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BOOTH LIBRARY



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Colleen Doherty, a senior English major, reads in preparation for an essay Thursday in the atrium of Booth Library.

Making ends meet despite budget cuts

By Chacour Koop
Staff Reporter

Even though the demand for the library will go up finals week, Booth Library has been doing more with less.

For now, Booth Library is making ends meet despite budget cuts the whole university has endured. If the budget reductions continue, those using the library will have less books and older equipment. Library faculty already has less student assistants.

Allen Lanham, the dean of Library Services, is pleased the library has continued to provide sufficient service to its patrons even though the operating budget has been reduced 25 percent.

“I’m just glad there haven’t been major cuts in terms of laying people off,” Lanham said.

Lanham said open job positions are taking longer to fill, while other positions have yet to be filled.

Peggy Manley, administrative assistant at Booth Library, said mini-

mum wage has increased as the operating budget decreases. This means less students work and some experience a reduction in hours. Manley said this has left library employees stretched thinner than preferred.

The library also has fewer work-study positions to offer students, Lanham said. Sarah Schultz, a sophomore elementary education major, has a work-study position as an assistant at the library technology services desk.

“I was talking to my supervisor before and she said we usually have more work-study positions,” Schultz said. “I’m just happy to have a job here.”

Schultz said the library usually has 20 work-study positions and now has eight.

The book and materials budget has not been reduced like the operating budget. Booth Library receives its book and material, budget allowance from university administration, which decided to keep it the same. Marlene Slough, head of ac-

quisitions, said the last increase in the book and materials budget was in 2007.

Included in the book and materials budget are the online databases. Manley said these are the most expensive portion of the book and materials budget and cost \$20,000 to \$30,000 to maintain each year.

“We’re paying whatever it costs to keep those databases going and they’re not giving us any breaks,” Lanham said.

This means fewer books in print, microform, and other print materials are purchased each year. Lanham said this does not mean databases have priority over print materials; rather the library is able to control spending on print materials easier.

Even though the books and materials budget is not reduced, inflation has made it harder to purchase as many print materials. Science books have always been expensive Lanham said, but now humanities books are expensive as well.

Grants have been a large source

of income, but as money in the state budget decreased, so too have grants the library uses for new books, Lanham said.

The library has the most used computer lab on campus and over the next few years, these computers will not be replaced as they normally have. Manley said the library was on a four-year rotation to receive new computers. Last year was the first time the library was unable to buy new computers.

“As time goes on and as technology morphs, people expect to have the newest and the best,” Lanham said.

In times of economic downturn, the library is being cautious of what it spends but does not avoid purchasing the necessities.

“Some things you don’t change, just because they’re temporary,” Lanham said. “The last few years have been very sporadic and there is nothing you can depend upon.”

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WEATHER

Heavy storm forecasted

Prepare for bad roads

By Allison Twaits
& Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor & News Editor

If students from Eastern plan on traveling this week, meteorologists suggest they should reconsider their plans.

Lt. Brad Oyer from the Charleston Police Department said students should avoid traveling this weekend, but if absolutely necessary, they should leave as soon as possible to avoid the storm.

“There is no place where you have to go that is that important to where you have to risk your life over,” said Oyer. “Every year we have bad accidents and injuries of people who could have simply waited out the storm.”

The current forecast calls for a combination of ice, wind and snow for the upcoming weekend.

Cameron Craig, a geographer and climatologist at Eastern said if the low moves north, the area will get more rain; if the low moves south, the area could get more snow.

Currently the low is heading for Chicago; however that could change, over the next 48 hours.

Based on the last three to four years it is unusual to have these snow events this early.

Craig said this is quite extreme but that is not to say it’s not normal.

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CAMPUS

Committee does not recommend name change after vote

Staff Report

The Naming Committee voted to not recommend changing the name of Stephen Douglas Hall to Fredrick Douglass Hall Thursday afternoon.

The naming committee makes recommendations to the president concerning the naming of facilities on campus, according to the committee’s bylaws.

One of the committee’s main reasons for not changing the name came from the idea that Douglas Hall is part of a complex that was named for the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

The vote also comes from the 220 votes against changing the name from the referendum question during the student government’s election this week.

During student government elections, 313 people voted overall.

Vicki Woodard, coordinator of public information, was invited to the meeting. The meeting was not open to the public, but Woodard confirmed the information.

Bob Martin, vice president for university advancement was also in attendance.

President Bill Perry will next review the case and then for final consideration it will go to the Board of Trustees, which will not meet until January.

CUPB University to launch strategic planning effort

Proposal to be revealed to the CUPB

By Amy Wywialowski & Shelley Holmgren
Staff Reporter
& Administration Editor

The Council on University Planning and Budgeting will discuss Eastern’s new strategic planning effort at its final meeting of the semester today.

William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, will be presenting to the council about the strategic planning process that will officially begin in January.

“We are going to be sharing with the council specific detail of what the process will look, what to expect from it, as well as the possible desired results.

Weber will also reveal the project to the council and invite members to join the committee, and inviting council members to join the

committee.

Weber described the strategic Planning process as a means to produce a plan for where the university wants to be in the next five to 10 years.

He said the committee will choose five to 10 major themes and create goals for Eastern’s academic and financial future.

They will then come up with ideas on how to meet these goals. The committee will then present its complete plan to the Board of Trustees at the January meeting.

President William Perry said the steering committee will be focusing on three of the objectives proposed.

“In my experience, when someone tries to take too many things on at once, nothing gets accomplished,” Perry said.


Perry said the planning for this process began in the beginning of the semester.

After plans have been implemented for the first three objectives, the committee will return to the other objectives.

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EIU weather

TODAY



Mostly Sunny
High: 40°
Low: 29°

TOMORROW



Rain/Snow
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Low: 23°

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what's on tap

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Win Stuff 2010
University Housing and Dining Services will be giving away prizes to its residents during the women's and men's basketball games at Lantz Arena.
Prizes include a single room upgrade, good for the residence halls or Greek Court during the 2011-2012 academic year, and a series of oversized gift baskets from Panther Catering.

SUNDAY

2 p.m. Art exhibition awards
The award-winning art and artists from the "18th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois Exhibition" will be announced and celebrated at a reception at the Tarble Arts Center.
Admission is free to all and the public are invited to attend.

MONDAY

5 p.m. Holiday party
Students and members of the Charleston community are invited to join faculty and staff for this year's holiday party at Old Main.
The theme, "Gift of Green," will celebrate "green living" efforts taking place on campus.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

Slick with the stick



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Jeremy Wright, a freshman sociology major, plays pool Thursday in Taylor Hall.

ONLINE



Celebrity Smack Talk with Alex:

"I hear Kim Kardashian is pregnant! Jesus, another rich baby who doesn't do anything with her life except inheriting money because her dad was involved in some way with the OJ Simpson trial.
But wait! This baby's dad is not Kim's dad. Apparently it is... get this... KANYE WEST'S BABY." Read the rest of Alex's blog at DENNews.com

Check out these stories at DENNews.com

Stress at college

Students with mental and physical health problems face a shortage of available psychiatric treatments.

Disabilities

Students with disabilities may not know their rights.

Plagiarism on rise

Teachers are seeing more plagiarism in final papers this year than in previous years.

Jobu performs at Eastern

The Champaign-based band showed their talent at the 7th Street Underground.

CAMPUS

Fall graduation schedule

On Dec. 18, the graduates of Fall 2010 will walk across the stage in Lantz Arena to receive their diplomas; however, there are a few things each student needs to know before the big day.

The commencement ceremony for the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences and the College of Arts & Humanities will take place at 10 a.m. The commencement ceremony for the College of Education & Professional studies, the College of Sciences and the School of Continuing Education will take place at 1 p.m.

Tickets will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Dec. 16-17 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Each student walking in the 10 a.m. ceremony

will receive eight tickets, while each student walking in the 1 p.m. ceremony will receive six tickets.

Cap and gown distribution will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Dec. 16-17 in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Union.

Students should be at the Lantz Field House one hour before the ceremony.

One photograph will be taken while the student receives his or her diploma and two will be taken after the student leaves the stage.

Cap and gown return will take place in the Student Recreation Center immediately following the ceremony.

Ninth Street Productions will sell copies of each ceremony at \$25 each and \$10 for each additional copy.

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EIU History Lesson

December 10

1997

A memorial service was conducted in memory of Matthew Franks, a 21-year-old junior health studies major, in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Franks died Nov. 10 of complications from an asthma attack.

1985

The Daily Eastern News reported that city officials were concerned that a 1,500-foot channel, heading toward Charleston's reservoir and threatening the city's water supply, was a danger to the thousands of tourists who came in town to see it. The channel formed after a dam broke in November, draining Lake Charleston.

1978

The Daily Eastern News reported the football team's championship victory over the University of Delaware. The 10-9 win marked the first NCAA-II national championship in Panther history and the team's first winning season in 17 years.

EVENT

Theatre arts department showcases work

By Erin Riedl
Staff Reporter

A variety of “scene” performances, verbal pieces and costume designs were shown Thursday night at the first theatre arts department showcase.

The showcase took place in the Doudna Fine Arts Center in the Movement Studio.

Jean Wolski, the interim chair of the theatre arts department, and Mary Yarbrough, an instructor, along with other faculty, came up with the idea of the showcase at the beginning of the semester.

“We wanted a chance for students to show what they’ve been working on all semester,” Wolski said.

Yarbrough said she used to do a showcase just for a class she taught and thought it would be a good idea to expand it to the department.

Four students from the interpretive class and four students from the design class presented at the showcase.

Elyse Waggoner, a senior theatre arts major, displayed costumes she designed for “Translations,” a play that was performed earlier in the semester.

Waggoner said she usually leans more toward performing, but felt that costume design would be a great learning experience.

“I have worked in the costume

shop for two years; when I was asked to design the costumes, I was honored,” Waggoner said.

Anthony Boyd, a sophomore theatre arts major, performed a poem by Daniel Beatty titled “Knock Knock.”

Boyd said he practiced the piece for two days prior to the showcase.

“I chose this piece because it relates to me and my family,” Boyd said.

He plans to perform this piece elsewhere if he is asked to.

“The showcase was a great way for everyone to show what they’ve been working on all semester,” Boyd said.

Gianni Adorno, a sophomore theatre arts major, presented a scarecrow that he made for a costume class.

The basis for the scarecrow project was to make a scarecrow with a combination of something that really scares someone and something that the same person really loves.

His scarecrow was inspired by his best friends’ fear of spiders and love of Katy Perry.

“I believe the showcase went really well and can’t wait for the next one,” Adorno said.

The department hopes to hold a second showcase at the end of the upcoming spring semester.

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Elyse Waggoner, a senior theater arts major, shows off her costume designs for the play “Translations” at the theatre arts department showcase at Doudna Fine Arts Center Thursday.

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SERVICE

Groups raise international funds

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Editor

As Muhammad Rizwan left his home in Islamabad, Pakistan in August, he knew the country needed help.

In early July, a flood overtook 60 percent of the country destroying crops, homes and infrastructure.

Though Rizwan’s home in Islamabad was not directly affected, the flood affected more than 20 million people and countless others will be affected, as crops and food supply were destroyed.

“The whole country is under oppression with food problems; vegetable prices have rose because the crops were destroyed,” Rizwan said. “We have had very difficult times.”

More than four months later, Pakistan is still in turmoil. And while the United Nations has asked the world to give aid, Rizwan felt that more

needed to be done. With this mindset, he has helped launch a campaign with the Association of International Students, the Asian American Association and the Latin American Student Organization to raise funds.

This is the second national disaster Pakistan has seen within five years.

“Even a developed country would have a hard time paying for this in such a short amount of time,” Rizwan said.

The country is now experiencing severe weather conditions with much of the population living in tents while their houses are rebuilt.

“We are committed to rebuild,” Rizwan said. “We are a hard-working and strong country. We use our own resources, but even the infrastructure was destroyed.”

The student groups worked together to raise money for different causes in the past, and this year their efforts

have been focused on raising awareness about the flood.

The groups donated ribbons to raise awareness and accepted donations at the Sounds of the World and International Festival.

Shaukat Sheikh, a second year graduate student from the communication studies and technology departments and a student from Pakistan, said this was the worst flood in more than 80 years.

“We should be thankful for what we have here,” Sheikh said. “And if we contribute a little, a little for us can be a big difference for the lives of the people who are suffering.”

The organizations chose to donate the money directly to the International Islamic University.

Donations are still being accepted.

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AB

AB approves \$13,235 UB request

By Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government Editor

The Apportionment Board approved the \$13,235 request Thursday made by University Board Special Events committee.

The AB tabled the UB’s request last week because of the possibility for depleted funds after it approved student government’s \$4,519.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy said the depletion of the AB’s reserve was not something they needed to concern themselves with.

“The whole reason we have this money is because the student fee replenishes itself,” said Murphy. “As things get more expensive, those fees increase.”

Katie Bosch, a senior accounting major and a member of the AB, was not in favor of allocating the UB \$13,235 and said they should have budgeted for the

whole school year, not just one semester.

Bosch said the biggest issue was that there was a \$39,000 budget that was spent in one semester.

“When we first came, all of the UB’s budget was cut. (Seawood) was told they could only be given the first half of the budget and then he would have to make a petition for the rest later,” Murphy said.

Ed Hart, a member of the AB, said other groups coming to the AB for money would most likely not be an issue because the deadline for additional allocation is Feb. 1, and the AB is a first come, first serve committee.

Seawood’s next step is to petition student government for his spring 2011 budget.

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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Finding
purpose
during finals

Renee Changnon
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For the students on the Quad with glazed over, bloodshot eyes thanks to all-nighters, the difficult reality is that the sleep deprivation and mounds of stress are our own faults.

While I’m sure many students are calm, cool and collected this week, I can assure everyone that probably over half of our campus is freaking out right now.

As the semester comes to a close, students gather in groups working on projects, studying for final exams or possibly reading the textbook for the first time. Why do we do this to ourselves?

Over the course of my semester having the pleasure of writing columns, one particular column I wrote was about not allowing yourself to procrastinate.

Easier said than done, I guess, as I must report that even with the advice I gave and attempted to follow, good-ol’ Mr. Procrastinator caught up with me, and as I can now see, with plenty other people as well.

We can continue to follow our semesters in cycles, where we start off strong, full of enthusiasm, only to wane into our end of the semester panic mode. So what can we do to alter years of bad habits?

Well, being a fan of reading quotes to seek wisdom, I came across this quote from a wise unknown person, who said, “Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.”

If you didn’t really let that quote sink in, I would advise reading it one more time.

Think about the damage procrastination can do to your success, happiness, and fulfillment in all you promise to do and achieve in your lives.

I think the thing that scares me the most about this idea is the fear of years passing, and questioning myself with all of the “what-ifs” in life.

Possibly you will regret skipping class and then not doing well in math; perhaps you’ll wish you had gotten the guts to tell someone you liked them; or maybe you’ll just wish you hadn’t let your life pass you by as all of the “I’ll do it tomorrows” flew by yesterday.

With the future of job offerings questionable and job security unknown, it is important that we go from the typical procrastinator to the go-getter.

In the competitive industries most of us will enter, a lackluster resume filled with just a few high school part-time jobs is not going to cut it.

This past week, the four inspirational guys from the MTV reality show “The Buried Life” were present at Illinois Wesleyan University.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

The grade for education not whole story

Eastern has always been known as a teaching school.

When the university was first built in 1895, it was a school for teachers. An article in Monday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News* said that 1 in 4 students are on some education track.

Yet, the National Council on Teacher Quality gave Eastern’s education program a “C” or a “fair,” as reported in Monday’s edition of the *DEN*. The elementary education department scored a “C” on the test while the secondary education program received a “C-.”

This score, however, was actually better or the same as many of the universities throughout the state including Illinois State University, Lewis University and the University of Illinois in Springfield.

This means that Eastern might not have done as bad as it may seem.

Also, the NCTQ may not have looked at all aspects of the education programs in the

state, as Dean Diane Jackman claims.

The NCTQ tested university programs on whether students were prepared to manage a classroom, if students are knowledgeable in their content area, if students know different types of assessments and whether the mentors are effective teachers.

However, the study did not test how an individual graduate performed in an actual classroom.

They only tested under certain circumstances, which could make the research incomplete.

Jackman said in the article Monday, “Principals and superintendents across the state tell me that they will hire an EIU teacher education graduate if one is available. Our graduates are well prepared to assume a position as a teacher.”

If school districts will hire Eastern students and want Eastern students, then Eastern should have scored higher on the research.

The qualified professors that work at Eastern feel that they are preparing students for the workplace and many of these teachers have experience working in their own classrooms as well.

So, do not look down on yourself, Eastern.

The university is still known for its education program and students still chose to come here for that reason.

If the researchers really looked closely at Eastern’s graduates and really looked at how Eastern’s graduates preformed in the workplace, Eastern would have definitely gotten a higher score.

While this does show that there may be some room for improvement, it still shows that Eastern can still compete and do better than many of the other schools in the state.

Eastern is still a great teaching school and the students here will all be well prepared for the classrooms they are placed in. Keep up the good work, Eastern.

FROM THE EASEL

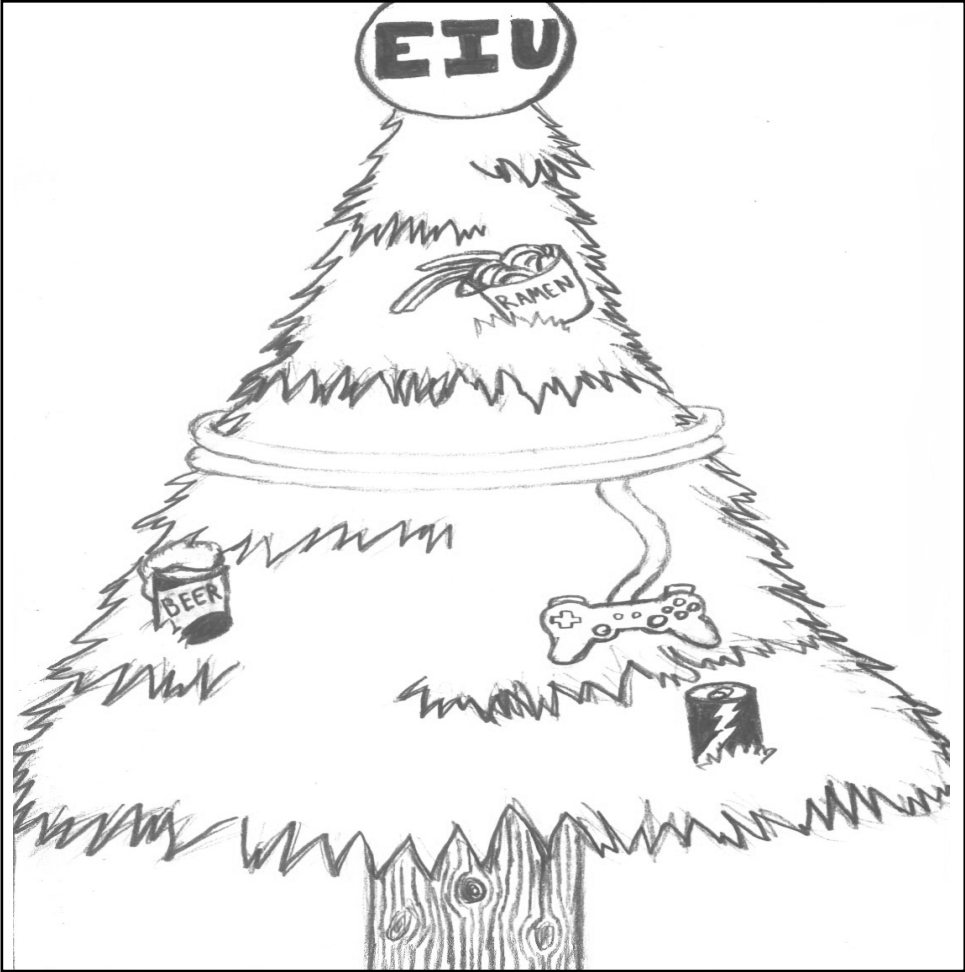


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COLUMN

Do not read this if you like complaining

I’ve been thinking a lot about complaints and the complaining complainers who make them.

You know them. They come in to an air-conditioned room yelling about how hot it is outside. They stress all the homework they are given, but make no effort to do it until the last moment.

A problem I’m found in thinking about these complainers is twofold. One, by thinking about them I am giving them the attention they are seeking. Two, if I am not careful, I might mention these thoughts about complainers to those around me and in essence become what I loathe.

That’s not entirely fair and, joking aside, I readily acknowledge there is a right time and place for complaining. If it weren’t for complaining, Ghandi might not have known how to protest and would have never been the toga-wearing symbol for peaceful resistance and India would still be a subject of the British Empire. If it weren’t for complaining, Rosa Parks might have given up her seat on the city bus and the topic of segregation of public property



Doug T. Graham

might never have been resolved.

The complaining of these historical figures led to positive change on a major level because they chose to complain about something that was worth investing energy in fixing.

It would be simple to say, “everyone stop complaining!” and be done with it. The problem is with Twitter and Facebook, there are more avenues through which to complain than ever before.

I’ve found it helps to call things that people complain about that aren’t worth complaining about as “white people problems,” after the popular internet video of the same name. The video, which was made by the Selwyn Brothers and posted on atom.com lampoons the prob-

lems experienced by well-to-do white people. It is done in the style of a rap video and features a pair of white people rapping about how they can’t find a good Prius mechanic and that one hurt his back trying out a new yoga pose.

I don’t consider the term “white people problems” to be racial in nature. I would call them “middle-class people problems,” but it doesn’t exactly roll off the tongue.

It all boils down to this: as students at Eastern we have it fairly easy compared to the rest of the world. I know you got sick of being reminded there are children starving in Africa when your parents told you it to get you to eat your peas, but it is true. By complaining about your trifling, minor problems you are treating them like they have merit in the grand scheme of things and are insulting those who do have problems.

Also, you are forcing me to complain. Thanks.

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NATION

Rail money goes elsewhere

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is taking \$1.2 billion in high-speed rail money away from Ohio and Wisconsin and awarding it to 12 other states, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Thursday.

Both Ohio and Wisconsin have elected incoming Republican governors who oppose the rail projects. Those governors, whose states have been hit hard by the economic downturn, had asked if they could divert the money to other projects.

But LaHood said he was awarding the money to states that are eager to have it for their rail projects.

High-speed trains will not only improve transportation but reinvigorate manufacturing and put people back to work in jobs that pay well, LaHood predicted in a statement.

States gaining the most money include California, \$624 million; Florida, \$342 million; Washington, \$161 million; and Illinois, \$42 million. Other states receiving lesser amounts include New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, North Carolina, Iowa, Vermont and Indiana.

A commuter rail line in Wisconsin between Milwaukee and Chicago will still get about \$2 million.

In Ohio, Gov.-elect John Kasich had declared dead a project that would have created passenger train service between Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland.

He had requested that LaHood allow him to use the \$400 million in federal funds on other transportation projects like road construction or freight lines.

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Weber is excited for this effort to finally launch after months of preparation.

“We’re ultimately planning for when today’s kindergarten-third graders will be becoming Eastern students,” Weber said.

Possible outcomes of the plan could be events or academic trends that will be necessary for the future student, he added.

While this process may sound very similar to that of the master plan, which was recently completed, Weber explained that the two projects are very different.

“This plan will provide more academic and business specific goals and eventual actions,” Weber said. “It’s more of what we do, while the master plan was more of what we

STORM, from page 1

Charleston has seen events with these extreme events in the past.

On Dec. 10, 1917, the temperatures were in the negatives with a record low of minus 1. However, these are extreme cases; usually around this time of year temperatures are seen at a low of 26 and high around 42. For those who are staying in Charleston, Oyer advises students to avoid driving during the storm.

“It is important to wait for the snowplows after the storm to clear the roads before making any trips,” Oyer said.

Craig said then to add to the compound of problems, Illinois is looking at an arctic air mass moving in that will drop temperatures. We went from 92 in October to now we are getting into below freezing temperatures.

“If students are planning to head home they should give it a second thought.” “Nobody should be traveling,” Craig said. “Those who go to Chicago will end up missing Monday or Tuesday finals.” Craig said with the combination of ice, snow and wind it will be difficult for the road crews to clear the roads, but it is still too early to make an estimate of the amount of snow the area will receive with this type of storm.

“But if students have to travel, they should take it easy heading back,” Craig said.

Next week the high will be in the mid to upper teens.

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43 See 37-Across

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45 Measures of volume

46 House of prayer

47 Spirited response?

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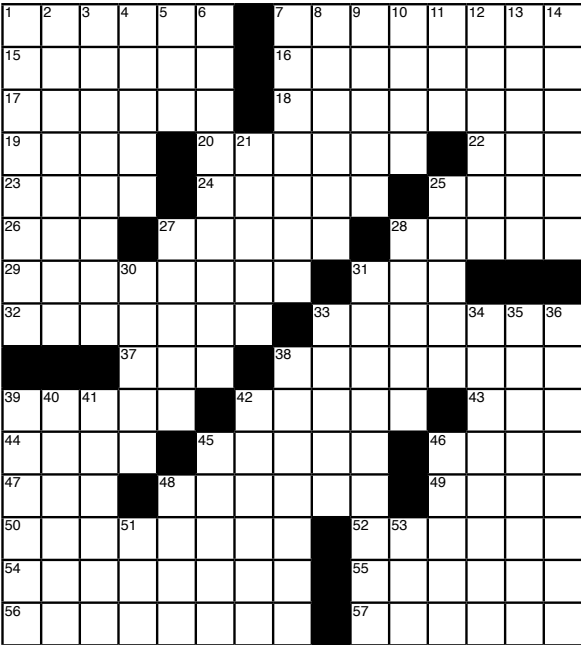
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1 "You played well"	21 Approved, as a contract	
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“We can dwell on the losses, we just got to keep moving (forward),” Hollowell said.

Senior guard Curry McKinney agreed with Hollowell and said the Panthers will be fine and they are improving despite the two straight losses.

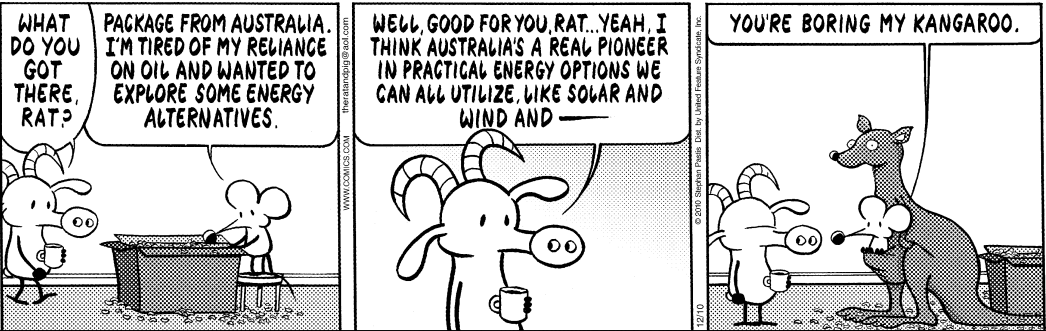
“We have been good rebounding, but it has been tough (losing the last two games),” McK-inney said.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. following Eastern’s women’s basketball game against University of Illinois-Chicago at 4 p.m.

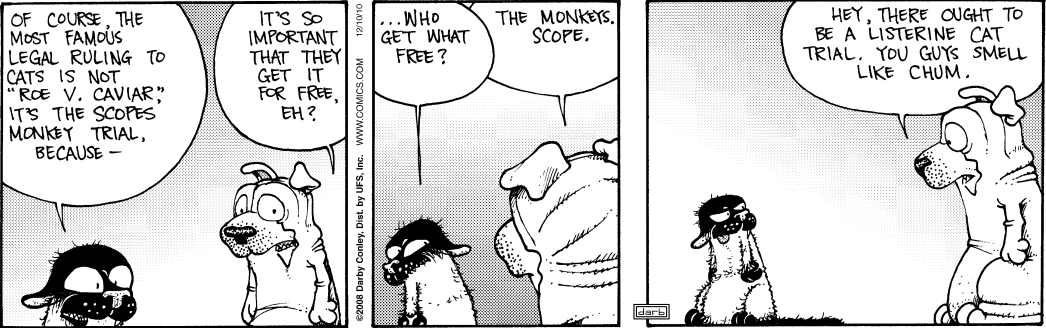
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STATE
Remembering Ron Santo

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO — They came to pay their respects to Ron Santo, with stories of watching him gobble up grounders at third base or listening to him suffer on the radio as the Cubs dropped another game.

More than 400 people braved the snowy, windy weather Thursday afternoon in a line

that snaked around Holy Name Cathedral to see the casket holding the former baseball great and broadcaster, who died Friday of bladder cancer at age 70.

One man said that when he visits baseball’s Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., he will always ask where the Santo exhibit is — knowing, as any angry Cubs fan does, that Santo was never enshrined there.

SHINE, from page 8

Also, Akers said that he looks forward to seeing some of his newly added talent compete and reach their full potential.

“We’ve got a number of new faces that have really impressed the coaching staff, so we are pretty excited about that,” Akers said.

With the men’s side being loaded with seniors, the women’s side of the team is somewhat of the opposite. The women’s team lacks the senior numbers that the men have, but still look to remain competitive.

“On the women’s side, we lost a number of seniors from last year, like Kandace Arnold and Chandra Golden, Shawana Smith, those types of girls who had been productive since day one in our program,” Akers said. “Now we have a lot of young faces on the ladies side. It’s going to be interesting to see how they transition.”

Akers said he wants his newer women’s

team members to get out of their high school mentality and wishes to see them progress throughout the team’s practices this season.

“(The women’s team) is starting to take a little bit of ownership, but we’ll find out when the first actual meet takes place if they’re ready to step it up and be ready to compete,” Akers said.

Akers said that this first meet will be a good eye opener for the newer, younger teammates as to what college track and field is really all about.

After the EIU Early Bird, the Panthers will not compete again until after the holiday break. The Panthers will travel to Madison, Wis. for the Wisconsin Invite, held at the University of Wisconsin on Jan. 15.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team wants to get even

By Rob Mortell
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball team is attempting to go 2-2 on its four game home stand with a win against in-state rival Western Illinois on Saturday.

The Panthers are currently 1-2 on the home stand, but they have lost two consecutive games in which they held a double-digit lead.

The first loss came to Austin Peay 77-73 in overtime. At one point in the second half, the Panthers had a 13-point lead, but they were unable to hang on for the win. The next loss came Wednesday against Ball State, where they once held an 11-point lead.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said it is important for the Panthers to bounce back after two tough losses, but in order to do that they need to perform better.

"We need to make plays," Miller said.

Western Illinois comes to Lantz arena with a 5-4 record, while Eastern has a 3-6 record. The Panthers are 2-3 at home this season.

The Panthers have been able to beat Western two of the last three years. Last year, Eastern was able to beat the Leathernecks 44-41 in Macomb.

The Panthers were led by who scored 15 points and grabbed five rebound. David Nurse led West-

"We have been good rebounding, but it has been tough (losing the last two games)."

Curry McKinney, guard

ern with 14 points scored; however, Nurse was a senior last year and is no longer a part of the team.

This year Matt Lander leads the Leathernecks offensively, he is averaging 18.4 points and 2.3 rebounds per game. Ceola Clark is the only other player averaging double-digit points at 10.7 per game.

Western is a solid defensive team holding their opponents to 58.9 points per game, while the Panthers allow 67.6 points per game.

Western has had a tough non-conference schedule thus far as it lost 66-61 to No. 16 Missouri and it lost 64-55 to Wyoming.

Red-shirt sophomore James Hollowell is leading the Panthers in rebounding and block. He said despite their recent struggles he feels they are still in good shape.

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James Hollowell, a red-shirt sophomore forward, goes up for the shot against Ball State. The Panthers play Western Illinois Saturday evening at Lantz Arena.

TRACK AND FIELD

Looking for new faces to shine

Early bird meet starts at 3 p.m. Friday

By Dominic Renzetti
Staff Reporter

The Eastern track and field team will start its indoor season this Friday with a home meet at the Lantz Fieldhouse.

The EIU Early Bird meet will give the Panthers a taste of competition before the upcoming winter break.

The meet is scheduled to begin with the field events at 3:00 pm, followed by the running events at 4:10 pm.

The meet will feature competition from schools such as Indiana State, Cincinnati, Butler, and Chicago State. The meet will also feature the women's teams of Northern Illinois and Kennesaw State.

The Panthers will look to avenge a second place finish to Indiana State at last season's EIU Early Bird. Indiana State beat out the Panthers on both the men's and women's levels with scores of 204 and 211, compared to Eastern's 159 and 183.

Head coach Tom Akers said he has been happy with his team's offseason training thus far and is confident in their abilities to perform come Friday.

"The guys are looking real strong," Akers said. "I think we've got a heavy senior class this year. I think they have got some high expectations, and they've been working really hard. I think they are in a real good spot right now."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach calls for competitive practices

By Alex McNamee
Sports Editor

Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Saltee said, the team needs to practice better during the week of practice in order to be more prepared for its opponents.

Wednesday, Saltee said the team was not executing well in the loss to Indiana State. Saltee said the team has to be able to compete better.

Competing more in practice will result in competing better in the game, Saltee said.

The Panthers struggled against the Sycamores' defense Wednesday, shooting 26 percent from the field in the 59-50 loss.

"We have to be able to simulate the defense we're playing," Saltee said. "We're not doing that."

The Panthers got beat up in the paint by Shannon Thomas, who notched 15 points and 15 rebounds against Eastern Wednesday.

"We need to compete better, we have to practice at game speed."

Brady Saltee, women's basketball head coach

day.

In order for the Panthers to change this, Saltee said, the team needs to have a new mindset in practice.

"We need to practice better and more consistently," Saltee said.

Saltee said sometimes the players will just go through the motions in practice, but he said that needs to change.

"We need to compete better," Saltee said. "We have to practice at game speed."

In practice, Saltee said the team sometimes gets a false sense of security because everything always goes right.

Wednesday, not everything

went right.

The Panthers only shot 25 percent from the three-point line and 75 percent from the free throw line.

In the first half, the Panthers were 1-of-9 from beyond the arc. In the second half, the Panthers were only 7-of-30 from the field.

"We need to execute better," Saltee said.

Saturday, the Panthers will welcome Illinois-Chicago to Lantz Arena, where the Panthers are 3-1 this season. Lantz Arena has been good to the Panthers. They are 1-4 on the road.

Illinois-Chicago is led by Jasmine Bailey, who averages 13

points per game, and Briana Hinkle, who averages 12 points per game.

The Flames are 4-3 this season. They have a better road record, 2-1, than home record, 2-2.

After the game against Illinois-Chicago, the Panthers will have three more non-conference games – one against Valparaiso and two against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

So far this season, the Panthers have three players averaging 10 or more points per game. Sophomore forward Mariah King leads the team with 13 points per game, while sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon averages just under 12 and junior forward Chantelle Pressley scores 11 per game.

The game against Illinois-Chicago is set to begin at 4 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena.

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Kelsey Wyss, a sophomore guard, goes for the three against Austin Peay Dec. 4 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers play Illinois-Chicago Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

NATIONAL SPORTS

College Basketball
St.Louis at Duke
11 a.m. on WCIA

College Basketball

Auburn at Rutgers
11:30 a.m. on ESPN2

College Basketball

Wisconsin at Marquette
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College Basketball

Washington at Texas A&M
3:30 p.m. on ESPN2

NBA

Minnesota at Chicago
7p.m. on WGN

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball

Saturday vs. Western Illinois
6 p.m. – Lantz Arena

Women's Basketball

Saturday - Illinois-Chicago
4 p.m. – Lantz Arena

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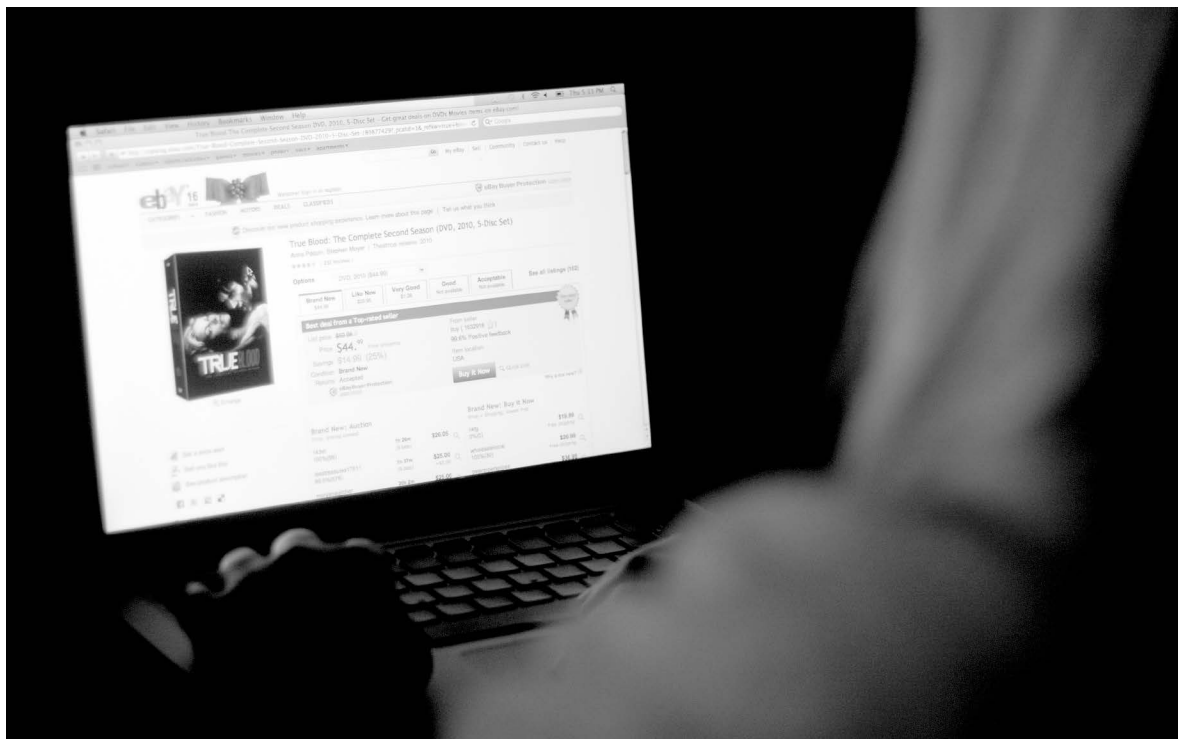


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Deals catered to last-minute web shoppers abound online

By Brad Merkle
Verge Reporter

Cyber Monday may be long gone, but as the holiday season continues there are still several great places to find last-minute online deals. Through searching several of the major online stores, consumers are still able to find the most sought after deals of the holiday shopping season. Major online stores from the likes of Amazon.com, Newegg.com, and Wal-Mart.com are offering online deals for last-minute shoppers.

The all-new Kindle has been Amazon.com's number-one best-selling item for two years running. It is also the most-wished-for, most-gifted and has the most five-star reviews of any product on Amazon. The Kindle is a wireless reading device that now features built-in Wi-Fi, and a six-inch display with E Ink Pearl Technology that gives it 5 percent better contrast for \$140. Followed by the Kindle is the fourth generation 8 GB Apple iPod touch for

\$215.

Movie buffs can turn to Amazon.com, which has several DVD and Blu-Rays on sale for \$17.99. Best sellers include "Inception," a three-disc Blu-ray/DVD Combo and Digital Copy, The Twilight Saga: "Eclipse," (Two-Disc Special Edition) as well as "Toy Story 3," DVD for the more light-hearted viewers.

For the photographers around campus, Amazon has some things for you as well. The Kodak PlaySport (Zx3) HD waterproof pocket video camera bundle gives you everything you need to start recording once you open the box. This bundle includes the Kodak PlaySport waterproof pocket video camera, a 4 GB memory card, flexible tripod and remote control for home viewing for \$140.

Walmart.com is up to its usual antics in the online competitor's circle with free site-to-store shipping on all items, as well as free shipping to one's home for most items. On top of that, they are continuing their price match guarantee. They are doing something a little different this year and offering things in bundles, such as LG 42" 1080P HDTV and PlayStation 3 ultimate entertainment bundle that includes LG 42" LCD 1080p 60Hz HDTV, Play-

station 3 160GB console, Nyko pure HD HDMI cable, choice of one game, two movies, choice of one controller, and choice of one Blu-ray remote control for PS3 for \$899. Wal-Mart is offering several different camera bundles as well, most including a camera, case and extra memory card for very fair prices.

Newegg is doing what they refer to as hassle-free holiday shopping, the Iron Egg Guarantee, which includes free shipping, 60-day returns and price guarantee for all items sold on the site. Some hot-button items on the site is a Kingston 4GB secure digital high-capacity (SDHC) flash card for \$7.50, as well as a Samsung slim DVD burner for \$40.

According to econsultancy.com, in the US holiday season to date, US shoppers spent \$9.01 billion online, a 13 percent increase when compared with the same period in 2009, and ComScore predicts that online retail spending for the November to December period will reach \$32.4 billion, up 11 percent from last year.

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Local stores get boost from holiday sales

By Sara Hall
Verge Reporter

Although many people headed off to big-box retailers on Black Friday for their holiday shopping, others still chose to shop locally.

The local commerce in Charleston has been doing especially well this holiday season.

Bryce Reisteck, assistant manager at Charleston's Rural King, said the store has been experiencing an increase in consumers.

"People have been coming out to shop every day," he said. "We have increased numbers from last year. We've had more customers and transactions overall."

Troy Tolan, sales clerk at Positively Fourth Street, said the store also has been doing well.

"We've seen a steady increase in holiday shopping so far," he said. "More and more people are needing help picking out Christmas gifts."

Allison Kostelich, first assistant manager at Charleston's Maurices, said the store has been experiencing a good shopping season.

"(The holiday season) has been really good for our store and the company in general," Kostelich said.

Many shoppers often choose local stores for their exclusive inventory. These stores provide consumers with merchandise that they often cannot find elsewhere.

"We don't really have any other competition other than the bookstore for Eastern clothing," Tolan said. "There's really no other place like this in town. It's almost an hour drive for (any place) comparable."

Since local stores are smaller and more personal, they are able to do things that mass chains cannot, such as customized purchases.

"We do special orders, which is nice," Tolan said. "We do custom T-shirts and sweatshirts. And if we don't have something

in stock (in the store), we can order it (for the customer)."

Although sometimes online shopping can take away from local business, in some instances, it can actually be beneficial for certain stores.

"It helps (Maurices) because if we don't have the sizes people need, we can have it shipped here to the store," Kostelich said. "We have a good relationship with ecommerce."

Reisteck said he believes online shopping helps keep the customers informed.

"(The customers) know more what they want rather than coming in blind," he said. "They are doing more of their own research and know what they need."

At stores like Rural King, customers can find a variety of items to fulfill their shopping needs.

"We have a good toy section," Reisteck said. "More than anything, (people buy) the main products, such as animal feeds, hunting season items and sporting goods."

Rural King also offered customers some deals.

"A gun safe was marked down quite a bit," Reisteck said. "We also had a bunch of power tools and tool sets."

Kostelich explained some of the best-advertised deals at Maurices.

"We have polar fleeces and jeans for \$19.90 each," she said. "The under \$20 sales tend to be good."

Kostelich also said some of the most popular items this season at Maurices are the "jeggings" and boots.

Kostelich expects the holiday shopping season to continue strongly.

"We expect it to stay pretty steady," she said. "People are coming in now shopping for a certain person for their holiday gifts."

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Calendar of Events

Saturday:

What: “It’s a Wonderful Life”
When: 7 p.m.
Where: The Theater in Doudna Fine Arts Center
Cost: \$15; \$12, EIU employees/seniors; \$7, students
Details: The “live broadcast” of Frank Capra’s film will take the audience back to the Golden Age of Radio. The WVL studio’s “On Air” sign lights up and the heartwarming holiday classic comes to life through the bygone radio formula of a few hardworking actors, live sound effects — and a listener’s imagination. It is produced by North Carolina Stage Company and Immediate Theatre Project. See page 3B for more details.

Off-campus event: Fear and Loathing in Chuck Vegas
When: 2 p.m.-1 a.m.
Where: Friends & Co.
Cost: \$10
Details: The same people who organized the Woodchuck Festival of Music and Art are hosting this day long concert series at Friends. There will be two costume contests, a Hunter S. Thompson look-a-like contest and a Fear

and Loathing costume contest. The bands include Astro Boogie Productions, Dog of Panic, GURG, The Hearsay, Weather Underground, Big Wig Mechanic, Little Boy Jr., Spread and BrainChild.

Off-campus event: Senior Week at the Penalty Box Bar and Grill
When: All weekend
Where: Penalty Box Bar and Grill

Details: As the semester is coming to an end. The Penalty Box wants to send off the graduating seniors with a week-long celebration. Every day of the week they will be doing Dollar Days, which includes \$1 specials on domestic cans, mixed drinks and shots. Live DJ’s will be performing each night.

Sunday:

What: Graduate Student Egg-Stravaganza
When: 7-11 p.m.
Where: Klehm Hall Room 1418
Cost: Free
Details: All graduate students are invited to join GSAC and The Graduate School to enjoy a free breakfast food feast to gear-up for finals week.

Art: Space



Untitled Mural by Willet's 2D Design class

Each week in Art: Space the Verge works to display a piece of student work around campus. This week the Verge is featuring a work of a Michael Willet's 2D Design class, which can be found on the walls of a staircase in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The class was divided into four separate groups and was tasked

with creating images with crayola chalk that would flow and transform from one group to the next. Students were told to incorporate and respond to the architecture as well.

Willet explained that the design was based off of a surrealist technique or game called the “exquisite corpse.”

“It is a method of collabora-

tion between artists,” said Willet, “where individual parts are drawn together unknowingly to create one image.”

Willet first had the students brainstorm ideas for what their transformation would be.

Shelbi Borta, freshman graphic design major, and Ian Russel, also a freshman graphic design major, are part of the group working on an anthropomorphic snowball. They both agree that the assignment has been difficult for them.

“Especially when you have to draw high with no rulers or measurements,” said Borta. “It can be tough to get the proportions right.”

Neither Borta or Russel have worked on a drawing this large, but are still trying to incorporate everything they have learned this semester to make the drawing look three dimensional.

Willet said the challenge with the assignment is the large scale, but that overall the drawing has gone well even if a bit more planning could have gone into it.

He also stated that the drawings draw influence from graffiti culture and have allowed his class to experience a form of integrative learning.

Art: Space was photographed and compiled by Verge Reporter Seth Schroeder, who can be reached at 581-7944.

'Geek chic' fashion trending at Eastern

By Christopher O'Driscoll
 Assistant Online Editor

 This story also has a video on DENnews.com

Walking into Wal-Mart, next to the sunglasses, a shopper can find the latest fashion: glasses with no prescription. In other words, people are buying fake glasses.

On a college campus, students are buying into this fashion as a way to make themselves look smarter, stylish, older, younger or just different.

Brent Garner, a sophomore communication major, embraces this new fashion. He sports a pair of glasses without lenses. Wearing just frames, his fake glasses are obvious to his friends and classmates.

“People notice,” Garner said. “They give you a second look and ask, are there lenses in there?”

Megan Lau, a sophomore sociology major, boasts that her fake glasses were supposed to be \$10, but she paid only \$5.

Surprisingly, Lau actually needs glasses. She has actual prescription glasses, but wears the fake ones because they are “cuter.” She has an astigmatism in her left eye, but chooses looking cute over seeing clearly.

“I have Prada glasses, but I don’t wear them,” Lau said. “I wear these fake ones.”

Garner really likes the look of glasses, but never needed them. He had seen people wearing fake glasses before and just wanted to try something different.

Garner’s no-lens glasses served as a joke more than a fashion statement to him, calling the

glasses “ginormous” and “goofy.”

Garner would use his glasses to play jokes on people. He would take the glasses off and do something, then put them on and do something else, just to see if people would notice.

Lau’s fake glasses allow her to have a thicker frame and a brighter color than her real glasses, plus they match her hair color.

“A lot of girls, they come up and they’re like, ‘Your glasses are so cute,’” Lau said. “Most of them don’t ask if they’re real, but the people I know ask if they’re real because they’re like, ‘Oh, you just started wearing these.’”

Lau sees her glasses as the new fashion accessory.

“I just needed a new look,” Lau said.

Garner figures that he will have to get glasses eventually.

“Everyone else in my family wears them,” he said.

Garner has a pair of fake glasses with nonprescription lenses in them, but he wears both pairs, saying they still “look fake.”

“Some people just want to be different without being different,” Garner said, pointing out that glasses are a normal thing to wear.

Most nonprescription glasses look fake because they are based off of the style of sunglasses instead of the traditional styles of reading glasses. Some fake glasses even offer UV protection, effectively making them sunglasses.

Initially, fashion magazines like *Glamour* wrote articles about fake glasses as a fashion for women. Celebrities like Scarlett Johansson and Jessica Alba were spotted on the red

carpet or in movies wearing fake glasses.

Then, male celebrities like Kanye West and Josh Hartnett were seen with frames on their face and glasses were in style for all.

In the times of John Lennon and The Beatles, a similar fashion statement took place with real glasses. Lennon would perform almost blind. He did not like wearing glasses because they were not “groovy.”

Then one day he put on those iconic circle framed glasses, and the rest of pop culture followed.

Today, pop culture still wants to wear glasses, even if they are fake.

'Geek chic' continues on 4B



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'It's a Wonderful Life' radio show

By Nick Draper
Verge Reporter

Eastern will be hosting a unique stage version of "It's a Wonderful Life" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the Doudna Theatre.

Produced by the North Carolina Stage Company and the Immediate Theatre Project, the performance will be a faux radio broadcast depicting the original 1940s radio production.

"This is if you could see a radio broadcast of the film," said Dan Crews, director of Patron Services for Doudna. "You'll see live action on the (stage), in kind of a 1940s set. But you're also gonna use your imagination a little bit because they'll be telling the story right in front of you."

The performance will feature a sound effects table, microphones, and other props you might find on a broadcast. Audience participation will also be a part of the show.

"It gives people who didn't grow up in the radio days part of the active theatre performance," said



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'It's a Wonderful Life: Live From WVL Radio Theatre' will be put on by The North Carolina Stage Company and Immediate Theatre.

Dwight Vaught, assistant dean and director of Doudna. "The audience will be like the audience of an old radio show."

The show's cast, made up of just a few actors and actresses, play employees of the radio theater and fill all of the roles of the production.

The theatre struggles to stay on the air, but the crew manages to push-

through despite the odds.

While the radio adaptation is not identical to the film, the general story of "It's a Wonderful Life" will remain the same.

"I think people are gonna experience something very different than just sitting down and watching the movies," said Vaught. "Maybe things will come out at them that they

hadn't really recognized before."

The story revolves around George Bailey who nearly kills himself after being accused of stealing money from his uncle's company. However, an angel named Clarence saves Bailey and shows him how much he means to his family and town.

Written by Frank Capra in 1946, the story reflects feelings of the Great Depression with failing banks, unemployment, and abysmally low morale. It counters these memories with feelings of hope, optimism and genuine Christmas joy.

"It's one of the greatest holiday

Christmas stories you could ever see in your life," Crews said. "Personally, it's my favorite."

Audiences will also experience something more viewing the production as a collective group, according to Vaught.

"If you're watching the movie you've got it with maybe your family and a few friends," Vaught said. "Now you've got this camaraderie and some common bond."

The North Carolina Stage Company travels around the midwest doing different stage productions of all varieties. They have been producing award-winning plays in Asheville, NC, since 2002 according to their website ncstage.org.

Immediate Theatre, the second producer of the show, is an up-and-coming theatre company that "aims to facilitate and invigorate artistic exchange between North American theater communities, large and small," according to their website immediatetheatre.org.

Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for Eastern employees and senior citizens, and \$7 for students and are available at Doudna ticket center or online at eiu.edu/doudna/tickets.php.

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The Best Entertainment of 2010

Editor's Note – It's our last issue of the semester and as the Verge staff says goodbye to 2010 we pause to reflect on what it was that entertained us most this year. Based on the results it is fair to say that we as a staff are partial to Leonardo DiCaprio movies, we enjoy indie music and we like role playing games. We wouldn't have it any other way. Let us know what you think by commenting on this story at dennews.com.

Christmas Specials



By Dan Cusack
Opinions Editor

Christmas time is here, which means television is filled with holiday specials, movies and events built around the season. Here are my holiday seasons top three individual television Christmas episodes!

3. Hey Arnold- A Hey Arnold Christmas

This classic animated Nickelodeon show had plenty of memorable characters (who can forget Stoop Kid?) and moments, but this Christmas special stands out. Arnold finds out his neighbor Mr. Hyunh is upset because he became separated from his daughter in the Vietnam war around Christmas years ago. Arnold sets out to try to find Hyunh's daughter, which can only be accomplished if Arnold can complete a Christmas list for an adoption agency employee. At the last moment, the normally selfish Helga gives up her boots to complete the last item on the list, so Mr. Hyunh can be reunited with his daughter. The episode is a take on the Christmas classic "The Gift of a Magi," and is poignant with a great message.

2. South Park- Mr. Hanky The Christmas Poo

Those who are not fans of the show dismiss it because of crude humor and bad animation, but are missing the best satire in American television. This episode features talking fecal matter, but the message is about how politically correct the holiday has become and how it alienates people of different religions. It is the most pointed criticism of the American culture probably since Charlie Brown.

1. Seinfeld- Festivus

This episode features a holiday created by Frank Costanza, because he was sick of the commercialization of Christmas. The Festivus celebration includes an aluminum pole (instead of a Christmas tree), an airing of grievances (where everyone sits around a table and tells each other how they have disappointed each other that year) and absolutely no tinsel.

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Video Games

- 1. Red Dead Redemption
- 2. Fallout: New Vegas
- 3. Mass Effect 2
- 4. Sid Meier's Civilization V
- 5. Call of Duty: Black Ops

MOVIES

- 1. Inception
- 2. Shutter Island
- 3. Toy Story 3
- 4. Get Him to the Greek
- 5. Despicable Me

MUSIC

- 1. Passion Pit- Manners
- 2. MGMT- Congratulations
- 3. The Black Keys- Brothers
- 4. Eminem- Recovery
- 5. Lady Gaga- The Fame Monster

Best of 2010



'Geek chic' from 2B

The new trend has been referred to as "clear glasses," "non-prescription glasses," "fake glasses" and the phase most popular with the fashion community: "geek chic glasses."

A poll conducted by thebudgetbabe.com asked 679 people if

they would wear geek chic glasses. Of those polled, 59 percent said yes, 35 percent said no and 5 percent were undecided.

According to Glamour magazine, the glasses infatuation may be embraced by Hollywood, but it started elsewhere.

Glamour suggests that America went geek chic with a certain vice-presidential candidate.

Sarah Palin launched onto the political scene in 2008 and quickly made headlines with her 21st-century vision of "librarian chic." Pointing to her bun-style hair and frame-less glasses, Glamour suggests that Palin stepped into America's living room and put glasses on the faces of Americans.

For those that have not tried glasses, geek chic college stu-

dents have some simple advice.

Garner suggests to try wearing glasses even if you do not need them, just to try it. He says some people look better or smarter, but that they never know unless they try on a pair.

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