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ALUMNI

From star athlete to star pilot

Eastern alum leaves his mark on history

By Samantha McDaniel & Amy Wywialowski
Activities Editor & Staff Reporter

From Eastern to the army to the history books, Charles B. Hall has become a notable figure in history.

Known as the first African American pilot credited with shooting down an enemy plane during World War II, Hall was also a star at Eastern for his two years in school.

Hall attended Eastern in 1938-1939 where he was known for playing football and being a pleasant guy.

Doug Lawhead, a professor at Eastern, has done extensive research on Hall's history while he was building a model of Hall's plane.

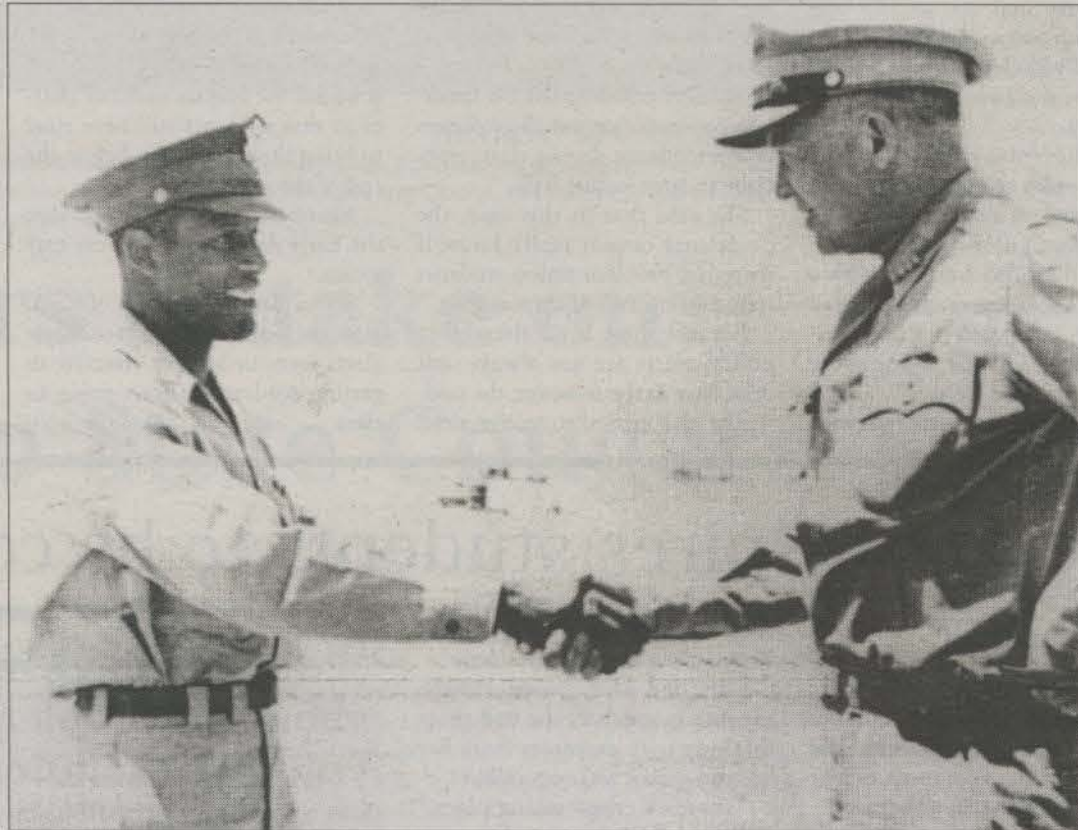
"I always wondered, 'why did he come here (to Eastern)?" Lawhead said. "Then I remember Harry Sockler's first coaching job was in Brazil, (Ind.), where Hall attended high school."

Sockler was the coach with the most wins in Illinois High School Association history, as well as an Eastern alum.

Lawhead called Sockler, an old friend to see if Sockler was the reason Hall came to Eastern. At the time, Charles Lantz, who Lantz Arena is named after, was the football coach at Eastern.

"Harry told me 'I brought (Hall) over and showed him to Lantz, they never used him as much as I thought they should have,'" Lawhead said.

Hall began his time at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in the fall of 1938 as a physical educa-



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Capt. Charles B. Hall, left, is congratulated by Gen. Dwight D Eisenhower for his Distinguished Flying Cross award for his accomplishments with the Tuskegee Airmen, the first all-African American group of fighter pilots during World War II.

tion major and a zoology minor on an athletic scholarship.

Along with football, Hall also ran track and lettered in both sports his sophomore year.

Due to racial relations of the time, Hall was not allowed to live on campus so he lived with the local African American barber who lived on First Street.

Hall also had a part-time job at an eatery called "The Little Campus" which was located where "Ike's" is currently located.

Howard Skidmore, of Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif., said he met Hall in 1938 and attended the university with him for two and a half years before Hall left to join the military.

"He was one of five colored students on a campus of 1,070," Skidmore said. "He was a football and track star. He was a nice fellow and I enjoyed talking with him."

Skidmore said he did not see Hall again after he left school.

"I did not see him after he

joined the service and I joined the Navy services," Skidmore said.

Another Eastern alum, Maxine Frame, 307 Lincoln Highway Rd in Charleston, said she was good friends with Hall.

"He was a wonderful man, I liked him very much," Frame said. "I was not in class with him, but we knew each other and we were really good friends."

Frame said Hall was always a happy person.

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BLOOMBERG INSTITUTE

Eastern to provide Bloomberg Test in fall

By Samantha Bilharz
Managing Editor

Eastern was selected by the Bloomberg Institute as one of the first universities in the country to provide students with the opportunity to take the Bloomberg Test.

The Bloomberg Test (also known as the BAT) will be available to Eastern students in fall 2012.

It tests student's ability in financial topics and a general aptitude of skills. The test covers 11 different subject matters such as: economics, investment management, investment banking and financial markets, among many other subjects.

Jesus Diaz, the director of University Operations in the Americas for the Bloomberg Institute, describes the test as "essentially a financial IQ test."

The test is three-hours long, consists of 150 multiple choice questions and is open to students who are pursuing a career in finance.

"The test was established because there was a dramatic need to help them (employers) find students at universities across the globe who had an interest in career finance," Diaz said.

After students take the test their score goes into the employer database where employers are actively querying the database to see who they want to hire. Students who have a high score on the test will go to the top of employer's search lists.

"Students find out that there is a test that allows them to get in front of thousands of employers and you can imagine they get really excited about that," Diaz said.

In order to provide the Bloomberg Test to colleges, the Bloomberg Institute came up with a compellation of the top 300 universities that meet high academic standards, have strong programs in business, economics and liberal arts. The Bloomberg Institute also incorporated universities into the list that employers were inquiring.

"Eastern was one of the universities employers were asking about," Diaz said.

Other colleges in Illinois that also offer the Bloomberg Test are: the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, DePaul University, the University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University, Northern Illinois University and The Illinois Institute of Technology.

Diaz said the Bloomberg Test was formed in Sept. 2010 and since then the Bloomberg Institute has had 27,000 students take the test at 468 universities around the world.

Diaz said once students take the test they are connected to more than 13,000 employers.

The Bloomberg Test is free and students can retake the test as many times as they want.

"Employers from different walks of life and different industries are reaching out to students who may have never thought that type of company would be interested in them, that's the really interesting dynamic we are seeing every day," Diaz said.

CAMPUS

'Dedicated' employee dies in car crash

Staff Report

An Eastern employee was killed Tuesday after a two-car accident at Fox Ridge State Park.

Gregory C. Boyd, 62, of Stoy, Ill., was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 130 when his pickup truck crossed the northbound lane hitting another vehicle.

Boyd's pick-up truck burst into flames and was fully engulfed by the time emergency officers arrived, according to press release from the Coles County Sheriff's Office.

The other driver William R. Rayne, 53, of Tolono, was transported to the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill.

Boyd was the environmental control supervisor at Eastern for several years.

David Crockett, associate director of maintenance and operations for Facilities Planning and Management, said Boyd served as a subforeman in the Environmental Controls department of FPM for several years.

"He was very dedicated," Crockett said. "He was one of those guys always at work whether he felt well or not. He was dependable and well liked by everyone."

Boyd has been working at Eastern for 20 years.

"Boyd was a family guy and loved race cars and working on cars. That was one of his big hobbies," Crockett said. "It was a pretty big shock and it's been tough for everyone."

The visitation will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday at First Christian Church in

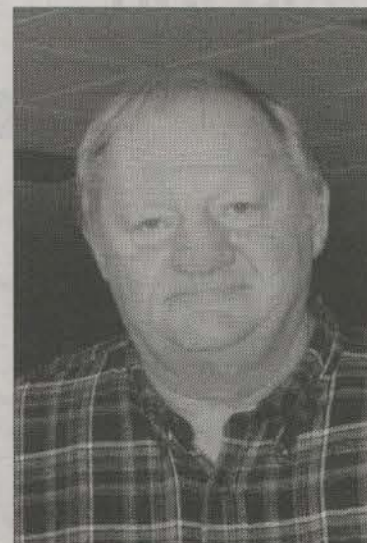
Oblong, Ill, while the funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Pastor Joe Latson and Bro. Dee Wolfe will be officiating.

Boyd was born in Lawrence, Ill. on May 25, 1949 to father, Carl Edward Boyd and mother, Shirley Ann Boyd.

He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Mills, two sons and daughters-in-law, Rob and Jenni Boyd and John and Amanda Boyd; two daughters and sons-in-law Kim and Aaron Hooper and Cydni and Jay Lewis. Also he is survived by seven grandchildren and a brother, Jeff Boyd.

Memorials will be donated to the Oblong Sports Booster Club or the Booth Library at Eastern in envelopes at the church during the visitation and service or may be mailed



GREGORY C. BOYD

to Pulliam Funeral Home at P.O. Box 121, Oblong, Ill. 62449.

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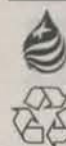
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COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Council analyzes early alert system

By Piper Black
Staff Reporter

The Council on Academic Affairs analyzed how many students benefited from the Early Alert System at its meeting Thursday.

Karla Sanders presented the statistics of the Early Alert System during the meeting.

The Early Alert System is where professors can send in an alert through WebCT if a student is not doing well in the classroom regarding attendance and assignments.

The alert is then sent to the student as well as a member of the Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE).

In the Fall 2011 semester, 852 alerts were sent out to 585 students, Sanders said. Students either received alerts from multiple classes, or multiple alerts from the same class.

Statistics from the fall semester also showed a correlation between the number of alerts sent out and the students' GPAs, Sanders said.

A total of 240 students with a GPA of 2.0 or less received at least one alert, compared to the 18 students with a GPA of 3.5 or above who also received alerts.

Resident Assistants are informed

if one of their students received an alert. It is then their responsibility to talk to their residents about the issues that they are having in class, she said.

RAs said that the feedback from their residents varies from students not opening their doors and talking about it, to students who are willing to admit that they are struggling in a course and need help, she said.

Students living off campus can also receive alerts, and members of CORE have mentors and interns available to contact the students in the same way that RAs discuss the issues with their residents.

When asked how often the students are confronted about the issue, Sanders said that emails are checked every day and action is taken daily.

Sanders commented on members concerns that not all professors take attendance during class, especially in large lecture halls.

She said that in this case, the professors cannot really know if there is a problem unless students start missing assignments or tests.

Because there is no attendance policy, alerts are not always sent until later in the semester, she said.

The ideal period to receive alerts



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Professor of history, Debra Reid asks a question Thursday about Eastern's early alert system, which allows instructors to send a notification to students getting behind in classes during a Council on Academic Affairs in the conference room of Booth Library.

is within the first six weeks of classes so that students still have time to bring their grades up before the end of the semester.

Members on the CAA said that the Early Alert System is very easy to use.

Stacey Ruholl, member of CAA, also noticed that the attendance alerts seem to be very effective in getting students to start going to class.

The alert system is being critiqued by faculty and Sanders said that every comment is being taken into consideration so that the system will be as easy to use and as effective as possible.

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LECTURE

Speaker inspires students to be courageous

By Felicia Darnell
Staff Reporter

Some students in the audience of "Blackademically Speaking" did not know what to expect before Chandra Gill's lecture Thursday.

Andrea Grant, a first year graduate student, said that she wanted a get a fresh look at information that she already knew.

"I'm hoping (the lecture) is a recharge of information," Grant said. "(African Americans) have to know our history to know where we're going, but we also need a destination as well."

Gill used poetry, life stories, and motivational advice with interjections of history as it applies to African American culture during her lecture.

Gill had the audience of "Blackademically Speaking" paying attention. Gill spoke about courage and the importance of sacrifice.

"Know how to say no," Gill

said. "Know who to say no to. Know when enough is enough."

Gill had the crowd laughing just as much as she had them thinking with examples from her life and verbal wake up calls.

"There's a crime taking place," Gill said. "It's a crime for your mind."

She presented the audience with problems within African American culture and she made it her mission to present solutions.

"I don't believe in just talking about the problem without giving you some solutions," Gill said.

She peppered her lecture with historical references and connections to African American heritage. She used African American history to demonstrate to the audience the importance of courage, integrity and ingenuity.

Her message also included the importance of thinking for oneself.

She closed to a standing ovation and the audience was left

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Chandra Gill, motivational speaker

thinking.

Demetre Taylor, a freshman communication studies major, said he was looking for the lecture to give him a push.

"(I want) motivation for excellence in everyday life," Taylor said.

Bri Willis, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said the lecture inspired her to do more.

"I think I'm going to do more to help my people progress and help myself be better," Willis said. "I think we can all be better. It has to start somewhere."

Jazmine Thompson, a junior sociology major, said that she was touched by the lecture.

"It touched a lot of things in my personal life," Thompson said.

Mesha Perkins, an Eastern alum, said that Gill surpassed her expectations.

"I was expecting a speaker, and she was way more than that," Perkins said.

Elijah Muhammad, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said he was definitely motivated.

"(Gill) definitely confirmed the beliefs I have," Muhammad said. "I'm glad I came."

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DOUGLAS-HART NATURE CENTER

Blues musician to perform 'with soul'

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Deak Harp has soul from his head to his toes.

Harp, of Oakland, has performed the blues across the U.S., the Caribbean and Europe, and he plays three instruments simultaneously.

Harp said he began playing the harmonica 38 years ago when he was 12, and he started making his own harmonicas about 20 years ago. He also plays the diddley bow, and he plays drums with his feet.

"Playing the blues is a way for me to let my soul out and release all of the tension from the day through my instruments," Harp said. "It can be a real feat to get (the instruments) in sync, but the worst part is making sure all of the wires don't get tangled up."

Harp will perform at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center at the "Blast of Blues" concert. The event is free to the public.

The concert is the first event co-sponsored by the Douglas-Hart Nature Center and the Mattoon Arts Council.

Justin Grady, the chairman of the Mattoon Arts Council, said Harp will speak about the evolution of the blues after his performance.

"(Harp) is very personable and laid back, and this will be an op-

portunity for people to be in close, casual interaction with a musician that they wouldn't otherwise be exposed to," Grady said.

Harp drove the tour bus for Muddy Waters, and he said he learned a lot from watching and interacting with harmonica legend James Cotton.

"The way that you can phrase notes on a harmonica had a soulfulness that always captured me," Harp said.

Grady said he met Harp two years ago at an event sponsored by the Mattoon Arts Council, and thought he would be interested in performing because he played at the Decatur Nature Center about a year ago.

"I think it is important for people to see someone from our geographic area who can make a living doing what he loves," Grady said.

Tina Hisson, the executive director of the Douglas-Hart Nature Center, said the "Blast of Blues" is the first concert offered at the Douglas-Hart Nature.

"It is a bit of a change in direction for us, but we thought it would be an enjoyable and educational opportunity for the community in the middle of winter," Hisson said.

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Blues musician Deak Harp will perform at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center during the "Blast of Blues" concert. Harp has played the harmonica for 38 years.

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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Love comes in many forms

Choral performance will show other kinds of love

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

The deepest meaning of love will be shown through a selection of romantic songs on Sunday.

The EIU Choral Ensembles and Collegium Musicum will be performing "Songs of Love" at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The EIU Choral Ensembles include the University Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir and the Camera-ta Singers.

Janet McCumber, adjunct instructor of music and the director of the University Mixed Chorus, said the University Mixed Chorus will be performing "The Moon is Distant From the Sea" by David N. Childs with text by Emily Dickinson.

McCumber said they will also perform "O, No John," a traditional English folk tune arranged by John D. Miller.

The last song that the University Mixed Chorus will perform is Z. Randall Stroepe's arrangement of "Homeland" with the original tune by Gustav Holst and the original text by Sir Cecil Rice.

McCumber said she thinks love is sometimes seen as just between two people in a relationship.

"Our hope is that the audience and the performers will see that love takes many forms, not just romantic—love of country, love of family, friendship, the comic side of love, etc.," McCumber said in an email.

McCumber said while the performance is near Valentine's Day, the show is not for that reason.

"Although the 'Songs of Love' concert is programmed at Valentine's Day, I think it's about so much more than that," McCumber said.

McCumber said the idea of love that is represented by the compositions is deeper than the meaning represented by Valentine's Day.

"Valentine's Day (sweet and fun though it may be) is such a commercialized 'representation' of love, and I'd like to think that we are putting forth ideas about love that transcend the typical Valentine's Day idealization," McCumber said.

The performance will be conducted by McCumber and Richard Rossi, the director of Orchestral and Choral Activities.

McCumber said these songs about love relate to everyone and is something that everyone understands.

"Everyone is welcome, and I think we have something to offer everyone who attends—the program represents a wide variety of musical styles and periods on the topic of love," McCumber said.

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TARBLE ARTS CENTER

'Vagina Monologues' raise money for awareness

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Women will share their empowering stories through a local adaptation of a worldwide performance known as "The Vagina Monologues."

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed by a group of women varying from members of the Eastern student community to members of the Charleston community.

Bonnie Buckley, former director of Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services, said the performance will appeal to all emotions.

"Some stories are funny and some are tragic," she said.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a

part of a bigger worldwide movement called V-Day, which is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls. It seeks to generate attention and raise awareness about rape, battery, incest and sex slavery. Buckley said the 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

SACIS has been helping put on performances of "The Vagina Monologues" since 2002, Buckley said.

"We have a very committed group of women who came together to make a difference," she said.

Erin Walters, director of Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services, said the funds from the performances will go directly

to SACIS and HOPE of East Central Illinois, which is a private, non-profit agency that serves victims of violence through Housing, Outreach, Prevention, Education.

"The performance is about reclaiming womanhood," Walters said.

A portion of the funds will go to the global campaign Stop Raping Our Greatest Resource: Power to the Women and Girls of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Buckley said.

She said she is glad 10 percent will be contributed to the women of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"You can laugh or you can cry, either way it's a good event to go to,"

Buckley said.

Buckley said it feels good to be part of a worldwide movement.

"\$85 million around the world has been raised in 11 years by this play," she said.

"The Vagina Monologues" will continue today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors, and tickets can be purchased in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union ticket office.

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CITY

Dance creates bonds between fathers, daughters

By Jaida Moore
Staff Reporter

Fathers and daughter will come together on Friday to form relationships and have a great time at the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance.

The dance will be hosted by the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department and will take place Friday at 7 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School's cafeteria.

The cost is \$22 for fathers and daughter and \$9 for extra individual attendants.

Kimberly Wargo, the recreation supervisor for the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, said the event will include a DJ, photo opportunity, snacks, punch and giveaways,

which are donated by 15 sponsored local businesses.

"The environment for this event is more of a party atmosphere," Wargo said.

Brian Jones, recreation director of the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, said this event has its way of affecting others.

Jones said in the past at this event some participants engaged in the activities and some not as much.

"Some people would even dress up to the extreme and some would attend dressed casually," said Jones.

Both Wargo and Jones implied that the focus was mainly about having a good time and the bonds created between the parent and child.

I hope that this event helps fa-

thers and daughters establish a greater bond through the memories they create," Wargo.

This event also allows the father and daughter to have quality time while enjoying themselves. Jones stated that there are instances where fathers who don't live with their daughters travel from out of town just for this event.

"That's how they create memories," said Jones.

However, Jones explained that sometimes daughters drift off and interact with their friends, but he thinks that fathers are satisfied with seeing daughters having a great time interacting with peers.

Jones said he knows how important it is to spend time with your chil-

dren because he has three daughters.

Jones' daughter is 21 and he said he can still remember the great memories. He said he thinks the pictures are one of the most important elements of this event because it's a still moment of a memory being made.

"It's nice to have a picture to hold on to because they grow up so fast," said Jones.

Wargo said there was 115 daddies and daughters that have already signed up, but there are usually up to 200 that sign up.

"I hope that everyone gets something out of this event," said Jones.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

No need for one council to rule them all

Last spring, at President Perry's request, several members of the university community formed the Committee to Study Shared Governance to examine the structures of governing committees and recommend possible improvements.

In May, the committee sent Perry a final report with seven recommendations to further the culture of self-governance and improve efficiency and accountability among the various committees and councils at Eastern.

Almost all of the recommendations are great ideas. For example, the committee recommended changing the composition of hiring committees to include more input from the people who will work with the new hire. That's a fine idea. We think there should be a venue for student input as well, as we explained in Tuesday's editorial, "Student input could help in hiring process."

But there is one recommendation that we disagree with. The committee recommended the establishment of a University Council, composed of 19 members representing different parts of the Eastern community, charged with "making decisions on issues that directly affect the entire university community."

The University Council would also review the various councils and committees at Eastern and determine which should stay and which "have outlived their purpose and thus can be eliminated entirely."

Right now, there is no single council responsible for keeping an updated, organized listing of the campus' many governing bodies. Such a council would be useful. There may be several bodies which are obsolete or redundant.

What troubles us is the authority the University Council would have to eliminate governing bodies that its 19 members deemed inefficient.

President Perry seems to share our concern. In laying out the actions he plans to take based on the committee's recommendations, Perry changed the University Council to a President's Round Table, which "will offer advice and recommend directions to take with respect to the overall committee structure."

This distinction is crucial. There is no need for a council with the authority to eliminate governing bodies at its discretion. If there are bodies that are no longer serving a purpose, it should not be difficult to get the members of those bodies to agree. But if the members of a body think its existence is important, it should not be subject to the opinions of an outside council.

We like Perry's alternative, and think an advisory council could be extremely beneficial. But as this discussion moves forward, we think it should be made clear that each governing body have a say in its own existence. If nothing less, members of these bodies should have to agree, by a two-thirds majority, that it had outlived its purpose and should be eliminated.

We think the recommendations, by and large, would improve the culture of shared governance at Eastern. But we must also share the definition of governance in the process.

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COLUMN

Drop apathy, pay attention for your future's sake

Quick show of hands from my fellow Eastern students: How many of you watched the president's State of the Union address two and a half weeks ago? I'm going to guess not a whole lot.

Second poll: How many of you have watched a debate between the Republican presidential candidates or even looked at any news coverage about the GOP primary? I'm going to guess even less.

Last question, in "Jeopardy!" form: Answer - Chapin Rose of Mahomet, Illinois. If you responded with, "Who is the state representative of Charleston?" then you are right! And wrong: Chapin Rose got redistricted out of Charleston's area and is running for a state senate seat to the north.

Confused yet? Political awareness is something for which I have particularly strong feelings, because I view the political happenings in our country as a major factor in determining our future.

Take the efforts against the Stop Online Piracy Act last month. If no one had been paying attention to what was going on in Congress, we might have had a huge mess on our hands when we discovered Facebook was inaccessible due to pending litigation over a billion dollar lawsuit thanks to that dastardly piece of legislation.

So what does SOPA have to do with my little poll and quiz? This is an election year, like it



Greg Sainer

or not, and everything is gearing up long before many potential voters will actually care (if they ever do), which is why a Pew Research Center poll released on Tuesday should have you at least a little bit scared about our country's future.

According to the poll, the number of young voters (ages 18-29) who indicated a close interest in news about the presidential campaign has gone down from 31 percent in 2008 to 20 percent in 2012. Wait, what?

One of the grand nuggets the media liked to chew on during the 2008 election was the increased amount of interest and participation from younger voters, and I know more than once I heard discussion about increased participation from younger voters in future elections.

Granted, we were at a significant shifting point in our political and cultural landscape: George W. Bush was heading out of office, and Barack Obama was poised to be the first African-American elected as president. So what

happened?

Personally, as much as I hate to say it, I believe 2008 was a bit of a stars-are-aligned moment where our generation got the chance to be part of something historic and very, very politically rare. After Obama was elected and the unpopular Bush left office, few things mattered more to a generally apathetic 18- to 29-year-old demographic than getting through college and finding a job.

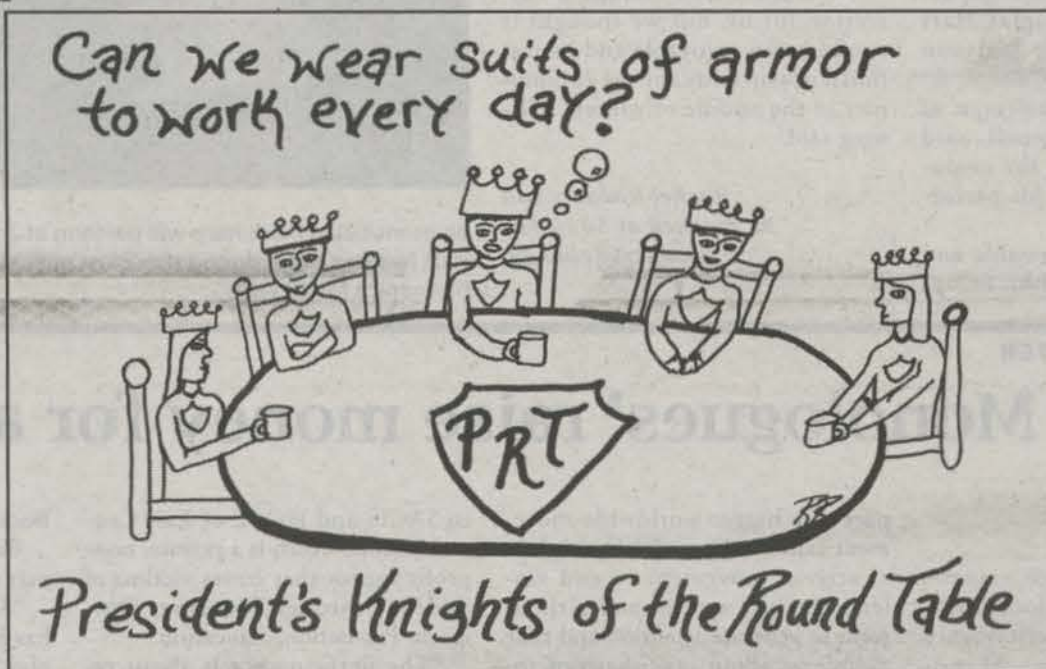
Four years later, this much is evident, which at the same time makes it all the more important that we Millennials get back into the political game. Last week I discussed the long-term effects President Obama will have on the economy. That's the economy you and I will be trying to find a job in within the next few years, and for the rest of our lives until (ideally) retirement.

Paying at the very least a morsel of attention to the current political landscape is something we can all benefit from. You don't have to be a political-news-and-issues wonk like me in order to be aware. All you need to do is give a care about an issue here and there, and a bit more.

We are, after all, talking about your future, as well as your fellow Americans' future. Please don't let them down.

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FROM THE EASEL



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GUEST COLUMN

Student government does little, rewards itself greatly

By Sean McElhenny

The student government budget is first used to pay tuition waivers for the members of the executives and then operations second. When I was a student senator at a community college, only our student body president got any help with tuition, and even then it was only a 50 percent tuition waiver. Nothing more.

In an era of lowering enrollment and rising tuition costs, I find it amusing that the students with full tuition waivers are as in touch with the Eastern student body as Mitt Romney understands what it is like to be poor. I feel members of the student government should not be allowed to have both tuition waivers and scholarship money. This is the same double dipping that is ruining the Illinois economy at the state government level. Every semester, there are students who have to leave school because it is such a financial burden, while the members of the student government are being paid to attend school. Where is the equality?!

This is my argument, my soapbox if you will. The student government is as corrupt as regular government. If it was doing so much "good" for students, why do so many on this

campus wonder what it does? Why do so many not even know that the organization even exists? Other than building its members' resumes, what does the student government do? Why are the members of the student government questioning why there is no accountability among those members being paid?

A past Student Body President got a motion passed to allow her friends to receive tuition waivers for positions that previously did not have them. Sixty percent of the student government's \$50,000-plus budget goes to tuition waivers. This means that less than 40 percent is being used on actual things that may concern students on this campus. If we are to add in the amount that is spent on "computer repair and maintenance" or "office supplies," we will see a much smaller portion being used to help the students of this school. If the student government wants to prove to the student body they are trying to improve things at Eastern, here are some suggestions:

1. No more 100 percent tuition waivers. Waivers should be 50 percent maximum and only for the people in the original by-laws, not the ones added during Ms. Murphy's time as president. Any money paid in

the form of a refund should be returned to the school.

2. Panther Nation needs to be given back to the student population. The student government should focus more on improving the university so that more students want to come to this school, not filling a fan bus for a basketball game. Leave the activity-based planning to University Board, they are far better at it.

We all know it doesn't take an act of Congress to make changes around here. If the student government will tell me exactly how many names I need on a petition to make these changes, I will get that many signatures. Once the students find out how their money has been spent, I'm sure they will line up to sign it.

The challenge has been made. The ball is now in your court. This system is broken and there is no effort on your part toward repairing it. I would come to a student government meeting to address this, but the ones I have attended in the past were so unprofessional I have found taking my issues to the people affected is much more powerful.

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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA discusses Thomas Hall

By Michael Knuth
Staff reporter

At its Thursday meeting, members of the Residence Hall Association discussed plans for its upcoming event Kids and Friends Weekend.

Kids and Friends Weekend is organized by the Programming Committee that allows younger siblings and friends to participate in programs put on by the residence halls.

Grant Watts, president of Thomas Hall, said that the RHA currently have no activities planned despite the deadline being Monday, Feb. 13.

Jacob Detters, co-committee chair for Programming Committee, said that Kids and Friends Weekend is a great way to reach out to the Charleston community.

"It's a great way for parents to get acquainted with EIU's campus," he said.

The Kids and Friends Weekend will begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 in Buzzard Hall showing "The Muppets."

Popcorn and drinks will be provided for "The Muppets" showing.

On Feb. 25, participants will register at 8:30 a.m. at Carman Hall and will participate in programs at different residence halls throughout the day.

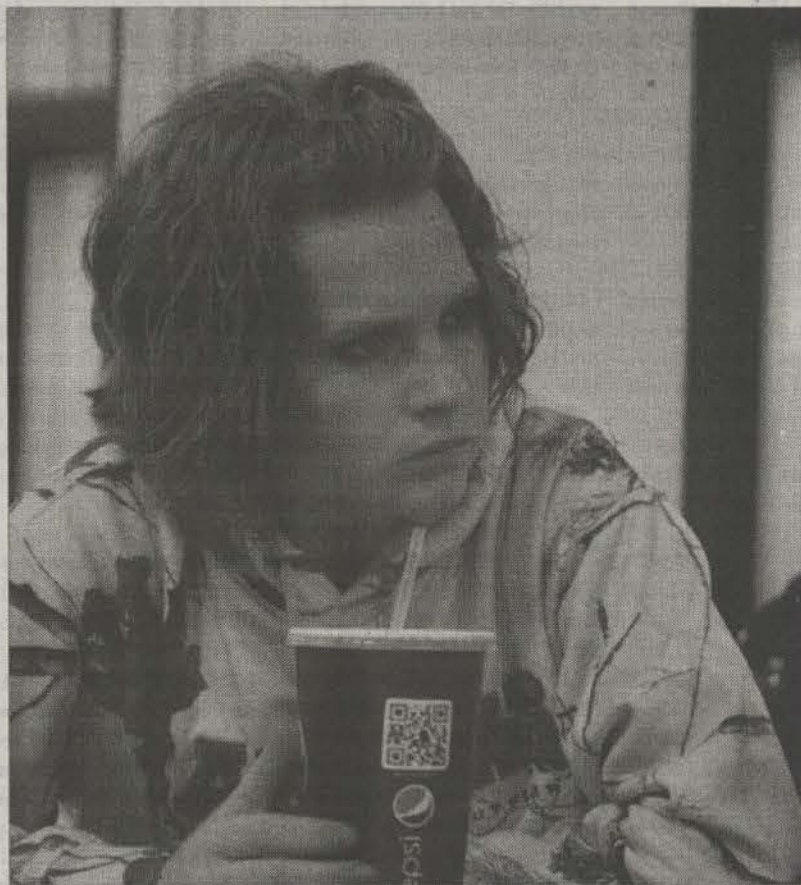
Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, announced that Thomas Hall will become a coed residence hall in the upcoming fall semester.

Watts said that it will be interesting to see how the transition from the all male to a coed dormitory will go.

"Even though I voted against it, I'm ready to see how it goes," he said.

Detters commented that with the female population rising at EIU, its a great way for Thomas to help with the space needed for incoming students.

James Calderon, sophomore mu-



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Amy Brashear, an RHA representative from Andrews Hall, listens to the decisions of her committee during the RHA meeting on Feb. 9 in Pemberton Hall.

Calderon also said that he fears the executive board's policies will change when adding female residents.

This new transaction from all male to co-ed will be under a one year test run to see how it is received.

Thomas Hall has been an all male residence hall since 1964.

Hudson also announced that the EIU community will be able to use their credit cards at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court and Java by next week.

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PROWL

Prowl leaders help students feel welcome

By Samantha Hough
Staff Reporter

When students arrive to Eastern, some of the first faces they see are those of Eastern's Prowl leaders.

Prowl leaders are a group of students that work together to help the incoming freshman and transfer students feel more at home.

They show the students around campus, and work together to do community service.

Brianne Dennis-Gary, a sophomore psychology major, has firsthand experience with Prowl.

She started as a Prowl leader in fall of 2011 and now has the position of a Senior Prowl Leader.

"My favorite part of being a prowl leader is being able to meet all of the incoming freshman and really show them the many reasons they chose Eastern," Dennis-Gary said.

Dennis-Gary said the Prowl process begins for the new students the first weekend before the fall semester starts.

Prowl leaders must pass the interview process, and then start training.

Training takes a few days in the spring and early fall before the semester starts. Students are taught about new student programs and are prepared for the events.

"During training, it feels more like we are bonding," said Dennis-Gary.

Clare Smith, a junior history major, is applying for fall 2012 because of a recommendation from a friend.

"I am most excited to become a prowl leader because when I went through Prowl the leaders were very

helpful and I like that I will have the chance to leave a lasting impact on the students first few days here at Eastern," Smith said.

Besides helping the incoming students, Prowl leaders get the chance to be more involved with the campus.

"Prowl is important because it is one of the ways for incoming freshman and transfer students to learn how to become a better person beyond academics," said Dennis-Gary.

Charlie Jaques, a senior biology major and past Prowl leader, said he enjoyed meeting and interacting with many different people.

"My favorite part about being a Prowl leader was the social atmosphere," Jaques said.

Every year the Prowl leaders help set up the social events sponsored on campus the first weekend back.

Getting involved on campus as a Prowl leader can open many doors to other opportunities, Jaques said.

He started as a Prowl leader as a freshman and is now currently the logistics specialist.

"One of the most rewarding parts of being a Prowl leader was the people that I met," he said. "I met some of my very good friends through Prowl, and I continue to keep in touch with them even after they left Eastern."

Prowl leader applications are now being accepted. They can be found on the Eastern website and are due on Feb. 17.

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PILOT, from page 1

"He was always pleasant, he was just always a friendly person," Frame said. "I never did see him angry."

Hall left Eastern after the spring trimester in 1940. He was headed for Tuskegee College to become a trained pilot and fight in the war.

"He did it because he saw an opportunity to improve himself and improve his race, he was a patriot," Lawhead said.

Hall was a member of the fourth class to graduate from Tuskegee and of which only five of the ten members made it through training and on April 15, 1943, he deployed for North Africa.

Hall said in a letter to Mr. and Mrs. D.O. Yates on Dec. 21, 1943 that he loved flying.

"Up in the blue, it doesn't make any difference where you come from, what color you are, etc.," Hall said, in The Charleston Daily Courier on Jan. 17, 1944.

Hall was a squadron leader who escorted bombers to their destinations. On July 2, 1943 on mission over Italy, Hall got his shot.

"Charlie rolled in as it is called and took his shot, he took the guy out" Lawhead said. "A conflict ensued and they lost two planes."

Lawhead said this came at time when the U.S government was in talks to disband the Tuskegee airmen and Lawhead believes they were set up to fail.

"They did what they were supposed to do, they were not trying to build the

score," Lawhead said.

Hall's victory was the first and only one for the Tuskegee airmen in 1943 and played a part in the continuation of the program.

After Hall's victory, he celebrated as anyone would, with a Coca-Cola.

"He had said he 'procured' it which basically mean he stole it, en route to North Africa," Lawhead said. "They kept it under lock and key in the company safe, wait for someone to earn it."

This is one way the airmen connected.

"Over here, one learns to appreciate the small things, the things which use to seem unimportant," Hall wrote in his letter. "I've seen a lot of men go down on both sides. We get to know each other like brothers. It hurts us, but

we must carry on, and we will."

When Hall's company heard of his shot, they traveled to base 15 miles away to "procure" some ice to keep the soda cold.

When Hall landed he enjoyed the ice cold drink.

As his service continued, Hall shot down two more planes in the Battle of Anzio in Italy.

After the war, Hall was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross by Dwight D. Eisenhower, participated in a war bonds tour and became an instructor at Tuskegee.

Hall left the military in 1946 with the rank of Major. He went on to manage a drugstore in Oklahoma and a hotel in Chicago, Ill.

"Like most African Americans after

the war, they found themselves thrust right back into the situations they left," Lawhead said.

Hall died of Leukemia in 1971. He had only discovered the disease when he went for a physical before applying for a job with the Federal Aviation Agency and left behind a family.

Among Hall's achievements, he was awarded the DFC and is the only Eastern alum that has a G.I. Joe influenced by his accomplishments.

Frame said Hall was among many other great men at Eastern.

"We had such a fine class of men, and it's nice to know he went on to such good things," Frame said.

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TENNIS



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Janelle Prisner, a sophomore pre-business major, hits the ball during her doubles match with Amanda Dibbs, a junior psychology major, against Morehead State March 27 at Rex Darling Courts. The Panthers will travel to Chicago to play Chicago State at 2 p.m. on Feb. 11.

Panthers to take on Chicago State Cougars

Staff Report

So far this season the Eastern women's tennis team is 1-2 for the season and are looking to win in Chicago as they take on Chicago State this Saturday.

The Chicago State Cougars on the other hand are only 1-3 for the season. At home, the Cougars are 1-1, while the Panthers are 1-0 on the road.

Last time the Panthers took on the Cougars, the Panthers lost to Chicago State with a score of 3-4 at Rex Darling Courts on March 30, 2011.

The key person that could help the Panthers win their match against Chicago State is senior Amanda Dibbs.

Dibbs, has a record of 2-1 in singles action where she beat Erin Filbrant in two sets with the same score of 6-1, she also beat Natasha Tomishima of the Southern Illinois Salukis in three sets, with the scores of 6-4, 3-6, and 7-5. Last year, when she took on former Chicago State Cougar Peggy Moore, she defeated Moore in two sets to win her match with a score of 6-1 and 6-3.

In doubles action, the team the Panthers are relying on to win their match

is the team of sophomore Janelle Prisner and junior Merritt Whitley.

Both Whitley and Prisner are 2-1 for the season, as they beat the team of Kathleen Hawkins and Nini Sujashvili of Western Michigan with the score of 8-7, and beat the team of Sammi Hornbarger and Maureen Stevens of the Dayton Flyers.

Eastern's match starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Their next match will be against the Northern Illinois Huskies this Sunday in DeKalb, Ill. That match will begin at 1 p.m.

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Senior guard Jeremy Granger played limited minutes due to foul trouble, but he was still able to score 14 points. He only shot 2-of-8 from the field but hit his only three-point shot and made 9-of-10 free-throws, helping to ice the game for the Panthers down the stretch.

Freshman guard Joey Miller had a rough shooting night, making just 2-of-10 shots; however, he and Granger helped maintain the Panthers lead

by knocking down free throw after free throw. Miller was 5-for-6 from the foul line as a team the Panther shot 15-of-21.

As a team the Panthers shot 48 percent from the field and made 7-of-13 three-point shots.

With the win Eastern's record improves to 3-9 in the OVC and 11-14 overall, while Tennessee Tech falls to 8-6 in conference play and 16-11

overall.

The Panthers return to action Saturday when they go on the road to take on OVC rival Tennessee-Martin. The Skyhawks are in last place in the OVC with a 0-13 record in conference play this far. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Martin, Tenn.

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SQUARE OFF, from page 8

Tennessee-Martin's Jasmine Newsome had an off game too.

She was held to 12 points in the game, despite averaging 20 points per game.

Eastern junior guard Kelsey Wyss said she expects Newsome to come out in Saturday's game and "try to get hers."

The scary thing, Sallee said, is that

she may not even have to try.

"It seems like that's just what they do," Sallee said.

Sallee said Saturday should be a big spectacle for the conference, featuring its top two teams.

"It's unheard of to see that kind of a matchup in the league," Sallee said. "You have to look at the best UT-Mar-

tin out there — and that's scary good — and you have to look at the best EIU out there, and that's what you have to expect Saturday."

The match up is set to tip off at 4 p.m. Saturday in Martin, Tenn.

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Some Panthers competing include red-shirt sophomore Tyler Allen and junior Alliu Sodiq will compete in the men's triple jump, while junior Danny Harris, freshman Cory Household and red-shirt freshman Daniel Trev or will compete in the 60-meter hurdles. Juniors Doug and Brian Mateas, along with sophomore Danny Del-

aney will compete in the men's 3,000 meter race.

On the women's side, sophomore Jaida Moore and junior Ashley Brown will each compete in the 60-meter and 200-meter dash events. Senior Erika Foltys will run in the 800-meter run, while freshman Sadie Lovett will compete in the pole vault.

The Panthers have one more meet remaining after this weekend before the Ohio Valley Conference championship. They will compete at home on Feb. 17 for the EIU Friday Night Special.

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Murray State finally falls after 21 straight wins

Staff Report

Murray State entered Thursday's game as the only undefeated team in college basketball, but left with a loss, as the Racers fell 72-68 to Tennessee State.

Despite a 31 point performance by the Racers' Isaiah Canaan, the formerly unbeaten Racers were unable to stop a Tennessee State Tigers team, led by Robert Covington, who had 17 points.

Covington's hit a three-pointer to give the Tigers a 65-62 lead with four minutes to play, but the lead would be cut to one with 11.2 seconds. Murray State had control of the ball after a turnover, but the Tigers stole the inbound pas. The Racers fouled Covington, sending him to the free

throw line with 9.7 seconds left.

After missing both free throws, Canaan would turn the ball over and foul to stop the clock with 3.5 seconds to play. Kenny Moore landed two free throws for Tennessee State to extend the lead to three.

Another Murray State turnover on a long inbound pass would give Tennessee State the ball back, where Jordan Cyphers would seal the game, making one of his two free throws.

The win was the first ever win over a ranked opponent for Tennessee State. Murray State entered the game as the No. 7 team in the nation. The Racers now stand at 23-1, with an 11-1 record in the Ohio Valley Conference.

NATION

Big Ten exploring 4-team playoff

By Associated Press

The Big Ten, which helped squash the notion of a four-team playoff to crown a national champion in college football several years ago, is taking another look.

BCS Executive Director Bill Hancock said Tuesday night that's good news.

"Our process is working perfectly," Hancock said. "One of good things about our process is that there's no timetable so that a deliberate and thoughtful decision can be reached.

"The tricky part is our 11 conference commissioners and the Notre Dame AD may have 12 different opinions about the direction we should go over the next six to eight months."

Hancock, who still expects a conclu-

sion in July, said the group of BCS decision-makers will meet again at the end of this month.

Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis said all of the Big Ten athletic directors are comfortable exploring the possibility of a four-team playoff.

"Four is better than two," Hollis said.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith agreed and said the discussions stem from feedback "that we need to do something different," especially after the recent BCS title game between LSU and Alabama drew lower ratings than other championship games.

"The fans have been loud and clear," Smith said. "We also recognize that structurally there's things that we want to try and change with the bowl system — how teams get in the bowls."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Senior guard Jeremy Granger tries to dribble past Morehead State junior guard Marsell Holden Saturday during Eastern's 55-56 home loss in Lantz Arena.

Panthers end losing streak

Defense smothers OVC's best scorer

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

It's over at last. Eastern's men's basketball team's eight-game losing streak has come to a close with

a 74-57 win Thursday night over Tennessee Tech.

Red-shirt junior forward James Hollowell stepped up when his team needed him most. Hollowell has missed most of the season with a back injury, but against Tennessee Tech he looked like the Hollowell of old, scoring a game-high 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the field.

Hollowell also added two three-

point shots and was a force on defense. He had a team-high three steals and grabbed six rebounds.

Eastern started off quick and held a 28-20 lead at halftime. The Panthers opened the second half with an 8-0 run to extend their lead to 36-20. The Panther defense then stepped up to finish the game.

The defense held the Golden Eagles to 33 percent shooting, including 7-for-22 from beyond

the three-point line. Eastern also held the Ohio Valley Conference's leading scorer Kevin Murphy to 14 points. Murphy came into the game averaging 21.8 points per game, which ranked fourth in the NCAA.

The Panthers defense smothered the star forward, forcing him to 4-of-18 shooting in 35 minutes of action.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Top 2 teams set to square off

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team's schedule lists Saturday's game against Tennessee-Martin as the last time the two teams will play this season.

That's because it can't predict which team will play which in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament beginning Feb. 29 and ending March 3.

Even though it's not on the schedule, Eastern junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said she definitely expects to see the Skyhawks in March.

"We don't expect this to be the last time we'll see them, but right now we're focusing on Saturday," Nixon said.

Eastern and Tennessee-Martin are the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the Ohio Valley Conference, respectively. Eastern is undefeated in the conference, while Tennessee-Martin has one loss. The loss was against Eastern.

The Panthers and Skyhawks will meet again Saturday in Mar-

tin, Tenn., and Nixon said she expects the Skyhawks to be looking for a little revenge.

The Skyhawks lost by seven in the previous meeting, 70-63, and were held to 34 percent shooting from the field.

Although the Skyhawks had an off game, Nixon said the Panthers weren't perfect either.

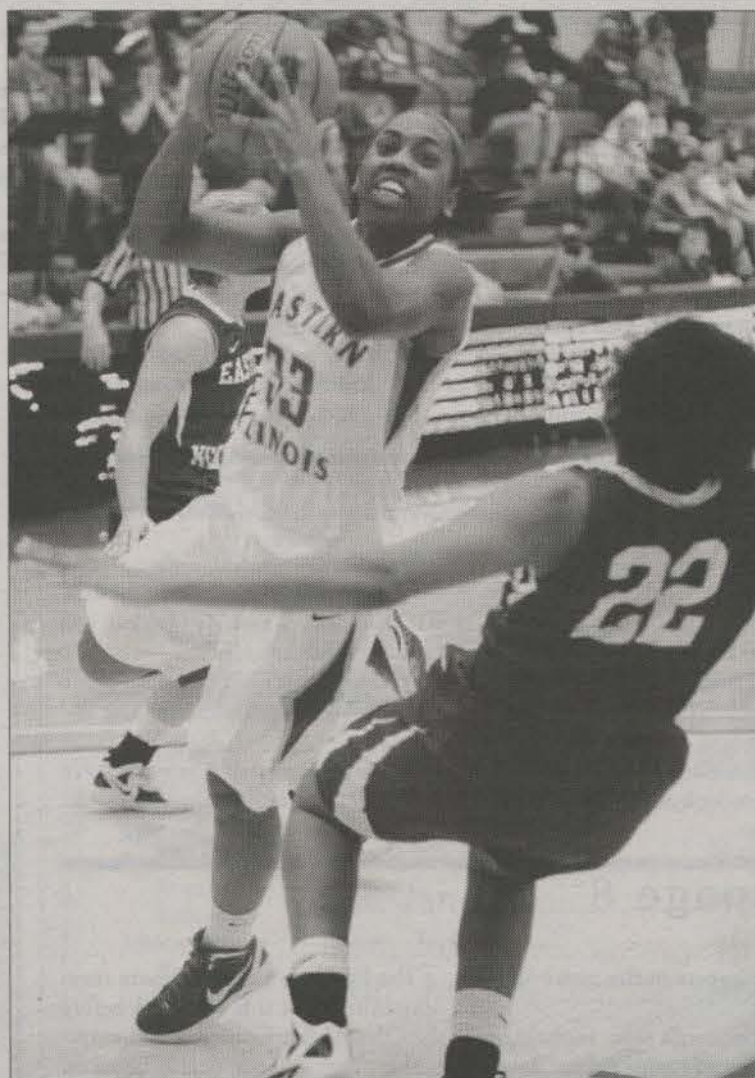
"We didn't play our best going into that game either," Nixon said. "Mariah didn't show up too hot in that game."

King didn't have any points in the teams' previous meeting. She averages 14 points per game this season.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said that since King had an off game, the Panthers didn't win the game the way they're used to winning the game.

"The thing you take out of that game is that we played well but we played with Mariah not scoring," Sallee said. "We have to figure out a way for that not to happen again."

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Junior forward Sydney Mitchell goes for a shot in spite of a blocking foul by Eastern Kentucky's junior guard Brittany Coles during the Panthers' Feb. 6 64-51 win in Lantz Arena. The team is on a 13 game winning streak and is 11-0 against in-conference opponents.

TRACK PRE

Teams split roster for weekend

Teams head to Grand Valley State, Indiana

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

The Eastern track and field team will be split this weekend, with half of the roster heading to the Grand Valley State Big Meet, while the others will compete in the Indiana Hoosier Hills meet.

The Panthers will be bringing four nationally ranked athletes to the Grand Valley State Big Meet in red-shirt senior Zye Boey, red-shirt sophomore Mick Viken, red-shirt senior Donald Romero and red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold. Boey is ranked No. 23 nationally in the men's 60-meter dash and No. 7 nationally in the men's 200-meter dash. Viken is ranked No. 41 in the men's pole vault, while Riebold is ranked No. 29 in the women's event. Romero is currently ranked No. 20 in the men's weight throw.

In the 60-meter dash, Boey will take on a field of less experienced competition. Competing against Boey in the 60-meter dash will be sophomore Josh Atkins of Notre Dame, sophomore Michael Johnson of Central Michigan, fifth-year senior Rod Gray of St. Joseph's College, Emmanuel Grembo of Tiffin, Dontaey Paige of Indiana Tech, as well as one other unattached runner.

In the 200-meter dash, Boey will see freshman Cameron Bolton of Eastern Michigan. Bolton, in his first season, comes to Eastern Michigan after being the nation's No. 9 400-meter dash runner in high school.

Junior Jacob Mitchell and sophomore Kaleel Johnson will compete alongside Boey in the 60-meter dash, while Boey is the lone Panther competitor in the 200-meter dash.

Viken, along with junior Scott Mammosser and red-shirt senior Joe Noonan, will compete in a field of 17 competitors from schools including Illinois State, Indiana State and Grand Valley State.

In the women's pole vault, Riebold, along with junior Abigail Schmitz, will compete in a larger field of 23 competitors. Riebold is the only nationally ranked competitor.

Romero will compete among 12 others in the men's weight throw, where he is one of four seniors competing.

The other seniors include Jason Cogswell of Davenport, who finished in the top three in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) for the past two years, as well as holding the school record of 55-feet, 10-inches.

Other seniors include Matt Jensen of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Brian Bott of Saginaw Valley State.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team of red-shirt senior Megan Gingerich, senior Bridget Sanchez, senior Emily Quinones and junior Erika Ramos will look to find success again this weekend, as they recorded the No. 2 all-time finish in Eastern history last weekend, while also recording the best women's 4x400-meter time since 1981.

"Us three have been racing against each other for the past three years. I think just us three, we all love the 4x4 and we love that we've all been together," Gingerich said. "Bridget and Emily are both long sprinters and the 400 is kind of their race. We all just come together and we get so excited for it."

The remainder of the team will compete at the Indiana Hoosier Hills meet in Bloomington, Ind.

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VERGE

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Started at the word 'steady'

A couple on campus share an inseparable bond



By Sara Hall
Verge Editor

On Sept. 16, 2011, Nick Niemerg stood in the alcove beneath Douglas Hall, unaware anything out of the ordinary was about to occur.

As he looked up, he was surprised to see that Mario McCart had painted "Nick, be my steady" on his window.

"My first thought was 'Who says be my steady anymore?'" Nick Niemerg, a senior business management major said. "But it really got to me. I wasn't expecting it at all."

Although the couple became official in September, they had actually met unconventionally four years prior. Niemerg said McCart, a junior English education major, was a senior in high school at a speech tournament he had been judging.

Niemerg said he had noticed McCart, but the two never introduced themselves to each other.

"I thought he was so cute, but we never exchanged words," he said.

Niemerg said they then met again at a Pride meeting, where they began talking more and eventually started dating.

Although Niemerg said the beginnings of their relationship were less comfortable, their boundaries quickly began to fade.

"The beginning was very awkward. We were both figuring each other out and what made each other," he said. "But now we've become best friends. You become more comfortable around each other."

McCart said he thinks the reason their relationship works so well is because they were honest with each other up front.

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Nick Niemerg, a senior business management major, kisses his boyfriend Mario McCart, a junior english education major. The two have been in a relationship for five months, but first saw each other four years ago at a speech tournament.

BOND, PAGE 3

Love gone bad: Break-ups hurt no matter what

By Jaime Lopez
Verge reporter

Valentine's Day is approaching, and while some Eastern students worry about that special gift, the flowers and the date, others reminisce over heart-wrenching break-ups.

For some people, modern technology seems to be the way to end relationships.

Zac Call, a freshman foreign language major, said he was told by his girlfriend that their relationship was over via phone.

"I got back from a trip to Spain, and she dumped me. I was surprised, heart broken and accepting," he said.

Call said he felt the way his girlfriend broke up with him was impersonal.

"They always have to send you a text message or give you a phone instead of telling you face-to-face," he said.

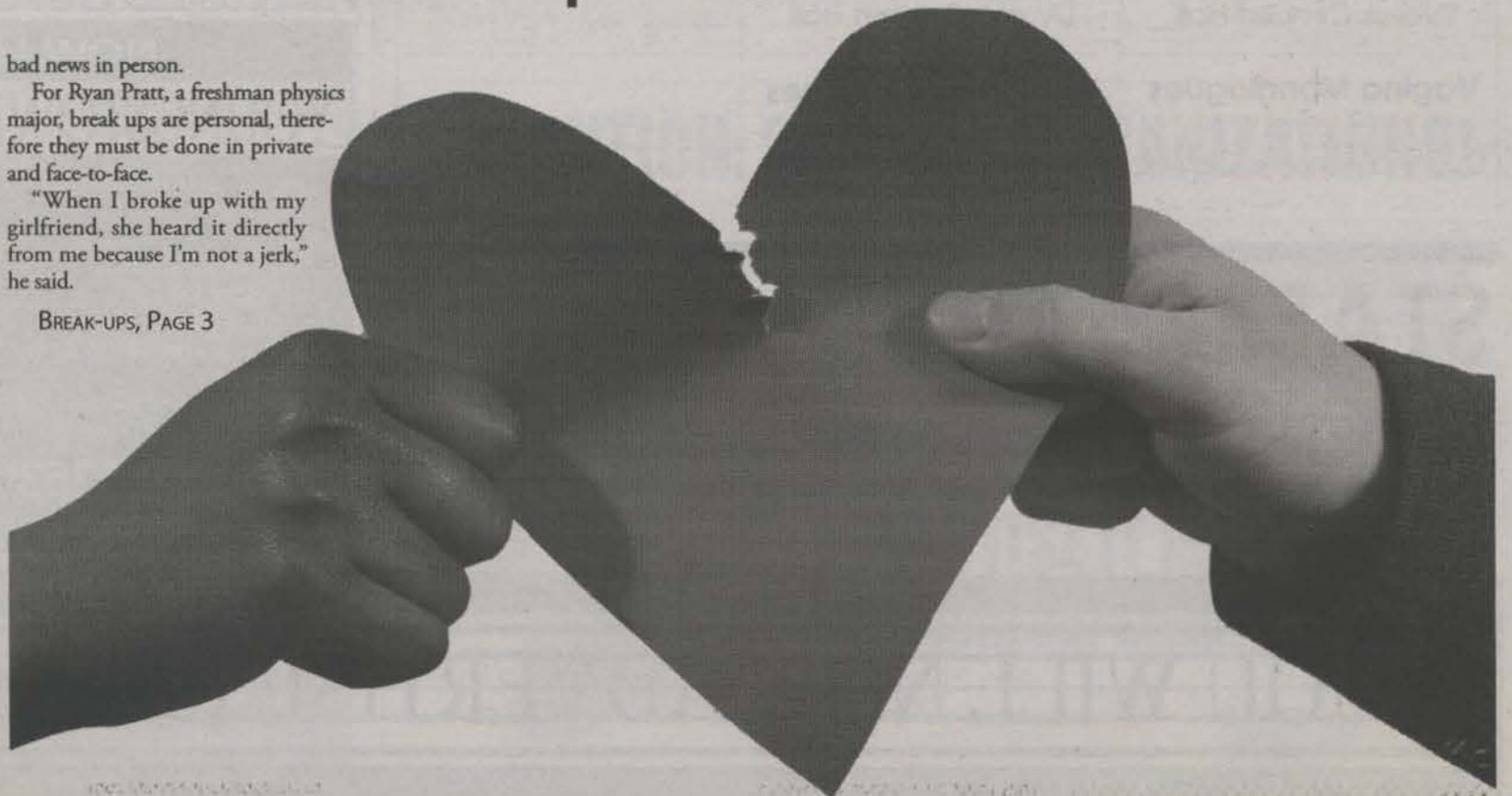
Although some take the modern route, others prefer to deliver the

bad news in person.

For Ryan Pratt, a freshman physics major, break ups are personal, therefore they must be done in private and face-to-face.

"When I broke up with my girlfriend, she heard it directly from me because I'm not a jerk," he said.

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Grammy predictions 2012

Who will take home the gold?

See what the Verge staff believes the outcome will be.



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ALBUM OF THE YEAR	RECORD OF THE YEAR	BEST ROCK ALBUM	BEST RAP ALBUM
Even though I'm not a crazy Adele fan, I have to say "21" definitely deserves to win.	"Holocene." The rest of the tracks are overdone and overrated.	"The Whole Love." Not my favorite Wilco album, but it beats out all the other contenders.	"My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" was close to perfect.
"21." She grabs my attention, which says a lot because I'm all about country music.	"Rolling in the Deep." Adele is just great. This song is catchy.	"The Whole Love." They're great. I really liked this album.	"Pink Friday." Nicki is just a straight bad ass. I just love her.
"21." Adele's sultry lyrics are enough to win every award.	"Holocene." Bon Iver may be indie, but they appeal to everyone.	"Come Around Sundown." It's a great album!	"Pink Friday." Rap has never appealed to me, but Nicki finds a way to draw people in.
"Born This Way." The album was made for her fans, and her fan base is ridiculous.	"Rolling in the Deep." This song came out more than a year ago and is still strong.	"The Whole Love." Wilco is pushing the envelope as far as what it means to make "rock" music.	Toss up - Kanye has mad skills, yet Nicki is a bad girl with great lyrics.
"21." No one has pipes and heartbreak anthems like Adele.	"Holocene." Bon Iver is unique and stands out in the crowd.	"Wasting Light." The band does not even need an explanation.	"Pink Friday." Nicki is a gifted rapper and a positive influence on girls."

OVERALL WINNER

"21."

"Holocene."

"The Whole Love."

"Pink Friday."

weekend events what's going on around town

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Vagina Monologues 7 p.m. Doudna Fine Arts Center	Vagina Monologues 1 p.m. Doudna Fine Arts Center	

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VALENTINE'S DAY PLAYLIST

TOP 10

Have a significant other?
Grab your loved one and take a listen:

- 1) "My Heart Will Go On" - Celine Dion
- 2) "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" - Elton John
- 3) "Wonderful Tonight" - Eric Clapton
- 4) "Wonderwall" - Oasis
- 5) "Yellow" - Coldplay
- 6) "Let's get it on" - Marvin Gaye
- 7) "Sea of Love" - Cat Power
- 8) "Amazed" - Lonestar
- 9) "I Try" - Macy Gray
- 10) "Last Night On Earth" - Green Day

Are you living young, wild & free?
Check out these single anthems:

- 1) "I Will Survive" - Gloria Gaynor
- 2) "Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)" - Beyoncé
- 3) "Single" - Natasha Bedingfield
- 4) "Dancing on my Own" - Robyn
- 5) "Since U Been Gone" - Kelly Clarkson
- 6) "Haven't Met You Yet" - Michael Bubl 
- 7) "Ridin' Solo" - Jason Derulo
- 8) "Fighter" - Christina Aguilera
- 9) "Love is a Battlefield" - Pat Benatar
- 10) "Ex-Girlfriend" - No Doubt

So, there you have it. Whether you're heading out for a ladies' night or staying in for a cuddle, everyone knows music is full of emotion. So no matter how you spend your Valentine's Day, check out these tracks.

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"I think it's good because a lot of people show only the best parts of themselves at the beginning of relationship. By the time their true colors show, problems are occurring," he said. "We're just open with each other."

Although the couple said they are extremely open with one another, Niernerg said he still struggles to be more open with his personal life, especially with his family.

"With me, it's a touchy subject. I haven't formally said anything to my parents," he said.

However, Niernerg said since the beginning of this year, he is working on being more open with himself and his relationship with McCart, especially because he believes they have reached a milestone.

"I've never really dated this substantial enough to say it's something. But I think after five months, it's pretty substantial," he said.

McCart said he believes being forthright is crucial to their relationship's success.

He said he idolizes the honesty of Neil Patrick Harris's and David Burtka's relationship and tries to model his own after theirs.

"They're open with their relationship, but they don't want to be the poster children," he said. "They're having the same problems (in love) and the same problems in life."

Niernerg and McCart said they do encounter problems, most often those of having such busy schedules that interfere with the time they are

able to spend with each other.

Niernerg is a member of Beta Theta Pi, is the vice president of Pride and participates in the speech team.

He also volunteers with Charleston High School to assist in creating choreography for their spring musical and works at What's Cookin' on Sundays.

McCart is a Resident Assistant for Stevenson Hall, a member of Latin American Student Organization and Pride and will soon be tutoring at Newman Center.

With such hectic lives, Niernerg said it is often difficult for the two to see each other throughout the day.

"We're both so incredibly busy, it's usually evenings when we hang out," he said.

However, Niernerg said they still communicate by texting throughout the day.

"If I need to vent and I have no one to vent to, I'll send him a text," he said. "It's nice to have someone that can listen even if you can't see them."

Niernerg said this time apart from each other throughout the day keeps their relationship from becoming tiresome.

"It definitely helps the relationship because we don't get sick of each of each other," he said.

However, Niernerg said the couple still encounters the occasional problem.

"We're both fixers at heart, but

our fighting style is different," he said.

But even when they are arguing, McCart said the arguments do not last long.

"You look so goofy when you're arguing, it's hard to stay mad at you," McCart said to Niernerg.

McCart said this helps the two get perspective and realize they need to resolve whatever problems they may be having.

"He's not a good arguer, but that's good because it makes us laugh and realize how silly it is the thing we're fighting over," Mario said.

The couple said they try to avoid petty arguments and try to make the best of they have together.

Niernerg will be graduating this May, and said he is looking into graduate schools, with the closest school being in Chicago.

With McCart not having a car, the couple said they realize they may see each other less than they wish.

But although Niernerg and McCart said they are concerned, they said they know they will be able to conquer any obstacles they encounter.

"It concerns me that I won't get to see him on a regular basis, but we're going to be so busy that time is going to fly by," McCart said. "We can make it work, it just takes a team effort."

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Pratt said he thought he timed his breakup perfectly.

He waited until after prom to dump his girlfriend, but made sure that he did it before their eight-month anniversary, which was three days after prom.

"A mutual friend and I planned the breakup, timing it perfectly so I could still enjoy prom," said Pratt.

Breaking up over the phone seemed convenient to Pratt, yet he took the time to end his relationship before it become something more.

"If you break up with someone,

make sure you say it to their face. It had to be done, or I would've had to marry her," he said.

Clayton Metheny, a freshman finance major, said his girlfriend broke up with him over the phone after dating for a year and three months.

She told him they were "over" and any attempt to rekindle their relationship was no way to change her mind.

"I was surprised. I didn't see it coming, and I was pissed," Metheny said.

Metheny said he invested so much into their relationship, he was even

willing to spend an obscene amount of money for prom.

"I dished \$300 dollars on prom for my tux and (tickets for) Six Flags, and she acted like everything was alright," he said.

Metheny said he felt that a separation over the phone was disrespectful, and everyone deserves to hear the bad news face-to-face.

"Work up the courage to say it to someone's face. They atleast deserve that," Metheny said.

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Thought counts, not price

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

Kirstie Saathoff will have been dating her boyfriend for three years on Feb. 23, but this year is the first time the couple will be celebrating the day named after the Patron of Love.

Saathoff said she will not be receiving a ring or necklace—he didn't go to Jared's.

In February 2010, these stores sold \$2.4 billion in merchandise, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Instead, Saathoff said for Valentine's Day he hinted at a more unique gift.

"He said that he's making me something," she said.

Saathoff said she would rather receive something her boyfriend took the time to make instead of a mass produced gift.

"He's a big hunter, so it's nice knowing he'll take the time to make something especially with us both being overwhelmed with school-work," she said.

Nico Canaday, a senior English major, said he would appreciate a thoughtful gesture.

"(I'd want) a dozen roses 'cause they're romantic," he said.

The wholesale value of domestically produced cut roses in 2009 was \$18 million for all operation with \$100,000 or more in sales, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Jamie Lowe said she would like a something more than roses—in a perfect world.

"(I want) my student loans paid," Lowe said. "They'll last longer than roses."

Lowe is a graduate family and consumer sciences major.

Andrew Welsh, a senior special education major, said he just got out of a serious relationship.

Welsh said he used to enjoy Valentine's Day, but now he is not looking forward to the holiday.

"(Valentine's Day) used to make me feel great, but now it makes me feel like shit," Welsh said.

Nicole Ward, a senior early-childhood major, has been dating her boyfriend for two months, but is not spending the day with him because of distance.

"He's back home, but I'm going back on the (Feb. 16)," Ward said.

Ward got her boyfriend shirts for Valentine's Day.

2011 Valentine's Day Spending



Anne Keane, a junior special education major, has been with her boyfriend Danny Lengel for nine months and said they want to keep their first Valentine's Day simple.

"We want to keep it chill because we are both broke, but he's making me dinner and we both made each other gifts," Keane said.

Keane said she thinks with short time they have been in a relationship it would better to

personalize gifts.

Keane said it's the thought behind the gift and not the monetary value.

"I don't want him to buy me something unless he sees it and thinks of me," Keane said.

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PERSONALIZATION

To really impress your Valentine, consider giving them personalized jewelry. Engraved jewelry is special whether it is engraved on the outside for the world to see or on the inside for a special message for the wearer.

REVIEW

'Paralytic Stalks' unique, yet not worth the listen



By Doug T. Graham
Online Editor

To call the latest Of Montreal album, *Paralytic Stalks*, unique would not surprise anyone who has followed the erratic-yet-inspired musical journey of the Athens, Georgia-based band. Over the past 15 years and 11 albums the band, led by prolific front man Kevin Barnes, has changed its sound from album-to-album on a level that is only rivaled by everyone's favorite genre-buster, Beck.

Not content to be bound by genre, style or the limitations of the traditional 3-minute pop song, *Paralytic Stalks*'s heavily-produced sound builds, swells and resolves over nine jumbo sized tracks, the last three of which take up nearly a half hour on their own.

The result of the meticulous producing and atypical song structure makes for an exhausting listening experience full of distorted guitar tones, tribal drumming and, for the first time, an orchestral arrangement.

If one constant exists in the album it is the anonymous subject, referred to as "you," whom Barnes sings to directly throughout. From the tortured opening lines, "You are what parasites evolved from/ Still an unanswered question" to the joyous chorus on the final track "I love how we're learning from each other/You are such a positive/You're so empowering," Barnes seems to resolve his feelings towards "you," but only after running through every seemingly every possible emotion.

It would be tough to place *Paralytic Stalks* alongside the other albums in Of Montreal's pantheon of oddly named albums. I am inclined to say it belongs with the band's two most recent efforts, 2008's *Skeletal Lamping* and 2010's *False Priest*, both of which featured similar cacophonies of sound. But this album takes some of the themes from those albums and goes absolutely crazy with them.

It cannot be denied that it is a special musical experience to listen to some of the things Barnes has done in this album, but I cannot honestly say I desire to listen to much of the album again. With every layer of sound Barnes adds to yet another three plus minute music breakdown, the more removed from the album I feel. It seems the album fills its musical canvas with so much sound that there is little room left for the listener.

The highlight of the album for me is "Malefic Dowery," which, if it weren't for the excellent orchestral arrangement, seems like it comes from a different Of Montreal album entirely. It is lilting, pleasant, short and above all else, if someone overhears you listening to it you won't have to pause the track and assure them that what you are listening to is indeed music.

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Choir to perform 'Songs of Love'

By Jose Gonzalez
Verge Reporter

With Valentine's Day on the way, emotions are elated and people are in a giving spirit of love.

The Eastern Concert Choir and University Mixed Chorus will echo these sentiments as they perform their "Songs of Love" concert.

Janet McCumber, director of the University Mixed Chorus, said despite the title of the concert, it is not a Valentine's Day themed concert, but rather an all-encompassing love.

"Songs of Love" can address many kinds of love: romantic, love of country, friendship, love for a child and parent," McCumber said. "I try very hard to think out of the box when programming so that all of the songs aren't about romantic love, and Dr. Rossi does the same thing."

McCumber said she finds joys in a concert like this, as well as her job of providing communication between the chorus and the audience.

"I think all choral music is emotional. Part of our job, and our delight as singers and performers, is communicating the emotion of the piece, regardless of what that emotion is, to the audience," McCumber said. "That means (performing) songs in other languages besides English, and songs that deal with emotions that might be uncomfortable or unfamiliar to the performers or the audience."

McCumber said her recital will not be all about love, as there is a hateful, but funny aspect of part of the performance.

She said one of the pieces is dubbed the "anti-Valentine's song" because it has the same effect of when a woman rejects a man's love, but does it in a cunning fashion by playing mind games with him.

McCumber said she feels UMC and Concert Choir is adequately prepared and ready to go for Sunday.

"They are committed to the music and are enjoying their group sound as well as working together," McCumber said. "I always feel like this is a great time to give a concert, because

usually this time in February is a little 'blah' and people are looking for some good entertainment."

Along with the direction of the choir comes the work of the choir students themselves, which does not go unnoticed.

Michelle Watson, a senior psychology major, said her involvement in the choir only began recently.

Watson said she did not realize that she could be in the choir, because she thought it was reserved for music majors.

She said participating in the choir has allowed her to grow as a person.

"I've definitely become more confident as a person, in my singing ability and meeting new people," Watson said.

The concert takes place at 4 p.m. on Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of Doudna. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for Eastern faculty and seniors and \$5 for students.

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