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COLES COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION

SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Laci Drake and her daughter Kinley begin the voting process at the Newman Catholic Center on March 20. Drake said she came out to vote because she feels strongly about politics. "I think that people really need to express their opinions and vote," Drake said.

Ballot issues slow down results

Halbrook, Bower, Hurst, Reardon win

By Kathryn Richter & Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor & News Editor

Ballot irregularities slowed down the election process after the primary on Tuesday, said Sue Rennels the Coles county clerk.

Rennels said the ballots were too wide for the machines, causing judges to let certain people put ballots in the auxiliary bin. This meant the ballots had to go through the machine manually.

"It's my understanding that the printer who printed the ballots for Coles County also printed the ballots for approximately 60 other counties," Rennels said. "The other counties may have worse problems with the ballots."

For State Representative of the 110th District, Brad Halbrook won with 6,116 votes, with opponent Kevin Garner receiving 5,149 votes.

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Coles County primary winners

State Representative for the 110th District

Brad Halbrook - 59.12% (6,116 votes)
Kevin Garner - 40.88% (5,149 votes)

Circuit Clerk

Melissa Hurst - 3,560 votes
Rustye Cooley - 2.343 votes

States Attorney

Democratic Candidate -

Todd Reardon - 56.46 % (896 votes)
Thomas Bucher - 43.54% (691 votes)

Republican Candidate

Brain Bower - 56.06% (3295 votes)
Duane Deters - 43.94% (2,583 votes)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Future of VP for business affairs in question

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

Student Senate members will consider a proposal for possible bylaw changes that could have a direct effect on the organization during today's meeting.

On the agenda are three proposals for Panther Service Day funding, which the organization co-sponsors with the Student Volunteer Center.

The other items of new business are a proposed resolution of recognition honoring the women's basketball team and the proposal of bylaw changes.

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

The proposed bylaw changes come as a result of the recent strategic planning process, the senate members participated in last semester.

As stated by the current bylaws, a bylaw change cannot be voted on the same night it is introduced.

This first introduction will take place at the meeting.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples said they would vote on the changes as a whole, but introduce them one change at a time.

The Student Senate oversight subcommittee of the strategic planning committee compiled the changes.

The suggestions were then discussed by the general committee.

As a part of the executive report portion of the meeting, Student Body President Ed Hotwagner will announce the results of student vice president for business affairs referendum.

The referendum, which was asking student body to give its opinion on eliminating the position, was up for student vote from midnight Monday to 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday.

"We got the usual reaction," Hotwagner said. "Some students try to hide or get passed as quickly as possible, but we did have a couple stop and ask questions,"

Brooke McMillin, a freshman political science major and senate member, helped pass out flyers.

McMillin is a member of the senate's university development and recycling committee.

"We're currently raising money to plant a tree," McMillin said. "It has become a tradition so we came up with a coin war to help earn the money."

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Local musicians to perform only women's music

Concert a tradition of women's history month

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A local musician and an English professor will perform the tradition of a concert full of women's music will take place on Friday.

Elaine Fine, a Charleston resident and a violinist, and John David Moore, an English professor and a pianist, will perform compositions by women composers during "Concert of Women's Music" at 7:30 in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Jeannie Ludlow, an English professor and the director of women's studies, said this concert has been a part of women's history month for years.

"Every year they pick out music that was written by women and prepare a little concert for Women's history and awareness month and we really appreciate it," Ludlow said.

Fine said they will be performing pieces from women of the 20th century.

Fine and Moore will perform "Violin Sonata" by Amy Beach, "Skye Boat Fantasie for Violin, Viola, and Piano" by Fine, Luise Adolpha LeBeau's "Three Pieces for Viola and Piano, Opus 26," Marion Bauer's "Viola Sonata, Opus 22" and Rebecca Clarke's "Dumka for Violin, Viola, and Piano."

Ludlow said she is excited to hear this music.

"The thing I look forward to personally with this concert is that they do a lot of 20th century music, and I love 20th century art music," Ludlow said.

Fine said this year will be a little different than previous years.

"This year, we have a third person performing with us, usually it is me and John David, but this year I will be playing the viola and we will have a guest violinist," Fine said.

Violinist Sharilyn Spicknall will also be performing in the concert alongside Fine and Moore.

This is also the first year the concert will take place in Doudna, Fine said.

Fine said all the music they perform is from women composers because most people do not know many of those people.

"If you were to ask many people who were women composers of important music, it would be difficult for the to come up with more than one or two," Fine said. "(Moore) and I have been spending several years finding music of really high quality and preparing it for these programs."

Ludlow said this is a good example of women in history.

"I think it is fabulous because women composers typically get forgotten," Ludlow said. "Even music majors have a hard time remembering three or four women composers, yet they can rattle off dozens of male composers across history."

Ludlow said audience members will get educated while listening to the music.

"(Fine and Moore) include in their program biographical information about who they are playing," Ludlow said. "So you get a sense of their lives, who they were, how we know about them, and I think that is very important."

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EIU weather

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Partly Cloudy
High: 81˚
Low: 60˚

THURSDAY

Mostly Cloudy
High: 78˚
Low: 51˚

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They got the beat

SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ethan Kinsella, a sophomore undecided major; Nick Murdock, a senior art major; and Haley Ashby, a sophomore art education major, entertain crowds on the steps of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on March 20. High temperatures had students like Kinsella, Murdock, and Ashby outside enjoying the weather. The group performed a combination of classic and original songs.

WOMEN'S HISTORY & AWARENESS MONTH

Women artists evaluated in panel

By Sharita Harris
Staff Reporter

The hidden pasts of women filmmakers and innovative artists worldwide were evaluated in a research panel in recognition of the second event for Women's History and Awareness Month on Tuesday.

Robin Murray, an English professor, presented a PowerPoint on women filmmakers, an insight on women from different cultures who emerged into the film industry using silent films that had major influences on their audiences.

Murray said men filmmakers do have greater impact on the film industry than women, but things are beginning to move in a different direction.

"Digital cinematography is making film more accessible," Murray said. "Men have more power in the film industry, but women are making more strides."

Murray said it is important that people learn about women silent filmmakers because it holds great value to women's history.

"I think it's really important because otherwise the history is lost and the innovations would be lost as well," Murray said.

Mary Caroline Simpson, an art professor, gave her presentation "Craft vs. Art" with clips from the movie Handmade Nation, which portrayed artists using art to depict social movements.

"It's really interesting because the video allows artists who made the work to speak for themselves," Simpson said.

Simpson said she was glad to see how women were able to enter a mostly male-dominated field.

"I'm interested in the strategies women use to succeed in the art world and how they create their own opportunities for advancement in museums (and) galleries," Simpson said.

While artists appreciate the advantages technology has given them, Simpson said there is still an appreciation for handmade artwork.

"The handmade artworks are tied to factory laboring and anti-war messages," Simpson said. "The crafts become an alternative way of communicating with others. It brings groups of people together because it is social and a part of community building."

Simpson said more people on campus can get involved easily by using the resources available, especially technology.

"'Craftivists' on campus can inspire students to get on Facebook and create a blog," Simpson said.

Artists get the materials they need for crafts by seeking them through certain resources, Simpson said.

"A lot of the artists are interested in organic materials unlike artists who get materials that are chemically produced," Simpson said. "A lot of times they will go to hobby shops. The (artists) would swap materials."

Katie Lowery, a sophomore art major, said she thought the presentations were interesting.

"I always felt that women have a voice in the media," Lowery said.

Lowery said she enjoyed the forum because it gave her a sense of a reawakening.

"The panel made me appreciate art and feminism and the people who combined them," Lowery said.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's Studies to present feminist writings

By Ashleigh Owens
Staff Reporter

A translation of early Argentinean literature will take place during a Women's History and Awareness Month brown bag luncheon.

The "Women Writing Argentina and Spain" luncheon, at noon Thursday in the Foreign Languages Conference Room, will have translations read by Spanish professors Vanesa Landrus and Kristin Routt.

Jeannie Ludlow, an English professor and the director of women's studies, said each year faculty members are encouraged to share their research during WHAM.

Ludlow said Landrus' research is on the Maria Eugenia Echenique and her sister, who were writers in 19th century Argentina.

Ludlow said the sisters were considered to be some of the earliest published Argentinean feminists.

Routt's research covers an award-winning novel by Rosa Montero in which a young girl disguises herself as a man in the 12th century.

Ludlow said Landrus and Routt were presenting papers in Spanish last October at the Interdisciplinary Center for Global Diversity Symposium, which promotes a greater understanding of global diversity.

She said it was then that she became interested in their work.

"I asked if they would be willing to translate their research into English and present it during WHAM," Ludlow said. "I was very happy when they said they would."

Ludlow said students are encouraged to attend so they can learn more about women writers and their striving to embrace worldwide equality amongst women.

Students will also learn about how culture affects women in countries other than the United States.

Both presentations will provide insight into how female writers work to make a better place for women, Ludlow said.

"(Students) will hear some fascinating history," Ludlow said.

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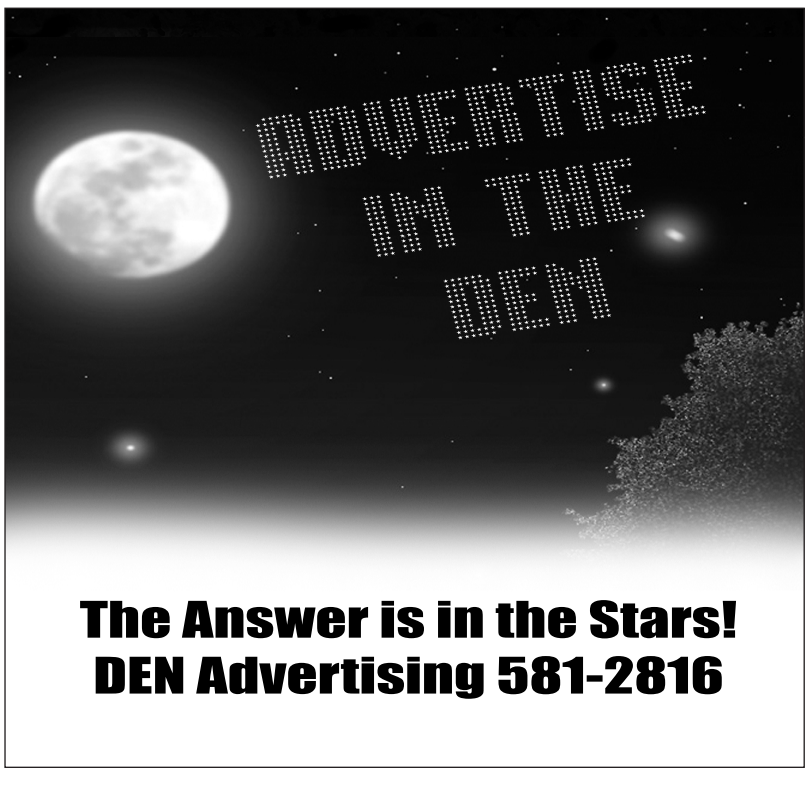

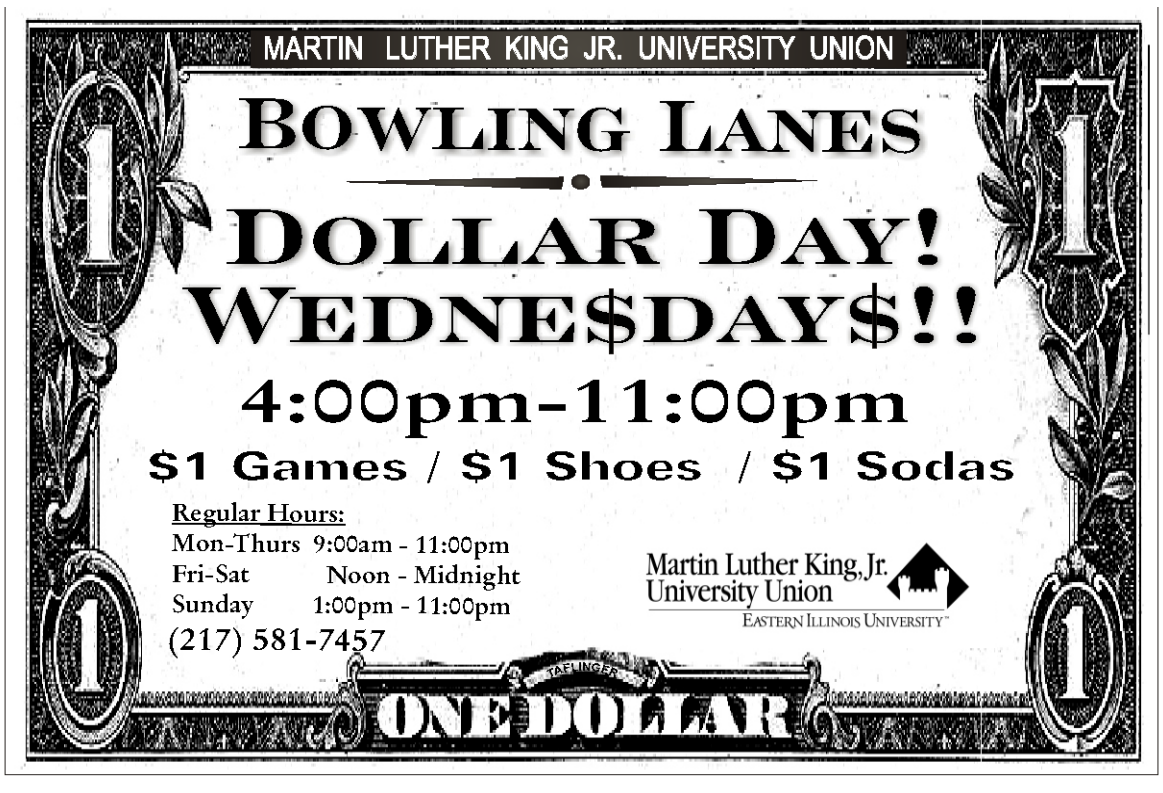

WOMEN'S HISTORY & AWARENESS MONTH

Singer to spread American music

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Marilyn Coles will be making up for a previous concert that she missed because of an illness.

Coles, a vocal music professor, will perform pieces from American composers during "An Evening of American Songs" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

This concert was previously scheduled for the fall semester but was canceled when Coles came down with an illness.

Coles has been performing in different venues including opera in European countries.

Jeannie Ludlow, an English professor and the director of women's studies, said she does not know much about the actual concert, but said she is looking forward to it.

"Marilyn Coles is a phenomenal singer and I'm sure it'll be good," Ludlow said.

This performance is a part of "Women Imagine Change" Women's History Month.

"Whenever a woman performs, I figure that is a reason for it to be a part of Women's History and Awareness Month," Coles said. "The songs on this program don't happen to be about women, but they are songs that a lot of female singers have made famous."

Paul Johnston, the coordinator of the combo program, will accompany Coles during the performance.

"He does a wonderful job of improvising in between the parts that I sing," Coles said.

Coles said the 15 pieces she will perform will spread over many genres from classical, jazz and Broadway.

"Some songs are more classical, some are based on folk songs, they're not all that classical-sounding," Coles said. "I think all the songs in the classical portion are very easy to listen to, there are no foreign languages, they are very comfortable songs to listen to."

Coles said she picked all of the different songs being performed.

"They are all songs that I love," Coles said.

Coles said most of the pieces are from "The American Songbook" and come from the earlier part of the 20th century.

"These are all very familiar names if you know of the musicals from the mid-century," Coles said.

Coles said she is looking forward to sharing the American music with the audience.

"I love performing and I love singing for my friends and I consider anyone in audience as my friend," Coles said.

Coles said she hopes audience members enjoy the concert.

"I hope they like the songs and at least the older audience members will know most of the songs," Coles said. "It's music that everybody can enjoy with or without a background in music."

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FACULTY SENATE

New security measures presented at Faculty Senate

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

As a security measure, the university plans to replace the brass-key locks on academic buildings with electronic locks, said the director of the Facilities, Planning and Management office during the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday.

Gary Reed, the director of the Facilities, Planning and Management office, said his office installed three electronic keypad locks in the chemistry department and their goal is to replace the brass key locks at campus buildings with magnetic swipe locks, which will be phased into the University Master Plan.

"For the time being, we couldn't get the mag-swipe key sets quickly enough so we opted to buy the keypad option, which can be easily retrofitted into a swipe once they are available," Reed said. "We did this for expediency so we could get security trumped up immediately."

Reed said he estimated that changing the locks could cost about $500,000 and some of the funds may come from the campus improvement fee.

Jeffrey Cross, the associate vice president for academic affairs, said they began asking different departments about certain areas that need security priority about a year ago.

"We have some nuclear materials that are under license with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and we have some areas that are a hazard by their very existence so that is when we contacted Facilities (Planning and Management) about the electronic locks," Cross said.

Cross also said every major academic building will have an after-hours video monitored electronic lock to restrict access.

Reed said they plan to start installing the locks first in the Physical Science Building, then the Life Science Building, Klehm Hall, Old Main, Coleman Hall, Buzzard Hall and the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Jim Davis, faculty representative for the Intercollegiate Athletics Board, informs the Faculty Senate of progress made in the search for a new men's basketball head coach Tuesday in the conference room of Booth Library.

Daniel Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, and University Police Chief Adam Due spoke about different security aspects during the meeting.

The University Police Department often collaborates with other police forces, such as the Charleston Police Department and the Illinois State Police Department, Nadler said.

This includes an incident when three UPD officers were sent to Charleston High School after the prank call that said someone had a gun on the school grounds.

Nadler also spoke about different improvements with campus security concerning communication.

He said a campus-wide siren system was constructed about three years ago, which gives the university the ability to make campus notices during a crime situation, such as a school shooting.

"We have the ability, in essence, to stop all the traffic on the email system to send out an email alert," Nadler said.

Nadler also described the Alert EIU program, which is a text-messaging service that would alert students, faculty and staff when an immediate emergency occurs.

"Ideally, we hope that we never have to use Alert EIU," Nadler said. "It is the highest alert that means imminent danger where a situation is in progress that requires individuals to take immediate action."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

A great way for Greeks to give back

Let's face it, Greeks: public perception of fraternities and sororities ain't what it used to be, and your reputation in the community is, we think unfairly, somewhat negative.

We know that behind the keg is a time-honored American institution, based in a spirit of public service and communal support. This is why we get so excited about Greek Week every year—it's an opportunity for us to throw the spotlight on part of the Eastern community that is a force for good and an integral part of our identity. Next week, Eastern Greeks will use their unique organizing abilities to make meaningful contributions to causes that need their help. We want to make a recommendation.

Until April 30, the Charleston Food Pantry will raise money to take advantage of a national giveaway from the Feinstein Foundation.

This is the Feinstein Foundation's 15th consecutive year dividing $1 million among hunger-fighting agencies. The Foundation will match donations, starting at a minimum of $250 up to a maximum of $35,000.

The program raised more than $1.25 billion for more than 2,000 agencies and houses nationwide last spring.

In December, Ember Zimmerman, director of the Charleston Food Pantry since February 2011, told *The DEN* that contributions from Eastern students make up about 45 percent of food donations to the pantry. Although small donations from Charleston community members and students are always welcomed, the true difference can be made in the $250-plus range, with donations being matched.

While looking for philanthropic opportunities, we encourage members of Greek Life to consider this cause. The same applies for any Registered Student Organization. Make it a cause for whichever RSO you are involved with on campus. Sell baked goods, have a power-metal sing-a-long, have a Panther-riding contest. Any legal (and non-lethal) method to raise funds for this noble cause is worth your time.

Trust us, the donations will not go unnoticed in this area. From 2006 to 2010, 20.3 percent of people in Coles County lived below the poverty level, as opposed to the Illinois average of 12.6 percent, according to the U. S. Census Bureau. Additionally, the median household income in the county was $36,457, compared to the state average of $55,735.

"We get more money from the community than we do from the foundation, but it's a good way to motivate the community," Zimmerman told *The DEN* on Monday.

Both Charleston residents and Eastern students benefit from the pantry. To be eligible to receive support from the pantry, a single-household gross monthly income cannot exceed $1,180 before taxes and deductions. This includes some Eastern students.

This is a great opportunity for Greeks to double the money they raise during Greek Week and to help the people in Charleston who most need their support. Contact the food pantry at 348-4040.

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COLUMN

RIP sideview mirror, victim of drunken rage

Shelley Holmgren

For my column this week, I was originally planning to dazzle and entertain the masses with my past woes and horrors of working in retail.

You would have heard my experiences with Kleenex nazis and cake saboteurs. This was the original plan until 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, when I was awoken by the sounds of an intoxicated gentleman shouting in my parking lot.

This was not a new occurrence. Intoxicated persons tend to gravitate to my neighborhood quite frequently during the hours I prefer to be in a coma. However, such is my luck that this gentleman decided it was in his best interest to David Lee Roth scissor-kick the driver-side mirror off of my car.

Thanks a lot, bro.

I get it. This is college, the time to (safely) regale in the splendors of liquor and good times.

However, it is when you forget your limits and vandalize another's property that it becomes a big ole' mess—and a certain columnist becomes very perturbed.

Do I feel victimized? Yeah, a little bit. Especially since this is looking to be a random act of drunken stupidity. Sadly enough, the officer who responded to my incident said this is a frequent occurrence on our campus.

In 2010, 32 cases of criminal damage to property were reported to the University Police Department.

This was made even more evident last November, when more than $100,000 in property damage was done to the third- and fourth-floor chemistry labs in the Physical Sciences Building.

There are many core truths I advocate in life. These include: 1) Barbeque sauce is sacred; 2) Leggings are NOT pants; and, 3) Vandalism is pointless. This time, it's not the university that has to pay for the property damage done. It will be paid by an extremely indebted senior journalism major who may resort to duct tape or a bake sale (I make a mean corn bread) to fix the damage.

So, for those of you who participate in mass alcohol consumption, here are some healthy ways to deal with your drunken anger, instead of, you know, going Chuck Norris on my vehicle.

One – Know your limits. Before consuming mass quantities of ale, ask yourself—am I likely to turn into "Macho Man" Randy Savage (too soon?) if I drink this beverage? If the answer is "yes," step away from the bottle and go eat a Slim Jim instead.

Oh, and stay away from my car. Because trust me, I've played enough "Wrestlemania" on my Sega Genesis to know how to throw one mean elbow.

Two – Surround yourself with babysitters … err … friends. If you decide to go forth and make a complete fool of yourself, make sure you have a group of friends to keep you on close watch.

Just be sure to appreciate them and reward them with chicken strips for the fine public service that they do—at least, that's what I do for the people I consider (bribe) to be my friends.

Three – Remember, there are repercussions. Although it doesn't look too likely the perpetrator (yeah, I watch "Law & Order," back off) of this crime will be caught, there are some serious charges for those who are.

In Illinois, a person can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for criminal damage to property if the damage done is valued at less than $300. A Class A misdemeanor carries a potential sentence of one year in jail and fines of $2,500.

To put it in "bro-spective," $2,500 is about 178 30-packs of Keystone Ice. So one, don't drink Keystone Ice—you deserve better. And two, don't vandalize.

Take up a hobby instead, bro.

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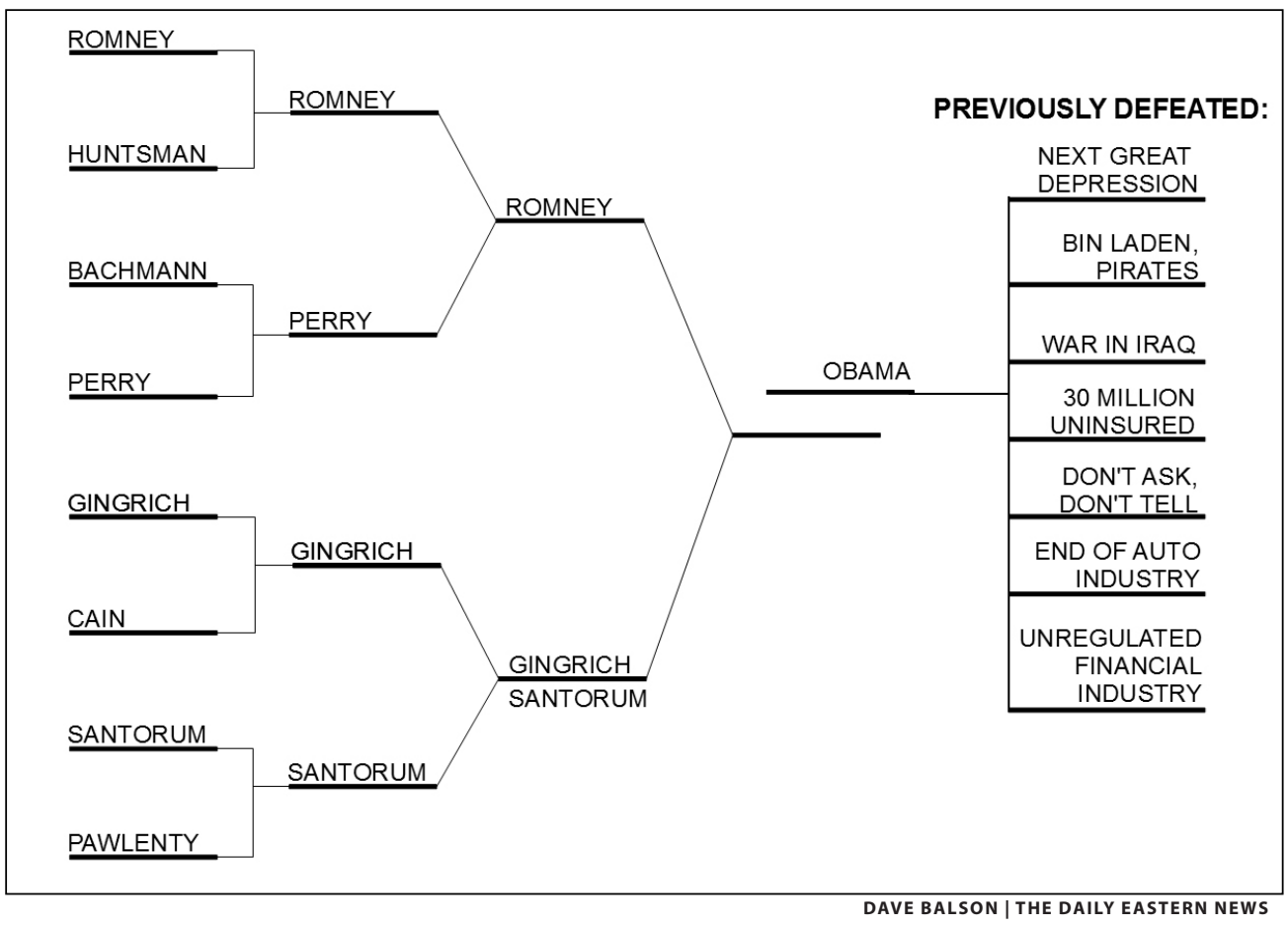

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Concealed carry opposition misrepresented

With all due respect to reporter Jaime Lopez, I find that his research for his March 20 article, "Students say no to concealed carry," is suspect at best.

Can 40 students accurately represent the entire Easter student body? No.

The idea of proper research via surveys is to get the largest sample size possible, which Mr. Lopez did not. That won't do.

If the sample size were larger—400 students, perhaps—then the findings would be more credible.

However, thanks to gross disregard for the established guidelines for such research, the results are appallingly biased.

Being 19 myself, I have a couple years before I can consider buying a gun. And I sure as hell will carry when I get the chance to.

Furthermore, I am not against the campus police department; in fact, Chief Adam Due has given his support for concealed carry in Illinois.

But the fact of the matter is that the police are a reflexive force.

The average police response time is seven to 10 minutes, depending on the area.

A trained reaction of drawing from a holster, getting a sight picture and squeezing off two accurate shots, takes two seconds.

I would find it easier to carry a .45 Glock with me than a police officer.

And lastly, it's not having a gun that makes a man, but the responsibility of carrying responsibly.

Michael Skasick
Freshman English major

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CITY

Council to vote on $1.6 million loan

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

The Charleston City Council tabled Tuesday to file a resolution for public inspection that would replace the city's outdated meters and meter reading systems with newer, wireless models.

Mayor John Inyart said the new system will eliminate the meter reading part of the process since the new, wireless meters can communicate with towers, and in turn, with City Hall.

Inyart said many Charleston residents will see their water bill becoming more accurate as the use of estimations will not be necessary.

City Manager Scott Smith said the new program may take three to four years to implement throughout the city.

"We won't know until we get on the field and really start tackling it," Smith said.

Smith said with the new meter reading system, staff will be able to monitor the water use and will know when a leak occurs.

Smith said if a resident leaves the city to go to Florida for the winter, the resident may not know about a leak until they arrive home and tens of thousands of dollars of damage has been done.

However, with the new system, the staff can alert residents to possible leaks, by monitoring the water flow from computers.

Council member Larry Rennels said it might be harder to read meters during harsh weather conditions, leading to inaccurate bills.

Inyart said the employment of meter readers will no longer be a necessity with the new system.

"Down the road, the meter reading operation itself will be very limited," Inyart said.

In order to pay for the new system from Midwest Meters, Inc., a resolution was presented that would authorize the city to take out a $1.6 million loan from First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust.

Smith said the loan is structured similarly to a construction loan and will take approximately nine years for the city to pay off.

The city council voted to place the resolution authorizing the loan on file for public inspection and plans on voting on it next week.

The council also voted to approve the last installment of full four-year scholarship to Eastern students.

Inyart said the City Roads Scholarship has put a total of 65 students through college.

"This was funding provided from Eastern when the city sold Seventh Street," Inyart said.

Inyart said rather than changing funds, a scholarship system was set up. This is the last year for the program since the scholarship fund has run out.

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MUSIC, from page 1

Fine said she hopes audience member find something new that they like.

"We look forward to introducing music to people that they've never heard before," Fine said. "For many, many, many years, people assumed that all music was written by men and that was disproven time again."

Fine said she hopes to teach audience members about these women.

"But what I most enjoy about playing these concerts is opening the eyes and the ears of people in the audience to understand time and again the women write music as well as men write music," Fine said.

Ludlow agreed.

"Every year, their concert fills a gap in our knowledge about women in music," Ludlow said.

Fine said audience members will like the concert because it is something new.

"They'll hear music they've never heard before, and they'll learn that the music world is a lot larger than they've been led to believe," Fine said. "And they'll also learn that just because they haven't heard of a composer does not mean that that composer's music is not something special, something noteworthy."

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BALLOTS, from page 1

The GOP circuit clerk candidate, Melissa Hurst, won by 3,560 votes while Rustye Cooley had 2,343 votes.

Both Hurst and Cooley were not available for comment over the phone on Tuesday.

Brain Bower won Republican states attorney by 3,295 votes while Duane Deters had 2,583 votes.

Todd Reardon won Democratic states attorney candidate by 896 votes while Thomas Bucher had 691 votes.

Thomas Bucher said on Tuesday that he thought he would have done better in the November election.

"I am disappointed and I think I was a better candidate," Bucher said.

Rennels said the problems with the ballots were no big deal.

"Your're not going to have a perfect election," she said.

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Elizabeth Edwards contributed to this report.

STATE

Romney routs Santorum in GOP primary in Illinois

By The Associated Press

Mitt Romney took a major stride toward the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, routing Rick Santorum in the Illinois primary for his third big-state win in a row and padding his already-formidable lead in the race for convention delegates.

"What a night," Romney exulted to cheering supporters in suburban Chicago. Looking beyond his GOP rivals, he said he had a simple message for President Barack Obama, the man Republicans hope to defeat next fall: "Enough. We've had enough."

Returns from 98 percent of Illinois' precincts showed Romney gaining 47 percent of the vote compared to 35 percent for Santorum, 9 percent for Ron Paul and 8 percent for a fading Newt Gingrich.

That was a far more substantial showing for Romney than the grudging victories he eked out in the previous few weeks in Michigan and Ohio, primaries that did as much to raise questions about his ability to attract Republican support as to quell those questions.

Santorum, who hopes to rebound in next Saturday's Louisiana primary, sounded like anything but a defeated contender as he spoke to supporters in Gettysburg, Pa.

He said he had outpolled Romney in downstate Illinois and the areas "that conservatives and Republicans populate. We're very happy about that and we're happy about the delegates we're going to get, too."

"Saddle up, like (Ronald) Reagan did in the cowboy movies," he urged his backers.

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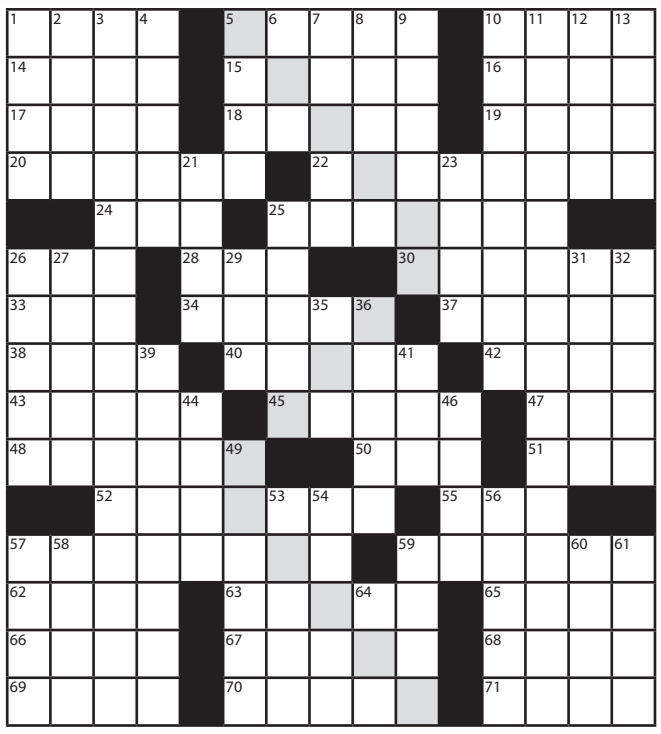

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10 Memo subject header
14 Stationery shade
15 "Care to?"
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17 Capping
18 Herr Schindler with a list
19 Start of some carrier names
20 Manufacturers
22 Dangerous place
24 Tide competitor
25 "Apollo and Daphne" sculptor
26 ___ Marino
28 Three-way joint
30 Research aids
33 Beehive State player
34 Was out
37 Choir accompaniment
38 ___ fides (bad faith)
40 ___ water
42 Mother of Apollo
43 Chariot race site
45 One of the Munsters
47 Gen ___
48 Study of government
50 New England's Cape ___
51 Poetic preposition
52 Place to see a flick?
55 Bruins legend
57 Kind of well
59 Mythological figure being kissed in a statue at the Louvre
62 Old geezer
63 Spark producer
65 Parliament
66 Suffix in many store names
67 Botanist's concern
68 Salinger title girl
69 Scottish Gaelic
70 Aligns, briefly
71 Gym count

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1 ___ U.S.A.
2 ___ fool (be silly)
3 Possible reason for [see shaded letters]
4 Apartment 1A resident, perhaps
5 Infrequently seen bills
6 Suffers from
7 Place for an electronic tether
8 Where there are "bombs bursting," to an anthem singer
9 Polynesian wrap
10 All tangled up
11 Possible reason for [see shaded letters]
12 Like a blue lobster
13 School attended by King's Scholars
21 "Peanuts" expletive
23 Robert De ___
25 Geoffrey of fashion
26 "Poison" shrub
27 Producer of the 2600 game console
29 Musician/record producer Bobby
31 Stereotypical K.P. item
32 [So boring!]
35 High degree
36 "Hurry up!"
39 Liqueur served with coffee beans
41 Pewter component
44 Essen expletives
46 Son of Seth
49 Leaves a 0% tip
53 Ninth-inning excitement, maybe
54 OH^- or Cl^-, chemically
56 Truck rental company
57 Climber's goal
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SOFTBALL

Maday earns Player of the Week honors

Maday's arm paces Panthers to pair of wins

Staff Report

Sophomore pitcher Stephanie Maday has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week for her performance in last week's games.

This is the second time Maday has received this honor in her career.

Maday picked up her first win of the week with an 8-0 mercy-rule win at Alabama A&M on Tuesday.

The sophomore right-hander tossed 3.1 innings of scoreless work, giving up five hits and striking out four en route to picking up her fifth win of the season.

Maday's most dominating performance came against OVC foe Morehead State as she recorded her ninth shutout of her career blanking the Eagles by a score of 5-0.

Maday tossed seven innings of six hit ball and also recorded a season-high 10 strikeouts in the win; two of them coming in the bottom of the seventh inning with the bases loaded.

For the week Maday tossed 20.2 innings, giving up just three runs, issuing seven walks and recording 22 strikeouts to lead all OVC pitchers.

For the season Maday currently has a record of 7-5 with a 2.45 ERA. She has also fanned 67 batters in 11 starts this season.

In league play Maday has been even more impressive as she ranks in the top five in wins, strikeouts, shutouts, innings pitched, games started and complete games.

Around the OVC

Heading into the third weekend of conference play, the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks are off to a hot start, leading the conference with an unblemished OVC record of 6-0.

The Skyhawks currently stand at 16-10 overall and will play a double-header today against Southeast Missouri State.

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks have also enjoyed a quick start to conference play after struggling through the non-conference portion of their schedule.

The Gamecocks have gone 5-1 in the OVC and will be in action today against Tennessee Tech.

GOT ADS?

TENNIS

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Doubles pair Merritt Whitley and Janelle Prisner high-five to celebrate a point during their 7-0 sweep of their Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis opponent Tuesday on the Rex Darling tennis courts.

Home, Sweet Home

First home tennis meet ends in win

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

The first day of spring saw the Eastern women's tennis team record its first home win of the season on Tuesday at Rex Darling Courts. The Panthers recorded a 6-1 win over a struggling Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis, which has now lost eight straight matches.

Sophomore Janelle Prisner and junior Merritt Whitley earned an 8-1 win over Alisha Cummings and Danielle Haefele. Prisner and Whitley are now 6-4 as a pair.

Whitley said she and Prisner have good on-court chemistry, which has led to their success.

"I think we have really good chemistry, especially on the court," she said. "We're really good at motivating each other, we know what makes each other play better, and I think that contributes to a lot of our chemistry and what helps us win and stay competitive, even when we're losing or winning."

Whitley also said she and Prisner do a good job of keeping their composure on the court, which also helps them perform.

"It helps us keep our momentum, and keeping our composure it helps us play better," she said. "It's definitely big part in helping us."

The win was the third straight for Prisner and Whitley as a team.

Also earning a win for the Panthers in doubles play were seniors Amanda Dibbs and Annie Egan, winning 8-6 over Vanessa Whyte and Abbey Neff. Also for the Panthers, freshman Sephora Boulbahaiem and junior Kristen Laird fell to Shelby Hullett and Rachel Bridegroom by a score of 8-4.

In singles, Prisner and Whitley again found success, winning their respective matches, while Dibbs also notched a win of her own.

For the Panthers, they hope this win sets a good tone for the team going into a two-match weekend against Jacksonville State and Tennessee State, both Ohio Valley Conference opponents.

"It feels really good," Whitley said. "We have two matches this weekend, we feel like we're coming off of a good win, it helps us boost our confidence, it was our first home match, so it feels really good going into this weekend knowing we have a win under our belt already."

With the win, the Panthers improve to 4-6 overall. The team will open up conference play at home again this weekend against Jacksonville State on Saturday and Tennessee State on Sunday. Both matches will take place at Darling Courts, with the match against Jacksonville State starting at 10 a.m., and the Tennessee State match starting at 11 a.m.

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BASEBALL

Panthers edge Salukis in in-state match up

By Jordan Pottorff
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team rounded out its non-conference schedule with a 5-1 win against in-state rival Southern Illinois on Tuesday in Carbondale. The Panthers used a balanced offensive attack and a strong pitching effort to pick up their first win against the Salukis since the 2009 season.

The Panthers turned to junior right-hander Troy Barton to make the start in the non-conference finale. Barton saw limited action, just pitching two innings, but was good when he was toeing the rubber. Barton surrendered just one hit and recorded two strikeouts in two innings of work.

Although Barton got the start, Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz plans to use the 6-foot-6-inch junior out of the bullpen to close out games during conference play.

"Troy (Barton) is going to be in the back end of games one and two (of the series) and will try and give us that big win out of the pen," Schmitz said.

The Panthers also had success from the plate, scoring in two of the first three innings and never relinquishing their lead. Junior Nick Priessman got Eastern's offensive attack going in the top of the first inning with a lead-off single before stealing second base and scoring the go ahead run on a ground ball by junior Ryan Dineen.

The Panthers continued to build on their lead in the third inning, scoring twice and taking a three-run lead over the Salukis. The Panthers capitalized on a defensive miscue that allowed sophomore Tyler Schweigert to reach base safely. Schweigert then advanced into scoring position on a wild pitch before the Panthers came through with a pair of clutch hits. Sophomore Jacob Reese pushed Eastern's lead to two with an RBI double to deep right field that scored Schweigert from third. Red-shirt senior T.J. McManus followed Reese with an RBI double of his own, scoring Reese and giving the Panthers a 3-0 advantage.

Following a quick start offensively, the Panthers turned to the bullpen to hold the lead and pick up a win against their in-state opponent. Eastern turned to freshman right-hander Andrew Grahn as the first of five relievers to enter the game. Grahn didn't have his best stuff, giving up one run on three hits, a walk and a hit batted in 1.1 innings of work.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth inning Schmitz turned to the 6-foot-7-inch freshman right-hander Matt Borens to get the Panthers out of the jam. Borens delivered and forced a pop fly to the shortstop for the second out, and ended the Saluki's rally by forcing a groundball to end the inning.

"Borens came in with the bases loaded and really showed he was an excellent pitcher," Schmitz said. "He came in and got us out of a jam in the fourth inning that could have cost us three or four runs."

Borens recorded two strikeouts and did not surrender a hit in two innings of relief.

The Panthers continued to build on their lead in the top of the seventh inning, scoring two runs and pushing their lead to four. With two outs, Priessman drew a walk and then tallied his second steal of the game to move into scoring position. The Panthers then benefited on another defensive miscue to take a three-run advantage as Schweigert was able to reach base safely on an error by the third baseman. Dineen then capitalized on his run-scoring opportunity by drilling a single to left field that scored Schweigert to give Eastern a 5-1 lead.

"The big runs, the fourth and fifth runs, were scored because we put pressure on them," Schmitz said. "They made errors, we didn't and we are coming home with a win."

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Sophomore pitcher Christian Slazinik winds up to throw a pitch during a game against Illinois College April 13, 2011 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers beat Southern Illinois Tuesday 5-1.

The Saluki's did manage to put together a rally in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the strong pitching of senior Darin Worman ended Southern's comeback aspirations by inducing a double play ball to get out of the inning.

With the win the Panthers improve to 7-11 on the season and will begin conference play against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Friday in Edwardsville.

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