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FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid figures at record high

More than \$100 million awarded in 2008-2009

By Jason Hardimon
Campus Editor

During the 2008-2009 academic year, 76 percent of Eastern students received an average financial award of \$10,539—more than \$100 million total.

This was the largest amount awarded in Eastern's history.

In the same year, about \$1.4 million students across the state re-

ceived a total of \$6.7 billion in financial assistance, according to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"We all know that we are going through a difficult time in the economy," Director of Financial Aid Jerry Donna said. "Indications are that the economy is slowly turning around, but it may take some time before unemployment rates are back to 'normal.'"

Donna said economic recessions typically cause enrollment at two-year institutions to rise.

"Historically, when the economy is bad, people return to school, or some make the decision to start

school," Donna said. "It is a time of retooling for many people. The community college system tends to see much more of this than the four-year institutions."

Donna said he believes that enrollment at Eastern is not significantly affected by the economy.

"EIU has a more traditional student population, it is my belief that our enrollments are not dramatically driven by this dynamic. I do wonder though if some students are deciding not to attend school, or delaying school, for the sake of making ends meet," Donna said. Donna said the most important thing students can do regard-

ing financial aid is file their 2010-2011 free application for federal student aid as soon as possible. "Most students/parents do this right after they complete their tax returns. The sooner students file the FAFSA...the better for everyone," Donna said. "Filing early could possibly result in a larger financial aid award."

Several students were unsure about their ability to pursue a degree at Eastern if they were unable to receive financial assistance.

Martin Weatherford, a junior sports management major, received a Pell Grant this academic year. **AID, page 5**

CITY

Council to consider stricter weapon rules

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

Residents of Charleston may be forced to change their activities in their own yard after today's city council meeting.

An ordinance pertaining to the discharge of certain weapons within the city limits will be updated during the meeting at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

"Some things on this list many people don't consider weapons, but they are still things that could hurt them or their neighbors," Mayor John Inyart said.

The former definition of a weapon is a firearm, air gun or BB gun; however, the updated list will prohibit the discharge of any weapon that projects pellets, arrows, missiles or any other projectiles.

"This includes compound bows used for hunting, which the resident may want to use for target practice in their yard," Inyart said. "The problem with that is there is a possibility of the projectile going off of one's property; that's our concern."

The council will also take a final vote on the hazardous waste bill. This bill was introduced at the last city council meeting and was tabled for public inspection.

The bill will hold any individual or company accountable for the cost of any chemicals spilled, which must be cleaned and removed by the Charleston Fire Department.

While keeping pollution of the area in mind, a resolution to accept a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be addressed by the council as well.

The grant is a non-point source pollution grant, which will be used to aid in the care of Lake Charleston.

"We have been awarded this grant that will be used to create a watershed management plan," Inyart said.

The plan would map out items needing to be done to the area surrounding the watershed management plant maps out, which drains into Lake Charleston; the source of Charleston's drinking water.

The goals outlined in the plans are to cut down erosion and increase the quality of the water in the lake.

The grant will reimburse 75 percent of the project; the remaining 25 percent will be paid from the city's water and sewer fund.

Along with the grant, the council will vote on a resolution to execute the agreement for V3 Companies of Illinois, Ltd. to prepare the watershed management plan. The company has worked with management plans along the Embarras River in the past.

With the agreement, the project should not exceed \$45,000.

Two bond issues will also be addressed during the meeting.

"We do this every year, these are manual exemptions we must do," Inyart said.

The first bond issue deals with a 2003 bond, which provided more than \$9 million to pay for the upgrade to the Water Treatment Plant.

"This says, we will not levy additional taxes for this payment of these bonds but we will pay for them out of another source," Inyart said.

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DEBT

New law could spell trouble for cardholders

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

The tarot card of doom may just be a credit card, something the Credit CARD Act of 2009 would change.

The Credit CARD Act is changing the way credit card companies do business with customers.

With 84 percent of students carrying credit cards, according to student loan company Sallie Mae, the act affects college campuses considerably.

Half of undergraduate students have four or more credit cards; the average undergraduate student has \$2,200 in credit card debt.

Sallie Mae reports 65 percent of students with credit cards pay them off every month.

"The new Credit CARD Act of 2009 has a lot of new changes," said Jackie See, financial health education coordinator for the HERC.

She said one of the changes

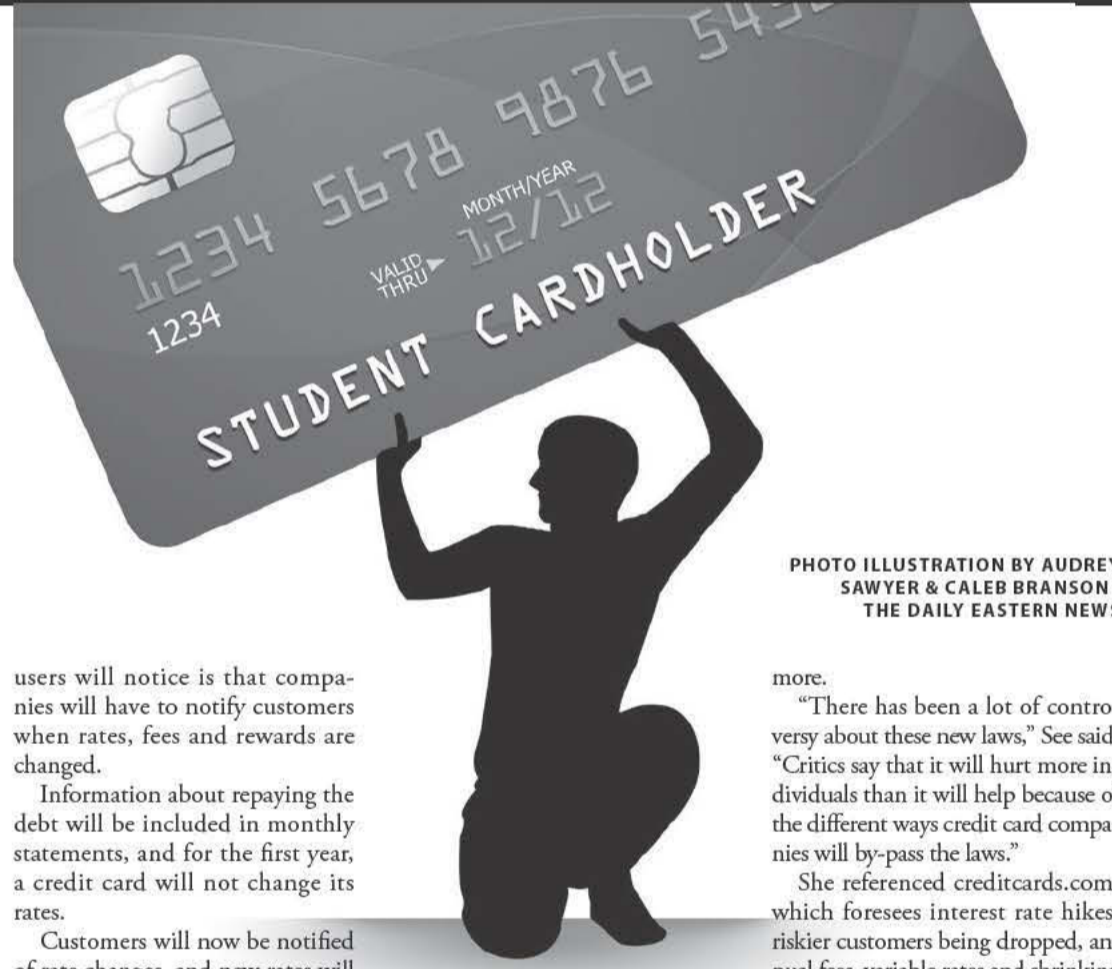


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users will notice is that companies will have to notify customers when rates, fees and rewards are changed.

Information about repaying the debt will be included in monthly statements, and for the first year, a credit card will not change its rates.

Customers will now be notified of rate changes, and new rates will apply to charges made after the first year, rather than any balance carried over.

While the law intends to protect

customers, some believe credit card companies will find ways to charge

more.

"There has been a lot of controversy about these new laws," See said. "Critics say that it will hurt more individuals than it will help because of the different ways credit card companies will by-pass the laws."

She referenced creditcards.com, which foresees interest rate hikes, riskier customers being dropped, annual fees, variable rates and shrinking rewards.

While the bill could cause some problems, See likes the age restriction.

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DARWIN DAYS

Darwin days stirs evolutionary debate

By Sam Bohne
Staff Reporter

With a full week of events planned for Darwin Days, the simmering battle between evolution and creation has boiled to the surface.

The beliefs of some scientists and religious figures differ on how mankind came into being; Charles Darwin's theory of evolution or the creation theory from the Bible.

According to merriam-webster.com, Darwinism is "a theory of the origin and perpetuation of new species of animals and plants

that offspring of a given organism vary, that natural selection favors the survival of some of these variations over others, that new species have arisen and may continue to arise by these processes, and that widely divergent groups of plants and animals have arisen from the same ancestors."

Stephen Mullin, a professor of biological science, thinks the term Darwinism is often misused.

"Some people see (Darwinism) as a belief system, just as Christianity," Mullin said.

Mullin said that Darwinism is a belief, where as biological evolution, or the change of living crea-

tures over time, is fact.

To some, Darwinism challenges their religious faith, but others accept both beliefs.

"Many, many scientists are comfortable with religious ideology and biological ideology," Mullin said.

Bill Hall, a pastor at the Charleston Community Church, opposes the theory that all species come from the same ancestors.

"We believe in creation," Hall said. "We believe that man is a special creation of God."

Danah Himes, associate campus minister for the Christian Campus House, agrees with parts of evolu-

tion.

"I believe in evolution among species," Himes said. "But I don't believe humans evolved from chimpanzees."

Himes does not represent the organization with her beliefs about microevolution.

Like Himes, Hall believes there is change among individual species.

"I believe that there are changes that are observed, but not that one species turns into another," Hall said.

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WEATHER TODAY



Cloudy

HIGH
28°

Wind gusts near 20 mph will make it feel much colder this morning. A few light flurries are still possible this morning and afternoon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy skies tonight and tomorrow. Temperatures will be in the lower 30s by Thursday afternoon. Best chance of snow will be Friday night and Saturday morning.

LOW
17°

WEATHER TOMORROW



Wednesday
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Thursday
Mostly Sunny
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BLOTTER

Mathew Luedke, 23, of 618 Jackson Ave., Charleston, was arrested at 1:17 a.m. Friday in the 1500 block of Fourth Street. Luedke was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a blood-alcohol concentration greater than 0.08. He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 1:59 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond, the University Police Department said.

It was reported Friday that a debit card was used fraudulently at various locations on campus. The incident is currently under investigation, the UPD said.

A cannabis complaint was reported Saturday at Carman Hall. The incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards, the UPD said.

John Hunkeller, 18, of 011 S. Catherine Ave., La Grange, Timothy McGrath, 19, of 5612 Sixth Ave., Countryside and Alexander Kuhn, 19, of South La Grange Rd., La Grange were arrested at 3:55 a.m. Sunday at 2207 Ninth St. Hunkeller was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence of alcohol. McGrath was charged with possession and consumption of liquor by a minor, possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kuhn was charged with possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and possession and consumption of liquor by a minor. All suspects were released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 4:27 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond each, the UPD said.

Java brain slam



SAMANTHA BILHARZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

From left to right: Dave Shepherd, Christopher Black and Ashley Grogan, senior corporate communication majors, work on a class project at Java Beanery and Bakery in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday afternoon.

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Online reporter Chaz LeGrand believes in Hogzilla. Think he's ridiculous? Read his animal blog on DENnews.com to see what he has to say.

CORRECTION

An entry in the police blotter in the Feb. 9 issue of *The Daily Eastern News* contained incorrect information. Bradley Klayer, 20, of 30 Penny Lane, Oakwood, was arrested at 4:13 a.m. Saturday at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house on Greek Court. Klayer was charged with possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis and possession of drug equipment. He was released from the UPD after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, the University Police Department said.

The DEN regrets the error.

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EVENT

Students inspire through spoken word

By William Lee
Staff Reporter

Poems, songs and emotional speeches filled the air as students took the chance to let it all out Monday night.

The Black Student Union hosted a Spoken Word Contest at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Hall Auditorium. The poems were broken down into three topics: Slavery, reconstruction and the present.

Jasmine Hughes, a family consumer science major, performed a piece on the female perspective of slavery.

Zinika Livingston, a senior journalism major, gave a speech about the assassination of Malcolm X. She kept asking people "were you there" when it happened?

"Even though Malcolm is someone from the past, his struggle is still relevant to the present and future," Livingston said.

She chose the piece after seeing it on a show called "Def Poetry Jam," and was touched.

"I don't perform often, but I did this for a very good cause to inspire the African-American students, and I am happy it touched every race," Livingston said.

Reneesha Reed, an elementary education major, performed a poem called "Why Did You Make Me Black." The poem was a conversation between a young black woman and God.

She asks God many questions, such as why he made her black and why did she look the way she looked. She also spoke of how other blacks mistreated her because she was "too light" or "too dark."

The contest concluded with a group of students performing a speech in honor of the memory of Derrion Albert, a young man who was killed on the

South Side of Chicago.

Klevor Abo, a professor in the African-American studies department, ended up giving two impromptu performances. He received the speech he performed shortly before the performance and memorized it. Abo also gave a speech about Ghana.

Abo said he came to find people to perform for an event he is organizing to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of Ghana.

Andre Allen Jr., a pre-business major, helped organize the event. Allen said it took them about three weeks to practice and they wanted to do something for Black History Month and to show the "creativity of the BSU."

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CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blake Anthony performs a dramatic original spoken word with fellow students Chris Harris and Andrea Yarbrough in honor of Derrion Albert, who was beaten to death September 24, 2009 in Chicago. Black Student Union held "Mental Slavery," a spoken word event Monday evening in Coleman Hall as part of Black History Month.

FUNDRAISER

Bowls of Hope to support domestic abuse awareness

By Emily Reid
Staff Reporter

Every year, 1.3 million women in the U.S. become victims of domestic violence.

One in every four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life.

On average, domestic violence kills three women every day, according to the Domestic Violence Resource Center.

Those women need something to turn to, said Jim Walters, the executive director of HOPE of East Central Illinois.

"That's what we're here for," Walters said.

HOPE will hold its annual Bowls of Hope fundraiser dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church, 921 Madison Ave., to raise money to aid victims of domestic violence and their children as well as educate the public.

Tickets will be available at the door, and guests have the option of paying either \$15 for dinner and a handcrafted bowl or \$5 just for dinner. The menu will include soups donated from local restaurants, bread, a vegetable tray, coffee, lemonade and tea.

Guests will also be treated to musi-

cal entertainment courtesy of Motherlode, a local string band, throughout the meal.

Diners will not have to eat the soup out of their new ceramic bowls, which are handmade by a number of private and individual artists, said Walters.

"They're really nice, unique, different pieces," Walters added.

A celebrity dessert auction is also planned for the event. A local celebrity, acting as an auctioneer, will present pastries and other sweets provided by area restaurants for guests to bid on, and the highest bidder will win the treat.

HOPE, which stands for Housing,

Outreach, Prevention and Education, is a non-profit organization that has provided help and shelter to victims of domestic violence in east central Illinois for decades.

The organization also offers educational programs designed to help raise awareness of violence in the communities it serves.

Since the group began in a two-bedroom Charleston apartment in the 1970s, the organization has grown to encompass seven counties in Illinois, ranging from Shelby to Edgar County, offering two housing programs, a 24-hour toll-free crisis hotline, individual counseling and programs for

children.

Eastern has always had close ties to the organization: Louise Jackson, who was a psychology professor, was one of the group's founding members; and faculty members have always been heavily involved, Walters said.

Walters added that—as women ages 20 to 24 experience the highest rate of partner abuse—domestic violence could also be an unfortunate reality for college students.

"You'd be surprised; we work with a lot of students," he said.

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IEWS



David Thill

The art of a quick getaway

To those who read my columns, it should come as little or no surprise that I, occasionally, have a bit of a big mouth. This has never been much of a strength for me.

In fact, as a young scamp running about Charleston, my mouth would often write checks that my hind parts would not be able to cash.

Thankfully, though, I've always been very quick for my diminutive size, and nothing provides motivation for a hasty retreat like a thrashing hot on your heels.

Welcome to "The Art of a Quick Getaway."

Now that we are in college, I think it is a safe bet that most people rarely find themselves in the type of situation that could result in fist-cuffs. The exception being, of course, when one (typically a male) drinks a tad too much at the bar and decides that now is the time to fight someone over whether the gentleman was looking at you wrong.

That being said, more often than not, the use of quick wits can get one out of a sticky situation.

Let's say you find yourself in the situation I was in Friday. I had suggested, with full enthusiasm, what I thought was a great idea. Yet my girlfriend felt a coffee mug was not a great Valentine's Day present.

It is worth mentioning that my girlfriend is not the type that demands gifts or expensive displays of affection. But a coffee mug was, admittedly, a poor idea.

Now, as she began to get fired up and lay in to me, I said, "Hold on, honey. I've got to go run somewhere real quick."

She did not buy this excuse. But, like a grand master of chess, my experiences as a kid have taught me to think two or three moves ahead.

I quickly informed her that I had to "Go see a man about a horse."

This ridiculous assertion may have worked in the mid-19th century, when a horse was necessary. However, by the time she had processed the outlandish statement I had just made, I was already gone. Check mate, Thill.

Another good escape maneuver is deflecting.

Let's say you have said something to offend someone, as I often do. When said person approaches you, simply say, "Well, I'm not saying (insert random statement) is the way I feel, but my friend Dan here was just talking about it and...."

Once you trail off, with a convincing acting job, the person will have turned his focus away from you and on to your unsuspecting friend. Though, for this scheme to work, you have to be willing to throw your friend under the bus. But an angry friend is better than dealing with an angry stranger.

The final and most effective, though least dignified manner of escape is running like hell.

No one is proud of this one, but let's face it. Sometimes you have talked yourself into a corner and the best way out is simply pulling a Shaggy from "Scooby Doo."

The best way to go about it is simply distracting the person for even a moment and run. If you are quick enough, you can even leave the ever-satisfying cloud of dust shaped like yourself in mid-stride.

Of course, the best option is to not make others mad at you, but that is just unrealistic. That is, at least, if your name is David Thill.

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

DAILY EDITORIAL
The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Attendance at basketball games pathetic when national cameras leave

Both of Eastern's basketball teams are set to do something our school has not seen happen in tandem in quite some time. With just two more victories posted by the Eastern men, both teams will be guaranteed a winning record.

For all intents and purposes, though, the student body neither notices nor cares. From Panther Nation to the most casual fan, you should all be ashamed.

Under the bright lights of Lantz Arena and the scrutinizing eye of national cameras for Thursday's men's game against Morehead State, it would have appeared to the uninformed viewer that Eastern students actually care about the efforts and continued success of a team that has seen less-than-stellar results over the past five seasons.

However, true to form, as soon as the ESPNU cameras packed up and left town, the student body showed its true colors. Sadly, those colors are not silver and blue but a neutral shade of gray.

Thursday's nationally televised game drew an attendance of 1,701 fans. It was the largest crowd the team has seen at home all year. The very next game Saturday drew just more than 1,000. Apparently, once the chance to have their faces caught on a national camera is gone, so are the fans from Lantz Arena.

Never mind the fact that the men's team is 14-11 with an 8-7 Ohio Valley Conference record, or the fact that it is riding a three-game win streak. Granted these aren't the types of numbers that will set the world on fire, but considering the team finished the 2008-09 season with a meager 12-18 (8-10) record and the 2007-08 season ended with an abysmal 7-22 (6-14) record, the team is showing great signs of maturity and improvement.

And yet, the average attendance for men's home games is a pathetic 974 in an arena that can house nearly 5,000. The average attendance for away games is 2,600. The Eastern men saw their three largest crowds this year on away games.

At Murray State, it played in front of 3,444; in Toledo, Ohio, 4,127 fans turned out; and in St. Louis, more than 7,300 fans showed up.

"The fact is the two teams will continue to put up numbers and victories, yet will toil away in relative anonymity, seeing more fans in foreign territory than at home."

By contrast, the two largest crowds were last week's game and another broadcast on ESPNU on Jan. 9 against Southeast Missouri State that drew 1,368 fans.

In fact, the team has played in front of fewer than 700 more often than not on its own court, including one game that drew a pathetic 504 fans.

And let's not overlook the women's team, whose continued success leaves one scratching his head when looking at the pathetic number of fans.

The women have posted an 18-8 record this season and an impressive 13-1 OVC record. Yet, their average home attendance is a saddening 520 fans.

Last year, the team finished 24-9 (15-3) with an average home attendance of 827.

Last week, men's basketball coach Mike Miller and the entire team appealed to the student senate to attend the game. The group suspended its committee meetings, usually on Thursday, in order to allow members to attend.

The student senate can't be blamed for not being able to attend most Thursday games because of its committee meetings.

However, considering the group suspended its usual business to attend, one would think the normal student could make an effort to attend and follow the senate's lead.

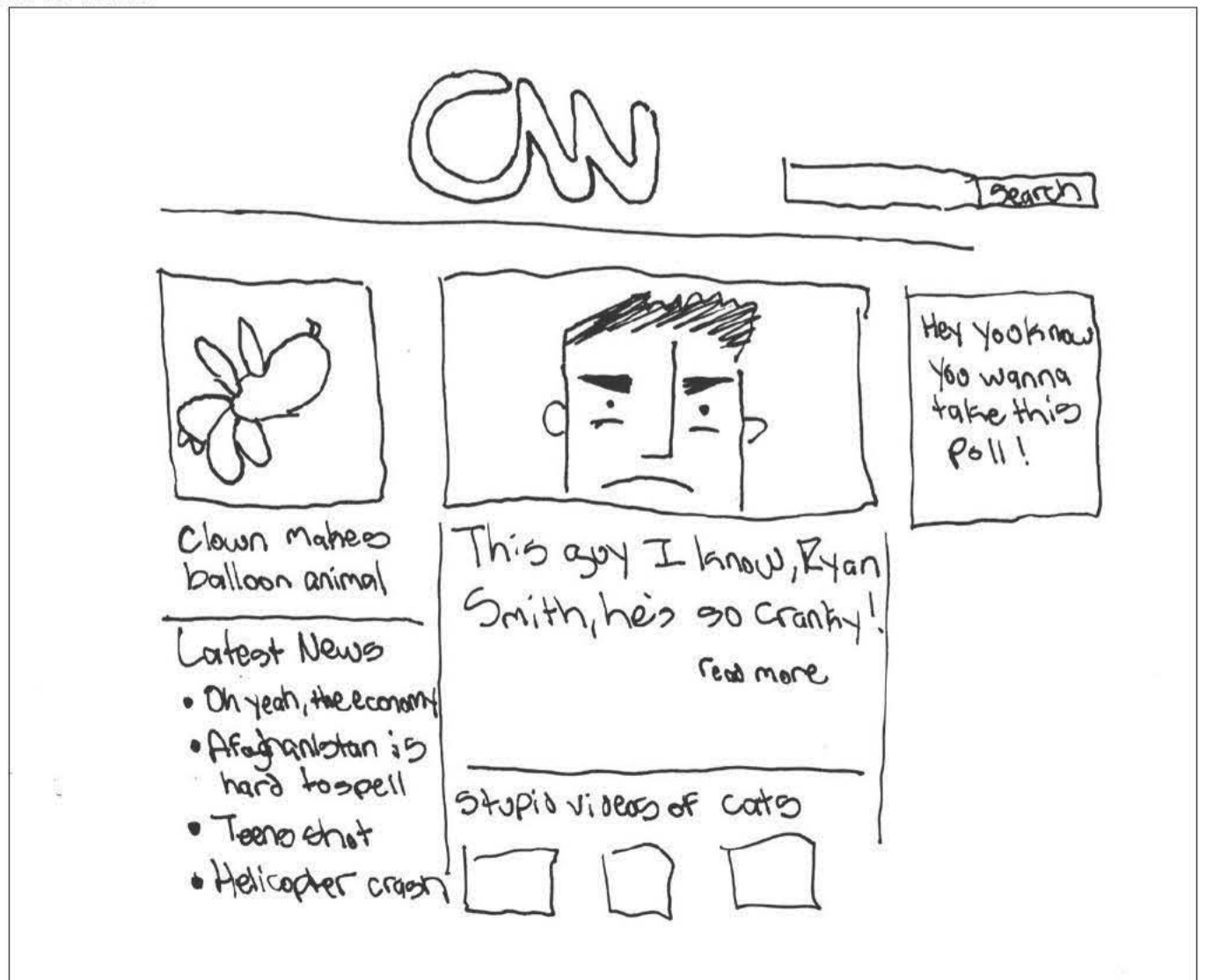
The fact is the two teams will continue to put up numbers and victories, yet will toil away in relative anonymity, seeing more fans in foreign territory than at home.

These are our Panthers, our fellow students, struggling, sweating, sometimes bleeding for our school and trying to bring Panther pride home to Charleston. And they are doing their job, winning games and working together.

Now it's time for the rest of us to do our job and actually go to some games without the motivation of national cameras.

Or, Eastern students can continue to stay at home and show our teams how little we care about anything that isn't sold in a bar. Attendance has been pathetic, let's take a cue from our teams' efforts and turn the numbers around.

FROM THE EASEL



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"In my opinion, the best of these new changes is the increase of age for owning a credit card," See said. The legal age for buying alcohol of 21 will be the new age required to get a credit card.

Anyone under 21 will need a co-signer, or be able to prove they have more than enough income to pay back the debt.

The law does not affect current credit card owners under the age of 21.

The bill also has some bite; it forces credit card companies to give cardholders 45 days notice before raising rates. It gives cardholders the right to cancel their card and pay off their balance at the current rate if they do not like the rate hike.

The law also gives customers three billing cycles to decide if they want to

cancel after a rate change.

Card companies cannot retroactively increase interest rate on an existing debt, unless the cardholder does something wrong.

The law prevents the companies from changing terms of contract on customers.

This was commonly done where a contract would state at any time, for any reason, the company could make a change to the contract.

"These new laws will not stop credit card debt from occurring, but can assist users from being bombarded with high interest rates/fees and to better understand their monthly bills," See said.

The changes will go after credit cards trickier tactics, See said. The print on monthly bills will be bigger and some of the words will be de-

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finied.
For Eastern students that do have

credit card debt, the HERC offers support to help students in hot wa-

ter.

"The students that I see with credit card debt are extremely smart," See said. "They know they are in debt and they choose to come to get help."

While See does not see every student, she knows some people are suffering. She said the hard economic times and cost of school can turn students to credit cards as a way to get by.

"Ultimately, it is the user's responsibility to re-pay their debts, and should not count on credit card companies to be your friend and 'give you a break,'" See said. "They are a business and want to make money."

See said the best way to avoid debt is to stay away from credit cards.

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In this case, the substituting source is the water and sewer fund and income from residents' water bills.

"This is something we agreed to do when we issued this bond," Inyart said. "When we abate the tax money, it means we are not going to collect those taxes any longer."

The second bond issue obtained in 2004 allowed \$1.5 million toward the upgrades of the Rotary Pool.

This money will now be paid for out of general funds along with user fees.

The council will discuss a policy pertaining to public records for the first time since 2006.

At the beginning of this year, the state made significant changes in the Freedom of Information Act.

"This policy basically aligns our

local ordinances with the state's new rules," Inyart said.

The new policy outlines the process of requesting information, definitions of words used in the policy and a list of the costs for certain types of public documents.

The Charleston Tourism Advisory Board has recommended the council to allow funding from the city's tourism fund be given to the College of Arts and Humanities to cover expenses relating to the Celebration: A Festival of the Arts. The advisory board has been recommended \$1,500 for the event, held April 23 to 25.

The funding will come from the tourism fund, which is accumulated by the hotel/motel tax money. This money goes into a separate fund to be granted to different organizations for advertising expenses, which would bring more visitors to

Charleston, Inyart said.

In the middle of winter, Charleston's Red, White and Blue Committee, which is in charge of the city's 4th of July celebration, has hired Joe Nichols as the entertainment for the event with a \$25,000 contract.

The concert, which is traditionally free, will be held at 8 p.m. July 3 in Morton Park.

The city will vote to authorize the contract to host the singer.

Finally, an announcement will be made by Inyart to reappoint Keith Perry to the Fire and Police Board of Commissioners for a second term.

Two raffle licenses will also be voted on along with the consent agenda.

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Weatherford said he would probably have to either apply for private loans or choose not to attend Eastern if his grant were unavailable.

Bill Rude, a senior history major, said he was in the same boat.

"I'd either be really far in debt, or I probably wouldn't be here," Rude said.

Jared Raune, a freshman history major, said attending an affordable two-year institution would be his best option.

"I probably wouldn't go to Eastern. I'd just go to a community college; it'd be cheaper," Raune said.

Sean Walker, a senior fine arts major, is the recipient of a Map Grant in addition to federal loans.

Walker said his options would be few if he was unable to receive financial assistance.

"I probably wouldn't go to Eastern. I'd just go to a community college; it'd be cheaper"

Jared Raune, history major

"I'd probably get some lame job, I don't think I could afford to go here otherwise," Walker said.

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We will be fine if we do that."

Last game, the Panthers held the trio to 22 points.

Red-shirt freshman James Hollowell is coming off a solid weekend after being named OVC Freshman of the Week for the second time. Hollowell is not overlooking the Skyhawks.

"We need to keep the energy level high and stay aggressive," Hollowell said. "Just take it to them."

Junior guard Tyler Laser is also looking to repeat his performance against Tennessee Martin as he had 21 points last game.

"We are all coming into our own and it couldn't come at a better time," Laser said. "Our season is coming to an end and we are playing our best ball right now."

Freshman forward Shaun Pratl said his teammates should rely on each other to continue their winning ways into

"We are all coming into our own and it couldn't come at a better time."

Tyler Laser, junior guard

the conference tournament.

"We need to do what we've been doing," Pratl said. "Right now is the best time of the year to get hot, leading into the end of the season into the conference tournament. We've just got to stay focused, stay together and play together as a team."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Not afraid to play rough

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern played the type of game that Eastern Kentucky wanted to play in Saturday's game as it routed the Colonels 69-41.

The game featured 40 personal fouls and 48 turnovers but head coach Brady Sallee said his team was not afraid to win a sloppy game.

"Sometimes teams force you to win that way and we aren't scared of a football game, and that's what it turned into tonight," Sallee said.

Senior guard Ashley Thomas said the first half of the game was especially sloppy because that's the way the Colonels force game tempo.

"That's how they like to play,"

Thomas said. "Fortunately, we aren't too bad at playing that way either."

Thomas said it was a completely different looking game than the one they played Thursday against Morehead State.

On Thursday, Eastern and Morehead State shot 46.8 percent and 31.9 percent, respectively, in a back-and-forth game. Eastern won 74-63.

Saturday's game was different in that Eastern Kentucky only shot 26 percent from the field but Eastern stood strong, shooting 46.5 percent.

"It was a different game than Thursday but still it was a lot of fun and a good game," Thomas said.

Despite the many turnovers and

fouls called, Sallee does not think those stats overshadow Eastern's shooting percentage in the slightest.

"I think we shot whatever we shot and if they play a game like that we aren't going to back down and play it differently," Sallee said. "We're OK with that. Slugfests are fine with me."

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Eastern aims to extend streak

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

The Tennessee Martin Skyhawks (4-21, 1-14 Ohio Valley Conference) have not performed well this year, but do not let Eastern head coach Mike Miller hear that.

Miller said Tennessee Martin could be a threat to end the Panthers' three-game winning streak at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Martin, Tenn.

After Saturday's impressive, 77-54 victory over Eastern Kentucky, Miller was all business in planning for Tennessee Martin.

"We are going to get back to work (Saturday) night and see what we have to do," Miller said. "The last time was a tight game, and they have played really close games. Everyone in the league is still playing competitively."

Last time these two teams met, Eastern won 60-46 Jan. 23 in Lantz Arena but the Panthers needed a late 11-0 to finally dispose of the Skyhawks.

Miller said his team cannot overlook Martin, who beat Southeast Missouri 73-70 last Tuesday and lost to Jacksonville State on a last second shot.

"We are going to have to be sharp," Miller said. "We haven't played particularly well there and our guys know that, so I think that is a real motivating factor."

Senior guard Dewayne Wright, Jr. said Eastern will attempt to slow down junior guards Marquis Weddle, Benzor Simmons and Reuben Clayton.

The Skyhawk guards average 41.6 points per game combined.

"We are going to try and keep their guards in front of us," Wright said. "Their guards make plays. They play out of control. We've got to keep them in front of us and stop their dribble penetration."

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Red-shirt freshman guard James Hollowell goes up for a lay up during the game against Morehead State Thursday night in Lantz Arena. Hollowell scored 23 points and the Panthers won 76-75.

VIEWS



Alex McNamee

Finally, Miss Triple-Double

Finally, women's basketball freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon got over the hump of double-doubles.

Nixon has had three double-doubles this season. Her first came in her third career collegiate game against Northern Colorado.

Then, Nixon had a 13-game drought without a double-double until she played Eastern Kentucky Jan. 14 and tallied one of the most unimaginable stat lines for a point guard.

Is it just me, or is anybody else surprised that the 5-foot-8 Nixon could grab 17 boards and add 16 points? It was that game when I knew a triple-double was in Nixon's future. Then came Southern Illinois-Edwardsville where she dropped 19 on the Cougars, while snatching 11 boards.

Up to that point, Miss Nixon, you had been considered a phenomenon in the Eastern basketball world and yet you were not quite done.

Against Morehead State on Thursday you played a full 40 minutes and got what my psyche saw was coming for you — 17 points, 10 assists and 11 rebounds. As a freshman, you have become the first Panther on the women's team to notch a triple-double since 2004, when Megan Casad did it with 11s painted across the board.

However, the way Casad scored was drastically different from how Nixon did because Casad completed the feat with nearly all three-pointers, for nine of her 11 points.

Nixon on the other hand, was 0-of-3 from beyond the arc but still managed to put up 17 on the Eagles.

You see, Nixon could have tallied a triple-double in the pre-three-point line era of basketball, prior to 1984 when the arc was introduced.

How many people these days can say that they have gotten a triple-double without making a three? I am thinking of a low number.

Also, Nixon followed up her triple-double two nights later with 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds. Casad had four points, six assists and five rebounds in the game that followed her trio.

This is not to say the two performances were better or worse than the each other. The fact both Nixon and Casad were even able to accomplish such a task calls for praise alone.

It is saying volumes that Nixon was able to do it in her first year as a Division I athlete when a big star like Kobe Bryant bypassed college and had to wait four and a half years to get one of his own.

The University of Connecticut women's basketball team is currently on a 65-game win streak but has anybody on their roster notched a triple-double in that span? No.

Casad did it in 2004, meaning no active Panther on Nixon's team has accomplished what she has. That puts her in elite company. If ending the triple-double drought was not enough, Nixon broke Casad's freshman assists record in Saturday's game, raising it by six, to 130 and counting.

I wonder what other feats she will accomplish.

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ATHLETICS

Baseball forfeits five wins from 2009

Former player wasn't cleared by NCAA Clearinghouse

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

The Eastern baseball team finished the 2009 season 36-14 and 16-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Or so head coach Jim Schmitz thought.

That is when the Eastern compliance department approached him after the season and told him he would have to forfeit five wins because the team used an ineligible player.

Former Eastern catcher Evan Zalders had been ineligible and was not properly cleared by the NCAA

Clearinghouse and former compliance director Jason Hall.

He played in seven games, with two losses, but now the Panthers will add five more losses to their record.

The 2009 Panthers' baseball team's record will now stand at 31-19 overall and 15-5 in the OVC.

"It was a major paperwork boo-boo," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "It had no bearing on anything. It would have been crazy if it would have been taken away our OVC Title. It's no one's fault, but it is. To me, it's in the past. It's over, let's move on."

Tracy Scott, Eastern's associate athletic director for athletic support services, said this NCAA infraction was a secondary violation and was reported to the NCAA offices.

Stacey Osburn, the NCAA's as-

sociate director for public and media relations, said a school can have major or secondary infractions and could possibly receive appropriated sanctions. One of those sanctions is the forfeiting/vacating of contests in which an ineligible student-athlete participated.

The following wins were forfeited: Illinois College, Blackburn College, Tennessee Martin, Saint Louis and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Schmitz did not find out about Zalders' ineligibility until mid-June and was not too upset when he found out.

Zalders was a walk-on transfer from Southwestern Illinois College who played in seven games. He is not on the team this season.

Schmitz said he consoled Zalders and told him not to worry about the

issue too much.

He called Zalders hardworking.

The 36-14 record would have tied the third-best winning percentage in program history (.720). The 36 wins would have also matched two other teams for the second most in program history. But the 31 wins for the 2009 campaign will now tie for seventh overall with the 2006 and 1989 teams.

The Panthers still retain their regular season OVC Title. Eastern is the OVC coaches' preseason pick to win the conference again. The Panthers start their season against Southeastern Louisiana at 6 p.m. Friday in Hammond, La.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's basketball
Today at UT Martin
7 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.

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Thursday at UT Martin
7 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.

Baseball
Friday at Southeastern Louisiana
6 p.m. - Hammond, La.

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1:30 p.m. - Murray, Ky.

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Men's college basketball
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