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CONSTRUCTION

Area to be transformed into campus green space

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

After 12 years of being fenced-off, the area between the Life Science Building and Klehm Hall will be transformed into green space.

Rex Hilligoss, the campus architect, said work on this project will start around March 1 when the weather allows and he expects to have it completed by mid-summer.

"We will be removing the street paving, curbs and gutters, closing off both ends of the area and placing top soil and seeding to create a lawn area," Hilligoss said.

Gary Reed, the director of Facilities Planning and Management, said the area has been used for storing construction materials and equipment belonging to contractors since the Booth Library renovations in 1998.

Hilligoss said the area is currently being used for contractor staging for the Renewable Energy Center.

"This space has been very beneficial to our construction efforts for the past 10 years, giving our contractors a small staging area for materials and their office trailers," Hilligoss said.

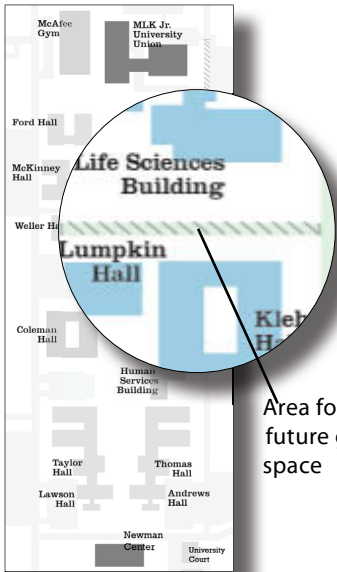


ILLUSTRATION BY KAITLYN BATTEY

Hilligoss said an outside contractor will do the construction, and Facilities Planning and Management will oversee the work being done.

The project for transforming the space between the Life Science Building and Klehm Hall into a lawn area was proposed in the landscaping section of the Master Plan presentation.

"(The construction of the space)

agrees with the Master Plan and will beautify campus by creating sustainable green space in place of pavement," Reed said.

Hilligoss agreed.

"This work will provide the students with another green space to enjoy and will soften the visual impact between the buildings," Hilligoss said.

This is one of the first steps in landscaping improvements for the Spring 2011 semester mentioned in the 2010 update of the Master Plan presentation.

Reed said additional campus landscaping improvements defined in the Master Plan presentation will be completed as funding is identified and becomes available.

Other areas with planned landscaping improvements mentioned in the Master Plan presentation expand from the lawn area of Old Main to Carman Hall.

These improvements are scheduled to happen over the course of the next 15 years.

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GRAYWOOD

IDHS refuses to talk as investigation continues

Staff Report

The Illinois Department of Human Services is refusing to speak to the family of Paul McCann.

In an e-mail to the McCann family, Mary-Lisa Sullivan, general counsel of IDHS, said the department is not meeting with the family because the investigation into McCann's death is ongoing.

McCann, a developmentally disabled man, died of injuries received from a beating Jan. 23 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Shawn Collins, a lawyer representing the McCann family, accused the department of "stone-walling" the family.

Also in the e-mail, Sullivan wrote that the family has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the department.

"We have not received a copy of the complaint but assuming arguendo that it has been filed and includes (IDHS) as a defendant, any inquiries regarding this matter will take place in the context of discovery," Sullivan wrote.

In a press release issued by



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Paul McCann died at a Graywood Foundation home Jan. 23. The McCann family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit that alleges Graywood failed to protect McCann.

Collins on Monday afternoon, he wrote that the family is suing the Graywood Foundation, not IDHS.

"The family has sued only Graywood," Collins wrote.

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MUSIC



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Darius Holland, a sophomore mass communications major, raps to Tiara Pillow, a sophomore special education major, during "So You Think You Can Rap" Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's 7th Street Underground.

Contestants battle to showcase skills

By Ashleigh Owens
Staff Reporter

The winner of this year's "So You Think You Can Rap" contest was decided by a rap battle after judges scores resulted in a tie.

A line up of contestants took the stage to showcase their raps at the third annual "So You Think You Can Rap" contest Wednesday at the 7th Street Underground located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Judges voted on each rapper based on lyrics,

creativity, and other factors.

Among the select rappers that caught the judges' eyes were performers James and Zach, the third place winners, Boss Music and Leah and Kadija, who tied by the judges' vote for first.

Both, Boss Music and Leah and Kadija participated in a rap battle to break the first place tie. At the end, Leah and Kadija took first place after audience members voted between the two teams.

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STATE

Gov. Quinn proposes \$52.7 billion budget

By Elizabeth Edwards & Shelley Holmgren
City Editor & Administration Editor

Gov. Pat Quinn is proposing a state budget that would include borrowing an additional \$8.75 billion to put a dent in the growing backlog of payments to universities like Eastern, contractors and schools, he said in his address to the General Assembly Wednesday.

The \$52.7 billion budget proposal includes imposing spending cuts of about \$1 billion.

Ryan Plunkett, a sophomore political science major and the president of the EIU Democrats, said he is happy with the state for making the necessary cuts, but he described it as a "first step" for the state.

"We have to find places to make the budget leaner," Plunkett said. "Quinn's budget is a way to pay off their vendors and other institutions."

Despite these cuts, Quinn also called for a spending increase of \$1.7 billion, which includes increasing funding for higher education from \$2.59 billion to \$2.63 billion.

Plunkett is pleased for this increase in higher education funds.

"As democrats, we are always excited to have money go to public education," Plunkett said.

Additionally, the fiscal year 2012 recommended appropriation for Eastern is \$47,425, roughly the same as the university's fiscal year 2011 appropriations.

However, the state deficit currently

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Pat Quinn presented lawmakers with a budget proposal Wednesday that would increase state spending overall while skimping on human services and borrowing billions of dollars to pay old bills.

Among the spending cuts — just a month after Quinn approved a major income tax increase — are programs helping the elderly buy medicine, payments for medical services to the poor and money to hire new state troopers.

The Chicago Democrat described his plan as a frugal, even painful, step toward getting Illinois out of its cavernous budget hole.

stands at \$15 billion.

On Jan. 13, Illinois Democrats passed legislation to raise taxes by up to 76 percent, which is expected to raise enough to cover the \$6 billion structural deficit, William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, told *The Daily Eastern News* on Jan. 25.

History professor Jonathan Coit said after the tax increase that had been proposed for going on two legislative sessions passed, several governors from other states made public attempts to poach Illinois businesses.

"From this, we learned two important things— first, businesses want good infrastructure, systems of education, and employees," Coit said. "They don't partic-

"Our commitment to taxpayers is simple: We will only use tax dollars to provide necessary services. All unnecessary state spending will be eliminated," Quinn said in a speech to the General Assembly.

Republicans immediately said Quinn was not living up to that promise.

They noted the key measure of state spending would increase by \$1.7 billion, to about \$35.4 billion.

"We got into this mess because we spent money we didn't have and it's just a continuation. It's the same old song," said House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego.

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ularly care about differences in marginal tax rates, although if someone offers them free money they will take it. Second, Illinois' tax rates are significantly lower than our surrounding states."


One of the concerns of Eastern employees is the state's \$80 billion unfunded pension liabilities.

Separate from the governor's proposal, Illinois plans to sell almost \$4 billion in bonds next week to pay its annual contribution into the state's public pension funds, *The Financial Times* reported. The state has to borrow the money to pay its bills at a time when credit is tightening for states and local governments.

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EIU weather

TODAY



Cloudy, windy
High: 60°
Low: 48°

FRIDAY



Chance of rain
High: 54°
Low: 31°

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what's on tap

THURSDAY

6 p.m. College of Sciences speaker
The Minority Mentoring in Math and Sciences program committee is presenting "Like your Career: A Perspective on Thinking About Your Career in Today's Dynamic Global Economy" for minority students in math and sciences. The presentation will take place in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. E-mail m3s@eiu.edu or call 581-3328 if you plan to attend.

THURSDAY

6 p.m. Rubber Lovers
All Eastern students can receive free monthly safer sex packets after attending this Health Education Resource Center Rubber Lovers presentation in the Charleston-Mattoon Room.

6 p.m. Business traveling panel
Eastern professors will speak about international and domestic travel, addressing issues such as booking hotels, dress and security in Room 2041 Lumpkin Hall.

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Eastern Symphony Orchestra
In addition to Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, the Eastern Symphony Orchestra welcomes special guests artists: The Ahn Trio. Their performance will be in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Dvorak Concert Hall.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

Getting some air



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Michael Rosinia, a junior mass communications major, skateboards in the South Quad Wednesday. Rosinia said it has been a year since he skateboarded on a regular basis.

ENTERTAINMENT

Quarterback Michael Vick
cancels Winfrey show visit

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick will not be appearing on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" after all.

A show spokesman said Wednesday representatives of the NFL star whose name became synonymous with dogfighting called late Tuesday to cancel his appearance for personal reasons. The daytime talk show host's interview with Vick was set to air Feb. 24.

The interview was to cover Vick's time in prison, his work with the Humane Society and his return to the NFL.

Vick served 18 months in prison over a dogfighting operation based on his property in Surry County, Va. In 2007, several dogs were seized from his property.

He was reinstated to the NFL for the 2009 season and has been doing public-service work, including with the Humane Society.

Aretha Franklin talks return
to performing, diet change

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aretha Franklin, who says she is back at "150 percent," is planning to return to the stage in May for her first post-surgery performance.

The Grammy Award-winning singer will also release an album that month with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. More personally, she's working on losing more weight.


The 68-year-old Franklin underwent surgery for an undisclosed ailment in December.

Since her surgery, Franklin has been working out and walking on a track three times a week. But she said her biggest health change has been in her diet: She's given up her favorites in favor of a Whole Foods-type diet.


Franklin, who canceled several performances last year because of illness, has set her first concert since surgery on May 28 at the Seneca Niagara Casino in Buffalo, N.Y., and is set to release her long-awaited album, "Aretha: A Woman Falling Out of Love," the first week of May.


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EIU History Lesson

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2003

The Residence Hall Association agreed to change two floors in Stevenson Hall to nonsmoking starting the fall 2003 semester. Three floors, the seventh, eighth and ninth, will remain smoking floors. At the time there were reportedly 215 designated smoking rooms and only 35 actually in use.

1992

The Charleston driver's license facility remained open after plans were made to layoff approximately 500 state employees.

1975

The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Rathskeller addition in the basement was ready to open. Food such as steaks and jumbo hamburgers were served in the Rathskeller.

STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate tables parking resolution

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate tabled the resolution regarding the elimination between upperclassmen and underclassmen student parking during its Wednesday meeting.

Jonathan Boudreau, a student ticket writer for the University Police Department, said he is not in favor of the idea of combining campus parking for students.

During the meeting, Boudreau, a sophomore sociology major, addressed the senate and voiced his concerns of allowing students to park in any lot regardless of status.

"I feel we are just pulling more and more away from the underclassmen," he said. "If they are going to eventually do something then let's take small steps."

Student Senate members Kaci Abolt, Zach Samples, and JR Patton wrote the parking resolution.

Samples, who is in favor of combining campus parking, said he did not want to vote on the decision regarding the issue with student parking immediately, but did want the Student Senate to consider the changes.

"(Students) want to park where they live," said the freshman history major. "People who live in Andrews (Hall) and Lawson (Hall) want to park near Andrews and Lawson."

Samples said the faculty and staff have discussed and solved the problem of parking issues, so now is the time to tackle the student parking issue.

"Staff has taken care of themselves by increasing the number of staff lots," he said. "Now that the staff have done something for themselves it is time



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Student senate member Kaci Abolt listens as audience members voice their opinion about the parking lot resolution. Abolt is one of the authors of the

resolution.

that we as students do something for the students and solve this problem."

Chief Police Adam Due from the UPD, attended the meeting to speak in favor of combining student parking.

"There are spaces already on campus, but it's just not necessarily where

people want," Due said.

This can also eliminate the problem of issuing tickets to underclassmen who are illegally parked in an underclassmen parking lot, Due said.

"To me that's good public relations," he said. "We are trying to take

care of the people. We are trying to provide a service."

The Student Senate has the reputation of not doing anything for the students, Abolt said.

"Why not tackle the number one complaint," she said.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Performance based funding possibility for state universities

CUPB discussing legislative bills

By Samantha McDaniel
Staff Reporter

The Council on University Planning and Budgeting will discuss legislative bills that are affecting higher education at its meeting Friday.

Derek Markley, the special assistant to the president, will be discussing House Bills 1503, 1349, 149 and Senate Bill 1318.

One of the most important bills that will be brought forward deals with outcome-based funding for public universities.

Beginning fiscal year 2013, the annual budget request must incorporate performance-based funding. This is the result of the Board's Higher Education Finance Study Commission, according to House Bill 1503. The board will have two fiscal years to implement this performance-based funding. Once the deadline passes, the board must update how the funding is calculated every six months and report to the governor and the General Assembly.

The other bills will detail debt collection, tuition waivers and state pensions.

"I believe that each bill I discuss

has the opportunity to impact either students, employees, or the university as a whole," Markley said. "We just have to see how the session progresses in order to determine which bills have a realistic chance of becoming law."

Blair Lord, the vice president for academic affairs, will speak about the spring 2011 enrollment numbers and the revenue projections for the fall of 2011.

Also, Lord will discuss the cost of the Center for Energy Research and Education.

Eastern's Board of Trustees approved the center on Jan. 14, which will be integrated into the Master Plan.

This center will be funded largely internally along with the support from the community, including \$56,500 pledged by the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation.

Technology professor Peter Ping Liu and Robert Chesnut, the director of research and sponsored programs, developed the plan for the center.

There will also be an update of present names of positions and departments, said the CUPB Chairwoman Karla Evans, the executive director of philanthropy.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Prowl leader applications due

By Zach White
Staff Reporter

After today New Student Programs will begin the selection process for the Fall 2011 Prowl Leaders.

Prowl Leader applications are due at the end of today to New Student Programs.

The program offers positions for 50 student leaders to take on the role of a Prowl Leader and help with the transition of more than 3,000 new students from life at home to life on campus, according to the Prowl Leader home page on eiu.edu. Prowl leaders assist with new students moving into residence halls, answering questions, providing directions and directing traffic.

Sammy Mbua, the program coordinator, said New Student Programs is looking for students who have some history as a leader on campus.

"We are looking for people with campus involvement, that are approachable and outgoing," Mbua said.

Applicants are required to be in good academic standing with the university and have a minimum GPA of 2.35.

Applicants must be available from Aug. 14 to 21 in order to participate in training before Prowl starts and to help facilitate Family Weekend, according to the website.

From Aug. 22 until the end of the Prowl program, leaders will be needed to run events and information booths around campus.

In return for their services, Prowl Leaders are allowed to move into their residence halls early, are given staff ap-



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Danille Steibel, a member of the Office of Orientation, speaks to students of Residence Hall Association about the need for Senior Prowl and Debut Leaders, Sept. 27, 2007 at the RHA meeting in Stevenson Hall.

parel, given free meals for a week and receive a \$100 stipend.

"It's a volunteer opportunity so the \$100 is more of a thank you," Mbua said.

Prowl Leaders are allowed to claim 20 hours of community service for any organization they are involved with.

Mbua said the program had 67 applicants as of Monday and they are

looking to get 100.

Applications for students are available and can be submitted online.

The applicants will have to go through an interview process after their application is looked over to determine who will be chosen for the positions, according to the website.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Sometimes
‘W’ is the
best option

Starting Tuesday, and until April 1, students can withdraw from classes and receive a “W” on their transcripts.

An article published on Tuesday by *The Daily Eastern News*, “W” can hurt in the end,” quoted advisers as saying that, while a few W’s are OK to have on one’s transcript, too many W’s may make it harder to get a job after graduation.

Future employers, the advisers said, can overlook a few W’s here and there, but if a student is regularly dropping classes it creates an impression of an unreliable or disorganized work ethic.

The advisers were right to emphasize the perils of a transcript littered with W’s. And certainly no one wants to encourage students to drop classes, especially if it would lead to students not graduating on time.

We want to emphasize why, in certain situations, withdrawing from a class is an important option to consider.

At the end of the day, you are here to get your education. Learning—broadening your perspective and gaining a better ability to exploit the full potential of your mind—is the whole point of a college education. It is up to you to make the most of it.

Part of your college education is learning how best to manage your time. Maybe a student’s class load is so heavy that, try as he might, the burden forces the person to spread themselves too thin. If adding a W to your transcripts changes the rest of the grades from B’s and C’s to A’s and B’s, it may be a worthy trade.

Maybe a class is not what you thought it would be. Maybe the teacher is phoning it in or your classmates are determined to replace instruction with disruption. If it is a class you really looked forward to as a part of your education, it might be best to talk with other students and try a different class or a different professor.

Of course, dropping a class will mean taking on an additional one in the future. And dropping a prerequisite could make you ineligible for a class next semester. This is where a conversation with an adviser becomes crucial.

You need to know what the effect dropping a class will have on your academic plan. You also need to know when you can make up that class. Taking a class during the summer to make up for one you dropped is an option only if the class is offered in the summer (many classes are not).

Figuring out how to make the most of your education is the most mature task you will be asked to perform at Eastern. There are people here whose job it is to help you with that task, and it is foolish to not take full advantage of them.

You are investing thousands of dollars and years of your life into your college education. At the end of the day, only you will decide that investment’s worth.

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COLUMN

Is it nature or nurture? I can’t remember

Memory is fickle. One can remember the least significant details of a long-ago baseball practice that took place on the freshly cut green grass of childhood but at the same time be unable to recall what they had for breakfast.

I am confident in saying that my memory, when compared to the average person, is even more fickle—that is to say poor.

I have difficulty in not only remembering details of events from my life but also in connecting names to new faces. I may remember someone’s hair color or how many facial piercings a person had, but never the person’s name.

For a long, time the people most affected by my situational memory were my friends, who would politely endure my retellings of stories that they’d heard before but I could not remember ever telling them.

Last fall I spent four months in Europe on a study-abroad trip that was a whirlwind of fun and excitement, but when I tried to piece the experience together week by week I found it difficult to do without the aid of Facebook pictures.

I’ve done much thinking into why my memory is the way it is and it all comes down to the age-old question of nature versus nurture.

Memory loss runs through my family, my grandmother on my mother’s side has dementia and recently the family doctor told my mother, who holds a masters degree and is smarter than I’ll ever be, it may be wise to consider memory-



Doug T. Graham

boosting medication.

It is possible that my occasional memory lapses are an early signal of major issues down the road.

However, there are a variety of environmental factors as a result of my generation’s technocentric culture. So, in essence, I would prefer to blame society—but there is so much that has changed in our society that it would be foolish not to.

Modern technology allows its users to get by without mental abilities that previous generations relied on. A universal case study of a technology that has allowed my generation to get by without learning an important memory-related skill is spell check.

Spell check allows students to learn and remember enough of a word to spell it mostly right. Our grandparents’ generation did not have the great digital safety net and could not simply rely on their cognitive ability being close enough. They had to engage the learning sec-

tion of their brain and commit it to memory, one of the many things technology has enabled my generation to get by without.

Because one’s ability to remember is so tied with one’s ability to learn, the thought that my generation may have some sort of technology-based learning disability has definitely crossed my mind, and it is a thought that was backed up by statistics released a month ago.

As Emily Steele discussed in her column entitled “Value of education lost on many Americans,” which appeared in the Jan. 25 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, new findings by sociologists Richard Arum of New York University and Josipa Roksa of the University of Virginia found that more than a third of college students do not exhibit an increase in learning comprehension throughout their college years.

This could be a reflection of the near-disposable nature of information in the modern college course. Students of my generation are focused on getting only enough information to pass a big test or do well on a project—and therefore retain little.

For the sake of my generation, I hope my concerns with my memory are contained just to my gene pool, but honestly, if you ask me why, I probably won’t remember.

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FROM THE EASEL



GARRETT GOBEN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senate looking into bus service to Mattoon

The Panther Express Committee of Student Government is looking into the idea of trying to create a new bus line with service to Mattoon. The idea would provide stops at the movie theater, the strip mall with Buffalo Wild Wings, the Cross County Mall and the Amtrak station.

These stops would provide students with access to more entertainment and dining options, as well as more employment opportunities. The stop at Amtrak would provide an easy transpor-

tation solution for those students who choose to use Amtrak.

With the forms of transportation that are currently available there are problems with either cost or availability of service on weekends and evenings. The idea is still being researched and we are looking for student input at this point. The current fee is \$10.90, and this would likely need to be increased by a small amount to make this program feasible.

Please let us know how you feel about this.

Columnist’s depiction of Egyptian protesters naive

Mr. Balson,
I would just ask that instead of joining the group of Fox haters that you would get your facts crystal clear before you continue to spread your liberal rhetoric among Eastern students.

I have a few friends from my military days who are in Egypt, so I know first hand that these protests that you call “peaceably assembled” are not even close to peaceful.

Being in the journalism field, please take

with you the knowledge that the media can skew our views with a few seconds of creative editing.

Having served in combat zones, I have seen firsthand how inaccurate and downright false reporting can be, but the people soak it in like a sponge. Don’t think that just because it is CNN or Fox, that it is the truth.

Kevin Bornotreger

Jennifer L. Stringfellow, Ph.D.

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‘Reagan ideal’ column set legacy straight

I just wanted to thank Sarah Bigler for her column titled, “Modern Mythology 101: The Reagan ideal.”

It gives this matured heart and mind of mine a lovely uplift to know that there are young people out there who do not completely buy in to the mantra that Reagan was all great. He did not espouse many of the sentiments and plans that current conservative officeholders do.

I would go even further to say that 30 years after his first election to the presidency, we are reaping the benefits of his “trickle down economics,” deregulation of all industries, weakening of labor unions, and increased education standards based on international comparisons. History is important to remember and analyze.

Critical or analytical thinking is essential for each of us whether we have any scholarly attainments or not. Just thank you.

COMEDY SHOW

Famous comedians to perform tonight

By Dave Balson
Staff Reporter

Today, for the first time in recent history, three nationally prominent comedians will perform together at Eastern.

“Black Collar Comedy,” at 9 p.m. presented by the University Board, will feature “the three most energetic up-and-coming black comedians in the country,” said Rovion Reed, a senior African-American studies major and the UB comedy coordinator. “We are very fortunate we got them to come,” Reed said.

The performers include Kendall “Shorty” Ward, Rip Micheals and Courtney “Goldie” Jackson.

Besides being regulars on the stages of comedy clubs in the country, all three comedians have spent a good deal of time on television.

Michaels has performed on P. Diddy’s Bad Boys of Comedy tour, BET’s Comic View and Comedy Central. Goldie is probably best known for her work on the reality show “Flavor of Love.”

Ward also appeared on a reality show, but has yet to star in his own, which he predicts will be called “I’m Selfish.” However, his appearances on “Comic View” and VH1’s “I Love the 90s,” along with his touring schedule, keeps him pretty busy.

Ward added Eastern to his tour after Michaels called to tell him he was

putting together a show.

Ward said students should come to the show to get away from their regular routines of classes.

“It’s Black History Month and you’re required to come, for one,” he said. “Two, it’s a free show, so you’ve got nothing else better to do; and three, if you want to really have a good laugh, enjoy yourself and feel good, and put away any problems that your dealing—just put them aside for a little while and change that up—come to the show because that will definitely happen. Plus, I’m handsome, so any single chicks will definitely want to go.”

Ward performs at clubs and colleges, and said he has to adjust his act for each venue.

“You don’t want to tell jokes about babies to college students,” he said.

The event, which is being presented in honor of African American Heritage Month, was originally planned for the 7th Street Underground. The response was so overwhelming, it quickly became clear to Reed that the event would have to be moved to the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“Get there at 8:30,” Reed advised, “because by 9, there probably aren’t going to be any empty seats.”

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NATION

Prices spur inflation concerns

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steady improvement in the economy may soon come at a price — faster inflation.

Shoes, clothes, tires, plastics and other products all cost more at the wholesale level last month, putting pressure on businesses to pass the increases along to their customers.

The hikes also give ammunition to critics who fear that the Federal Reserve’s bold steps to strengthen the economy have started to feed inflation and need to be reined in. Those critics include some Fed officials.

A widely watched measure of wholesale inflation, the core Producer Price Index, rose 0.5 percent last month, the largest monthly increase since October 2008. The entire index, which includes volatile gas and food prices, rose 0.8 percent.

Drug prices rose 1.4 percent, the most in almost three years. Prices rose for products throughout the economy.

Abercrombie & Fitch Co., which sells clothes primarily marketed to teenagers, said it expects to raise prices later this year because of soaring costs for raw materials, particularly cotton.

Those costs “are the biggest headwind we face,” CEO Mike Jeffries told investors Wednesday. “We’re comfortable that we can pass some of these increases on to the customer. We’re not comfortable with how much.”

The maker of Hanes underwear

“There won’t be an inflationary spiral unless wage inflation picks up.”
Nigel Gault, chief economist

and T-shirts raised prices in February and may again this summer. Food companies like Kraft Foods and McDonald’s have said in recent weeks that they will raise prices this year, too.

Stores are reluctant to pass along the higher costs at a time when their customers are already dealing with high unemployment and paychecks that aren’t getting much bigger. So far, inflation at the retail level remains tame.

But some economists fear that inflation could become troublesome later. New notes released Wednesday show Fed officials last month raised the prospect of scaling back the Fed’s \$600 billion program to help the economy by buying government bonds.

The bond-buying program is supposed to help by lowering interest rates on bonds, which can drive down interest rates for other types of debt, like mortgages and loans. But flooding the economy with new money can

also ignite inflation.

Still, Fed officials decided at last month’s meeting to maintain the program, concluding that inflation was not yet a problem and that the economy was not improving fast enough to put a major dent in unemployment.

Through most of last year, the Fed worried more that the weak economy might spur deflation — a prolonged drop in prices and wages, which can make people unwilling to spend. In response, the Fed acted to strengthen the economy and raise inflation slightly. Low inflation is generally consistent with a healthy economy.


“It’s too early to panic about inflation,” argues Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight. “There won’t be an inflationary spiral unless wage inflation picks up.”

Gault says wages are not likely to rise quickly soon. High unemployment means employers aren’t under much pressure to pay their workers more.

Companies are having to pay more for their raw materials because commodity prices have risen, mostly because of rising demand from fast-growing developing economies and bad harvests in many countries.

The cost of cotton, for example, has doubled in the past year. The price of corn has doubled in just six months.

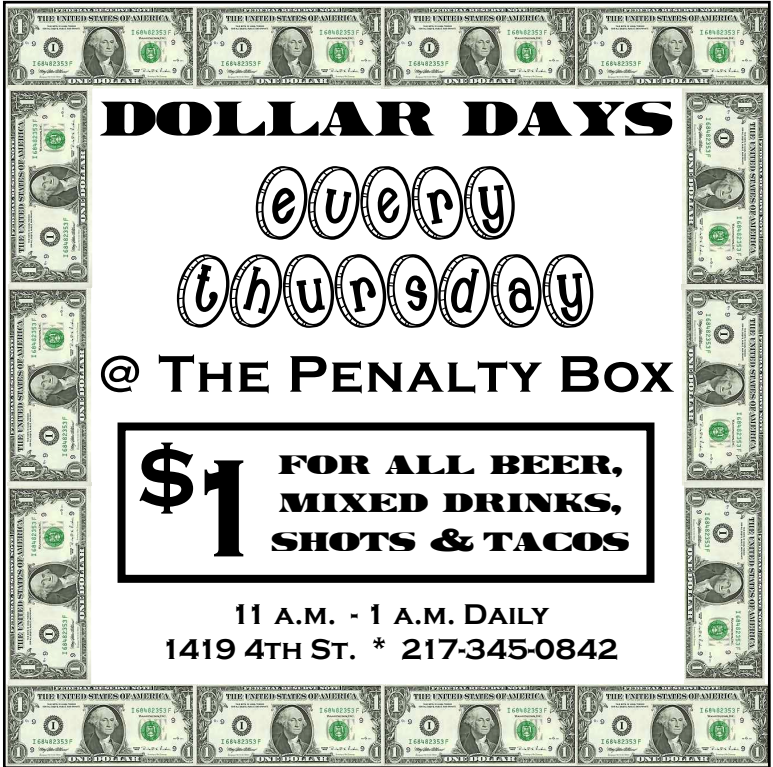
By the end of this year, consumer prices could be rising at an annual pace of more than 2 percent, says Carl Riccadonna, an economist at Deutsche Bank Securities.



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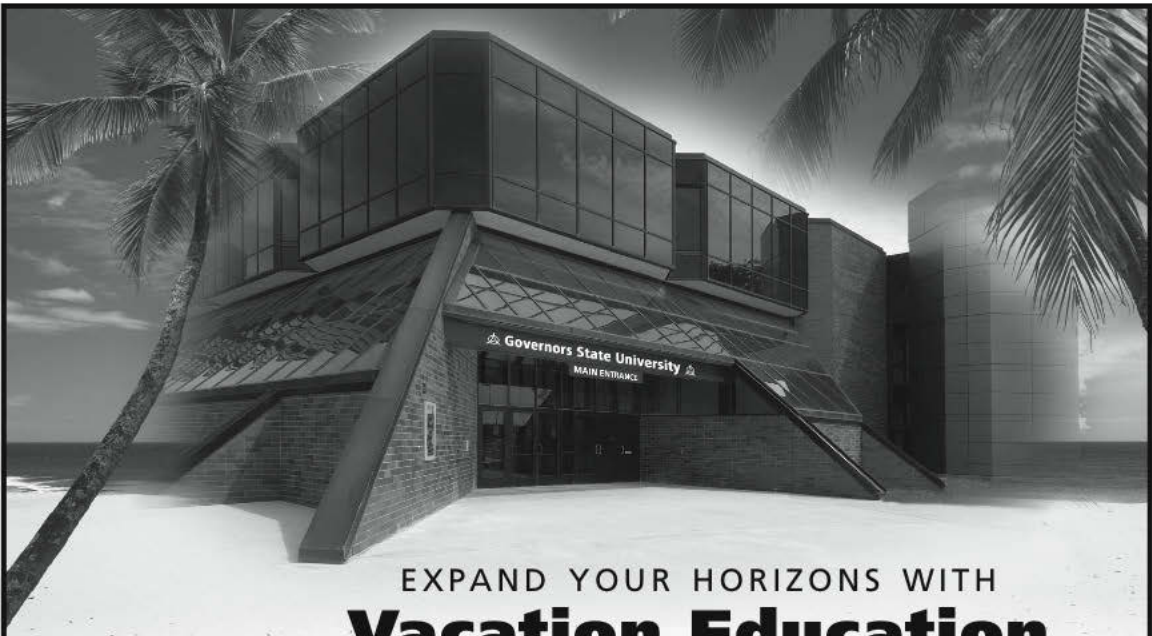
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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Guest speaker to tell history of Black Freedom Struggle

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

A guest speaker plans to educate students about the Civil Rights Movement during the program "Writing the Black Freedom Struggle."

Guest speaker Clarence Lang, an assistant African American studies professor from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said the presentation is a discussion about new directions in the study of African American social movements, particularly the post-World-War II Civil Rights Movement.

"My hope is that students will gain a greater sense of how the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s encompassed more than just southern communities, but rather included lesser-known struggles north of the Mason-Dixon Line," Lang said.

In this presentation Lang will talk about Civil Rights Movement organizations and activists of the Midwestern U.S. along with what they did to promote and further their cause.

Tim Engles, an English professor

"Writing and Black Freedom Struggle" Presentation

What: Presentation on Civil Rights Movement
Where: Dounda Fine Arts Center
When: 5 p.m. today

who helped coordinate the event, said Lang first caught his attention after he wrote the book Grassroots at the Gateway.

"His book opened my eyes to the vital, extensive part played in the Civil Rights Movement by Midwestern activists and organizations," Engles said. "The black-freedom movement is normally thought of as full-southern based and unified in its efforts and concerns, misconceptions that Dr. Lang will correct."

Lang, a member of the Road Scholar Speaker Bureau, has spent his time working to correct the misconception and educate students on how

the Civil Rights Movement also had a large affect on those in the northern states.

Engles said he looks forward to a good turnout and that students can learn a lot from this type of presentation, especially about the diversity of the Civil Rights Movement.

"(Attendees) will learn more about the Civil Rights Movement, and about how diverse the black struggle for freedom within it really was, and still is," Engles said. "Both working-class and middle-class members of the black community helped propel the movement, more than we tend to realize."

"Writing the Black Freedom Struggle" 5 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"Dr. Lang's presentation promises to be engaging and informative, and useful—the struggle for black justice and equality is far from over," Engles said.

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NATION

Father of Utah musical group charged with abusing daughters

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The patriarch of a prominent family musical group has been charged with sexually abusing his three daughters in a stunning revelation that was followed four days later by the father careening his Porsche off a 300-foot embankment into an icy stream.

Keith Brown, whose daughters are part of The 5 Browns, survived the crash and faces one first-degree felony count of sodomy on a child and two second-degree felony counts of sexual abuse of a child, according to Fourth District Court records obtained Wednesday.

The 5 Browns are a classical pi-

ano group from Utah that features the three sisters and their two brothers. The Juilliard-trained siblings have achieved critical and popular acclaim while appearing on "Oprah," "The View" and other shows, and being profiled by "60 Minutes."

Their CDs have topped the Billboard classical music charts and their concerts often sellout in all 50 states and in Japan, Germany, France, Korea, Mexico and England.

The records filed Feb. 10 in the abuse case do not identify any victim by name or indicate the relationship between Keith Brown and the alleged victims.

However, Kimball Thomson, a spokesman for The 5 Browns, said

the charges involve Brown's daughters and group members Desirae, 32, Deondra, 30, and Melody, 26. He declined to release further information.

"We can confirm that Keith Brown has been charged with sexual abuse involving his daughters," Thomson said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The AP does not generally identify people who say they were sexually assaulted, but the Brown women have chosen to be identified and are cooperating with police, Thomson said.

Attorney Steven Shapiro, who represents 55-year-old Keith Brown, said he would not comment on the charges until Brown makes a court appearance set for Thursday in Provo.

WORLD

Egyptian democracy critical of new military

By The Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's new military rulers came under criticism Wednesday from a leading democracy advocate as well as from youth and women's groups for what they say is a failure to make decisions openly and include a larger segment of society.

Five days after ousting Hosni Mubarak in a popular uprising, Egyptians continued protests and strikes over a host of grievances from paltry wages to toxic waste dumping. They defied the second warning in three days from the ruling Armed Forces Supreme Council to halt all labor unrest at a time when the economy is staggering.

The caretaker government also gave its first estimate of the death toll in the 18-day democracy uprising. Health Minister Ahmed Sameh Farid said at least 365 civilians died according to a preliminary count that does not include police or prisoners.

Mubarak's departure set off a chain reaction of revolt around the Middle East, with anti-government demonstrations reported Wednesday in Libya, Bahrain, Jordan and Yemen.

Democracy advocate and Nobel laureate Mohamed ElBaradei called on the council to include civilians in a transitional presidential council to be entrusted with setting the course toward democracy.

The former head of the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency said in a statement that there is an absence of transparency in the way the military rulers are running the country's affairs or making decisions that would impact the transitional period and the future of democracy in Egypt.

"The short transitional period ... threatens to throw the country back in the arms of the forces of the old regime," he said.

"To prolong the transitional period without popular participation threatens to throw it back in the arms of dictatorship."

ElBaradei's warning comes after the military rulers announced a new committee of legal experts that would work to amend articles in the consti-

"To prolong the transitional period without popular participation threatens to throw it back in the arms of dictatorship."

Mohamed ElBaradei

tution to allow free elections later this year.

Critics voiced concern about the choice of experts on the panel, saying the criteria for their selection was unclear.

More than 60 women's and community groups condemned the panel, saying it is an all-male group that "excludes half of society."

"This casts doubt on the future of democratic transformation in Egypt after the revolution, and raises questions about ... whether the revolution was seeking to free the whole society or only certain segments," the statement said.

The military council has dissolved parliament, which was stacked with Mubarak loyalists, and suspended the constitution. It also met once with youth activists, promising a peaceful transition of power to a civilian ruler; but declining to discuss specific actions on how to purge the political system of senior Mubarak loyalists.

The council has yet to meet with members of political parties and has declined a call by the youth activists to meet with ElBaradei. It has met with editors of local newspapers.

ElBaradei said the decisions made during the six-month transition period will impact the future of democracy in Egypt and requires civilian participation.

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Philosophy professor Dannie Otto, a member of the University Professionals of Illinois committee for Political and Legislative Action, raised concerns over the manner of which pensions have been handled in the state for the past few years.

"I feel very vulnerable, not just in terms of current employment, but I have 20 years in the system for pension credit," Otto said. "The state has not been putting its full amount in the system. They deduct money from my pay, but they don't put in the core money owed. I feel vulnerable because (public employees) are the easy target."

After hearing the governor's budget address, Otto is still "pessimistic" about the future of the state's fiscal difficulties.

"I've been very hard on the governor and the majority party for not doing their job," Otto said. "However, the Republicans have also failed us because rather than sitting down and discussing, they disregard the issues (Republicans) are playing this game too."

Don Stone, history major and the president of the EIU Republicans, believes progress will only be made in the state if both parties are able to come eye to eye on these issues.

"Republicans and Democrats have to work together," Stone said. "If Democrats and Republicans are not working together to cut the budget, we can vote them out."

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His plan also came under fire from groups that count on state money to provide services to the poor and sick.

Hospital and nursing home groups criticized Quinn's proposal to cut Medicaid rates by \$552 million, or about 5 percent. Bob Hedges, president of the Illinois Health Care Association, called it "a terrible blow to our seniors, employees, families and communities."

Quinn spared education from dramatic cuts, but Voices for Illinois Children said his plan appears to slash after-school and mental health programs that keep children out of trouble.

"When the school bell rings, kids still have needs," said Sean Noble, the group's policy director.

Quinn's proposals weren't nearly as sweeping as some from other governors.

The tax increase Quinn approved will bring in some money for the current budget and about \$6.8 billion in the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1. But that's not nearly enough to put state government back in the black.

Even with the tax increase, Illinois has \$9 billion or \$10 billion in overdue bills that must be paid, Quinn's budget director David Vaught said. The governor's plan to pay those bills could be the most contentious part of budget negotiations.

Quinn and Democratic legislative leaders want to borrow \$8.7 billion to pay off overdue bills. Instead of informally borrowing money simply by not paying its bills, the state would sell bonds and pay the debt over 14 years.

"We have the opportunity to jump-

start our economy by paying our vendors today — an immediate injection of billions into our economy," Quinn said in his 27-minute speech, during which he wore a sash known as a kente cloth to mark Black History Month.

Republicans called for more spending cuts before any borrowing.

"I don't think the public understands after the single biggest tax increase that we've had in the state of Illinois, that now you want to go borrow over \$8 billion," Republican Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka said. "We have to clean up our act and get the budget into compliance first."

Democrats also questioned parts of Quinn's proposal. House Speaker Michael Madigan said it appears to include \$720 million from two tax changes that haven't actually been approved. That would violate new budget policies meant to keep Illinois from backsliding into a bigger deficit.

Still, Cullerton, D-Chicago, saved his sharpest remarks for the GOP officials who oppose borrowing to pay what Illinois owes to businesses, community groups and charities.

"If Republicans are willing to have a conversation that doesn't start with 'No,' I'm ready to listen," Cullerton said in a statement.

Quinn also called for consolidating some of the state's 868 school districts and said he wants a commission to study the always-contentious issue. He predicted taxpayers could save \$100 million by merging small districts.

Federal money and special-purpose funds would bring the total size of the budget to at least \$52.7 billion.

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Also, Collins said the McCann family does not want to talk about the investigation into McCann's death, but about events that happened before his death.

Collins asked to speak to the secretary of IDHS Michelle Saddler again, according to the press release.

A current Eastern student and a former Eastern student, Marquis A. Harmon and Keyun D. Newble, have been arrested and formally charged with first-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter, and criminal neglect in connection with McCann's death.

FIRST, from page 1

Kadija Stallings, a freshman visual arts major, was the singer of the chorus for the songs she and her partner performed.

"It feels nice to perform and have people know what you're talking about," Stallings said.

Leah Stevenson, a freshman journalism major, had the audience cheering louder than the performances of other competitors.

"It feels awesome to win," Stevenson said. "I'm definitely going to keep doing this. It's a good experience."

First place winners won an hour worth of recording time in a studio while other winners left with gift cards.

Cassie Falco, the University Board main stage coordinator and a sophomore family and consumer science major, organized the event. She said it is a good and fun way for students to show their talent and get exposure.

Scott Erickson, a senior sports management major, goes under the name Renegade. He was among one of the many who performed at the event. He said he would always hear

teammates rapping during basketball practice in community college. He joined in and realized how much he enjoyed it. He would practice and when it would come time to see his teammates, he would show off his improvements.

"The reason I came was to see what talent EIU has to offer," said Travis Jones, a junior physical education major.

As the show progressed, even more students attended to joined the audience. Audience members stood out of their seats and began to dance to the beat and cheer throughout the performances.

"A friend of mine called me and told me to come out to support Jay Physics," said Nikki Okwudili, a freshman undecided major.

Falco said that it was a beneficial experience for everyone to gather up and watch all the performers. This is a way for students to show off their talent at rapping and for other students to listen.

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- 16 ____-high boots
- 18 Choosing-up word
- 22 Shamu or Keiko
- 23 Sauce thickener
- 24 School subj.
- 25 Weeper of Thebes
- 28 Rouse
- 29 Place for a shoe
- 30 Awful "Dancing With the Stars" scores
- 31 Blockhead
- 32 No ____ sight
- 34 Golf course planting
- 37 They're helpful for long shots
- 38 Tabloid couple
- 39 Vittles
- 42 Something Ben Jonson wrote to himself
- 44 Boardwalk activities
- 46 Tony ____, 1964 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- 47 ____ Field (where the Mariners play)
- 49 "Don't throw bouquets ____"
- 51 Screened again
- 52 Annual spring ceremony, with "the"
- 53 Montana, once
- 54 Emmy winner Sharon
- 57 Literary monogram
- 58 Bran choice
- 59 Bygone Spanish queen
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STATE

Blackhawks coach hospitalized

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville was in stable condition Wednesday after being admitted to a hospital with an undisclosed illness. Quenneville, who led Chicago to the Stanley Cup last season, started feeling discomfort at his home late Tuesday, went to an emergency room and was admitted early Wednesday morning. “He is currently in stable condition and is being treated for an undisclosed health concern today, not of cardiac nature,” team physician Dr. Michael Terry said in a release. “Further testing is ongoing and we

will provide an update when possible.” The 52-year-old Quenneville is 125-66-25 in three seasons with the Blackhawks. He ranks 10th in NHL history with 563 regular-season wins and is one of only two men to coach at least 1,000 games and play 800 in the league. “We certainly wish Joel a speedy recovery and we will do everything possible to support him and his family throughout the process,” general manager Stan Bowman said in the team release. Assistant Mike Haviland was the acting coach for Wednesday night’s game against the Minnesota Wild, the

opener of a three-game homestand for the slumping Blackhawks. The Wild entered with 65 points, tied with Los Angeles for ninth in the compact Western Conference and three points ahead of Chicago. Haviland said the Blackhawks are concerned about Quenneville, but are focused on the matchup with the Wild. “These guys are professional and we know what’s at hand here,” he said after the morning skate. Minnesota lost 4-1 to Vancouver on Tuesday night, but has won 13 of its past 19 games. Chicago has dropped six of eight, including its past two in shootouts.

McCamey, Illini hold on after Michigan’s late run

By The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Demetri McCamey scored 18 and Illinois held off a late Michigan charge for a 54-52 win Wednesday. Bill Cole hit a free throw with 14 seconds to play to give Illinois the two-point edge. The Wolverines then missed a pair of shots at the other end, the last a desperation one-handed heave by Stu Douglass that hit the rim at the buzzer.

The win keeps Illini (17-9, 7-6 Big Ten) hopes for an NCAA tournament spot alive. For Michigan (16-11, 6-8), the loss ended a three-game winning streak that had the Wolverines thinking March Madness might be in reach for them, too. Mike Tisdale added 12 for Illinois, which led 32-22 at halftime. Jordan Morgan led Michigan with 12 points. Darius Morris had 11 points and Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 10.

Bears extend Tice’s contract

By The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST — The Chicago Bears have extended offensive line coach Mike Tice’s contract by one year through 2012. The announcement Wednesday comes after they made a rare move this week and denied Tennessee permission to interview Tice for offensive coordinator. The Titans wound up hiring Chris Palmer instead. The Bears, who rarely stand in the way of assistants advancing, made up for it

by quickly giving Tice another year. Tice tells the team’s website he looks “forward to continuing the progress we made on the offensive line in 2010.” Although there still are issues to address, there was improvement up front as the Bears rebounded from a rough start to finish 11-5 and win the NFC North. The Bears re-signed running backs coach Tim Spencer, linebackers coach Bob Babich and defensive backs coach Jon Hoke.

PRESSURE, from page 12

The Panthers will be playing on their home floor, Lantz Arena, but Sallee said being at home cannot be the team’s only advantage to win the game. “It should be a game against two teams who are playing really, really well – maybe the two hottest teams in the league,” Sallee said. “I like that we’re playing at our place. But if you start relying on playing at home you’re in trouble.” The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. today in Lantz Arena.

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MUSTACHE, from page 12

The Panthers compete this Friday at Lantz Arena. I urge you, Panther Nation, to come take a look at one of the most impressive pole vaulters and mustache holders in the country. You will not be disappointed.

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FOOTBALL

Three recruits added to class

Illinois quarterback, two defenders late signees for Panthers

Staff Report

After adding 20 high school recruits and five junior college recruits earlier this month, the Eastern football team has announced the signing of three additional players. Timotheus Granger of Riviera Beach, Fla. joins the Panthers as a defensive end. Granger was named second team All-Area by the Palm Beach Post for his senior season. He led the league with 85 tackles (61 solo) and six sacks. Linebacker Kenneth Hankerson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. will come to the Panthers after playing for the Florida Class 5A State champion St. Thomas Aquinas High

Who are they?

- Timotheus Granger**, defensive end
Riviera Beach, Fla.
6-foot-2, 200 lbs.
- Kenneth Hankerson**, linebacker
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
6-foot, 203 lbs.
- Ben Krol**, quarterback
Woodstock, Ill.
6-foot-6, 220 lbs.

School. Hankerson finished his senior season with 52 solo tackles. Ben Krol will also join the Panthers as a quarterback after passing for 1,012 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior. During his senior season, Krol led the team to the quarterfinals of the IHSA Class 5A playoffs. The Panthers will open the 2011 season Sept. 1 against rival Illinois State in what will be Bob Spoo’s final season as head coach.

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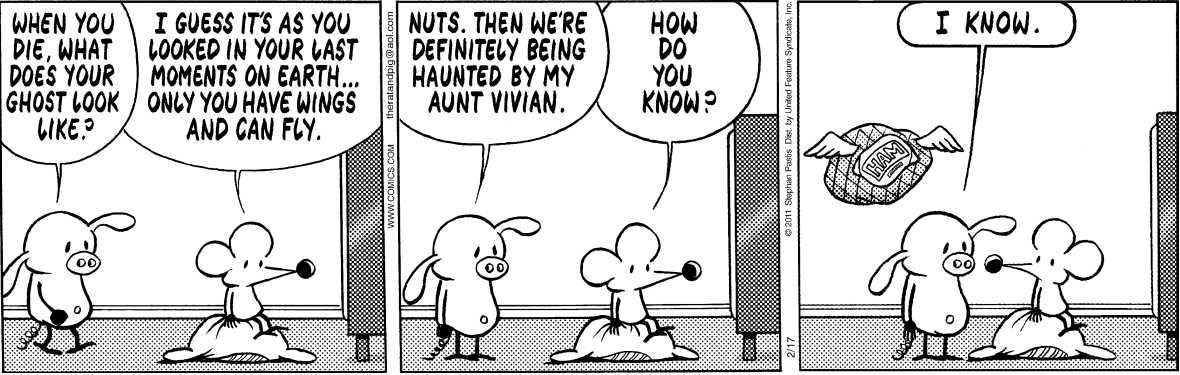
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SOFTBALL

Softball starts season with a pair of wins

Team splits games at tournament

Staff Report

The Eastern softball team was projected to finish fifth in last month's Ohio Valley Conference preseason poll. The Panthers received one first place vote, the team's first since 2001, giving them a total of 63 points in the poll.

The Panthers finished fourth in the OVC last season with an overall record of 24-27 and 12-10 in conference.

Jacksonville State was the preseason No. 1, receiving eight first place votes, and 97 points in all. Jacksonville State won the OVC tournament last season.

Following Jacksonville State is Tennessee Tech, which received two first place votes and 80 points in the poll, followed by Tennessee-Martin.

In fourth place just above the Panthers is OVC newcomer Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. SIU-E

comes to the OVC from the Summit League. They have been Division II the past three seasons.

The Panthers have already begun their 2011 season, competing in the Mardi Gras Classic, hosted by the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

The Panthers played four games, winning two of them. The team lost the first two games against Northwestern State and Louisiana-Monroe, but won the following two against Indiana State and then the rematch with Louisiana-Monroe.

Senior pitcher Amber May was named OVC pitcher of the week for her performance in the Mardi Gras Classic. The award was May's fourth of her career. May was 1-1 at the Mardi Gras Classic and recorded an ERA of 0.98. May was also named to the All-Tournament team.

Also to make the All-Tournament team for the Panthers was freshman Reynae Hutchinson. Hutchinson had five hits and a .750 slugging percentage.

The Panthers will continue their season on Feb. 26 with the Magic City Classic in Birmingham, Ala.

STATE

Illini give coach Zook raise for bowl win, 7-6 season

By The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN— Illinois head football coach Ron Zook will get a \$250,000-a-year raise after his team's 7-6 season.

Illini Athletic Director Ron Guen-

ther said Wednesday that Zook's annual salary will be increased from \$1.5 million to \$1.75 million once approved by university trustees.

Guenther said Zook's staff will get raises, too. That includes offensive coordinator Paul Petrino and defensive

coordinator Vic Koenning. Petrino will get a \$50,000 raise to \$525,000 a year and Koenning will be paid \$342,000, a \$17,000 bump.

Petrino and Koenning were hired after most of Zook's staff was fired over the three-win 2009 season.

Illinois AD says Weber can fix team

By The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Illinois Athletic Director Ron Guenther said Wednesday he is confident coach Bruce Weber can fix problems in a basketball program that the AD acknowledged is not living up to expectations.

Guenther, in wide-ranging news conference a few hours before the Illini faced Michigan, also said football coach Ron Zook and his staff will get raises after a 7-6 season that included a bowl win.

And Guenther said the school is reviving long-stalled plans to renovate the basketball team's home, the 48-year-old Assembly Hall.

Guenther said the basketball Illini, who have fallen out of the Top 25 after a rough stretch that included losses at Indiana and Northwestern, haven't gotten the performance they counted on from seniors Demetri McCamey, Mike Davis and Mike Tisdale.

"We've got a senior class that probably hasn't played to their potential," Guenther said. "We've lost

a lot of confidence"

McCamey in particular has struggled over the past 10 games. He was considered one of the country's best point guards entering the season.

Guenther said he expects the Illini to be an NCAA team every season, but they've missed the tournament two of the past three seasons and are probably several wins away from getting there this year.

Guenther nonetheless said he will leave any potential changes, if any need to be made at the end of the season, up to his eighth-year coach.

NATION

Marlon Byrd no qualms about working with Conte

By The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs center fielder Marlon Byrd reiterated his trust in BALCO founder Victor Conte and said that's why he's still working with a man who served jail time for steroids distribution.

Byrd and Conte were featured in a recent segment of HBO's "Real Sports." And when the Cubs' lone All-Star from last season reported to spring training Wednesday, he repeat-

ed his belief in Conte.

Byrd acknowledged in 2009, when he was with the Texas Rangers, that he was receiving supplements from Conte's new company. He said he is used Conte's expertise in supplements to make sure he doesn't take something on baseball's banned list.

The Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative was at the center of a federal grand jury investigation of performance-enhancing drugs that has led to several athletes being indicted, in-

cluding Barry Bonds. Conte pleaded guilty to steroid distribution and money laundering in July 2005 and served four months in prison.

"He was a top guy in the supplement game" before the steroid scandal, Byrd said. "There was nobody better to go to. Everyone else I go to, they tell me something I already knew."

So Byrd said he was the one who first contacted Conte, despite his background.

"Instead of me being dumb and

just trying different things, I wanted to reach out to somebody to make sure I didn't test positive. That was the main thing. That was the main issue," he said.

Byrd batted .293 with 12 homers and 66 RBIs in his first season with the Cubs. He's known for his strenuous workouts that in the offseason include sprinting and boxing. Supplements are part of his regimen.

"You have to understand how supplements work," Byrd said. "They

don't make you superman. Steroids make you superman."

Manager Mike Quade said he wasn't well-schooled on the supplement issue.

"Marlin is a huge part of this club and I expect him to take care of his own business," Quade said. "It does me no good to concern myself with any of that. ... I trust my players and trust them do what is right and be ready to perform and he's done nothing but show me that."

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Top Cat
with sophomore forward Mariah King



Mariah King, a sophomore forward for the women's basketball team, won her second Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week award.

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Inspired
in paint

King wins second OVC weekly award

By Lenny Arquilla
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Mariah King was selected as the Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for the second time after averaging 21 points per game last week and leading Eastern to two conference road wins.

King said it was extremely exciting to be named Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for the second time.

King said this season was a big jump from her freshman year going into her sophomore year because it was hard to adjust from playing 12 minutes off the bench to starting and playing about 25 minutes.

"However, I manage to do so and have been successful so far and hopefully I can keep it up and work hard while doing so," King said.

During her freshman year, King played in 34 games off the bench, averaging 12 minutes per game. Now a sophomore, she is averaging 25 minutes and 12 points per game.

Her hard work is starting to show in recent games.

In Feb. 10 game against Morehead State, the Panthers were down at halftime. The team was not satisfied with its effort as a whole, as far as getting rebounds, its defensive play, and its ability to get to the free throw line.

Coming out of the locker room at halftime, the team turned the game around and won.

King scored a career-high 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds. She was 9-of-16 from the field, and

King of the weekend

Thursday at Morehead State
24 points, nine rebounds

Saturday at Eastern Kentucky
18 points, four rebounds

Overall season statistics
12.6 points, five rebounds

6-of-7 from the free throw line with six offensive rebounds and three defensive rebounds.

The Panthers won the game 80-75.

"These past two games (Thursday's win vs. Morehead State and Saturday's win vs. Eastern Kentucky) were games where I definitely had to pick it up a little bit, because before that I was kind of struggling with my game," King said.

King said an inspirational quote from assistant coach Rachel Galligan helped her prepare for the game.

King also said she has been playing basketball since the fourth grade because someone told her she had the height for basketball. Now, she is 6-foot-2.

She tried out in the fourth grade and made the co-ed team.

"I have grown to love the game more and more, and it's as if now I don't know what to do without it," King said. "It has become part of me and always will."

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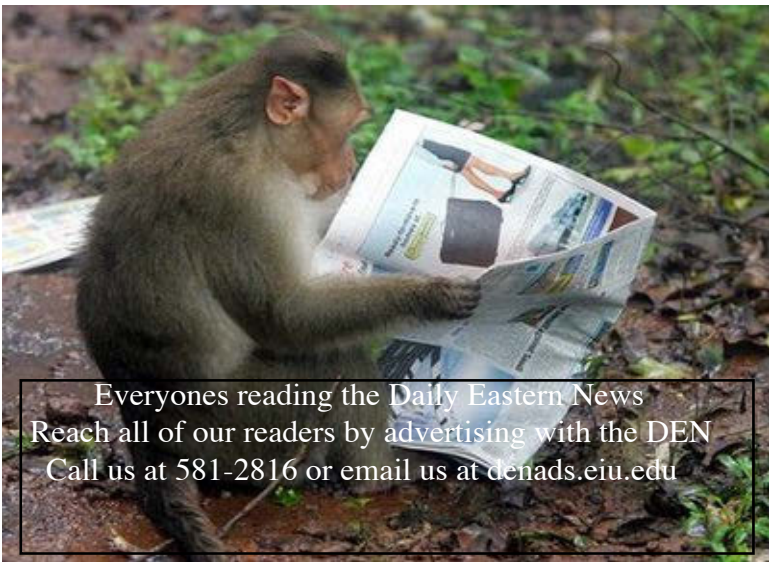
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IEWS



Dominic Renzetti

Mustache puts Viken in elite group

It has been said that one way to achieve victory is to defeat the opponent mentally, before the actual competition even begins. There have been many fabled techniques such as the silent death stare or a ferocious growl, but nothing is more intimidating than a man with a mustache.

Red-shirt freshman pole-vaulter Mick Viken has been the most recent athlete to sport his own fear-striking facial features.

“I started growing my facial hair, for the most part out of laziness, but as it got thicker, I thought about what I could do with it, and three weeks later I went with the handle bar mustache,” Viken said.

Viken is one of the best athletes on Eastern’s track team this season, having already tied the university’s indoor record in his first season as a Panther, and currently being ranked in NCAA’s top 25 best.

If you look back through the history of sports from the past to the present day, you’ll find athletes who have achieved amazing sport success. Walter Payton was one of the NFL’s most celebrated running backs, while also leading the Chicago Bears to a Super Bowl.

Patrick Ewing and David Robinson are two of the greatest to ever play the game of basketball and are both Hall of Famers. Randy Johnson could pitch a baseball 100 mph.

What do all these amazing athletes have in common? They all sported a mustache at one point in their careers.

Is current mustache wearer Mick Viken on his way to being in the same conversation as these guys? If Viken keeps performing the way he has been lately, he definitely will be. Though still early in his career as a Panther, I think Viken can go down as one of the best pole vaulters Eastern has ever had when it is all said and done.

With still a few meets left in the indoor season, Viken still has a chance to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. To qualify, he needs to clear 18 feet. So far this season, he has only been able to clear 17-feet, 1-inch, but that was before the mustache.

Viken said he is going to keep the mustache for this Friday’s meet, and if he performs well with it, he will keep it for the OVC Indoor Championship.

“My competition will ‘fear the mustache’, rather than the more common, ‘fear the beard,’” Viken said.

Viken also said his mustache gives him confidence and also gives him a more stress-free attitude.

“It (has) gotten quite a few funny looks, but I do like it and think it’s pretty funny,” Viken said.

I’m very confident that Mick Viken, his mustache, and the rest of the Eastern track and field team will be very successful at this weekend’s meet, just as they’ve been at every competition.

MUSTACHE, page 9

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VS. TENNESSEE-MARTIN

Pressure mounts at home

Game pits two of top four teams

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Facing the press was the Achilles heel of the Eastern women’s basketball team the last time it played Tennessee-Martin Jan. 22 in a 80-78 loss.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee had his team doing five-on-five drills in practice Tuesday to get it prepared for the press.

“We expect to see more pressure than we have all year, other than when we played them,” Sallee said. “We really struggled with it at their place.”

The Tennessee-Martin defense forced 18 Panther turnovers in the previous meeting, but the game was still close.

Skyhawks’ guard Jasmine New-some drained a game-winning shot with two seconds left to give Tennessee-Martin the win.

Sallee said the Panthers struggled with the press against the Skyhawks because they were not executing on offense.

“It wasn’t necessarily what they were doing it was us not executing our stuff,” Sallee said.

The five-on-five drill at the end of practice Tuesday was a refresher for the team, Sallee said.

From Jan. 22 to today, Sallee said both teams are different than they were the first time they met.

“Early on you could still see some freshmen in (the Skyhawks),” Sallee said. “With the amount of minutes they’ve played and the experience they’ve gained, you can’t

call them freshmen any more. They’re seasoned.”

The Skyhawks are in second place in the Ohio Valley Conference, while the Panthers are in fourth.

Sallee said the Panthers are playing better as a team than they were Jan. 22. Since the Jan. 22 meeting, Eastern is 5-1.

Last Thursday, the Panthers beat Morehead State, the third place team in the OVC. The Panthers were swept this season by the first place team Tennessee Tech, so now sophomore guard Ta’Kenya Nixon said the team is looking forward to getting a chance to avenge the first loss to the Skyhawks.

“It was so close,” Nixon said. “We’re trying to earn respect back.”

Nixon said she expects the Skyhawks to run on the Panthers. The Skyhawks scored 80 points against the Panthers in the previous meeting. The game was the only time the Panthers have given up 80 or more points in the game this season.

The Panthers offense has scored at least 80 points only three times.

“They’re really good players and play hard no matter who they are playing,” Nixon said.

Sallee said two quick guards, including Newsome, who scored 35 points on the Panthers in the previous meeting, lead the Skyhawks.

The other quick guard, Heather Butler, also did damage on the Panthers, scoring 20 points.

“We have a match-up problem with their two quick guards,” Sallee said. “We can match it with one of them, but the other?”

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Morgan Palombizio, a red-shirt freshman forward, makes a jump shot during Eastern’s game against SEMO Feb. 5 in Lantz Arena.

MEN’S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Road to Nashville gets rougher

Panthers trail Tennessee-Martin by one full game

By Rob Mortell
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Eastern’s men’s basketball team is now one full game behind the University of Tennessee-Martin for the eighth and final spot in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

For the Panthers to make the tournament they need to win their final two OVC games at Austin Peay and at Tennessee State. Austin Peay is currently 11-5 in the OVC, while Tennessee State is 8-8. Both team have impressive OVC records at home; Austin Peay is 8-3 at home and Tennessee is 8-2. The Panthers are 3-9 on the road this

season in conference games.

The last time Eastern missed the OVC tournament was in 2008.

Murray State leads the OVC at 12-3, followed closely behind Morehead State at 11-4, Austin Peay 11-5 and Tennessee Tech 11-6.

The tournament starts March 2 and goes through March 5, with the winning team automatically qualifying for the NCAA tournament. Eastern has not made an NCAA appearance since 2002 where they lost to the No. 2 seed Arizona in the first round.

ESPNU Bracketbusters

Eastern is headed to Toledo for its annual ESPNU Bracketbuster game on Saturday. It is the fourth time in six years since participating in the event that the Panthers will take on a team from the Mid-

American Conference.

Eastern is 2-3 in Bracketbuster games; however, it has won its last two match-ups. The last time Toledo and Eastern squared off, Eastern won 72-62 with junior guard Jeremy Granger scoring 21 points.

Around the OVC

Morehead State senior forward Kenneth Faried won OVC Player of the Week for the third consecutive week and seventh time this season. Over the past week, he averaged 20.5 points, 14.5 rebounds, 3.5 steals and two blocks in two games.

Faried also needs 21 rebounds to pass Tim Duncan as the NCAA best rebounder since 1973. He also had his jersey retired before the game against Southeast Missouri.

Southeast Missouri forward

Eastern’s bracketbusters

Overall: 2-3

2010: Northern Illinois **W 73-70**
2009: Western Michigan **W 59-57**
2008: Evansville **L 55-63**
2007: Loyola-Chicago **L 43-66**
2006: Eastern Michigan **L 50-65**

Leon Powell won the OVC newcomer of the week for the second consecutive week.

He averaged 14 points and nine rebounds in three games last week.

Austin Peay freshman forward Will Triggs won the OVC Freshman of the Week for scoring a career-high 25 points in his second career start.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women’s Basketball
Thursday - UT Martin
7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

M&W Swimming
Wednesday - Summit
League Champions
All day - Indianapolis

Men’s Tennis
Friday vs. Northern Illinois
12 p.m. - Danville Tennis Center

M&W Indoor Track
Friday - EIU Friday Night Special
TBA - Lantz Fieldhouse

Women’s Basketball
Saturday vs. Murray State
4 p.m. - Lantz Arena

NATIONAL SPORTS

College Basketball
Louisville at Cincinnati
7 p.m. on ESPN

College Basketball
Duke at Virginia
7 p.m. on ESPN2

NBA
Nuggets at Bucks
9 p.m. on ESPN

College Basketball
Oklahoma State at Texas
9 p.m. on ESPN2

College Basketball
Nebraska at Oklahoma
9 p.m. on ESPN2