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AGREEMENT

UPI contract ratification in sight

By Shelley Holmgren  
Administration Editor

Members of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois are in the process of voting to ratify the contract agreement that has been long awaited.

Chemistry professor Jon Blitz, the UPI/EIU chief negotiator, said Wednesday will be the final day for members to submit their votes; he expects the counting to be finalized that evening.

If the UPI membership votes to approve the contract, which Blitz expects will occur, it will next move to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The Board of Trustees will have a special meeting to make this decision at 9 a.m. on Feb. 23 in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Blitz said it is the UPI's goal to have the contract approved in order for university employees to see the negotiated raises reflected in their February paychecks, "but I don't know if that is going to happen."

In the tentative agreement, the Unit A and Unit B faculty will receive a 1.5 percent increase retroactive for this year, and a 1.25 percent increase next year.

History professor Sace Elder said she is satisfied with the contract given the

economic circumstances.

"Overall, we got a contract that reflects our concerns that lays the groundwork for future negotiations," she said.

However, one aspect that Elder wishes the contract did address was the encroachment of the Continuing Education program into the curriculum of the rest of the university.

"One of the things I'm concerned about is that continuing education is offering more and more classes that undergraduates are taking, rather than being limited to being offered for non-traditional students," she said. "I am not satisfied that there are institutional protections to prevent

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Sace Elder, history professor

students from flocking to the less expensive continuing education courses."

The School of Continuing Education extends the academic resources in a cost-efficient manner to

provide access to on and off-campus programs for the adult/nontraditional students in the state and beyond, according to the school's mission statement.

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CITY

McCann family to sue Graywood

By Elizabeth Edwards  
City Editor

The family of Paul McCann filed a lawsuit against the Graywood Foundation, Thursday.

The wrongful death lawsuit alleges that Graywood failed to protect McCann, a developmentally disabled man, from the abuse he received from two caregivers.

McCann, 42, from Joliet, was beaten at a Graywood group home on Jan. 19 at 203 W. Grant Ave.

Later, McCann would die on Jan. 23 from injuries he suffered from the beating.

The two Graywood caregivers, Keyun D. Newble and Marquis A. Harmon, have been arrested and formally charged with first-degree murder.

Attorneys from Naperville, Shawn Collins and Edward Manzke, who represent the McCann family, said the Graywood had a "culture of abuse."

"Graywood knew and tolerated the abuse of residents by employees," Collins said.

The lawsuit, that was filed Thursday, will allege that McCann was tortured and beaten for approximately 45 minutes and suffered more than 13 rib fractures from the beating.

According to the lawsuit, Graywood employees used torture-like methods as means of disciplining residents.

Before the beating, McCann was tortured by having to outstretch his hands while the employees placed books on his arms until he dropped them.

Collins said the goal of the lawsuit is to seek the truth and to make sure that this type of abuse will not happen in other facilities like Graywood.

"The first step for getting justice for Paul is seeking the truth," Collins said.

Also, the lawsuit will allege that McCann had been abused before the Jan. 19 beating. Kathleen



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Lois McCann, the mother of Paul McCann, who was murdered at the Graywood Foundation home on Jan. 23, tears up as she talks about her son during the press conference Thursday at the Worthington Inn.

Slovick, McCann's sister, noticed McCann had broken his nose in April 2010. In response to McCann's broken nose, the Illinois Department of Human Services sent Lois McCann, Paul McCann's mother, a four-word letter response that stated, "The findings were unfounded."

After the incident, Lois McCann said she began

looking into other group homes for her son. Lois McCann found a place in Joliet and scheduled Paul McCann for a visit on Dec. 9, 2010, but Paul McCann refused to go. Lois McCann said that he did not want to leave his friends the he made in Charleston.

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RELATIONSHIPS

Facebook official: 'it's complicated'

Nike Ogunbodede  
Student Government Editor

The easiest way to know who is getting chocolates and flowers on Valentine's Day is to look on Facebook.

Alex Boyd, a sophomore political science major, broke up with his girlfriend, Holly Henry, over the summer, but chose to leave it up to her to end things on Facebook.

"I didn't update it on Facebook because I knew that she would," Boyd said.

Henry, a sophomore political science major, changed her status from "in a relationship with Alex Boyd" to "single" the next day.

Henry said she was much less upset about the break up and more upset about what it meant for her Valentine's Day.

"I bought a really awesome (Valentine's Day) card, and then I didn't have anyone to give it to," Henry said.

Henry and Boyd later chose to get back together and made it "Facebook official" again a few months later.

Henry said most of her friends were kind of confused and wondered why they had not update their status earlier.

Henry and Boyd celebrated their 13-month anniversary on Friday.

Being "Facebook official" is one of the first ways of declaring the beginning of a new relationship, but some Eastern students are being hit with wave after wave of their friends' changing relationship statuses.

Valerie Metz, a freshman elementary education major, has been a recipient of her younger siblings relationship change updates.

"Occasionally, I'll get updates every 30 seconds from my brothers," Metz said. "It's really annoying."

When Facebook helped cause the end of one of her relationships, Latoya Mingo, a senior psychology major, chose not to announce her new relationship via Facebook.

"It seems like when you change your relationship (status) people try to get into your business and that causes trouble," Mingo said.

While in her other "Facebook official" relationship, Mingo would receive E-mails and Facebook messages from other girls telling her that her then boyfriend was cheating on her.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Charleston warms up with love

By Desiree Morris  
Staff Reporter

Charleston is warming up with love for Valentine's Day in spite of the snow and ice left over from the freezing winter temperatures.

Ashley Grant, a sophomore elementary education, was at the ITC Buzzard Hall Computer Lab, where she was putting the finishing touches on her fiancé's Valentine's Day gift. She drew Lightning McQueen from the 2006 Disney Pixar film *Cars*. She decided to draw her fiancé this picture because it is his favorite movie and she thought this was a

great way to get him something he liked without having to spend money.

To complement her personalized gift, she also plans to have a romantic dinner at the Olive Garden, 30 E. Anthony Drive, in Champaign.

Andy DeJong, a junior psychology major, also plans to take his long-term girlfriend to dinner at the Olive Garden for Valentine's Day.

Jason Hodges, the manager of the Olive Garden, said that he is expecting Valentine's Day to boost business at his restaurant. The wait for a table could be anywhere from half an hour to two hours. To try to move things along a little

faster, Hodges said they do not take dinner reservations on Valentine's Day.

Megan Yonaka, a junior elementary education major, is not going to let her single status halt her plans for Valentine's Day. She plans to go to dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings, 124 Dettro Drive, Mattoon, tonight with a close friend of hers.

Jason Foley, the manager of Buffalo Wild Wings, said he noticed the weekend before Valentine's Day is usually when there is a rush of people versus on the actual holiday.

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# EIU weather

TODAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 43°  
Low: 23°

TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 47°  
Low: 40°

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# what's on tap

MONDAY

**4 p.m. Healthy Cooking 101**  
Healthy Cooking 101 is a four-week series of cooking classes held in Klehm Hall, Room 2309.

**4:45 p.m. Anti-Valentines**  
Carman Hall is hosting Anti-Valentines Day where students can make voodoo dolls.

TUESDAY

**2 p.m. Microsoft Word**  
Booth Library is hosting a workshop on how to better use the features in Microsoft Word 2007.

**4 p.m. Career Fair advice**  
Students can gain advice ranging from how to dress to how to act at Career Services.

WEDNESDAY

**7 p.m. EIU Film Society**  
The EIU Film Society is showing classic and contemporary films from all over the world every Wednesday in the Coleman Hall Auditorium.

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

### ONLINE



### Blog: Crazy Comments

To punctuate or not to punctuate? That is the question in this week's crazy comment blog. Online Editor Julia Carlucci shares her opinion on when and where you need punctuation online. Read the Crazy Comment Blog: Punctu-when? At DENNews.com

"Hello there! It's time again to look at another crazy comment from DENNews.com. This week's comment is from the Staff Editorial: Why are we still parking on ice rinks?"

The comment was posted by a "John Poshepny" that same day it was published. His comment reads "Regarding the salt my guess is that they don't use road salt and regular salt when it gets this cold doesn't do crap."

The problem? It's online with little punctuation; John only has the period at the end of his sentence. The comment directly following his does address that issue in a less than polite way. This is a reminder to everyone that posts online that your grammar can be attacked at any time."

### CLARIFICATION

In Thursday's edition of the *Daily Eastern News*, the story titled "Student trades cornfields for mountains," was missing information. Applications for the National Student Exchange Program are now available and are due Feb. 15. Anyone interested in participating in the National Student Exchange program should contact Margaret Messer at the Honors College.

### For the win!



KIM FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Zach Schafer, 8, celebrates after winning a gift basket containing a video game programming kit and candy Saturday at the Students Involved with Technology Conference for Kids in Buzzard Hall.

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## EIU History Lesson

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**2007** All classes were canceled on Eastern's campus because of the weather for the first time in 25 years.

**1994** Eastern men's basketball stretched their winning streak to three games after beating Austin Peay in Lantz Arena.

**1986** The Council on Academic Affairs considered letting professors drop students who miss 25 percent of the class.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

## Guest poet talks about racism at Poetry Slam

By **Amanda Walsh**  
 Staff Reporter

For African American Heritage Month, Malik Yusef talked to Eastern about racism and writing during the cultural arts Poetry Slam.

Yusef is a poet and musician, and has worked with many famous names such as Kanye West, Adam Levine, Jennifer Hudson, John Legend and Commons.

Yusef said he is inspired to write by everything in his life.

"No matter what you do, be enlightened by it," Yusef said to the crowd during his performance.

He also talked about Black History month and the problem of racism.

"Racism only works in one direction, down," Yusef said.

Cynthia Libby, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, said she came out to listen the students perform.

"(I) came out tonight because I thought it was a good chance to hear talented writers and their opinions on matters, such as black history month," Libby said.

Libby said she was impressed the University Board and the Black Student Union were able to bring Yusef to campus.

"He's a really talented man, who has come a far way and accomplished a lot," Libby said.

The University Board and The Black Student Union hosted the slam. Many came out to recite poems they had written and to listen to poems by their peers.

Dominique Jones, a senior applied engineering and technology major, performed two poems titled "Frozen History" and "Dressed in all Black."

"My poem 'Frozen History' was written about five days ago, and my inspiration was really just black history month," Jones said.

She said her inspiration for "Dressed in all Black" came from her hometown of Chicago.

"I always heard about violence which inspired me, and the boy who was murdered at Finger High School," she said.

Jones has been writing for about a year and she was encouraged to write by friends.

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**KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

Senior applied engineering and technology major Dominique Jones, stage name Ella Latonya, performs her poem "Frozen History" Thursday at University Board's Spoken Word Poetry Slam in 7th Street Underground.

**ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY**

## Carman Hall voodoo dolls are alternative to romance

By **Rachel Rodgers**  
 Campus Editor

The Carman Hall Dining Center is providing an opportunity for students to express their anti-Valentine's day sentiments by creating voodoo dolls.

Kadija Stallings, a freshman visual arts major, said making anti-Valentine's Day voodoo dolls would be a fun way to let out stress.

"The voodoo dolls would be a good opportunity for people like me that don't have a Valentine to just unwind and do something humorous," Stallings said.

The Carman Hall Dining Center hosted this event in past years and provided students with straws, cotton balls, assorted fabrics, pantyhose, pipe cleaners and other decorative materials to create an anti-Valentine voodoo doll.

Taylor Davis, a sophomore communications major, said Valentine's Day was invented by candy and cardboard companies to sell more products and it puts a lot of pressure on people to spend money in general on things like chocolates and cards.

"I think the voodoo doll activity is a new, creative way for people to express their opinion on Valentine's Day without all of the cheesy pink and red hearts," Davis said.

Students can make an anti-Valentine's Day voodoo doll in the Carman Hall Dining Center at a designated table where materials are available.

Destiny Winford, a freshman psychology major, said Valentine's Day has become overrated because instead of enjoying a fun holiday, a lot of people stress out with randomly trying to find someone to be their Valentine.

"As a child, Valentine's Day was a lot of fun with little Valentine cards

and school parties, but as you get older all of the fun gets sucked out of it because of the pressure of finding a Valentine," Winford said.

Stallings agreed.

"Valentine's Day has become very commercial where people take it really seriously and waste money so the anti-Valentine voodoo doll activity should be a great way to make fun of Valentine's Day and all its craziness," Stallings said.

Students can create an anti-Valentine voodoo doll today between 4:45 to 8 p.m., which are Carman Hall's regular dinner hours.

Along with the voodoo doll activity, an anti-Valentine's Day meal is available at Carman during dinner hours and the meal includes broken heart cookies.

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**SECRET COLLECTION**

## Student confessional art to unite campus

By **Seth Schroeder**  
 Activities Editor

The members of the University Board will begin collecting student secrets today until Friday.

The collection is part of Eastern's PostSecret display starting on Feb. 21, where students' secrets will be featured in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bridge Lounge.

There will be a table set up in the Bridge Lounge where students can anonymously give a confession. There will also be an envelope in the Union's Student Activities Center where students can drop off their secrets.

Alyssa Anderson, a senior psychology major and the vice president of the UB, said the display is based off of Frank Warren's PostSecret community art project. Warren's displays are developed from secrets sent in from all over the world. These ongoing projects have been featured in cities throughout America. The secrets sent in are often written on postcards that are decorated

in unique ways.

The members of the UB have contemplated bringing Warren to Eastern. However, Anderson said they felt it would be easier to do a display that just included Eastern. The display will be on smaller scale as it will only feature the secrets of Eastern students and that it will be "homegrown."

The table will include materials such as markers, construction paper, magazines and glue but Anderson said that students also can drop off postcards they have already decorated.

"It gives students a chance to be creative... For some people it may be embarrassing, but for others it might help relieve tension to express their secrets," Anderson said.

Anderson said the UB is still deciding how to organize the event. She said students' secrets will either be strung along the Bridge Lounge or posted on signposts.

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**STAFF EDITORIAL**

## Graywood should have been closed after '08 death

On Jan. 19, a developmentally disabled man was beaten in a Graywood home in Charleston.

Paul McCann, 42, was beaten for approximately 45 minutes, and suffered 13 rib fractures from the attack, according to reports. Later, McCann would die from those injuries.

One current and one former Eastern student have been arrested in connection with McCann's death. Marquis A. Harmon and Keyun Newble, Graywood employees, have been formally charged with first-degree murder. After McCann's death, the Illinois Department of Human Services moved quickly to terminate Graywood's contract.

In a press release, the department would cite "recent allegations" and "other serious tragic incidents" as reasons for terminating Graywood's contract.

Yet, what exactly does the department mean by "other serious tragic incidents"?

This is the second murder that has happened in a Graywood facility in last three years. On Aug. 24, 2008, Dustin Higgins, 21, was brutally beaten in a Graywood home. According to reports, two residents of Graywood beat Higgins. The residents, Edward Flexter and Robert T. Gardner, said that two other Graywood employees provoked them.

After the tragic death of Higgins, an investigation was conducted by the Office of Inspector General into the facilities of Graywood.

According to the human rights report, the Office of Inspector General found six sustained accounts of abuse committed by staff at other residences that are owned by the Graywood Foundation. The department had evidence that Graywood had a culture of abuse, yet the department kept Graywood open and now McCann is dead. Why would IDHS cite other tragic incidents yet not close Graywood before? Developmentally disabled individuals such as Higgins and McCann should have lived in a safe, stable environment.

One death of an individual in Graywood's is inexcusable, but two in the last three years is criminal.

Families like the McCann's and the Higgins' should be able to entrust their loved ones in state group homes with the understanding their loved ones will be given the utmost care and protection.

Graywood failed McCann and Higgins. The state failed McCann and Higgins. Now, with the closure of Graywood, questions need to be answered for the families of Higgins and McCann.

But most importantly questions need to be answered for the other 52 adults and 16 youths that are currently living in the Graywood homes.

As a society, we need to protect those individuals that cannot protect themselves. We need to understand what went wrong with Graywood and make sure tragedies like this never happen again.

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**COLUMN**

## Honsi Mubarak/Sarah Palin for 2012

If you've been paying any attention to Egypt, you have just witness one of the monumental moments in modern history. You saw a people, fed up with decades of poverty and indignity, peaceably assemble to demand the democratic means to reclaim their future.

You saw an authoritarian government crack down, sending out violent thugs in hopes of bloodying the hands and sullyng the hearts of the protestors. Finally, you saw the protesters redouble their efforts and oust their iron-fisted Pharaoh, rejoicing that their dreams of a democratic future might soon be realized.

That is, unless you were watching Fox News. The folks over at Fox didn't quite know what to do with Egypt for the first few days. On the one hand, it was Arab unrest that threatened the government of a U.S ally—a scary story that was right in their wheelhouse.

On the other hand, these were protests aimed at overthrowing a dictator and creating democratic reforms, and Fox spent most of the past 10 years telling its viewers that such a cause was worthy enough to justify the war in Iraq. And top Republicans were keeping mum on the issue, so there weren't even any talking points to repeat.

Not sure what to make of the story, Fox devoted relatively little coverage to the Egyptian protests. But then, about a week in, they finally found their angle: the ominous-sounding, freedom-hating Moslem Brotherhood.

Suddenly, Fox was all over the Egyptian revolt, and invited every guest it could find to paint the peaceful protests as the Brotherhood's



**Dave Balson**

perfect path to power.

The truth is the Moslem Brotherhood was not a significant force in organizing the protests and held remarkably little sway among the protestors.

They were the only real political party in Egypt other than Mubarak's, not because they represented the major political ideology, but because the constitution banned other parties from organizing. Compared to other Islamic political parties in the region, the Brotherhood is quite tame.

Regardless, the revolt and the political awakening has largely been shaped by Egypt's youth, and they don't seem to have much affection for the Brotherhood's ideology. Now that the Egyptian constitution has been dissolved and political parties will be allowed to organize, things don't look very good for the Brotherhood.

But Fox never let facts get in the way of a good narrative. In presenting the movement as radically Islamic, Fox was able to root for Mubarak without appearing to be siding against basic democratic principles.

With their inveterate boogie man, the rad-

ical Islamist, so defined, Fox was the only large, Western news outlet regularly defending Mubarak to the very end. Soon, politicians showed up in their studios admonishing President Obama for abandoning "our friend and ally" Hosni Mubarak.

The Republicans are missing an opportunity to solve one of their biggest problems. The Republican primaries are only months away, and the party still has yet to produce a viable candidate with enough name recognition, experience and intelligence to beat Obama in 2012.

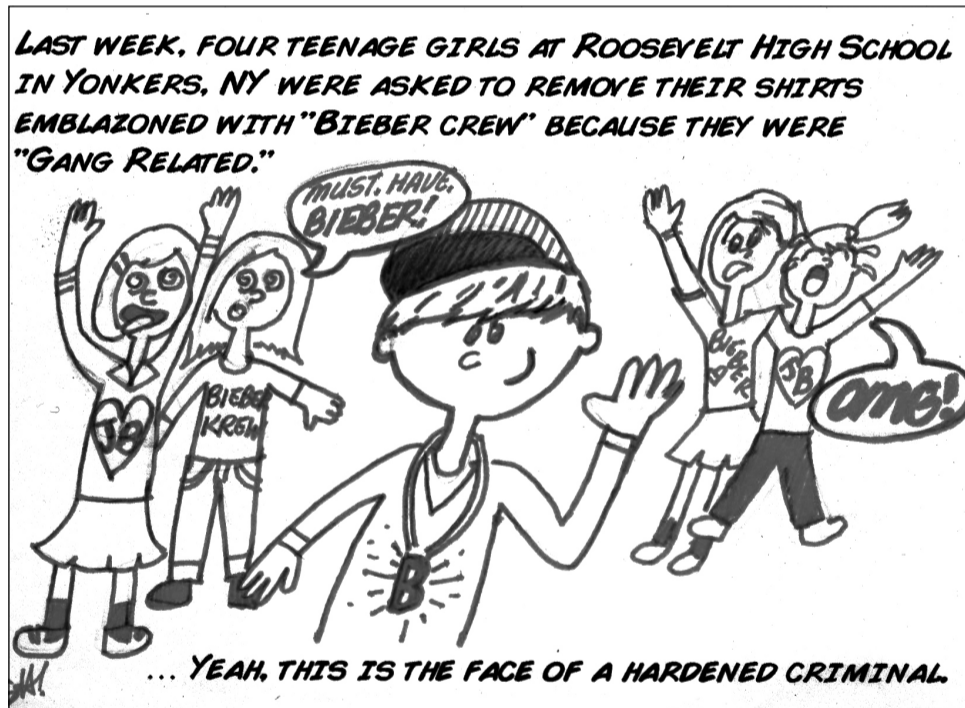
I think I know just the guy for the job. He just went into a forced retirement, but he still longs to be a leader. He spent most of his life in politics, but he's no Washington insider. He loves his constitution (or did, before it recently disappeared). And he has become disillusioned with Obama's brand of "change."

I think the nation would love to see a Mubarak/Palin 2012 campaign. He has a lot in common with her previous running mate, John McCain, who was also an elderly veteran who can't tell when he has overstayed his welcome. Mubarak is also likely to win just about as much of the youth vote as McCain.

Whether or not the Mubarak/Palin campaign is the best chance for the GOP to reclaim the White House, I cannot say. I can, however, promise that it would be Palin's best reality show yet.

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**FROM THE EASEL**



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### Student Senate clarifies parking resolution

We the authors of the Student Senate Parking Resolution would like to take this opportunity to clarify the information that was printed in yesterday's DEN.

First and foremost, we are not aiming to change the distribution of parking in every lot on campus.

We are only focusing on three lots that are problematic.

These lots are the S, W, and 9th Street lots. Additionally, we are not proposing that Upperclassmen be ticketed for parking in Underclassmen parking spots campus-wide; however, we are proposing that Upperclassmen be ticketed for parking in the S and W lots.

Furthermore, we are not complaining that the current parking permit fee needs to be lowered; we simply believe that the service received by paying the fee needs to be fair and improved.

Finally, the plan was never to introduce the Parking Resolution at last night's Student Sen-

ate meeting.

As the plan currently stands, we will introduce the resolution at the February 16th Student Senate meeting.

We encourage students to come and express their opinions at this meeting.

This resolution is not geared to be an attack on Staff and Upperclassman parking as some people have claimed, it is simply geared to work to fix the #1 student complaint on campus.

For example, in a strip of roughly 15 staff parking spots in the W and 9th Street parking lots no more than two staff members can be found parked there daily.

This occurs while ample staff parking can be found just feet away.

Sincerely,

Zachary D. Samples,  
 Kaci A. Abolt,  
 James C. Patton, Jr.

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### Parking space solution?

Zach Samples, Kaci Abolt and J.C. Patton:  
 The closest (and most amount of) parking is allocated for the staff. Parking designated as upperclassmen parking is more often than not a longer walk than the underclassmen parking.

Many of the upperclassmen live off-campus or even out of town. To your concern that the upperclassmen lots are left empty during the day, remember that most upperclassmen don't have class until the afternoon or evening, and many commuters try to schedule their classes for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Eastern should convert the W lot or Ninth Street lot (or both) into a long-term parking garage with one spot for each of the students living in the dorms, leaving the ground level as a short-term lot. This would allow for more parking spaces right next to and on campus, negating the need for staff and upperclassmen lots. You could even go as far as ticketing vehicles left in them overnight.

Sincerely,

Zachary Hayes

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Letters may also be submitted electronically from the author's EIU e-mail address to DENopinions@gmail.com.

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Despite this concern, Elder said she voted to approve the tentative agreement.

Mathematics professor Evgeny Gordon said he was pleased that salary increases were negotiated upon given the university's budgetary difficulties. He was also satisfied with the manner the furlough situation was handled.

The proposed furlough policy is if the university declares exigency, the UPI will be able to bargain over the implementation of furloughs.

However, this will not be included in the contract. This policy would go into a Memorandum of Agreement, which is a separate document, explicitly laying out the terms.

Gordon's only complaint was the lengthy period it took to come to the tentative agreement.

Like Gordon, history professor Bai-

## "However, I think our team found a very reasonable middle ground."

Bailey Young, history professor

ley Young was also very concerned with the inclusion of furlough language into the agreement.

"My colleagues and I were adamantly opposed to talk about furloughs," Young said. "However, I think our team found a very reasonable middle ground. I think you have to be real sometimes with the things that you're against in principle. You have to make some concession because of the reality of the situation."

Young was also pleased that a small raise was negotiated into the contract.

"I think it is wonderful that our ne-

gotiating team was able to obtain an agreement like this in the current climate," Young said.

To have the finish line in sight, Blitz said it gives him "tremendous relief."

"You always meet the end of these (negotiations) with mixed feeling in the end," he said. "Some things you're happy to have got and some things you wish you would have. But I don't regret what we got in the contract."

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The wrongful death lawsuit does not specify a certain financial amount.

Paul McCann had lived in the Charleston group home at 203 W. Grant Ave since 2007.

Lois McCann said that losing a

child is the worst thing that could happen to a mother.

Lois McCann described Paul McCann as the sweetest man and she said that she had a wonderful relationship with Paul.

"Paul was unique and wise in many

ways," Lois McCann said.

The lawsuit was filed at the Coles County Courthouse.

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## FACEBOOK, from page 1

"It made me suspicious when I wasn't at first," Mingo said.

Mingo's boyfriend was in fact cheating on her and they broke up.

I'm glad my relationship is not public this time around, Mingo said.

"Relationships are private and drama starts when you let other people comment about your rela-

tionships," Mingo said.

Shelby Thacker, a freshman undecided major, is trying to keep the drama in her life to a minimum and decided not to post her new status because of her family.

"My mom would be mad because my boyfriend is older than me," Thacker said.

Jordan Sigunick, a freshman family

consumer science major, gets annoyed when the same people keep change their statuses from "in a relationship" to "single" then back to "in a relationship."

"I don't think (Facebook) makes a relationship anymore serious," Boyd said.

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## STATE

# Braun draws questions about Hitler comment

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun is getting questions about a comment she made about Adolph Hitler at a rally in the Chicago mayor's race.

Braun was trying to relay a joke from the Mel Brooks' movie "The Producers."

The film, an over-the-top farce, includes a character who loves Hitler because he believes the notorious dictator to be kind and gen-

tle. Braun explained that Emanuel, whom she didn't mention by name, portrays himself as kind and gentle in his TV commercials.

She said that's not the case, given his past record.

Afterward, Braun said she was not comparing Emanuel, who is Jewish, to Hitler.

Emanuel, the former White House chief of staff, is ahead in a recent Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV poll with 49 percent support. Braun has 10 percent support.

## LOVE, from page 1

He said on average there are about 100 more people that come to Buffalo Wild Wings on Valentine's Day weekend than on a typical weekend.

Besides dinner, roses are another popular gift to give or receive on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is one of the busiest days for Nobel's Flower, 1100 Lincoln Ave., shop owner Franda Newkirk; however this day actually hurts her business.

"Roses are by far the most popular," said Newkirk.

Since a lot of local rose farms have closed, it has forced Newkirk to buy her roses from more expensive rose farms.

Newkirk said she also loses money since she has to pay her workers for working overtime on Valentine's Day.

This forces her to adjust the prices of her flowers to make back some of the money lost.

Walgreens, 411 W. Lincoln Ave., is a last minutes store that consumers can find a variety of Valentine's Day gifts.

John Davis, the manager of Walgreens in Charleston, said he typically expects more of his busy for Valentine's Day on the Feb. 13 and 14.

"I'll probably sell half my inventory on the 13," Davis said.

Dove chocolate assorted heart chocolates are the most popular chocolates. Roses are also a popular item. He said the single roses sell pretty well.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Losing streak grows to seven

## Team in jeopardy of missing tournament

By Rob Mortell  
Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball team extended its losing streak to seven games this week-end with losses to Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

The first game was against Morehead on Thursday. The Panthers were dominated in almost every statistical category as Morehead grabbed more rebounds (37-33), shot better (44 percent to 40 percent) and committed fewer turnovers (10-to-18).

Eastern was led by freshman guard Isaac Smith, who came off the bench to score a career-high 15 points. Smith also grabbed four rebounds and recorded two steals during the game.

The second loss was against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday. The Panthers got off to a good start as they lead Eastern Kentucky 26-24 at half time, but the Colonels caught fire from beyond the arc in the second half.

Eastern Kentucky hit seven consecutive three-point shots in the second half, leading to a 67-47 win. The Panthers held the Colonels in check in the first half as Eastern Kentucky shot 34 percent from the field, including 1-11 from the three-point arch.

However, the Panthers defense was not as good in the second half, allowing Eastern Kentucky to shoot over 69 percent from the field which included nine three-point shots.

Justin Stoomes led the Colonels with 20 points, including four three-pointers, while also adding four rebounds and four assists.

Junior guard Jeremy Granger led the Panthers with 15 points and five rebounds.

The two losses dropped the Panthers record to 8-17 overall and 4-11 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers are currently in ninth place in conference and they would miss the tournament if the season were to end now, as the top eight teams are the only teams that qualify to compete in the tournament.

The Panthers return to action on Tuesday for senior night against UT Martin.

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Isaac Smith III, a freshman guard, goes up to the basket as Murray State's Jeffery McClain, a senior forward, attempts to block him during the game on Feb. 7 in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost to Eastern Kentucky, 67-47 on Saturday.

# NATION

## Magic 89, Lakers 75

By The Associated Press

ORLANDO — Dwight Howard had 31 points and 13 rebounds as the Orlando Magic earned their first victory over a winning team in more than a month, downing the Los Angeles Lakers 89-75 on Sunday.

Kobe Bryant and Andrew Bynum each had 17 points to lead the Lakers. Lamar Odom added 15 and Pau Gasol 11.

Jason Richardson chipped in 12 points for the Magic.

Orlando rebounded from a six-point home loss to New Orleans on Friday and snapped a string of eight straight losses to teams with winning records. Orlando's previous win against a team above .500 was Jan. 8 at Dallas.

The Lakers' loss snapped a four-game winning streak. They conclude their seven-game road trip with visits to Charlotte on Monday and Cleveland on Wednesday.

Howard scored his eighth straight point to give the Magic a 71-60 edge with just under 10 minutes to play in the game.

The Lakers scored five straight, but the Magic quickly responded with six straight points — including a pair of baskets by Brandon Bass — to increase their lead to 77-65 at the 7:48 mark.

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The fifth place finish is the lowest of the season for Boey, who ranks as one of the nations top 200-meter sprinters. Gingerich finished 14th in the 800-meter with a time of 2:11.84. Boey will look to compete at the University of Arkansas again next month for the NCAA Indoor Championship.

Boey, who missed the entire indoor season last year, has rebounded during this year's indoor season.

"With Zye (Boey) being back, having him indoors and outdoors is a big plus for us," Akers said.


Boey has been one of the leaders on the Panther squad, finishing in the top five in every event he has competed in this season.

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## VIEW



Alex McNamee

## Panthers roll into Valentine's Day

This is the hard part. February is gut-check time for Ohio Valley Conference teams. It is a month teams use to prove whether or not they are capable of doing big things come March and the OVC tournament.

For the Eastern women's basketball team, the situation prior to this month did not look too impressive.

Now, things have turned completely around. In February, the Panthers are 4-0, and if you count Jan. 29, their last game in January, they are undefeated in their last five games.

They have gone from a few games back of fourth place at the end of January, to fourth place by Valentine's Day.

Even more important, the Panthers are within striking distance of the teams in front of them.

The No. 1 seed in the league right now is Tennessee Tech, which swept Eastern in its two games against them this season. Tech is only three games ahead of Eastern with four to go.

Morehead State is in third place (one game ahead of Eastern) and Tennessee-Martin is in second place (two games ahead of Eastern).

One important thing happened this weekend in terms of the standings.

Eastern beat Morehead. This means the season series is split 1-1. This means that neither team owns a tiebreaker over the other.

Coming up Thursday is maybe the Panthers' biggest game left in the season – Tennessee-Martin comes to town.

Already this season, the Panthers lost by only two points to Tennessee-Martin, and now the Panthers get another shot.

This will be a big game to win at home because it could potentially result in passing Morehead in the standings and inching closer to UT Martin.

As they stand right now, Eastern is a very hot team. They are starting to gain confidence. They are starting to feed the paint (Mariah King) and play inside out.

King is dominating right now in the middle and all of the other players are following suit.

Right now, the Panthers are in position to have a first round bye in the tournament, meaning the field would be shrunk for them and the other three teams with byes. The higher you are seeded, the fewer games you have to play.

This year, the tournament works so the top two teams get the first two rounds as bye and the third and fourth seeds get one round bye.

Ta'Kenya Nixon and Kelsey Wyss have already thrown aside the notion that this Panther team needs a bye.

Wyss said the team is really confident right now, so it wouldn't matter.

Nixon said a bye would only be a product of how the team has played, but it would not be necessary to attain.

This is a confident team, the Panthers. They are starting to click. They are getting healthy at the right time. They are running the offense well and they are crashing the boards like beasts.

The Panther have a chance to be undefeated in February, but some good opponents in the last four games will test them.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Team rolls to fifth straight win



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Sydney Mitchell, a sophomore forward, pushes past the SEMO defense to make a shot Feb. 5 in Lantz Arena.

## Mitchell picks up first career double-double

By Alex McNamee  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team beat Eastern Kentucky by 21 points Saturday, 78-57, as it improves its winning streak to five games.

Sophomore forward Sydney Mitchell led the way with her first career double-double, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

"She's a tough kid day in and day out," head coach Brady Sallee said. "Tonight, she was even tougher."

Mitchell was 4-of-8 from the field, including making two three-pointers. Mitchell was sent to the free throw line three times, making all three shots.

Sallee said Mitchell was doing a good job of looking for her shot throughout the game. He said he was impressed by the way she was competing on the boards.

The Panthers had a huge night from the free throw line, going 18-of-22 from the stripe while Eastern Kentucky only attempted six free throws.

Sallee said the way the team finished the game shooting so many free throws was an improvement it made at half time. The Panthers had only shot six free throws.

At half time, the Panthers led 34-25, but Sallee said the team knew it did not want to settle for that.

Sallee said the Panthers talked in the locker room at half time about

how they did not want to be OK with just out-rebounding them. He said the team also wanted to improve how it got to the free throw line.

Sallee said the Panthers were getting the shots that they wanted throughout the game, and it showed in the second half as the team shot 56 percent from the field.

The Panthers improved their first half shooting of 41 percent from the field to 56 in the second to end the game shooting 48 percent from the field.

Five Panthers scored in double figures to lead the attack. The only starter who did not score 10 or more points was junior forward Chantelle Pressley.

Freshman guard Jordyne Crunk came into the game off of the bench to play 25 minutes and score a career-high 17 points, which was second on the team in the game.

Sophomore forward Mariah King led the team with 18 points, while sophomore guards Ta'Kenya Nixon and Kelsey Wyss scored 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Panthers' defense shut down Eastern Kentucky's starting five, as only one player could score in double figures. Marie Carpenter scored 18 points, but had to take 16 shots to get there.

The Panthers improve their record to 14-11 overall, and 9-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers' next game is 7 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena against Tennessee-Martin.

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## TRACK & FIELD

# Team hits the road for competition

## Team split meets across country

By Dominic Renzetti  
Assistant Sports Editor

With the Eastern track and field team split up at different meets across the country, the Panthers still managed to put up impressive performances against some of the nation's best competition.

Some team members competed at the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa. Junior Tyler Carter was the lone first place finisher for the Panthers. Carter placed first in the men's long jump with a distance of 24-feet, 75-inches. Carter's best long jump performance last season came at this same meet. Carter's distance at the Iowa State Classic last season was 23-feet, 3.50-inches.

At the beginning of the sea-

son, head coach Tom Akers said he was impressed with Carter's performances and looked forward to seeing him make a splash this season.

The women's distance medley relay team set a new school record at the Classic with a time of 11:55.94. The team consisting of sophomore Paige Biehler, junior Emily Quinones, junior Erika Foltys and sophomore Erika Ramos topped the previous record of 12:01.91, set in 2007. Though a school record, the time was still not fast enough to win the event, as the team finished seventh.

Sophomore Gaby Duenas made her way onto the all-time Eastern list with a 17:52.21 finish in the women's 3,000-meter race. The time ranks third on Eastern's career list. Duenas finished sixth in the event.

Other members of the team went to compete at the Indiana Hoosier Hills

Meet at the University of Indiana. Finishing in first place for the Panthers was sophomore Randolph Triple in the men's triple jump with a mark of 46 feet, 11 inches. Triple, who is also a cornerback on the Eastern football team, also placed fourth in the long jump event with a mark of 21 feet, 6 inches.

Also at the Hoosier Hills Meet, sophomore Michelle Pranger made her way onto the all-time Eastern list with a throw of 49 feet, 7 inches. Pranger's weight throw mark lands her as the No. 10 farthest in Eastern history. Pranger placed ninth in the event.

The two lone competitors for the Panthers at the Tyson Invitational were red-shirt juniors Zye Boey and Megan Gingerich. Boey placed fifth in the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 20.97 seconds.

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LaDonna Martin, a senior jumper, runs the 60-meter dash preliminaries Jan. 22 during the EIU Mega Meet in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

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