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COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND BUDGET

Furlough solutions sought

By Emily Zulz
News Editor

Faculty and staff want alternative measures sought before the implementation of furloughs.

Of the comments Council on University Planning and Budget received regarding President Bill Perry's draft furlough policy, 25 percent related to

cost containment.

These comments to CUPB included freezing new hiring; cutting temporary, extra, student, part-time help; eliminating consulting for projects; and eliminating print documents and making everything online.

Other cost containment measures that were suggested were adopting a four to four and a half workweek or

closing campus during holiday or low-use times.

Council member John Pommier suggested the CUPB put effort into looking deeper into cost containment as opposed to furloughs.

"I think we can put a lot of energy into that," Pommier said. "Let's look at those, not furloughs."

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HEALTH

Vaccine restrictions lifted for public

Staff Report

Restrictions on the H1N1 vaccine have been lifted, according to a Friday e-mail from Sheila Baker, medical director for Health Services.

The e-mail states that people six months of age or older can now receive the vaccine.

Supplies are still limited throughout the state, but East-

ern currently has 600 doses and will administer the vaccine free of charge to anyone 10 years of age or older.

People may receive the vaccine from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday the Health Service without an appointment.

Students, faculty, staff, annuitants and friends of the university are welcome to receive a vaccination.

Taking a break for pancakes



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Senior kinesiology and sports studies major Martha Pedziwiatr adds apples to her pancakes at the reservation-only pancake dinner Sunday evening in Stevenson Tower. The Finals Feast occurred later that night in Taylor Dining Center.

CAMPUS

Final dean candidates to visit campus

Dunn, Smitter try for dean of Arts and Humanities position

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

On-campus interviews for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities position wrap up this week with the two final candidates.

Elizabeth Dunn will be on campus today and Tuesday. An open interview for members of the campus will be at 4 p.m. today in Room 4440 of Booth Library and at 9 a.m. in Room 3159 of Coleman Hall

Roger Smitter's interviews will be Wednesday and Thursday. An interview open to the campus community will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

Dunn is the interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minn.

Before being named interim dean in 2008, Dunn was a professor and department chair in history.

At Bemidji, Dunn also served as the director of the Center for Professional Development and president of the faculty association, a faculty collective bargaining unit.

Smitter was the executive director of the National Communication Association in Washington, D.C. from 2004 to 2009. At the association, Smitter represented the needs of communications higher education programs across the country.

Smitter feels these needs are across the board for all of higher education, particularly in humanities.

"It's that comprehensive view of things," he said. "Many of the

"The world didn't recognize the importance of humanities in real life and careers."

Roger Smitter, candidate for dean position

issues and problems they have in representing that particular discipline are across the board for all areas."

Smitter said the public's perception of humanities programs is skewed because it is not technical learning.

"The world didn't recognize the importance of humanities in real life and careers," Smitter said. "They had a preset notion of what communication is about and the same is true for all humanities."

To Smitter, that real world application starts in the classroom but does not blossom until it is put into context.

One way Smitter has opened the eyes of his students was through a project during which students wore clothing they normally would not.

They then evaluated the difference in the way they were treated.

"For people to realize so much of what's communicated is not done through words, not that words aren't important, but so much can be changed," Smitter said. "Now they have some knowledge that's really useful."

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GRADUATION

December grads prepare for future

By Rashida Lyles-Cowan
Staff Reporter

Eastern graduates are preparing for the next phase of life as graduation is coming soon.

Eric Loranger, senior English major, said he has never taken enough time to figure out his life for after college.

"I've had a great deal of anxiety thinking about the future," he said. "I've gotten nowhere with it."

Loranger said he went to college because his parents told him to.

"I just knew that's what you do after high school," he said.

He said it was a logical progression; you finish one grade and move on to the next.

"I did not take enough time thinking independently," he said.

Friends James Buckwalter and Adam Dirker from Tinley Park High School went to Eastern, so Loranger decided to

do the same.

"Eastern is far enough away from home where I could focus on school work, but close enough to home where I could check in with my family every once in a while," he said.

Urban college life, Loranger said, would be too distracting because of all the concerts, etc.

"I can also say that coming to Eastern was a good decision grade-wise," he said.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

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Warmth moves in today with a moderate southerly breeze. Expect winds to increase this evening and shift out of the northwest after a cold front pushes through the region. Temperatures will drop tomorrow and Wednesday as high pressure builds in the Great Plains.

WEATHER TOMORROW



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Temperatures reduced for holiday break

To lower campus-heating costs, the administration has approved building temperature reductions for the heating months.

Normal occupied building temperatures will be set to maintain 68 degrees minimum and should provide good general comfort conditions.

During unoccupied times and during the holiday breaks, the temperature will be set lower beginning Dec. 19 through Jan. 3.

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Tarble gift shop open through Dec. 23

A wide variety of original art and fine craft pieces are available for purchase in the Tarble Arts Center Gift Shop.

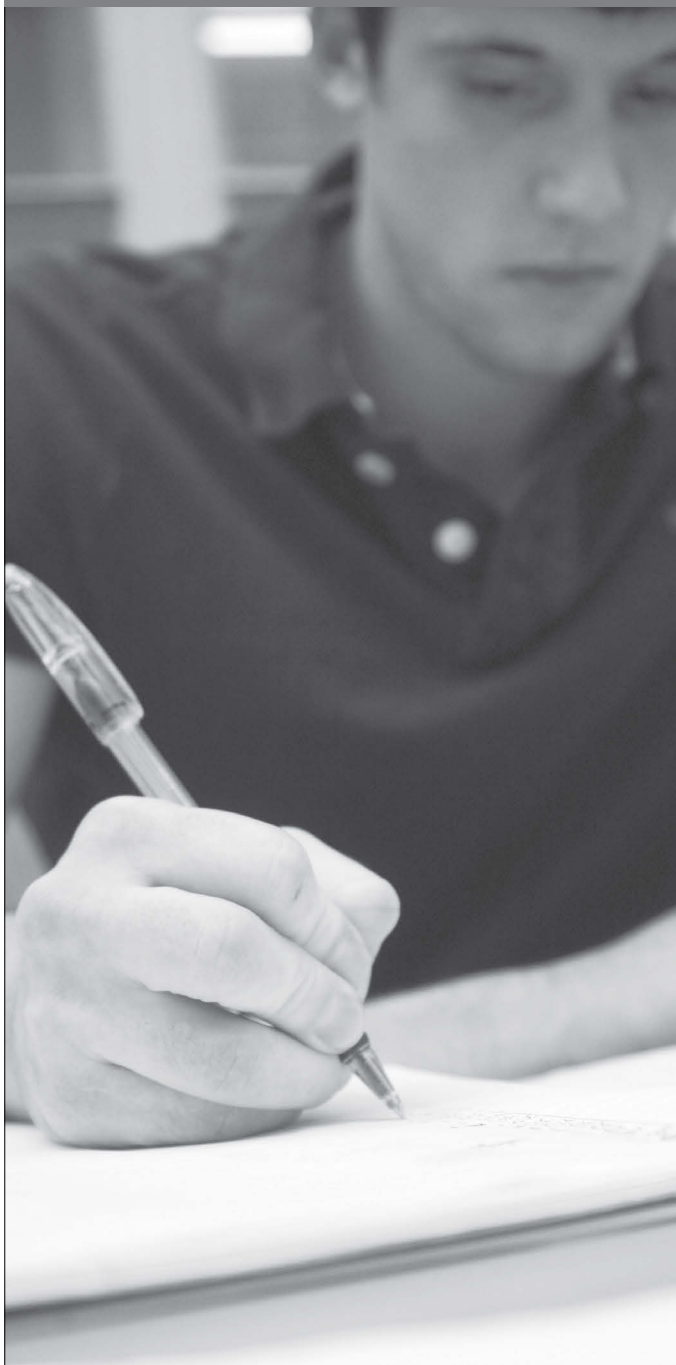
Most works are by area artists, including faculty and alumni.

Selections include a range from ceramics and jewelry to woodworks, weavings and watercolors.

The Tarble Gift Shop will be open through Dec. 23 during regular Tarble open hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday; closed Mondays. For more information, contact 581-2787 or tarble@eiu.edu.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Bob Bajek

One final push



KELLY MARIE CREMENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

As finals week approaches Kyle Edgar, junior accounting major, studies on Sunday evening in Booth Library. With the semester almost at an end students are flocking to the library, Gregg triad, and places around campus to prepare for the final exams.

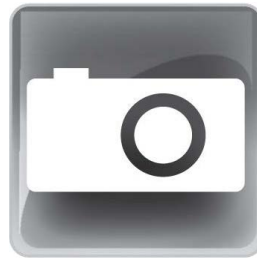
BLOTTER

A private property accident occurred Wednesday between a silver Chevrolet and a Panther Express shuttle bus, said the University Police Department.

A theft by misuse of credit card occurred Thursday at Lantz Gym, police said.

Several individuals were located Friday trespassing in the steam tunnels, police said.

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New faces populate the Greek community

The Greek community has added new members to their sororities and fraternities. Trisigma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Kappa Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Lambda Chi Alpha sent DENnews.com photos of their new members. Check out the photo gallery to see their new members.



Online editor: A semester of learning

Online editor Sam Sottosanto addresses readers in this blog. She explains what she learned this semester, what's in store for next semester, and some of her favorite multimedia items.

Most read stories from the weekend

- 1 Retirement leads to something new: Nilsen to make retirement 'meaningful'
 - 2 Fast food chain to fill Golden Gyros location
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UNIVERSITY

Student Government fall recap

By Emily Steele
Student Government Editor

Since the semester started, Student Body President Michelle Murphy said Student Government has become more relevant and realistic.

"Overall, it's been a successful semester, and a lot of people are more realistic of what their place is," Murphy said.

She is proud of how the semester went, but said there is always room for improvement, especially with student relations.

"We make harsh generalizations about what we need to do rather than going out and asking people," Murphy said.

The Student Action Team

Almost 2,000 student letters provided by the Student Action Team were delivered to state representatives last spring regarding the then pending Renewable Energy Center. With the support of student lobbying, both the state House of Representatives and the Senate passed the bill providing funds for the energy center.

Similarly, the Student Action Team lobbied in October for the Monetary Award Program grant. Members of Eastern distributed some 1,200 student letters, which led to the approval of legislation approving funds for spring semester MAP grant recipients.

Student Supreme Court

After a 15-year hiatus, the Student Supreme Court was reinstated in the spring semester, and had its first case by



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New members are sworn in to Student Senate during the last meeting of the semester Thursday night in the Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

the second week of the fall semester. Because of several Student Senate members retiring, the Senate did not have the required amount of members to hold a meeting.

In the hearing "Turner v. Student Body Constitution," the court unanimously voted that Student Government could not suspend their bylaws momentarily in order to meet quorum. In their second and final case for the semester, the court ruled that the method to revise the Student Body Constitution was appropriate.

Committees

The Student Government had nine internal committees this semester, many of which conducted forums, gathered student opinion and held events. The diversity affairs committee held a forum titled "Stop the Violence," to inform and discuss inner city violence.

The academic affairs committee conducted a forum discussing the purpose of senior seminar courses. The external relations held their second annual on-campus business exposition with local businesses. The shuttle bus committee

failed to provide bus schedules for the new bus shelters, but held a competition where students submitted designs for the new panther bus logo.

The university development and recycling committee held safety walks with the University Police Department for all parts of the campus and held a dumpster dive event where items from dumpsters across campus were sorted and 59 percent was found to be recyclable.

The committee also attempted to establish a safety escort service, but could

not because of a similar program being established by the administration.

Constitution

A newly revised constitution was drafted by the committee on constitutional oversight and placed on the ballots for the fall 2009 Student Government election.

After a student who had attended a highly publicized Student Senate meeting found fault with the method of revising the constitution, an injunction from the Student Supreme Court almost removed it from the ballot. With a two-thirds approval by those students who voted, the constitution will fully go into effect for fall 2010.

Elections

A total of 837 students voted in last week's elections, more than last fall, but lower than the consistently high spring election turnout.

With 12 of the 22 newly elected Student Senate members being first-semester members, the spring Student Senate Speaker Isaac Sandidge will have his work cut out for him.

Former Student Senate Speaker Tiffany Turner is confident in his abilities, but said better communication between everyone will be the key for a successful semester.

"Communication is key to get more accomplished for next semester," Turner said.

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Dan Cusack

Terrible tips to surviving finals week

It is time, once again, for finals. After putting everything off until the last minute, time is forcing our hand, so now we actually have to work.

Worry not, fellow students. Finals week does not have to be stressful. Here are some tips on how to get through the week alive.

Drink massive amounts of alcohol

Finals can be stressful. You have to study, do papers and sit in front of the computer. So many things are printed out this week all across the country, that it is the single reason we are getting rid of rain forests (This probably isn't true because I just made it up, but it sounds pretty accurate).

In order to combat the stressfulness, all you really need to do is get drunk. When one drinks alcohol, all the pressures of life melt away. So open your book, grab a beer or 12 and start studying. When doing this, you won't realize how long you have been studying and it will allow you to do it for hours at a time. As anyone who has gotten drunk before can attest, getting drunk makes things easier to remember. How many times have you woken up not hung over and remembered everything that happened last night. Never!

Plus, drinking makes books more interesting. Especially text books because they are the leading cause of suicide, behind the CW and country music.

Watch TV or movie while you study

Reading is boring. That is why nobody read the "Harry Potter" books and just waited for the movies to come out (I did this, so I am going to assume everyone else did). However, TV and movies are interesting because they don't require you to use waste your strength using your imagination.

So, as you are about to study, turn on your favorite television show or movie. This will make you feel comfortable while studying and make things more fun. If studying is overwhelming, all one needs to do is glance up at the screen and all your problems with boredom go away.

Study in public places like bars and rock concerts

Studying can be a lonely thing. When one studies they usually head to a library or a quiet place where they can concentrate.

I feel like that's a bad thing. Go someplace that is social and loud. It is easier to concentrate when you are trying to avoid outside annoyances. Plus, you will be able converse with other people so you will be less pissed that you have to learn about the scientific management of companies.

Rock concerts are ideal because there are limited distractions besides people, loud music, hippies and the idiots who are too drunk and dance by themselves in front of the stage. (On a side note I want to join a band, because people in a band can wear whatever they want and no one bats an eye. If a guy wants to wear leather pants, the top part of a monkey suit and the fat kid's hat from "A Christmas Story" it is fine as long as he or she plays bass.)

I hope this is helpful to those out there getting ready for finals. Good luck!

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DAILY EDITORIAL

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Looking back at first decade of new millennium at Eastern

The phenomenon of Y2K, and its predictions of global annihilation, came and went in the blink of an eye to usher in the new millennium.

Civilization as we know it did not end and so Eastern was able to conduct classes throughout the 2000s.

For better or worse, here are some of the major events for the university during a decade filled with iPods, a craze for a bespectacled boy wizard and Chihuahuas in purses.

Construction

Eastern's campus has seen gradual but significant change throughout the 2000s. Some have been smaller, like residence and dining hall renovations, while others have altered the face of campus.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center began construction in 2001, but it took until 2008 and \$66 million for the landmark building to be completed because of a shortage of state funding.

Art, music and theater classes had to be moved around Art Park West, McAfee Gym and the Village Theater, with some faculty using the second floor of Lawson Hall for office space.

The Blair Hall fire on April 28, 2004, rocked the campus with the entire third floor going up in flames. The hall was subsequently torn down and a new Blair Hall emerged in 2006 after nearly \$11 million in renovations.

Funding for the new Renewable Energy Center finally passed the Illinois General Assembly in the spring and construction on the building commenced in October. The center is projected to cost \$80 million from state aid and a bond the university will pay back. Completion is slated for middle to late 2011.

Also, the New Textbook Rental Building began construction on Edgar Drive in November and is targeted for completion on April 1, 2010.

New leadership

Former President Carol Surles began the decade as Eastern's leader, but resigned in 2001 for health reasons. President Lou Hencken filled in as interim president until 2004 and continued to serve as president until 2007.

Now, President Bill Perry is boldly leading the university into the new decade and beyond with an uncertain economy that might result in possible employee furloughs from insufficient funds from Springfield.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic af-

"Eastern's campus has seen gradual but significant change throughout the 2000s. Some have been smaller, like residence and dining hall renovations, while others have altered the face of campus."

fairs, replaced Linda Wall and has seen an increase in enrollment from 10,531 in 2001 to nearly 12,000 this year. He also has implemented the Electronic Writing Portfolio, which will help implement the Integrative Learning curriculum movement next decade.

Jeff Cooley, former vice president for business affairs, organized Eastern's budget from 2001 to 2008 after a long search for a replacement in which he served as interim. He helped Eastern stay afloat when state appropriations dropped from roughly \$55 million in 2002 to \$49 million in fiscal year 2008.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external affairs, took over in 2001 and will retire on Dec. 31 this year.

Athletics

This has been an active decade for Eastern athletics.

The men's basketball team went to the 2001 NCAA National Tournament and united the university with its run.

The baseball program won the OVC Title in 2008 for the first time since 1999 and this year had players Tyler Kehrer, Brett Nommensen, and Jordan Kreke chosen in the MLB draft.

The alumni for the football program have made strides for the university. Alums Sean Payton and Brad Childress were hired to coach the New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings, respectively. Now, both coaches have their eye on a Super Bowl victory.

Hot-shot quarterback Tony Romo (2000-2002), who won the 2002 Walter Payton Award, became the Dallas Cowboys starting quarterback for an injured Drew Bledsoe and never looked back.

The athletic department has seen Rich McDuffie leave in 2007 for undisclosed reasons. Ken Baker first replaced him at interim before Barbara Burke took over in 2008. Burke is trying to increase boosters and donations to the athletic program for the coming years.

The university also mourns the losses of Jackie Moore and Jeff Hoover, who both died unexpectedly in November. Their contributions to Eastern athletics will not be forgotten.

These last 10 years have seen major changes to the university. And if the past decade is any indication, despite a sordid economy and uncertain times ahead, Eastern will continue moving forward into the next decade and well beyond.

FROM THE EASEL



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Vice President for Business Affairs William Weber explains to the Council on University Planning and Budgeting how the university's budget is split and separated into different ledgers during the CUPB meeting Friday afternoon in the Tuscola-Arcola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CUPB, from page 1

The CUPB made a motion to form a subcommittee on cost containment to advise Perry on cost containment measures.

Pommier will chair the committee. Perry had charged CUPB at its last meeting to collect comment from the university, said Karen Drage, CUPB chair.

"We were not charged with developing the policy," she said.

Perry will now take all these comments under consideration and start revising the draft policy.

He said there would not be a radical change from the current draft, explaining that the 30 days would not become 40.

Perry said he would like to have the revision completed before the holidays.

Following the second draft, CUPB will collect additional comments. It will hold three forums in January to allow for further discussion. Time, date and location will be announced at a later date, Drage said.

The CUPB will have another meeting in January to present the new comments.

At this time, the council will also present the information they have

gathered on cost containment.

"After that, it is out of our hands and into President Perry's," Drage said.

Perry said after he has taken everything into account, he will establish a policy with the university.

He hopes to have the final version done in February.

"But I don't want to rush it," he said.

Other concerns brought up in the comments were how would faculty respond to students while on a furlough day, would a reduction in pay equate to reduction in workload, and would someone else take up the duties of the person on furlough.

Faculty and staff also asked for clarifications on whether 30 calendar days meant 30 calendar workdays and a justification on the 30 days. Many thought 30 was too high.

Another suggestion asked to implement voluntary furloughs before mandatory is used.

The comments and the presentation will be posted on the CUPB Web site. All the comments are unedited.

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Loranger said he was awarded the Fischer Scholarship, which is an award in English.

He will most likely graduate with a 3.8 or higher cumulative GPA.

"I am proud because I maintained my GPA while committing to so much work every week," he said.

Loranger said he was the manager of both Thomas and Taylor dining services.

He said everyone insisted he should figure out what he wanted to do with his life.

"As time went by, it just never happened," he said.

Loranger said he thinks part of this feeling is triggered by the hopelessness of the job market.

"I just feel like whatever, I'll flip burgers," he said.

No matter what anyone thinks, Loranger said students need to know what they want to do immediately.

He feels students should figure it out now because there is not enough time to wait.

"Anything you can do now will help you out later," he said.

The senior has considered getting a master's degree since he does not have a teacher's certification.

"Honestly, my future plans are to try and slide in to some job opening, and work my way up from there," he said.

Loranger said he knows it sounds pathetic but really would take any job.

"I just want to make money," he said.

Other graduates

Kristan Kelleher, senior mass communication major, said she will miss friends and working at WEIU-TV News Watch after graduation.

"I loved virtually every minute," she said.

Kelleher said without Kelly Runyon, WEIU-TV news director, and other volunteers working at the station, she would have never been prepared for the real world.

"I have learned some much, and it was probably the best decision I ever made," she said.

College is a learning experience and it is also time to have fun, Kelleher said.

Her plan for the future is to find a job.

"I'm sending resume tapes everywhere in the nation," she said.

Kelleher said she is willing to re-

locate and go anywhere.

Zachary Nugent, senior journalism major, said his experience at Eastern helped in the decision of continuing graduate school here.

"With the economy, there are not a whole lot of jobs available," he said.

Nugent said he worked at WEIU-TV station since his freshman year.

"I've had the opportunity to interview some pretty interesting people, many politicians and high profile community members," he said.

Nugent said one of the greatest achievements he won was last year's Broadcast Education Association award.

Although, probably Nugent's biggest achievement will take place this Saturday, he said.

"I'll be the first person on my mom's side to earn a college degree since my great grandpa," Nugent said.

He said college has not always been easy but it is a moment he has worked hard for.

"I'm very proud to soon say I am an Eastern graduate," he said.

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NATION

WASHINGTON D.C.

Senate sends \$1.1 trillion spending bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Sunday passed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government, including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs.

The more-than-1,000-page package, one of the last essential chores of Congress this year, passed 57-35 and now goes to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The weekend action underlined the legislative crush faced by Congress as it tries to wind up the year.

After the vote, the Senate immediately returned to the debate on health care legislation that has consumed its time and energy for weeks.

Senate Democrats hope to reach a consensus in the coming days on

Obama's chief domestic priority.

The spending bill combines six of the 12 annual appropriation bills for the 2010 budget year that began Oct. 1. Obama has signed into law five others.

The final one, a \$626 billion defense bill, will be used as the base bill for another catch-all package of measures that Congress must deal with in the coming days.

Those include action to raise the \$12.1 trillion debt ceiling and proposals to stimulate the job market.

The spending bill passed Sunday includes \$447 billion for departments' operating budgets and about \$650 billion in mandatory payments for federal benefit programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

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Gay mayor victory shows Houston's diversity

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The day after Houston voters chose Annise Parker to become the city's first openly gay mayor, she did as she had throughout a contentious, hard-fought campaign: focused on the brick-and-mortar realities of running the country's fourth largest city.

Parker told a Sunday press conference about her transition team, her plans to change the running of the Houston Police Department and the financial constraints faced by the city.

Then, she paused to reflect on the significance of the election, which made Houston the largest U.S. city to elect an openly gay mayor.

"It's a historic election for my community, and I believe an election that will change some people's minds about the city of Houston," said Parker, 53. "It's a diverse, international city that welcomes everyone."

Parker, who began her political career as a gay activist, rose through the

ranks of local politics to serve first on city council, then as city controller.

"I realize that I'm a role model, but I've been a role model for my community for 30 years," she said. "It's part of who I am, and I believe it makes me a better representative for the city of Houston."

Parker defeated former city attorney Gene Locke, 61, with 53.6 percent of the vote Saturday in a race that had a turnout of only 16.5 percent. Locke had hoped to become the city's second black mayor.

A little more than 152,000 residents turned out to cast ballots in the city, which has a population of 2.2 million. Of those voters, 81,743 chose Parker — some 11,000 more than voted for Locke. About 60,000 residents identify themselves as gay or lesbian.

A call to Locke's campaign was not immediately returned.

Parker's victory comes after several setbacks for gay rights activists. New York lawmakers earlier this month re-

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jected a bill that would have made their state the sixth to allow marriage between same-sex couples.

In November, Maine voters repealed the Legislature's passage of a state law allowing same-sex marriage there.

Several smaller U.S. cities, including Portland, Ore., Providence, R.I., and Cambridge, Mass., have openly

gay mayors.

Parker has not made a secret or an issue of her sexual orientation during this campaign or any of her previous runs for city office.

Nevertheless, it became the focus of the election race after anti-gay activists and conservative religious groups endorsed Locke and sent out mailers condemning Parker's "homosexu-

al behavior."

The race was also closely watched by gay and lesbian rights organizations around the country, which endorsed Parker, contributed money to her campaign and staged get-out-the-vote phone banks.

"We think Annise Parker will be a fantastic mayor for Houston, and the increased visibility that comes with that would help our community," said Jenna Lowenstein, communications director for the Stonewall Democrats, a national gay and lesbian political organization.

On Sunday, a glowing Parker dismissed the attacks by the anti-gay activists, saying they have been waging "the same ugly divisive campaigns attacking my community for a long time."

"I'm proud that the city of Houston has grown and matured, even though they have not," said Parker, who said she celebrated her victory with a bubble bath.

Parker's term starts Jan. 1.

The Eta Mu chapter of Sigma Chi recently took a trip to watch the St. Louis Rams take on the visiting New Orleans Saints. While there, the members met up with Sigma Chi alumni Sean Payton and Drew Brees; the Saints head coach and starting quarterback respectively. Sean, who graduated from Eastern Illinois in 1987, said, "I think it is really cool the chapter came down to support us, it brought back memories of my days as an undergraduate." New Orleans ended up winning the game 28-23.



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35 Restless
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37 Brinker with storied skates
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40 18-Across ingredient
44 It's popped on New Year's Eve
45 Sent an eye signal
46 Fit for consumption
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48 Bowling scores inferior to strikes
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NFL ROUND-UP

Manning throws for four in win

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning threw three TD passes in the first 23 minutes, then was picked off three times, but the Colts earned their 22nd consecutive regular-season win with a 28-16 victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

The Colts' defense held off the Broncos as Indianapolis broke the Patriots' record victory streak set last year. Indianapolis is one of seven NFL teams to go 13-0, including this year's New Orleans Saints.

While the Colts (13-0) won their 114th game of the decade, breaking a tie with the 1990s San Francisco 49ers, and took a franchise record 13th consecutive home game, Denver receiver Brandon Marshall broke the league's single-game record with 21 receptions.

Marshall tied the mark on a 5-yard TD catch with 9:44 left in the game to make it 21-16 and

broke the record on the Broncos' final play of the game.

Saints 26, Falcons 23

ATLANTA — Drew Brees was 31 for 40 and threw for 296 yards and three touchdowns, Jonathan Vilma came up with two huge defensive plays, and New Orleans remained perfect with another tight win.

Garrett Hartley won it on a 38-yard field goal with a 4:42 remaining after Atlanta rallied from 14 points down. The offensive-minded Saints (13-0) then turned to defense to preserve another victory — Vilma came up with an interception, then doled out a big fourth-down hit on Jason Snelling to finish the Falcons' final drive.

New Orleans set a franchise record for wins in a season, clinched a first-round bye in the playoffs and moved a step closer to ensuring home-field advantage through the NFC playoffs.

Brees threw a pair of touchdown passes to Reggie Bush and another to Marques Colston.

The Falcons (6-7) lost for the sixth time in eight games. Atlanta played without two of its biggest stars, quarterback Matt Ryan and running back Michael Turner, both out for the second week in a row.

Packers 21, Bears 14

CHICAGO — Ryan Grant ran for 137 yards and two touchdowns, and Green Bay beat Chicago after letting a lead slip away.

Grant broke off a season-long 62-yard touchdown on the Packers' first play from scrimmage and scored the go-ahead TD in the fourth quarter after Nick Collins intercepted Jay Cutler.

Aaron Rodgers threw for 180 yards, Jermichael Finley caught five passes for 70, and Charles Woodson added his 44th career interception for the Packers (9-4), who have won five straight.

The Bears (5-8) lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Tied for the NFL lead entering the game, Cutler has 22 interceptions after getting picked off twice. He threw for 209 yards and two touchdowns even though Devin Hester missed the game with a calf injury.

Vikings 30, Bengals 10

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson had 97 yards and two touchdowns, pushing Minnesota past mistake-prone Cincinnati.

Peterson added 40 yards receiving and set a single-season team record with 14 rushing touchdowns, moving Minnesota (11-2) within one more win of a second straight NFC North title.

Brett Favre completed 17 of 30 passes for 192 yards, one touchdown and an interception for the Vikings.

Cincinnati's Carson Palmer was 15 for 25 for a season-low 94 yards

and one touchdown, and Cedric Benson's 16 carries for 96 yards gave him his first 1,000-yard season but left the Bengals short of 100 for the first time in a month.

The Bengals (9-4) committed 11 penalties for 85 yards, failing in their first chance to clinch the AFC North.

Migraines that bothered Minnesota wide receiver and kickoff returner Percy Harvin all week forced the rookie to miss a game for the first time.

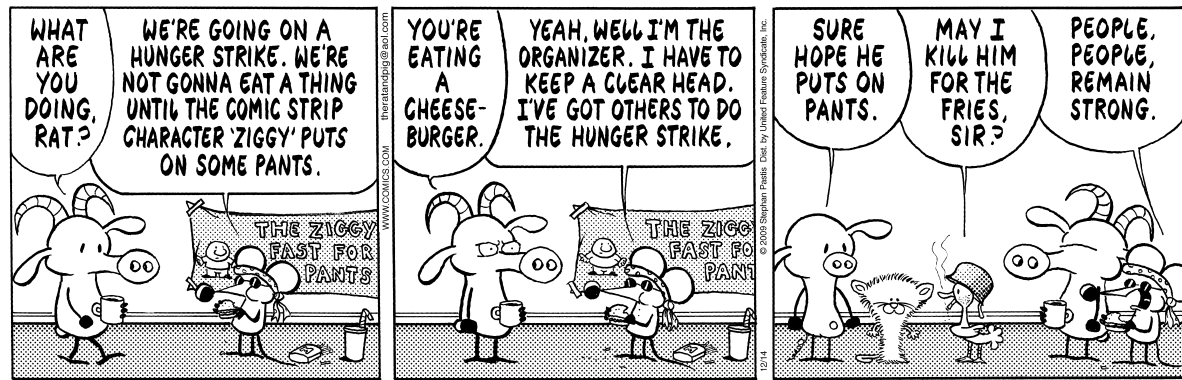
Texans 34, Seahawks 7

HOUSTON — Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson put together their best game of the season to help Houston snap out of a slump and keep its dwindling playoff hopes alive.

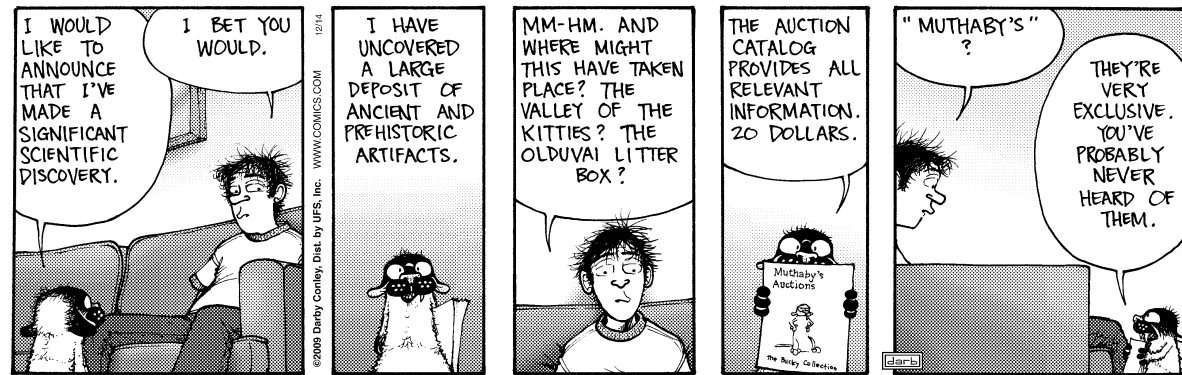
Johnson had a season-high 193 yards receiving and two touchdowns to lead the Texans (6-7) over Seattle (5-8), breaking a four-game losing streak.

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Accenture drops Woods

Associated Press

Global consulting firm Accenture PLC has ended its relationship with Tiger Woods, marking the first major sponsor to cut ties altogether with the golfer since his alleged infidelities surfaced and he announced an indefinite leave from the sport to work on his marriage.

In its first statement since the Woods' scandal erupted, Accenture said Sunday the golfer is "no longer the right representative" after the "circumstances of the last two weeks." The move ends a six-year relationship during which the

firm credited its "Go on, be a Tiger" campaign with boosting its image significantly. Accenture has used Woods to personify its claimed attributes of integrity and high performance.

"After careful consideration and analysis, the company has determined that he is no longer the right representative for its advertising," Accenture said, adding that "it wishes only the best for Tiger Woods and his family."

The firm plans to immediately transition to a new advertising campaign, with a major effort scheduled to launch later in 2010.

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too late as the Panthers tried to dig themselves out of a late game hole. They were trailing by eight with 2:22 to go in the game.

"We went through a stretch where we took some questionable shots and I thought we played selfishly there for a while," Sallee said. "We battled to get back in, but it was too little too late."

Senior forward Maggie Kloak was a big part of the Panthers scoring efforts in the game, as she came up with a season-high 19 points, which Sallee said was important.

"She put the ball in the bucket and really played well," Sallee said. "Hopefully, this is a little bit of a coming out party for her and she

can keep the ball rolling."

Kloak said she owes all the credit to her guards, who provided her with some great passes into the paint, and who were able to draw the double-team off of her.

"When our guards are threats on the perimeter, it's hard for them to stay off of them and get onto me," Kloak said. "When we started hitting shots from the perimeter, that took the double team off of me and I got some looks."

While Eastern got a big game from Kloak, it didn't get anything out of senior guard Dominique Sims, which Sallee said really hurt.

"It's going to be hard to win when we get nothing out of her,"

Sallee said. "That was a disappointment, there's no question."

Sallee said he thought the offense and defense both played really well, but Indiana State's freshman guard Taylor Whitley may have been the difference in the game, with her team-high 14 points.

Eastern drops to a record of 5-5, 1-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Its next game is Sunday against University of Illinois-Chicago in Chicago.

The start time is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Chicago.

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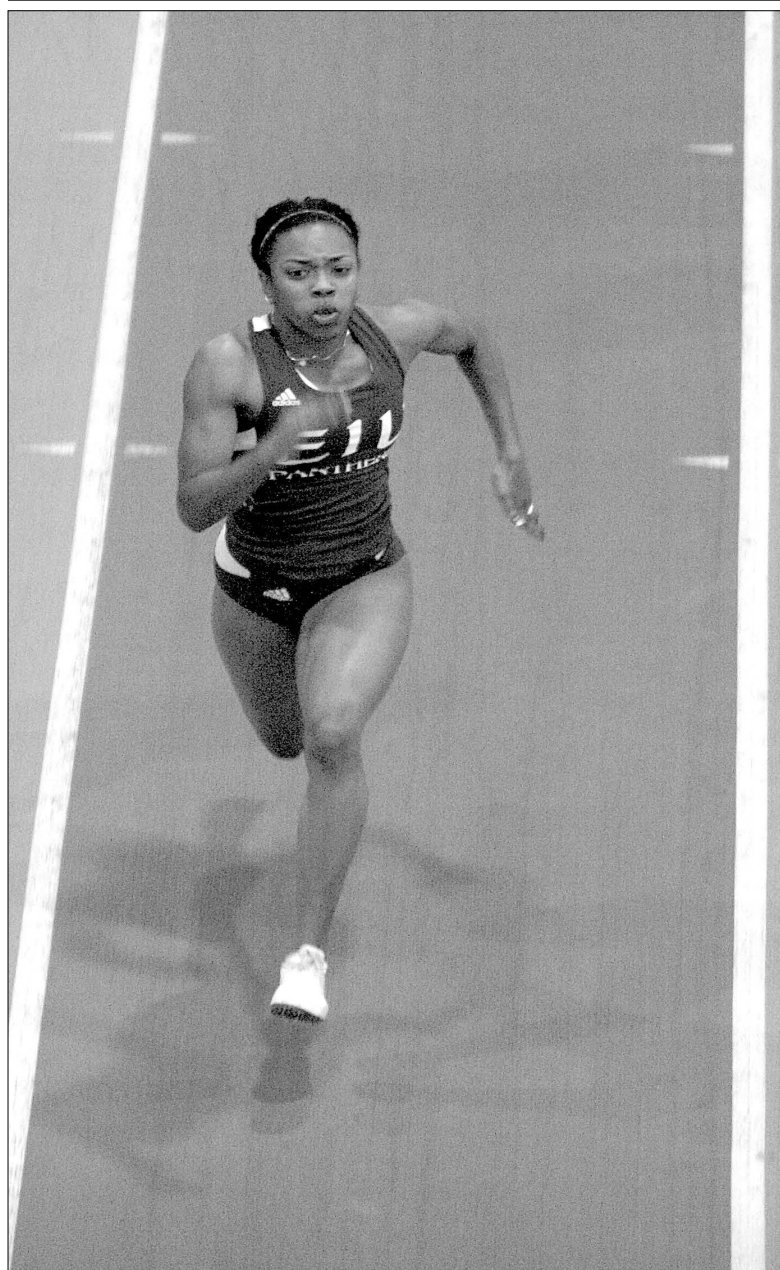
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Senior Chandra Golden races down the Lantz Fieldhouse track during Friday evening's 60-meter dash preliminary. Golden won the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.68 seconds, and the 60-meter hurdles at 8.73 seconds.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Panthers finish second in first meet of season

Winston hits NCAA provisional mark for high jump

By Dan Cusack
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's and women's indoor track team started strong at the EIU Early Bird Friday in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

"I thought we competed well," Eastern head coach Tom Akers said. "I was really pleased with the performances all across the board."

Senior jumper Ian Winston hit an NCAA provisional mark in the high jump but still finished second.

"I was expecting to reach provisional this season and it really felt great to do it," Winston said. "Coming into the season, I like to go seven feet or above, and now I want to go beyond what I did and get the automatic mark."

Winston — whose previous best jump was 6'10.25" — cleared 7'0.25" for the third best mark in the history of the school.

"We knew he would be jumping at that level some time this sea-

son, so I am very happy he was able to do it so early in the year," Akers said.

Senior thrower Kandace Arnold captured the school record in the shot put to finish first in the event. Arnold threw a mark of 49'7.25", which was better than her previous best of 48'3.50".

Senior hurdler Chandra Golden won both the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles to get off to a hot start for the indoor season.

Golden edged Indiana State's Jaquelle Spencer as both sprinters finished with a time of 7.68 seconds, but a race decided by a photo finish. She won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.73 seconds.

Junior sprinter Darren Patterson won the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.10 and junior sprinter Marcus Williams won the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.47. Junior hurdler Preston Smith finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.80.

The 4x400 relay team won with a time of 3:21.57. Sophomore Sean Wiggan, sophomore Reid Basting, Patterson and Williams made up the first place squad.

A few other members of the women's team finished in the top two for individual events at the meet. Sophomore sprinter Bridget

Sanchez finished second in the 400-meter run, while Megan Gingerich finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.52.

Athletes from Western Illinois, Northern Illinois, DePaul, Indiana State, Butler and Vincennes all participated in the meet. Both of Eastern's teams finished in second place behind Indiana State. The men finished with 183 points and the women finished with 159.50 points. Indiana States men's team finished with 211 points, while the women's team finished with 211.

"I think it was where I expected us to be at the season," Akers said. "I know the team is very excited with how we did. I am going to have to sit down and compare the results with where we were last year."

Winston said he feels this is a strong team that can go beyond conference because it is a deep team with a strong freshman class.

The meet was the only one for both teams before break.

The teams will compete again at the EIU Mega Meet Jan. 23 in Lantz Fieldhouse.

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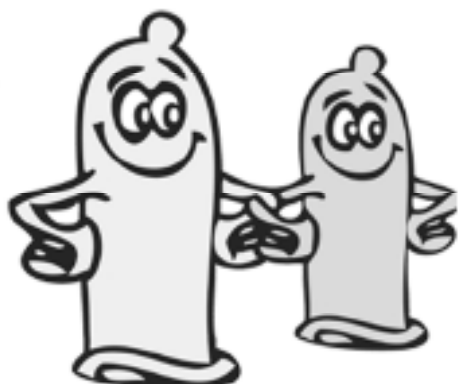
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VIEWS



Collin Whitchurch

Fall sports recap, spring predictions

Another semester of Eastern athletics are in the books and it's safe to say fall 2009 will go down as one of the more successful sports seasons in quite some time.

Sure, the highlight of the season was the football team winning the Ohio Valley Conference Title, but when you keep things in perspective, it was a successful season all around.

At the end of 2008 things were looking glum for both the volleyball and women's soccer teams. Both were coming off program-worst seasons and both said sayonara to their head coaches following dreadful seasons.

It's safe to say expectations were quite low as the volleyball team entered 2009 with new head coach Alan Segal and women's soccer welcomed Summer Perala.

On the surface, the volleyball team's season appeared to be miserable. It finished 11-20 overall, 4-13 in the OVC and suffered through a grueling schedule that saw the team on the road for extended periods of time.

But when you look at it, a six-win improvement from one year to the next is a drastic improvement. Segal brought an immediate winning mentality to the squad and the future appears bright if the team can continue to build off that success.

The case is similar for women's soccer. The team scored just nine goals in 2008 and finished just 3-14-2. 2009 was a drastic turnaround as the team improved its win total by four, scoring a plethora of goals with basically the same roster from 2008.

Like Segal, Perala instilled a winning mentality and the team seemed re-invigorated under her guidance.

The women's soccer team loses several key members to graduation, but there's a good chance Perala's success will continue and we could see more improvement next season. As we dive head-on into the winter sports season there are numerous things that are clear.

While we don't know how good the men's and women's basketball teams are going to be once OVC play gets in full swing, we can be fairly confident both will be competitive.

The chances of either team winning an outright OVC Title appear slim, but they will definitely make waves.

Both have a wide array of talent. The women have freshman superstar-in-the-making Ta'Kenya Nixon and the men have the highly touted freshman Shaun Pratl.

Both are going to gain valuable experience this season and, regardless of the outcomes of their team's respective seasons, will have their teams thriving for years to come.

Sure, there are a lot of questions, but one thing is for sure, if the winter and spring seasons can garner the type of success we saw in the fall, we're in for another exciting semester of Eastern athletics.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | INDIANA STATE 65, EASTERN 63

Nixon fails to connect at buzzer

Women's basketball lose close game to ISU

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

With seven seconds to go Saturday, Eastern trailed Indiana State by two and the Sycamores had their best free throw shooter, senior guard Kelsey Luna, at the line, trying to make it a three-point game.

Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon was expecting Luna, a 95 percent free throw shooter, to make the shot so the upcoming play was going through her head, as she was thinking about a way to get an open three-point shot for one of her teammates.

Nixon's plans took a drastic turn, as Luna missed the shot, and immediately Nixon got the ball into her hands and began to act on instinct.

"I was just focused on getting toward the rim because I knew there wasn't much time left, so, I wanted to get as good of a shot as I could," Nixon said.

Nixon drove down the court and pulled up. The ball bounced around the rim, but didn't fall in — the game was over and Indiana State won 65-63.

"We didn't have any timeouts and she missed the free throw, and Ta'Kenya did exactly what I needed her to do," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "I'd take that shot 100 percent of the time, but it didn't go in for us this time."

Nixon's final effort was too little too late as the Panthers tried to dig

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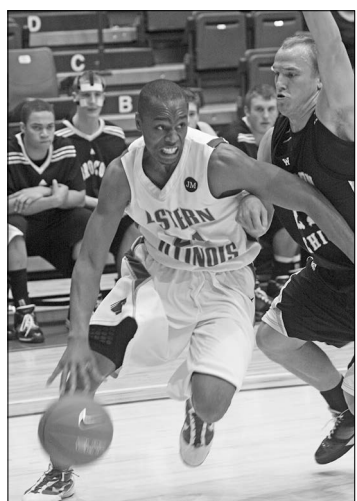


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Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon drives the ball down the court during the game against Indiana State Saturday afternoon at Lantz Arena.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 44, WESTERN ILLINOIS 41

Eastern men winning ugly on road



ERIC HILTNER

Junior guard Curry McKinney drives around his opponent during a game at Lantz Arena.

Laser scores game high 15 in low scoring game in Macomb

Staff Report

Both teams struggled shooting throughout the night, but the Eastern men's basketball team was able to hold on for a 44-41 victory over Western Illinois Saturday in Macomb.

The Panthers finished the game shooting just 29.2 percent from the field, but held the Leathernecks to 27.3 percent as they won in Macomb for the first time since the

2001-2002 season.

The Panthers took a one game lead in the long-running season series between the Panthers and Leathernecks. Eastern now holds a 77-76 edge.

Two Panthers scored in double-figures.

Junior guard Tyler Laser finished with a game-high 15 points. Sophomore guard Jeremy Granger added 10 in the victory.

The Panthers held a four point lead at halftime, holding the Leathernecks to under 20 percent shooting during that time.

The 41 points Eastern allowed is the lowest point total allowed since 1987 when the Panthers beat Harris-Stowe 120-41.

Senior guard David Nurse led the

Leathernecks with 14 points and freshman center David Gebru added 11.

Senior forward Ousmane Cisse led the Panthers with eight rebounds.

The Panthers continue non-conference play at 7 p.m. Saturday when they travel to Nashville, Tenn. to face Belmont. The Panthers played the Bruins Nov. 28 and lost 95-62 in Lantz Arena.

The men's team will play six games over Winter Break. They will host Franklin College Dec. 22, Jacksonville State Jan. 2, Tennessee Tech Jan. 4 and Southeast Missouri Jan. 9.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's basketball
Friday at Belmont
7 p.m. - Nashville, Tenn.

Women's basketball
Saturday at Illinois Chicago
3 p.m. - Chicago

Women's basketball
Dec. 22 vs. Illinois State
5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Dec. 22 vs. Franklin College
7:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Dec. 29 vs. Saint Louis
7 p.m. - St. Louis

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