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## The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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**UNIVERSITY** | BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS** 

Paul McCann, vice president for business affairs, listens to questions from the Board of Trustees after delivering his report about the fire suppression system Friday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

## **EIU Foundation takes \$7 million dive**

Housing rates increase lowest in five years

By KRYSTAL MOYA Administration Editor

The Eastern Illinois University Foundation and Annuitants Asso-

ciation both informed the Board of has seen a 26 percent decrease in Trustees of significant declines for the 2008 fiscal year Friday.

We recently received copies of articles that reported that Harvard and Yale's endowments are down 25 percent," Tim Gover, EIU Foundation Board President, said in his report. "Unfortunately, EIU endowment."

Gover informed the board that the market value of Eastern's assets is estimated at a value of about \$45.6 million.

However, the value of the land has experienced a \$7 million decrease over the last 50 years. Gover said he did not want to bore the board with the numbers.

This is something that we are looking into and we can say that we predict better numbers for the future," he said. "Don Gher (chair for the investment committee for the foundation and treasurer of the foundation) and our team of investment managers have been working hard to find good investments for Eastern."

In addition to the decrease in the foundation, the Eastern Illinois University Annuitants Association has seen a decrease in annuitants.

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**UNIVERSITY | FACULTY** 

## Eastern to reduce spending

2.5 percent budget still held in reserve

> By MATT HOPF News Editor

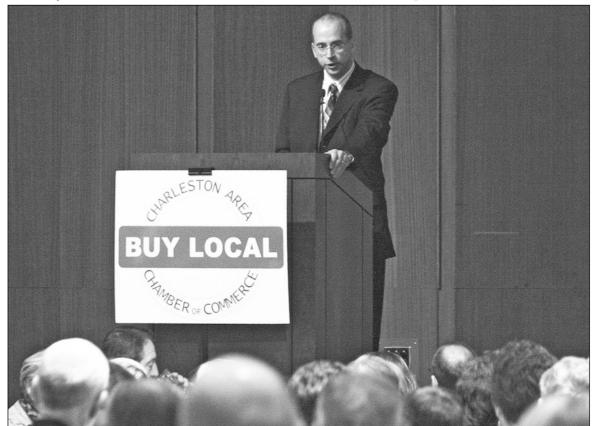
Only essential vacant positions will be filled at Eastern for the rest of the current fiscal year and fiscal year 2010. Reducing expenditures will also be a part of budgeting conservatively.

President Bill Perry sent a campus-wide e-mail Friday afternoon to update on the state of the current and future budget.

"In looking forward to the rest of this fiscal year and the next fiscal year, I believe it is prudent to be conservative," he said in the e-mail. "I have asked the vice presidents to fill only essential vacant positions, and to reduce expenditures."

**LOCAL | CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** 

## City of Charleston is on good financial ground



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mayor John Inyart speaks at the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Saturday night.

Some jobs lost, other businesses continue to grow

> By JOE ASTROUSKI City Editor

Speaking at the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner Saturday night, Mayor John Inyart said the city is financially strong.

But with the looming threat of a national recession, that could change,

"The city of Charleston is on good financial ground, but I expect the next few years to be difficult," Inyart said.

He said the city's economy is already weakening.

"Just like every other community in the country, we are feeling the pinch," Inyart said. "We have lost a few jobs over this past year."

Still, Inyart says some businesses will grow in 2008, including Dow Chemical's plant in Charleston, which is receiving \$2 million from the company to begin manufacturing a new product line.

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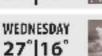
#### **EIU WEATHER**

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#### WEATHER BRIEF

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#### **CAMPUS** | COMMUNICATION



FROM WWW.TWITTER.COM

A screenshot of Eastern Illinois University's Twitter page. Users on Twitter can post messages and communicate with

## 'Tweets' not only for birds

**EIU** joins Twitter, Flickr, Facebook, updates students on campus information

> By NICOLE WESKERNA Online Editor

Twitter is one of those social networks, much like Facebook and MySpace and a myriad of other social networks. But, unlike the latter networks, those who wish to "tweet" have to keep their cut-to-the-chase messages under 140 characters long.

The site is used for giving quick updates to family, friends or coworkers about what you are doing it also boasts being the "modern antidote to information overload."

According to the Twitter Web site, the social network is used because "real life happens between blog posts and e-mails.'

Twitter was a hot spot for Web users on inauguration day after the site saw five times the normal tweets per second. Some Twittered from home while others waited to hear from people actually standing on the National Mall, Twittering from their cell phones.

The New York Times also uses Twitter for its niche groups and has a separate account for every section of the newspaper.

Now even Eastern has found use for social networks, like Twitter, Flickr and Facebook.

Christy Kilgore-Hadley, graphic designer for the department of university communications, has been Eastern's official Twitterer since Oc-

"I thought, 'how could we creatively tell the Eastern story?"" Kilgore-Hadley said.

She had been using Twitter personally and knew many businesses and universities utilized it, so she opened an account for Eastern and message each day.

"It's another way to express in-

formation about the university that might not otherwise be heard," she said. She said it is also a good way to get the message out about class cancellations or weather alerts - whatever Alert EIU does not cover.

Eastern uses Twitter to connect the campus community, open up communication between students, faculty and staff, and to get everyone a little more involved.

Since October, Eastern's Twitter account has culminated 62 followers, which means that 62 separate Twitter accounts receive updates when a message is posted on the Eastern Twitter site. Those who join Eastern on Twitter can read messages about sports updates, campus event reminders and can link to related articles.

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> Christy Kilgore-Hadley, graphic designer for the department of university communications

Kilgore-Hadley said she hasn't gotten a lot of response to the Twitter site yet. She is still getting the site settled and is testing the waters as to what works now and how it will work later, and the university has not done much advertising for it

To draw more users to the site tries to update the site with a short in the future, Kilgore-Hadley plans to start offering prizes and adding games, such as obscure Eastern

trivia, to the Twitter stream.

But Twitter is not the only trick up Eastern's social network sleeve.

Kilgore-Hadley also started Eastern's Flickr site, a photoblog for people who want to post their photos of

"It's a good resource and a good way to see campus," said Kilgore-

She started the Flickr account for Eastern in November 2007. So far, 80 members have joined the group and 826 items have been posted. The response to the Flicker group has been good, and a photo is now featured on Eastern's homepage once a week, which links to the Flickr group.

Some of the photos have also been used for alumni newsletters and marketing publications, Kilgore-Hadley said.

Booth Library joined the world of social networking in the spring of 2007 when librarian Jocelyn Tipton began a Facebook group. Reference librarian Stacey Knight-Davis, with the help of Nackil Sung, head of library technology services, added an application in fall 2007 that allows students to search the library's online catalog from Facebook.

"The librarians and staff had noticed that Facebook was used heavily in the computer labs," Knight-

The drive behind getting the library on Facebook and creating the application was to make the library as accessible to students as possible.

Knight-Davis said some librarians attend workshops to give them ideas about promoting library services with the use of social networks students are familiar with.

As social networks continue to grow in size and number, our old institution has found them to be important, useful tools for connecting the university in ways never be-

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## **IBHE-SAC** writes approval statements

By BOB BAJEK

Student Government Editor

Raising attendance costs for state higher education students was addressed at the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee's meeting this weekend on campus.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, said the committee passed resolutions Sunday to write approval statements to IBHE to affirm its support for Eastern's Textbook Rental Service renovation and textbook affordability for community colleges.

"These seem to fall within our priorities of student affordability and academic-based spending," said William Obuchowski, executive chairman of IBHE Student Advisory Committee.

As executive chairman, Obuchowski will deliver a report to IBHE outlining the committee's rationale for taking its stances on the resolutions passed during this weekend's conference.

Another issue discussed was the proposed returning of state funds. Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed a 2.5 percent budget cut for the state's colleges and universities for fiscal year 2009.

Obuchowski said he is concerned



KELLY CREMENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ashley Dearborn, a junior performing arts major, represents Northwestern's Student Senate during the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee meeting in Doudna Sunday morning.

on the recall of endowments.

"Primarily, students want to keep the money allotted to them from the government so programs aren't cut," Obuchowski said. "I don't know how the students would react with giving back money, but I hope we could remain positive with the potentially negative situations that we're going through."

Obuchowski said a goal of the committee is to raise membership.

With more participation, the Student Advisory Committee can more easily gain IBHE's attention, he said.

Ed Ford, budget chair of the committee, gave a presentation on university budgets and special projects on Saturday. In the presentation, Ford, a Southern Illinois University-Carbondale graduate student, told delegates of the \$83 million project to renovate Southern's athletic facilities. Fees have increased

\$300 per full-time student, which adds up to \$6 million a year.

"Initially, it was the plan for the students to pay for the whole athletic facility renovation," Ford said. "However, a lot of students opposed this, and after a lot of effort, our board of trustees president said he won't have students pay for more than half."

The current fee structure has students paying for \$42 million of the project, Ford said. Southern is supplementing some finances with donations, raising \$6 million. The university still needs another \$25 million.

"We have a lot of questions on how the university will get the difference and whether students will still have to make the difference," Ford said. "For now, the plan is half."

Ford said in his presentation Southern's cost of attendance rose 157 percent in the last 10 years, and cost of living is up 30 percent. He points to excess spending as the culprit.

"Cost of education is starting to drive people away from this opportunity," Ford said. "The second is priorities. We need to start stripping away the excess stuff and concentrate on academics."

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CAMPUS | EXHIBIT

## 'Human Race Machine' comes to Eastern

**By Heather Holm** Activities Editor

"Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression" returns to Eastern for its eighth consecutive year. A series of visual, audio, sensory and written displays related to social injustices are presented.

The museum is open from 7 to 9 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The Museum of Oppression opens a dialogue across campus," said Quiana Stone, complex director for Carman Hall and Social Justice and Diversity Education committee chair. "It brings up past issues as well as current events."

Stone said issues of diversity and social injustice are always around. The theme this year is "Break Through to Change."

Nate Pauley, associate resident director in Carman Hall and cochair of the committee, said this year's theme was about change, and its cultural relevance.

In the first few years, the museum displayed the social injustices that happen before people's eyes every year.

"Some people don't know the struggles of other individuals," Stone said. "There are a number of different struggles that happen in other countries."

She said the topic "Break Through to Change" was picked because of the election year, and the fact that it is a hot topic on both a national and local level.

"There is the idea to move forward and step out of your bounds," Stone said. "We have to evolve."

Stone went on to talk about how many people use the word "retarded" at a whim.

"Some don't even realize the implication of the word," she said. "They might say the word and the person sitting in the room with them might have had an experience with someone mentally challenged. We are bringing that education piece to them."

Stone said many students look forward to engaging in discussions about diversity.

"There are different organizations that take part each year," she said. "The committee decides what we want the students to walk away with."

A lot of organizations are involved with this program. A number of resident assistants have also given their input

Phi Sigma Pi, the Honors Fraternity, the National Residence Hall Honorary and the Resident Hall Association have all helped with the program as well.

"We really want it to be a moving experience for people so they could learn some things they didn't know," Pauley said.

He wants them to, in some way, improve their daily lives.

"They may think twice before saying the word retarded," Pauley said. A new addition to the museum this year will be the "Human Race Machine."

People can take a digital photo and then see what they would look like as six different races in this activity.

The machine will stay in the Alumni Lounge by the Grand Ball-room until Friday, and will be available from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. on Thursday as well as when the museum is open Monday through Wednesday.

"It is more of a learning tool, not an entertainment thing," Stone said.

Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honorary co-sponsored bringing the "Human Race Machine" to campus. The Office of University Housing and Dining Services sponsored the whole event.

Admission is free, and the museum takes about 30 minutes to walk through.

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#### **CAMPUS BRIEFS**

#### News now on Twitter

The Daily Eastern News created a Twitter account last week. Students and faculty with a Twitter account can follow *The DEN* by going to: http://twitter.com/dennews.

The DEN's Twitter account will be updated as stories break over the course of the day and when the Web site is updated at night.

For more information, e-mail DENnews.com@gmail.com

### Student representative wanted for committee

A student representative is needed to serve on the Council on Academic Affairs Committee. The committee meets every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library. For more information or an application, e-mail Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, at jaalexander@eiu.edu.

#### Alternative spring break applications available

Applications for the 17th annual Alternative Spring Break program are available at the Student Activities Office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and at the Newman Catholic Center.

Applications are due by Feb. 15 as long as spots are open on a trip. The cost is \$150, which covers transportation, accommodations, meals on site and a t-shirt. Save \$25 if registered by Feb. 1.

For more information, contact Doris Nordin at 348-0188.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

#### **BLOTTER**

A theft was reported on Jan. 20 at Lincoln Hall, said the University Police Department.

A staff parking permit was reported stolen on Jan. 22, police said.

#### CORRECTION

In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Kevin Jeanes' name
was spellled incorrectly in a cut line
on page 1.

In Thursday's edition, the discussion for out-of-state tuition was not on April 27. It took place at Friday's Board of Trustee's meeting.

The DEN regrets the errors.





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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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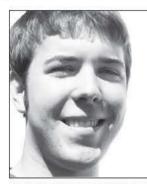
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# A little more conversation

As anyone with a shred of life experience knows, discussion is key to any productive relationship. After all, outside of the yellow pages and seedy looking buildings with neon lights, mind readers don't exist. All we know about other people we glean through communication.

A wise man once said, "A little less conversation, a little more action." I argue the two aren't mutually exclusive.

A contemporary school of philosophy called Pragmatism places the role of communication in relation to the pursuit of knowledge and, indeed, in proving what is "real." I will try not to bore too many of you whose eyes glaze over at the mention of "philosophy" and be brief. Basically, because what exists in our own minds – our own thoughts – are ultimately impossible to prove to anyone besides ourselves and because we can't absolutely prove anything actually exists outside of our minds, the only way to prove something is real is by comparison with others. Charles Peirce said, "Truth is public." The only logical way to believe something is true is if the perceptions of others closely resemble our own.

We do this through communication. According to pragmatists, when individuals compare notes on what they perceive about reality, the consensus they arrive at can reasonably be considered a truth. Those with truly absurd notions about reality – say that loaves of bread fall from the sky or velociraptors frequently ride motorcycles down the Autobahn – would be disproved in the crucible of public discourse by the sheer number of other people who don't perceive those things. So what does this have to do with the typical Eastern student?

I'm challenging anyone reading this to examine the role communication plays in his or her life. Think about the discussion that takes place every time you go to class and what you learn from it (if anything). Break down the process your mind goes through when you decide if a statement is true or false. Ask yourself why have you come to depend so much on these things for truth? Also, realize that truth leads to action. When we've reasonably made up our minds that something is true, we are prepared to act on that belief. Some concepts become so ingrained in our thinking that they become who we are, and we act upon their truth without even thinking

Your college years are among the most formidable times for establishing your beliefs. The confluence of new people and ideas one encounters on a college campus, so different from those of adolescence and high school, are philosophy in motion.

Take advantage of this. Enroll in a class your high school self would have never dreamed of taking. Attend a meeting of an RSO outside of your comfort zone. And when you do this, talk. Indulge in a level of curiosity heretofore unseen, and while you're at it, get into an argument. You might just learn something. Elvis seemed to think that talking is often at the expense of action. Due respect to the King, but talking is often what leads to action.

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#### Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



#### STAFF EDITORIAL

# At Blagojevich's request: About 'unfairness'

It's rare when government officials call upon the press to bail them out of hard times.

After all, we're just part of the evil liberal media that's out to run smear campaigns against those elected officials who have done no wrong.

So on Friday, when the esteemed executive of Illinois, the honorable Gov. Rod Blagojevich, called upon all state newspapers to publish editorials outing the governor's impeachment trial as a conspiracy by the Illinois General Assembly to raise taxes, the editorial board at *The Daily Eastern News* jumped at the chance to answer the governor's call.

But we chose to do the opposite.

One of Blago's arguments against the impeachment is that the trial is slanted against him, creating an unfair and hostile environment in which he doesn't stand a chance of keeping his position.

But of course, an impeachment trial is always going to be slanted against somebody. What conceivable way could an impeachment trial operate without the intent of a governing body to remove an official from office? Is there any way a trial for removal from office could not be construed as being against the official in question?

If there is, the people of Illinois would love to hear it, because we've been in stitches ever since Blago rose to the (empty) Executive Mansion in Springfield.

From your daughter's desperate cries for attention during another inane speech, to accepting an exorbitantly large check – \$1,500, to be exact – for her birthday (or was it her christening?), to being blindsided with questions by Rochester High School students at the 2008 State Fair, the Blagojevich administration has provided enough laughs to make up for an entire season of The Daily Show.

"What conceivable way could an impeachment trial operate without the intent of a governing body to remove an official from office?"

It's a good thing George W. Bush was in office at the same time. Otherwise Blago might look foolish.

Now, Gov. Blagojevich, do you understand why we've chosen to address your reply as such?

You like to think the General Assembly's movement to remove you from office is unfair, but it seems you've been blissfully unaware of your own actions as governor.

Your choice to live in Chicago while Springfield worked diligently to maintain a decent Executive Mansion is unfair. Your treatment of state workers in Springfield throughout

the later half of the 2008 summer was unfair. Your closure of state parks including Coles County's Lincoln

Log Cabin State Historic Site is unfair.
Finally, the pay-or-play scandal – which was even recorded,

if you remember correctly – is unfair.

After six years of the same tired nonsense, the Illinois leg-

After six years of the same tired nonsense, the Illinois legislature is finally doing what is fair: Your removal from office couldn't possibly come sooner.

#### **EDITORIAL POLICY**

The editorial is the majority opinion of *The DEN* editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at: **DENopinions@gmail.** 

#### OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

#### AMERICAN LITERACY

TEXAS — Ninety-nine percent of Americans over the age of 15 can read, but despite our widespread ability to recognize words on paper, we are at a literary cross-roads. The age of print is on its deathbed, and it's not just the end for print journalism but print anything. Barring the "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" series and the books you are forced to muddle through for classes, what have you read recently that has been printed and bound? If the answer to that question is absolutely nothing, you are in the majority. A recent

report by the National Endowment for the Arts found that 53 percent of Americans surveyed hadn't read a book in the past year. Incongruously, 100,000 more books were published in 2007 than in 2006, according to a study conducted by The New York Times. So it's not just a reluctance to read that's plaguing the industry but an oversaturation of the market. No one wants to read someone else's story, but everyone wants to tell their own. Just ask Barbara Bush's dog.

This trouble isn't just relegated to books. Newspaper subscriptions are down

and continuing to fall. Media giants like Tribune Co., which filed for bankruptcy this winter, are faltering. Also, according to the Times, magazine sales fell 6.3 percent last year.

This has led to desperate attempts by print media to find demand for their supply, but the market for literature is hard to grasp. We read the fun books and award the good ones, but rarely do we endeavor to take on Mark Twain.

Dustin Stonecipher Daily Texan

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### NEWS .

#### Foundation

FROM PAGE 1

Dale Wolf, president of the annuitants association, presented the board with an update citing that the annual annuitants are only at 50 percent of those who could belong to the organization.

In the short presentation he said he would push the goal to have the annuitants to 60 percent by the next report.

In addition to the reports, the Board of Trustees approved a rate increase for housing and dining for

## "This increase represents the smallest increase in housing and dining for the last five years."

 Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs

the 2009-2010 school year.

"This increase represents the smallest increase in housing and dining for the last five years," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

Nadler said the administration and Housing and Dining Services worked with several different advisory councils, which included Student Government, to design a rate increase that would serve the students without being detrimental to their pockets.

"With the increase, it comes out to a daily rate of about \$33.42 for the entire room and board," Nadler The increases apply only to the residence hall and Greek Court meal plan prices, which include room and board, and both per-month and nine and a half month leases for University Apartments.

University Court will have a rate freeze with no increase to any costs beyond meal plans.

In other items, the board approved the purchase of a new fire sprinkler system and fire alarm update for Stevenson Hall at more than \$1 million.

"It is a part of the state mandated project to equip all residence halls with fire sprinkler systems," said Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs. Trustees also approved the movement of a meeting date from April 20 to April 27 and the adoption of a resolution for the Enrollment Enhancement Tuition Program.

The program allows the university to provide talented, high achieving out-of-state students with in-state tuition.

"We are trying to attract the best and brightest out-of-state students to our university like other schools have done with Illinois students," said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

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#### » Chamber

FROM PAGE 1

Inyart also said he expects the stalled construction of the planned FutureGen power plant in Mattoon to begin.

"I remain confident that we will see that come to fruition," he said.

Inyart, who is nearing the end

of his first term as mayor, touted several city projects finished in the

"City Hall had its first facelift in 40 years," Inyart said, referring to a recent renovation of the building. "That makes a better first impression on visitors and potential businesses."

The city also finished construction of a new bridge on Jackson Avenue near Kiwanis Park and repaved a stretch of Fourth Street, "City Hall had its first facelift in 40 years. That makes a better first impression on visitors and potential businesses."

— Mayor John Inyart

he said.

Last year, Charleston officials also cracked down on delinquent landlords and dilapidated rental properties throughout the city, Inyart said.

He said the crackdown was intended to guarantee safe living conditions for renters and protect the property values of neighboring homes

Reflecting on his first term as mayor, Inyart said he is satisfied with the work the city has done.

"I really have enjoyed this first term as your mayor," he said. "Personally and politically, I'm feeling pretty good."

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#### » E-mail

FROM PAGE 1

Perry said reducing expenditures would vary between departments.

"Some possibilities are equipment, supplies or travel," Perry said, in an e-mail interview Sunday. "There could be others, depending on the department."

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the Office of Student Affairs is committed to delivering programs, services and educational opportunities to stu-

"Each vacancy will be carefully evaluated on a case-by-case basis," he said

Nadler said his office would look for additional ways to reduce expenditures including delaying purchases.

Eastern was asked in November by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to put 2.5 percent of its state-appropriated funding in reserve.

In the e-mail, Perry said the university has been able to set aside 2.5 percent of its budget, which is \$1,264,163.

"I do not know whether we will be required to return the reserved funds, but we must be prepared for that possibility," Perry said Sunday.

In a Nov. 20 e-mail to the campus, Perry listed six tentative

impacts a proposed General Assembly legislation's reducing the fiscal year 2009 budget by 8 percent would have on the university.

The impacts included the reduction of non-safety related maintenance, the postponement of filling some vacant positions, the reduction of spending on programmatic and equipment needs, the reduction of summer school offerings, the reduction of utility expenditure and the implementation of some layoffs.

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— President Bill Perry

with you," Perry said.

He said the administration would continue to work with the Council on University Planning and Budget and discuss impacts on university operations.

"In case of further developments, working with CUPB, public forums would be scheduled," Perry said.

The administration would also consult with the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Senate, the Civil Service Council and the Council of Deans.

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#### Segal

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She said he was good in the gym and helped a lot with the team's blocking skills.

"He's very level-headed and a quick thinker," Messersmith said.

The Panthers finished the 2008 season 5-24 overall and 2-16 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers were 41-69 with a 22-48 mark in the OVC in the past four seasons. They have not made the OVC Tournament since the 2005 season, and they have not reached the NCAA Tournament since 2001.

The Panthers return all letter-winners except for two seniors and also have a verbal recruitment.

Segal spent nine seasons at Armstrong Atlantic, a Division II school. He led the Pirates to back-to-back Peach Belt Conference regular-season titles, the first two league volleyball titles in school history.

A three-time Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year, Segal compiled a 233-104 overall record at Armstrong Atlantic, making five straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances from 2000-05. In his first season at AASU he directed the program to 29 consecutive victories to open the season and finished the year with 36 wins.

Segal also served two seasons as the head coach at Michigan Tech, also a Division II school, winning 40 matches and earning a No. 23 national ranking in 1997. His career coaching record is 273-136.

He is a 1982 California State -Sacramento grad. Segal is also a veteran volleyball official having worked the National Junior College Championships in 1994 and 1995. He is entering his 21st season as an official on the AVP Professional Beach Tour.

Kevin Murphy can be reached at 581-7944 or kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

#### Murphy

FROM PAGE 8

He was second on the football team in rushing yards with 399 this

He was supposed to run in the indoor season, but because of academic issues, which he said are cleared up, he did not run on Satur-

just want to take the weekend (to see) if I want to do (track) or football," Walker said. "It's kind of hard 'cause I do want to run track and want to be able to be with the football team because I'm now a captain. I want to be a leader. It's hard to think about."

Walker is meeting with track coaches on Monday and will decide from there.

This is big.

Walker is the ideal No. 1 running back heading into spring football with the graduation of senior running back Travorus Bess.

He could be the fastest runner on the men's track team, behind some

He is definitely the fastest on the 7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

football team. If Walker is able to find holes on the football field, he zooms. But if not, he does a lot of juking and loses yardage.

But with the addition of Mon Williams, another Florida transfer into a running back position, he could be the top running back.

Williams was rated as the No. 12 running back in the nation coming out of high school according to Rivals.com.

A first-team All-State performer in Texas, he rushed for 1,672 yards with 17 touchdowns as a senior after a junior campaign with 1,499 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Williams told the Times Courier that he could be used in a different situation.

Williams also said that he wouldn't mind being the No. 1 running back.

Walker's decision will be big. One just has to wait to see what he decides.

"I'm going to tell (the coaches) what I want to do," Walker said.

The track team's next meet is this Saturday in Lantz Fieldhouse.

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**PANTHER BRIEFS** 

## Track teams give strong showing

The Eastern men's and women's indoor track and field teams had a strong showing at the EIU Mega Meet on Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Junior Kandace Arnold won the 20-pound weight throw and extended her school record with a throw of 59 feet, 9.75 inches.

Junior Chandra Golden won the 60-meter hurdles and the 60-meter dash.

Red-shirt freshman Zye Boey won the 200-meter dash and was second in the 200-meter dash.

#### Swimming defeats Millikin

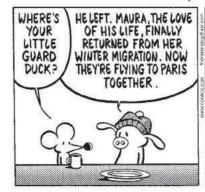
The Eastern men's and wom-

en's swimming teams both defeated Millikin on Saturday.

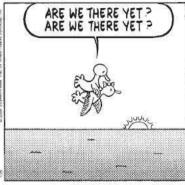
The men won 127-69, and the women won 137-53 as the Panthers won every event and relay.

Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

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#### **SCOREBOARD**

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

\*UT Martin 65, Eastern Illinois 51 \*Morehead State 68, Eastern Kentucky 64 \*Austin Peay 86, Jacksonville State 80 \*Tennessee Tech 86, Tennessee State 78 \*Murray State 80, Southeast Missouri 55 (all games were played Saturday)

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

\*Eastern Illinois 55, UT Martin 49 \*Morehead State 63, Eastern Kentucky 46 \*Austin Peay 82, Jacksonville State 57 \*Murray State 80, Southeast Missouri 65 \*Tennessee State 79, Tennessee Tech 75 (all games we played Saturday) \*Ohio V ey Conf ence game

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**KEVIN MURPHY** 

## Decision time for Walker

Chevon Walker has a lot of

The Eastern red-shirt sophomore running back and track sprinter said Saturday he's taking his time on whether or not he's going to run track for the remainder of the season or participate with the football team in

Walker said on Saturday he would really like to run track, but still wants to be with the football team for workouts and weightlifting.

Walker is a transfer from University of Florida-Gainsville.

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#### **VOLLEYBALL | COACH HIRING**

## Segal hired to coach volleyball team

By KEVIN MURPHY

Sports Editor

The Eastern volleyball team is getting a fresh start.

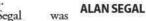
It is getting a head coach with Alan Segal.

"We're all really excited for a fresh start," junior libero Shaina Boylan

Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke said in a press release Friday morning that Alan Segal will be the next head coach for the Panthers.

Segal begin on Feb. 6.

With new coach, we have to let go of everything that's happened in the Boylan past,"



hired after former Eastern head coach Lori Bennett resigned on Dec.

He comes to Eastern after one

season as an assistant coach at Alabama-Birmingham.

There he helped lead the Blazers to a 27-8 record and second-round appearance in the NCAA Tourna-

Boylan said the team met him during the interviewing process, and thinks he is well-qualified.

"I'm excited," Segal said. "I just have to worry about what we're doing.'

He is going to evaluate the team, start recruiting and wants to train the team better in the gym.

"You've got to make them successful there too," Segal said.

He said he enjoyed his visit to Eastern and said he is excited to rebuild the program.

"We're just excited," said UAB head coach Kerry Messersmith, who Segal worked under this past season. "It's a great opportunity for Alan."

Messersmith said Segal is a good technical coach.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 55, UT MARTIN 49

## **Panthers survive Skyhawks**

#### Strong second half helps team avoid upset

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team overcame a slow first half to come from behind and beat Tennessee Martin 55-49 Saturday at the Elam Center in Martin, Tenn.

The Panthers finished the first half with only 15 points to go along with 14 turnovers and trailed by seven against the last-place team in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But senior guard Ellen Canale scored 12 of her team-high 14 points in the second half as Eastern outscored the Skyhawks 40-27 en route to the win.

With the win, the Panthers remain one game behind Murray State (13-6, 8-1 OVC) and tied for second with Tennessee State (11-9, 7-2) in the league.

Head coach Brady Sallee said that while the team did not play as well as he knows they can, he was still happy with the outcome.

"We turned the ball over quite a bit which has been a reoccurring theme," Sallee said. "It hurt our opportunities. I think (UT Martin) did a good job of playing a very physical game and we didn't adapt (in the first half)."

Senior forward Rachel Galligan was the only other Panther to score

in double-figures as she finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. She broke Eastern's record for alltime free-throw attempts early in the second half, passing alumna Pam O'Connor's program-record of

This was the third record Galligan has broken in her career, as she already holds Panther records for free throws made and blocked

The Panthers (13-7, 7-2) were able to capitalize on a seven-minute field goal drought by the Skyhawks (2-17, 0-9) in the second half. Senior guard Megan Edwards and red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims both connected on 3-pointers during the stretch as Eastern built a nine-point lead they would never relinquish.

Skyhawks' senior forward Phyllisha Mitchell led all scorers with 17 points and also had a game-high 14 rebounds. The Panthers won the rebound battle 38-36 but committed 24 turnovers for the game with only eight assists.

The Panthers return home this week for a four-game home stand beginning on Thursday against Tennessee Tech. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

The Panthers will welcome OVC foes Jacksonville State and Southeast Missouri during the home stand.

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ALEX HARRISON | UT MARTIN SPORTS INFORMATION

Red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims goes up for a shot during the Panthers' 55-49 victory over UT Martin Saturday. Sims scored nine points, all of which came in the second half.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | UT MARTIN 65, EASTERN 51

## Second-half run propels Skyhawks to victory

#### Nation's second-leading scorer Hudson scores 29 in win against Panthers

By DAN CUSACK

Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's basketball team led Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee Martin by six with 18 minutes, 53 seconds remaining in the second half, but the Skyhawks went on a 19-2 run to take the lead and hand the Panthers a 65-51 loss Saturday night in Martin, Tenn.

Junior center Ousmane Cisse

gave the Panthers a six-point lead with nearly 19 minutes remaining, but the Skyhawks' leading scorer, and the nation's second-leading scorer, Lester Hudson, took over.

Hudson scored 13 of the next 19 points for the Skyhawks, including three 3-pointers and a dunk with 4:57 remaining, giving the Skyhawks a 58-43 lead.

Eastern led by as many as six in the first half, after battling back from a 16-9 deficit, and had a 31-30 point lead at halftime.

The Panthers were lights-out from downtown, going 5-of-5 from behind the arc in the first half and

shooting 11-20 (55 percent) from the field.

Junior guard Tyler Laser was the only player to score in double figures as he finished with 21 points on 7of-11 shooting.

Junior guard T.J. Marion added seven points on 3-of-9 shooting, while senior forward Billy Parrish and junior guard T.J. Marion both ended with six points.

Hudson led all scorers with 29 points, while Skyhawks' guard Marquis Weddle finished with 12 points.

At 5-4 in the conference, the Panthers (8-11) are tied with Murray State (10-9 overall) for fourth in the OVC. After the win, UT Martin (14-6) is in third place with a 7-3 record.

Austin Peay (12-7) is alone in first with an 8-1 mark in conference play.

The Panthers return to Lantz Arena for a four-game home stand this week, all of which are against OVC

The Panthers will take on Tennessee Tech on Thursday at 8 p.m.

They will also welcome Jacksonville State, Southeast Missouri, and Murray State over that stretch.

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#### EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday vs Tennessee Tech 5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday vs Tennessee Tech 8 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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