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### ATHLETICS

# Master plan raises concern

By Shelley Holmgren  
Administration Editor

The "Blueprint for Success Campaign" has had various reactions from members of the Eastern community since its incorporation to the university master plan late last year.

The blueprint is a master plan for the athletics department that includes re-vamping several of the existing facilities, athletic director Barbara Burke explained.

"The senior staff and I met and took a little retreat to discuss the direction we wanted the program to go," Burke said. "We created a master plan with several elements in it. One of it was facility upgrades and renovations – those types of things."

One of the biggest undertakings for the "Blueprint for Success" that is draw-

ing criticism is a new football arena that sits 15,000 people. Although no exact figure has been proposed for this undertaking, Mathematics Professor Charles Delman said he believes a project of this magnitude is not appropriate for the university.

"When we have so many important needs in our community ... and many educational needs at the university, to dedicate those types of resources to a stadium ... is just obscene," he said.

Board chairman Leo Welch said he believes the priority should be education in an era where available funds for education are restrained from the state.

"I would hope to see (the new football stadium) eliminated," Welch said. "I see no reason the university needs two individual stadiums – one for football and one for track and field. The current location is satisfactory from my

perspective."

Facilities upgrades are a key concern of the blueprint, Burke said. She continued although the current facilities are not inadequate, there are some issues involved with space.

"Our current facilities are older and they are multi-use facilities," she said. "We tend to share our spaces with a lot of different groups."

Due to donor funds from two families, the athletic department recently renovated the Lantz Lobby, costing approximately \$100,000. Burke said as prospective donors continue to step forward; they will be able to move forward to other aspects of the blueprint.

President Bill Perry explains the master plan is exactly that – a plan to carry the university through the next 10 years.

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### SERVICE

# Charity raises money for Children's Center

By Jon Ibrahim  
Staff Reporter

Eastern students will run and walk for a local charity to help abused children and their families Saturday.

The 2.5 kilometer run and walk is called the Panter Service Day Charity and will be sponsored by The Eastern Student Community Service.

The Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois, which is based in Charleston, has been selected as this year's honoree charity. The center has counseled 225 families in the area who have reported abuse, said Pam Riddle, the director of the center.

"Eastern students have always been extremely supportive of our organization," Riddle said.

The center is a non-profit organization that provides services and advocates for victims' rights. The center also works with governmental agencies to help children cope with the emotional damage and legal issues, Riddle said.

The goal of the 2.5 kilometer walk/run is to have 225 participants symbolize each of the 225 families the center has helped.

Riddle said since 2005 the center's budget has been cut every year.

The center does all of its work with children at no cost to the families, Riddle said.

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### POLITICS

# Former political reporter speaks as part of Edgar Lecture

By Shelley Holmgren  
Administration Editor

David Yepsen knows politics. During his 34-year career as a political reporter for *The Des Moines Register*, he covered presidential campaigns from the heart of the Iowa primaries, was featured on television as a political panelist and has even dined with a vice president.

Yepsen, who currently serves as the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, had the opportunity to give his perspective on 2011 politics as a part of the ongoing Edgar Lecture Series in the Tarble Arts Center Atrium Thursday evening.

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, for whom the lecture series is named, first met Yepsen years ago and introduced the former reporter.

"If you are a political junkie and watched the presidential coverage in Iowa, often the national news would be interviewing David more than the candidates," Edgar said. "He brings a wealth of knowledge of presidential politics and is one of the premiere observers of this process in the country."

Yepsen began his presentation looking at the 2012 elections. Although he said it is too early to predict a clear front-runner, one thing that is clear: "Barack Obama is vulnerable," he said. With gas prices skyrocketing and unemployment still low, all one has to do is look at the shift in the Electoral College to see the way the votes could sway in the next presidential election, Yepsen said.

Students are a key demographic that demonstrated this shift. Yepsen noted the under-25 voters who supported Democrats in 2006 and 2008 dropped off the map for the 2010 elections.

Although Republicans made gains during the 2010 elections, Yepsen pointed out factors that could be the undoing of the party during the next presidential election. One of those is the



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David Yepsen, the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and former political columnist for *The Des Moines Register*, speaks about the issues surrounding the 2012 presidential election during his 2011 Political Overview lecture in the Tarble Arts Center.

role of the Tea Party in 2012 politics.

Yepsen said although Tea Party activities have a lot of energy behind their ideas, there is also a lot of anger.

"(And) angry doesn't win the presidency," Yepsen said. He continued, "(Tea Party activists) pull their politics so far to the right that they will not be able to appeal to those in the middle."

Republicans will also have to give

consideration to the growing number of Latino voters in the upcoming election.

"The republicans seemed determined to alienate this growing constituency with (native) appeals to white voters," he said. "This will have appeal in the short term, but not in the long term."

Yepsen continued his lecture to discuss Illinois' notorious history of corrupt politics.

However, with legislators revising the pension system, working to re-vamp state workers compensation and reforming education, Yepsen sees a little promise for the future.

"I see some movement to resolve these problems," Yepsen said. "And with any addiction, the first step to a cure is admitting the problem."

Roberto Luna, a junior finance ma-

nor, attended the previous Edgar Lecture Series and said he was impressed with the event and enjoyed the opportunity to gain another political perspective. Luna said he appreciated the commentary Yepsen gave during his lecture, especially concerning the role of Latinos in the 2012 presidential election.

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# EIU weather

TODAY	SATURDAY
Rain/T-Storms	Light Rain
High: 62° Low: 44°	High: 50° Low: 38°

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# what's on tap

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	MONDAY
<b>7:30 p.m. Celebration Concert</b> The Eastern Illinois University Symphony and Concert Band will be performing in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.  <b>All Day t- Basic skills test tips</b> Learn relaxation techniques to help reduce test anxiety for the Basic Skills Test. Registration is required. To register stop by 1420 Buzzard Hall or call 581-2524.	<b>Noon - Kickball Tournament</b> This adult kickball tournament will raise money for local children. The deadline to register passed. The tournament will take place in Baker Field on 100 Maple Ave.  <b>7 p.m. Play "Noises Off"</b> The newest play in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre is "Noises Off." Tickets are \$12, \$10 for Eastern employees and seniors, and \$5 for students.	<b>10 a.m. Clothesline Project</b> Join the Gender Diversity Coalition as they protest violence against women in the South Quad outside the Human Services Center.  <i>If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.</i>

## ONLINE



### Vlog: On the Cheap

In this week's On the Cheap, Christopher O'Driscoll, assistant online editor, outlines ways to cut monthly costs and put more money in your wallet. Log on to DENnews.com for his vlog.

## CORRECTION

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, in "LGBT community shares stories," LGBTQQAAPIE was misidentified, it stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, asexual, ally, pansexual, intersex and ecosexual. Molly Ferris was misidentified in the article titled "LGBT community shares stories."

In the "Community rallies toward revival of historical theater," the owner of a completed certified rehabilitation would be eligible for a federal tax credit. Also, a public hearing is set for Wednesday, in early May it will go to the Charleston City Council for a vote. *The DEN regrets the errors.*

## STUDENT FILM

# Documentary film premiering

By Rachel Rodgers  
Campus Editor

An Eastern geography professor and student will be premiering a preview of their documentary about the human-interest aspect of the British Petroleum oil spill at 2 p.m. Sunday. Cameron Craig, a geography professor, and Zach Nugent, of WEIU-TV, co-directed the documentary "Returning to Paradise: Voices of the Human Spirit" after they traveled with students to the Alabama coast in June 2011 and again in February to interview residents. "We want the bigger picture to be presented," Craig said. "People know that there is the oil situation and disaster, but we want to show them the little stories about people who live there day-to-day." The premiere preview will be in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium where parts of the documentary will be shown and food will be available for attendees. "We don't want to give too much away at the preview but we will present why the project was put together, and people can see parts and pieces of the interviews with key footage," Craig said. The full documentary will air on WEIU-TV at 6 p.m. Wednesday to mark the one-year anniversary of the oil spill. Craig said they went to different parts of the coast, including Dauphin Island, where they interviewed four residents. "We talked to individuals and they were very concerned with their livelihood," Craig said. "They just got done with Katrina so this was the

first year they were making some money and then this disaster occurred and their lives went right back down the tubes." John DeMatteo, a senior geography major, went on the second trip in February and he said the documentary will give people a different viewpoint of what to think about the oil spill. "You will really be able to get to know the lives of these people and how they are still feeling the impact even after the cap of the oil spill and are living through hard times," DeMatteo said. Craig said they decided not to include any narration in the documentary because they wanted viewers to make their own opinion about the oil spill. "You are going to get a different viewpoint of the disaster," Craig said. "You are getting a direct source from a sampling of feelings, not an interpretation because we want the interviewees, those who were impacted, to tell their story." The documentary is about an hour long and Craig said they incorporated themes like the environmental issues with fossil fuels, the aspect of drilling in deep waters, the BP claims process and the day-to-day routine of residents. "It is very emotional because when the interviewees explain their situation you become wrapped up in their moment," Craig said. "It truly is an educational experience and I learned a great deal from going down there so I am more than sure it will do the same for the students."

## POETRY READING



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Nick Canaday, a junior English major, concentrates on the poem that Ian Phillips, of Toledo, reads during the PRIDE-sponsored poetry reading Thursday evening at the Lincoln Book Shop located on the square.

For a full story on the poetry reading, visit: [DENnews.com](http://DENnews.com)

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# EIU History Lesson

- April 15
- 2005** Textbook Rental Services proposed an alternative location for its relocation. Carol Miller, then the deputy director of Textbook Rental Services, proposed to the Student Senate that the building's new location be on Edgar Drive, not the proposed Ninth Street, to avoid problems. The Ninth Street location would have allowed the building to be the same size as the location next to Pemberton Hall.
  - 1992** Eastern had to repay \$25,582 because of an over-generous Peace Meal employee policy, which was a non-compliance with state guidelines.
  - 1988** The Illinois State Scholarship Commission was requested to reduce the amount of funds it provided to students by \$1.8 million. Students did not suffer a loss of aid partly because of the Middle Income Assistance Act.

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UNIVERSITY

# Dean retires after career of 30 years

By Shelley Holmgren  
Administration Editor

Now that Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, is retiring, what is she going to do?

"I'm going to Wisconsin Dells," Hanner laughed.

Hanner began her career at Eastern 30 years ago when she was asked to join the department of communication disorders and sciences while working as a speech language pathologist supervising Eastern students in Arcola. She later served as the chair of the department.

However, the biggest change for Hanner occurred in 2000 when she was appointed interim dean of the College of Sciences and later employed the position on a permanent basis. Now preparing for her retirement on June 30, Hanner thinks back on the path that brought her to Eastern.

Hanner grew up on a farm in Oakland, Calif., where her mother still lives to this day, and recalls her rural upbringing fondly.

"It was wonderful," she said. "It was a different time because we spent a lot of time at home. I have four sisters and we spent a lot of time riding bikes and working in the garden. It was a great life."

Laughing, Hanner added, "I've never driven a tractor, though."

Hanner's love of education is what pushed her to attend Eastern



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Mary Anne Hanner, the dean of the College of Sciences, is retiring this semester after working for 30 years at Eastern. Hanner has served the last 10 years as dean.

for both her bachelor and master's degrees.

"I always loved going to school. I'm a first generation college student," she said. "My parents greatly valued the opportunity for their child to go to school and I felt very privileged to have the opportunity to go to college. Some days were harder than others, but looking at the big picture I didn't want to be anywhere else."

During her undergraduate studies at Eastern, Hanner lived in McKinney Hall with several close friends who called themselves "The McKin-

ney Girls."

When asked if she had any ram-bunctious tales from her early college days, Hanner laughs.

"I do, but I don't know if we ought to publish them. The McKinney Hall Girls are sworn to secrecy."

Once she retires and spends a holiday weekend at Wisconsin Dells with her family, Hanner plans to devote more of her time to volunteer work with various organizations. She serves on the board of Catholic Charities, as well as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) board.

Hanner is also looking forward to spending time with her two children and the four grandchildren who live in northern Illinois.

"I'm looking forward to the day when the most important appointment of my day is to make it to a tee-ball game or a school program," she said. "Right now, I can't make it to those kind of things. I'm not really sure what everyday is going to be like, but I'm going to be patient with myself to figure it out."

In her spare time, Hanner enjoys reading novels such as Jeanette Walls' "The Glass Castle" and Stieg Larsson's "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" trilogy. Some may also be surprised to find out she enjoys action films, like 2010's "Red" starring Bruce Willis. Staying true to her roots, Hanner also continues to work in the garden.

Hanner clarified she is not retiring because she dislikes her position or is tired of working.

"I was at a point where I could continue to work, but I just decided I'm healthy and I have time. I think I want to invest my talents in some other things I'm interested in." She later continued, "It's a bittersweet decision. It's very intellectually stimulating to work with such bright people everyday."

Though President Bill Perry said he will miss Hanner, he knows she is leaving the college in good shape. "Anytime you lose someone with

## 5 fun facts about Dean Hanner

1. She enjoys action movies.
2. She is currently reading the "Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" series.
3. She grew up on a farm.
4. She's an Eastern alum, receiving both her bachelor's and master's degree from the university.
5. She lived in McKinney Hall for three years as an undergraduate student.

her experience and her drive and leadership, it's always a loss," Perry said. He added, "Hanner has built a program, worked with the faculty and staff to build a college to generate a lot of excitement that we can attract great leadership."

Hanner said she has enjoyed her job day in and day out because there are new challenges.

However, she will miss the people who she spends her day with in Eastern's prominent building.

"I've been in Old Main for 11 years and I know many, many people that have worked here. The people who work in the dean's office are so dedicated to their job, and I will miss them," she said. "It's about the people."

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Elections to take place online

By Nike Ogunbodede  
Student Government Editor

Online elections for the student government's five executive positions will be open on Monday and Tuesday.

Students will be allowed to vote at 12:01 a.m. Monday and elections will conclude at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday.

To vote online, students will have to visit the student government website where students can vote with their E-number and password.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy said she wants a high number of votes for each executive candidate.

"I think it's become a lot easier for people to be informed," Murphy said.

Murphy said she would like to see at least 10 percent of the student body vote.

Bobbie Mitchell, the director of the election commission committee, is in charge of the election process said he expects a high voter turnout now that Eastern students will be voting for a full ballot.

Online elections are a lot more in the voter's face than paper ballots because candidates can stalk people on Facebook and send them group invitations, Mitchell said.

"Considering the jumping turnout for the (student executive vice president), I would say 1,200 to 1,500 votes," Mitchell said.

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## COMMUNITY

# 14 opportunities open for annual service day

## Staff Report

The ninth annual Panther Service Day will take place Saturday with a projected 14 different community service opportunities with one to two project coordinators for each activity.

The day will begin with an 8:30 a.m. "Charity 5k Walk and Run" to support children from the Children's Advocacy Center who have been victims of sexual and physical abuse.

All of the donated money collected from the charity race will be given to the Children's Advocacy Center.

Volunteer check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the east side of Blair Hall and volunteers will be given a brunch before breaking into groups at

## SAVE THE DATE

**What:** Panther Service Day  
**Where:** Blair Hall  
**When:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

11:30 a.m. Most of the volunteer projects will be taking place outside of Eastern's campus in Mattoon and the surrounding Charleston area.

Service Day participants will receive a free T-shirt with Ashley Braze's contest-winning design.

The student government purchased 200 T-shirts.

## The Candidates

<b>Student Body President</b>	Ed Hotwagner	Alex Boyd	Tommy Nierman
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	Jarrod Scherle	Brad Saribekian	-
<b>Vice President of Academic Affairs</b>	Aseret Gonzalez	Holly Henry	-
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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Eastern must discuss sex, not censor it

EIU PRIDE, the aptly named RSO for Eastern's LGBT community, did a great service to this campus by hosting the Sex Positive Fair on Monday. The fair was a clarion call for courageous honesty and open dialogue about sex and sexuality, and we are proud of the hard work and dedication our fellow students put into the event.

We are also dismayed that many members of the Eastern community were not mature enough to understand or respect its value. Much of the discussion and criticism surrounding Sex Positive concerns the final 45 seconds of a presentation by guest speaker Annie Sprinkle, when she performed a "bosom ballet" before being asked to stop.

Sprinkle spoke about her life as a "prostitute/porn star turned artist/sexologist." She holds a Ph.D in Human Sexuality and, as anyone who attended her speech could attest, she takes her academic and artistic work seriously.

Sprinkle's lecture was educational, inspiring and quite moving. She reflected on her experience in the adult film industry and her battle with breast cancer; she discussed her views on discrimination and advocacy, especially regarding women and homosexuals; and, ironically, she spoke on the importance of art and sexual freedom, and the dangers of censorship.

The censorship of her performance art seems unwarranted, as those who attended the speech were given several verbal and written warnings about its explicit nature, had seen more graphic images throughout the speech and were, of course, free to leave at any time.

In some ways, it is a shame this for controversy to distract from the important achievements of Sex Positive. All of the proceeds (more than \$1,000) went to Planned Parenthood; PRIDE raised the money for Sprinkle's modest fee through private donations. Booths with educational information about sexuality, safe sex and sexual abuse were free to the public, as were contraceptives.

But we think the controversy highlights a real problem at Eastern.

As students, and as a generation, we must break through the social barriers that prevent us from having an open, honest and mature discussion about sex and sexuality. If we don't, we are doomed to perpetuate discrimination based on sexual orientation and identification; we will continue to muffle the voices of victims of sexual assault; and we will remain hushed and ignorant of the complexities of one of the most important and enjoyable parts of our lives.

As a university, we must commit to being the kind of place where controversial ideas and artistic expression are not only tolerated, but encouraged. Eastern is a small, rural Midwestern university. That should make it even more dedicated in its defense of intellectual expression in the face of intolerant moralizing than its large, urban brethren.

PRIDE put a lot of work into starting a conversation about sex and sexuality. The reaction has shown that this conversation is one we badly need.

COLUMN

## Mitt Romney announces campaign to crickets

All-too-familiar former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney announced Monday his launch of an exploratory committee for a 2012 presidential bid. He's the second GOP darling to officially declare interest; Tim Pawlenty's snappy campaign commercial dropped almost the minute Obama announced that he would be seeking a second term.

Aside from the fact that both of these guys are polling behind The Donald, here's why it's probably not going to happen for Romney, who's been described as "a Ken doll without the lifelike realism."

Traditionally, Mitt Romney sounds like the perfect Republican candidate. He's a super-rich businessman, having done exceedingly well with Bain Capital and proving himself a skilled corporate operator knowledgeable on issues of private-sector job creation and financial regulation. He has experience in executive leadership outside of Washington. He's a strongly religious family man.

Triple check for the standard Republican. Could they have a winner? All this certainly sounds more appealing than crazy Mike Huckabee (also ahead in the polls), philandering Newt Gingrich, or anyone else who's expressed interest in being president during the impending Mayan apocalypse.

The problem with Romney, like most of the other potential GOP nominees, is that no one really takes him that seriously. Any conserva-



Mia Tapella

tives who would have supported him will almost certainly bail because of the striking resemblance of his Massachusetts health care plan to Obama's national health care plan. This will definitely be his biggest (and probably insurmountable) hurdle if he does decide to run.

If that doesn't do it, try any number of Mitt-smearing sites that have cropped up since his announcement, my personal favorite being MultipleChoiceMitt.com, which illustrates his shocking rhetorical gymnastics on 17 different topics and counting.

The sad part is that he used to sound like a pretty reasonable, middle-road guy (governor of Massachusetts after all, traditionally a liberal state). It's hard for even me to hate the guy: he supported Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to obtain safe, legal abortions. He even defended Massachusetts' relatively strict gun-control laws.

But that was the '90s, and since the hip thing to do if you're trying to run a Republican ticket these days is to pretend like it's the '50s, Mitt

has had to do some pretty hilarious backtracking. The site's creator, Matt Ortega, said in an email to Politico, "The man will—literally—say anything to placate the audience before him."

It's no question that, much like poor Mitt, the Republican Party has been struggling to define itself. And with the Tea Party holding more ground than anyone ever thought possible, the conversation is maddeningly more Vacation Bible School than actual political issues; even John Boehner is getting weary of their extreme, crazy unreasonableness.

Yet somehow, Romney is polling the strongest with the Tea Party, probably the most energized (and weirdly powerful) faction in the Republican base. Although, this mostly just enforces my theory that Tea Partiers are really just bored, extreme social conservatives trying to seem new, being that Romney may now be the most normal, establishment Republican ever.

Did I mention he's a super-religious family man? And that he called America "the best nation in the history of the Earth"? That's basically all it takes with these people.

It's a tough call. If the sheer number of "President Trump?" pop-ups I've been spitefully disabling all afternoon are any indication, on the Republican ticket next year, it's anyone's game.

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

## Republicans just assume we know they are lying

This week, Republicans showed what they really think of Americans: they think we're stupid.

Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) this week stood on the floor of the Senate, giving his reasons why Planned Parenthood should be defunded in the current federal budget. He said that abortions constitute "well over 90 percent of what Planned Parenthood does." Where he got that figure is beyond imagination, considering only about 3 percent of their activity is providing abortion, and no federal money can legally be used for abortions.

Lying politicians are nothing new, but it's what he said in his own defense that shocks me: The statement on Planned Parenthood "was not intended to be a factual statement but rather to illustrate... an organization that receives millions in taxpayer dollars, does subsidize abortions."

"Not intended to be a factual statement" on the floor of Congress in a budget hearing. Right.

The other 97 percent of Planned Parenthood's activities are dedicated to health services: contraception, cancer screening and prevention, STD testing and treatment, and women's health services, like pelvic exams.

Fox News' "Fox and Friends" decided those services didn't have to be provided by Planned Parenthood, because they were already being provided by Walgreens. Yes, they said on the air



Sarah Bigler

that women could get their annual pap smear at Walgreens. I hope I don't have to point out this is not true. If someone at Walgreens offers this service to you, ladies, please inform the authorities as quickly as possible.

Kyl and Fox News aside, potential Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump released his birth certificate to the press, after weeks of implying President Obama wasn't born in the United States, or at least hadn't been able to produce his own birth certificate, something that left him, Trump said, "really concerned."

Obama's birth certificate has been presented by the president and has been freely available and online for more than three years. Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) said he was "satisfied" by the birth certificate Obama presented, so why isn't the billionaire? I'm guessing for publicity, the same reason I just had to refer to him as a "potential Republican

presidential candidate" and I wasn't joking.

A breath of fresh air came in the form of logic and sanity this week, though. Former Republican Wyoming senator Alan Simpson called out his own party this week.

He talked about his disgust with the "homophobes" in his party.

"That's disgusting to me," he told MSNBC's "Hardball" program. "We're all human beings, we're all God's children."

He described former senator and current presidential hopeful Rick Santorum's statements on homosexuality as "cruel, cruel things."

He also talked about the controversy over Planned Parenthood in the budget.

"Who the hell is for abortion?" he said. "I don't know anybody running around with a sign that says 'have an abortion, they're wonderful.'... I don't think men legislators should even vote on the issue."

Whether Republican or Democrat (or Libertarian or Independent), everyone likes to be treated as an intelligent adult. Gentlemen, with the remarkable exception of Mr. Simpson, please stop trying to get our attention with lies and distractions. In the informational age of the Internet, no one will believe you.

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## CHARITY, from page 1

Riddle said she will give a speech to the participants thanking the runners for their efforts to raise money for the center and what services the center offers.

Megan Anderson, a sophomore communication studies major and runner, said she is looking forward to the event.

Everyone involved is motivated to raise as much money as possible to help more abused children receive the help they need, Anderson said.

This Panther Service Day will be

the first for The Eastern Student Community Service. Each year a different charity will receive all of the contributions made to the walk.

The 2.5 kilometer walk/run will begin at 10 a.m., and will be behind Blair Hall in the grass. A Panther Service Day tent will be set up with a brunch provided for all the participants after the event. The registration deadline is at check-in on Saturday, which begins at 9 a.m.

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## PLAN, from page 1

"I wasn't expecting him to cover that topic and I had the opportunity to discuss that a little further with him," Luna said. "To meet a former governor and meet someone so well versed in politics was a fantastic experience."

Earlier in the day, Yepsen recounted the night he shared a meal with the vice president to a class in Buzard Hall.

In 1987, Yepsen and then-senator Joe Biden faced the predicament of finding an open fast food establish-

ment at 11 p.m. in Carroll, Iowa. The hotel clerk recommended a local pizza parlor, but without transportation and hunger levels rising, the situation looked grim for the pair.

However, like a white knight, the clerk offered the keys to his Trans Am with the stipulation the men be back before midnight - he had a date.

Cognizant of the clerk's wishes, Biden took the wheel and the men made it back on time.

Years later, Yepsen wrote about this experience in a column and was even contacted by the clerk from that very evening.

Turns out, the clerk married and later divorced his date. Although this story does not have a happy ending, it is a prime example of the rich experience Yepsen incurred during his career.

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## EDGAR, from page 1

The projects that actually get shovels in the ground will be funded by private donations to the athletic department, not general revenue funding from the state. Perry said he believes the proposed football arena is appropriate for where he sees Eastern in the future.

"It's not going to happen all at once, it would be sequential and depend on a lot of things, but mostly donor support generated by enthusiasm. It's something we need to work toward in the next several years."

Burke agreed with Perry.

"Is 15,000 seats too many? I don't think so," she said. "I think if we can grow our program and continue to build on our past successes, we have an opportunity to accomplish something special. Is it a stretch financially? Absolutely, but I also think it's a goal that I think we need to work toward achieving."

There is also a concern for the location of the football field.

As it currently stands, the proposed football stadium would displace the Campus Pond. This raises concerns as the ponds are used to drain the

area for water runoff and pump water back out and to irrigate the fields in a closed loop system.

Delman, who passes the pond during his daily runs, is concerned with the wildlife that lives near the wetland area.

"The campus pond sustains a diverse community of wild life," Delman said. "From an ecological standpoint, it's very important. As a community member who regularly uses the area ... I believe turning the area into a stadium is wrong."

However, Clif Carey from Ratio Architects, the consulting firm for the

plan, said new ponds would be dug farther to the south.

"Before that were to happen, new ponds would be created," Carey said. "The plan recognizes the pond as an amenity. We wanted to make sure that we understood that and appreciated that."

Burke said the concern for green space is the exact reason she and the athletic department consulted with Ratio Architects.

"Anytime you build a new facility or have a renovation, change is going to occur. When you make those deci-

sions, you make sure you consider the environment so things remain environmentally sound."

One of the stipulations of the board's approval of the plan was that the location of the football stadium could be revisited.

"I think there needs to be more discussion about the placement and that's what they wanted to leave the door open for," Burke said.

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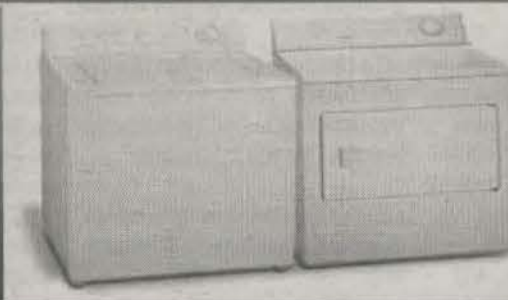
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## STRONG, from page 8

If they can do that they would become a powerhouse in the OVC for years to come.

More importantly, Eastern needs to focus on finishing this season strong when it has an immensely talented

team. The Panthers have a great team and I think they will prove that in the post-season this year.

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## AIM, from page 8

Schmitz said he thinks if the Panthers play the way they have in their first two conference weekends with the exception of one game against Austin Peay, he feels confident in their chances against Tennessee Tech.

"It's the OVC 2010 defending champs coming in here," Schmitz

said. "We know if we keep doing the way we've done it the first three weekends in the OVC and we put together three good games, we feel good about how the outcome's going to be."

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Rob Mortell

## Finishing off strong

Eastern's softball team has solidified itself as a premier athletic team this year with a record of 29-7 and a very impressive 16-1 record in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers are rolling right now, winning their last six OVC game, thanks to some brilliant pitching and timely hitting. The combination of senior pitcher Amber May and freshman pitcher Stephanie Maday could be the best one-two combination in the nation. They have propelled Eastern to the best ERA in the nation at 1.16.

May has shown she is the best pitcher in the OVC by posting an 11-0 record in conference this season.

The two pitchers are never short on compliments for their defense, which has been almost as good as the two studs on the mound. The defense ranks No. 10 in the country in terms of fielding percentage. I think the Panther are the clear-cut favorites to host and win the OVC tournament this year.

The pitching will keep them in virtually every game and the offense isn't half bad either. Sophomore outfielder Melise Brown is one of the best lead off hitters in the nation. She sets the table for Eastern's offense.

Brown hits over .400, can steal bases and will occasionally hit for power. What more could be asked of a lead-off hitter? Nothing.

I knew going into this season that the Panthers would be a solid team because May had already proven that she is a great pitcher, but the amount of underclassmen that have stepped up and performed at a high level is impressive.

There are only three seniors on Eastern's team this year, but that includes May. Losing May will be a huge loss, but I am confident the Panthers will find a way to replace her. They might not be able to do it with one pitcher, but perhaps a solid rotation of two or three pitchers could make up for the loss.

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Melise Brown, a sophomore outfielder, dives to second base but is tagged out by Carmen Fowler, a senior infielder for the SEMO Redhawks, during Eastern's double header Wednesday at Williams Field. Eastern won the first game 2-0 and the second game 4-0.

# Cruise down winning road

## Panthers aim for another lengthy winning streak

By Rob Mortell  
Sports Editor

The softball team looks to continue its six-game winning streak against the University of Tennessee-Martin this weekend in a three-game series.

Eastern and UT Martin will square off in a double-header Saturday and then round out the series Sunday. The Panthers are 11-1 in double-headers this season and 16-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. UT Martin is 13-4 in conference play.

Freshman infielder Carly Willert said UT Martin is a good team and the team needs to focus if it is going to win.

"We have UT Martin this weekend and they will be a tough game," Willert

said. "We just hope to keep rolling like we have been and get another (winning streak) going."

Eastern set its school record this season with 17 consecutive wins. With a sweep of UT Martin this weekend, the Panthers would have a nine-game winning streak with at least 13 games remaining this season.

UT Martin is led in hitting by Amanda Brandenburg, who is hitting .353 with eight home runs and 27 RBIs. Despite Brandenburg's play, she is not the Skyhawks only slugger. Leah Taylor also has eight home runs and 26 RBIs.

The UT Martin pitching staff is led by Chelsea Jones, who is 13-6 this season with a 1.69 ERA.

Senior pitcher Amber May has won 11 consecutive games in the OVC, while she and freshman pitcher Stephanie Maday have led Eastern to the best ERA in the nation at 1.16. Maday and May are ranked No. 13 and 14 in the nation respectively in personal ERA.

**"We have UT Martin this weekend and they will be a tough game. We just hope to keep rolling like we have been and get another (winning streak) going."**

Carly Willert, freshman infielder

Head coach Kim Shuette said the team is playing so well because they are having fun and every person on the team is comfortable with their role.

"It's fun to win, don't get me wrong," Shuette said. "But when you buy in to what you are doing and you trust that you are going to get an opportunity, sometimes it's easier to sit on the bench."

Shuette said no one likes being on the bench, but so many people are stepping up when they are called on,

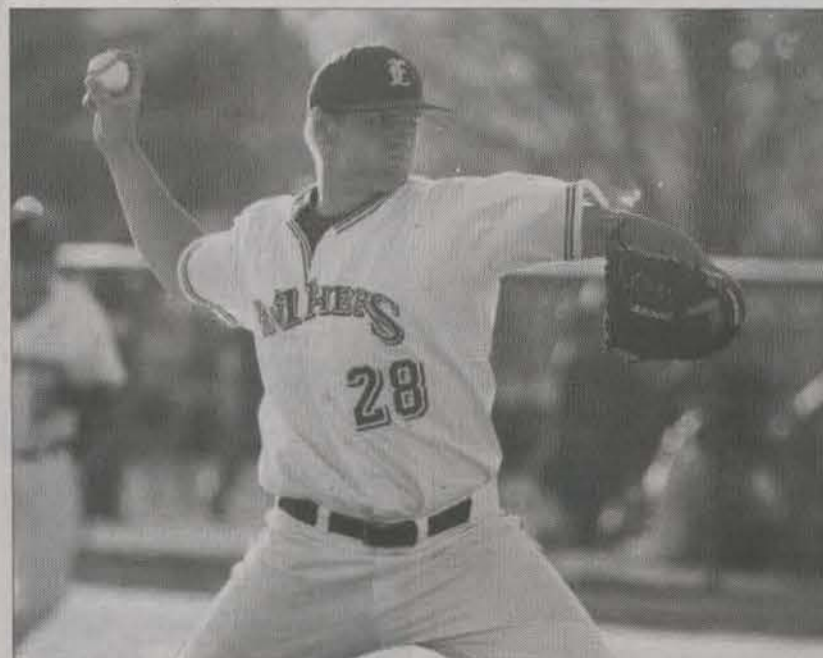
and that is what makes the game fun.

Last time these two conference rivals played, the Panthers were swept in a three-game series in Martin, Tenn. The Panthers put up only four runs in the three games.

First pitch of the double-header is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Williams Field. Game time is scheduled for noon on Sunday.

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## SOFTBALL | PREVIEW



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Joe Greenfield, a freshman, pitches against the University of Illinois-Champaign Tuesday evening at Grimes Field in Mattoon. The Panthers' next game is Saturday afternoon against Tennessee Tech at Coaches Stadium.

# Team aims to shoot down Golden Eagles

By Brad Kupiec  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern baseball team continues its Ohio Valley Conference schedule when the Panthers take on the defending OVC champion Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech.

The Panthers are coming off a week in which they beat the University of Illinois in Mattoon Tuesday, before blowing out Illinois College at home 20-0 Wednesday. These wins were fresh off a weekend series against Morehead State in which Eastern scored 48 runs in two games.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said he thinks the team and the offense, in particular, are finally starting to loosen up as the team gets into the mid-season.

"I really feel with the other guys getting a lot of at-bats, we got some

real clutch hits in the Illinois game and even at Morehead," Schmitz said. "So you can just tell they're having a little more fun, the confidence level is raised up a little bit."

The Panthers' mid-week contests saw them use two pitchers against Illinois and five others against Illinois College, including some pitchers who have not seen much action this season until Wednesday. Schmitz said he thinks the bullpen is well rested going into a weekend against the defending OVC champs.

"Especially with (Brent) McNeil going Tuesday, it gives us a chance to really extend him if we need to," Schmitz said. "(Pitching coach) Skylar (Meade) does a great job with pitchers. We wanted guys to get on the mound, feel a little bit of the pressure of pitching."

McNeil pitched four hitless innings

of relief Tuesday night, striking out seven Illini batters to only one walk. Schmitz said McNeil is available again Saturday or Sunday if needed.

"We really have not extended (McNeil) that long this year," Schmitz said. "It was really good to see him go extended and even get stronger as he did."

Wednesday's game saw red-shirt junior David Ciaglia hit his first home run of the season in his 41st at bat of the year.

"That was the neat part," Schmitz said. "Dave hasn't really played well; he hasn't really hit the ball with a lot of production, so he gets a home run."

You want guys to feel good about themselves when you put them in, the only way they do it is they do well in the game."

Schmitz said that he thinks if

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## 'Noises Off'

### Theatre department to bring British comedy to life

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By Kacie Berry  
Verge Staff Reporter

Sit back and laugh as Eastern's theatre department takes you on a journey with its performance of a play within a play, "Noises Off."

"Noises Off" is a British comedy that follows a company of actors performing a show, according to the play's director, Jeff Tangeman.

Tangeman, an assistant professor in the theatre arts department, said the play is broken up into three acts, the first and third happen on stage and the second happens backstage.

"It basically chronicles their production and the relationships and how they kind of af-

fect what they do on stage based on their relationships off stage," Tangeman said.

Tangeman said there are not any messages in the play because it is not that type of play.

"I think what the audience will hopefully take away is a fun night at the theater, have some laughs, enjoy themselves and hopefully go home in a better mood, maybe," Tangeman said. "A lot of times people will go to the theater to escape what's going on in their day to day lives and just have an entertaining evening and that's what we're hoping we're giving the audience is a fun night."

Ashley Ruddell, a sophomore elementary education major, said she wants the audience to enjoy the show. She said it is not a play where people have to think deep and it is for enter-

tainment purposes.

Vince Dill, a senior general studies major, said "Noises Off" is more about the ensemble cast, not a single main character.

"It's a fast-moving, hilarious show," Dill said. "It's theater for people who don't necessarily like theater and for the people who always will love the theater."

Ruddell plays Brooke, who plays Vicky in the play. Ruddell said she does not relate to her character too much because Brooke is often clueless about what is going on around her and Vicky is a scandalous woman, who works for a revenue service.

"I'm in honors and that kind of thing, so I'm not exactly like her," Ruddell said. "And I'm not really scandalous like she is. But I can understand her the more I read about her."

**"It's a fast moving, hilarious show. It's theater for people who don't necessarily like theater and for the people who always will love the theater."**

**- Vince Dill, a senior general studies major**

Vince Dill, plays a character named Gary, who plays a character named Roger.

"He's an interesting character," Dill said. "He stutters a lot. He has trouble finding his words until he begins to read from the script, until he begins to act and then he speaks very well after that."

Dill said he can relate to his character because they are both actors, but other than that, he doesn't relate to his character.

"I kind of pride myself as be-

ing someone who speaks decently compared to him," Dill said.

The cast will perform "Noises Off" at 7 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre. Additional shows will be on April 16, 18, 19 at 7 p.m. and April 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for Eastern employees and seniors (62+) and \$5 for students.

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## Calendar of Events

### Friday:

**On-campus event:**

**What:** "Noises Off"  
**Where:** The Doudna Fine Arts Center Theatre  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$12 for general admission, \$10 for Eastern employees and seniors (62+) and \$5 for students.  
**Details:** A British comedy that follows a company of actors performing a show. See page 1B for more information.

**On-campus event:**

**What:** A Celebration Concert  
**Where:** Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free  
**Details:** The Eastern Illinois University Wind Symphony and Concert Band will perform.

**On-campus event:**

**What:** Double feature of the movies "No Strings Attached" and "The Dilemma"  
**Where:** Buzzard Hall Auditorium

**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free

**Off-campus event:**

**What:** Open Circle Jam  
**Where:** Jackson Avenue Coffee  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free

**Off-campus event:**

**What:** Woodchuck Festival of Music and Art  
**Where:** Fire Lake Music Venue  
**When:** 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$20 presale and \$30 at the door.  
**Details:** See page 3B.

### Saturday:

**Off-campus event:**

**What:** Concert  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Jackson Avenue Coffee  
**Cost:** Free  
**Details:** The band Jenna Jackley and Friends will be performing.

**Off-campus event:**

**What:** Bridging the Past: Paul Sargent's Coles County  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** Free

**Details:** The history of Coles County, 1930 through today, which will be displayed through paintings by Paul T. Sargent and photographs, artifacts and other contextual materials.

**Off-campus event:**

**What:** Sierra Leone Refugee All-Stars Concert  
**When:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center  
**Cost:** \$15 for general admission, \$12 for Eastern employees and seniors (62+) and \$7 for students.

### Sunday:

**On-campus event:**

**What:** Big-Screen Premiere- 'Returning to Paradise: Voices of the Human Spirit'  
**Where:** Buzzard Hall Auditorium  
**When:** 2 p.m.  
**Details:** A documentary about the BP oil spill by the Eastern Illinois University filmmaking team.

## Cartoon Zone

"Noises Off," premiering today, tells the story of a play within a play with the actors playing multiple characters.



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# Latest Woodchuck, biggest event yet

By **Samantha Wilmes & Jose Gonzalez**  
Assistant Verge Editor & Senior Verge Reporter

With the semester coming close to an end, it will be wrapping up with one of the more popular music festivals, Woodchuck Festival of Music and Art.

Woodchuck is a three-day music festival beginning today and ending Sunday.

Similar to the previous Woodchuck festivals, there will be a full lineup of musicians performing from dusk to dawn. Attendees are also allowed to camp there each night as well.

The festival takes place in Charleston at the Fire Lake Music Venue, E. County Road 400 N.

This year, Jimmy Frey, who has been handed down the torch of control of Woodchuck, said this Woodchuck will be different from the previous one because of its magnitude.

"This is gonna be the biggest Woodchuck we've ever done," Frey said.

Frey, a senior psychology major, said in the past PA systems were donated and musicians performed on trailer hitches, but this year is different.

This year, musicians will be playing on two real stages and PA systems were purchased.

Frey said he helped organize other events, which all the money raised went to help fund this year's Woodchuck.

"This year we have more of a profession pull," Frey said. "My main goal is to bring up the production value."

Along with having a higher production value, Frey is bringing in a full line of vendors.

More than 45 bands are set to perform.

Presale wristbands are being sold for \$20 at Positively Fourth Street Records and by Jimmy Frey. Wristbands will also be sold at the entrance for \$30.

The proceeds made from Woodchuck will be donated

to HOPE, Sequoia Intracranial Hypertension Foundation, Charleston Food Pantry and Scottish Rite Dyslexia Center.

## THE LEADERSHIP

The band, The Leadership, has only been together since this past September and will be performing at Woodchuck.

Members of the band include Jack Huffman on bass, Matt Novotny on drums, Jared Park on lead guitar and Jonathon Childers on rhythm guitar and vocals.

The band members are all in their 20s and all but Childers are still in school, at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana.

Although they have been a band for a short amount of time, their ambitions are big. One of them is entering into a contest to perform at Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, in Manchester Tenn., which is having its 10-year anniversary in June.

"You know this Bonnaroo thing is pretty cool," Childers said. It's a total long shot, Hail Mary type thing, but you can't win the game if you're not playing."

There will be two contest winners. The winner is decided by whichever bands have the most free downloads in the first round of voting on Bonnaroo's website, and then judges vote.

The Leadership is performing at Woodchuck 6 p.m. Saturday.

## BRAINCHILD

Brainchild describes their genre or music as "Moon Party Dance Party." This may be confusing to most people who do not know the band.

However, Roy Ponce, singer and guitarist of Brainchild, said this is just one of their songs.

In fact, defining Brainchild as one genre is hard. Ponce explained they are every single type of genre: reggae, rock, funk, Latin, everything.

"We're a funky jam band," Ponce laughed. "It's a lot of shredding



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Directional signs and rules used from the spring 2010 Woodchuck Festival of Music and Arts for attendees.

guitar, there's no straight genre."

Brainchild is made up of band members Ponce, Brandon Mooberry on bass and vocals, Jake Schultz on guitar and Pony Boy on drums and vocals.

The band has performed at its share of music festivals. They have played at Summercamp for the past seven years and this will soon be their eighth.

Ponce said their following of fans and success of shows is because of the way Brainchild performs for the audience.

"People want to hear it switched up," Ponce said. We've been a band for eight years and we are really tight. People love to see tight bands and we have energy."

## ELEMENTAL GROOVE THEORY

Elemental Grove Theory is made up of eight members; Rachel Maxann on lead vocals, Dustin Bastin on trumpet, Kyle Slemmer on saxophone, Scott Sonnenberg on alto sax, Mark Meredith on guitar, Mike Brokamp on keyboard, Marr Urminski on bass and Eric Wright on drums.

The band is known for playing

eclectic rock.

"We strive to incorporate many different styles including Latin, rock, funk, jazz, soul, hip-hop and R&B," said Kyle Slemmer, saxophone player for Elemental Grove Theory. "We collectively try to involve each member's taste when writing our music."

Slemmer said he had helped out with Woodchuck founders Scott Clements and Abby Ingram.

"We know that this festival isn't just for EIU students, because people from all across Illinois and the Midwest will be coming out here, regardless of their affiliation with the school," Slemmer said.

This will be Slemmer's second time performing at Woodchuck, but it is Elemental Grove Theory's first time.

"This is EGT's second year playing festivals around the Midwest and we're used to the crowd," Slemmer said.

## WHITE RABBIT

Peter Groesbeck, a.k.a. DJ White Rabbit from Champaign, said he is no stranger to the Charleston area.

Groesbeck said his music tends to be a widespread genre and people seem to be receptive toward it.

"Keeping it close to home makes up the electronica genre, but I like to cater toward different crowds," Groesbeck said. "Our job is to make music that works, because a DJ is sort of like a music composer and we try to make things melodically fit."

Groesbeck said he does not do any original material, just mash-ups of different songs that people seem to find trendy or popular.

"The whole point of being a DJ is to keep the music going all night," Groesbeck said. "The music keeps the adrenaline going."

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To read more about bands performing at Woodchuck go to [DENnews.com](http://DENnews.com)

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## Celebration offers variety of activities

By **Seth Schroeder**  
Activities Editor

It has been compared to a carnival without the rides, but Dan Crews, the director of patron services for the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said "Celebration" is much more than that.

"It's not your typical fair or carnival that comes to your community, but it has those elements," Crews said. "It's a great educational experience."

"Celebration" is a festival that will include music, art vendors, food vendors, foreign culture and a variety of other aspects. The festival will take place throughout the weekend in the Library Quad and in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Crews said the festival will include programming for all ages and they strive to have something for everyone.

The festival is also known for happening in unfavorable weather conditions.

"If it is downright pouring, of course we can't open," Crews said. "If it's mildly raining, people still come out, art vendors still set up. It's a bit of a roll of the dice for us. Maybe this year we will get lucky."

Crews said in the event of rain they will move everything they can indoors, but they are working with a limited space. He said because of the other numerous events going on at Eastern, most of the live shows will have no alternative space.

One of the biggest draws, Crews said, is the art fair Saturday and Sunday.

"This is the largest gathering of artists we've had in about 10 years with just about 50," Crews said. "It draws a lot of people."

The art booths will have sculpture, jewelry, ceramics,



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Families with children line up to get their picture taken with PBS KIDS character Sid the Science Kid, Super WHY, April 24, 2010, during Celebration.

glasswork, woodwork, photography, fibers, digital artwork, painting, drawing and metalwork.

Crews said one of his favorite artists is Anthony Slichenmyer, a farmer who does metal sculptures.

"I think during the winter time to keep from getting bored

when (Slichenmyer is) not farming his artistic side kind of comes out," Crews said.

He said there will be a variety of musical performances, including Pantherstock, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sierra Leone Refugee All-Stars 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna

## Pantherstock brings music, charity

Sounds can be heard from Eastern students and professional musicians today for the University Board's Pantherstock.

The concert will go from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. as part of "Celebration" weekend.

Alyssa Anderson, a senior psychology major and UB vice president, said the concert will not only include a variety of bands performing, but there will also be food booths and bingo.

Anderson said the prizes for bingo will be '70s and summer themed. She said there will also be a limited number of Pantherstock T-shirts given away.

"(The T-shirts) will be white, but we will have a booth where you can tie-dye them and make them your own," Anderson said. "The people at the booth know what they are doing. If you want the perfect spiral you can get it."

Anderson said students will also get the chance to participate in "Lanterns for Japan," a service project where donations go to Eastern's sister school in Japan which recently suffered from the March tsunami.

"(The project) is something different, something that makes Eastern more progressive," Anderson said. "As a campus we need to recognize we are a global force and we have sister schools all over the world."

She said the project allows for participants to purchase red and white paper lanterns with donations. Participants can decorate lanterns however they want. The lanterns will be filled with candles that will last several hours.

Officials at the Doudna Fine Arts Center will arrange lanterns on the Doudna steps at 8 p.m. Saturday to form a Japanese flag.

Dan Crews, the director of patron services at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said the flag will be 60 to 70 feet long and will require 1,000 lanterns.

The performances during Pantherstock are the EIU Jazz Band from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Hearsay from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tommy Gun Geisha from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Brainchild from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Aaron Kamm and the One Drops from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

and many more throughout the weekend.

Crews said Saturday will also include a variety of cultural performances in the Library Quad.

The food booths will open at 11:30 a.m. Friday and will include Asian food, Greek food, fried green tomatoes, kettle corn, Culver's ice cream, barbecue, fudge, cotton candy, french fries and corndogs.

Alyssa Anderson, a senior psychology major and coordina-

tor of Pantherstock through the University Board, said she is excited about "Celebration" and it is her favorite weekend on campus.

A full schedule of "Celebration" events can be found on Eastern's website at: [eiu.edu/~festival/](http://eiu.edu/~festival/).

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