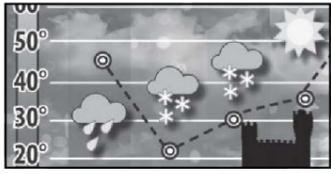
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FACULTY SENATE

Potential committee discussed

Governance committee could have impact on all levels

By Rachel Rodgers Administration Editor

The Faculty Senate discussed challenges of potential changes to Eastern's governing bodies such as creating a university council to represent the entire university community.

The Committee to Study Shared Governance, which was formed in Spring 2011, recommended seven potential changes, and the Faculty Senate reviewed the committee's report along with President Bill Perry's recommendations at its meeting on Tuesday.

The formation of the University Council is one of the committee's recommendations.

The University Council would have the authority to determine what governing committees and councils are necessary to the university and remove those it deems unnecessary.

Diane Jackman, the dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, presented her concern to the Faculty Senate about the possibility of the University Council having the ability to dissolve committees and councils.

Jackman said it would be harmful if the Council on Teacher Education could potentially be dissolved because a requirement of the College of Education and



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Faculty Senate member and professor of medieval philosophy, Grant Sterling discusses the possibility of a mandatory senate seat for each of the four colleges instead of the current volunteer seating Tuesday at Booth Library.

Professional Studies accreditation process is to maintain a governance structure for teacher education programs.

"We need to be open to looking at new things, but we need to be making sure that we don't disrupt programs on campus," Jackman said.

According to the committee report, the University Council would consist of: five members from the Faculty Senate, five members from the Staff Senate, five members from the Student Senate, a vice president, a dean and a member from the Council of Chairs.

President Bill Perry recommended creating the President's Round Table in place of the University Council, which would contain the same guidelines for representatives, but would change its authoritative role.

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CAMPUS

Greeks think big for spring semester

By Robyn Dexter Campus Editor

The Eastern Greek system is in full swing with recruitment this spring.

With sororities and fraternities across campus preparing to recruit students representing the values each Greek organization believes in, they have all been extremely busy.

Lambda Chi Alpha President Anthony Wingo said they are looking to recruit around 10 new members in addition to the 30 members they recruited last semester.

"We recruit new members based on the seven core values of our fraternity: loyalty, duty, respect, service and stewardship, honor, integrity and personal courage," Wingo said.

Lauren Brzezinski, president of Delta Delta Delta, said her sorority has big plans for the spring as well.

"We want to see our overall GPA go up, along with stressing how important academics are to our newest sisters," Brzezinski said.

Many sororities and fraternities host open houses and other events at their chapter houses to promote their organizations.

Brzezinski said Delta Delta Delta is planning an event called "Twist of Hope," which will be open to Greek members, family members and all other students.

"It will be held in a few months at our chapter house and all funds raised will go to St. Jude," she said.

Sigma Pi President Mario Casamajor said his expectations for this spring are high.

"We really want to hit the ground running and exceed at all levels," he said.

Casamajor said Sigma Pi has several pickup basketball and volleyball games planned for spring rush.

"With our philanthropy coming up in the spring and Greek Week, we can't wait to get things going," he said.

Since fewer students are recruited in the spring than in the fall, they seek to get prospective recruits on a more personal level.

Bianca Tomlin, president of Kappa Delta, said because she is a sophomore, she has only had the chance to participate in one spring recruitment and one fall recruitment.

"Out of the two, I prefer spring recruitment because of the more personal way that we are able to get to know the potential new members," Tomlin said.

She said she is excited for the events and new ideas coming to Kappa Delta this semester.

"We are looking for fresh new ideas to raise money and spread the word to not only Greek life about the philanthropy, but also Eastern in general and to the Charleston community," Tomlin said.

Responsibility is an aspect Tomlin said she hopes to promote this semester in Kappa Delta.

"I am very proud of my chapter and I solely hope to improve on our already outstanding qualities," she said.

The recruitment process is in full swing, and students interested in rushing a sorority or fraternity can find information about the organizations on Eastern's website.

Other Greek Life organizations were not available for comment.

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CITY

Council debates speed limit

By Kathryn Richter City Editor

The Charleston City Council and city residents discussed the possible lowering of the speed limit to 20 mph on Fourth Street on Tuesday.

The ordinance was placed on file for public inspection and will be up for discussion during the next city council meeting.

Michael Stopka, a gerontology graduate student and Charleston resident, said he felt there was too much attention being paid to Fourth Street, and not enough attention to safety on Ninth Street.

Larry Rennels, a city council member, said he has heard concerns from Charleston citizens about how the speed limit will still remain, even when students have left campus.

Rennels also said the new speed limit could become an issue with law enforcement once students have left campus and

people might speed through the section of Fourth Street.

"People tend to adjust their habits to what they perceive is needed," Rennels said.

Rennels also pointed out the lack of discipline pedestrians have when it comes to using the crosswalk.

Blair Jones, the Eastern student representative to city council, said she did not think students would notice the difference in the speed limit, because most people have always assumed the speed limit was 20 miles per hour.

Jones is a junior accounting major.

The city council also accepted the bid award from Manteno-based, EJ Equipment for a sewer camera for \$59,250.

A proclamation was also passed during the city council meeting, stating February to be Black History Month.

A resolution was also passed



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Jennifer Johnson presents the Charleston City Council with an award Tuesday honoring the council's well-prepared budget on behalf of the Champaign Government Finance Office Association.

that would continue the contractual agreement between the city of Charleston and Eastern regarding the housing and use of the

Geographical Information System software and its support services.

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EIU weather

TODAY

THURSDAY



Sunny
High: 32°
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Mostly Cloudy
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Low: 23°

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CAMPUS BRIEF

Memorial service to be held for technology professor

A memorial service is scheduled today to honor a technology professor who passed away on Dec. 30.

The School of Technology has organized the service in honor of Kaninika Bhatnagar from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. today in Room 1418 in Khelm Hall.

Speakers will reminisce about the life of Bhatnagar during the service and letters will also be read in her honor.

ONLINE

Live Blog: Student Senate Meeting

We will be live blogging from the meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. Check it out on dailyeasternnews.com.



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Oh the places we will go



PHOTO BY SABRINA DUNCAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Perry Maynard, a senior biology major, attends the Study Abroad Fair given in the Grand Ballroom Tuesday. "I'm interested in studying abroad and heard about the prizes; but I missed the free food," Maynard said.

STATE

US obesity epidemic shows no hint of shrinking

The Associated Press

America's obesity epidemic is proving to be as stubborn as those maddening love handles, and shows no sign of reversing course.

More than one-third of adults and almost 17 percent of children were obese in 2009-2010, echoing results since 2003, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday.

"It's good that we didn't see increases. On the other hand, we didn't see any decreases in any group," said CDC researcher Cynthia Ogden.

Early in the decade, slight increases

were seen among white, black and Hispanic men, and among Hispanic and black women. These changes may be leveling off, but the authors said they "found no indication that the prevalence of obesity is declining in any group."

In 2009-2010, more than 78 million adults and almost 13 million children aged 2-19 were obese, the CDC researchers reported.

Those numbers are staggering, and while they haven't increased in recent years, "we're plateauing at an unacceptably high prevalence rate," said Dr. David Ludwig, director of an obesity prevention center at Children's Hospital Boston.

SPEAKER

Chicagoan author to share life story through literature

Reading part of series by College of Arts and Humanities

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

Looking at the works of others was one thing Megan Stielstra said inspired her to become an author.

Stielstra, who was recently featured on the Chicago Tribune's "Best of 2011 Chicago Authors" list said her love of reading is what fostered her future love of writing.

Stielstra also credits her small-town upbringing.

"I grew up in a pretty small town. (There was) not a ton to do, but we always went to the library," Stielstra said in an email.

Stielstra will be sharing some of her work with the Eastern community at 4 p.m. on Thursday in the Doudna Fine Arts Lecture Hall. This reading is a part of "Lions in Winter," a series of literature readings that is sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities.

The event is open to all and is geared toward those who enjoy reading or writing fiction, or are interested in contemporary writing and publishing.

Stielstra said she wants students to know she was once just like them and started at the same place they are now.

"I paid for college by (bartending) and spent mornings reading books and evenings listening to crazy, exaggerated stories from customers," Stielstra said.

Stielstra said working in a bar inspired her to write her pieces of fiction to be read aloud.

"The similarities of reading a story and hearing a story really struck me, and much of the work I do now is writing for performance," Stielstra said. "Most of all, I hope people have a good time, and get some ideas for stories they'd like to tell themselves."

Stielstra said she loves how reading a book can evoke the use of different senses.

"Stories make the world open up, you can see the pain and joy and unfathomable dragons that people slay every day," Stielstra said. "I wanted to be a part of that by both sharing my own stories, and helping other people share theirs."

Roxanne Gay, an English professor, said Stielstra was picked to be a part of the series because of her animation on stage.

"(Stielstra) was chosen because she is a consummate storyteller and dynamic performer who really knows how to engage an audience," Gay said.

Along with reading from her new collection "Everyone Remain Calm," Stielstra will also be sharing her experiences and giving advice to students who hope to become writers.

Stielstra said she tries to teach her students to be curious and nonjudgmental of the works of others.

"Every story we read has something to teach us about craft," Stielstra said. "This way, when you're stuck with your own writing, sitting at your computer like how do I write this thing, you have all sorts of tools to pull from. I don't believe in writer's block—figure it out. The answers are on your bookshelf."

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CLIMATE

Wacky weather caused by jet stream

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

In the past two weeks, Charleston and the Eastern community have seen some of the widest fluctuations in temperatures recorded, according to the Weather Channel.

With the high on Martin Luther King Jr. Day hitting 60 degrees after a low of 14 degrees the night before, students are left wondering what to expect in the coming weeks.

Jenna Kuehl, a senior accounting major, said the weather interfered with her Monday plans.

"I was going to play soccer outside, but it was too muddy," Kuehl said.

The North and South quads are both extremely muddy because of the snow last week and the high temperatures on Monday.

The lower temperatures on Tuesday, however, have forced some students to take extreme routes through buildings to avoid the wind and cold.

"To get to one of my classes on the other side of campus, I went through Coleman Hall to the Life Sciences Building, and then went through Doudna and Blair Hall," Kuehl said. Though she thought the route would take longer than walking outside, Kuehl said it took about

the same time.

"Plus, it was nice and warm," she said.

Cameron Craig, of the geography-geology department, said the dramatic changes in temperature are due to a fluctuation in the jet stream.

According to the Weather Channel's online glossary, a jet stream is a concentrated area of high winds in the middle latitudes of the northern and southern hemispheres.

"Prior to (Monday's temperatures), these warm temperatures have been (because of) the fact that the jet stream is north of us," he said.

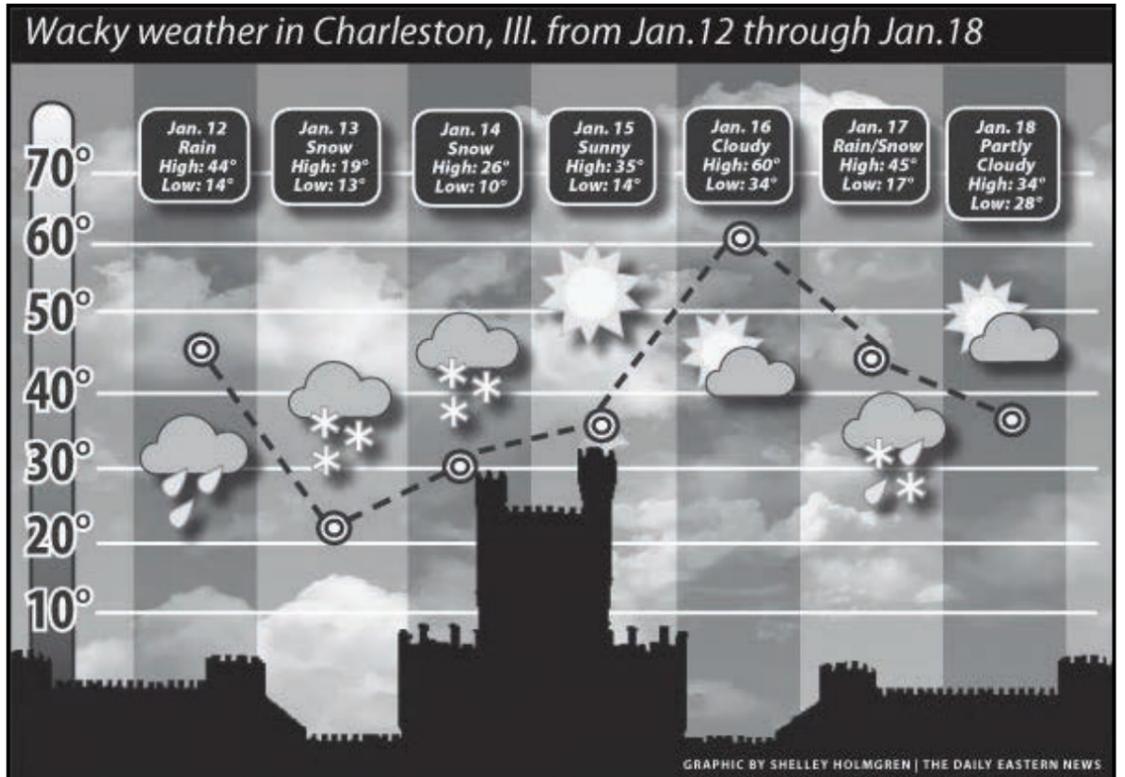
After Monday's high temperatures, the jet stream will be moving to the south of Charleston, Craig said.

"The reason why we're having this rollercoaster effect in temperatures is because right now the jet stream is quite active," he said.

Craig said Eastern can expect higher temperatures again this coming weekend and at the start of next week, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s.

"Somewhere on the other side of the earth, there are more tranquil conditions," Craig said.

However, here in the United States, the jet stream is extremely amplified, he said.



"Eventually all of this bottled up cold air will collapse," he said.

Usually this occurs sometime during February, and temperatures will mellow out and stay cold then, Craig said.

Kaitlyn Farmer, a sophomore el-

ementary education major, said she does not plan on using alternative routes when the cold air collapses.

Going through buildings tends to do more harm than good, Farmer said.

"Sometimes it's torture because

you go in the buildings to get warm and just have to go back out into the cold anyway," she said.

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

UB hopes to increase attendance with movies

By Kaylia Eskew
Staff Reporter

A fun weekend event that students across campus enjoy taking part in is the movies in Buzzard Hall hosted by the University Board.

This semester the UB is on a mission to step up their game and bring more fun and more people to movies each weekend.

Danny Turano is the UB vice chair and is also currently acting as the UB movie coordinator until the position is filled.

Turano is a senior social science major.

Throughout the semester UB movies will be showing 10 different movies starting with *50/50* this Friday and Saturday.

The movie tells the story of a patient with a rare form of cancer who must go through chemotherapy.

In honor of the movie's theme the UB will be collecting donations to be given to the American Cancer Society.

Turano said that the UB is excited about the events they have planned for some of the upcoming movie premiers.

"Some other events we have this semester is a scavenger hunt when we show *Sherlock Holmes*," Turano said. "When we show *New Year's Eve*, we are

planning on doing our own New Year's party."

One thing he really hopes to see this semester is an increase in audience attendance, Turano said.

"My goal for attendance for this semester is having over 200 students come out every weekend to our movies," Turano said.

To help reach that goal and increase audience attendance Sam Mancini, a senior graphic design major and the UB marketing coordinator, said that this semester the UB marketing will be promoting movies differently than in the past.

"Last year, we only marketed mov-

ies with one poster per month," Mancini said. "Then, last semester we created a new poster look and used it for each individual movie, instead of the monthly deal."

Mancini said this semester the UB marketing has decided to expand its movie promotion methods in the hope of reaching more students.

"There's a new poster look out now that will be used for each movie," Mancini said.

In addition to the new poster look Mancini said the UB will start using table ads with the monthly movie schedule and dry erase sandwich boards.

Turano said students can always be

Upcoming UB movies

- *50/50*
- *New Year's Eve*
- *Sherlock Holmes*

Cost: Free
50/50 will be shown Friday & Saturday in Buzzard Hall Auditorium

on the lookout for raffle giveaways at each movie, but the prizes are still under consideration.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

We want more this year from student senate

Student senate will have its first meeting of the semester today. The agenda for the meeting does not list any new or old business.

At the beginning of last semester, we expressed concern that the senate's agenda for the semester did not seem to include any plans that would benefit the students it represents, but rather focused on tinkering with the finer points of its internal bureaucracy.

We were assured by student senate speaker Zach Samples that our concerns were unfounded. Yes, the senate did plan to spend some of its time working on internal matters, but this would be in addition to several other actions that would directly benefit the student body.

This was not the case. The senate did next to nothing that directly benefited students (at least those not serving on the senate), beyond fulfilling its minimum required duties.

We believe there is some reason to hope the spring semester will be better than the fall.

If student senate really did spend last semester restructuring and reorganizing its many committees and sub-committees, it should be a much more effective functioning body. When we asked Samples why internal matters should be the senate's priority last semester, he said that the senate had to invest time fixing itself so it could better serve the student body. Having invested the fall semester in this task, we expect the spring to bring great returns on behalf of the student body.

One of the things we know the senate did accomplish last semester was a survey of 500 students. We presume that, having gathered so much student opinion, the senate will use the responses to formulate plans that will improve student life.

That phrase, by the way, comes from the senate's constitution: "The main function of the Senate is to represent the Student Body of Eastern Illinois University and improve student life through the passage of bills and resolutions."

Why should we at *The DEN* care that the senate improves the lives of students? Why should students? For one thing, it's a practical matter. A part of each student's tuition goes to student activity fees. At *The DEN*, we strive to improve the quality of journalism we deliver to the Eastern community, especially in the face of recent budget cuts. We believe that students should benefit from the services provided by these student activities.

But it's also a matter of principle. The student senate is purposed with representing the student body and improving student life. This job is important partly because students should have a body that represents their interests. But it should be a place where students who wish to go into public service can gain some experience.

We urge student senators to take on their responsibilities to the student body this semester. We urge them not to waste another semester focusing on issues that only serve the senate. We believe in their mission, their purpose and their abilities. We hope they do too.

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COLUMN

Paula Deen, Saint of fried goodness, has diabetes

I adore Paula Deen. Ever since the first time I saw the Food Network star prepare jambalaya and beignets with a small-country equivalent of butter, I knew it was love. I thought to myself, this woman gets me in a deeply personal way. I would often watch her shows with the same unhealthy fixation Golum would give the ring and whisper, "my preciousss" to the steaming bowl of chili on the television screen. Like I said, it was love.

I spent the latter part of my teen years plotting to seduce one of her sons just so I could call her my mother-in-law. (That plan didn't pan out so well.) It's never been a secret that Ms. Deen's recipes are one part sass, one part spice and one heaping helping of carb-y goodness.

One of my favorite Deen quotes is, "Nothing ever tastes bad with a little extra cheese on top, it just never hurt a thing in its life." Her word was scripture to me. But according to Captain Obvious, a little extra cheese on top can hurt.

Tuesday morning on the "Today" show on NBC, Deen announced that she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes three years ago. And the nation responded with a resounding,



Shelley Holmgren

"Told you so." I wouldn't say Deen is a cautionary tale — because as saddening as her diagnosis is, it's also not surprising.

She is just a perfect example of the way the majority Americans consume their meals — without inhibitions and regard for nutritional content ... and yes, with an inhumane amount of fatty deliciousness. However, a piece of fried chicken looks a lot less tantalizing when a life-altering disease is served as a side dish.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes, where the body either does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. 25.8 million children and adults in the United States (8.3 percent of the population) have diabetes, according to

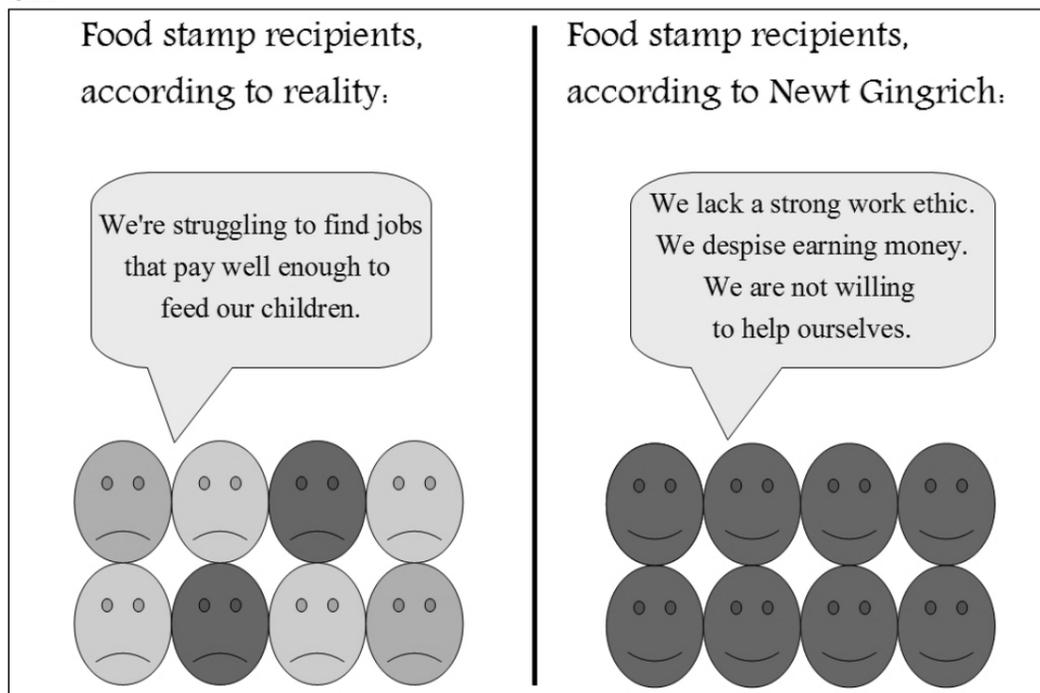
the American Diabetes Association. Of those people diagnosed, 25.6 million are between the ages of 20 and 55.

Type 2 or "adult onset" diabetes, can be brought on by various factors, including blood pressure, weight, and high levels of fat, cholesterol and sugar. And in many occasions, it is preventable. A study done by the Harvard School of Public Health and published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* found that being overweight and obese was the single most important risk factor that predicted who would develop type 2 diabetes.

Of course, I have been victim of the drool-worthy seductive pull of anything dipped, battered and fried for the majority of my life. However, living on my own and preparing my own meals has taught me to pursue healthier options and more appropriate portion sizes. The next time you go to consume a Pumba-sized portion of pizza at late-night, ask yourself if it's worth it.

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FROM THE EASEL



DAVE BALSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

The longest corporate job interview in election history

I'm becoming tired of reading the news. It is simply not necessary to recount, in all mediums, every detail of this meaningless, inexplicably extensive series of "debates." I feel like I'm trapped in a never-ending series of heavily sponsored after-show network banter following a particularly unremarkable episode of "Jersey Shore" (although it may be more like "Toddlers & Tiaras"). I really feel for the intelligent moderates and conservatives, forced to choose between which of their eyes they want spit in. Though really, it doesn't seem to matter who wins the primary, or even the election. The real campaigning hasn't even started, and I already fear I'm giving up on the illusion.

I feel our political system has deteriorated past the (always rather hypocritical) guise of democracy to a mere interim between campaign seasons. If it is not already the case, the halls of Congress will soon be filled with more public relations experts than lawmakers, scholars or economists. I feel obligated to admit that both sides are conspicuously guilty of pandering to polls—of making decisions about the country based on the coming election rather than the common good. Obama's new budget plan is widely expected to fall flat and/or bring about a fresh round of zero participation and tantrums from Republicans and wishy-washy lameness from Democrats. That, and I just can't get excited for a speech about how much money we're all going to raise.



Mia Tapella

The biggest problem, however, is that no one wants to do anything even remotely controversial, polarizing, or progressive (read: legislating) for fear of losing their elections (read: jobs).

The job of legislators is to improve and change the systems and functions of government, and change is always unpopular and controversial.

That our leaders are consumed with a biennial money-throwing contest, designed to convince us that the very fabric of our society is in danger lest we select the wrong corporate puppet to seduce us, isn't necessarily surprising in a country so extensively populated with citizen corporations. (I posit that extensive financial influence over the outcome of campaigns is considerably more influential than perhaps the single vote of a citizen.)

The GOP primary is a perfect example of this absurdity: Who are these people? Who are they really selling themselves to? It can't possibly be "real Americans"—they're cluelessly bigoted, upper-elite automatons that couldn't less

resemble anyone you or I would know. Besides, less than 40 percent of us even got off the couch to vote in the last election—who are all these TV spots even for? Consider: Mitt Romney's entire primary campaign can be readily monikered, "the longest televised corporate job interview of all time." Honestly—no one looks like that guy. When some corporation dreamed that it was a person, it dreamed of Mitt.

The unfortunate side effect is that these circus-like displays detract totally from any actual work getting done on Capitol Hill—now sounding more like the title of a daytime drama than the geographic locus of our government.

The current president has been criticized for not creating enough jobs, and while these criticisms are not entirely without merit, the unemployment rate in December had improved to 8.5 percent, the lowest in three years. Even this slight improvement, however, seems somewhat remarkable when considering the total lack of participation on the part of our congressional leaders. Yet people do notice; congressional disapproval ratings are at record highs. This is likely due to the unemployment rate, which, though slightly improved, has most certainly been better. The jobless rate is still more than 6 million jobs fewer than before the recession.

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Snack attack



SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kelsey Merritt, a junior psychology major, restocks the shelves at the Panther Pantry convenience store in the Union. Merritt said that the change in weather has brought an increase in the amount of snacks that students purchase, along with an increase in the sale of slushies.

COMMITTEE, from page 1

Its role would be to offer advice and recommendations for the structure of committees.

Another recommendation that was discussed is to create a universal meeting time for governing structures to meet.

Rebecca Throneburg, a member of the Council on Academic Affairs, said the council members thought a universal meeting time could cause several challenges, including limiting committee involvement since many people choose to serve on multiple committees.

Andrew Methven, the chairman of the Faculty Senate, said a universal meeting time could also conflict with other commitments that faculty members have.

"Those in the sciences have lab days Tuesdays and Thursdays that could be all day long so if the meet-

ing time was set on Tuesdays or Thursdays that would immediately eliminate a large group from participating," Methven said.

Methven is the chairman of the biological sciences department.

The Faculty Senate members also discussed the committee's recommendation to implement a delegate system where there would be equal representation from different departments.

David Viertel, a Faculty Senate member, said he thought the delegate system might create future problems.

"We might be narrowing the pool with the delegate system if we have to worry about having representation from each of the colleges," Viertel said. "I would rather the composition of Faculty Senate not to have representatives from every college, but instead to have rep-

resentatives who want to be here and who actually want to participate instead of having a representative whose arm was twisted into running."

The other discussed recommendations were to: reconfigure the Faculty Senate into a council that follows the mentioned recommendations, implement new policies to the role of hiring committees, establish a website on university governance and retain the Committee to Study Shared Governance.

According to the report, the timeline for possible implementation of these recommendations is three years.

The recommendations will be further discussed at future meetings.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate to swear in new board members

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

Two registered student organizations and the possible approval of a student to the Apportionment Board are the topics of discussion on today's Student Senate meeting.

The Apportionment Board decides how the \$102.03 per student activities fee gets distributed," among the student government, the University Board, Student Recreation Center and the Apportionment Board, itself, said.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples will be appointing Megan McQueen to an open board position.

"It is just an appointment, (the Senate) could ask her questions but that typically doesn't happen," Samples said.

McQueen is a sociology major. Along with the appointing of McQueen, Samples is also working on appointing 10 new Student Senate members after the positions opened up at the end of last semester.

He said he hopes to swear them in today, but will not proceed if the interview process has not been completed.

If that is the case, the new Student Senate members will be sworn in at the next meeting.

"We lost a lot of good (Student Senate members) this past semester due to graduation and study

abroad," Samples said.

The number of Student Senate member positions left vacant varies but Samples said it is usually in the range of five to ten.

"They leave for a variety of reasons besides study abroad and graduation, some leave because they want to give stronger focus to other organizations or fear they cannot give enough time to student government, it is particularly high this semester, what I call the 'perfect storm,'" Samples said.

Fifteen applicants applied to fill the 10 open spots, but Samples has to conduct an interview process before making his decision.

"I look at a variety of things when I interview them, prior leadership experience, pride in Eastern and enthusiasm and how excited they are to be a part of student government are all important," Samples said.

Each new member will serve a single-semester term.

Also on the agenda are the possible approval of two RSOs; Education Scholars Program and National Novel Writing Month Club.

Student Body President Ed Hotwagner said he thinks the first meeting of the semester will go by relatively quick.

"We will be introducing the new (members) to how the meeting works and running through what is going on," Hotwagner said.

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SPEED LIMIT, from page 1

Inyart also announced the appointment of the new Carnegie Library Board of Trustees member, Sally Renaud, an associate professor of journalism at Eastern.

Charleston also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which was presented by Jennifer Johnson of Champaign, and awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association.

"You should be really proud of your finance staff and city management," Johnson said. "This award definitely speaks to the high level

of transparency to your document."

Heather Kuykendall, the Charleston comptroller, said she was very excited about the award and was the first award of its kind presented to the city.

"The city is proud of the efforts of our comptroller's department and look forward to many more years of personal recognition," Inyart said.

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Panthers swim past in-state rival

Staff Report

Eastern was rewarded this weekend with the men's and women's swimming teams recording their first wins of the season against Western Illinois, 123.5 to 73.5, and 127 to 63. Sophomore Steve Sweircz won his first collegiate race in the 1000-yard Freestyle. The men and women lost their meet the day before at Ball State with scores of 87-181, and 74-203. The Panthers' next challenge will be at home against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Around the Summit League

Western Illinois secured both the men's and women's Athlete of the Week awards by two-first time winners. For the men, freshman Doug Ogilvie recorded two top-three finishes against Illinois-Chicago and Saint Louis in a tri-meet. Sophomore Jamie Grau had two top-six individual finishes in the tri-meet.

Western Illinois' next meet will be at home at 5 p.m. on Thursday against Wisconsin-Green Bay and then at IUPUI the next day at 6 p.m.

The University of Nebraska-Omaha lost at South Dakota 124-144, on Saturday. Nebraska beat Northern Iowa 162-128 the same day. Nebraska will next compete in the two-day Grinnell Invite in Iowa at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Oakland University's men and women beat both Cleveland State and Xavier this past Saturday. Oakland will stay home and face Ashland, Cincinnati and Kenyon at 6 p.m. on Friday.

IUPUI hasn't competed since December 3, 2011 in the Eastern Michigan Invite. IUPUI will host the quad-meet against Western Illinois, Xavier and Saint Louis at 6 p.m. on Friday. IUPUI will then battle at Eastern Illinois the next day.

The University of South Dakota will compete for the first time



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior freestyle swimmer Morgan Roberts swims in the women's 100 yard freestyle during Eastern's meet against Western Illinois Saturday in the Ray Padovan Pool. Roberts finished the race in third place with a time of 59.17 seconds.

since December of last year when the women won, but the men lost against South Dakota State.

South Dakota State men and women beat Iowa Central Community College this past Friday. They

will have a rematch at home against South Dakota at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior forward Javier Sanders has the ball tipped away from him by a UT Martin player Thursday in Lantz Arena. Eastern beat UT Martin 68-55.

Granger moves in sixth all-time for assists

Senior guard Jeremy Granger continues to rewrite Eastern's record books. With six assists against Southeast Missouri, Granger moved up to sixth all-time at Eastern. This season, Granger is averaging a career-high 4.3 assists, which ranks second in the OVC.

In the game against Southeast Missouri, Granger had a season-high 31 points. He made seven consecutive shots to open the second half, where he scored 25 of his 31 points. He now has 1,097 points in his career, which ranks 31st on Eastern's career scoring list.

Around the OVC

Easily the most interesting and inspiring story out of the OVC this year is Murray State. The Racers are 18-0 and are now ranked No. 10 in the nation.

Murray has proven to be one of the best offensive teams in the nation and is ranked 45th in terms of scoring offense.

Junior guard Isaiah Canaan is making a serious case for OVC player of the year. Canaan is averaging 18.5 points and 4.1 assists per game, both of which are team highs. He is also extremely accurate from beyond the three-point line, shooting 49 percent for the season.

With only OVC games remaining on its schedule Murray State has a chance to go undefeated heading into the conference tournament. The only thing holding the Racers back is their 268th ranking in rebounds per game (32.7).

After starting 0-3 in OVC play, the preseason favorite, Austin Peay, has won three straight conference games. Capping the win streak is a 69-63 victory over Tennessee State.

Despite 30 points and 15 rebounds from Robert Covington, Tennessee State fell to 3-4 in the OVC.

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LEADING, from page 8

Crunk up, King down

Eastern junior forward Mariah King was held scoreless in the game against Tennessee-Martin, after scoring 30 points in Saturday's game against Southeast Missouri.

While Nixon said the Panthers still needed King's 6-foot-2 frame on the floor, she could sense King wasn't at the top of her game.

"I felt like she knew she wasn't perfect offensively," Nixon said.

But in her scoring absence, sophomore guard Jordyne Crunk stepped up off of the bench and scored 15 points.

Nixon said Crunk answered the call of a whole week of practice where the importance of bench points was preached.

Sallee said Crunk stepped up and played like any player needed to play in a big game between two of the top teams in the conference.

"She wasn't scared of the stage. She

wasn't wide-eyed," Sallee said. "She just played her tail off."

Sallee said Crunk's seven first half points probably caught Tennessee-Martin by surprise, especially her two three-pointers.

Eastern's next game is against Austin Peay at 4 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Panthers leading OVC

Win against Tenn.-Martin pushes team forward

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

In a tight two-point game, and Tennessee-Martin preparing to pass the ball into play under their own basket, Eastern junior Ta'Kenya Nixon stole the inbounds pass and sprinted down the court to be fouled.

She added 1-of-2 free throws to give Eastern a slightly larger lead; however, it came at a pivotal moment in the game, when Eastern had just regained the lead. Tennessee-Martin had powered back from being down 33-23 at half to take a lead 60-59 with three minutes to go. Nixon's free throws capped off a run where Eastern scored four unanswered points.

The steal would be the most important of Nixon's six steals in the game, and maybe the easiest.

"It's no secret who is going to shoot the ball on that team," Nixon said, referring to Heather Butler who led Tennessee-Martin with 22 points. "I didn't feel my player was being aggressive enough to make a play on me, so I just went for the steal and got it."

Butler has been Tennessee-Martin's leading scorer all season, averaging nearly 22 points per game; however, Nixon was guarding Jasmine Newsome, who respectably averages 19 points per game.

Nixon just knew Newsome wasn't on her game, so the ball wouldn't go to her.

"I don't think (Newsome) mentally messed herself up — she just got a little down, not making shots," Nixon said.

Nixon guarded Newsome the whole game, holding her to 12 points — her fourth lowest total of the season — and held her scoreless in the first half.

In her scoreless first half, Newsome looked frustrated going 0-of-6 from the field and 0-of-2 from the free throw line. She couldn't get a shot to drop.

Tennessee-Martin head coach Kevin McMillan said he didn't know what was wrong with Newsome, who has scored as much as 39 points Nov. 16 against Southern Mississippi and as little as two points Nov. 20 against Purdue.

McMillan said he had trouble understanding how she could go without a score in the first half and then score 12 in the second half.

"If she was frustrated, what happened in the second half," McMillan said. "Zero and 12 don't go together, they just don't. (Nixon) definitely had Jasmine out of sync."

What might have been

After an average first half of Eastern leading 33-23, Tennessee-Martin and Eastern exploded for points in the second half — the Tennessee-Martin outscoring Eastern this time 40-37.

Coming into Monday's game, Eastern expected to have to defend a



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Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Taldone misses the block on what would prove to be the decisive goal Sunday in Eastern's 3-2 loss to Butler on Lakeside Field.

lot of points against Tennessee-Martin, which has scored over 90 points in six of 16 games this season.

Tennessee-Martin showed their potential to score at will in the second half when they erased a 10-point halftime deficit in three minutes. The Skyhawks had Eastern's lead down to two points with 16:44 left in the second half, and down to one point with 14:28 left.

Just as Eastern expected that prolific scoring to come out in the second half, they expected it earlier in the game.

"I expected it for 40 minutes, but we probably only got it for 20," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "Thank goodness."

When Tennessee-Martin came out on fire in the second half, Nixon said the Panthers were frustrated

with their defensive effort, but not surprised at the rally.

"There's no secret of what they're capable of and we knew it would show in the second half," Nixon said.

After making only 23 percent of its three-point shots in the first half, Tennessee-Martin made 7-of-15 in the second half.

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BASEBALL BRIEF

Kreke to sign with Beach Bums

Staff Report

The Traverse City Beach Bums have signed former Eastern infielder Jordan Kreke. Kreke is the third former Panther to sign with the Beach Bums and will join pitchers Matt Miller and Brent McNeil on the Beach Bums roster.

Kreke was a standout player during his Eastern career as he was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year during his senior season. Kreke posted a .394 batting average with 13 home runs and 59 RBI's during his senior season. In OVC action, Kreke's numbers improved across the board as he tallied a league leading .507 batting average to go a long with 9 home runs and 40 RBI's. His stellar senior season also garnered national recognition as he was named to the Louisville Slugger Third Team All-American squad, and was one of 15 semifinalists for the Brooks Wallace Award, which is given to the nations best shortstop.

Following his career at Eastern, Kreke was drafted in the 13th round of the 2009 MLB Draft by the Atlanta Braves. Kreke began his professional career with the Danville Braves of the Appalachian League. He hit .271 in 63 games before being promoted to the Rome Braves of the South Atlantic League. For the Rome Braves, Kreke posted a .248 batting average and tallied 32 RBI's. In 2011 Kreke was promoted to the Mississippi Braves, the AA affiliate of the Atlanta Braves, where he recorded a .218 batting average with 33 RBI's in 111 games.

"Kreke is a significant sign for us. He has a lot of experience playing at a high level and we expect him to be a leader both offensively and defensively," Director of Baseball Operations, Jason Wuerfel said. "He gives us a veteran presence and stability on the middle infield, which is a huge piece in putting together a winning team."

The Traverse City Beach Bums are members of the Frontier League and will open their season against the Windy City ThunderBolts on May 25.

MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Granger continues to re-write record books

Ranked second in Ohio Valley Conference for assists

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

One of the most fundamental aspects of basketball is making free-throws, and Eastern's men's basketball team is one of the best teams in the nation at knocking down its foul shots.

After shooting 88 percent against Southeast Missouri State, Eastern brought its free throw percentage up to 77 percent for the year. Although a 77 percent would be a C in most college courses, in basketball it translates to the sixth best percentage in the country.

The Panthers average just under 15 points per game from the foul line, which has contributed to their fourth ranked offense in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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