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UNIVERSITY | ENERGY CENTER

Energy Center depends on bill

New amendment is needed to help administration's ideal construction

By STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO
Staff Repoter

KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Gilbert, a stationary engineer, pulls ash from the ash pit for boiler No. 2 in the lower level of the university power plant on Feb. 11. The plant, built in the 1920s, has been experiencing maintenance problems because of its age and deferred maintenance fees. Gilbert pointed out that among other problems, there is a crack in the foundation on the lower level which allows water to leak in as well as a rusted flash tank that drains and cools steam from the upper level.

The administration is in the process of altering Illinois legislation in order to finance the construction of the Renewable Energy Center.

President Bill Perry said the university has worked with Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, and Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, in amending the Public University Energy Conservation Act.

If passed, the amendment would allow Eastern to forgo the traditional construction bidding process, and allow for quicker and flexible construction, while putting the university in control of construction costs.

"We wouldn't be asking the state for capital money," Perry said. "We wouldn't be asking the students for a fee. That is the value of this."

But many concerns exist with lawmakers in the General Assembly about giving unique access to Eastern with the amendment.

The administration hopes the Illinois Senate will vote on the amendment next week when the Senate reconvenes from Easter recess.

Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs, said the amendment is necessary for a variety of reasons.

Mainly, the current act does not allow a state agency to build a new energy conservation facility. He said the current act allows for repairs to existing energy conservation facilities, such as replacing heating and cooling systems.

If the amendment is approved, McCann said the Capital Development Board, the state entity that typically handles state construction projects, would not be involved in building the center.

He said Eastern and Honeywell International would create conceptual designs of the center. Honeywell would then hire a contactor, who would be in charge of building the design at a fixed cost up front.

This process is called design-build, and McCann said the process is the greatest advantage to constructing the center through the act.

He said with the traditional bidding process, if the architect who controls the design wants to modify the center during construction, the change in order would create additional costs.

But, with design-build, because the contractor is in charge of building the conceptual design, the contractor does not have stringent demands during construction, McCann said.

Some architects are critical of the design-build process because they say it increases costs long-term because of possible modifications to the structure in the future, McCann said.

"We like the design-build because it gives us a little more flexibility on how we go about doing a project," he said. "It allows us to be involved in the project."

With the center expected to be around $40 million to construct, Eastern intends to enter into a guarantee with Honeywell. Because of that, Honeywell would have to ensure the center could generate enough heating and cooling savings for 20 years to allow Eastern to pay off the loan borrowed for construction.

McCann said state appropriations and student fees would still go toward utility costs but not increase, if Honeywell's guarantee proves true.

"It's going to save us enough money by itself to pay for itself," he said.

McCann said that state law makes purchasing contracts last up to 10 years, where as Eastern is looking to enter a contract with Honeywell for 20 years.

The energy conservation act, however, allows purchasing contracts for energy conservation projects, which last up to 20 years, the time length needed for Eastern to pay the loan borrowed for constructing the center.

Perry said the university has entered into these types of agreements before with smaller-scale energy projects, and the company's guarantee has always happened.

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LOCAL | HISTORIC SITE

Lincoln Log Cabin to re-open

Historic site funding reinstated to 11 sites throughout state by Gov. Quinn

By MATT HOPF
News Editor

The Lincoln Log Cabin in Lerna is scheduled to re-open next week.

Site Manager Matthew Mittelstaedt said the historic site would open by April 23.

The site has been closed since Dec. 1, after former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich cut funding to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency during the summer.

Eleven historic sites were closed from the cuts, including four national historic landmarks.

Thirty-three employees were laid off after the closing of the sites.

"We have issued recall notices to all laid-off employees," said David Blanchette, spokesman for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The one full-time worker laid off at the Lincoln Log Cabin was recalled.

"We will hire seasonal staff for the summer," Mittelstaedt said.

Blanchette said the funding to re-open the sites will last through June 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

He said Gov. Pat Quinn is committed to keeping the sites open after the conclusion of the fiscal year.

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CAMPUS | FEATURE PHOTO

CHARLESTON TEA PARTY

KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Holly Rennolds, a Charleston resident, marches with other protesters and their children around noon Wednesday near the Coles County Courthouse. Rennolds and other participants were protesting tax increases they believe to be unnecessary.

UNIVERSITY | LOBBYING

Eastern pays to lobby capitol

By STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO
Staff Reporter

President Bill Perry believes the university should have as much information as possible when it comes to tracking legislation in Springfield.

He said, on a consistent basis, many bills affecting higher education and the operations of state agencies flood the legislature, which makes it difficult for the university to stay informed with the different bills.

"We can't be over there all the time," Perry said.

Because of this influx of legislation, Eastern has a $48,000 annual contract with Governmental Affairs Specialist, Inc., a lobbying firm, of which Loretta Durbin, wife of U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, is a principal partner.

The firm is based in Springfield. Perry said the firm presents issues pertaining to Eastern to legislative staff members and lawmakers.

He said at the beginning of each legislative session Eastern gives the firm an agenda of important legislative items.

Currently, the firm is lobbying for Eastern's amendment to the Public University Energy Conservation Act.

That bill, which is sponsored by Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, would allow Eastern to construct the Renewable Energy Center without the use of the Illinois Capital Development Board.

With the university enduring tight financial times, Perry said paying the lobbying firm is a necessity, while at campus, certain faculty and staff positions are not being filled because of scarce state appropriations.

He said paying a staff member to lobby in Springfield would be more costly because of living and housing costs.

"If we are going to continue to serve the students, faculty and staff, we need to be as effective as we can in terms of our dealings with the General Assembly," Perry said. "We found this to be an efficient and cost-effective way to do that. I don't see any particular reason to change."

Aside from lobbying specific bills, the firm promotes Eastern's mission and communicates with legislators on the House and Senate higher education appropriations committees.

The firm also coordinates with campus officials about institutional positions in response to legislative action.

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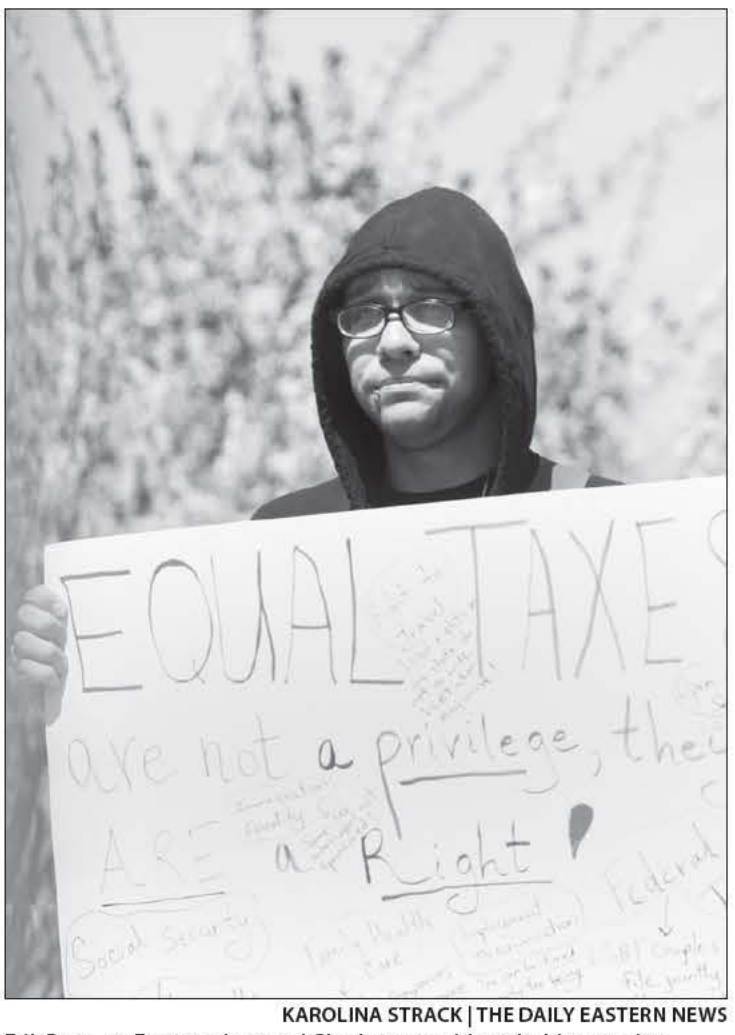
WEATHER BRIEF

Warm up expected through the weekend. Mostly sunny skies today and partly cloudy tomorrow. Expect a slight chance of precipitation on Saturday. Thunderstorms and showers are likely on Sunday.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at *www.eiu.edu/~weather*

LOCAL | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Protest for equal taxes



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Erik Rose, an Eastern alum and Charleston resident, holds up a sign outside the Charleston Post Office Wednesday afternoon in protest of equal tax rights for homosexual couples. The protest was put on by the Coles County Minority Affairs Coalition to raise awareness about the discrepancy between rights heterosexual couples receive through tax laws, versus homosexual couples' rights.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Texas elementary school gets noise citation

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A fed-up Texas homeowner has gotten a noise citation issued against his neighbor – an elementary school.

Police in suburban Universal City say they had to issue the citation after Butch Armstrong complained about the noise coming from Olympia Elementary School during the school's Family Fitness Day on March 20.

Principal Terri LeBleu says the school had already built a fence, removed loudspeakers and installed noise-reducing backing on basketball goals in response to Armstrong's previous complaints.

According to a police report, Armstrong told an officer that "police, fire, ambulances and the (Air Force) training jets are not unreasonable, but the noise coming from the elementary school was."

A court date for the citation has been set for May 12.

Mich. farmer gets aww!-some shock in 5-lamb birth

VEVAY TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A Michigan farmer whose ewe gave birth to twins found himself carefully counting sheep when he later discovered three more lambs.

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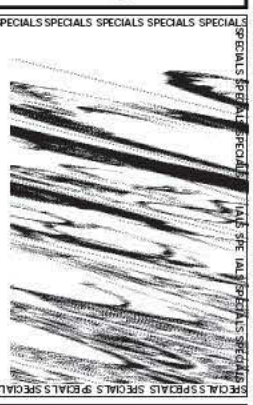

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CAMPUS | FUNDING

Scholarships suffer losses

Capital campaign moves slowly

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

Eastern, like the national economy, is facing fiscal difficulties as state and federal aid is undecided and the Eastern endowment, a fund that supports student scholarships, has decreased significantly.

Because of the financial instability caused by the decreasing endowment, scholarships have been directly affected. Specific information on the number of dollars each scholarship has lost has not been released.

The Eastern Illinois University Foundation lost more than 26 percent of its value during the course of 2008. It ended the year with a market value of about $32 million, down from about $45.6 million.

"2008 has been an extremely difficult year for the financial markets with nearly every asset category in decline," said Karla Evans, director of philanthropy. "Most everyone has felt the impact in their personal portfolios, as we have here at the EIU Foundation."

The loss has led to several scholarships decreasing their funds or being unavailable altogether. Evans explained that the scholarships are held to a spending policy that requires each fund to pay the endowment 4.25 percent of their earnings that year.

If a fund cannot support this balance, the fund must pay the actual earnings of the year and students lose the scholarship.

"Because our scholarship payouts are determined on a 12-quarter rolling average, the impact of a few bad quarters will continue to play out for the next few years," she said.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said that other in-house scholarships are also affected.

Scholarships that are granted from Eastern operating funds are not affected by the endowment, but as the budget decreases from losses of state and federal aid, they become "distressed."

The administration and the Office of Philanthropy have been working on a national campaign to raise capital with a goal of more than $40 million.

This campaign is targeting move than 70,000 alumni for donations across the country, which will replenish funds in different aspects of the university.

"One of the focuses of the campaign will be support for students," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. "This will translate to more scholarship dollars for our students each year."

Evans explained that it will also be divided among teaching and research aid, university programs and capital projects, or the building of new and remodeling of existing facilities.

She said the money raised would be donated in "outright cash, endowment gifts, as well as deferred giving through the future fund."

Lord said that campaign focuses on the "generosity of our donors."

"We want them to have a clear understanding of how their dollars are invested and how the current economic environment impacts their gifts," he said. "Some donors will choose to supplement their endowment earnings with an outright cash gift paid directly to the student. Others will prefer that in time the market conditions improve and their endowed fund gains."

However, this campaign has had a "slow start" because of the economic recession. There is an uncertainty about whether the campaign will meet its goal, so the administration is advising students to be prepared.

"The economic climate is affecting the university and the extent of the 'help' it can provide students," Lord said. "At the same time, the economic climate is affecting students and their families' ability to meet the costs of college attendance.

"Those seeking financial aid need to be very timely in getting all their necessary paperwork into the financial aid office. Being early will be a powerful virtue in these challenging times."

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BRICKS BREAK BARRIERS

ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Daniel Paquin, a senior English major, paints a brick for the Writing on the Wall event, run by the Residence Hall Association Wednesday afternoon in the Library Quad. The bricks, which participants painted offensive "words of hate" on, will be stacked up into a wall and then broken down next week.

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— Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs

Tips for online scholarship searching

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

As in-house scholarships become more competitive and lessen their awards, students may be looking for outside scholarships to help supplement their finances for their time at Eastern.

With the help of Jone Zieren, director of financial aid, here is a list of Web resources for outside scholarship searches:

1) State Higher Education Agency and federal searches: This Web site gives information about state aid, such as scholarship and grant programs as well as student loans.

The federal link allows students to search for scholarships for free under the safety of the Federal Trade Commission.

2) AmeriCorps: This Web site has applications for full-time scholarships awarded for community service.

They are given to students and graduates to pay for tuition or student loans.

3) Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship: This scholarship is given to students with high academic achievement such as high GPAs and honors course work.

4) Internet sites: Sites like Fastweb.com, Scholarships.com, Students.gov, Fedmoney.org and Apps.collegeboard.com all have servers that link you to scholarships.

Some, like Fastweb, allow you to curb the results to find scholarships that specifically pertain to you and your major. Do not pay for the information.

Go to Google and search "scholarships and grants."

5) Local Business and Unions: Companies around town may offer scholarships for students who go to the schools in the area. Unions, like the faculty unions and other labor organizations, also have scholarships available.

To find these takes calling around to the businesses or unions.

Ask if they have one and how you can apply.

6) Outside organizations: Religious organizations, foundations and cause groups, fraternities and sororities and Charleston area clubs offer scholarships. Groups like the YMCA, Lion's Club, and others all distribute financial aid to students.

Ask if they have one and how you can apply.

For more information go to www.students.gov. This Web site offers first-hand accounts from students who have had success in fiscal planning for college.

Visit www.ftc.gov/scholarship-scams if you are skeptical of a scholarship you find online.

Eastern also has a scholarship search site, which can be located by searching scholarships in the search bar on the university's homepage.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Asian heritage month events continue

As part of Asian Heritage Month, "Learn Chinese America" and "Study Abroad in China" will take place at 3 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Middle Eastern Dance: Learn to Belly Dance" will also be presented as part of heritage month. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the South McAfee Gymnasium. Aliyah Abir will be the presenter.

EIU Pink Panthers to host auditions

The EIU Pink Panther Dance Team will have auditions Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Student Recreation Center.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. Friday in Lantz Arena's main hallway.

All incoming freshmen, transfer and current students with jazz, lyrical, kick and hip-hop dance experience are encouraged to audition.

The cost is $25.

More information about auditions can be found at http://www.eiu.edu/~eiupinks. Contact Lisa Dallas at lmdallas@eiu.edu or 581-3716 with any questions.

Theatre to perform comedic musical

Charleston Alley Theatre presents "The Fantasticks" opening this weekend.

"The Fantasticks" is a musical about two young lovers, their meddling fathers, bandits, abductions, sword fights and more.

"The Fantasticks" opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Additional performances are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Monday, and April 24, 25 and 27, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday and April 26.

Tickets are $10 and are available by calling 345-2287 or one hour before curtain at the theater, located on 718 Monroe Ave.

For more information, visit www.charlestonalleytheatre.com.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz.

ON CAMPUS

TODAY

Annual Library Book Sale
Time | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location | North Entrance of Booth Library
More info | Proceeds from the sale will be used to enhance library programs and services

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In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Will Kendall's name was misspelled.

The DEN regrets the error.

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Networking and the real world

Buzzwords.

They're as ubiquitous on college campuses as beer breakfasts and "wear a condom" fliers.

Most are easy to ignore, but one buzzword burrows deep in my stomach each time I hear it: networking.

This morning, I got two e-mails announcing opportunities to "network with potential employers."

I hate networking. More specifically, I hate the word "networking" and the concept it represents.

I bet if I use the word "networking" enough in this column, you'll hate it too.

Networking, networking, networking… see what I mean?

When I was a senior in high school, our teachers sent us off to college fairs to network with representatives of colleges and universities.

As a freshman, I recall professors promoting social events, concerts and lectures on campus as chances to network.

In the intervening three years, I have heard professors, counselors and friends suggest I network with a slew of other notable people whose names I have since forgotten.

I have been directed to career fairs, registered student organizations, alumni and professionals in my field and an endless train of others with whom to network.

Although I've been to plenty of those events and met plenty of those people, I have never (knowingly) networked.

I don't network. My family and friends don't either. We meet people and we enjoy doing so.

And we do something that networking precludes: We make friends.

But successful people, whether in public office or business, must network, weighing the potential benefit of each person they meet.

That's why President Eisenhower said, "If you want a friend in Washington, D.C., get a dog."

That's probably also why President Obama and his family bought their new Portuguese water dog.

The president can befriend his new dog, but probably cannot befriend the Congressmen, Senators and cabinet members with whom he networks.

Federal investigators say former Gov. Rod Blagojevich networked extensively, building short-lived, quid pro quo friendships.

So did investor Bernie Madoff, who gave his clients the illusion of financial security in exchange for their faith and funds.

Both men gained money and fame through a life of networking. Both men have also been indicted and publicly humiliated in the past four months.

And both have been abandoned by most of the people with whom they networked with in the first place.

Meanwhile, in my 20 networking-free years, I have gained countless friends with whom I spend time, whom I appreciate and yes, love.

In fact, a few of us are going out this weekend. Maybe you'll see us around town. Come talk to us. We can network.

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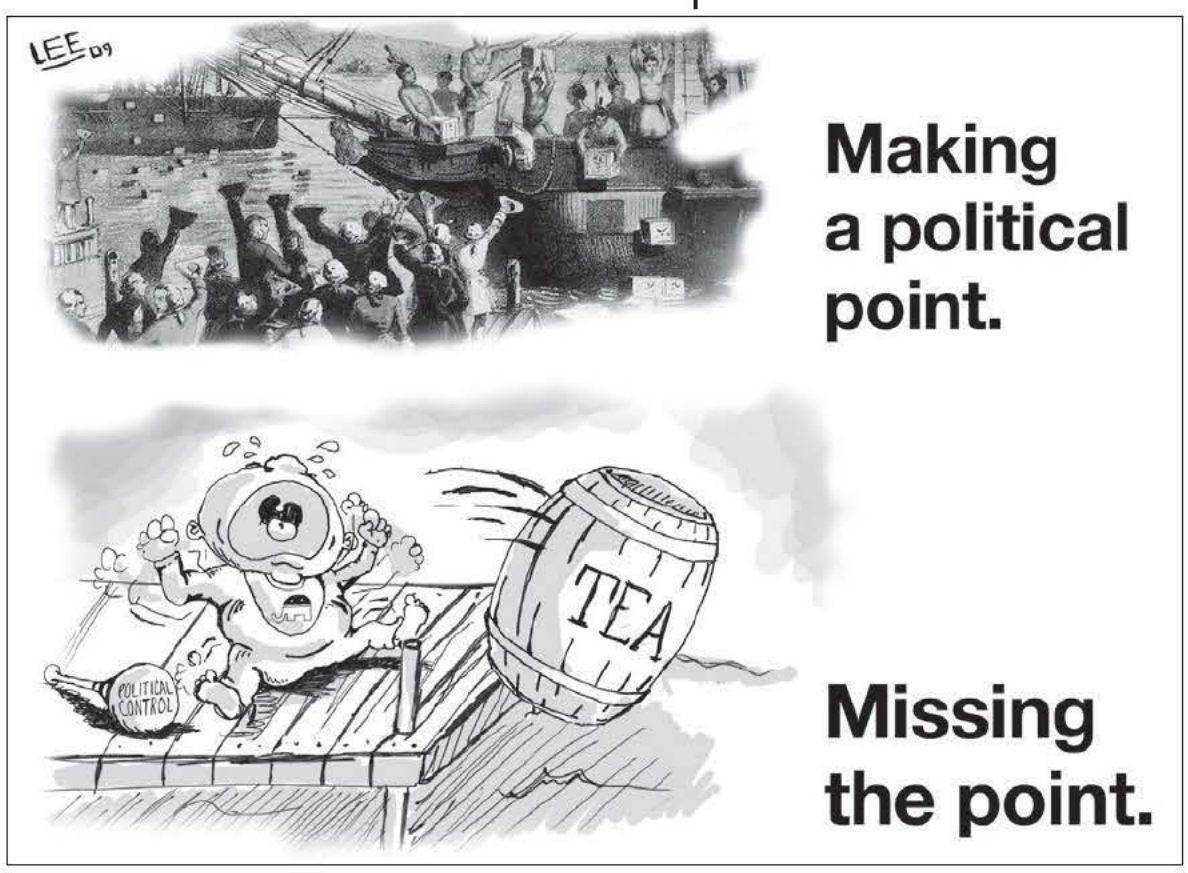

STAFF EDITORIAL

Student Senate should keep diversity requirement

Diversity is something that's celebrated in American culture.

Children and adults alike are both encouraged to explore and respect others' cultures and to hold them in high regards to their own. To make a conscious effort to pursue the knowledge of another culture is left entirely up to the individual based on how one will apply that knowledge in day-to-day life.

Politicians are especially held to a high standard of cultural sensitivity; a racist remark or an unwitting ethnic slur can kill a politician's career and blacklist the individual forever.

So it's understandable if Student Senate required its members to have some semblance of cultural awareness on Eastern's campus.

However, for the third time this semester, Student Senate decided to reconsider rewording the bylaw that requires its members to meet certain diversity requirements.

As it was, the Student Senate bylaws stated, "All senators are required to participate in a selected event, program, or meeting that promotes diversity on campus."

The bylaws further provided three options for senate members, including but not limited to, planning events that promote diversity on campus or in the community, or attending "at least two … or more diverse forums as deemed appropriate by the diversity affairs chair."

In February, senate members expressed frustration with the wording, particularly "diversity."

In an article published on Feb. 4, senate member Mark Olendzki called it "a matter of clearing things up."

"The problem is that the word is open to interpretation," Olendzki said.

But that's where the issue laid for the senate, encouraging the need for a bylaw change that would get senate members more involved with the student body.

"As it was, the Student Senate bylaws stated, 'All senators are required to participate in a selected event, program, or meeting that promotes diversity on campus.'"

Olendzki, along with Tiffany Turner, vice president for business affairs, headed a bylaw change that would require Student Senate members to "facilitate or help plan a (an) event or program that promotes of the EIU/Charleston community."

The vote passed through the senate with 18 yes, three no and three abstentions.

By eliminating options such as simply attending events, the bylaw change now requires senate members to participate more in the campus community, developing stronger bonds with their constituents.

By the penalty of a given senate member's vote carrying no worth, senate members must fulfill the stated requirements.

This is a positive move for the Student Senate, one which Olendzki and Turner should be applauded for authoring and getting through the senate.

The new requirements provide each member with valuable cultural and ethnic insight that can be applied to the campus and the community.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VEGETARIAN DIET INFO WAS MISLEADING

Once again it is no surprise to me when I see how poorly *The DEN* does its research.

It is extremely discouraging to see an article that backhands the vegetarian lifestyle, especially one that has such little evidence to support its argument.

A person may switch to a vegetarian diet with much ease, and the fact that both sides of the equation are not presented results in an imbalance of information.

I am horrified to read at how misinformed Ms. Allen is, and, as a lacto-ovo vegetarian, I can safely say I receive all of my proper nutrients without taking a supplemental vitamin (many of which, in fact, contain some sort of animal product).

The information Ms. Allen quoted is outdated, and it was the common belief of those not willing to believe that humans can live on little or no animal products.

And as a side note, many EIU vegetarians choose to stay away from the dining centers, because there is an inadequate supply of the nutritious food needed for a body.

This is a problem others and I have been trying to fix for many years, but once again intolerance prevails.

In summation, those who want to become a vegetarian are not the only ones who should do more research on the matter.

Devin Taylor
Senior English major

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The educational center and the gift shop stand empty and without tourists at the Lincoln Log Cabin historical site in Lerna on March 13 after it was closed down because of a budget cut. The center is still accessible to the public and will be re-opened on April 23.

» Lincoln

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Blagojevich announced on Aug. 28 that the historic sites would close after he slashed the budget for those sites in half in an effort to fix the state budget.

Lincoln Log Cabin will be open seven days a week May 1 through Labor Day, and Wednesday through Sunday the remainder of the year.

The living history program will begin soon after the re-opening.

"Our living history program won't begin until the first of May," Mittelstaedt said.

He said an exhibit on the process of hand weaving would open on May 9.

Visitors to the site can also tour the log cabin of Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas Lincoln, and his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, which looks like it did in the 1840s.

Lincoln was a lawyer by that time, so he did not live on the site.

"Our living history program won't begin until the first of May."

— Matthew Mittelstaedt, site manager of Lincoln Log Cabin

He did visit when traveling between Paris and Shelbyville while on the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Also located at the site is the Sargent farm.

The farm was the home of Stephen Sargent and his wife, Nancy Chenoweth Harlan, who built a timber-frame house unlike the log cabin of the Lincolns.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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» Construction

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McCann said construction completion is another advantage with Eastern wanting to abandon the traditional bidding process and Capital Development Board.

He said Eastern officials have estimated construction to be completed in 18 months with the design-build process, opposed to three years with CDB controlling construction.

"We control the speed," McCann said about why construction would be quicker.

But all of these intricacies with Eastern and Honeywell cannot happen unless the amendment to the energy conservation act is passed.

McCann said the current act, which includes the design-build process and the 20-year purchasing contract, only applies to repairs to existing energy conservation facilities, not the construction of a new facility.

He said from conservations with Springfield lawmakers, the act was designed that way to ensure public universities were not abusing the broad power of the law to create facilities that were not intended to conserve energy, such as a sports stadium.

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— President Bill Perry

Because of this, many concerns exist with lawmakers in Springfield about the amendment, with Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, having the most concerns.

McCann said Madigan's primary concern is making sure Honeywell comes through on their guarantee.

He said Madigan wanted Honeywell to promise an agreement, similar to an insurance policy. Honeywell has agreed, McCann said.

Another concern is making sure Eastern pays prevailing wage to construction workers, who are supported by various labor unions.

Prevailing wage exists to ensure that state agencies are paying comparable wages for construction workers in the area.

For example, Eastern would pay plumbers the same wages plumbers make in east-central Illinois.

Perry said Eastern has always done this and will continue to do this in the future.

The final concern is that the amendment would allow other state agencies to manipulate the act to build new facilities and label them as energy conservation projects.

To address that, Righter, who sponsored the bill, labeled the amendment as a pilot project for Eastern's Renewable Energy Center, with the possibility of the amendment expanding if the project goes well.

"In trying to get this pilot project approved, we are educating, letting people know the details and the benefits," Perry said.

If constructed, the center will replace the steam plant, which is operating on 1928 technology. Construction of the center was announced in November, but the administration retracted the announcement, citing the economy as a reason not to proceed with construction.

McCann said he believes the Senate needs to approve the amendment by the end of the month; otherwise, the bill dies.

If the Senate approves it, the administration is hoping the House sends the amendment to committee for review and then moves it to the floor for a vote.

Perry said if the amendment is denied, Eastern will have to look at different funding options, which could include asking for state money or increasing student fees.

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» Lobby

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The firm can set up meetings for Eastern's administration with lawmakers, legislative staff members and the staff members of the governor, Perry said.

"We try to work through (Jill Nilsen) for communications with them and Rep. (Chapin) Rose and Sen. Righter," he said. "We want to make sure we have a coherent message."

Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said when the Board of Trustees was created by the legislature in 1995, Eastern hired a staff member to serve as a legislative liaison in Springfield.

When the staff member left in December 1997, the university asked a government affairs specialist to assume the member's job responsibilities for a semester, she said.

"GASI worked so well the university and were so thorough in their approach to the legislative process that we extended the contract," Nilsen said.

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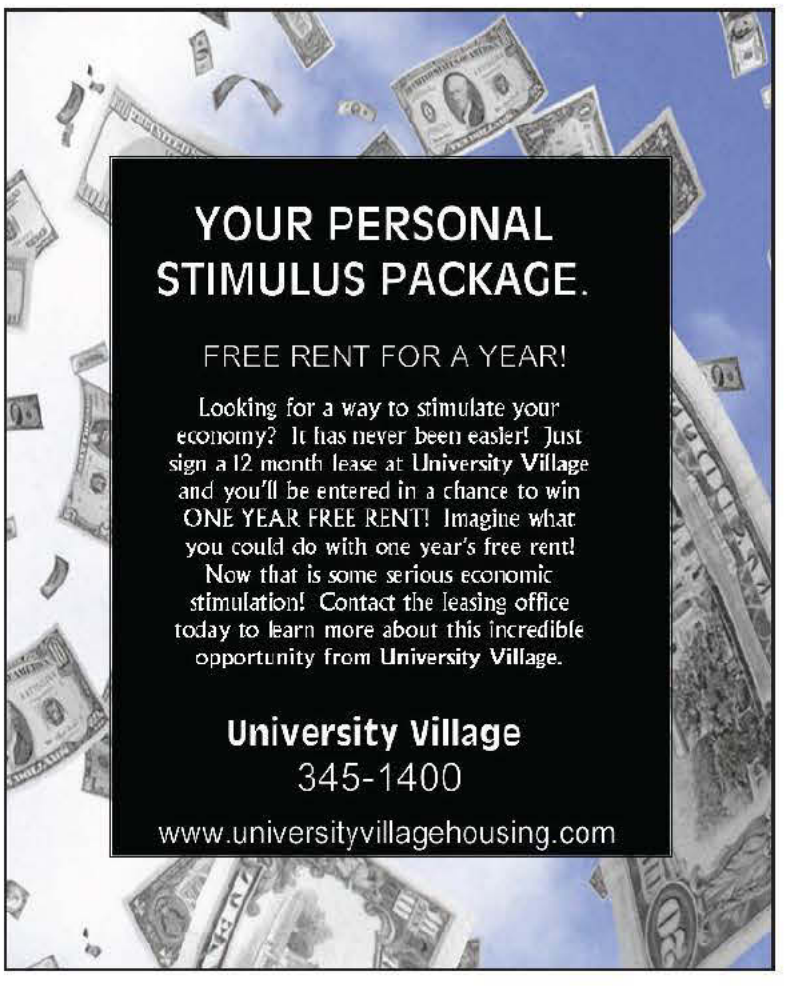

CAMPUS | SENATE

State Sen. Righter visits Student Senate

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, spoke to Student Senate about the Renewable Energy Center state bill at Wednesday night's meeting.

The bill would allow funding to be used at Eastern for the Renewable Energy Center. The bill could supply $40 million of the $60 million needed for the center.

Righter said he was optimistic about the bill passing through the State Senate by Thursday, but is cautious about how the House of Representatives will vote.

"We're asking for a green light from Springfield, and even though we are not asking for money, we still need 'grass-root' support from the students," Righter said. "We need to run all the way through the tape and get this done."

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, has worked extensively with other members of the Student Senate to make the state representatives aware of the importance of this bill being passed for the university.

The members of Student Senate, along with help from other students, have written 800 letters to the representatives in Springfield to voice the importance of voting in favor of this bill.

Wilber said he is excited with this number, but he said he has a goal set for at least 1,000 letters to be sent out.

"I think that (Righter) coming and talking to us about how we can really get involved shows they realize this thing isn't going to get done without us," Wilber said.

Both Righter and Wilber encouraged students to contact their representative to voice their concern for this bill.

The bylaw change regarding the Student Senate diversity requirement was approved with a vote of 18-3-3 after being tabled for two weeks.

Student Senate member Isaac Sandidge, who was against the original bylaw change, spoke openly for this bill during Wednesday's meeting.

"My big concern with the bylaw change was that they completely omitted the diversity requirement, now they have edited it and actually changed it back to what it was last year," Sandidge said.

In other business, Student Senate passed four bills, in which two were emergency legislations.

The first was a bill for Panther Service Day T-shirts, which will be given to participants at the event on April 25. The bill passed 21-0-0 for $800 to pay for the shirts. The expected cost may come to $1,200, but the Department of Student Community Service has agreed to pay for the difference in the cost.

The second emergency legislation was a bill for the Student Senate Inauguration, which set the location in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This bill passed with a vote of 20-0-2.

The Live Line Demo bill was also passed with a vote of 18-0-3. This was to release the funding to pay for the Live Line Demo, which took place April 7.

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CAMPUS | GROUPS

NRHH proud of its top leaders

Organization serves its campus community

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Members of the National Residence Hall Honorary service organization are considered to be in the top 1 percent of campus leaders, and set out to make residence halls a better place to live.

NRHH President Hannah Plevka said the organization responds to four pillars that all members are recommended to embody.

"They are leadership, recognition, scholarship and service," said the senior journalism major. "We look for people to join our organization who have embodied those characteristics."

Plevka said her leadership roles started when she got involved in her various residence halls.

"I started out as a hall council member in Carman Hall, and last year I was secretary for RHA," she said. "I have also been a desk assistant, a job through housing and a conference assistant."

During the academic school year, the NRHH organization sponsors many events and programs throughout the campus community.

Plevka said the service organization has been in charge of the recycling process throughout campus.

"Twice a week, we pick up cans and bottles in the residence halls," she said.

The organization also sponsors "Can Warz and Bottle Battlz," a contest to see which residence hall can recycle the most in a month.

Plevka said the NRHH has also been responsible for breast cancer awareness month in October.

"We raised over $4,000 for Mills Breast Cancer Institute in Urbana by selling T-shirts and having a dunk tank," she said.

The organization also conducts fundraisers for scholarships.

"We are raising money for the (Residence Hall Association) scholarships with events such as 'Pie your RA and executive board member,'" she said.

The four scholarships recognize outstanding students who have contributed to their campus community through housing programs.

The NRHH has also co-sponsored events such as the "Beyond Words: Museum of Oppression 2009" and Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation for childhood cancer.

Plevka said students interested in becoming inducted into NRHH should first become involved in their various residence halls.

"It would really help if they start getting involved in their residence hall such as going to the RHA meeting," she said. "They can always talk to their hall director."

Plevka said usually every year in January, the organization sends out letters to the residence hall directors and leaders on campus.

"We give them a definition of NRHH, and then they are nominated," she said. "We ask them a couple of questions and then they have to fill out an application."

Plevka said the organization could acquire up to 1 percent of the campus population when the time comes to induct members.

"This is about 30 members a year," she said. "This year we have inducted 19 members."

Plevka said several benefits come from being a member of the NRHH.

"It is a personal honor to be in the organization," she said. "You get to meet so many new people."

Plevka said being a part of the organization has been awarding.

"It has been an experience for me. Being president, I could help other leaders on campus and watch them grow," she said.

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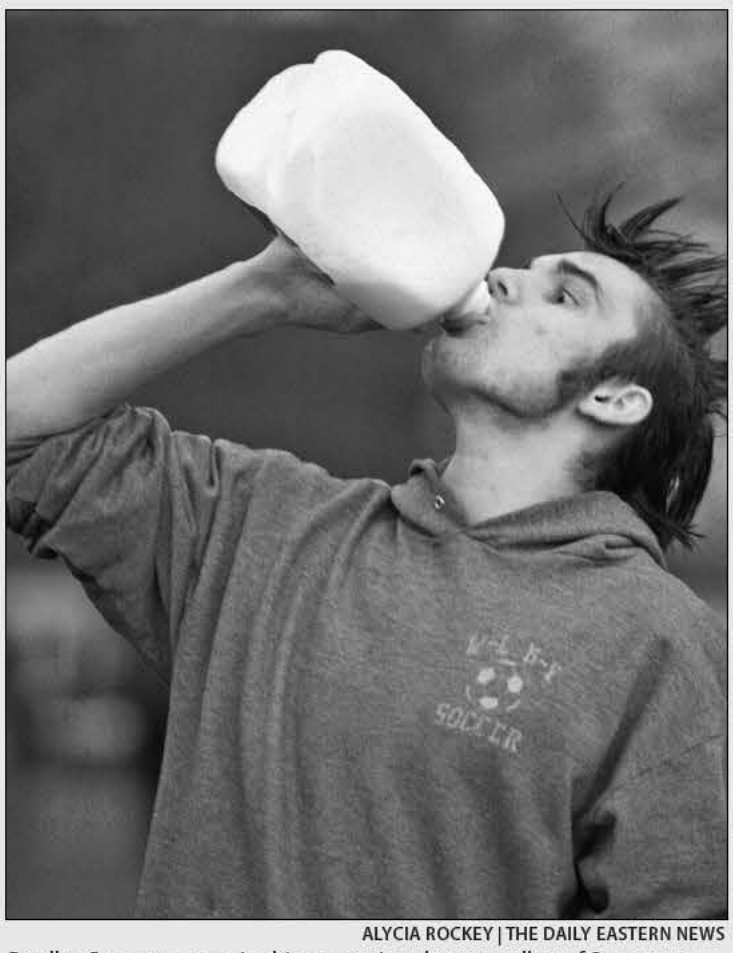

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Bradley Bowman, a senior history major, chugs a gallon of 2 percent milk during the fifth annual milk chugging event at Eastern organized by Nate Atkinson, a graduate student of business administration. "People say it can't be done," Atkinson said. "This is proof it can be done."

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Former Ill. governor wants to join reality TV

SPRINGFIELD — Just when you thought the saga of ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich couldn't get any stranger, it has.

Blagojevich wants to star on the NBC reality show "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!" — a program similar to "Survivor" in which contestants will be plopped down in the Costa Rican jungle to perform sweaty physical tasks, scheme to avoid elimination and throw tantrums for the camera.

Dam threatened, residents evacuate town

KATHRYN, N.D. — Residents of this tiny community cleared out Wednesday as water spilled over a nearby dam and began eroding it, while officials in the larger town of Valley City to the north urged thousands of people to evacuate from their homes because of a flooding threat that could persist for weeks.

NATION | PROTESTS

Thousands stage 'tea parties'

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Whipped up by conservative commentators and bloggers, tens of thousands of protesters staged "tea parties" around the country Wednesday to tap into the collective angst stirred up by a bad economy, government spending and bailouts.

The rallies were directed at President Barack Obama's new administration on a symbolic day: the deadline to file income taxes. Protesters even threw what appeared to be a box of tea bags toward the White House, causing a brief lockdown at the compound.

Shouts rang out from Kentucky, which just passed tax increases on cigarettes and alcohol, to Salt Lake City, where many in the crowd booed Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman for accepting about $1.5 billion in stimulus money.

"Frankly, I'm mad as hell," said businessman Doug Burnett at a rally at the Iowa Capitol, where many of the about 1,000 people wore red shirts declaring "revolution is brewing." Burnett added: "This country has been on a spending spree for decades, a spending spree we can't afford."

In Boston, a few hundred protesters gathered on the Boston Common — a short distance from the original Tea Party — some dressed in Revolutionary garb and carrying signs that said "Barney Frank, Bernie Madoff: And the Difference Is?" and "D.C.: District of Communism."

In Atlanta, thousands of people were expected to gather on the steps of the Capitol, where Fox News Channel conservative pundit Sean Hannity was set to broadcast his show Wednesday night.

The tea parties were promoted by FreedomWorks, a conservative nonprofit advocacy group based in Washington and led by former Republican House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, who is now a lobbyist.

Organizers said the movement developed organically through online social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter and through exposure on Fox News.

While FreedomWorks insisted the rallies were nonpartisan, they have been seized on by many prominent Republicans who view them as a promising way for the party to reclaim its momentum.

"All you have to be is a mildly awake Republican candidate for office to get in front of that parade," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform.

The movement attracted some Republicans considering 2012 presidential bids.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich planned to address a tea party in a New York City park Wednesday night. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal sent an e-mail to his supporters, letting them know about tea parties throughout the state. South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford planned to attend two tea parties.

"There is no such thing as so-called free money and that includes stimulus," Sanford told several thousand people outside the statehouse in Columbia, S.C. "Paying down debt is an old American theme and never a bad thing."

There were several small counter-protests, including one that drew about a dozen people at Fountain Square in Cincinnati.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Most-wanted Colombian drug lord caught

BOGOTA, Columbia — Colombia's most wanted drug lord was cowering like a dog under a palm tree when he was captured Wednesday in a jungle raid involving hundreds of police officers, the defense minister said.

Rendon Herrera allegedly commanded hundreds of armed men in a private militia and directed a criminal organization that sent hundreds of tons of cocaine to the U.S.

US Army soldier convicted of Iraq deaths

VILSECK, Germany — A U.S. Army soldier was convicted Wednesday of murder in the execution-style slayings of four bound and blindfolded Iraqi detainees.

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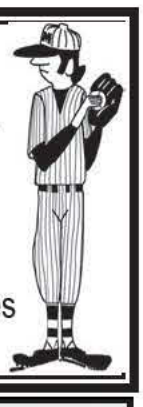

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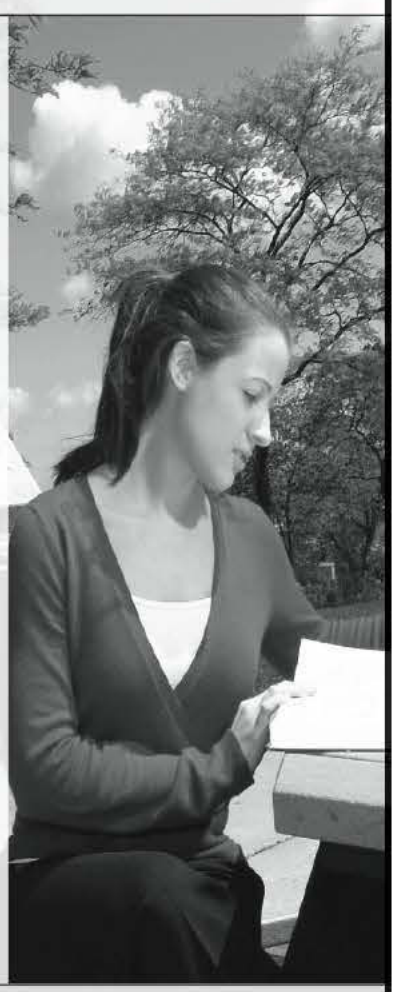

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» Blackburn

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"The first home run they threw me a slider, back door and the second one was a fastball up and in and I just turned on it," Thyer said.

Blackburn College (10-13) scored two runs in the sixth off a home run by junior third baseman Adam Cadle, but Eastern combined for eight runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh for the home victory.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said he was happy with his team's performance, especially since a lot of players got to play.

"This is why we play these midweek games we get to play a lot of people," Schmitz said. "We looked sharp pitching-wise."

Eastern's next game will be at 1 p.m. Saturday when they host Jacksonville State for a doubleheader at Coaches Stadium.

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» Odom

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He is taking 15 credits this semester and will take 12 credits in the fall.

Odom said he will most likely be red-shirted next season, but he thinks this is a good move for him.

"It means that I will have five years to play four, which will give me a chance to work on my master's degree," Odom said. "It will give me a chance to work for a year-and-a-half before ever playing in a game situation."

Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said Eastern has not had a player enroll early in a number of years, but it helps out both the player and the coaching staff.

"The first semester can be rough on freshmen because you're in a new situation and you have to deal with schoolwork and football," Bellantoni said. "He will definitely be ahead of every other freshman in terms of experience on the football field, friends and with the playbook."

Odom said the transition of style of play from the high school game to the college game has been different, but his teammates have helped him.

"The players on the team have been great," Odom said. "They are very helpful and have been there to help me whether it be with technique, the playbook or even homework."

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NOMMENSEN TO FIND OUT MORE FRIDAY

Senior center fielder Brett Nommensen missed his fourth consecutive game Wednesday with an injured wrist.

Nommensen said he had tests done on the wrist before Wednesday's 24-4 victory over Blackburn College and won't know the extent of the injury until likely Friday.

"Right now I'm hearing some stuff, but we're not 100 percent sure what's going on," he said."

Nommensen felt a pop in his wrist during his second at-bat in Friday's victory over Tennessee Martin. He made contact with the ball and ended up with a double, but couldn't feel his wrist when he got to second and had to exit.

Senior Ryan Lindquist has been starting in Nommensen's place in center field. He went 4-for-6 with four RBIs and three runs scored in Wednesday's victory over Blackburn.

—Compiled by Assistant Sports Editor Collin Whitchurch.

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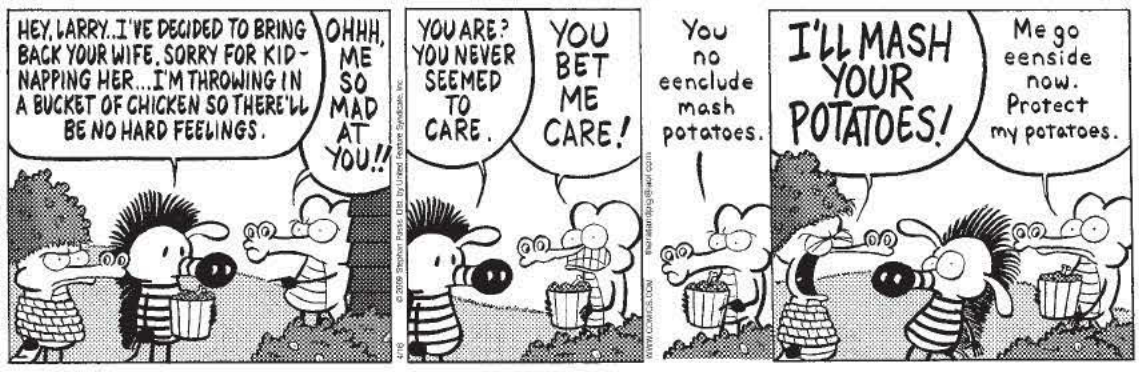

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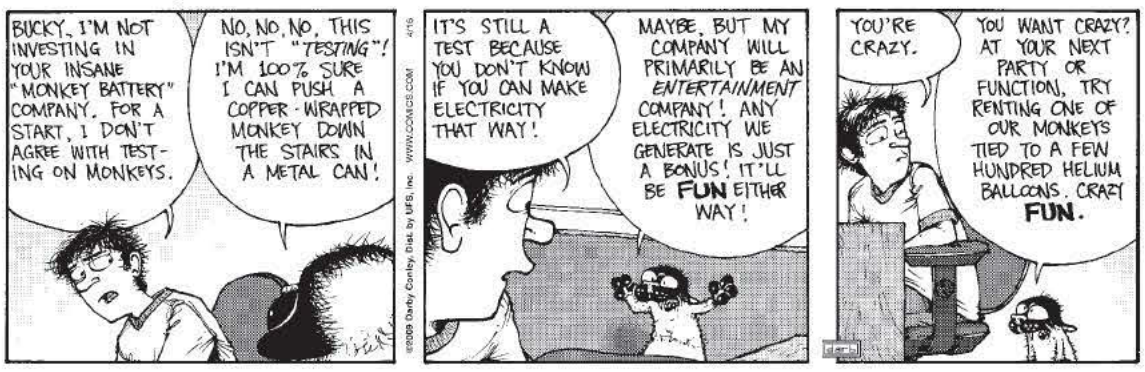

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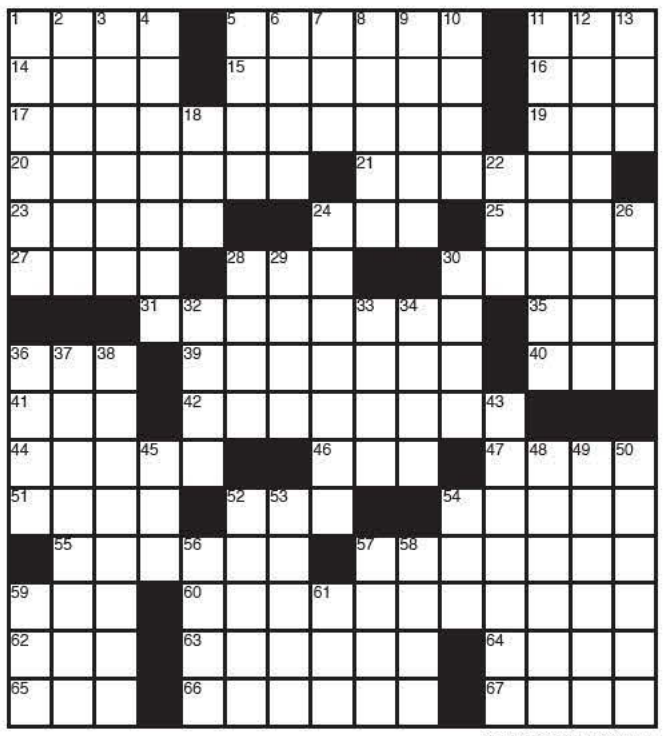

PUZZLE BY DAVID CHAPUS

ACROSS

1 Result of some oil deposits
5 X
11 Drain
14 Certain cable, informally
15 Provincial capital in NW Spain
16 Pres. initials
17 Classic Cadillacs
19 Cry when seeing something for the first time
20 Positive aspects
21 Total
23 Hard fats
24 Ones making snap decisions?
25 Passed quickly
27 Item of sports equipment approximately 43" long
28 The Sun Devils, for short
30 "Mr." whose first name is Quincy
31 Chili accompaniment, often
35 Slip
36 Bygone flier, for short
39 Street sign … or a hint to this puzzle's theme
40 ___-eyed
41 "Por ___ Cabeza" (tango song)
42 Incendiary
44 Like humans and ostriches
46 Ohio governor Strickland
47 One-eyed god of myth
51 Fruit waste
52 Paris's Rue ___ Croix de la Bretonnerie: Abbr.
54 ___-Roman
55 Cold and damp
57 Mountain climbing hazard
59 Doo-wop syllable
60 Batman, with "The"
62 Essential
63 Earthen pots for liquids
64 Big name in '50s TV
65 Fingers
66 Naughty
67 Scraps

DOWN

1 Point a finger at, say
2 Confine
3 Sartre novel, with "La"
4 Hastens
5 Quiet fishing spot
6 Company started in 1946 at the Detroit and Miami airports
7 Scratch
8 Red carpet wa ker
9 Shangri-las
10 Out the window
11 Like a saber
12 North Carolina county seat
13 Educ. group
18 Mad workers, for short
22 1992 top 10 hit "Life ___ Highway"
24 Companion of Panza
26 Knight time?
28 Tiger or Twin, briefly
29 Censors have them: Abbr.
30 E-mails: Abbr.
32 "Be ___!"
33 Last digit in a price, often
34 British author Bagnold
36 Benchwarmers
37 Sang
38 Features of many Olympic broadcasts
43 British fighter plane
45 G.P.'s grp.
48 More like a doornail?
49 Superlatively slippery
50 Frank who wrote "The Pit," 1903
52 Ingratiating behavior
53 Prepared, as a report
54 Dogfaces
56 Turn-of-the-century year in King John's reign
57 ___ chic
58 "That's enough out of you!"
59 What people who head for the hills do?
61 Popular TV drama set in Las Vegas

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ALL ACCESS WITH MEGAN GINGERICH

Eastern freshman track star Megan Gingerich loves to run and has excelled in track this year. Staff Reporter Richard Morse sat down with her to discuss her love of competing in athletics.

You played basketball and volleyball as well in high school. How did you keep balance?

It was tough. Obviously, it's really time consuming going from one sport to the next. I went to a smaller school so that kind of helped because everyone cooperated with each other as far as a scheduling. It was hard with school and everything, but it definitely helped me learn a lot of responsibility for now being at college and being a student athlete. It was hard, but I liked it. I knew I wanted to do it and I had to keep my grades up.

How much did that experience help you make the transition to college?

I had pretty hard classes in high school, and I had to keep my grades up. So it definitely helped me learn responsibility with classes. I feel like it helped me a lot, my schedule now is crazier than it was in high school, so it has definitely helped me.

You red-shirted your freshman year. What's the best advice you can give to incoming freshman student athletes?

As far as running goes, it's not as different as you think it's going to be. You may have been the top runner in your high school, but that doesn't necessarily mean you will be in college. That doesn't mean you won't eventually work up to that. Everyone thinks athletics is so much bigger. It's a bigger stage, but the competition is the same. You may run into some amazing athletes from Big Ten schools, but for the most part these are the same people you ran against in high school. Just put in the hard work and good things will come.

You run cross country and track. Which do you prefer?

I never ran cross country in high school because I played volleyball, so coming to college and being thrown into cross country was a new experience to me. Distance running in general is just a whole new thing for me, but my roommate Caitlin Napoleoni was a distance runner in high school, so we've talked a lot about it. It is a lot different, but I've learned to love it. I'm definitely more of a track person, but I appreciated cross country.

What is your favorite track event?

The (steeplechase). I definitely like watching the (steeplechase) here in college. That and the (800-meter run), since I run it, I like to watch how other people run it.

What has been the greatest benefit you have gained from running?

Especially with distance running now, it's taught me a lot more discipline. You have to get your mileage in, especially during the season. Going out on a six-mile run for me, it's tough for me, discipline on the days we don't have practice. I think anything you learn in sports transfers over into real life situations. So it has helped me out in classes.

If you had to choose between volleyball and basketball, track is out of the question, what would you be playing in college right now?

Basketball, definitely. I almost went to a smaller school so I could run and play basketball. I miss basketball a lot.

What is your favorite thing about Eastern?

I would say the campus and the campus community. I came from a small school, a small town, so I knew I didn't want to go to a huge university. It's definitely got a small-campus vibe. Every day I see people I know on campus. It's nice to see familiar faces and feel like your part of a community.

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Freshman runner Megan Gingerich finished third in the high jump competition at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships. She competes in numerous track events.

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TOP CAT | DEMARCUS BROOKS

Another freshman in the mix

Brooks earns OVC Athlete of the Week

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

Despite freshman DeMarcus Brooks' strong performance at the Western Illinois Lee Calhoun Invitational, there still remains the perception Brooks is in the shadow of fellow red-shirt freshman Zye Boey.

Boey currently ranks fourth on the Eastern career list in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.33 seconds, while also placing fifth on the career list with another personal best time of 20.92 in the 200-meter dash.

Adding to the overshadowing perception, Brooks ranks fifth on the Eastern career list in the 100-meter dash at 10.36. He also ranks sixth on the Eastern career list in the 200-meter dash at 21.11, which he did at the EIU Big Blue Classic on April 4.

While Brooks ranks behind Boey in these events, he does not feel he is outshined by the performances of Boey.

"I'm happy with the way things are going," Brooks said. "As long as the team is winning and me and Zye keep pushing each other, that's all that matters."

Brooks won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes at the Western Illinois Lee Calhoun Invitational in Macomb. Brooks posted winning times of 10.56 and 21.34 in the 100-meter and 200-meter, respectively. He won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes at the Indiana State Invitational.

Brooks said more than anything he is pleased with the way he and Boey have been able to push each other to be better.

"If I don't come in first place, then I hope he comes in first place," Brooks said. "I'm happy with the situation because I know that we are both making each other better runners."

Boey agreed both runners are constantly pushing each other to improve their sprinting skills.

"If he sees me making some little mistakes, he will try and critique it and I try to do the same for him," Boey said. "Overall, he makes me want to run harder and continue to improve as a runner."

Boey said not only is Brooks strong in the individual competitions, but he also does well in the relay competitions.

"We haven't yet qualified for regionals as a relay team, but to have me and him running two and three in relays, we can really use our speed," Boey said.

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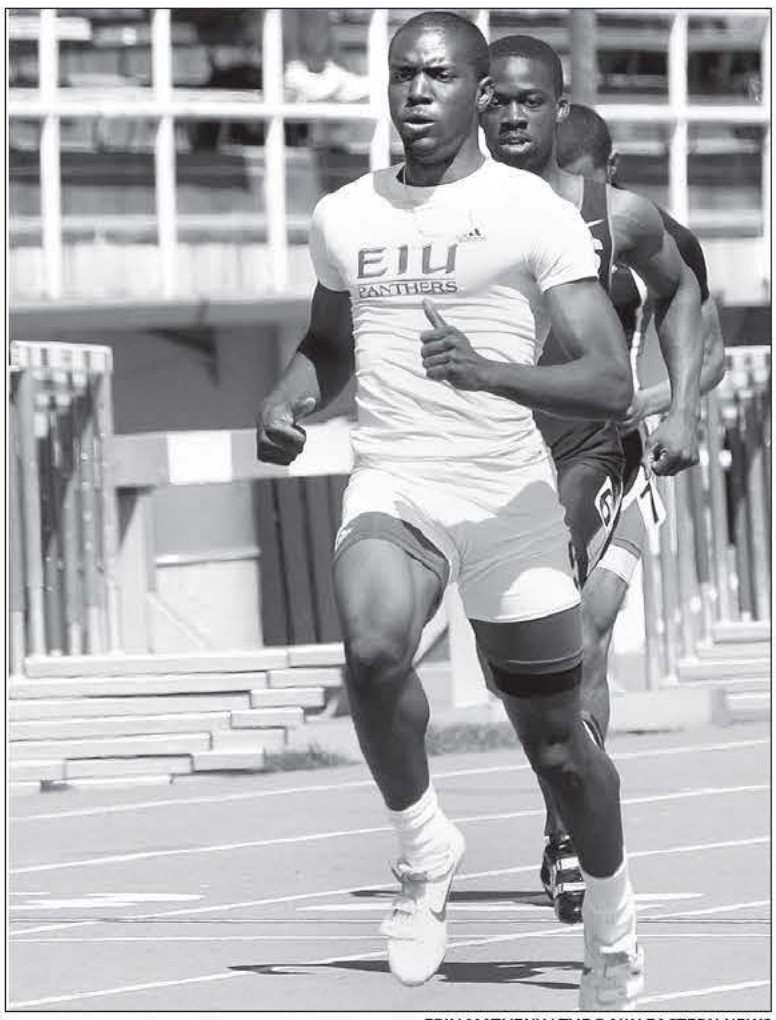
DEMARCUS BROOKS

Top Cat is a weekly feature that showcases one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the top player and moments from the sporting event.



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Freshman DeMarcus Brooks competes at the Big Blue Classic.

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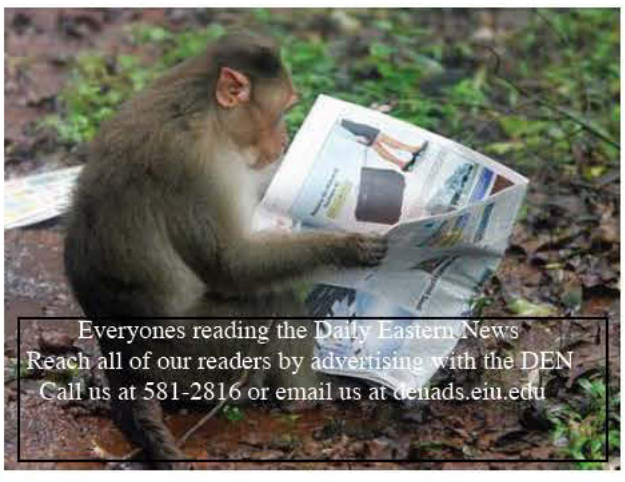

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 24, BLACKBURN COLLEGE 4

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Sophomore shortstop Cam Strang throws the ball to second base during Wednesday's 24-4 victory over Blackburn College at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers host Ohio Valley Conference favorite Jacksonville State Saturday and Sunday at Coaches Stadium.

Low-level Blackburn no problem

Eleven-run first inning keys blowout victory

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Senior third baseman Jordan Tokarz hit two first inning two-run home runs as the Eastern baseball team extended its home winning streak to nine games with a 24-4 win against Division-III Blackburn College Wednesday at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers trailed 2-0 after the top half of the first inning after Blackburn sophomore first baseman Josh Holman hit a two-run single after three walks, but Eastern responded with 11 runs to put the game out of reach early.

After Tokarz's first home run, senior second baseman Zach Skidmore went yard to extend Eastern's lead to 3-2.

The runs kept coming as senior center fielder Ryan Lindquist hit a two-run, ground-rule double with the bases loaded.

Freshman third baseman Zach Borenstein had an RBI on a fielder's choice and Tokarz hit his second home run of the inning. Junior designated hitter Richie Derbak and junior right fielder Chris Ulrey, knocked in the final runs of the inning.

Tokarz said they were just throwing him fastballs and he took advantage of it.

"We come out here in these midweek games, and we have to get some work done," he said. "We have some people that are kind of hurt right now so a lot of bench guys came in and hit the ball."

The Panthers (26-6) added one more in the second, but opened it up again in the third with four runs with a two-run RBI double by Ulrey and a two-run home run by sophomore catcher Bart Thyer.

Thyer went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two home runs.

He said he cannot remember the last time he hit two home runs in one game, but this was the first time he did it in college.

» SEE **BLACKBURN**, PAGE **9**

NOMMENSEN OUT AGAIN

Senior center fielder Brett Nommensen missed his fourth consecutive game Wednesday. See page 9 for details.

FOOTBALL | FRESHMAN SPOTLIGHT

Early enrollment benefits Odom

Freshman joined team after early graduation

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Eastern freshman defensive tackle Jake Odom ended his high school season at Lakota West High School, in West Chester, Ohio, on Oct. 24 with a 20-19 win against Lakota East.

Only six months later, Odom is playing against what he calls "full-grown men" more than 230 miles away from his home everyday in practice with the Eastern football team.

After graduating after the fall semester from high school, Odom enrolled early at Eastern to start school and prepare for the upcoming football season.

He said he loves the adjustment and spring football has been one of the most fun experiences of his life.

"I have always been a guy that I go to wherever the best opportunity is for me," Odom said. "Whether I have to go away from home, it's where the best opportunity is."

He said he realized when he was done with football in high school that he could graduate, so it would be a good idea to enroll early.

So far, Odom said he has adjusted well to life in college.

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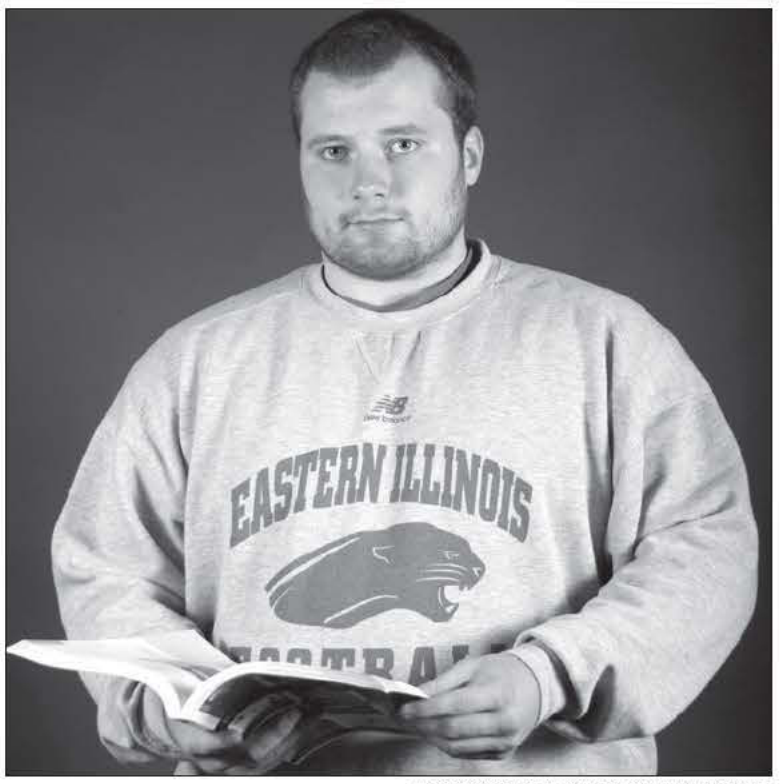

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Jake Odom graduated from high school in December. The freshman defensive tackle is currently participating in spring practice.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Brooks earns OVC honor

Eastern freshman DeMarcus Brooks picked up another Ohio Valley Conference Male Track Athlete of the Week award this week.

Brooks won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes as Eastern won the team title at the Lee Calhoun Memorial in Macomb.

He posted a winning time of 10.54 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 21.49 in the 200-meter dash.

Additionally, Brooks was a member of the winning 400-meter relay team that posted a season best 41.30 seconds.

This is Brooks' second honor this season as Male Track Athlete of the Week.

He has already hit the NCAA regional qualifying time in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

Golfer signs with Eastern

Emily Calhoon, an Effingham St. Anthony High School senior, will play golf at Eastern next season.

Calhoon signed her National Letter of Intent the other day, according to the *Effingham Daily News*.

Calhoon led the Bulldogs to a Class A State girl's golf title by finishing sixth at the state meet.

The Bulldogs also won a state title during her junior year as Calhoon finished 18th.

Calhoon joins former teammates, including red-shirt junior Katie Imburgia and freshman Kathryn Koester.

Eastern grad named head coach

John Marsaglia, an Eastern grad and former Eastern baseball player, has been named the head softball coach at Lincoln Land Community College, according to the *State Journal-Register*.

Marsaglia is a Springfield Lanphier graduate.

He earned a master's degree from Illinois-Springfield and is taking classes at Southern Illinois Carbondale to earn his doctorate.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S TENNIS	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	TRACK & FIELD
Friday vs. Murray State	**Friday vs. Tennessee Tech**	**Saturday vs. Jacksonville State (DH)**	**Saturday vs. Morehead State (DH)**	**Saturday at Memphis Invite**
10 a.m. – Paducah, Ky.	2 p.m. – Paducah, Ky.	1 p.m. – Coaches Stadium	1 p.m. – Williams Field	All Day – Memphis, Tenn.