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TALENT SHINES

Students competed Wednesday night at Rising Stars, a University Board talent show. Read about the diverse acts students performed.

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Ta'Kenya Nixon's record-breaking night leads Eastern's women's basketball to the program's first post-season win, toppling University of Missouri.

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CHARLESTON | MAYOR CAMPAIGN

Three open council seats to be filled

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

With the local election less than a month away, some new and old faces will fill the three open seats.

On April 9, Larry Rennels, Brian Myerscough and Troy Richey will be competing for mayor.

Mayor John Inyart is not re-running for the position after eight years on the job.

Larry Rennels has been on the Charleston City Council for 16 years and recently retired from his business in 2010.

He said he would like to continue to improve Charleston's infrastructure, keep improving relations between the city and Eastern and meet with the external relations committee on a regular basis.

Rennels said a few of his goals include video streaming the city council meetings and keeping the property tax rate from increasing.

Troy Richey, an employee at CHI Overhead Doors in Arthur, said he is willing to listen to the community's concerns.

He said he would like to see Charleston be more self-reliant, offer a community center and increase employment opportunities.

Richey said if he wins the mayoral



Larry Rennels

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Troy Richey

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Brian Myerscough

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Goals if elected

- improve city infrastructure
- improve relations between Charleston & Eastern

- offer a community center
- increase employment opportunities

- additional police officers
- increase student revenue
- decrease city expenses

election, he would like to have more town hall type meetings with Eastern and Charleston and have an a TV channel dedicated to showcasing what the city is doing and planning.

Brian Myerscough is a life-long resident of Charleston and is currently a substitute teacher for the Charleston Community School District.

He said he would like to increase the safety of citizens with additional police officers, increase student revenue coming into the local businesses and decrease city expenses.

Myerscough also said he would like to see Mattoon and Charleston work together more, increased student enrollment and the city take advantage of the large amount of skilled, student workers.

Tim Newell, Michael Stopka, Matthew Hutti and Brandon Combs are also competing for the two open city council seats.

Newell, who is finishing his first term on the city council, is currently a math teacher and is a former banker.

He said he would like to continue to

see that Charleston is a good community to reside in, has a good infrastructure and remains to be fiscally responsible.

Newell said he loves Charleston and wants to see it do well.

Stopka, a graduate student at Eastern, moved to the U.S. from Poland when he was 10-years-old and acquired citizenship in 2008.

He said he has made Charleston his home and wishes to give back to it.

Stopka said he would like to see more businesses come to Charles-

ton to fuel the city, revise and change Charleston's master plan and sidewalk and street improvements.

He said the city needs a new face and leadership on the city council.

Hutti, a lifelong Charleston resident and Eastern graduate, is currently a substitute teacher at Charleston High School.

He said he wants to model Charleston's master plan off of Effingham's and create long-term goals and objectives for the city.

Hutti said he wants to increase economic development and opportunities in the city.

He said he wants to keep communication open between the city and its residents as to help Charleston.

Brandon Combs is a chiropractic physician at Combs Chiropractic, Eastern graduate and a lifelong Charleston resident.

He said he would like to see Charleston head in the right direction and figure out what the city council is doing.

Combs said he has different views than those already on city council and would like to bring a fresh perspective to the table.

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CHARLESTON | POLITICS

Candidates to speak at forum

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

Seven candidates, both for mayor and city council, will be answering the public's questions on Thursday.

The Candidates Forum, co-sponsored by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce and the Coles County League of Women Voters, will be hosted at the banquet room at Unique Suites Hotel, 920 West Lincoln Ave.

The forum starts at 6:30 p.m. with the mayoral candidates speaking first and the city council candidates speaking at 8:15 p.m.

The candidates running for mayor are Brian Myerscough, Larry Rennels and Troy Richey. The city council candidates running for the two open seats are Matthew Hutti, Tim Newell, Brandon Combs and Michael Stopka.

Cindy White, the executive director of the chamber, said the forum is formatted to make sure candidates get their share of time.

"It is a fairly strict pre-prescribed format for them to keep everything fair and equitable," she said.

White said each candidate will have two minutes to give an opening statement.

She said they may give histo-

City Council candidates

- Brian Myerscough
- Larry Rennels
- Troy Richey
- Matthew Hutti
- Tim Newell
- Brandon Combs
- Michael Stopka

ry about themselves, why they are running for the position, the issues they are running on and what they think they bring to the table.

The forum is open to the public and they are encouraged to ask the candidates questions, White said.

She said index cards will be available to write questions on throughout the duration of the event.

However, White said there will be question screeners to make sure the best questions get up to the moderator.

"We look at all those questions to see if they make sense, if there are several on one topic and we will rewrite the question to make it a more general question," she said. "We try to get some of the best questions, the all encompassing questions funneled up to the moderator."

White said the candidates also have a limited amount of time to

answer the questions.

"That makes it equal for everybody," she said. "No one person can take control and just run on and on and on."

White said this is a good way for the Charleston community to come see all the candidates at once answering their questions.

Betty Dodson, co-organizer for the Coles County of League of Women Voters, said the purpose of her group is to inform citizens so they can make good decisions at the April 9 election.

"Most of what we do is encourage people to participate and become acquainted with the politicians so they can have some idea who they want for leadership," she said.

Corrine Joyner, co-organizer for the league, said this is a chance for the community to directly ask those running for the positions what they stand for.

"It is much needed because a lot of people don't read and if they come out they can hear first hand what the candidate is going to do or not do," she said.

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SACIS | PATHWAYS TO EMPOWERMENT

New group formed

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

Survivors of sexual assault are sharing their experiences and learning about recovery in the "Pathways to Empowerment" group led by Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services.

Donna Hudson, a counselor for SACIS, said the group has been meeting for 90-minute sessions once per week since February, and the entire program would last eight weeks.

Hudson said each session has a different theme related to recovering from trauma, like learning to trust after being victimized, and members have the opportunity to tell their stories to the group.

"Individual therapy is a great thing for people, but often times survivors of sexual assault do not really have the sense that anybody else can relate to what they're going through," she said.

Motivation to create the group came from the prospect of providing group counseling experience for SACIS's counseling intern and from clients who wanted the opportunity to connect with others, Hudson said.

She said survivors take a risk whenever they mention their assault because of a victim-blaming culture.

"I think part of the reason that a lot of people struggle with it alone is because sometimes when people talk about it to

others, they don't get the support they were looking for," she said.

She said victim-blaming can occur subtly when rape prevention is focused on what women should do differently.

"Rape prevention is men should stop raping women," she said.

Hudson said this is the first survivors' group SACIS has led in a few years, and the counselors plan to offer groups continually throughout the year.

She said groups can contain four to 10 women, but male survivor groups could be started when there is a sufficient number of clients.

"We see male victims here probably more than most people would think," she said. "If it is hard for a woman to say that she has been a victim of sexual assault, you can only imagine how much harder it would be for a man to admit that."

She also said everyone who participates has to go through a screening process to ensure it is a right fit for each individual as well as the group.

Sexual assault can cause feelings of shame, issues with self-esteem and intimacy, anxiety around groups and the need for control, Hudson said.

"There's sometimes a kind of rigidity in the way they lead their lives afterward," she said.

People can choose to take individual counseling, group counseling or both, she said.

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CHARLESTON | PARKS AND RECREATION

Eastern graduate to teach upcycling

By **Dominique DeWeese**
Staff Reporter

Using glue, fabric and scissors, one girl's trash can become another's creative treasure.

The Charleston Parks and Recreation Department is offering the Upcycle It class every week beginning March 25 to April 29.

Stephanie Brown, Eastern alumna and instructor for the class, said she has always enjoyed crafting and said being creative and artistic has always been her thing.

Brown came up with the idea while working with children at the department. She currently teaches gymnastics and pom poms classes to young children involved in after-school clubs.

She said when her students began asking her about crafting, she decided to bring her ideas to life.

Brown said she also enjoys working with people and helping them make use of old or outdated items.

Brown said the inspiration for the class title came from searching the Internet.

"I looked 'upcycle it' up online, and it literally means converting used or useless items into something new and better," she said.

She said recycling is important to the environment and the class will cut down on throwing recyclable and reus-

able items out.

When she started considering ideas for the class, she said she noticed she and her husband threw out a lot of useful things.

She said she watched a video online about how plastics do not break down and animals die from consuming them.

"That made me want to do a day on plastics," Brown said.

She said she plans to teach days where they will reuse items like glass, plastic and old clothing. Brown said she knows old clothing can be turned into cool patterned fabric flowers.

"The fabric of old pillow cases can be turned into purses with great patterns or textures," she said.

Brown said she hopes participants bring in their own materials to make each item unique and a part of the individual who created it. However, she said she will be prepared with extra materials in case anyone forgets to bring items in. There is limited space for those wanting to attend the class, she said.

"You can only spread out so many ways when you are trying to do something hands-on," Brown said.

She said so far mostly young girls and some of their mothers from her classes have signed up. Brown said she hopes more people decide to try their hand at crafting.

The class is open to anyone 10 and older because some of the activities are harder and require basic cut-and-



glue type skills, she said.

However, she said no creativity or particular skills are required because she is willing to step in, help and encourage everyone.

She has had some interest from Eastern sorority members who want to bond and interact in a casual, learning environment, Brown said. The class will cost \$65 a person and each day one material will be used for a project, Brown said.

The class will meet in the Recreation Board Room at City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave. Brown said despite the minimum age requirement, anyone is welcome to join the class.

"The class is for anyone who enjoys taking the old and turning it into something new," she said.

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Hit and run, cannabis reported

- At 4:56 p.m. Monday, Scott Pazda, 23 of Hometown, was arrested by the University Police Department on an in-state warrant for failing to appear for a required court proceeding. He was released at 5:27 p.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond.

- At 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, a hit and run was reported at the Lincoln Stevenson, Douglas parking lot. This incident is under investigation.

- At 4:27 p.m. Tuesday, a cannabis complaint was reported at University Court. This incident was referred to the State's Attorney and the Office of Student Standards.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate passes tobacco resolution

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Student Governance Editor

Student Senate members voted in favor of a resolution to support the current tobacco policies on campus at their meeting Wednesday.

The resolution supports smoking in designated areas around campus but does not support a complete tobacco-free campus.

Jesse Green, a Student Senate member and one of the authors, said the committee made the decision to support the current smoking policy after hearing the different sides and gaging student opinions.

"We met and we talked this through to figure out what could be the best possible approach we could take that would be fair," Green said.

Green said the current policy is fairly accurate in addressing the concerns of the Tobacco Coalition without taking away the right of the smokers.

The policy also addressed some concerns and suggested some improvements, Green said.

Executive Vice President Jarrod Scherle, a business administration graduate student, said all of the students who spoke at the tobacco-free open forum were against going tobacco-free.

"I think the compromise that we have laid out is the best of both sides," Scherle said.

Scherle said he understands why people get worried about their health, but that is why they have the areas.

Scherle said they proposed an increase in designated areas and cigarette receptacles at the areas.

Like the tobacco-free proposal, Green said it would be a soft-nudge approach to enforcing the policy.

"It wasn't in our best interest to recommend enforcement because we will not be the ones enforcing it," Green said.

Scherle said the students should remind others that there are designated areas that they are suppose to smoke in.

"The punishment is bad karma, and the reward is good karma," Scherle said.

He said the policy is making it known that they are expected to smoke in certain areas, but not by issuing fines.

"If you are caught smoking in between smoking receptacles because you are in a hurry to class, well people are just going to think bad thoughts about you," Scherle said. "That is basically the punishment—you're going to be that guy."

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CAMPUS | UNIVERSITY BOARD

Contest reveals talents

Students perform poetry, a capella, rap, hip hop and comedy

By **Bob Galuski**
Entertainment Editor

At the peak of a night brimming with musical lyrics, soulful words and nontraditional dances, one student was named EIU's Rising Star.

Tiarra Webb stepped forward to accept her prize of a \$150 gift card after her performance involving self-written spoken word.

Her performance consisted of lyrics that she wanted to use to get her message across in her spoken word piece, "Yellin'."

Webb performed her piece to the crowd of students packed into the 7th Street Underground Wednesday.

Webb, a freshman kinesiology and sports studies major, said she had been writing poetry since she was 12 and liked to change between poetry and rap, which has evolved into spoken word.

Webb, who goes by the stage name "Mello-T," said she thought she had a chance at winning, despite the majority of contestants being male.

"Rapping and spoken word and all that is a very male-dominant industry," she said.

During the competition, rap songs moved the contest along, with performances by students like Dingana Fokum and Antonio Beverly.

Fokum performed what he described as rapping with hip-hop and a side of pop music.

During his set, he combined several songs including Macklemore's "Thrift Shop."

Fokum said he has been writing, recording and producing his own music since he was a sophomore in high school.

Beverly, a freshman communication studies major, performed his song, "Gotta Get This Money," for the audience.

Although the contest was heavy with songs, there was a combination of genres present.

David Lewis, a freshman kinesiology and sports studies major, performed a capella songs to a cheering crowd.

There were other performances throughout the competition that did not involve singing, including Darnell Tyms, a junior communication studies major, who stepped onto stage in face paint.

"This is going to be a nontraditional dance," he told the audience, just before breaking into a



JACOB SALMICH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shelaina Reid, a sophomore family & consumer sciences major, performs during the University Board talent contest, EIU's Rising Star in 7th Street Underground on Wednesday. Reid took third place in the competition.

fluid, slow-moving dance piece.

Moving across the stage, Tyms went from smooth motions to jagged, sharp twists of his joints.

Anthony Boyd, a senior theatre arts major, also stepped onto the stage to break the line of singers and songwriters.

Boyd performed a comedy routine, which involved describing both a trip to the Wisconsin Dells and a wedding he attended.

During his set he re-enacted a rollercoaster ride to the enjoyment of the audience.

Roaring with laughter, the audience watched as he climbed to the top of the rollercoaster and they laughed out loud as he descended, his eyes bulging out and him screaming the whole way down.

Boyd also made his presence known when he walked on stage by immediately throwing down a notebook.

"Alright, amateur hour is over," he screamed at the audience.

Brittany Staten, a senior sociology major, acted as the University Board's competition's host, replacing American Idol contestant Jackie Tohn.

Staten kept up the banter with the audience, and would also have side conversations with the performers in between their sets.

Staten said she had found out earlier this week that she would be the host.

Even though everyone was competing, some of the contestants did not know that EIU's Rising Star was a competition.

Tre Brown, a sophomore studio art major, said he thought it was just a way for students to showcase their talents.

"At the end of the day, we're all rising stars," Brown said, shrugging.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Safety Walk canceled

The Safety Walk scheduled for Thursday was canceled because the administrator helping with it had other obligations.

Nick Allen, a Student Senate member, said the Safety Walk had to be rescheduled because Dan Nadler, the vice president of student affairs, was double-booked and unavailable to attend the walk.

The new date and time have not been set, Allen said.

African Student Association to host fashion show

The African Student Association will be hosting a fashion show 7 p.m. Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as part of their Africa Week. Tickets for the show are \$10.

Jorjoh Joof, ASA president, said the week gives the group an opportunity to share the passion they have of African culture with the campus and community.

Stephanie Barnes, a fashion coordinator with the association, said the show will be fun as well as educational about Africa.

"People should come out to the fashion show to get a taste of something different," she said. "This fashion show informs people of what they do in different regions, what they wear and what music is being played."

CAA to review budget template

The Council on Academic Affairs will review the template to budget university programs in the Fiscal Year 2014 during its meeting Thursday.

President Bill Perry created the steering committee for program analysis in October and charged the group with creating a template to analyze the productivity, costs and relevance of each university program.

Bill Weber, the vice president for business affairs and president of the committee, will be reviewing the template with council members and asking for feedback.

Stephen Lucas, secondary education professor and the vice chair of CAA, said the template has nothing specifically to do with CAA, but he is interested to hear the presentation and ask questions.

Weber presented the template to Faculty Senate on Tuesday, and the Council on University Planning and Budget is scheduled to review the template on Friday.

According to the committee's website, committee members will be refining the template from March to April, which will include gaining feedback from camps government and open forums and developing a web interface for entering the data.

The website also states the template would be finalized and sent to Perry in May, and the "program heads" would use the template to provide the analyses by August.

There are no items to be acted upon on the council's agenda.

The council will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

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What questions do you want Student Government to ask the candidates for Charleston mayor?

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As the mayor of Charleston, how do you feel the city influences student retention at EIU?

Tyler Phelps



As mayor, how will you bring new businesses and restaurants to Charleston?

Jarrod Scherle

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"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

What do you think the Homecoming theme should be?

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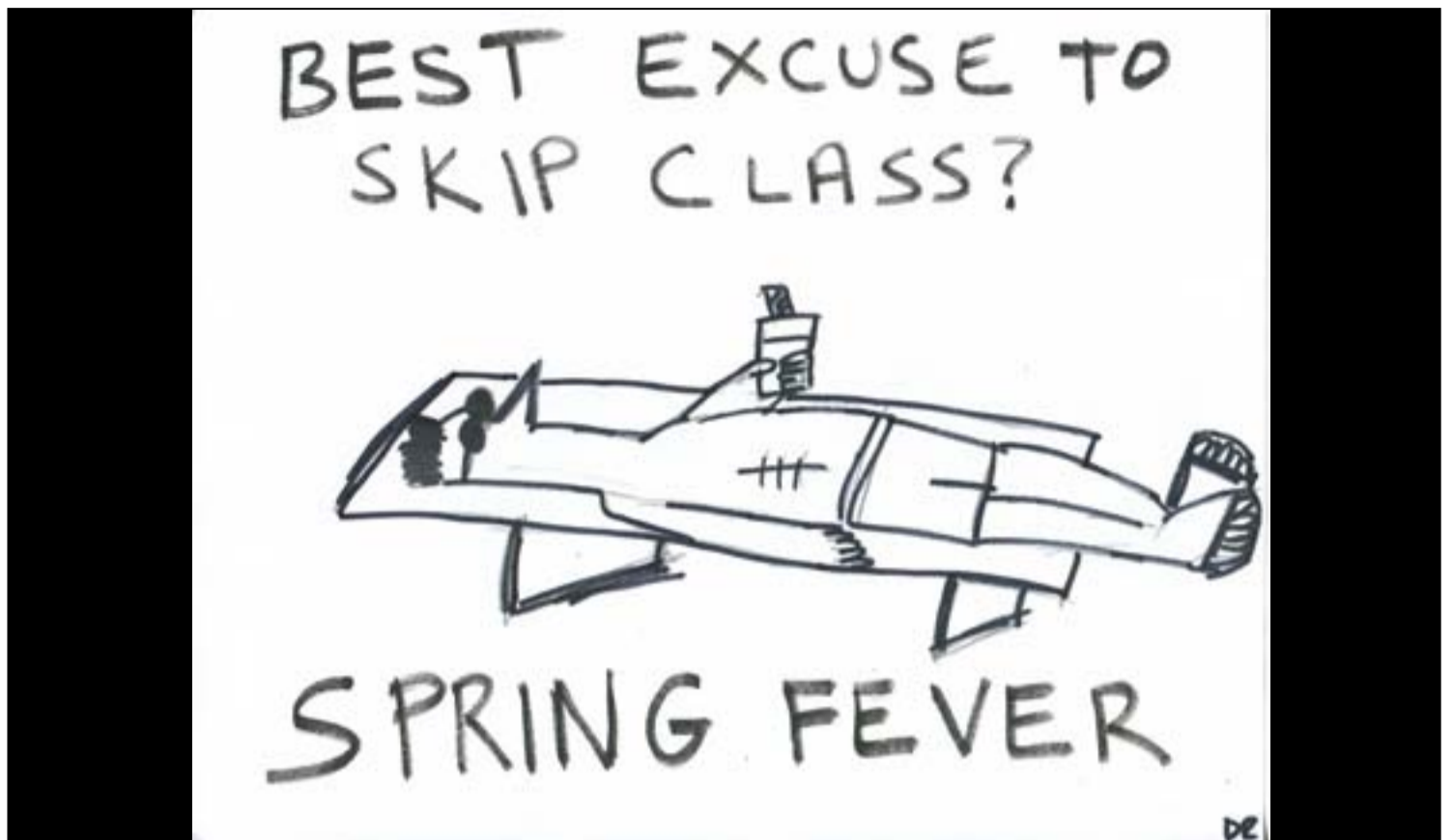
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DOMINIC RENZETTI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

STAFF EDITORIAL

New era of Eastern sports off to hot start

It is been quite the year for Eastern athletics.

We started the year with the football team's resurgence into the top of the Ohio Valley Conference under first year head coach Dino Babers.

We saw the track and field team continue to do what it does best atop the OVC, as well as pole vaulters Mick Viken and Jade Riebold representing the Panthers at the NCAA National meet.

The volleyball and men's basketball teams both found their way back into the OVC tournament.

We also saw the women's basketball team, also under a new head coach, Lee Buchanan, record its first ever postseason win in school history on Wednesday, as well as senior Ta'Kenya Nixon break the all-time scoring record.

It is safe to say that the new era of Panther sports is off to a pretty good start about halfway through its first year.

However, too often, the stands at O'Brien Field or Lantz Arena or wherever the Panthers may be playing, are a bit less than full.

It is too much of a rumor at this school that our sports teams are not up-to-par, but this is far from the truth.

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Eastern athletics are off to a hot start.
- **Stance:** Show these athletes the recognition they deserve by showing your support.

The Panthers are not only at the top in many of the schools sports, but also in the classroom.

After the completion of the winter sports period, Eastern leads the standings for the OVC Commissioner's Cup, which is a symbol of overall athletic excellence in Conference-

sponsored championships.

Volleyball player Stephanie Arnold was named one of the OVC Scholar-Athletes of the Year for 2011-12, which is the highest individual honor that can be earned by OVC student-athletes, and is given annually to three men and three women student-athletes of junior or senior status for their accomplishments in both the classroom and athletic arena, and because of their leadership qualities.

Eastern has had quite a year so far in the world of sports, so show these athletes the recognition they deserve, and come out to a game, match or meet sometime soon. You won't be disappointed.

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

20 years later, Coach V is still around

Today marks the day March Madness begins. Granted, the tournament started on Tuesday, but the real craziness begins today if you have filled out your NCAA bracket.

This tournament marks the 30th anniversary of the 1983 North Carolina State team that won the NCAA National Championship on its Cinderella story.

Now, before you close the newspaper, non-sports fans, I just want to tell you I'm not writing about the tournament.

I'm writing because I believe that everyone should know who coach Jimmy Valvano is, even 30 years later.

Valvano was the coach of the constant underdog in UNC State. He wasn't just a national champion, but he was a decent man.

Valvano was known for his motivational speeches; however, it was one speech that still impacts the lives of Americans to this day.

Valvano was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1992.

On March 3, 1993, Valvano was awarded the Arthur Ashe Courage and Humanitarian Award,



Kyle Daubs

and was to give a speech at the ESPY's.

No one thought, or expected, the legendary coach to give any speech.

Instead, he stumbled up to the podium on the shoulder of longtime broadcaster, Dick Vitale, and in the words of longtime friend, Sonny Vacarro, spoke "words that God have given to him."

Out of the speech, this is still said today:

"To me, there are three things we all should do every day. We should do this every day of our lives. Number one is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought. And number three is, you should have your emotions moved to tears, could be happiness or joy."

He continued, "But think about it. If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special."

Valvano kept making history that night.

Shortly after, Valvano asked for donations for his newly created V Foundation for Cancer Research, a foundation that is viewed widely across the map.

Most importantly, Valvano was a visionary. He was frequently caught saying, "Don't give up. Don't ever give up."

It was used in his pregame speeches, and is the most basic saying of how we should lead our lives.

I don't want to end this with a second grade like conclusion, but these are the reasons I believe everyone should know who Jimmy Valvano is.

There are only a select few that can still make a difference 20-plus years later after they die, and Coach V is still making an impact.

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ENTERTAINMENT | TARBLE ARTS CENTER

Play to focus on relationships, wardrobes

By Jack Sheehan
Staff Reporter

A play dealing with the good, the bad and sometimes ugly aspect of life, relationships and the clothes people wear will be coming to the Tarble Arts Center Friday.

The Charleston Community Theatre's version of "Love, Loss and What I Wore" features 14 local women who play the poignant, funny and sometimes sentimental portrayals of women at all stages of their lives, and the clothes and accessories that took them there, Cathy Sheagren said.

Sheagren, an actress in the play, said the performance will cover topics from wardrobe malfunctions and lucky underwear, to prom dresses, favorite boots and everything in-between.

The recollections about the clothing prompt the women's memories about their mothers, boyfriends, husbands, ex-husbands, sisters and grandchildren, she added.

"Love, Loss and What I Wore" begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Tarble Arts Center.

The show is also running at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students with doors opening 30 minutes prior to curtain for each performance.

Mary Bower, the play's director, said she believes viewers are in for a

treat.

"This show is a staged reading, but these ladies bring energy to the stage that is contagious," Bower said.

Bower said the audience viewing the performance will be able to relate to the play.

"Each audience member will leave with a different experience based on their personal life story," she said. "They may leave with new attitudes and perspectives of things they have or have not experienced."

Sheagren also said she believes that although the premise of the show is quirky, viewers will find familiarity within it.

"The show is a very uplifting and meaningful 90 minutes of personal stories about relationships and clothing. Sounds weird, but it works," Sheagren said.

"Love, Loss and What I Wore" is based on a series of serious and humorous stories written by Ilene Beckerman. Each of the stories are about women's relationships and their wardrobes.

Soon after, the book was turned into a play.

"Everyone will find something familiar in this show. My character tells stories, and as I'm reading my lines, I think to myself that I could be saying some of these words about my own life," Sheagren said.

The cast and Bower have been rehearsing the play since February in preparation for opening night at the Tarble.

"It's been a wonderful time work-



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Cast members of Love, Loss and What I Wore, a production based on the best-seller of Ilene Beckerman, rehearse in the atrium of the Tarble Arts Center. The production will be performed on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

ing with the cast and Mary," said Sheagren. "Love, Loss and What I Wore" is Mary's first directing gig, and she's done a great job getting us ready for opening night on Friday."

Although the play sounds like it appeals to women only, Bower said she is urging men to go watch the show.

"Gentlemen, if you think this show is a 'chick show,' you are so wrong," Bower said.

She also said the play will reveal different outlooks on women.

"You will take away a new understanding of women, an appreciation for women and a vast amount humor and ammunition to tease

the women you love and respect, or maybe the women you just don't get," she said.

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UNIVERSITY | FUNDING

Eastern gives appropriations testimony

By Chacour Koop
Special Projects Reporter

President Bill Perry gave appropriations testimony before the Illinois House and Senate last week, asking for funds equal to the current fiscal year rather than a cut.

In his budget proposal March 6, Gov. Pat Quinn recommended about a 5 percent decrease of \$2.4 million in funds for Eastern next year. He recommended Eastern be appropriated about \$41.6 million for the next fiscal year. Eastern has received \$6.6 million of the \$44 million in appropriated funds for the current fiscal year.

"Given the state's fiscal situation, it is not an unexpected number," said William Weber, vice president of business affairs. "If you look at the proposed budgets for other Illinois universities,

they're all receiving a cut of similar magnitude."

In his testimony, Perry highlighted some practices Eastern has enacted in response to the downturn in the state economy. He noted that since fiscal year 2010, Eastern has decreased its employee headcount by about 5 percent -- which is equal to about 90 full-time positions -- and the hiring freeze for fiscal year 2013 that will cut about \$5 million.

Perry was not available for comment because he will be out of his office until Mar. 25.

Quinn's proposed cut in appropriations matches a trend in less and less appropriated state funds since the 2001-2002 school year. Eastern received about \$55 million that year, which is \$11 million less than this year, and student tuition dollars accounted for about a third of the budget. Now, student tuition dol-

lars account for about 60 percent of the budget, Weber said.

Despite the projected decrease in state dollars, Eastern's board of trustees approved the smallest tuition increase since 1993 at its meeting earlier this month.

Tuition will increase to \$283 per semester hour -- \$4 more than last year's new student rate. A new student enrolled in fall 2013 will pay \$4,245 per semester for four years if he or she is taking 15 semester hours. That is \$60 more than new Eastern students who enrolled in fall 2012.

"We're having to look in our crystal ball when trying to figure out what the state's going to do," said Paul McCann, treasurer and director of business services.

The state legislature will likely vote on the budget proposal at the end of

May before they adjourn, McCann said. He said he expects the appropriated funds will change after political negotiations in Springfield.

McCann said two student fees are scheduled to increase next year, though the board of trustees has not formally approved them yet. The campus improvement fee dedicated to improving science buildings is scheduled to increase \$2.50 per credit hour, and the Lantz and O'Brien building maintenance fee is scheduled to increase \$.50 per credit hour. These two fees combined would add \$45 dollars in fees for a 15-hour student.

Neither Weber or McCann were aware of any other increases at this time.

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» GROUP

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Hudson said group counseling provides a more direct opportunity to impact other survivors.

"Taking a step to be a part of a group that is a healing step for you can be enormously helpful to someone else's journey as well," she said.

Hudson said sexual assault can be a difficult and taboo subject to speak of, so it can be reassuring and freeing to share in a safe environment.

"It's a little bit like, within a safe space, you're stepping out of the shadows," she said.

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- 19 "___ 911!": police series parody
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- 26 Concerto standout
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | SEASON RECAP

Strong finish leads to high expectations

By Anthony Catezone
Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball team did not pay attention to expectations in 2013.

It did not pay attention to adversity either, for that matter.

The Panthers were projected to finish 11th out of 12 teams in the Ohio Valley Conference; they finished as the No. 8 seed in the conference tournament.

Though they suffered a first round loss in the tournament, the Panthers also suffered a 12-game losing streak over two months during the regular-season.

When, in hindsight, junior guard Morris Woods said he would be shocked if someone told him Eastern would end up with a tournament berth.

But Eastern did.

It closed out its 3-16 start with an 8-4 finish in coach Jay Spoonhour's first year.

A dramatic second half to the season quickly ended with a 78-68 loss to Southeast Missouri in the first round.

But for a team that's expectations were so low this preseason, will now likely be much higher next season.

Only three Panthers will be leaving the team because of graduation in guards Austin Akers, Taylor Jones and Malcolm Herron.

Meanwhile, 10 Panthers will return to the team next season, including their top four leading scorers in Woods (11), junior forward Sherman Blanford (10.5), junior forward Josh Piper (10.2) and freshman guard Alex Austin (9.3).

Each of those players shot over 44 percent — the four highest shooting percentages on the team.



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Junior Morris Woods fights for a rebound against junior A.J. Jones of Southeast Missouri in the OVC Tournament. Eastern lost 68-78 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

"I think we have a bright future," Piper said. "We will still have a lot of talent. This team is going to be really good moving forward."

Eastern will also return its top three players among rebounds per game next season in Blanford (6.4), Piper (4.4) and Woods (4.3).

The Panthers, however, will lose the leadership of starters Akers and Jones — especially Akers' NCAA top five assist-

to-turnover ratio (3.08).

But they will have the addition of something they were without this season.

"We have guys coming in next year who couldn't play this year," Piper said. "They will really help us."

The players Piper is alluding to are guard Reggie Smith and guard Dennis Green.

Both were red-shirted this season af-

ter not passing NCAA regulations.

Smith, a UNLV and Marquette transfer, had to sit out this season after the NCAA denied him a second year of transfer without penalty.

As for Green, a freshman guard from the Bronx, was never cleared by the NCAA for academic reasons.

Those two additions and a full off-season of recruiting prove to be an argument for Piper's belief of a bright future

for Eastern Basketball.

Year two under coach Spoonhour has promise — something people thought was nonexistent this year — the only difference is that year one did not have the expectations year two will likely have.

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TENNIS | CANCELLATION

Weather cancels match

Staff Report

With the weekend forecast projecting soggy, cold weather, Eastern decided to revise its Ohio Valley Conference opening schedule.

The men's and women's tennis teams OVC opener against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville has been postponed to a date not yet scheduled.

The Panthers home opener at Darling Courts against Murray State and Austin Peay may also be affected because of the weather.

The forecast for the weekend calls for rain and snow mix with wind gusts.

Eastern has the option to move the OVC opener indoors across state lines.

The Wabash Tennis Center in Terre Haute, Ind. would host the men's and women's tennis matches.

The home matches on Saturday and Sunday against Murray State and Austin Peay are still scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. as the women will begin play first both days with the men following right after.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | WNIT

Nixon leads team to program-defining win

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

A team down on its luck almost two weeks ago made history Wednesday night by beating Missouri in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon was the driving force, setting an all-time record for career points as she caught fire for 27, three points shy of tying her career high.

Nixon led the Panthers to a 60-58 win, sinking a tricky mid-range jumper with 19 seconds left to give her team the winning basket.

The Michigan City, Ind., native officially became the program's all-time leading scorer after scoring her 12th point of the game with 3:13 left in the first half, but she had more to accomplish than just an individual record.

She had everything to do with the victory, scoring nine points and adding two assists during the Eastern women's basketball team's final 17-7 run to end the game.

The final two points of her nine came with 19 seconds left as she gave the Panthers their first lead in nearly 18 minutes.

Eastern coach Lee Buchanan chose to keep the ball in his best player's hands for the final shot, which excited Nixon.

"I looked at Mariah (King, in the huddle) and smiled because everybody in the gym knew I was going to take that shot, I just had to figure out how to do it," Nixon said.

Nixon drove the ball into the right side of the paint. She said she knew the Tigers' defense would jump after her, so she pump-faked a shot, ducked underneath the leaping defenders and made it.

It was sweet revenge for Nixon, who almost two weeks ago missed a game-tying layup as time expired in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament against Tennessee-Martin.

After the conference tournament game, Nixon said she told her teammates, family and friends, "that's just



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Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon goes for the final layup of the game against UT Martin in The Nashville Municipal Auditorium Friday, March 8, 2012. Nixon broke the Eastern record for total career points on Wednesday during the Panthers winning game against Missouri.

how basketball goes," trying to cope with her missed shot.

Twelve days later, Nixon had another chance and converted, and said the Tennessee-Martin game wasn't even in her head.

"I've been put in that position since I've been playing basketball," Nixon said. "Sometimes things don't go your way."

After Nixon made the shot, Missouri still had time try to tie the game.

nied any chance at a pass to the leading 3-point shooter in the nation, Missouri's Morgan Eye.

Second, when Missouri's Sydney Crafton drove the ball baseline to try to get a layup, senior forward Mariah King cut her off, setting the ball loose.

"I bet eight people hit (the ball)," Buchanan said. "Ta'Kenya caught it like a football and was calling a timeout, while falling down."

Nixon said nobody was going to take the ball from her once she had it, even though the clock expired as she hit the floor. She said she would've swatted it out of bounds if she had to, as to keep it away from Missouri players.

"Either I'm going to get it or nobody's going to get it," Nixon said.

Amid her focus on holding onto the ball, the buzzer rang and the game ended — though Nixon said it didn't seem like it.

King was the only player jumping in the air, shouting, "We won," Nixon said. Meanwhile, Nixon was still signaling timeout on the floor.

"That's how focused this team was tonight — a minute after the buzzer rings, we're still playing defense and calling timeout," Nixon said.

Buchanan's team earned the victory, matching everything their Southeastern Conference opponent threw at Eastern, including an early second half burst.

"I knew they were a second half club but didn't tell anybody," Buchanan said.

Missouri made nine of its first 11 shots in the second half, leading to an eight-point lead with 9:38 to play.

The Tigers shot 53.8 percent in the second half, but Eastern one-upped them by shooting 56 percent.

Eastern held the Tigers scoreless in the last 4:18 of the game, and scored eight points itself in the same amount of time.

It was a goal the Panthers set for themselves in September and something they talked about in the locker room, immediately following the OVC tournament loss two weeks ago

— winning a postseason game.

The WNIT selection committee set them up to play Missouri, a team they were confident against having played them each of the last two years (winning in 2010).

"We just kept building momentum every time I would tell them about things (about Missouri)," Buchanan said. "We went into the game really, really confident."

Also, Nixon's 27 points wasn't bad to have either. She had the all-time scoring record in the first half, but didn't get to celebrate until after the game.

She turned her phone on when she got into the locker room after celebrating on the court and she had a missed call from Rachel Galligan, the previous record holder, former assistant coach, mentor, and Nixon's close friend.

"She was ecstatic, excited for me and screaming like she broke the record all over again," Nixon said. "It's just icing on the cake as this year is going on. It's exciting. It's emotional."

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TA'KENYA WATCH
Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon is the new all time scoring leader with 1907 points. She scored 27 points in Wednesday's win over Missouri.

BASEBALL | GAME RECAP

Lineup change sparks 11-7 win against SIU

Players listening to the message

By Aldo Soto
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The Eastern baseball team scored 11 runs in its win against Southern Illinois-Carbondale, tying its highest run output of the season.

Entering the game, Eastern scored 65 runs in its first 17 games, averaging fewer than four runs a game, forcing coach Jim Schmitz.

Coach Jim Schmitz said at the beginning of the season the lineup would not change after the first couple of weekends, but after seeing the same problems with batters, he said changes needed to be made.

"There are various reasons for that but the main problem was striking out about seven times a game and that's more than two innings that you're not putting the ball in play," Schmitz said.

The lineup on Tuesday afternoon against the Salukis featured three new players from the opening day lineup against Texas Southern.

The two main changes were freshman Mitch Gasbarro replacing junior Tyler Schweigert at shortstop and freshman Derek Page taking over right field for junior Cameron Berra.

The third change came as a result of an ankle injury sustained by sophomore left fielder Caleb Howell, which was caused by hitting his ankle from a backswing against Evansville last Tuesday.

Junior Trey Russell, who replaced Howell in the lineup, contributed to the win with two hits and a run scored in Eastern's 11-7 win over Carbondale.

But the Gasbarro and Page insertions came as a direct result of Schweigert and Berra struggling at the plate Schmitz said.

"Tyler Schweigert has really struggled in the strike out department," he said. "Cam Berra; we thought he would be kind of a high average guy about .280-.300, but he's (not hitting)."

Through the first 17 games, Schweigert had a team-high 18 strikeouts, walking three times and Berra had a batting average of .179, going 6-for-39 at the plate with no walks.

Schweigert's replacement Gasbarro was 1-for-5 against the Salukis, but he



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Senior infielder Nathan Sopena bunts against Southern Illinois in Coaches Stadium on Tuesday. The Panthers defeated Southern Illinois 11-7.

reached first base three times on errors. Gasbarro scored two runs, hitting in the No. 2 spot of the lineup.

Schmitz said he had meetings with many players on Monday including senior center fielder Nick Priesman.

Priesman was second on the team

in strikeouts with 17 prior to the Saluki game.

"He's very valuable to our defense, so it's more of we really need (Priesman) to start doing what we have been saying from the beginning," Schmitz said.

Priesman responded with two hits

and two walks.

Schmitz said he was pleased with Priesman's RBI single in the first inning, which was hit between first and second base.

But the win, which broke the Panthers nine-game losing streak, was possible by the performance of senior second baseman Nathan Sopena.

Sopena gave Eastern a seven-run lead in the seventh inning, hitting a three-run home run, putting the Panthers up 10-3, but he later injured his left wrist.

Schmitz said he hopes the injury is not in the hamate bone, which coincidentally was an injury suffered by Eastern's Jordan Kreke on April 10, 2009, in a game against Tennessee-Martin.

Sopena will not play this weekend against Illinois State as a precaution Schmitz said.

Schmitz recently moved Sopena into the leadoff spot and Sopena now leads the team in batting average at .311 after a 1-for-4 day at the plate against Southern Illinois.

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