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in home victory

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Emotional Senate sendoff



Tiffany Turner, Student Senate speaker, gets emotional during her goodbye speech at the final Student Senate meeting of the semester Wednesday in the Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

President, speaker
agree university sound

By Emily Steele
Student Government Editor

Goodbye tears and victorious smiles covered the faces of Student Senate members and Student Government executives. After a semester of numerous highs and lows, the fi-

nal Senate meeting of the year Wednesday successfully released the old Student Senate members and transitioned the newly elected members.

The meeting began with the State of the University and State of the Student Senate addresses by Student Body President Michelle Murphy and Student Senate Speaker Tiffany Turner, respectively.

The meeting culminated in the election of the new Student Senate speaker. One vote confirmed Isaac Sandidge’s posi-

tion as Student Senate speaker for the spring semester against his younger brother Jason Sandidge.

With a vote of 14-13 and one abstention, the new Student Senate members made their first decision as a legislative body.

In her address, Murphy focused on Eastern and accomplishments made during the semester, including the new Renewable Energy Center, Panther Nation and the Monetary Award Program grant.

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UNIVERSITY

Irwin looks
to return
to roots
at dean
position

Honors College
dean interviews
on campus today

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

The interview circuit for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities will see a familiar face as Bonnie Irwin makes her case for the position.

Irwin has been the dean of Eastern’s Honors College for six years and an English professor since 1994.

“I’m really interested in going back home because I’m a faculty member in the English department,” Irwin said. “I personally have to feel like I’m making a difference. I feel like I’ve made an impact on the Honors College, but the arts and humanities college is much larger, and I’d be able to have a wider influence. Honors is in a situation where I can hand it over to someone else and it would flourish.”

As dean she continued to teach classes, and it is something she would like to continue if she were chosen for the new position.

“As dean of arts and humanities, I’d really strive to maintain contact with students,” Irwin said. “I’d like to keep teaching.”

Working at a smaller school, such as Eastern, has allowed her to move up the professional ladder while maintaining contact with students. This would not be as easy at a larger school, she said.

“It’s a place where as a faculty member and administrator, I feel like I make a difference,” Irwin said. “They don’t have that same contact with students and that connection with the community. As a professor, you can really inspire students to achieve great things, and as an administrator you can do the same with faculty.”

Collaborating with faculty members on the academic direction of Eastern is a priority for her and something she has seen done well at the university recently.

“I really admired how President (Bill) Perry went around and talked to the different departments when he first came here and figured out what they want to do,” she said. “I’d like to do the same kind of thing. I don’t want to just come in and say, ‘Here’s what we’re going to do.’ That wouldn’t be appropriate at Eastern; it wouldn’t be appropriate anywhere.”

An open session interview with Irwin will be held at 4 p.m. today in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

The final two candidates, Elizabeth Dunn and Roger Smitter, will have their on-campus interviews this week.

Dunn’s interview is scheduled for Monday, and Smitter’s is scheduled for Wednesday.

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Student elections
confirm Constitution

Elder Sandidge
brother elected;
23 Senate seats
filled for spring

By Erica Whelan
Staff Reporter

Isaac Sandidge was elected as the new Student Senate speaker for the spring 2010 semester by a vote of 14 to 13 in his favor, with one abstention.

His brother and competing candidate Jason Sandidge will remain on the Student Senate and was the first to congratulate him upon the announcement of the outcome that garnered a standing ovation.

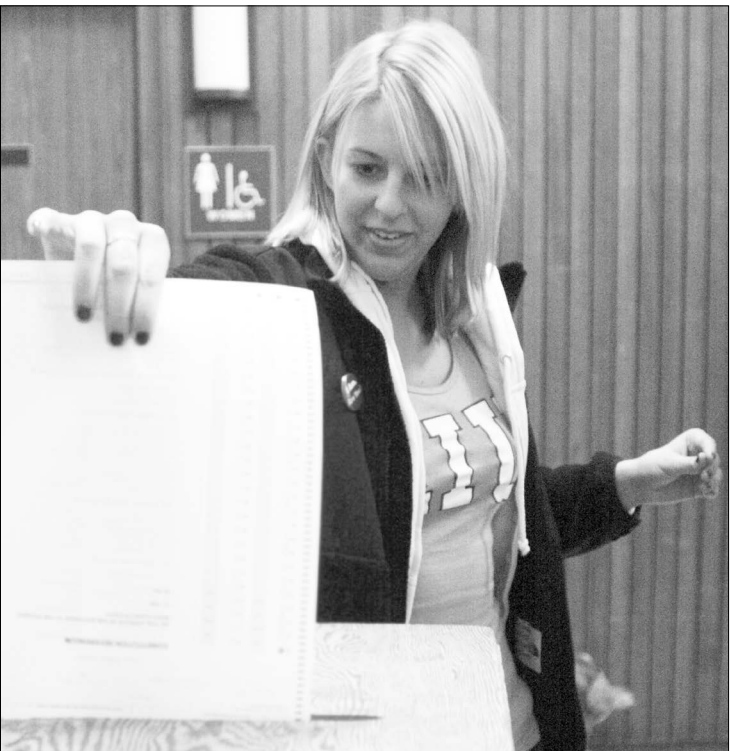
“My job as speaker would not

be to pursue my own goals,” Isaac Sandidge said to the Student Senate members prior to vote. “My job as speaker would be to aid you in pursuing yours. I want to work together with you to help you get your goals accomplished.”

Following his appeal to the Student Senate, Isaac Sandidge was submitted to a brief period of questions that focused on the measures he intends to take to unify the Senate.

“I would like to disband the UPS and PULSE parties and allow you all to enter my party- the Student Government party,” Isaac Sandidge said. “The dues are two office hours a week. I want us to start fostering communication and working together as one unified body.”

Jarrod Scherle, the newly
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Sara Schoolman, a junior special education major, submits her ballot during Student Senate elections Tuesday afternoon outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Food Court.

WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Sunny

HIGH

21°

LOW

15°

Calm and cold conditions today under mostly sunny skies with wind gusts near 25 mph. Wind chills values will be near 0. Expect partly cloudy skies tomorrow through the weekend with highs in the mid to upper 30s. No wintry precipitation is expected over the next week as high pressure dominates the region.

WEATHER TOMORROW



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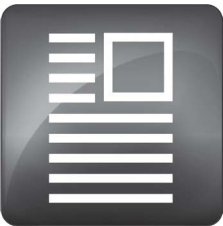
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Don't forget your friends during this holiday season

Online Reporter Julia Carlucci explains how you should not forget about having a holiday dinner with your friends this year. Find out more in her food blog at DENnews.com.

Annual research symposium honors theatre arts undergrad

Aubrey Wiggs won the award for “Best Undergraduate Theatre Research Paper of 2009” Wednesday during the fifth annual Theatre Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium. Read Staff Reporter Abby Allgire's article on the four students who presented their papers this year on DENnews.com.



Doudna's snowy blanket



CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Snow on the windows of the roof in Doudna Fine Arts Center reflect against a copper wall.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

RHA holds meeting today

The weekly Residence Hall Association meeting will be at 5 p.m. today at Weller Hall. For more information, contact Karla Browning at 581-3268 or km-browning@eiu.edu.

Union Bookstore clearance sale continues through Dec. 19

The University Union Bookstore's fall semester clearance sale, which began Nov. 30, will continue through Saturday, Dec. 19. It is located on the first floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

BLOTTER

A theft was reported Tuesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, according to the University Police Department.

A harassment report was filed regarding a dispute between two students Wednesday, police said.

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CAMPUS

Bowl for a cause

Kick-off rally
against Cancer

By Chris Jesse
Staff Reporter

Many people in the world battle the struggles of cancer every day. Students and faculty at Eastern are trying to help those people as much as they can. The university will hold a kick-off rally for “Relay for Life” from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union bowling alley. The event is a great opportunity to learn more about what Relay for Life is all about. The slogan for college campuses in the United States is “Colleges against Cancer.”

“The goal for 2010 is having 70 teams that will be at the Relay for Life event that will be happening on April 16 and 17,” said Amanda Buswell, who is part of the American Cancer Society. “Also we would like to raise \$70,000 for the event.”

People can participate in the event three different ways. They can start up a team, join one or register as a survivor.

With American Cancer Society and sponsored events, people can join in helping cancer research and people going through different treatments. People also get to interact with the others who join the relay experience.

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Amanda Buswell, American Cancer Society member

At other events, like today’s, people can participate by bowling a game. The cost is \$1.75 per game, which includes shoe rental. Free food and prizes will be present. Any questions can be directed to Amanda Buswell at (217) 356-9076 or amanda.buswell@cancer.org.

To view the Relay for Life at Eastern, go through the EIU directory and search Relay for Life EIU 2010.

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VIEWS



Bob Bajek

Message to known hypocrites

The word hypocrite is extremely intriguing. Its origin comes from Middle English. The roots were derived from the Old French hypocrite, which means “ecclesiastical” and from the Greek hupokrites, or “actor.”

Hypocrite also sounds ridiculous, like a hip-po acting the part of a Brit. Being a ridiculous actor is what being a hypocrite is all about, acting the part of something he or she professes to believe but doing the opposite.

And unfortunately, there are many people who readily fit the definition to a T. Now, at Eastern, I have been disappointed in many students and their pretending to do what is right, when in fact it is a wrongful action.

There is a guy I know who professes himself as a non-denominational Christian. He says he loves Jesus and wants others to be saved.

However, he always criticizes my beliefs as a Catholic, saying I will go to Hell for “worshipping in a cult.” The Catholic Church, according to him, butchers the Bible and its members do not follow the Commandments.

I am cool with disagreements about religious beliefs and practices because that is healthy dialogue in a country with free speech and religious rights. But what I can’t stand is contradicting your words through your actions.

This acquaintance is not shy advertising that he has sex with numerous women, or that he smokes pot, among other things. Now I’m not necessarily saying these actions make him a bad person, but his self-righteousness does, in my opinion. If he were so gung-ho about Jesus, why does he repeatedly do what Jesus would not have done? Believers of Jesus know he did not take drugs (killing his body) or sleep around (bad for Christian marriage).

These actions make my acquaintance a normally flawed person, and not morally superior to everyone as he thinks. Besides religious views, others who do not back up their statements have attacked my political views.

I am a non-traditional conservative who identifies with third parties and not the Republican Party. Many students who voice their opinions to me consider themselves liberal.

When there is a disagreement — Sarah Palin’s resigning as Alaskan governor for example — I try to listen to them calmly, reply and consider their points. My conversational partner usually does not act respectful.

He or she would cut off my points, speak in agitated tones and ridicule my position.

Is one meaning of liberalism not to broaden your general knowledge and be open-minded to change, even possibly be flexible with your own viewpoint?

My political viewpoints have been adapted to a point, but I feel my conservative viewpoint is belittled as moronic because it is different from theirs. Obviously, and unfortunately, there are many hypocrites in the real world outside of Eastern, too. There is Tim Donaghy, a former NBA official who was supposed to make games fair, but decided to fix games for money.

And don’t forget jolly ole’ American bankers, working to help people invest money wisely, yet made numerous bad loans for personal gain.

Remember, hypocrites make poor arguments. Try backing up your words with actions and then I’ll listen.

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A look back on fall semester memories; a look to future

We are about to finish the final semester of the decade. It’s been a semester full of hope, surprises, school spirit and new beginnings. We remember the two highly respected assistant coaches who died; the students who rallied to get the Illinois Monetary Award Program grant back and succeeded; the local area businesses we loved that closed their doors; and the students who have been here to witness it all.

One of the nicer things about the semester is when students arrived on campus, they were happy to see a bunch of new technology, such as the new computers in the library and Gregg computer lab, and SMART boards in a number of buildings on campus.

On top of that, a few days later, the Student Success Center’s new home was completed.

Eastern’s own WEIU-TV received a nomination for an Emmy award in September, and then came around to win for best student news production for 2009 in October.

This semester was also the first time Eastern put out the blue “No Smoking” signs on the ground to encourage students to stand 25 feet away from the buildings when they smoke, as opposed to 15 feet. This angered smokers, but was beneficial to other students.

But that’s not all the smoke that was around this semester.

Two mock dorm rooms (one with a sprinkler system and one without) were set on fire in the south quad as a demonstration for fire safety in the beginning of October. This event exhibited all the benefits for having a sprinkler system as well as teaching students about fire safety.

During Family Weekend, after two years of trying, the University Board was able to get Styx to perform this October at its concert.

But they were not the only celebrities to show up on

“This semester has been a memorable one. Let’s do the same and hope that next semester is just as memorable. As long as students have school spirit this should not be a problem”

campus this semester.

During Homecoming Week, Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys came and appeared in the Homecoming Parade as well as on the football field. Romo was inducted into Eastern’s Athletic Hall of Fame and had his No. 17 retired.

One of the most annoying parts of the semester was when Eastern’s campus was infested with the Asian lady beetles at the end of October.

Shortly after the bugs came, in the beginning days of November, the new flier restriction policy came about. Now if students would like to post fliers they need to get them approved by campus scheduling.

Fliers also only have a 30-day posting period and are stamped with an expiration date.

Fear of the H1N1 flu spread across campus, bringing a clinic in mid-November. Some feared vaccination, though, due in part, to a YouTube video posted of a girl who received a flu shot and contracted dystonia. Some students were scared to get flu shots.

This semester’s Embarrass Valley Film Festival came in honor of Abraham Lincoln as this year marked his 200th birthday. Some events who went on were the viewing of the movie “Young Mr. Lincoln,” and Craig Titley came to do a screen-writing workshop.

Eastern’s football team posted an impressive record but ultimately fell short against Southern Illinois-Carbondale.

Six finalists were recently announced for the dean of the Arts and Humanities Department.

And now, nearing the end of the fall semester, the campus has been holiday-themed with such programs as the Messiah and Deck the Halls at Old Main holiday gathering. This semester has been a memorable one. Let’s do the same and hope that next semester is just as memorable.

As long as students have school spirit this should not be a problem.

FROM THE EASEL

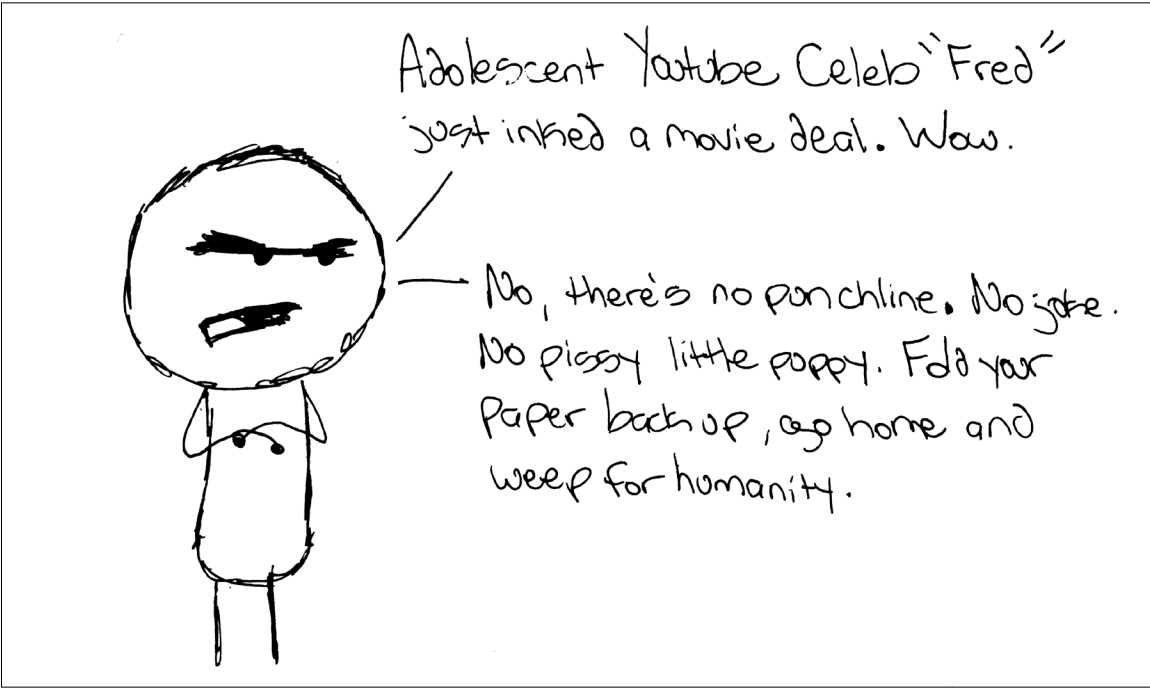


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Constitution revisions sound
Article posted on 12/8/09

The Constitution will never get the required 10 percent of the student body. There has never been an election that received anywhere close to that amount. Plus, how does the new Constitution help the students of EIU?

Johnny Crack Corn, 12/8/09

Column: How to degrade an entire state in two hours
Article posted on 12/7/09

“It’s unfortunate that TV shows like this are produced when a historical biography of Chicago/Illinois politics would be much more offensive ... and have a much more sordid feel to it.”

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re-elected vice president of business affairs, spoke on Isaac Sandidge's behalf in an attempt to sway the vote.

"Isaac Sandidge spent more time in this room than anyone else," Scherle said. "He looks out for the rookies and the veterans alike. There are more first-semester senators than ever, and we need someone like Isaac Sandidge to guide us. Let's look beyond the party lines that got you in these seats."

Student Body President Michelle Murphy also praised Isaac Sandidge for the commitment he has demonstrated to the Student Government in the past.

"Isaac runs a very strict Senate," Murphy said. "The student body could really benefit from Isaac. He's always told us, 'don't be sheepish, but a senate of wolves.'"

When the votes were counted, Isaac Sandidge immediately replaced Tiffany Turner, the former speaker of the Senate, at the head of the table and began making arrangements to hold the first Student Senate meeting of the semester within the first week of returning after break.

"Get ready," Isaac Sandidge said, "we're coming."

"He looks out for the rookies and the veterans alike. There are more first-semester senators than ever, and we need someone like Isaac Sandidge to guide us."

Jarrold Scherle, vice president for business affairs

Murphy expressed approval with the outcome.

"I think it's great," she said. "I supported Isaac from the beginning. He's the reason I'm here. He's quality. He's definitely quality."

Isaac Sandidge will be leading the Student Senate meetings for the remainder of the school year. The elected senators that will make up the Senate are as follows:

On Campus

Erika Collier, Alexandra Boyd, Vince Kroll, Holly Henry, Matthew Boyd, Mary Lane, Lindsey Woodcock and Benjamin Mapes

Off Campus

Noe Lara, Matthew Pickham, Demarlon Brown, Isaac Sandidge, Carissa Coon and Paul Stephens

At-Large

Aaron Wiessing, Scott Viverito, Nahder Houshmand, Craig Wolf, Tommy Nierman, Otis Seawood and Kristina Bailey

Constitution referendum

The constitution referendum passed with 557 votes out of a total of 837 ballots cast.

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"I am proud to report that the state of the university is strong," Murphy said.

Turner thanked the Senate for being supportive in her address.

She then outlined its successes, citing numerous forums and events as examples against any claims that the Student Government does not accomplish anything.

"The state of the Senate is active and strong," Turner said. "The Senate is here and it's not going anywhere."

The last business accomplished by the fall 2009 Senate was to pass a proposal for the committee on bylaw revision adoptions, which establishes a group to review the Student Government Bylaws.

Two resolutions were also passed. The first honored the memories of Jeff Hoover and Jackie Moore, members of the athletic department who died this semester.

The other resolution recommended the establishment of a safety escort program.

The departing Student Senate members were given the opportunity to give their goodbye messages during

which, several choked up.

Michael Whildin, a second-semester Student Senator member, received a standing ovation after delivering an emotional goodbye speech, encouraging the Student Senate to care for each other.

"That's what matters in the end," Whildin said. "That's what it's all about, loving somebody."

After the election results were announced, the newly elected first-term Student Senate members and the incumbent executive board member Jarrod Scherle, student vice president for business affairs, were sworn in.

Before the Student Senate members voted on the new Student Senate speaker, Turner gave her farewell to the Senate as well as individual Student Senate members.

"Through all the stress and everything I've gone through, it was worth it," Turner said. "Because I've met some of the best people I've ever met in my entire life."

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- 1 ___ de coeur
- 4 Worked on
- 11 Ryan of "Top Gun"
- 14 Computer system acronym
- 15 Way, way back
- 16 Canine care grp.?
- 17 Tolkien creature
- 18 Start of a lover's quatrain
- 20 Big fans
- 22 Not straight, in a way
- 23 Rice-A-___
- 24 1950s political inits.
- 26 Canadian Oscar
- 27 Holds
- 29 Eur. carrier
- 32 Small denomination
- 33 ___ ante
- 34 Port of ancient Rome
- 36 1897 novel subtitled "A Grotesque Romance"
- 42 Composer of "The Planets"
- 43 True inner self
- 44 One way to stand

- 48 Fleur-de-___
- 49 Comparatively cockamamie
- 50 It's addictive
- 52 ___ Maj.
- 54 The Dakotas, once: Abbr.
- 55 #1 album for 13 weeks in 1966-67, with "The"
- 58 Where the Samoyed dog comes from
- 60 Eliminates undesirable parts
- 62 Pretense
- 63 According to
- 64 Panties, old-style
- 65 Pacific port where Amelia Earhart was last seen
- 66 Rocky point
- 67 Get comfortable with
- 68 This Across answer, appropriately

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- 1 Plain as day
- 2 Air Force base near San Antonio
- 3 Speak with gravity

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PUZZLE BY PATRICK BLINDAUER

- 4 It may be managed or extended
- 5 Ancient meeting places
- 6 19th-century James
- 7 Sugar ending
- 8 Filly
- 9 New York cardinal
- 10 Headwear banned by the N.F.L. in 2001
- 11 "Battle Cry" soldier
- 12 Like paradise
- 13 Thingumbob
- 19 Just manages, with "out"
- 21 Hindu sage

- 25 1973 horror flick about a doctor who turns his assistant into a cobra
- 28 Phnom ___
- 30 Having words
- 31 Bro or sis
- 34 Like unwashed hair
- 35 Mathematician Turing
- 37 TV control: Abbr.
- 38 Maternally related
- 39 Eau ___
- 40 Yank
- 41 Told tales
- 44 The Rum Tum Tugger, e.g.

- 45 New York theater on the National Register of Historic Places, with "the"
- 46 Like some algebra
- 47 1987 Suzanne Vega hit
- 49 Words of objection
- 51 Indicator of brightness
- 53 Astronaut's attire
- 56 Founded: Abbr.
- 57 Where the Mets once met
- 59 Don Juan's kiss
- 61 Vs.

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with 7:49 left in the half. Anderson ended the run with a jumper.

The Panthers lost the rebounding battle 47-41, but gave up 16 offensive boards, which led to 23 second-chance points for the Broncos.

“If you know me I am never happy, but something like (the second chance points) is always going to draw my ire,” Sallee said.

Nixon led all players with 20 points and four assists.

“I think the story of the game tonight was we had (Nixon) and they didn’t,” Sallee said.

Sims finished with 15 points, while senior forward Maggie Kloak and Pressley scored 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Kloak struggled to a 2-of-10 game shooting from the field, but went 8-of-11 from the free throw line.

The game was the first during Sallee’s five-year tenure with the program that the Panthers won a game in which they did not make a three-point field goal.

The Panthers finished 0-of-10 from three-point range.

The only two Panthers to take double-digit attempts from behind the arc were senior guard Ashley Thomas, who finished 0-of-4 and freshman guard Kelsey Wyss, who finished 0-of-2.

Junior guard Taylor Manley led the Broncos with 18 points

The only other Western Michigan player to score in double-figures was junior forward Brenna Bankston.

Bankston finished with 11

OVC Standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Austin Peay	2-0	3-6
E. Kentucky	2-0	4-4
Morehead St.	2-0	6-3
Tennessee Tech	1-0	2-4
E. Illinois	1-1	5-4
Tennessee St.	1-1	3-5
Jacksonville St.	0-1	1-7
SE Missouri	0-1	3-5
Murray State	0-2	4-4
UT Martin	0-2	1-6

Wednesday’s results:
SE Missouri 73, Bethel (Tenn.) 60
E. Illinois 66, W. Michigan 58
Indiana 80, UT Martin 46

points.

The Panthers held the Broncos to just 25.9 percent shooting from the field in the first half.

The Broncos finished the game shooting 29.2 percent, while the Panthers shot 35.3 percent from the field.

Eastern will return to action Saturday as it hosts Indiana State at 4 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

Wednesday’s game was the start of four straight non-conference games for the Panthers.

After the Sycamores, Eastern plays Illinois-Chicago, Indiana State and Miami (Ohio).

They return to Ohio Valley Conference play Jan. 2 when they host Jacksonville State.

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KOOL, from page 8

The Panthers trailed 33-28 at halftime. Western Michigan built a nine-point lead with 2:41 remaining in the half, but the Panthers cut into the lead by scoring the last four points of the half.

Laser said the Panthers have to work on playing more consistently in the opening minutes and not making stupid plays that cost them in the long run.

“We played well in spurts and if we can do that the whole game we will be up 10-12 (points), not battling back at the end,” he said.

Laser led the Panthers with 17 points, while McKinney added nine in his first start of the season. Cisse added eight in defeat.

The Panthers shot 41 percent from the field, but went only 1-of-10 from three-point range.

The lone three-pointer came in the second half as Laser hit a fade away in the left corner to start a 5-0 Eastern run.

Miller said although Eastern won the battle of points in the paint 14-10, he was unhappy with how they performed inside because the team lacked balance on offense.

The Panthers will continue their non-conference schedule Saturday when they travel to Macomb to take on Western Illinois at 7 p.m.

The Panthers don’t return to OVC play until Jan. 2 when they host Jacksonville State in Lantz Arena.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 66, WESTERN MICHIGAN 58

Nixon shines again in victory

Freshman stars on offensive end in home victory

By Dan Cusack
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman guard Ta’Kenya Nixon scored eight of the game’s final 10 points for the Eastern women’s basketball team as it held on to beat Western Michigan 66-58 Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

“We were so putrid offensively we had to take advantage of our transition points,” Eastern men’s basketball Brady Sallee said. “The only way we could score was on fast breaks or free throws and I wasn’t even sure about that tonight. Some of the times I will put the breaks on (Nixon), but tonight that was the only way we were scoring.”

The Panthers led by as many as 11 in the second half, but the Broncos cut the score to 54-53 with 2:27 remaining after a three pointer by freshman guard Aurielle Anderson.

The Panthers responded with two free throws by sophomore forward Chantelle Pressley and a pair of fast break lay-ups by Nixon to give the Panthers a 60-53 lead with 1:45 left.

“I just wanted to fuel my team,” Nixon said. “I wanted to win that game and knew I had to lead by action. I wanted to show them that we had to play focused and play harder than them for the rest of the game.”

Nixon knocked down four more free throws down the stretch to put the game away for the Panthers.

Early in the second half, the Panthers generated most of their points

“Some of the times I will put the breaks on (Nixon), but tonight that was the only way we were scoring.”

Brady Sallee,
Eastern head coach

from the line.

Of their 39 points in the second half, 27 came from the line. The two teams combined for 65 free-throw attempts, as the Panthers went 30-for-47 from the line.

“Our whole objective this game was to attack the rim and get to the free throw line,” senior guard Dominique Sims said. “We were able to do that. We didn’t shoot the ball as well as we could have from the line, but we will work on that.”

The Panthers were 0-for-10 from three-point range, but Sallee said the Panthers got the ball down low and got to the line because that was what the Broncos were giving them.

“If we would have made our free throws that would not have been a game,” Salle said. “We have beaten some opponents just drilling them from the free throw line this season, I thought we handled adversity a lot better than they did tonight and that was the story of the game.”

Eastern led 27-21 at halftime behind 11 points from Sims.

The Panthers had a 12-0 run early in the game to put them up 18-9

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Eastern freshman guard Ta’Kenya Nixon prepares to pass the ball during the game against Western Michigan Wednesday in Lantz Arena. Nixon led all scorers with 20 points as the Panthers beat the Broncos 66-58.

MEN’S BASKETBALL | WESTERN MICHIGAN 69, EASTERN 58

Kool shooting performance sinks Panthers

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Tennessee Tech	0-1	3-6
Tennessee St.	0-2	2-8
UT Martin	0-2	1-6

Wednesday’s results:
Austin Peay 68, Ohio 66
Eastern Kentucky 74, Ohio Valley 58
Missouri State 79, UT Martin 51
Southern Illinois 86, SE Missouri 65
W. Michigan 69, E. Illinois 58

Streaky shooter scores early, often in Broncos’ win

By Dan Cusack
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men’s basketball team was able to battle back in the second half against Western Michigan, but Broncos’ senior guard David Kool was too much as Eastern fell 69-58 Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

Kool scored 14 of the Broncos’ (3-3) first 16 points and finished with a game-high 34 as Eastern (4-4, 1-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference) lost

its second straight game.

“It was another game where we just hurt ourselves,” junior guard Tyler Laser said. “They had 21 offensive rebounds, which is ridiculous, and (Kool) just went off. When you give a guy 34 points and are giving up 21 offensive rebounds you are not giving yourself a chance.”

The Panthers trailed for nearly the entire game, but tied the score at 56 with 4:38 remaining after two free throws by junior guard Curry McKinney.

The Broncos responded after a timeout, going on a 13-2 run to end the game with two three pointers by Kool and one by senior forward Martelle McLemore.

“We tried to spread some things out and get the ball to the basket,” Eastern head coach Mike Miller said about the scoring drought to end the game. “We had a transition play and a lot of looks, but we couldn’t do anything down the stretch.”

The 21 offensive rebounds the Panthers surrendered turned into 19 second-chances points for the Broncos.

Eastern trailed by nine points with 12:04 remaining in the second half, but cut the lead to 56-53 with 7:06 remaining after a runner by senior guard T.J. Marion.

“(I think) rebounding was the difference,” senior center Ousmane Cisse said. “I think, personally, I have to do a better job getting rebounds for my

team.”

Miller said three things stood out in the loss — the inability to stop Kool, the offensive rebounds given up and not scoring after the team tied the game when they had open looks.

“(Kool) doesn’t shoot at a high, high percentage at three but when he gets it going early he can ride it out that way,” Miller said.

Miller said the Panthers felt they could cover him out of a zone because he was in an area.

“We had people there, we just couldn’t get to him,” Miller said. “Our plan was to crowd him on the catch, but for some reason we did not crowd him.”

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5:30 p.m. on ESPN2

NBA
Boston at Washington
7 p.m. on TNT

College basketball
Miami (Ohio) vs. Cincinnati
7:30 p.m. on ESPN2

College basketball
Florida vs. Syracuse
8 p.m. on ESPN

NBA
Orlando at Utah
9:30 p.m. on TNT