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**NATION | ECONOMY**

## Stimulus bill passed

**Aid goes to states, students, science, research, but not to institutions**

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**  
Administration Editor

Congress passed the final stimulus bill aimed to bolster the crippled economy, but the compromise bill shies away from directly stimulating higher education.

Instead, the money is allocated to the states, students, science and research rather than institutionally bound.

Administrators at Eastern have been collectively working with state legislators to replenish the general revenue funds that have not recovered since the 2002 fiscal year cuts.

"We expect a lot of aid for students and the state, which are the areas we would hope the federal stimulus would help," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

The compromised stimulus bill allocates \$53.6 billion in new state aid over a two-year span.

Divided into two parts, \$39.5 billion will go to state budgets filling holes left gaping by past cuts and \$8.8 billion will go to the governors of states for education and other purposes.

Congress stipulated \$17.1 billion to increase the maximum on Pell Grants and overcome any deficit in the program and gave \$200 million to college work-study in order to assist students.

Congress temporarily will replace the Hope Tax credit with higher credits to stimulate and continue college enrollment growth.

Computers will also be included under the expenses covered by 529 savings plans.

Science and research received approximately \$16 billion in respective areas.

The National Science Foundation, NASA, National Institutes of Health, Energy Department and Homeland Security were all benefactors of the stimulus' assistance to scientific research.

However, colleges and universities lost the \$6 billion proposed by the House to fund facilities planning, or building renovation and renewal, and \$1.5 billion to support more grants and loans to colleges.

Students also lost an increase to loan limits and \$61 million in capitol to contribute to Federal Perkins Loans.

"We have been going after this stimulus at a state level because higher education funds seemed to be pretty uncertain," Nilsen said.

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**UNIVERSITY | INTERVIEW**



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Patrick Kirby, candidate for vice president for business affairs, jokes with faculty members during a meeting in Booth Library on Monday. Kirby is currently serving as associate vice president for financial affairs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

## Kirby introduced to campus at forum

**Second candidate answers questions about position**

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**  
Administration Editor

Patrick Kirby, the first of the two external candidates for the vice president for business affairs position, said he had a smooth day as he entered a full day of interview sessions ending in an open campus forum.

Confident, Kirby believed that he answered questions thoroughly and spoke frankly about the issues he would face if he were given the position left open by the retirement of Jeff Cooley.

"Everything went better than I could have expected," Kirby said. "I felt as though I was getting to the tough questions and fielding them well."

Kirby is the associate vice president for financial affairs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

"My portfolio of responsibilities includes really all operational services on our campus," he said.

At the open campus forum Monday in Booth Library for faculty, staff and students, Kirby answered questions from a variety of concerns about Eastern's future.

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the honors college, asked a "philosophical question" about the extent to which a university is and is not a business. He argued that no university is a business.

"The university is not a business. Period. There is no profit line," he said sternly. "I firmly believe that the university is about the transfer of knowledge that takes place between the faculty and the stu-

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**— Patrick Kirby, candidate for vice president for business affairs**

dents. (Administrators) are here to facilitate that — not profit from it."

Kirby dove into specific questions about the problems and opportunities that faced the campus through the eyes of the Business Affairs Office. Diane Jackman, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, asked Kirby to specify what he believed to be the two most imperative opportunities and challenges should he be hired in July.

"I want to start with the challenges first," Kirby said. "Our biggest challenge is making sure we don't compromise the quality of education and develop capacity in these times of economic crisis."

Kirby explained that it is easy for administrators to begin cutting and making decisions without involving constituents under fiscal pressure. However, he argued, the administration "must remain transparent" working toward the goals of the students and holding steadfast to the mission that serves the entire university.

The issue of deferred maintenance was a subset of the goal outlined by Kirby.

Staff Senate member Greg Boyd raised the issue to Kirby's attention, asking what his opinion was on cutting from facilities planning, or building renovation, maintenance

and construction, in the budget.

"It is an easy fix for a president to cut from renovation and renewal, because it doesn't hurt people," Kirby said. "The sin isn't in the first cut. The sin is in making the second without fixing the problems first."

Instead, Kirby outlined possible ways to consolidate and synergize areas of goods and services spending that were the highest on the budget. He gave an example of when he and the administration were faced with a 1999 budget cut at Salem State College in Massachusetts.

Initially, they cut from facilities planning and deferred construction and maintenance projects to decrease costs. But, in the long term, Kirby said they took a "good look" at their spending on publications and found they could consolidate from six publishing firms to save costs.

However, when asked how long changes would take, when they would be implemented and his experience in human resources, Kirby said he would not pretend to know all the answers.

His understanding of the campus is from an outsider's perspective and he would want anywhere from "two, to three, to four months" to acclimate himself to the position.

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**CAMPUS | PROGRAM**

## EWP forum to address confusion

**Eastern requires three submissions for portfolio**

By **COLLIN WHITCHURCH**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Chris Kromphardt does not understand the Electronic Writing Portfolio.

He does not think anybody truly understands what the EWP is for.

It is for this reason that Kromphardt, a Student Senate member and the current chair for the Academic Affairs Committee, helped arrange the Electronic Writing Portfolio Forum held at 7 p.m. today in Room 1205 of the Physical Science Building.

Kromphardt said he is hoping the forum, which will feature Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will address concerns and questions about the EWP.

"What we're hoping to accomplish is to get actual information out about the EWP," Kromphardt said. "A lot of what students seem to know is speculation or what they've heard has been just basically hearsay. The idea is to get (Lord), who obviously knows what he's talking about to answer questions and give a presentation just briefly of why the EWP started."

Kromphardt and Nahder Houshmand, a Student Senate member, both said they have turned in papers to the EWP but are still unsure as to what it is actually for.

"I've done it once, but have heard of seniors who haven't done it once and have had no repercussions for not doing it," Houshmand said. "There are no specifics with it and that is something I think needs to be cleared up."

Kromphardt said that, as a senior, he has submitted to the EWP three times but still does not quite understand why he is doing it.

Eastern's Web site states, "Three submissions are required for the portfolio. Submissions may come from any writing-centered or writing-intensive course, or from any other course for which students complete an appropriate writing assignment." Fulfilling the EWP is a graduation requirement.

Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, said she hopes the forum will help answer students' questions about the EWP and Lord will help clear up any confusion about the process.

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## EIU WEATHER

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## CAMPUS | MEETING

## Senate to discuss EWP

By BRANDY PROVAZNIK  
Staff Reporter

The Electronic Writing Portfolio and the Student Success Center will lead the discussion at today's Faculty Senate meeting.

The focus is going to be checking up on some previously implemented programs, seeing what is working, what is not and how successful the programs are, said Faculty Senate Chair John Pommier.

Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. today in Booth Library, Conference Room 4440.

The EWP program was updated at the beginning of the school year, which included allowing submissions of at least 750 words from any class, electronic submissions and a new remedial portion.

The remedial portion requires students who do not pass their first two submissions to get additional writing support by taking an exam and, if they do not pass, a one-credit hour class.

Pommier said after a semester of the new system, the Faculty Senate wants to evaluate it and see if any additional modifications are necessary.

Rebecca Throneburg, from the Committee for Assessment of Student Learning, and Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support and Achievement,

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— John Pommier, Faculty Senate chair

will present the latest information on the status of the new EWP program.

"Making changes to a process is always a challenging thing," Pommier said. "Some things work and some don't. Now we are going to have a semester worth of information to look at and find out what worked and what didn't."

The other item on the agenda is the Student Success Center that came as a result of a \$1.85 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the fall of 2007.

The Student Success Center not only helps students who have been placed on academic warning to regain good standing, but is also helpful to students already making good grades, Pommier said.

"There are students with straight-A averages that still take advantage of the program to improve their study habits and time management

skills or what have you," Pommier said. "It is a really unique program that no one else has in the country."

Cindy Boyer, assistant director of the Student Success Center, will present some information on the effectiveness of the center and the required course for those on academic warning, called Strategies for Academic Success.

Boyer said the reason the program is unique is because not many schools have a required class, such as Strategies for Academic Success and make it count toward a student's grade and GPA.

"We have seen a lot of success so far with this program and there is a big difference in the turnaround rate now than there was prior to the program being introduced," Boyer said.

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Timberlake tops GQ's list of 'top 10 stylish men'

NEW YORK — Justin Timberlake wins style props in the March issue of GQ magazine.

The magazine picked the entertainer to lead a list of the "10 Most Stylish Men in America." It singled out Timberlake for his impact on fashion, willingness to take risks and "knack for targeting trends" such as hats, three-piece suits, skinny ties and beards.

Timberlake, who launched his clothing line William Rast several years ago, tells GQ he considers model Kate Moss a style icon because she

"could put a barrel on and it would be some sort of statement."

It irks the 28-year-old heartthrob when an entire outfit revolves around a hat, and he'd never wear an argyle sweater vest off the golf course. Other "Stylish Men" include Kanye West, T.I., Jason Schwartzman, hotelier Andre Balazs and photographer Alexi

### Wedding in Paris for Salma Hayek

PARIS — An official at a Paris city hall says Salma Hayek married her French flame on Valentine's Day.

The official says the Mexican-born actress wed magnate Francois-Henri Pinault in a civil ceremony Saturday. The nuptials followed a rocky romance. The two met in Italy in 2006, announced their engagement and had a baby, Valentina Paloma, in September 2007. They broke off their engagement last year but later made up.

The 42-year-old was nominated for an Oscar in 2003 for the film "Frida," in which she produced and starred. The 46-year-old Pinault is chief executive of the French luxury group PPR.

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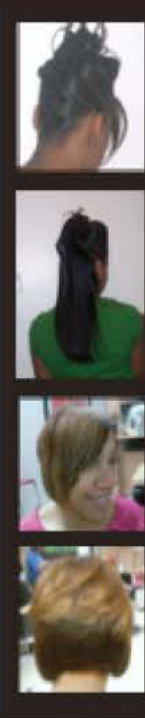
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CAMPUS | EVENT

# Open Mic Night features Ellerly

By MARINE GLISOVIC  
Staff Reporter

Since childhood, music has always been part of Tasha Golden's life. Growing up, she knew she would be in a band and make a career out of it.

Her band Ellerly has been touring full-time around the country performing around 150 shows a year, and the band enjoys every minute of it. Ellerly performed at University Board's Open Mic Night at the Java Bakery and Beanery in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday night for a crowd of about 40 students.

Four years ago, Tasha Golden and her husband Justin started Ellerly. They have been playing music together for 10 years. Tasha Golden plays the keyboard and sings, while her husband accompanies her with the guitar.

"It's Indie Pop Folk, but we let people call it whatever they would like," Tasha Golden said.

Most of their songs have been inspired by life-changing events that have happened to them or friends they know. Tasha Golden said performing is not about the fame, but connecting with people.

She said the connection with Ellerly's music and its listeners helps one feel less lonely and more human. One of the songs performed at the Open Mic Night was "It's All Right."

Tasha Golden composed the song when she had a lump on her thyroid and thought her music career may be over. Going through the struggle and recovery inspired her to write a song about life in general and how things work out in the end.

Before eight years of marriage, Tasha Gold-

en and her husband were musical partners for numerous years. What brought them together was their passion for music, she said, during a break between songs.

Maintaining a healthy relationship with someone one works with for so many hours can be stressful, she said, but the Goldenes have learned to communicate with one another.

Tasha Golden said after being on the road with the same person for so long, it gives them time to talk, forgive quickly and mesh through life.

"It's always good to have on-call good friends to be vulnerable with though," said Tasha Golden. "An outside input is nice."

The Goldenes, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, only get to spend four to five months throughout the year at home. When they are not on tour, Tasha Golden teaches yoga and her husband is a professional engineer. Earlier this month, Charley Jaques, a freshman, saw Ellerly perform at the Christian Campus House.

"The lyrics are really amazing," Jaques said. "Something you can connect to, stories you can relate to."

Valerie Saunders, a freshman, saw Ellerly for her second time. When Saunders came to Open Mic Night, only one thing was on her mind.

"I mainly came to see Ellerly," she said.

Ellerly's next stop on its tour is Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Performing on college campuses makes up only one-third of their tour. They perform the rest at music venues.

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KAROLINA STRACK (THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS)  
Justin Golden of the band Ellerly prepares his acoustic guitar for Open Mic Night in Java Bakery and Beanery in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Candidate for dean position interviews

John Omachonu will be on campus today and Wednesday to interview for the dean of arts and humanities position.

A social with the campus and community will be held as part of the interview process from 5 to 6 p.m. today in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. All are welcome to attend.

### Brass quintet perform with humor, personality

Boston Brass will perform classical arrangements, vocal harmonies and jazz standards at 7:30 p.m. today at the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Admission is \$12, \$10 for senior citizens and Eastern employees and \$5 for students. Seating is reserved.

For tickets, contact the box office at 581-3110 or doudna@eiu.edu.

### Professor shares experiences from Africa

As part of Booth Library's exhibit, "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," Mildred Pearson will present a lecture at 4 p.m. today in Room 4440 in Booth Library.

Pearson, assistant professor in early childhood, elementary and middle level education at Eastern, will share her experiences with the African people in Liberia during "A Self-Efficacious People: Yearning to Learn."

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

CAMPUS | LECTURE

# Lawhead's hobbies lead to aviator presentation

By HEATHER HOLM  
Activities Editor

Doug Lawhead studies and dissects model aircrafts as one of his hobbies.

"I like building historically-accurate models of military vehicles," said the journalism professor.

Historically accurate does not mean right out of a box, Lawhead said.

"I customize them from the real models," he said. "Typically when I build one, someone has a connection to that vehicle."

A model he has used in the past is his father's army tank. However, Lawhead's main interest these days is Charlie Hall. Lawhead will present Hall's story as part of the African-American Heritage Month event "Tuskegee Airman and Other Coles County Ties to Black Aviation History" at 7 p.m. today in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr.

University Union.

Hall attended Eastern in the fall of 1938 and went on to become one of the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II. Lawhead is currently working on a small reconstruction of the P-40 plane Hall piloted during the war.

"I was aware of Charlie Hall and what he has accomplished and how he is connected to Eastern," Lawhead said.

Hall was the only black student attending Eastern in the late 1930s, Lawhead said. He came to Eastern on an athletic scholarship and attended the university for two years. Instead of attending college for his junior year, Hall attended the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Ala. in March 1941.

Lawhead thinks the space between when Hall attended Eastern and when he went to Tuskegee might have been when Hall took flight training.

"After he got to Tuskegee, he survived the program," Lawhead said. "It was a tough program. There were

13 candidates who started in the first program and only five graduated and got their wings in the U.S. Army as Army Air Corps pilots."

Lawhead said Hall was in the 99th Fighter Squadron in World War II and was the trailblazer of a lot of firsts.

He was the first black pilot to lead a combat mission, the first to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross, the first to shoot down an enemy aircraft in American uniform and the first to shoot down two enemy aircrafts in one mission.

Lawhead said racism was still prominent for African Americans during the war.

"Black pilots with tremendous amounts of experience were not allowed to serve even after things got started at Tuskegee," he said.

Lawhead found out that even after the war, nothing changed.

"He was rejected from the airlines because of color and with the help of another airman got a job with the

Federal Aviation Agency and worked there until he died from leukemia in 1971," Lawhead said.

Lawhead will also present the story of Grover C. Nash. Nash was the first black pilot to carry airmail from Chicago to Mattoon to Charleston, and then back to Chicago on the 20th anniversary of airmail.

Lawhead will also talk about how the first African-American pilot to get their pilot's license was an African-American woman who attained the license in France.

Lawhead said the campus needs to be aware of the historical significance of these two people.

"Personally, what Charlie Hall did is extremely significant historically, and most people on campus probably had no idea who he was, and Coles County probably has no idea what Grover Nash did," Lawhead said.

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## BLOTTER

A white Pontiac and a gold Nissan were reported damaged on Wednesday while parked at Carman Hall, the University Police Department said.

A blue Hyundai was reported damaged Thursday while parked at Stevenson Hall, police said.

## CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, columnist Bryan Rolfsen was incorrectly attributed as a geography major. Rolfsen is actually a biology major.

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Penny's likeness  
not as shiny

The penny is fascinating to me. Many Americans feel it is worthless because it is worth one cent. It cannot buy anything. The penny though contains the image of one of the most celebrated presidents in the nation's history: Abraham Lincoln. Staring into two copper and zinc coins on my desk, one penny is shiny and the other is darker from rust. I begin to think about how Lincoln was painted by historians.

First, let's delve into the shiny face of Lincoln.

The shiny one has Lincoln—who just turned 200—looking composed and confident in a portrait pose, almost like a saint. His "sainthood" was achieved April 14, 1865, when John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in the head in Ford's Theatre during a performance of "Our American Cousin."

The United States Mint put the 16th president's face on the penny in 1909 for his 100th birthday, probably representing his humble honesty. After all, he liberated the slaves and fought to preserve the Union.

A *Chicago Tribune* poll in 1982 reflected this notion. Forty-nine historians and political scientists voted Lincoln the greatest president for his leadership qualities, accomplishments and crisis management, political skills, appointments and character/integrity. George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt fell short to Honest Abe.

The rusted penny with Lincoln's face is consumed with darkness. This darkness is often ignored by historians with a biased view of denying American racism in mind.

A learned and respected black historian named Lerone Bennett Jr. wrote a critical book entitled "Forced Into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream" trying to expose Lincoln's flaws that he claims white historians overlook.

Bennett argues Lincoln was a bigot. Primary historical documents would support this proposition. Lincoln's confidants said he would say the N-word frequently in conversations and occasionally in speeches.

The historian said in 1858, Lincoln gave a speech in Chicago affirming the equality of man, and then gave another address the same year in southern Illinois in which he stated that he opposed "bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the black and white races."

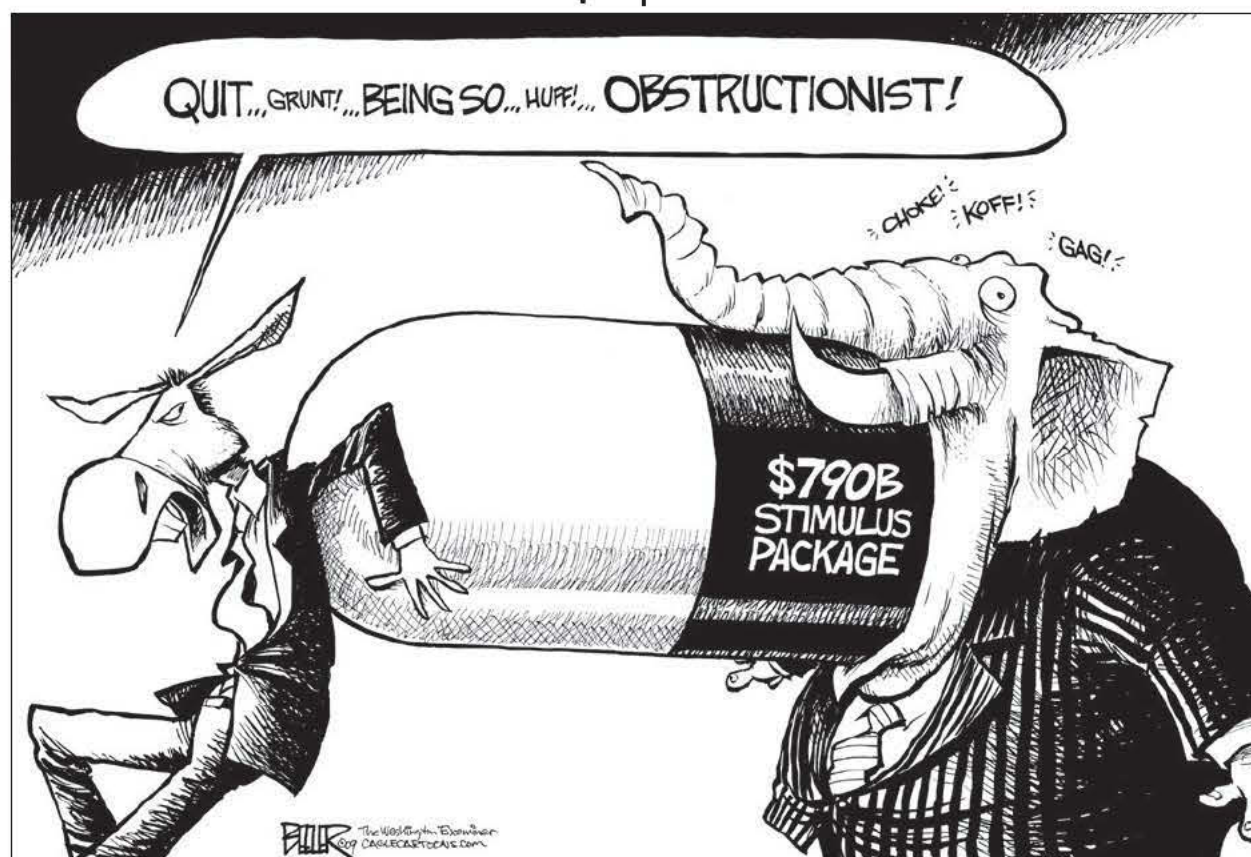
Another point Bennett makes is the Emancipation Proclamation was a sham. If the document is read closely, it shows slaves in the South were to be set free. However, this does not make sense because this legislation did not affect the Confederate States who were outside Lincoln's jurisdiction and allowed slavery in Union states, like Missouri, to continue. Lincoln also stated in an address to Congress in December 1862 to deport African Americans back to Liberia in order to gain a white America.

He also suspended Constitutional rights by removing habeas corpus and plunging the nation into war without Congress approving it. Does this unconstitutionality sound familiar? Sounds like George W. Bush, doesn't it?

Many would agree Bush was a bad president. If people would be objective historically, Honest Abe's legacy ranks low with our former president.

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## MCT Campus | Nate Beeler



## STAFF EDITORIAL

Charleston music scene  
is huge part of local economy

On a late Friday night in Charleston, hordes of young people stand outside the bar Mad Hatter's in the frigid cold, their warm breath mixed with smoke from their cigarettes. Another group is walking into the bar with IDs out, showing up either to drink, play pool or listen to the band play.

Inside, the band is warming up for a show, poised to show the group a good time of dancing, drinking and live music.

In the past year, the Charleston music scene has greatly increased in both the number of bands and its publicity.

Although the scene is already heavily supported, it constantly demands attention from students and Charleston residents if it hopes to remain alive.

The music scene isn't just a form of entertainment, but also an economic beneficiary for the city.

Bars in Charleston, such as the Uptowner, Mad Hatter's and Friends & Co., routinely feature music from bands passing through, as well as local bands comprised primarily of Eastern students.

For those who are of age, it's a weekly opportunity to have good times with friends, drinks and, of course, live music.

Every weekend, at least one bar in Charleston features live music from bands composed primarily of Eastern students.

A faithful following ensures bands such as the Staff Blues Band, Mugwump Specific and Little Boy Jr. will draw in impressive crowds.

Close-knit friendships ensure cooperation between the bands, avoiding petty rivalries between band members. No matter what, there is something for everyone; musical styles range from power-pop to folk-rock.

These crowds not only come out to listen to music and spend time with friends, but give the bars a decent amount of revenue.

**"Although the scene is already heavily supported, it constantly demands attention from students and Charleston residents if it hopes to remain alive."**

Bars benefit greatly from the crowds drawn in by live music and encourage bands to play, praising the students and community members for supporting local arts and businesses.

The growing Charleston music scene provides a readily available outlet for aspiring musicians as well as a thriving nightlife for students and community members over the age of 21.

With an economic strain affecting the nation, including Charleston, bands are a welcome incentive for patronage, encouraging their fans to support local business. In these hard times, the Charleston music scene serves as a vital role in the local economy and should be supported to the best of our abilities.

It would be a shame to lose something so unique to this area.

If community and campus members wish to keep it around, it must be supported.

Go to a show. Support local arts and local businesses.

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INTER-RACIAL RELATIONSHIPS  
ARE OBJECTIFIED

UCLA — I am a Pilipina dating a white guy. Contrary to popular belief, interracial relationships are still difficult endeavors to undertake. Sure, relationships in general are tough, but I would argue that interracial dating requires a lot more effort for both parties to understand each other.

Whenever I'm with his friends and family, I can't help but wonder if they're thinking, "Ooh, big ups for baggin' the

exotic brown chick!"

This type of thinking is disgustingly perpetuated by the media. Remember Vince Vaughn's famous line from "Wedding Crashers" when he talks about his first time with an Asian? I've been asked, "No, really. What are you?" at a dinner party or two, as if I'm something other than human.

Though it can happen to men, women of color are constantly being fetishized, commodified and exoticized. We're seen as something other than the white standard — a daring new expe-

rience one step higher than the sexual experience with a white person.

My relationship is complex and can't be summarized by a racial binary, but I'm cognizant of what some people assume when they see my boyfriend and I: "There goes another Asian woman going for a white man."

Within communities of color, there is often disdain when women go for white men and when men go for white women.

Anna Sterling  
Daily Bruin

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CITY | ELECTIONS

# City to vote to allocate tourism funds

## Funds will go to Eastern's Celebration Festival of the Arts

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**  
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will decide at its meeting tonight whether to fund advertising for Eastern's Celebration Festival of the Arts from

May 1 to 3.

The council will vote on a proposal to give \$2,800 of tourism funds raised through the city's hotel/motel tax to support the event.

Mayor John Inyart said the festival, which includes artists, artisans and musicians will bring more revenue to the city's tourism fund.

"It's supposed to be a self-perpetuating fund," Inyart said. "The idea is we take money out of the hotel/

motel tax to ... encourage more people to come to Charleston and stay (overnight)."

The council will also decide whether to hire country musician Heidi Newfield to play a free concert at the city's annual Red, White and Blue Days festival on July 3.

"We always have a free concert on the night of the third and then we have another performer on the fourth," Inyart said.

The city would pay Newfield \$15,000.

The council will also vote on two resolutions to continue tax abatements for renovations to the Rotary Park pool in 2003 and updates to the city's Water Treatment Plant in 2004.

Tax abatements mean the city will not raise taxes to pay for the projects.

Inyart said the Water Treatment Plant upgrades are being paid for out

of water and sewer revenues while the city is funding the Rotary pool repairs out of its general fund.

"This resolution is just reaffirming that we're not raising taxes to pay for ... these projects," Inyart said.

The City Council meets today at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall at 520 Jackson Ave.

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Speaker Rashawn Ray, graduate student at Indiana University-Bloomington, presents a lecture, "Black and White Fraternity Men's Approaches to Women," in 7th Street Underground on Monday. The lecture is part of the events for African-American Heritage Month.

## » EWP

FROM PAGE 1

"Our main goal is to get students' input on the EWP," Alexander said. "We want to know how they feel - if it's effective or if it's just a waste of time."

English professor Fern Kory said the EWP was originally intended to be used with the Writing Across the Curriculum program and was supposed to be used to assess how well profes-

sors are teaching writing. She said the EWP has changed and is now used as a way to catch students who need help instead.

"There are a lot of people who want the EWP to do different things," she said. "I think what we have now is an unworkable compromise between all of those different interests."

According to Kromphardt, numerous rumors have been swirling around about different requirements or changes to the EWP. With the forum, he hopes all of those issues will be resolved.

"If anyone has ever had a question about the EWP or they want to hear what other people have to ask about it, this is an opportunity to hear first hand," he said.

Kromphardt said Student Senate is working on ways to get information from the forum out to students and faculty who are unable to attend.

He said he is looking into the possibility of filming it, but is not sure if that will be able to happen.

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## » Stimulus

FROM PAGE 1

Nilsen and President Bill Perry have been working with State Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, and State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, to acquire funding to support the new Renewable Energy Center, a project both have emphasized as critical to Eastern.

"The steam plant is currently the most important aspect in our fiscal plans," Nilsen said. "It is critical that we secure funding from the state to support a project that will bring jobs in and is mission critical to our institution."

Nilsen and Perry's efforts began without seeing a finalized stimulus bill and therefore aimed at securing any state aid that would be handed down federally.

Interim Budget Director William Weber has been looking at the options on more of an overarching study, going over the aspects of the bill generally.

"My work has been a pretty general overview, and without knowing too much I think it is too early to say what will help Eastern," Weber said.

He said the budget office is try-

**"It is time for the government to invest in public projects that will provide relief for the outstanding job-loss in the nation state by state."**

— **William Weber, interim budget director**

ing to sort out plans for fiscal year 2010, which he believes is subject to how well the stimulus provides for the states and the economic crisis.

"It is time for the government to invest in public projects that will provide relief for the outstanding job-loss in the nation state by state," Weber said. "If the states get the aid they need and they fund projects like the (renewable energy center), then I think my optimistic look at the economic future will be upheld."

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## » Kirby

FROM PAGE 1

Kirby has dealt with human resources more indirectly, but he argues that he knows the importance and has used them to facilitate the communication between the diverse community at St.

Edward's. Overall, the students, faculty and staff seemed warm to Kirby, Boyd said.

"I can see him in this position," Boyd said. "He had a remarkable overview and answered questions that were very hard to answer."

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» Vault

FROM PAGE 8

Despite the fact that White is one of the best pole vaulters in the OVC, he has not always been interested in the sport.

"In high school the track coach saw me tumbling, he came down and asked me if I had ever thought of pole vaulting," White said. "I was like I don't even know what a pole vault is."

He said I would be a good candidate because I have a lot of speed and upper body strength."

White will try to focus his mind on winning his pole vault competition at the Friday Night Special in Lantz Fieldhouse on Friday and not on interrogating the enemy.

The time of his event is still to be announced as the competition is an all day event.

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» Whitchurch

FROM PAGE 8

So, while the Panthers crushed the Eagles by 18 in their first meeting on Jan. 17, it was clear Eastern would have a battle on their hands.

With Morehead State junior center Brittany Pittman rendering Galligan ineffective for most of the game (only six points on 2-of-17 shooting), the Panthers were still able to persevere and pulled out the road victory in a tough environment.

It's clear that a tight conference race like the one the Panthers are currently in is tough to deal with, but the prospects of such a tight-knit group coming to an end of their

long journey is just as tough to deal with.

"It's hard to talk about because it's sad to know that we're going to be done after this season," Edwards said.

But while the season's end draws near and the emotions continue to run high, the Panthers still have their eye on the prize. They knew coming into the season that they would have a shot at an OVC title, and they are not far from that goal.

With that mindset, it should not be surprising to see the Panthers playing some of their best basketball all season at this very moment.

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Departmental Showcase on Mon, Feb. 16th from 1-3p.m. at 580 W. Lincoln Ave. in Charleston. Drop in to see the Nursing Skills Lab & pick up an application for Fall 2009 admission.

Lakeview College of Nursing-

» Coach

FROM PAGE 8

She is proudest of being part of the turnaround that saw the Panthers climb from a 10-19 record her freshman season to their current 19-7 record.

"It's really amazing," she said. "It was really difficult for us the first two seasons because we really had the thought of changing the program and we had some rough sea-

sons and had to almost think twice about being able to do this. But things started to turn around and we never gave up and kept working harder. I feel so happy to be involved in what we are right now. All that hard work we put in is finally paying off."

Edwards is never likely to stuff a stat sheet, but her assist-turnover ratio is nearly 2-to-1 and she leads the team with 3.8 assists per game.

Also, she will finish her career in fifth place in Eastern's all-time 3-

point field goal list.

She will graduate in spring with a degree in family and consumer sciences in secondary education and wants to get a job teaching in the Chicago area.

While that is her immediate goal, she has always wanted to coach high school basketball, and hopes to do that while teaching.

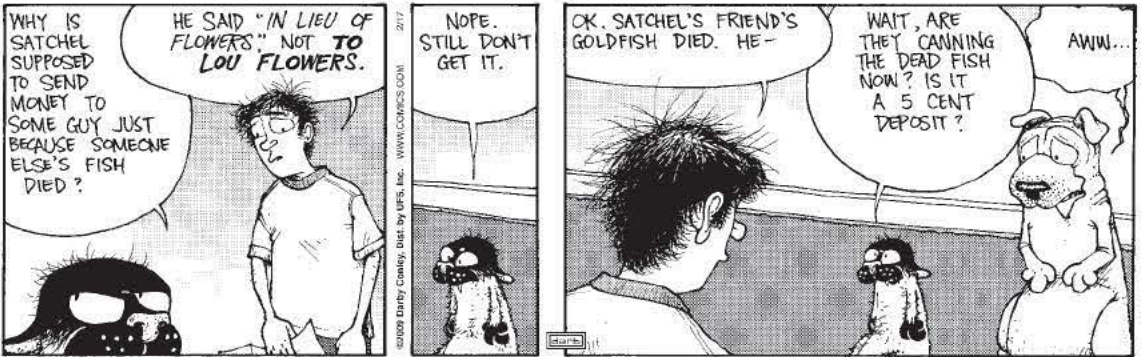
That is kind of fitting.

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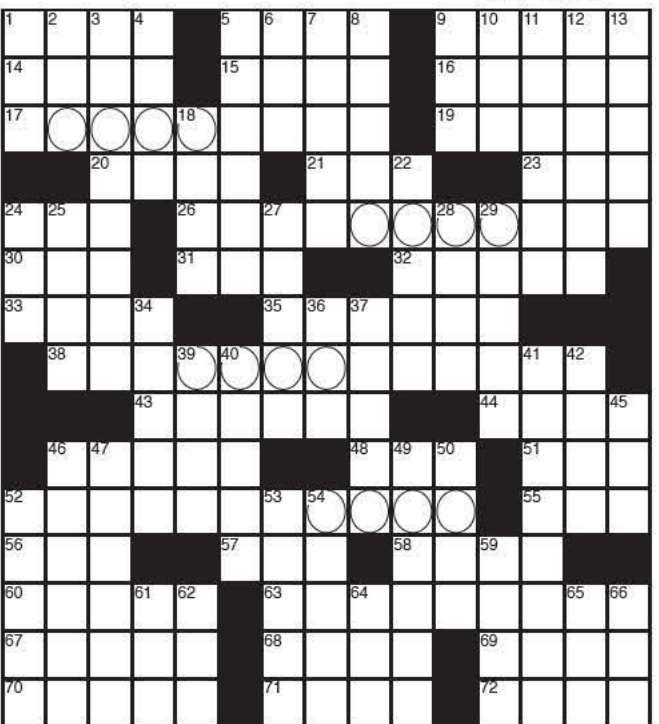
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS
- 1 Hockey fake-out
- 5 Oodles
- 9 Tortilla chip dip
- 14 Apple variety
- 15 Anchor
- 16 Deuce follower in tennis
- 17 Marge's sister, to Bart Simpson
- 19 French river valley with many châteaux
- 20 Shout at a soccer game
- 21 Oinker
- 23 The first "T" in 36-Down
- 24 Reggae relative
- 26 Not a good way to buy a car
- 30 Rowboat implement
- 31 What a barber has to trim around
- 32 Suspicious
- 33 Equestrian's "Stop!"
- 35 Transport in Duke Ellington's theme song
- 38 Risk-taker's credo
- 43 Popular record label
- 44 Crucifix
- 46 Reward for a job well done
- 48 Secret govt. group
- 51 Stallone's nickname
- 52 Seasonal Arctic phenomenon
- 55 Squeeze (out)
- 56 1972 treaty subj.
- 57 Dam
- 58 \_\_\_ Report (luxury lifestyle magazine)
- 60 Jockey's handful
- 63 What 17-, 26-, 38-, and 52-Across contain
- 67 Neighbor of Israel
- 68 "Need You Tonight" band, 1987
- 69 \_\_\_ Minor
- 70 Shoes that add inches to one's height
- 71 Deli queue call
- 72 Flapjack eatery, for short
- DOWN
- 1 24 horas
- 2 Outback runner
- 3 Outback hopper
- 4 Outer: Prefix
- 5 Aviator Earhart
- 6 Online guffaw
- 7 Get-up-and-go
- 8 Brown eyes or baldness, e.g.
- 9 "My gal" of song
- 10 Fuss
- 11 Hang around

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



PUZZLE BY DANIEL KANTOR AND JAY KASKEL

- 12 Two-seated carriage
- 13 Had dinner at home
- 18 Postpaid encl.
- 22 Soviet labor camp
- 24 Boar's mate
- 25 Madeline of "Young Frankenstein"
- 27 Common knee stain for kids
- 28 Moonwalking Armstrong
- 29 Mexican mister
- 34 Once more
- 36 Big boom maker
- 37 Dappled horses
- 39 Bears: Lat.
- 40 Supermodel Cheryl
- 41 Thorny shrub
- 42 Center of an egg
- 45 Secret of many a redhead
- 46 Steakhouse offering
- 47 Regard highly
- 49 Most confident
- 50 "With a wink and ..."
- 52 Reedy place
- 53 Encircle
- 54 Rough cord
- 59 B'rith
- 61 Zippo
- 62 Carrier to Oslo
- 64 Hard-core film "rating"
- 65 Spanish uncle
- 66 Easy mark

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
No. 6 Michigan State at  
No. 19 Purdue |  
6 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Maryland at No. 13 Clemson |  
6:30 p.m. on ESPN2

NHL  
Chicago at Tampa Bay |  
6:30 p.m. on CSN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Kentucky at Vanderbilt |  
8 p.m. on ESPN

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
No. 4 Pittsburgh 76, No. 1 UConn 68

NHL  
NY Islanders 3, Pittsburgh 2 (SO)  
St. Louis 2, NY Rangers 1  
Dallas 3, Columbus 2 (SO)

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

Living  
in the  
moment

It's tough not to get worked up in the emotions of a conference championship chase.

It's even tougher when you know that your time together is nearing an end.

So for the Eastern women's basketball team to stay poised during this chase, while also knowing that their five seniors – forwards Rachel Galligan, Lindsey Kluempers and Julie Lipperd, and guards Megan Edwards and Ellen Canale – are coming close to playing their final games as Panthers, must be emotional.

But the composure the team kept in winning a pair of Ohio Valley Conference road games last week was impressive. The win against Eastern Kentucky – a below-average OVC team – was expected, but necessary nonetheless.

The most impressive part of last week was the victory at Morehead State.

Morehead State has a solid 15-12 overall record and are the only team in the conference to defeat Murray State, the OVC's first place team.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: PART TWO

Like a coach on the floor



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior guard Megan Edwards drives toward the basket during a game against Southeast Missouri on Feb. 7 in Lantz arena. Edwards is one of five seniors who will play their final home game Saturday.

Panthers' floor leader  
wants to coach  
high school basketball  
after finishing college

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH  
Assistant Sports Editor

*Editor's Note: Assistant Sports Editor Collin Whitchurch will be profiling each of the women's basketball team's five seniors leading up to the team's Senior Night at 3 p.m. Saturday against Murray State. Today's profile is of guard Megan Edwards.*

Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Saltee knows when Megan Edwards is on the floor, his team is in good hands.

The senior guard has been Saltee's coach on the floor as the Panthers have risen from mediocrity to stardom in the past four years. So it should be no surprise to hear that Edwards aspires to coach high school basketball in the future.

Edwards, who will play her last regular season home game as a Panther at 3 p.m. this Saturday, is not known as a scorer.

She scored in double-figures only six times this season, and has a career scoring average of 8.2 points per game.

However, when Saltee recruited Edwards out of high school, a large factor was her ability to put the ball in the basket.

"(Edwards) was a kid that, coming out, I had seen play a ton in the summer and the thing that stood out was her ability to score," Saltee said.

But while Edwards does not put up the gaudy scoring numbers of her senior teammate, forward Rachel Galligan, it's OK with her because her No. 1 priority is always distributing the ball.

"I've always just worked on helping the team out and being the manager on the floor," she said. "I try to use my skills and knowledge of the game in the right ways to make the team better and be successful."

Saltee said Edwards' basketball IQ is what impresses him most about her. He called her the "coach on the floor" and knows his team will be at its best when she is out there, which is a main reason why she leads the team in minutes per game.

"We're very disciplined out on the floor and that's a direct result of the way (Edwards) plays," Saltee said. "She knows exactly what I want from her, what I expect from her and very rarely do I have to get on her anymore because she's already on herself when she does something wrong."

Edwards said she has loved her experience at Eastern, and has grown both as a person and as a basketball player because of what she has learned.

One of her favorite moments during her career was just a few weeks ago when the Panthers beat Illinois-Chicago.

She said that moment meant a lot because the seniors on the team have played UIC every year of their careers, and this was the first time they were able to beat them.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | SPOTLIGHT

Pole vaulter tries to be 'all he can be'

White juggles being  
a college student and  
pole vaulter with being  
a U.S. Army Reserve

By BOB SHAUGHNESSY  
Staff Reporter

Dorrian White was the state pole vault champion in high school.

But when he was choosing a college, the Eastern junior pole vaulter wanted to serve his country.

After completing one year of college, White decided to follow his lifelong dream and follow in the paths of his parents, so he decided to enroll in the U.S. Army.

"Ever since I was really little I have been a big G.I. Joe fan and both of my parents were in the military," White said. "My mother was in the Navy, and my father was in the Marines, and I needed money to go to college and at the same time it could get me some (college) credits."

In August 2005, White signed an eight-year contract with the U.S. Army Reserves and shortly

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— Dorrian White,  
pole vaulter

after headed off to Fort Knox, Ky. This is where he began his training.

He was then stationed in Virginia, and this summer, he will leave for California.

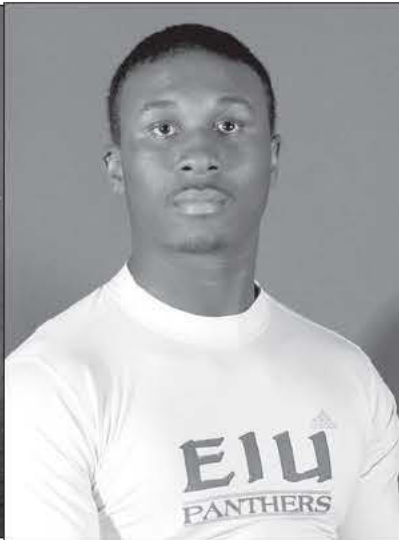
"My first year at college was kind of rough, but when I came back from the military I felt I went through a maturing phase," White said. "When I got back I was really focused on what I wanted to do and what I wanted to get out of college."

White is the top pole vaulter in the conference right now.

He won the pole vault competition at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships in the outdoor last season and was second in



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Eastern track and field pole vaulter Dorrian White was a state champion in high school and was Ohio Valley Conference champion in the indoor last season. White also serves as a U.S. Army Reserve.

the pole vault at the indoor conference championships last season. During his freshman season, he won the indoor title and was third in the event in the outdoor season.

When he is not vaulting through the air, White is interrogating the enemy.

White said being a Human Intelligence Interrogator has really helped him succeed in college and will help him succeed in life.

After leaving Eastern, White said he would like to get into political psychology.

He said that it goes along with his job description and is something the military has prepared him for.

"I haven't decided yet, but I think I might try to go to graduate school here and if not I might go to active duty," White said.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
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7 p.m. – Lantz Arena

SWIMMING  
Thursday at Summit League |  
All Day – Rochester, Mich.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
Thursday vs Tennessee Martin |  
7 p.m. – Lantz Arena

SWIMMING  
Friday at Summit League |  
All Day – Rochester, Mich.

SOFTBALL  
Friday vs Virginia |  
Noon – Columbia, S.C.