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#### Monday

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## Franklin's birthday brings big turnout to booth



## **Dropped** with buzzer beater

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**EVENT** 

# nique experience offered by the 'Hot Club'

By Seth Schroeder **Activities Editor** 

Paul Mehling, a lead guitarist for The Hot Club of San Francisco, said a group of traveling gypsy musicians in the 20th century would travel from town to town, earning income by displaying silent films where they could and playing music to accompany them.

The Hot Club of San Francisco attempted to recreate this type of show and give the audience a chance to visit the past.

We don't know for certain that this ever happened," said Mehling, "but it's totally possible."

The event was called "Silent Surrealism" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at The Theater in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The band mainly focused on the genre of gypsy jazz, but also played classical as well. During the first half of the performance, the band played several gypsy jazz songs but for the second half the music accompanied four silent films.

Mehling said Django Reinhardt, a Romani gypsy guitarist and composer, developed this style of music.

Mehling and Evan Price, the band's violinist, both grew up with a record collection with Reinhardt's music.

"Some people just like (Reinhardt's music) and some people just gravitate toward it," said Me-

The first two silent films, "It's a Bird" and "Now You Tell One," were both comedies by Charlie Bowers.

Both films focused on lying and featured some of the earliest uses of both animation and live action simultaneously.

The third film "The Fall of the House of Usher" by James Sibley Watson, is a horror film based off of the Edgar Allen Poe poem of the same name.

Mehling said the film pioneered several techniques that we now take for granted in movies.

Mehling also said the fourth film, "The Land Beyond the Sunset" by Edison Studios, did not fit into any one particular genre.

Before the show, there was a free lecture and question and answer ses-

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Evan Price and Isabelle Fontaine, of the Hot Club of San Francisco, accompany the silent film The Fall of the House of Usher during their performance in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Theater Friday.

# Local theater has potential

By: Elizabeth Edwards **City Editor** 

The Charleston Historic Preservation Commission believes the Will Rogers Theater has potential for an entertainment venue for Eastern students.

Kitt Morice, the chairwoman of the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission, said the vacant Will Rogers Theater has historical significance and could be used as an entertainment venue for the community.

"The Will Rogers is an ingenious place for entertainment and business," Morice said.

Morice said Will Rogers is unique because the theater is connected to five shops.

The five storefronts match the colored scheme of the theater, which makes the Will Rogers Theater different than other theaters in the area.

"Local community groups could have the performance space and the shops could be rented out for business," Morice said. "The theater space could be used for community members of all ages, including Eastern students.'

Will Rogers is located at 705 Monroe Ave. and was built in 1936.

AMC Entertainment closed the theater on Nov. 28, and the 72-yearold theater has been vacant since.

The commission has taken steps to recognize the theater as a local landmark.

Local landmark status would require a potential buyer of the theater to consult the city for any major changes to the architecture of the building, Morice said.

The process of recognizing the theater as a local landmark would take several months.

A landmark application must be submitted and a public hearing must be conducted.

The final decision for the local landmark status would be voted on by the city council, Morice

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# Special elections to begin today

By Nike Ogunbodede and Kaitlin Sullivan

Student Government Editor and Staff Reporter

Online elections for student government's executive vice president begin today.

The executive vice president candidates are: Zach Samples, Christine Anderson, Neil Majd and Blake Pierce.

Online elections will take place today and Tuesday and executive vice president results will be announced during the next Student Senate meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. Univer-

To vote online, Eastern students will have to visit the student government website where students can vote with their E-number and password. Online elections will last for 48

"I think online elections are a great way to reach the students compared to our previous paper ballot system," said Jarrod Scherle, the speaker of the student senate.

Last fall, the student government transitioned from paper ballots to an online format after Student Body President Michelle Murphy and John Poshepny, a student senate member, wrote an election reform resolution. With a shortage of student senate member applications all senate candidates received seats.

"In the fall election, 313 ballots were cast," said Holly Henry, a student senate member. "This was a significant decrease from ballots cast in previous elections."

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## JPB discuss strategic planning By Shelley Holmgren

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**Administration Editor** William Weber, the vice pres-

ident for business affairs, updated the Council of University and Planning on the progress of the ongoing Strategic Planning Effort at Friday's meeting.

As of Jan. 18, 70 volunteers have come forth, Weber said. However, there are some groups in the committee that are not yet represented, he added.

'We predicted that certain gaps would arise," Weber said. 'We have proceeded with brainstorming on some names and checking to see if some people would be on the committee even if they didn't volunteers. We're waiting to hear back."

In early December, Weber

sent a direct email to the campus community seeking volunteers, students, faculty and staff alike, for the steering committee.

"We want majority faculty and balanced across college disciplines, level of career, faculty rep to include people who serve on major governance groups, civil service and students," Weber said.

Weber will be running the final draft of the committee roster by the president's council today and hopes to have the first meeting for the committee on Tues-

day.
"I think we're really close to getting our committee finalizedall the major governance groups are represented in the current draft," Weber said. "I'm very pleased as to how to this is progressing. I'm thrilled with the

numbers of volunteers."

The committee is using the book, Collaborative Strategic Planning in Higher Education by Pat Sanaghan as the guide for this process. The process is currently in Sanaghan's first phase, "getting

Psychology professor Assege Haile Mariam and Ken Baker, the director of Campus Recreation, are serving as co-chairs of the planning committee.

Mariam, Baker and Weber have been meeting with Michael Maurer, the director of planning, budget and institutional research, and Amy Edwards, the director of planning and institutional studies, have been meeting once every two weeks for about a month and a half to get organized.

On the matter of outcome



based funding for higher education, President Bill Perry said he is unsure if this measure will result in any action from the general assembly.

'We ask what is done is done so collaboratively with higher education," he said. "It's still early on in the legislation- we've been (to Springfield) and believe performance-based funding is important and it'd be to our advantage."

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## EIU weather



High: 31 Low: 20°



**TUESDAY** 

Mostly Cloudy High: 29° Low: 16°

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# what's on tap

**MONDAY** 

All day Deadline to drop

Deadline to drop courses with no grade.

6 p.m. Rubbers lovers

Rubber Lovers open session in the Mattoon/Charleston Room in the MLK Jr. Union. The Health Education Resource Center provides free safe sex packets to all students who participate in one Rubber Lovers presentation and become certified.

**TUESDAY** 

10 a.m. Job prep buffet

Walk- through service with tips and advice on the job search and how to be prepared in the Bridge Lounge in the MLK Jr. Union.

All day Withdrawal begins

A 'W' will be given to any students who drop courses starting

9 a.m. 30 minute resumes

Perfect for those students who need to start a resume. Get one started and finished in 30 minutes in Career Services.

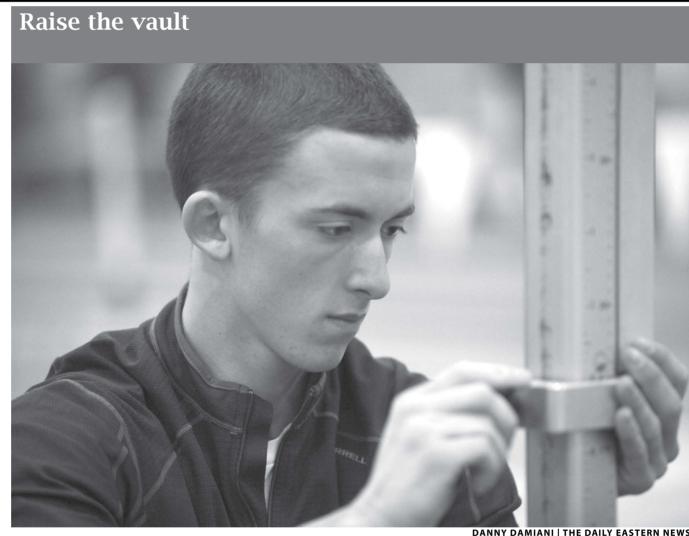
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ONLINE



### Blog: Celebrity smack talk: Sammi isn't a sweetheart

It's a new week and it's time for a new 'Celebrity Smack Talk With Alex.' Today's talk is all about Jersey Shore's Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola. Isn't she the greatest? No, not really. Read what Alex has to say in the blog "Celebrity Smack Talk With Alex: Sammi isn't a sweetheart" at DENnews.com.



**DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS** 

Brett Winterbottom, a freshman kinesiology major, raises the height of the pole-vault Saturday during the EIU Mega Meet in the

Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union



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## **EIU History Lesson**

January 24

2005

The north tower of Carman Hall was flooded after a pipe burst that emitted steaming hot water.

The Bud Light Daredevils performed their patented halftime show during Eastern's men's basketball game against Wisconsin Green Bay.

1989

Eastern started construction on a few of the residence halls in order to be more accommodating to those who have

1974

A master key that had been missing since September became the possible explanation for the burglaries of student rooms in Stevenson Tower.

# Master plan on schedule

By Shelley Holmgren

**Administration Editor** 

Despite harsh weather, Gary Reed, the director of facilities planning and management, informed the Council of University Planning and Budget the Renewable Energy Center is "generally still on schedule" at Friday's meeting.

The Renewable Energy Center, one of the biggest components of the Campus Master Plan, is now fully enclosed, Reed said. He added that construction on the gas boilers could also begin as early as March with the work on the biomass units beginning in May.

The next step for the Renewable Energy Center will be to purchase woodchip biomass boiler fuel at a cost of \$42.08 per ton, which the Board of Trustees approved at its last meeting.

"We'd love to have someone closer, but when we collected bid and evaluated and scored, the low-cost bidder and best quality turned out to be this provider," said William Weber, the vice president for business affairs.

However, the CUPB board members raised a concern over the fuel not coming from a local source.

Foster Brothers Wood Products from Auxvasse, Missouri will be supplying the wood products for the center.

The contract with Foster Brothers will run from Feb. 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015 at an estimated cost of approximately \$5 million.

The ultimate goal is to be "100 percent fired up by early June, which is really close to the originally conceived time frame," Reed said.

He added the university will "take a year for shakedown" before abandoning use of the current steam plant. By the summer of 2012, facilities, planning and management will unleash the demo project for the plant.

Earlier this month, workers completed the underground tunnel for the plant, although there is still some earthwork to be done, Reed said. However, this completion of the project meant

there were no more road closures on Ninth Street.

"It was very much appreciated from the cooperation from campus," Reed said. "We know it was difficult- the inconveniences were obvious."

Facilities, planning and management is also continuing work on the honors college conceptual design. In addition, working with athletics on replacing the track and football field turf is also a pri-

Other future maintenance required will be to upgrade the electrical system in McAfee Gym

"The electrical system is maxed out due to old wiring," Reed said. "We should be bidding this spring and getting something going later this sum-

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## MEETINGS Study abroad opportunities to be presented at meetings

Informational meetings for studying abroad are available for locations around the world this week.

Information regarding costs, planned excursions and duration dates will be included in the meetings.

An informational meeting for teaching and learning science in the Bahamas will be available today. The program focuses on working at a school in the Bahamas with students in a multicultural setting. The program also includes exploring the ecosystem of marine environments.

Also available today is an informational meeting for students interested in teaching in Toronto. The program contains information on applying teaching skills in workshops, guided tours and classrooms with students of a diverse cultural background from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

The Toronto informational meeting is also available on Jan. 25.

On Jan. 25, there is an informational meeting featuring different opportunities for studying abroad in different locations in Germany.

An informational meeting about a summer study abroad program in Barbados from June 12 - June 26 is on Jan. 26. Elective and senior seminar credit may be earned.

#### **Study Abroad**

#### **Toronto**

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday in Room 1140 in Buzzard Hall 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Room 2440 in Buzzard Hall

#### **The Bahamas**

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in Room 2444 in Buzzard Hall

#### Germany

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Room 1445 in Buzzard Hall

#### **Barbados**

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 2160 in Coleman Hall

# Music department to present workshop on Tuesday

By Amy Wywialowski **Staff Editor** 

On Tuesday, the School of Continuing education will be pairing with the music department to put on a workshop titled "The Evolution of Brass."

This program begins at 7 p.m. at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"This is an Academy of Lifetime Learning workshop provided by two professors who will introduce the historical development of, and play samples of, each of their instrument families," said Janna Overstreet, the coordinator of the Academy of Lifetime Learning for the school of continuing education.

Jemmie Robertson is an associate professor in the music department. He said besides demonstrating the different instrument families, he and other professors at the event will all also discuss the context of the styles.

'We will discuss historical and ancient brass instruments and outline their development through various musical eras," Robertson said.

The workshop will be presented by Robertson; Andrew Cheetham, trumpet; and Todd French, tuba. A guest lecturer who is very knowledgeable about early brass instruments from the Renaissance era will also be present.

"Furthermore we will incorporate several recordings and videos with musical demonstrations by the faculty and select student groups from the department of music," Robertson said.

Overstreet said there will be quite a variety of music played at the event.

"They will explore the evolution of brass, American musical styles from the Civil War Era brass band tradition and its evolution into New Orleans-style of early jazz, the swing jazz and be-bop eras," Overstreet said.

Robertson said this program has

been in the works since last winter.

"The original idea was to incorporate a performance of the faculty brass quintet. That idea has morphed into a presentation that will outline the development of brass instruments and their musical literature," Robertson said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

# Plan now instead of later

As of today, there are 47 days until spring break.

That may seem like a lot of time, but it is not considering the sort of things students should be doing during their spring breaks. Spring break should be a time to relax and spend some time with friends and family, but most importantly it should be a time to be productive and get some work done.

This year an Eastern student who only attends school in the fall and spring semester will spend 135 days in class, assuming he or she actually goes to every class. Over the course of four years that adds up to about 540 days in class out of 1,460 days in those

Spring break is not a real thing outside of the college world. Just imagine that. With the exception of the student population, Americans work five days a week year round with a set of 11 federally recognized holidays. Students are the only people who have a designated week off to celebrate the new season by doing absolutely nothing.

For a college student, spring break may mean spending a week on some warm beach forgetting about that 10-page term paper due the day he or she returns. For others, spring breaks means spending a week on some warm couch playing video games and forgetting about that 10-page term paper due the day he

Time is the most valuable resource we have because we can never get it back. Once those empty spring break days are gone we are never going to get them back.

Some might argue that since now is the only time students have this time off they should use it to sleep and have fun with their

On the other hand, this time off can be used both for that and to accomplish something like that 10-page term paper due the Monday back.

Four study abroad trips are available during the week of spring break; two in Italy, one in Nicaragua and one in Ecuador.

Unfortunately, the deadline for these trips are listed as being in December on the study abroad website. So students may be out of luck there. But there are dozens of other opportunities to make something out of the week off, and now is the best time to start planning for that.

Do some part time work related to your

Go on one of the dozen Alternative Spring Break trips around the country, and even to Mexico, that the Newman Catholic Center

A seven-day spring break may not seem like a lot of time to get work done, especially with such a long outlook, but remember, when the real world hits, spring break no longer exists.

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#### COLUMN

## Speaking from the city of bomb shelters

Like everyone else on the planet, I have heard about the "complicated" situation in the Middle East my whole life: promises to fix it, hopeful negotiations that crumble behind closed doors, rockets, wars, treaties, stalemates, etc. Round and round it goes until, exasperated, I figure both sides are unwilling to reach the type of tough-but-straightforward agreements that brought peace to Ireland and South Africa, and I give up. "It's complicated" is a Facebook status, not a diplomatic agreement.

I spent the last two weeks in Israel. The trip was free, as it is to any Jew, through a program called "Taglit Birthright." To any students who come from a Jewish background, I suggest checking it out. It is a free trip to Israel, if nothing else.

Last Wednesday I visited Sderot, a town of about 20,000 people in the western Negev desert, less than a mile away from the Gaza strip.

Sderot has been the target of more than 10,000 rockets fired from Gaza since 2000. Gaza is controlled by the militant Islamic group Hamas. Sderot is the only town in the 21st Century where rockets are being fired at a civilian population.

To deal with the rocket attacks, the town has a siren that gives residents a 15 second warning to get into a bomb shelter.

Stop for a moment and consider how far you could get in 15 seconds. Could you get to the nearest bathroom? The nearest car? The nearest stairway?



Dave Balson

Sderot is the bomb shelter capitol of the world. Every house has a bomb shelter. Apartment buildings have bomb shelters crawling up their sides. Every bus stop is a bomb shelter and others are spaced in between; there is a bomb shelter about 15 seconds away from most places.

If you are a child in Sderot, you should hope you are in school. Older schools have been retrofitted with huge steel shields on their outer walls and roofs. Newer schools are literally giant bomb shelters, their paltry playgrounds nothing but dust and three safe cubes awaiting the siren's call.

Other parts of town have the type of playgrounds we grew up on: ladder up, slide down, monkey bars and the wall with a clear bubble that never made sense. They have painted a castle a nice shade of purple, and made two long concrete snakes look so vibrant and fun, you could almost forget they, too, are bomb shelters. Between 70 to 95 percent of children in Sderot have Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, according

to Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper.

So why are people still living in this god-forsaken place? There are a few reasons. For one, housing is much cheaper there (feel free to guess why). For another, Sderot has one of the most lively and productive music scenes in the Eastern Hemisphere. The town is home to more charttopping bands than any other in Israel and rivals any in Europe.

But the real reason people stay is because they feel they must. Sderot is recognized as part of Israel. If they leave, if they give up, what happens to the next town? And the next? Rockets from Gaza can hit Israel's economic and cultural centers - Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, respectively.

I saw all this from Israel's side of the border, so I cannot speak with objective moral authority on who is right or wrong, victim or oppressor. I know everyone I talked to in Israel wants peace more than anything, and would give up land if they thought it would achieve it. I also know that people suffer in Gaza and struggle for a homeland in the West Bank.

As a commentator, I am supposed to speak in shoulds and should nots.

No one should have to live like the people of Sderot. That's all I've got.

It's complicated.

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#### FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

# Think twice before you post

We have all been warned that the first thing our potential employers are going to do is look us up on Google. They will see all our crazy statuses, pictures and videos on Facebook.

That is not the only thing they are going to see. They are going to see every comment you have left your name on; they will see every comment someone else has left your name on; they will see every story and picture that has your name in it; they will see that comment you left last week about Lolcats.

Now Dennews.com has received its fair share of comments, and we appreciate the fact that people take time to leave comments. Comments let us know what readers think. Our policy is to have all comments automatically approved, but to check them when we can and remove those that violate our policy. We let them go up right away in the hopes of readers having an on-topic, civil discussion about the articles. And for the most part, readers are capable of doing that.

But in any group there are a few bad apples that ruin it for the rest of the crowd. They are the ones who leave comments insulting other commentors. They leave malicious comments that have nothing to do with the stories or preexisting discussions. They are why comments are occasionally shut down on a story. They ruin the story and comments for those readers who want to have a civil discussion. They poke the sleeping bear of a discussion into a ferocious beast that mauls every-



Julia Carlucci

thing in sight.

During my time as the Online Editor I have received e-mails from alumni who ask to have their comments removed. These (current) professionals had left comments online years ago as undergraduates that they were embarrassed to see now. In their e-mails, most wrote that they regretted leaving those comments years later because their co-workers and employers had seen them while searching their names online. Some had left distasteful comments as a joke. While they may be funny in the moment, they stop being funny when your employer calls you into their office.

So in the future, before you leave an off-comment and malicious comment think about who is going to be reading it in five years. It could be anyone from your employer to your child.

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#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR** Samples best candidate

Having served as Executive Vice President for two years, I am in a unique position to evaluate the candidates for the EVP election. After much thought, I am endorsing Zach Samples for the position. Whoever is elected faces unprecedented challenges, and I fully believe that Mr. Samples will rise to meet them. Much has been made about "experience" in this campaign. Let me be clear: I never served as a Student Senator before becoming EVP. Time on Senate or grade level has nothing to do with ability to serve in the position. It is the passion and the knowledge that a person brings to it that makes all the difference. This is why I fully endorse Mr. Samples in his campaign. He has shown to me that he truly has a passion and a thirst to learn the various facets of the job.

It is my opinion that Student Government and Student Action Team do not need an interim EVP. They need someone who will fully take the reigns and leave his mark on the position and our university for years to come. Mr. Samples is the only candidate who isn't graduating in May.

Zach Samples is engaged in his campus community, is knowledgeable about the issues confronting state government, and has the passion to lead the student body forward, both on Eastern's campus and in Springfield. In my eyes, that is the perfect Executive Vice President, and I am proud to fully endorse him for this position.

> Eric Wilber, Former Executive Vice President '08-'10

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UNIVERSITY

# Franklin's birthday brings big turnout to booth

By Zinika Livingston **Staff Reporter** 

The Ballenger Teachers Center in the Booth Library celebrated Benjamin Franklin's 305th birthday despite freezing temperatures through out the area.

About 25 people, including 10 children, were able to learn more about Franklin through story time and arts and crafts.

Jeanne Goble, Ballenger Teachers Center Library Specialist, said she wasn't expecting the crowed due to the cold weather.

"I can't believe we had this big of a turnout," Goble said. "This is beyond what I imagined."

Goble said she came up with the idea to have a birthday party for Franklin to give children between the ages of 3 and 6 to have an opportunity to connect with Franklin on a personal level.

Goble started the party off with story time, reading books of Benjamin Franklin's childhood.

"I wanted to make Ben more approachable to the kids," Goble said.

Directly following story time, the children were given Benjamin Franklin masks and were allowed to create their own printing press by using stamps and coloring utensils.

Brother and sister, Emelio, 5, and Elizabeth, 7, went directly for the masks and the fake \$100 bills on the table.

"I have two dollars," Emilio bragged to his sister and mother, Holly Pucheta



KIM FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ian Corrigan, 4, uses stamps Saturday as part of an activity mimicking the printing press at Booth Library's celebration of Benjamin Franklin's 305th birthday.

while holding two \$100 bills.

Pucheta, an alumna of Eastern, said it was her first time attending story time but will be bringing Emelio and Elizabeth again.

"I love that there is an event that can benefit kids but also the education department," Pucheta said. "This is better than the kids being at home all day."

Goble will be passing the storytelling torch to Suzanna Cassida, a senior accounting major. Cassida, who works at the library and will be studying library

science, will be in charge of story time starting next Saturday.

"It's been great helping out," Cassida said. "I'm looking forward to next

Story time for children between the ages of 3 to 6 will be every Saturday at 10-11 a.m. in the Ballenger Teachers Center at the Booth Library.

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### ELECTIONS, from page 1

Student forgot to vote because senate members were not pushing students from behind, said Henry, a sophomore political science major.

Henry was one of 13 senate candidates to be elected during the fall elec-

"I think we could see a record number of votes cast when we use this system in the spring," she said.

Eastern students used to only be able to vote in Coleman Hall or the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Scherle said.

"The process is much more convenient and should encourage more votes cast," Scherle said.

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#### **BLOTTER**

## Gray Ford damaged by unknown vehicle

At 5:17 p.m. on Tuesday, it was reported that a theft had occurred on Jan. 13 at the Student Recreation Center. This incident is under investigation.

At 4:12 p.m. on Wednesday, it was reported that a gray Ford was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked at an off campus location.

At 10:33 a.m. on Thursday, a private property accident occurred at Greek Court. No citations were

At 6:27 p.m. on Thursday, it was reported that a theft had occurred on Jan. 19 at the Union Bookstore. This incident is under investiga-

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Aubin, 19, 1817 S. Ninth St. Apt. 3, Charleston, was arrested at the intersection of Fourth Street and Roosevelt Avenue. He was charged with DUI-alcohol, a Blood Alcohol Content greater than .08, and illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released at 4:38 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$3000 bond.

## CUPB, from page 1

Perry has been pushing for the Finance Study Commission, a section of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, to highly recommend this standard.

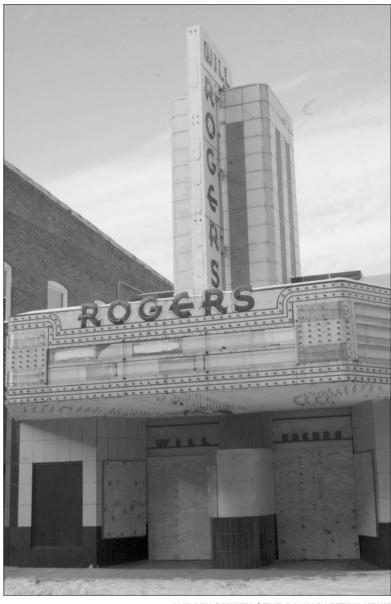
Perry wrote a letter to the commission to carefully consider this proposal and spoke to the commission at its Oct. 5 meeting.

"I ask that the Higher Education

Finance Study Commission further investigate existing funding disparities and how outcome based funding would improve efforts to fund institutions that are operating effectively and efficiently." Perry said.

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#### THEATER, from page 1



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Charleston Historic Preservation Advisory Commission is trying to make the Will Rogers Theatre on Monroe Ave. a historical site.

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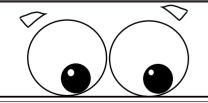
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There is a lot of community interest for saving the theater," Morice

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# Team impresses Eastern track legend

#### Performs well in second home meet

By Dominic Renzetti **Assistant Sports Editor** 

With Eastern track and field legend John Craft in attendance, the Panthers displayed another impressive performance at Saturday's EIU Mega Meet held in Lantz Field house. Craft was honored in a special ceremony during the event with a jersey retired in his name. Craft was a triple jumper for the Panthers during the 1960s, and later went on to compete in the 1972 Munich Olympics before returning to Eastern as an assistant coach.

Red-shirt junior Zye Boey competed in the 60-meter dash, where he currently holds the fastest time in the Ohio Valley Conference, as one of the top 25 fastest times in the nation, with a mark of 6.75. Boey did not surpass his top time, but still managed to win the men's 60-meter dash competition with a time of

The Panther men were victorious in all relay events at the EIU Mega Meet, coming in first place in the 4x400-meter relay, 4x800-meter relay

and the distance medley relay.

The team of senior Darren Patterson, freshman Cody Boarman, redshirt senior Pat Tortorici and senior Preston Smith won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:20.42. The group beat out teams from Memphis, Chicago State and the Illinois XC and Track Club.

The distance medley team of redshirt senior Wes Sheldon, senior Chad Aubin, junior Reid Basting, and freshman Ryan Ballard captured first place with a time of 10:36.60. The same team also won the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 7:56.90.

For the women, junior Emily Quinones won the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.19. Red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich also won the 600-meter run with a time of 1:34.96, while sophomore Erika Ramos finished first in the one mile run with a time of 5:09.96. Junior Olivia Klaus took first place in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:26.75.

Ramos said she thought the team performed well, but wished there would have been some tougher com-

'The meet wasn't as big of a competition as we would have liked it to be, but we have just got to pull through," Ramos said.



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Chad Aubin, a senior hurdler, receives the baton from Reid Basting, a junior sprinter, during the men's 4x800 meter relay Saturday during the EIU Mega Meet in the Lantz Field house. Eastern took first place in the men's 4x800 meter relay and second place at the meet.

Ramos said she was glad all the team members got a chance to race, and that this meet will prepare the team for the big competition that comes their way the rest of the season.

In the women's 4x400-meter relay, the team of junior Emily Quinones, freshman Klaudia Susul, junior Bridget Sanchez and red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich took first place with a

Susul said overall she thought the team did pretty well, as many team members were also battling minor injuries at the time.

In the field events, the men had one first place finisher, red-shirt freshman Mick Viken, who cleared 17 feet to win the pole-vaulting event. This was the second first place performance this year for Viken, who took first place at the EIU Early Bird last December.

Viken said he thought he performed pretty well, saying that he had been trying all year to get over the 17foot mark. Viken mentioned that one of his goals is to break the school record, which currently stands at 17 1", set by Kyle Ellis in 2007. Viken currently sits in second place on the school record list.

The Panthers next meet will be the Illinois Intercollegiate, held at the University of Illinois on Jan. 28.

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## SLUMP, from page 8

There are only three teams in the Ohio Valley Conference with a winning overall record. Eastern is not one of them.

Although overall record doesn't matter down the line to win the OVC, the Panthers' conference record, 5-4, is in jeopardy of falling to even with, or below, a 500 record.

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### TEAM, from page 8

Martin's bench outplayed Eastern's, scoring 36 points compared to the Panthers five. Simmons not only hit the game-winning shot, but he scored 21 points of the bench on 9 of 13 shooting. Simmons' 21 points were a game

high. Mike Liabo also came off the bench to score 15 points. No starter for Martin scored more than 12 points.

Eastern was able to control the glass, out-rebounding Martin 33-31; however, Marin grabbed 14 offensive and scored nine second chance points.

The Panthers return to action Jan. 27 against OVC rival Tennessee Tech at Lantz Arena; tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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### DROPPED, from page 8

"In a tough game like that, it allows the other team to keep the momentum," Sallee said.

The Panthers committed 18 turnovers. Sallee said when you combine turnovers with missing opportunities for lay-ups and free throws it allows for a comeback, which the Skyhawks did.

The Skyhawks' second leading scorer was Heather Butler, who, despite scoring 20 points, Sallee said the Panthers did a good job on her.

With the loss, the Panthers fall to fourth place in the OVC, two games behind the Skyhawks. Also, the Panthers become one of eight teams in the OVC to have an overall losing record.

The Panthers' next game will be against Tennessee Tech 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena.

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## Serious slump threatens record

The Eastern women's basketball team doesn't lose three games in a row very often, although they have lost three games straight one other time this

In the previous two seasons, that only happened once. But it has happened twice this season, and right now they are struggling again. Why?

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said it best Saturday. Sallee said his team has gotten into situations where they hope to hold onto a lead.

Hoping is obviously not enough. This team is slumping right now, seriously slumping.

There are a few definitive factors that are the reason for this slump. One is injuries, and the other is young players just not playing up to the skill level of their teammates.

First, injuries have forced Sallee to keep a very slim bench. The Panthers' bench consists of Hillary Held and Jordyne Crunk. Don't get me wrong, both players have been impressive lately; however, no team can afford to have only two reliable bench players.

In fact, Crunk is as close to a starting bench player as a team can have. Saturday she played 27 minutes, three more than Chantelle Pressley, who started the game. Thursday, she played 36 minutes, tied for the highest on the team with Kelsey Wyss, who started the game.

Now go back to last Saturday, when Crunk played 31 minutes against Morehead State, third on the team.

It might be coincidence, but Crunk has played a large amount of minutes lately. In those last three games, the Panthers have racked up three losses.

Held is the team's other bench player, as the Panthers have only been playing seven players most of the time recently.

Both of those players have been playing really good basketball; in fact, they've been playing better than some starters at times. Yet, the Panthers

Injuries have sidelined players like Jessica Parker, usually the first player off of the bench when she was healthy, and Jackie Herman, who has had her moments, especially against Illinois State this

One player who is not injured, but is not playing is Taryn Olson, who used to be the first player off of the bench to sub a forward. Now, it's Held.

Now I don't really know what to think about Olson right now, but Held has trumped her. Olson isn't doing anything anymore.

One key starter that is slumping is Sydney Mitchell. At least, she is slumping in the three losses. Besides Saturday, when she scored nine points, she had only scored a combined eight points in the two games prior.

Another problem for Eastern right now is the defense. The Panthers are getting beaten up by at least one player on the opposing team each game, in their three losses.

It started last Saturday, when Eastern watched Chynna Bozeman go for 30 points against them. In that game, three other Morehead State players scored in double figures.

They are in an uncommon slump right now, losing three games in a row, so it will be interesting to see how this young team responds.

SLUMP, page 7

# Dropped with buzzer beater

### Newsome leads Skyhawks over **Panthers**

By Alex McNamee Staff Reporter

Tennessee-Martin's Jasmine Newsome hit the final two points of her 35-point night Saturday with two seconds to go in the game.

Her shot gave Tennessee-Martin the two-point lead it needed to clinch the victory against the Eastern women's basketball team, 80-78. Eastern sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon heaved a shot from half court, but missed as time expired.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Panthers were playing a man-to-man defense on that possession, but Newsome drove it and hit the shot.

"I don't know if it's Jasmine Awesome or Jasmine Newsome," Sallee said. "She just dribble drove us and we had a hard time keeping her out of the paint."

With the loss, the Panthers have lost three consecutive games and fell to 9-10 on the season, 5-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

But despite the close loss, the Panthers' situation was much better earlier in the second half as they led by 15 points; however, they

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couldn't hold onto the lead.

Sallee said he does not exactly know why, but the answer could be a combination of things.

"That's the million dollar question," Sallee said.

The now three-game skid could be a part of the reason why Eastern was unable to hold the lead, Sallee said. "When you're in a funk like we

are, you have a tendency to hang on and hope to get (a win)," Sallee said. Saturday, Sallee said that might

have been the case, as the Skyhawks battled back from trailing 69-54 to only trailing by six points, 78-72. The Skyhawks scored six consec-

utive points and tied the game with 17 seconds left on the clock, via Alecia Weatherly. Weatherly had 12 points in the game. Sallee said the Panthers also

missed on some lay-ups and free throws, which hurt the team's chances of keeping the lead.

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Ta'Kenya Nixon, a sophomore guard, makes her way around an opponent to drive up the lane Jan. 13 in Lantz Arena. Nixon scored a total of 36 points combined in the Panthers' losses against Murray State and UT Martin this weekend.

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Team loses in closing seconds



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Isaac Smith III, a freshman guard, passes the ball to a teammate during the game against Eastern Kentucky Jan. 13 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat Murray State and lost to UT Martin over the weekend.

### Panthers fall to 4-5 in the OVC

By Rob Mortell **Sports Editor** 

Days after Eastern's men's basketball team beat Murray State in the final seconds, it got a piece of its own medicine during its game against UT Martin.

Benzor Simmons drained a three-point shot with 25.4 seconds remaining to give Martin a 63-62 lead. Eastern had two chances as time ran out, but it was unable to make a miracle shot for the win.

Eastern led 33-30 at half, thanks to junior guard Jeremy Granger knocking down a jump-shot with three seconds remaining.

The Panthers were able to extend their lead to 51-41 with 11:49 remaining in the game, thanks to a three-point shot by senior guard Curry McKinney.

However, Martin was able to slowly cut the lead down to 52 percent second half shooting, and it got its first lead of the game with

four minutes remaining.

The game went back and fourth until Simmons made the clutch three-point shot, which gave Martin the win.

The loss drops the Panthers record to 8-11 overall and 4-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Martin improves to 7-14 overall and 3-7 in conference.

Eastern currently sits at seventh in the OVC standings, while Martin climbed to ninth overall.

The Panthers were led by sophomore forward Sean Pratl with 17 points and six rebounds. Granger, McKinney and red-shirt sophomore James Hollowell scored in double-digits as well. McKinney recorded his first career doubledouble with ten points and ten rebounds.

As a unit, Eastern shot 49 percent for the game, including five three-pointers, while Martin shot 43 percent for the game and made 3-17 three-point attempts.

One key to Martin's success was it out-played the Panthers inside, outscoring them 32-22 in the

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#### **EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE**

#### Men's Basketball

7:30 p.m. – Lantz Arena

#### Women's Basketball Thursday vs. Tennessee Tech

Thursday vs. Tennessee Tech 5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

#### **M&W Swimming**

Friday vs. IUPUI 3:30 p.m. – Padovan Pool

#### Women's Indoor Track Saturday at Illinois Intercollegiate

TBA – Úrbana-Champaign

#### **Men's Indoor Track** Saturday at Illinois Intercollegiate

TBA – Urbana-Champaign

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AFC champion vs. Green Bay 6:30 p.m. on FOX

#### NBA

Milwaukee at Chicago 8 p.m. on Comcast Sports Chicago

#### NHL

NY Rangers at Washington 7:30 p.m. on Versus

#### NBA Washington at New York 7:30 p.m. on NBA TV

NHL St. Louis at Colorado 9:30 p.m. on FOX MIDW