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CAMPUS | ENROLLMENT

Eastern hosts largest open house of year

By Chacour Koop
Special Projects Reporter

About 600 prospective students and their families attended Eastern’s open house Monday — more than the two previous open houses this year.

There were 500 to 550 students at the previous open houses in October and November.

Brenda Major, the director of admissions, said the nice weather and new recruiting strategies could be credited for the higher turnout.

“I think the weather couldn’t have been more perfect for this,” Major said.

Mindy Swickrath, the associate director of admissions, said the nice weather also helped bring in about 100 students who had not pre-registered for the event. She said that if it had been snowing in Chicago, many of the unregistered families might not have made the trip down.

Both Major and Swickrath credited the efforts of their student staff for working to promote the open house.

There were more than 70 student volunteers leading tours and guid-

ing families throughout campus. Additionally, in the two weeks leading up to the open house, a group of nine student “tele-counselors” made about 11,000 phone calls to high school students who had not yet been to Eastern — a first for this type of event.

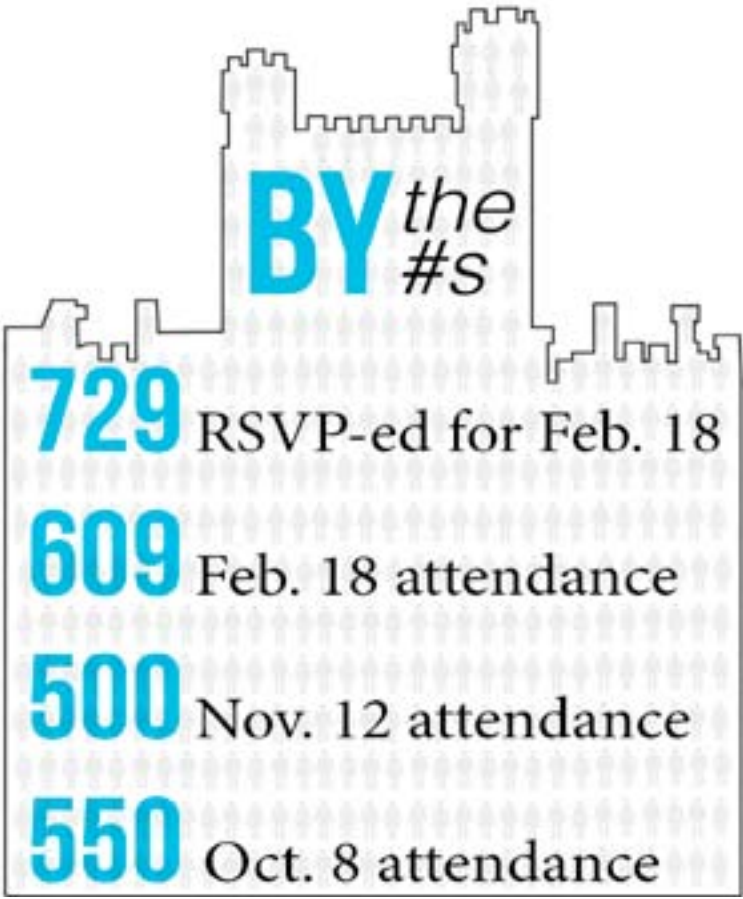
“They’re an army of awesomeness,” Swickrath said.

Both Swickrath and Tom Glenn, associate director of processing and electronic communication, fill new positions created within the office of admissions based on the advice of Noel-Levitz, a higher education consulting firm, contracted by Eastern to advise in increasing the lowering enrollment. Eastern’s enrollment has dropped about 1,600 in the last five years.

“I think that in the office of admissions we feel pressure to put our best foot forward no matter what the enrollment is,” Swickrath said.

She said the number of student applications is up from last year, and that will hopefully increase the number of students who attend Eastern next year.

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GRAPHIC BY SARA HALL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

CAMPUS | TEXTBOOK RENTAL

Eastern students could see savings in textbook taxes, funding changes

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

House Bill 14, sponsored by Rep. Mary Flowers, attempts to decrease student expenses by making textbooks tax-free and funding textbook rental programs through the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Eastern is one of three universities in Illinois that have a textbook rental program, which has existed since 1899 when the rental fee was \$1.

Students now fund the textbook rental building expenses with \$1 out of the \$9.95 per credit hour rental fee.

Susan Allen, an administrative assistant for the textbook rental service, said a tax exemption would save students the state sales tax, which is 6.75 percent, on their textbooks if they choose to purchase them at the end of the semester.

Allen said textbook rental does not pay taxes on books when they are purchased from publishers.

The bill would also require publishers to keep textbooks in print and available for purchase for at least six years after the last copyright date.

The cost of each new edition of a textbook is an average of 12 percent higher than the previous edition, causing prices of both new and

used versions of the previous edition to decrease, according to the Public Interest Research Groups.

Allen said requiring publishers to keep editions available would make it more convenient to find books that are used in courses for long periods of time.

She said about three to four times per semester, textbook rental has to search for used books from a wholesaler when a previous edition is no longer available.

“You get the select few books that are out of print or old, or you just can’t find them,” she said. “The majority of the time you can find it from wholesalers, who get them from publishers when they don’t make them anymore.”

She said used textbooks from wholesalers cost slightly less, but it can be difficult to locate specific editions.

“Luckily we’ve been able to get them, but we couldn’t get them from the publisher because once they come out with a new edition, the old edition is gone,” she said.

Jonathan Lackland, the deputy director of advancement, external and government relations for the IBHE, said this aspect of the bill has been a point for disagreement.

“What has been the sticking



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point for some is the requirement that the publisher has to keep that book around for six years,” he said. “It makes it very difficult in some people’s estimation how you can require a publisher to keep a textbook around for any length of time.”

Lackland said the bill is a result of the push across the country to cut student costs.

“When you’re looking at cuts to higher education and a decrease in

revenue, that cost will shift over to students as a raise in tuition and fees, and that may not be an arbitrary shift,” Lackland said.

He said any decrease in tax revenue has the potential to cause another deficit, so recognizing problems and creating conversations are essential.

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STUDENT SENATE

Tobacco forum to gauge input

By Samantha McDaniel
Student Governance Editor

Eastern community members can voice their opinions to help influence the Student Senate members’ vote on the tobacco-free campus proposal on Wednesday.

The Student Senate will have an open forum 7 p.m. Wednesday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to hear opinions on the proposal that will ban all tobacco products on campus.

Student Senate Speaker Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business major, said the forum will include a presentation about the proposal and data found by the Tobacco Coalition, a question-and-answer session for the Tobacco Coalition and audience participation.

The coalition will have 15 minutes to present and another 15 minutes to answer questions from the audience, Gurick said.

He said he wanted to make sure the students understood what the coalition is proposing and understand what it means.

The audience will be able to give their opinions in a 30-to-60-minute audience participation session.

The opinions of the students will affect what the Student Senate members decide, whether to pass the proposal, deny it or revise it, Gurick said.

“We decided this would be the best approach,” Gurick said.

Student Body President Kaci Abolt, a senior communication studies major, said she will be happy to hear differing perspectives in one setting.

While they have heard different opinions, Abolt said she has not heard opposing sides talk together.

“It’ll provide a clear perspective of the campus’ view on it,” Abolt said. “I’m hoping a lot of people are there who are passionate about it one way or the other.”

Gurick said participation by the Eastern community is vital and encourages as many people to attend and give input as possible.

“This issue affects the entire campus, so their participation is definitely welcomed and will be greatly appreciated,” Gurick said.

In an email, Maggie Luneburg, a graduate student and substance abuse coordinator at the Health Education Resource Center, said the Tobacco Coalition will be presenting the results from a recent survey they did about tobacco use on campus.

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CHARLESTON | RETRO STORE

Couple offers vintage furniture

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

A local couple is sharing their love of mid-century, modern furniture by selling it at their store, Swanky Retro.

JB and Michelle Faires opened the store in August 2012 after they redecorated their home with furniture from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

"It really brightened up our living room, kind of opened it up and gave it a great vibe," JB said.

He said he and Michelle noticed the difference between the furniture they were finding.

"As we were finding pieces to redecorate our house with, one of the things we were noticing about this period of furniture, 1950s, 1960s, early 1970s, was that so much of the furniture was really well made," JB said. "A lot of (furniture pieces), they're already 50 or 60 years old and they're still in great shape."

He said the store got its name from the word "swanky" after it kept popping into their heads when seeing the different pieces of furniture.

"It just gets at the vibe of the furniture, so yeah, Swanky Retro," JB said. "It's not old enough to be antique."

Michelle said she and JB had what most people have today in their homes — oversized furniture.

"That's where we were, we had huge furniture," she said. "Now we can actually seat more people in our living room and see our hardwood floors."

He said after the project, they kept finding and buying furniture with the same style.

"We filled our garage and storage building and finally decided, 'well maybe we should, like pass this stuff onto other people so they can enjoy it too,' so we decided to open a store," JB said.

However, before the store opened at 1721 Jackson Ave., JB and Michele had other, different careers.

Both Charleston natives, JB is a musician and has worked part-time at Lake Land and Eastern and Michelle has worked as an artist for the past eight years.

Michelle said she carves gourds and didgeridoos from wood, both of which she sells at the store.

"I worked as an artist for a long time carving gourds," she said. "They are all very natural, very earthy."

JB said Michelle is into interior design so owning a specialized furniture store is easy for her.

On the other hand, being a musician has not prepared him for the store, he said.

However, carrying his big string bass has helped him with loading and unloading heavy furniture, JB said.

Besides furniture, the couple also sells unique musical instruments at the store.

JB said they plan on selling more handmade instruments.

The couple said their favorite part of their business is finding new pieces of furniture for the store.

"We're always on the hunt," Michelle said. "We're always going to auctions, estate sales. Trying to find the furniture for the shop can be tricky sometimes."

JB said meeting people while in the pursuit of new pieces of the store is his favorite part.

"It's that thrill of the chase aspect that's also



PHOTOS BY AMANDA WILKINSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

JB and Michelle Faires started Swanky Retro, a furniture store specializing in Mid-Century, modern pieces after they redecorated their home. Swanky Retro opened in August 2012 and has had customers across the Midwest.

fun about this business," he said, "and the people that we meet with this kind of furniture. They tend to be pretty hip, you know, intelligent people."

Michelle agreed with JB and said the couple meets all types of people while picking.

"You just never know who you're going to meet or what type of person," she said.

Furniture as well as the owner of the furniture has a story to tell, Michelle said.

"A lot of times when we buy furniture, there's always a story," she said. "Like if we buy from an estate sale, a lot of times it's the people's family that are selling the piece they grew up with."

Michelle said one time she bought furniture that a family was really attached to.

"I've bought bedroom sets and the people were just bawling so I made sure the person I sold it to took pictures of it," she said. "I emailed them to (the previous owners) so that they could see it was going to a good owners."

Michelle also said it is fun seeing people's reactions when they step into their store.

"They're like, 'Wow, I feel like I stepped back in time,' she said.

Michelle said another aspect of the business she loves is researching the pieces.

"I have gotten pieces before that I didn't realize at the time that they were (made by) really sought after designers," she said. "When I got back and did a little research, I was like 'Holy cow, this chair I got for \$20 is worth \$1,600. There's a little bit of that hidden treasure. It makes it all the more exciting."

Michelle said the store gets a lot of out of town business because it is so specialized.

She said there are specialized shops like theirs in Chicago and St. Louis but it is less expensive for people to drive to Charleston, buy a piece, then have it delivered.

Michelle said she and JB try to keep the prices lower than other shops.

"We try to keep the prices reasonable," she said. "Obviously there are going to be a few piec-



Michelle Faires sells her hand-carved gourds at the store. She said the gourds take anywhere from 15 to 100 hours to carve free-hand.

es in here that are expensive just because of who made them and how collectible they are."

JB agreed and said they do not have a "collector mentality" when it comes to their store.

"We're not one of those shops, we'd rather see someone enjoy that piece of furniture in their own home," he said.

Michelle said they do haggle prices if a person is asking too much for an item.

"I have to buy something at a price where I can still sell it at a reasonable price because I don't want it to be too expensive," she said.

Michelle said she and JB want to keep prices low because of where they are located and who they sell to.

"This area, it's not a rich suburb of Chicago," she said. "People here can't afford \$3,000 couches. Just because someone doesn't make as much money as someone else doesn't mean they shouldn't have nice things."

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CAMPUS | SPEAKER

Comedian to tackle race, religion issues

By Rachel Biggs
Staff Reporter

Racism, religion and cultural differences will be explored when comedian Preacher Moss arrives at Eastern Tuesday.

A common theme in Moss' stand-up act is the idea of shedding new light on old issues of racism and religion.

During his performances, Moss tries to promote racial understanding and peace.

His material also covers a range of issues in the black community from stereotypes, to segregation, slavery.

Moss is not an actual preacher, but instead gets the nickname from his family after he would mimic his own pastor's passion for speaking, according to Moss' website.

Moss has performed at numerous college campuses before, including Augustana College and Penn State.

Moss has been a writer for the TV shows "Saturday Night Live," "The

Damon Wayans Show" and "George Lopez."

Moss was also a teacher and worked with children with emotional distress.

Danny Turano, the University Board chair, said Moss' act is not a typical, monotone lecture.

"Preacher Moss talks about a very serious issue that people face in our

The comedian's performance will also impact the way students view racism and other issues in society, he said.

"I feel he really wants his audience to grab a hold of different ways to look at racism in our society and how to put a stop to it," Turano said.

The lecture will last about an hour, and there is no admission fee for Eastern students, he said.

Moss will be performing at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union in the University Ballroom.

There will be a meet and greet after the show for those who would like to talk to Moss following the performance, Turano added.

"We allow (performers) to decide if they want to talk to the students or not," he said. "Typically they stay after and answer any questions the students might have."

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"Preacher Moss presents his lecture in a way that everyone isn't used to hearing. He will make you think, laugh and wonder all at one time."

-Danny Turano, University Board chair

society, but he adds comedy in it to lighten up the mood," Turano said.

He also said the issues presented by Moss will appeal to most students and will have an impact on them.

"This is not a typical lecture where someone just comes and talks in a monotone voice for an hour," Turano said. "Preacher Moss presents his lecture in a way that everyone isn't used to hearing. He will make you think, laugh and wonder all at one time."

FACULTY SENATE | DISCUSSION

Senate to talk about future of education

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

The Faculty Senate will be discussing issues and trends influencing the future of higher education during its meeting Tuesday.

Allan Philips, the deputy director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, will be presenting an evaluation of the affordability of education and various limitations to student success.

Philip's presentation includes 79 slides of the data and analysis of these factors dating to Nov. 2012.

Philips said he would give an overview of the increasing competition among universities as well as the changing nature of students and how they view education.

"I will be giving a view of what's going on and the general trends that will impact schools in the long term that need to be addressed to continue to attract students," Philips said.

He said he would offer a strategic view of higher education.

Philips said he has given the presentation to Western and Chicago State, and plans to visit the University of Illinois in the spring.

Grant Sterling, a philosophy professor and Faculty Senate member, said he is concerned with how the presentation

portrays education.

"The biggest concern I have with the presentation is it appears to accept a view of education according to which the only thing that matters is teaching people specific skills for their job," Sterling said.

He said the data undermines the importance of learning things like art, music, literature, philosophy or writing.

"It makes it sound as though none of those things have any importance, that the only thing that matters is that we offer classes students can take that will meet specific skills demanded by their job," he said.

Sterling said he would inquire about the nature of the data.

"I'm certainly going to be asking whether that's actually what the Illinois Board of Higher Education believes about higher education," he said.

Jeffrey Stowell, a psychology professor and Faculty Senate member, said he has no specific resistance to the data in the presentation.

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CAMPUS | WORKSHOP

Kaleidoscope workshop available

By Jordan Kessler
Staff Writer

In 1989, Brett Bensley created his first kaleidoscope, and from then on he was hooked.

After he created his first kaleidoscope, the next step was to disassemble another one.

He said he remembers thinking he was not going to get that one back.

Students at Eastern will be able to make their own kaleidoscope like Bensley, during the Academy of Lifetime Learning's "Kaleidoscopes: Those Magical Tubes of Color."

"Kaleidoscopes" is a workshop run by Bensley.

Bensley said he would teach the history of kaleidoscope making and

the basic techniques of making kaleidoscopes.

The workshop will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 19 in Blair Hall, room 2116.

The cost is \$45 for Academy of Lifelong Learning member and \$90 for non-members.

This is the first time Bensley has offered a workshop at Eastern.

Bensley, an information technology systems employee, said he has been a kaleidoscope enthusiast since 1985 when he read an article about them in the magazine "Scientific America."

He also said he likes kaleidoscopes for their artistic value.

"Kaleidoscopes are an enjoyable art form to view and make," Bensley said.

Bensley said he has made numerous kaleidoscopes since then.

He said he is looking for new and

interesting techniques for kaleidoscope-making.

He also said he produced a set of kaleidoscopes he calls "Rack 'em up," which is a set of pool balls refigured into kaleidoscopes.

He was also the editor of the short-lived magazine, 'Kaleidoscope Review,' highlighting different kaleidoscope artists, sharing techniques and showing off new creations.

Bensley also maintains the first kaleidoscope resource website, centralizing kaleidoscope related websites, as well.

In 1995 he started sharing his love of kaleidoscopes by teaching others how to make them.

"I like to see the amazed look on people's faces when they look inside," Bensley said.

He also said he began hosting

workshops at various schools and churches.

"I've taught children as young as 4 to adults as old as 93," Bensley said.

Bensley said he will be teaching how to make a two-mirror kaleidoscope with a dry cell object chamber as well as give a brief history and explain the science behind them.

The materials needed to make the kaleidoscope will all be provided, he added.

Bensley said he hopes that people who attend the workshop will take the techniques they learn and continue creating and teaching others about kaleidoscopes.

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ONLINE | VIDCAST



Check out Special Projects Reporter Chacour Koop's vidcast discussing the open house that brought hundreds of high school students to campus at dailyeasternnews.com.

CAMPUS CRIME

- At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, a residential burglary was reported at Douglas Hall. This incident is under investigation.
- At 5:10 p.m. Saturday, a theft was reported at Taylor Hall. This incident is under investigation.
- At 2:58 a.m. Sunday, Dylan Wilson, 18, of 401 Pecan Lanes, Belleville, was arrested at Taylor Hall. He was charged with unlawful use of ID and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and released at 4:38 a.m. with a notice to appear.
- At 12:59 a.m. Monday, Terence White, 22, of 12344 S. May St., Calumet Park, was arrested at Lawson Hall. He was charged with theft, aggravated domestic battery, obstructing justice and released to the custody of CCSO at 1:14 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* in the article titled "Council to vote on shared survey project," Mayor John Inyart was misquoted. He said the city annexed the First Christian Church's property last year. *The News* regrets the error.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Expected cuts show state of Eastern

Eastern is expected to cut its workforce by about 3 percent by the Fall 2013 semester in accordance with recent low enrollment rates.

In a recent article, Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, said he is unsure of the exact number of faculty cuts, but has told deans across campus to expect reductions. The reduction will take place through attrition, which means faculty positions will not be replaced if the person retires or leaves.

Though it is and will be disappointing to see empty positions across campus in the coming months, the circumstances Eastern is facing financially make these reductions necessary.

Lower enrollment numbers mean less money for the university, and a trickle-down effect ensues, affecting all aspects of campus.

It should not be a surprise that university administrators will need to evaluate the areas in which they can make cuts.

Lord has said he is working with deans of each college to continue to deliver the necessary curriculum with smaller numbers.

It is undoubtedly a difficult task, and one that should be taken seriously, since the faculty of Eastern have such a direct influence on the students' learning.

Lord said he still expects a modest decline for Fall 2013 and has had to plan accordingly.

The cuts being made to the colleges reflect the size of the colleges them-

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Eastern's workforce will be cut by 3 percent next fall.
- **Stance:** The cuts reflect the state the university is in.

selves, though the numbers are not out yet.

Ideally, Eastern faculty will consolidate in the best way possible and continue to supply students with the small class sizes and exceptional student-teacher relationships that are such a selling point for the university.

The decline in first-time freshmen class size has

been taking place slowly but surely since 2008.

Lord has said in the past that this was because recruiters got comfortable with the surplus of students they had at the time, resulting in less recruiting efforts than usual.

Because of the effect this has had on the university over the past few years, it is imperative that every effort possible is made to ensure it never happens again.

Though the workforce reductions are going to affect many people of the Eastern community, at this point they may be a necessary evil to attempt to balance out the ratio.

Harold Ornes, the dean of the College of Sciences, said he hates to think of higher education as a business, but that aspect is there and cannot be ignored.

There are bound to be campus-wide effects of enrollment declines, and Eastern has seen many in the recent years.

Though harsh, these cuts in the workforce have to reflect the state the university is in.

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

Your Twitter accounts are not funny

One hundred and forty characters isn't enough space for me to express how I feel about the various Eastern-related Twitter accounts that have been popping up over the last few months.

I'm not talking about the dining hall's Twitter or the communications department's Twitter or any of those other random ones that I see across my timeline from time to time.

I'm talking about these "joke accounts" that exist solely to try and be witty or funny and somehow relate it back to Eastern.

So many have been spawned that I can't even keep track of them anymore. I'm talking to you, @EIDrunks, @EIU_GossipGirl, @EIU_Chucked_Up, and whoever else has started one of these. Enough is enough. Stop it.

For me, there are three Eastern-related Twitterers that get a seal of approval: @ChuckVegas2, @EiuFauxTalk and @EIUmakeouts.

The first two are the originals. Two definite must-follows for anyone at Eastern on Twitter. Hilarious, witty stuff. Quality jokes in 140 characters or fewer. @EIUmakeouts is hilarious for obvious reasons. Stay classy, Eastern.



Dominic Renzetti

Everything else, in my opinion, is unneeded. We don't need a Twitter account personifying the Doudna steps or the Panther statue outside of Marty's (these don't exist, and they shouldn't exist, so please don't make them). The three accounts I mentioned earlier have it all under control.

Twitter is a great place. Some people like to say that Twitter is better than Facebook, which is debatable. Twitter is only better than Facebook because your grandmother isn't on Twitter (yet, at least). Twitter is great for news, advertising and spreading the word about whatever you want.

Twitter is also a great place to find witty and funny material, if you follow the right people (note: the fake Will Ferrell, the fake Kat Wil-

liams or any other parody are not the right people). But comedy is a tough thing to pull off if you don't do it right.

Sometimes people go overboard with their Twitter accounts.

When Mitt Romney made his infamous "Big Bird" and "binders full of women" comments during the election, Twitter accounts started popping up, personifying a Romney-hating Big Bird and a binder.

There were funny for all of two seconds but got really old really fast.

Others falling into this category: The lights at the Super Bowl and Marco Rubio's water. These jokes are over now. They don't need Twitter accounts.

So if you find yourself bored on a Saturday afternoon and you're thinking about making an Eastern-related Twitter account, please don't.

Unless it's a fantastic, wonderful, hilarious idea (which it probably isn't), please don't make anymore Eastern-related Twitterers.

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Getting in the game



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Trinity Cook, of Charleston, sits with Billy the Panther at the women's basketball game on Monday against Austin Peay. This was Cook's first time attending an Eastern sporting event, her parents said.

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Student Organization Cabinet to cover discrimination, inequality

Staff Report

The Student Organization Cabinet will continue discussing the issues of discrimination and inequality on Tuesday. The organization will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Arcola-Tuscola

Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Jenna Mitchell, the student vice president of student affairs, said it is important to discuss the issues of discrimination. Mitchell, a senior political sciences major, said the more people who discuss the issue, the more ideas they will find on ways to combat the problem. "It is an important topic to discuss because it is something that is really prevalent in our university right now," Mitchell said.

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Eastern is about halfway through the recruitment cycle and entering what Swickrath called the yield phase – when they attract students through financial aid and building relationships. Many of the students attending the Monday's open house were already admitted to Eastern.

"We know that when we get students on campus, they fall in love with it," Swickrath said.

Major said there were a lot of high school juniors, admitted seniors and transfer students. She said that the transfer student session has more people than she had ever seen before.

Dyanna Blecher, a senior at Oswego High School, was on her second open house trip to Eastern after looking at Northern Illinois University and Aurora University. She said she is coming to Eastern because she was comfortable on campus and likes the smaller campus.

Her mother, Denise Blecher, said they came again to get one last look at the campus and see room sizes. Her first impression of the Eastern was positive.

"The organization of the open house was very good. That gives a good first impression," Denise Blecher said.

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To see the related vid-cast of this article, go to dailyeasternnews.com

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"I would like to hear any questions that the attendees may have that will help them to better understand the initiative," Luneburg said.

Food and drinks will be provided for students who attend.

Abolt said the Student Senate members will base their resolution off of the response they get at the forum.

"I think we'll have a better direction of where to go next," Abolt said. "I don't think this forum will be an end-all; it'll be a conversation that will continue."

Gurick said it will take them about two weeks to pass a resolution, either supporting or against the bill, adding that they need a week to write the bill and a week of discussion.

"The student senators around the table will have a big say in what happens, so I'm hoping this provides a good way for them to hear both sides of the issue," Gurick said.

Abolt said whatever decision the Student Senate members make will not be the final decision and any changes will not go into effect until next school year.

"Right now, there is not a huge rush to formalize anything with the students without an adequate amount of feedback," Abolt said.

The other panelists were unavailable for comment.

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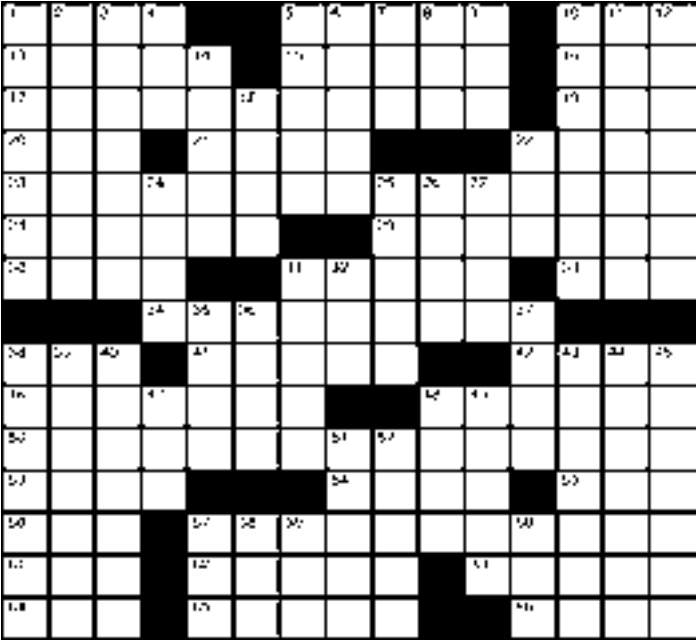
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 - 10 NetZero, e.g., briefly
 - 13 South American chain
 - 15 36-year Senator Hatch of Utah
 - 16 Neither partner
 - 17 Reached an agreement
 - 19 Civil War nickname
 - 20 Bordeaux buddy
 - 21 Mothers on a farm
 - 22 "I'd like to say something"
 - 23 Thoroughly evil
 - 28 Laundromat lineup
 - 29 Snug as a bug in a rug
 - 30 Followers: Suf.
 - 31 Doesn't enunciate
 - 33 Magazine VIPs
 - 34 Very eager
 - 38 Atty.'s group
 - 41 Naval slammers
 - 42 Peril
 - 46 Rainy season
 - 48 Family support group for some rehab patients
 - 50 "My pleasure!"
 - 53 Squeezes (out)
 - 54 "___ Yankees"
 - 55 California ball club, in sports crawl lines
 - 56 Census datum
 - 57 Sibling who stereotypically feels left out, and a hint to the little one hiding in 17-, 23-, 34- and 50-Across
 - 61 Having four sharps, in music
 - 62 Bit of broccoli
 - 63 Singer Tennessee ___ Ford
 - 64 Do simple math
 - 65 Hal Prince's record 21
 - 66 Quaint oath

- DOWN**
- 1 Rum brand with a cocktail named for it



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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 43 Hint
- 44 Horn of Africa country
- 45 Prepared for baking, as bread dough
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- 48 [Sigh!]
- 49 With 58-Down, judge in '90s news

- 51 Not in a predictable way
- 52 Spills the beans
- 57 Rockies hrs.
- 58 See 49-Down
- 59 "The ___ Patrick Show": sports talk program
- 60 Centuries-long realm dissolved in 1806: Abbr.

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STAT ATTACK

BASEBALL

Junior pitcher Christian Slazinik threw only one pitch in his first start of the season. Slazinik jumped off the mound to field a bunt attempt by a Jackson State hitter, and in the process tweaked his right knee landing. Slazinik was named the new number-one starting pitcher after it was announced that senior pitcher Troy Barton would be out for the season because of an elbow injury.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior forward Sydney Mitchell of the Eastern women's basketball team entered the program's 1,000-point club in the Panthers' 73-59 win over Murray State Saturday. Mitchell has 1,009 career points. She is the 22nd player in Eastern's history to reach 1,000 points, joining teammates Ta'Kenya Nixon and Mariah King.



TRACK AND FIELD

The Eastern men's and women's track team placed first in nine events at the EIU Friday Night Special. Red-shirt junior pole vaulters Mick Viken and Jade Riebold led the group as they cleared 17-feet, 4.5-inches and 13-feet, 11-inches, respectively. It was Eastern's final meet of the regular season before hosting the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships Feb. 22-23.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eastern men's basketball team shot 58.3 percent 3-point range in its 79-70 win over Murray State Saturday. Eastern was 7-of-12 from behind the arc. It was Eastern's second highest 3-point shooting percentage of the season. Eastern is shooting 35.1 percent from 3-point range for the season — seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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VIEWS

What is a 'real college team?'



Anthony Catezone

The most noteworthy number from the stat sheet of the Eastern-Murray State men's basketball game Saturday is not the 32-14 Panther advantage for points in the paint.

It is not that Eastern held Murray State to 15-of-39 shooting from 3-point range.

It is not junior guard Morris Woods' game-high 21 points, nor is it junior forward Sherman Blanford's 15 points and 14 rebounds.

The most noteworthy number from that game is 2,455.

That is the number of attendance on hand for Eastern's 79-70 win over Murray State, the west division leader in the Ohio Valley Conference.

It was the most significant win for a team that had lost 12 straight games earlier this season.

Few people outside of the Eastern men's basketball team's locker room believed such an upset was imaginable.

But Saturday in Lantz Arena, it was more than imaginable: it was real.

And it was all made possible through the 2,455 fans watching the action unfold. However, 2,455 fans is not much at all.

It is not even half as much as Murray State averages for its attendance.

But for a team that averages 989 fans per game, it was enough to make difference for the Panthers to upset the Racers at home.

You could see it on the players' faces. They were elated to see that much support from a fan base that has been lackadaisical at best for several years.

Players were near jumping onto the press tables, pointing at fans, banging on their chests all because of the energy they were feeding off of from the home crowd.

The celebration even caused senior guard Taylor Jones to do the cliché act of chucking the ball up into the air.

Can you blame him?

That was the most fired-up Panther

crowd I have seen in my three semesters at Eastern, and the greatest crowd since Eastern's 47-40 win over Morehead State in the 2010-11 season — when Denver Nuggets star Kenneth Faried was still on the Eagles.

Saturday night, after the game, I cannot count how many people talked to me about the win over Murray State.

Almost everyone said the same thing: "It felt like they were a real college basketball team."

What does that even mean? As if the other 26 games this season have not existed.

Eastern does indeed have a 'real' college basketball team. Nothing about it is fictitious.

Eastern has a Division I basketball program. And the last I checked, that is as real as it gets in college sports.

If people want the experience of a Division I college basketball team, it will take the fans to achieve it.

Of course, it starts with the product on the floor, but look at what the Panthers were able to do against the second best team in the OVC with 2,455 fans behind them.

Wednesday night Eastern hosts Belmont, the best team in the OVC. After seeing how it played Murray State, maybe Eastern has another upset up its sleeve.

So if you want to see a 'real college basketball team,' go see Eastern play at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | GAME RECAP

Records fall, Panthers win big

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Kelsey Wyss broke Eastern's all-time record for 3-pointers made in a career with a 3-pointer with 13:06 left in Eastern's 88-59 win over Austin Peay.

The 3-pointer broke Lauren Dai-ley's record from 2004.

But, thirteen minutes in the game, Eastern trailed by four points, with no points in the paint and eight turnovers.

Austin Peay sat in a zone defense for most of the game, which caused the Panthers to struggle in the first half.

Eastern coach Lee Buchanan said the game plan was not to take so many 3-pointers. The Panthers took 32 in the game and Buchanan said he does not think one of his teams has ever taken so many in a single game.

Austin Peay played a zone defense because it couldn't guard the Panthers inside, Buchanan said. Even knowing that, the Panthers were settling for shots, Buchanan said.

Wyss said the Panthers did not move the ball and attack the gaps the way they should have.

"We were shooting 3s we don't normally take," Wyss said. "Once we started putting pressure on their defense, we started taking care of the ball."

Leading 23-20 in the first half, forward Sydney Mitchell missed a layup.

Eastern guard Ta'Kenya Nixon



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Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon leaps to toward the basket against Austin Peay. Nixon had 18 points on the night. The women's basketball team record is now 18-8.

grabbed the offensive rebound and passed it back to Mitchell, whose shot got blocked.

The blocked shot fell into forward Sabina Oroszova's hands. She took a jump shot, but missed.

Eastern guard Katlyn Payne grabbed the Panthers' third offensive rebound of the possession and passed the ball to Nixon at the top

of the key.

Nixon passed the ball to Wyss, at the top of the 3-point circle. Wyss took the shot, made it and Eastern led, 26-20.

With 4:12 left in the first half, the Panthers strung together a 12-2 run. It was a part of the Panthers' 24-7 run in the last 7:47 of the half.

But Tuesday's game in Lantz Are-

na wasn't only Wyss' to celebrate. Oroszova set the program's single-game record in blocks with seven.

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TRACK & FIELD | MEET RECAP

Eastern takes big home victory

By Jaime Lopez
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Eastern's men and women's track and field team competed in its final indoor meet at home Friday, before hosting the Ohio Valley Conference Track Championships next weekend.

The team had a total of nine first-place finishes. Red-shirt junior pole vaulter Jade Riebold won the women's pole vault.

Riebold ran down the stretch to a silent audience in the bleachers, but when she cleared the height, Riebold was treated to a thunderous applause as she was coming down.

Riebold cleared a height of 13-feet, 11-inches on her first attempt. Soon she had the bar lifted to 14-feet, 2-inches, but Riebold was unsuccessful in clearing the height.

Riebold said being able to clear that height is her goal for the next meet.

Following their teammate on the scoreboard, senior and freshman pole valuters Abigail Schmitz and Annemarie Reid placed fourth and fifth in the meet, respectively.

Reid said she and Schmitz are getting ready to peak for the end of the indoor season. Reid explained that her performance this meet was good, but she said she's expecting better results in the OVC Track Championships.

In the men's pole vault, red-shirt junior pole vaulter Mick Viken placed first in the meet.

Viken's final successful jump came when he cleared a height of 17-feet, 4.5-inches.

After that, the pole vaulter tried his hand at 17-feet, 7-inches, but failed on each of his attempts.

Teammate freshman pole vaulter Eric Gordon also placed in the top 10, taking third place in the competition.

Gordon's highest cleared height was 16-feet, 6.75-inches.

Sophomore jumper Maura Cummins took second in the women's high jump. Cummins jumped a height of 5-feet, 5.25-inches.

On the track, red-shirt senior sprinter Jacob Mitchell took first place in the 60-meter dash, running a time of 6.85. Senior sprinter Steven Clark competed in the same event and took third place, running a time of 6.90.

In the men's mile, red-shirt freshman distance runner Joe Calio took third.

Calio was in the middle of the pack for the better part of the race, but in the final laps he surged forward, finishing with a time of 4:18.11.

Distance runners Mike Hasslau, Max Gassmann, Victor De La Torre, Tyler Anderson, Dan Wooldridge and Pablo Ramirez competed in the men's 3,000-meter run.

Ramirez led the pack from Eastern for the better part of the race but dropped out, leaving only five runners on the track.

The pack and their competitors pulled away and were strung out in the final four laps.

Hasslau finished the race in a time of 8:39.36. Gassmann, De La Torre, Anderson and Wooldridge also placed in the top 10, running 8:46.45, 8:49.59, 8:58.68, 9:19.00, and placing third, fourth, sixth and ninth, respectively.

Sophomore distance runner Chelsea Sondgeroth won the women's 5000-meter run.

Sondgeroth ended up running a time of 19:09.23.

Sophomore distance runner Laura Magnesson competed in the event as well and took third with a time of 19:31.85.

The next meet for the Panthers will be the OVC Indoor Championships at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Lantz Field House.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ALUMNUS

Domercant's No. 44 jersey retired

By Anthony Catezone
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Henry Domercant walked through the halls of Lantz Arena his freshman year in 2000, envisioning the collegiate career he would one day reflect on decades later.

Domercant said he imagined individual and team success as much as any other player.

He said he strived to be the best that he could as a collegiate athlete, but that may have more than he could ever have dreamed.

Thirteen years later, Domercant took center stage in Lantz Arena as 2,455 people applauded him for nearly five straight minutes as his No. 44 jersey was being retired by Eastern's men's basketball program.

"This was a great opportunity for us to honor two individuals who helped shape Eastern Illinois basketball," Athletic Director Barbara Burke said during the ceremony. "We are excited to retire Henry Domercant's number and are glad that he is able to be with us for this event."

An elated Domercant stood in the middle of the Panther logo on the court with his two children and his wife, Alexandra, also an Eastern graduate.

Praise showered down from the rafters as a spotlight shined on the Ohio Valley Conference's All-Time leading scorer's No. 44 jersey banner.

Domercant, who holds 15 single season and career scoring records at Eastern, was joined by his former coach Rick Samuels and several former teammates, something that he said meant more to him than anything.

"It's a great moment," Domercant said. "Especially to have my former coach and teammates here, they are the guys that are responsi-

ble for helping me achieve the success I've had. I am so grateful for everything tonight."

Domercant was a member of the 2001 NCAA Tournament team that lost as a No. 15 seed to a No. 2 seed Arizona 101-76 in the first round — an Arizona team that went on to lose to Duke in the National Championship game.

Domercant said his greatest memory at Eastern came when the Panthers qualified for that 2001 NCAA Tournament.

"We pulled up and all the fans were waiting here in the gym," he said. "There was an impromptu pep rally. That was a great feeling. They supported us all year, and for us to do something special like that was because of them."

But the NCAA's 26th all-time scorer said the retiring of his jersey ranks above all the others, even his 2002 OVC Player of the Year Award.

Domercant is one of eight former Eastern athletes to have their jersey retired by their respective program.

He joins the late Kevin Duckworth (1983-86) as the only other player in Eastern men's basketball history to have his jersey retired. Duckworth's jersey was retired in 1993.

Domercant said it was an honor for him to be in the same conversation as Duckworth.

"I haven't found the right words yet, but being back here, it is just now hitting me," he said. "This club is so elite, and for people to associate me with those (Duckworth) is truly amazing."

Domercant currently plays for the team Galatasaray in Turkey, but an ACL tear has caused him to sit out the remainder of the season.



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Henry Domercant, a former Eastern basketball player, stands with his wife and children at mid-court in Lantz Arena on Saturday to accept the retiring of his jersey.

Seven weeks since having surgery, Domercant said he will be fully healed in eight months after his rehabilitation process.

As an oversized grin took over Domercant's face, he said he has enjoyed the time off, seeing as he has gotten to spend it with his family.

He said he could not wait until

the day comes that he is able to share this memory with his daughter, Gabrielle, 3, and his 4-month-old son Canon — "I figure he is going to be a shooter," Domercant said.

Just like his father.

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