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Models prepare to work runway

Eastern's Next Top Fashion Models take the stage Saturday

By Samantha McDaniel **Activities Editor**

Art will collide with fashion on the McAfee Gymnasium fashion runway on Saturday.

Eastern's Next Top (E.N.T.) Fashion Models Incorporated will be performing a show with the University of Illinois at Champaign- Urbana Moda Bellissima Models at 8 p.m. Saturday in the McAfee Gymnasium.

Toni Porter, the founder and president of E.N.T., said for their first show, the members of E.N.T. wanted to partner with those interested in fashion from other universities in the area. Designers from Illinois State University will also be helping with the show.

We are collaborating with the U of I models," Porter said. "They are the first modeling organization there, so it's really nice to work with

The theme of the fashion show is "Art hits the Runway," and the scenes will represent artworks.

"The show is going to focus on some pieces of art and the purpose of the show is to send a positive message about us coming together as one, unity, stopping the violence," Porter said.

Porter said that E.N.T. likes to focus on college fashion.

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LECTURE

Author set to discuss controversial issues, topics

By Lauren Lombardo Staff Reporter

An author will address issues about sex, race, religion and politics on Tuesday.

Phillip Milano will have a discussion-style lecture at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

He will touch bases on tough issues such as racism, stereotypes, gender discrimination, religious persecution, age discrimination, homophobia and other matters of cultural diver-

"Sounds cliché but the audience should expect the unexpected," Milano said.

The University Board is in charge of the

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Lock and load



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Cadet Nana Gyasi, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, demonstrates her ability to work a Mark 19 Grenade Launcher at the ROTC U.S. Weapons Lab in the McAffee Gym Thursday Jan. 26, 2012. The weapons lab gave the cadets the opportunity to handle weapons, including the M-2 .50-Caliber Machine Gun, M-4 Carbine, M-9 9mm Pistol, M249 Machine Gun, M240B Machine Gun and Mark 19 Grenade Launcher, before going to the firing range later this year. The M 19 Grenade launcher has a sustained rate of fire of 40 rounds per minute according to the provided MK 19 operational data.



To see the full photo gallery, check out DENnews.com

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA discusses tutoring program

Dorms to serve community with \$29

By Robyn Dexter **Campus Editor**

The Residence Hall Association welcomed representatives from different campus programs at its meeting Thursday at Stevenson Hall.

Meghan Koons, from New Student Programs, encouraged the RHA members to sign up to become Prowl Leaders for fall.

"It's an honorary position to be the first faces new students get to see when they arrive," she said.

Students can register online and schedule an interview to become a Prowl Leader.

Amanda Messinger from Student Community Service spoke about an event RHA is participating in: \$29

This event will be taking place all throughout February and each hall will be given \$29 to stretch as far as they can to serve the community, Messinger said.

There are 12 residence halls on

"In this local community, you will



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(Left to Right) Julie "Jack" Mariani, a sophomore early childhood education major; Ally "Adam" Kupersmith, a junior special education major; and Marissa "Justin" Bouma-Sweeney, a freshman mathematics major, play the part of "Douglas Dogs" Thursday at the Residence Hall Association meeting in the lobby of Stevenson Hall. The three Lincoln Hall RHA representatives dressed up to play host because Douglas Hall has no representatives at this time.

make an impact," she said.

Raquel Serrano, a junior biological sciences major, came to speak to RHA about the Residence Hall Tu-

toring Program.

the program started in Pemberton the other residence halls. Hall last February. JUMP, page 5

Serrano said she came to the RHA Serrano, the program director, said in hopes of getting tutoring started in

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Josh Yaeger, freshman psychology major, and Meghan Scott, freshman health studies major, practice the proper way to put on a condom during a Rubber Lover's session Thursday evening in the Coleman Auditorium.

DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Axiom Brass to perform at Eastern

By Sean Copeland Staff Reporter

...Bryan Murley

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While audiences may find the music of Axiom Brass unfamiliar, their work can still strike a chord within them.

Dorival Puccini Jr., a founding member of the Axiom Brass Concert Quintet, said because the type of music the group performs, brass chamber music, is still largely considered to be in its infancy, many audience members may find their work to be unrecognizable.

"We are about 400 years behind string quartets and piano trios," he said. "It wasn't until the 1950s that professional brass quintets began to be established. When that happened, there were basically two schools of chamber music that were available.

Puccini Jr. said the group's tainment value, which often in- the Chesapeake Chamber Mu-

purpose is to constantly explore new music without any specific audience in mind, hoping the audience will enjoy their work regardless.

We feel that if we are passionate about something, then the audience will be just as passionate and interested in the piece," he said.

A large portion of the music that Axiom Brass plays is actually transcripted and arranged specifically for Axiom Brass.

In addition to Puccini Jr., Axiom Brass is comprised of Matthew Oliphant, Kevin Harrison, Colin Oldberg and Brett John-

Puccini Jr. said the group has stylistically different approaches to brass chamber music.

He said the first approach is considered to have more enter- ed to be one of five groups for

cludes dancing, theatrical performances and other high-end entertainment and is focused less on the actual music.

He described the other approach as more academic, usually centered at a university or academic institution setting.

Puccini Jr. stressed, however, the group has to feel something about the music in order to perform it.

He said the group finds their inspiration from both piano trios and string quartets, such as the Kronos Quartet, a string quartet, or the Amberson string quartet,

Still, Puccini Jr. said brass quintets are largely considered to be illegitimate compared to piano trios and string quartets.

"Axiom Brass was just select-

sic Competition, and, of the five finalists, there's only one brass quintet, two ensemble piano trios and two ensemble string quartets," he said.

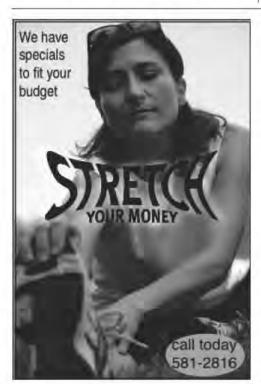
Puccini said he feels this is at least a step in the right direction.

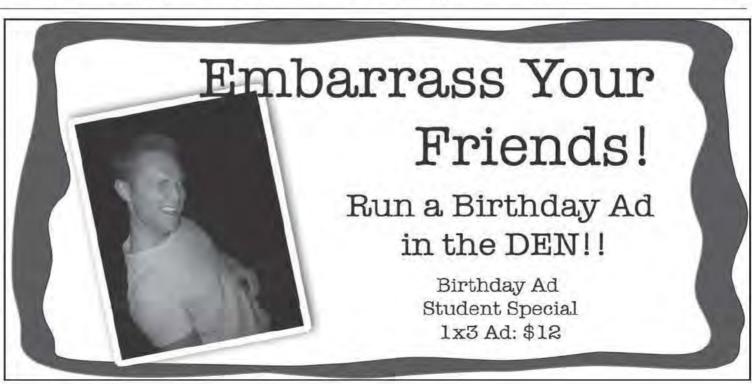
"That's really what Axiom Brass is. We're interested in having brass chamber music perceived as a serious medium just like string quartets or piano trios," he said.

Axiom Brass will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the Recital Hall of Doudna Fine Arts

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$12 for Eastern employees and seniors and \$7 for stu-

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Old course brought back to life online

Geography class disappeared, will soon be offered again

By Doug T. Graham **Online Editor**

For the first time in more than 10 years, Geography of Illinois, a course that originated in the 1970s, will be taught at Eastern and for the first time ever it will be taught

The revisions to the course, first proposed by Chris Laingen, an assistant geography professor, in the spring of 2011, were approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting Thursday.

Laingen, who appeared before the council to explain the revisions and answer their questions, said the course has been on the books since the 1970s. He said the last evidence of the course being taught at Eastern is in the late 90s or the early

Laingen revealed to the council that he received a copy of the course's syllabus from Susan Kile the secretary for the Geology/Geography department, who took the course in 1999.

He said there are similar statebased geography courses at universities around the country.

In the Thursday, Jan. 26 edition of The Daily Eastern News, Amy Wywialowski reported currently Illinois State University is the only Illinois public university that offers



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Domenica Newell-Amato, assistant professor of French and Italian, and Aseret Gonzalez, student vice president for academic affairs, listen during a committee meeting prior to a Jan. 19 Council for Academic Affairs meeting in the conference room of Booth Library.

a similar course.

The revisions, which had already been approved by the College Curriculum Committee on Jan. 13 and by the Geology/Geography department in December, was approved by

was presented a report entitled "Re-

In other business, the council the 28 page report at its Feb. 9

Children's Advocacy looking for champions

By Kathryn Richter

City Editor

The Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois and Eastern are currently accepting applications to award individuals who improve the lives of children.

The "Champions for Children" award will be given to people, who have positively impacted the lives of children.

The Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois is a nonprofit organization that adheres to the needs of children ages 0-18 years that were victims of sexual or severe physical abuse in Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby counties.

Pam Riddle is the executive director of the center and interviews children who have been through traumatic events and helps their families with the legal process.

Riddle said she is especially passionate about the award because of the impact good deeds can have on traumatized children and their fam-

"We're asking for the public to nominate a youth or someone that they know," Riddle said. "It could be a child who raised pennies in his grade school to help the orphans in Haiti or it could be someone from their church that not only has collected coats but has also organized several food drives to help children in this area."

Through the award, Riddle said

she wanted to encourage others to continue to reach out to children in need by organizing projects that provide a positive impact, motivates others to get involved, or raises awareness about child abuse issues.

"There are a lot of good people who do a lot of good for children and I feel their stories need to be told," Riddle said.

Riddle said the new event will become an annual tradition for the Children's Advocacy Center, Eastern and the exchange clubs of Charleston and Mattoon.

"The Children's Advocacy Center and the exchange clubs of Charleston and Mattoon and EIU have established a children's champion award banquet," Riddle said.

Riddle said the awards ceremony will take place on April 3 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and nominations for the Champion for Children awards are due by Feb. 15.

Riddle said Eastern, the exchange clubs and the center are currently looking for community members and youths under the age of 18 that have made an effort to reach out to children in need or someone who has just gone the extra mile to lend a helping hand.

"This is something I've wanted to do for several years," Riddle said.

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the CAA members unanimously.

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The council decided to discuss

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GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate School accepting entries for King-Mertz award

Alumna's support brings recognition for graduate research

By Kaylia Eskew Staff Reporter

The School of Graduate Studies is taking entries for The King-Mertz Distinguished Research/ Creative Activity Award until 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 3.

The award is designed to recognize the highest achievement in graduate research based on nonthesis graduate research/creative activity projects required for a degree program completed between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 the prior year.

Lori Henderson, the publicity/promotions specialist for the Graduate School, said Nancie King Mertz, of the graduate school and EIU graduate alumna in art, established the award in 2009.

"Philanthropy is critical to higher education and research drives graduate education, and Nancie's support brings these elements together," Henderson said.

The award is available to graduate degree-seeking candidates who completed the research/creative activity as part of the requirements for the graduate degree during the dates specified.

Project and nomination packets are to be turned in electronically and can be done in various formats that best fits with the student's research topic.

A copy of the project may be submitted as a text file if the project is a written document, as an image or images if the project is artwork or as a media/video file if the project is a recital, performance or presentation, according to the Eastern website.

All projects will be judged by Robert Augustine, the dean of the graduate school, and the Council on Graduate Studies determines the committee each year.

This committee is comprised of graduate coordinators, (Council on Graduate Studies) members and a student, each representing an academic college, so there are four committee members total, one for each college," Henderson said.

The winner of the award will receive a \$500 honorarium from the graduate school and will be featured at the Distinguished Graduate Student Awards Ceremony in mid April.

This will be the third year that the Graduate school offers the

The first award was presented in spring 2010, Henderson said.

Olivier David, a graduate student, won the Spring 2010 award with his research on the exploration of the variety of jazz, according to the April 15, 2010 Graduate Scholar Journal of scholarship and recog-

Requirements for award

Eligibility: Graduate degree-seeking candidates who completed the research/creative activity as part of the requirements for the graduate degree during the dates specified.

Number: One award per year.

Find more information on the Graduate School website.

The Spring 2011 winner, Brandon Hensley, won the award with his work about body billboard advertising and corporate presence in all facets of society according to the April 14, 2011 Graduate Scholar Journal of scholarship and recog-

"The King-Mertz award supports and brings recognition to graduate research conducted in a nonthesis format, an equally important aspect of research that did not have a process for formal recognition before the establishment of the King-Mertz awards," Henderson said. "We are grateful for Nancie's support and proud to know her as an alumna of EIU's graduate program in art and a 2009 Outstanding Graduate Alumnus."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

There are no bars in Charleston

Most of-age Eastern students have indulged in a celebratory 21st-birthday bar crawl to establishments such as The Panther Paw, Stus, Martys, Ikes and Penalty Box.

The problem is, in Charleston, it is impossible to have a bar crawl.

According to the rules of the city of Charleston, there are no bars at all.

Because the city requires all alcohol-serving facilities to serve 51 percent food and 49 percent alcohol each month, we are stuck in a city of restaurants. This poses many problems, including how we are supposed to fit things like "Stephanie's Awesome 21st Birthday Restaurant Crawl" on a T-shirt.

So what's the problem? What does it matter to students if their favorite watering holes are technically "restaurants"?

For one, because these "restaurants" need to submit quarterly reports to the city proving they are making the majority of their money selling food, they are limited in the way they can conduct their business. This forces them to act like restaurants, when to their customers they are

For example, Peter Christos, the owner of The Penalty Box Bar & Grill, said he has to raise the price of chicken wings at night when patrons are less likely to care about the cost.

By the way, he said this at an open hearing before the liquor commissioner Wednesday.

You see, Christos is under the city's scrutiny because of the aforementioned quarterly reports.

As reported in the Thursday edition of *The* Daily Eastern News, the city has accused Christos of falsifying his report. The City Comptroller, Heather Kuykendall, testified that when she ran the numbers on his report (which he turned in late) the profits amounted to exactly 51 percent from food and 49 percent from alcohol, down to the last penny.

Unless there has been some sort of accounting miracle that has saved Christos from losing his restaurant license, those numbers aren't going to fly.

We don't support the city's policy.

The 51/49 food/alcohol split is in all likelihood going to cost Christos his restaurant license and business.

We believe this is unjust. The city clearly has good intentions: patrons will be less intoxicated leaving the bar with food in their bellies. But 51 percent is way too high. If the city required bars to have at least 25 percent of sales come from food, it could be confident that the bars made food an available, regular part of their business.

Closing a business down is a big deal. Under the current rules, all the city has to do to close down a "restaurant" is catch it selling more beer and vodka than pizza and wings.

We think that as long as a bar is selling to ofage, law-abiding patrons and its facilities clean, they should be allowed to operate any way they want. Why does the city force our bars to act like restaurants?

Whatever their reason, it sure does make it easier to shut them down.

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COLUMN

GOP primary in full, unenthusiastic swing

Whether we like it or not, the next presidential election year is upon us. The Republican primary has been in full swing for some time now, although I'm sure no one could have noticed, with the number of debates the Republican candidates have had (18 thus far, and five more are planned).

As the different candidates have entered and left the race, had their moments atop the polls and down in the depths, the emergent narrative has been that the race is between former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and whoever's turn it is to compete with him.

I personally felt the devastating pangs others felt as Texas Gov. Rick Perry entered the race to high expectations from conservatives and then crashed and burned because of poor campaign managing and a terrible lack of debate skills when they were needed most.

I was also relieved to see the unfortunate tag-alongs-Cain, Bachmann and Huntsman-gradually drop out for their own political good. And then there were three left, plus Mitt Romney.

As of last Saturday's primary in South Carolina, the top two Republican contenders appear to be Romney and South Carolina winner Newt Gingrich. This is backed up by several polls taken in Florida, where the next primary will be held on Tuesday, that place Romney ahead of Gingrich at varying intervals.

While it may not be an overarching feeling, the sense I have gathered from some



Greg Sainer

political observers is that the Republican nominee should be mostly settled by now. Romney has been the supposed front-runner throughout the race, but the reaction to Romney among more conservative Republicans has been lukewarm at best. Because of this, it is not that surprising that the other two candidates left, besides Mitt and Newt, are Ron Paul and Rick Santo-

In brief, Paul has been campaigning continuously since 2008, much like Romney, and has made certain inroads with sectors of conservatives with his rhetoric against big government and support for a more isolationist foreign policy.

As for Santorum, social issues have been his largest draw, as evidenced by his close race with Romney in the Iowa caucuses.

Are these two candidates likely to win the nomination? I say no, because, with all due respect, they both lack the general appeal that the Republican Party at large is searching for this cycle.

So why are they still in the race? Because they still hold appeal with certain groups

of Republicans and conservatives and still apparently believe that they have a chance at the nomination.

Will Republicans ever find a candidate to rally around whom they believe can take on Barack Obama? It may not look like it now, but it will happen.

Sure, the number of debates has been painfully high, and the repetitive talking points and debate moderation has not been the easiest thing to experience, but drawnout primaries are simply a current part of the election game.

Anyone who remembers the 2008 Democratic primary surely remembers wondering if the drawn-out primary would hurt the eventual nominee's chances against John McCain, who had locked up the GOP nomination very early on. We all know how that turned out.

As we begin our long dive into the depths of an election year, we must face the fact that the current cycle of politics will likely continue in its lengthy, drawn-out form.

President Obama's State of the Union speech was effectively the official public beginning of his reelection campaign, as he laid out what he still wants to accomplish. We'll just have to wait now to see how (and with whom) Republicans and conservatives will respond.

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FROM THE EASEL

Creative methods for Charleston Bars to fulfill their 512/49% Food-to-Alcohol Requirement 2 Twirzterstraw Shot in-a-sandwich style in a mixed drink 3) Ludacris-style* * attributed to his 2003 album "Chicken-n-Beer"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Women who choose abortion may regret it later

An article appearing in The Daily Eastern News on Monday, Jan. 23, titled, "Presentation to shed light on abortion issues," has been haunting me all week.

The articles quotes: "One woman (in the film) says she felt great after having an abortion because for the first time in her life, she was taking control."

Uh...where did the idea come from that she was supposed to be in control?

I know this is a common misunderstanding about life. We are created, not self-made, and our Maker paid a huge price to own us and have control over our

It's a position He has every right too and we will find our greatest and most fulfilling experiences of life when we yield our allegiance to Him.

He is all about making life good, long, fulfilling and richly beneficial to everyone around us (including the babies in the

The Maker would love to rejoin mothers with the babies they chose to abort. He will do that with many.

However, there is an unpopular ingredient necessary for that to happen. It's an infrequently used word called "repentance." (You don't even hear it in churches very often any more.)

"Repentance" not only means you are sorry for killing your baby, but you've become determined never to do it again (or definitely do not "feel great" about it).

I'm afraid that many who have aborted their babies are going to end up finding themselves aborted from enjoying the life they could have had with their baby that is waiting in the arms of the Father.

> Bob Clapp Oakland, IL

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ENTERTAINMENT

Benefit concert to honor Charleston resident

Staff Report

The third annual David F. Tanner Benefit Concert for the Eastern Jazz Studies program will take place Saturday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The concert, in honor of the late Charleston resident Tanner, will be at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Union.

Funds from the concert will go to the David Frank Tanner/Ronald Eugene Gholson Endowed Fund Celebrating the Goodness of Music, which was established through the EIU Foundation for the benefit of students participating in Eastern's jazz studies program. The funds generated from the concert will go towards the purchase of music, instruments, equipment and performance clothing.

Other funds will go to travel for faculty and students for competitions, conferences and concerts.

Ronald Gholson, a retired Eastern professor, created the fund and started the benefit concerts to honor Tanner after he passed away.

Music for the event will be performed by Eastern jazz students, the Sawyer Brothers, Moon Dogs, and the Men of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. These groups have performed at past the past benefit concerts as well.

Tickets for the event may be purchased in advance at What's Cookin', or at the door the night of the performance.

Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students. Tanner passed away on Jan. 26, 2009 just before turning 45.



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Danny Kent, a senior music major with teacher certification, performs a solo on alto saxophone March 10 at a Jazz Lab Band concert in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

RHA, from page 1

"This program will bring out the best in the residents (of the halls)," she said.

Currently, around seven tutors help students in Pemberton every Sunday through Thursday from 6-9 p.m.

Serrano said her goal is to have a tutoring program in every hall.

After hearing from Koons, Messinger and Serrano, members of the RHA split into their subcommittees of Programming, Social Justice and Diversity, Community Service, Community Development and President's Council.

The Programming Committee reported back that T-shirts are being designed for Kids and Friends Weekend,

and students should be receiving 'save the date' information in their mailboxes this week.

The weekend, scheduled for Feb. 24 and 25, will feature "The Muppets," shown on Friday.

Members of the Service Committee encouraged the RHA members to sign up for Relay for Life in April, and also to form an RHA team for \$25.

Jody Stone, associate director of residential life and conference services, announced that Eastern is in the process of interviewing new resident assistants for fall.

Stone is also one of the advisers for the RHA.

He said they have about 40 males and 100 females interviewing for RA positions.

Colleen Nelson, the communication coordinator for National Residence Hall Honorary, informed members that applications for NRHH are available online and are due on Feb. 3.

NRHH will also be having its spring conference on Saturday, titled "Let The Colors Of Leadership Shine."

The RHA will meet Feb. 2 in Andrews Hall.

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FASHION, from page 1

"I like to promote upcoming college designers and college models because we are a college," Porter said. "Some designers will be coming down from Illinois State and our models will wear their clothes in some of the scenes."

Designers from ISU will be designing clothes for the show, as well as members of E.N.T. and some clothes from performer Trell Love.

Celebrity designers Coco and Breezy Dotson, will be hosting the fashion show.

Coco and Breezy are sunglasses and accessory designers from Minnesota.

"They are just very fashion forward twins that are creative and unique," Porter said. "I thought it was perfect for them to host our fashion show since we focus on fashion forward trends."

Musical performances will also accompany the show.

Porter said Chicago musician Trell Love will be performing during the show.

"He is about being positive as well," Porter said. "He sends a positive message about focusing, getting good grades, he's always a positive person too."

Porter said one scene in the fashion show is a surprise for the audience.

"I don't really want to say to much,

but there is going to be a special surprise," Porter said. "There is this great scene that is like magic that we put together that is really going to send the biggest message across."

Porter said the message in this scene is about unity.

"It is all about unity and staying together, being positive, uplifting each other, everything," Porter said. "We want to stop the violence and the hate."

The doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is \$5.

Some of the proceeds will go to the HOPE of East Central Illinois program in Charleston and Cease Fire, an organization in Chicago to help stop shootings and violence.

An after party will be at 10 p.m. on Saturday at the Elks Lodge.

Porter said there will also be entertainment at the after party including performance from John Blu, Super Fly, and a possible performance by Trell Love

Porter said she will also announce the new name for the E.N.T. organization.

"I want them to be uplifted and help each other," Porter said.

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AUTHOR, from page 1

Darius White, the UB chair, said he is interested in seeing how interactive the students are during the lecture.

"I'm looking forward to it, this lecture is what the students make of it," White said.

Milano said he attempts to answer real-life questions that people tend to ask when they are with close friends or behind closed doors.

"We can talk about it in the abstract or we can actually talk about it," Milano said.

White said students can ask whatever they are curious about.

"There's really no silly, wrong, or inappropriate questions to ask during this lecture, it really is to teach you the way to go about asking them in the future," White said.

Milano began his process of unveiling uncomfortable questions on his discussion forum, called Y?Forum, and continued with publishing two books including "I Can't Believe You Asked That!"

The book is a periodical of professional answers to questions posted on Y?Forum.

Milano said he started Y?Forum to provide a safe place for people to feel comfortable enough to post questions they normally would be too shy to ask.

Jayne Moore, Milano's agent since

2006, said Milano's work is unlike anybody else's.

"He started a great way to find out about people who are different than them in a way that's available and nonthreatening."

The forum is a place where Milano "dares" people to ask their questions and answer others' questions as well.

"If someone is just asking because they're curious, then you should appreciate the fact they want to know something about you," Milano said. "I'd rather have that than a question that they don't really want to learn about."

Milano encourages the audience to actively participate in the discussion.

Miami Herald columnist Leonard Pitts said Milano's work focuses on the smaller issues that the news does not cover.

"This is stuff people seriously want to know, but they had no outlet to ask this stuff," Pitts said.

The audience at "I Can't Believe You Asked That!" is going to hear a perspective that they will not hear from anybody else, Pitts said.

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SWIMMING

Team prepares for Summit League championships

Panthers face final tune-up before conference championships

Nick Blankenship Staff Reporter

Eastern Illinois will be competing in a tri-meet this Saturday against St. Louis and Evansville.

The tri-meet will start at 2:30 p.m. in St. Louis. This will be the Panthers last test before competing in the Summit League Championships from February 15 through February 18 in Rochester, Mich.

The Eastern men are riding a two meet win streak while the women are 1-1 in their last two meets against Western Illinois and Ball State. Both teams are 0-2 on the road and will look to add a win to that statistic before the regular season ends.

Sophomore Olga Livshits said, "We're pretty confident and we trust our coach and what he's doing."

Livshits wasn't allowed to participate in any of the team's meets last season due to NCAA transfer regulations, but plans to put her stamp on this meet.

The Panthers are going to need junior Michael Bower and se-



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Freshman swimmer Nikki Peck pushes off to begin the women's 100 yard backstroke Saturday during the Panthers' home finale against Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis at Padovan Pool.

nior Matt O'Hagan to continue to come up big once again against Ball State and St. Louis.

O'Hagan is the only Panther to win an Athlete of the Week Award on both Panther squads this season

Junior Daniel Enge also performed well last week winning the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly.

On the women's side, sophomore Mary Lacine will hope to continue her success from this previous weekend when she won the 200-yard individual medley.

Freshman Mackenzie Anderson and Junior Kelli DiCanio performed well last week winning the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-

yard breastroke.

"I feel pretty good and feel like I'm going to do well this week," Livshits said.

The keys to beating both teams according to Livshits is to keep working on the little things, cheer on our teammates and to swim fast in order to win the relays.

When asked about the team's

chances of winning the tri-meet, Livshits said, "I don't know if we're going to win, but I hope we do."

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TENNIS

Panthers open season with road trip

Staff Report

The Eastern women's tennis team will be in Danville on Friday as they take on the Western Michigan Broncos.

The women's team returned a total of nine players from 2011 where they went 6-10 overall and 2-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Players who are returning are a trio of seniors Shannon Brooks, Amanda Dibbs, and Annie Egan who went 7-7, 8-7, and 5-7, respectively. Brooks finished with a record of 5-3 in OVC

matches

In doubles action, Brooks finished with a record of 6-7 last season, while Dibbs went 5-8 in doubles, and Egan went 0-2 in doubles action.

Juniors returning are Kristen Laird and Merritt Whitley. Whitley went 5-4 last season in singles play and went 3-5 for doubles. Laird went 1-4 in singles play and finished at 2-4 in doubles competition.

Sophomore Janelle Prisner returned to the team, Prisner did well in doubles as she finished her season at 5-3 playing at top of the duo lineup, but she will have to pick it up in singles as she went 5-11 last year.

Sophomore Jennifer Kim has returned to the team too. Kim ended the year with a 5-6 record in doubles at the number two and three spots, while in singles play she finished her season at 5-11.

The Panthers take on the Broncos at 1 p.m. on Friday, and will round out the opening weekend of the season against the Dayton Flyers on Sunday. The match is scheduled for 2 p.m.

NATION

Canaan leading No. 11 Murray State

By The Associated Press

Isaiah Canaan never doubts himself
— on or off the court.

That's why the junior point guard plays at Murray State. Canaan has never second-guessed his decision even though bigger schools kept calling after he led his high school team to a Mississippi state title. He said the Racers believed in him when other schools didn't.

"Nothing's given to you," Ca-

naan said. "You've always got to work through things."

That's what Canaan has done by averaging a team-leading 18.7 points for the 11th-ranked Racers; Murray State is last undefeated Division I men's team this season at 20-0.

Next up is a home game Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

"Our coaches do a great job of trying to keep our focus and to continue to get us to remember what we did to get to this point and how hard it is to try to get to this point because we know that it can be taken away from us at the blink of an eye," the guard said.

The biggest challenge might have been getting Canaan to Murray, Ky. Canaan, from Biloxi, Miss., had no idea where the town was, but he couldn't miss then-assistant coach Steve Prohm who kept showing up "everywhere" Canaan was during recruiting.

READY, from page 8

Sallee said Jacksonville State is doing to other teams what the Panthers like to do — winning the rebounding battle.

The Gamecocks have outrebounded their opponent in the last three games; however, their record in those games is 1-2.

"It's real easy to get caught up in their record, but once you start looking at how they play at home and start crunching some numbers you see their three leading scorers are all shooting about 10 percentage points higher at home than they are overall," Sallee said.

Since Eastern is at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference, Wyss said she expects to get the best effort from the Gamecocks.

"It's their home court, they're going to bring it," Wyss said.

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The Panthers return to action Saturday, when they go on the road to take on No. 9 Murray State in a conference game. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. This game will also be the Panthers second nationally televised game as it will air online on ESPN 3.



MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Freshman guard Joey Miller attempts a layup against UT Martin Jan. 12 in Lantz Arena, the Panthers won 68-55.

Panthers losing skid extends to four games

Staff Report

Eastern's men's basketball team extended its losing streak to four games after a 63-45 loss on the road against Jacksonville State.

The Panthers struggled offensively all night, making 33 percent of their shots and had just one player score in double-figures. Sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie was the only bright spot in the team's offensive attack. McKinnie scored 14 points on 5-of-10 shooting. He also added 11 rebounds and two blocks.

Senior guard Jeremy Granger epitomized Eastern's struggles. The veteran guard was 3-for-11 from the field. He

finished with eight points and six turnovers.

The Gamecocks put together one of their most convincing wins of the season. As a team they shot 44 percent from the field and had four players score in double-digits.

Jacksonville State was led by sophomore guard Brian Williams. Williams scored a game-high 18 points on 7-of-14 shooting, including four shots from beyond the three-point line. He rounded out his night with three rebounds and two assists.

Sophomore forward Nick Cook gave the Gamecocks a solid threat down low. He had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Down 13-11 early in the first half, Jacksonville State went on a 12-0 run to grab a 23-13 and never looked back. At halftime, the Gamecocks led 32-22, and from that point on the Panthers would never get closer than six points for the rest of the game.

The loss drops Eastern's record to 9-10 overall and 2-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Jacksonville State improves to 8-14 overall and 3-6 in the OVC. The Panthers are now tenth in the conference standings, which means they are on the outside looking in towards the conference tournament. The top eight teams in the OVC make the tournament.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers ready for Gamecocks

By Alex McNamee Staff Reporter

The players on the Eastern women's basketball team had Tuesday and Wednesday off to rest their minds and bodies to prepare for a long road stretch coming up.

Junior guard Kelsey Wyss said the two days off not only helped players rest their bodies, but also helped them think about how they need to improve their individual game.

Wyss said she needed to work on her shot, so she practiced a lot of shooting Thursday.

Junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said the days off helped her body "regenerate and get ready for the battles to come."

Head coach Brady Sallee said he hates days off because it gets the team out of rhythm.

"Mentally its hard to come back from those days and remember what we were emphasizing before," Sallee said.

Sallee said the team watched film before Thursday's practice to help them remember how they'd played in the games this past weekend and how to improve.

"We watched film today so we definitely saw a lot of no-no's," Nixon said.

Wyss said the team got to see their mistakes in gap defense on film. She said watching themselves on gap defense was the "highlight" of the film session Thursday.

With Thursday being their first long day of practice in a few days, Sallee said the team did pretty well, especially since the game plan was introduced the same day.

Sallee said now the team will be tested Friday, when they're scheduled for a 6 a.m. practice, before flying to Jacksonville, Ala., in the afternoon, and then practicing in Jacksonville at night.

"We'll see if we're tough enough," Sallee said.

The Panthers will play Jacksonville State Saturday at 2 p.m., and although Jacksonville State's record may not look the part, Sallee said the team is focused on them.

Nixon said Jacksonville State has been rebounding really well in the past few games, which has gotten the Panthers' attention.

READY, page 7

TRACK

Tough competition awaits in Indiana

By Dominic Renzetti Sports Editor

The Eastern men's and women's track and field team will head to Bloomington, Ind., for the Indiana Relays this weekend. The meet will feature perhaps the toughest competition the Panthers have seen so far this year, with several top programs competing.

Competing for the host Hoosiers will be junior distance runner Andy Bayer. Bayer was named Big Ten Track Athlete of the Week. Bayer made waves last year when he recorded the world's second fastest 3,000-meter time of 2011 at the Gladstein Invitational. Bayer's time of 7:48.35, breaking the Hoosier record.

No Eastern runners competed in last weekend's 3,000-meter run at the John Craft Invitational, but junior Graham Morris won the event at the season opening Early Bird meet with a time of 8:27.26.

Another Hoosier athlete who will go toe to toe with the Panthers is junior pole vaulter Kelsie Ahbe. Ahbe will be competing for the first time this season following a knee injury that sidelined her for two weeks. Ahbe is just one of four women ever to vault over 13-feet in Hoosier history. She vaulted 13-feet, 5.5-inches at the 2010 NCAA championship, where she finished 14th

In an interview with the University of Indiana's, Indiana Student Daily, Ahbe said she's feeling healthy.

"I feel healthy and strong. I'm 100 percent healthy, and I feel great," she said.

Ahbe will be going up against

Eastern's red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold, who has gotten off to a hot start in just her first two meets as a Panther. Since transferring from the University of Georgia, Riebold has already knocked down the Eastern record twice, breaking her own record last week.

The Hoosier men's team holds the top spot in the Great Lakes Regional, while the women are in second place.

Another team from the Great Lakes Regional competing at the Indiana Relays this weekend will be Michigan State, who is ranked No. 4 on both the men's and women's

Michigan State is home to the nation's No. 4 weight thrower, Jay Gillespie, who threw 68-feet, 9.25 inches at the Notre Dame Invite, as well as Lonnie Pugh, who is No. 10. Eastern's red-shirt senior Donald Romero currently ranks No. 24.

Gillespie said he enjoys the ranking, but he focuses more on the team's performance.

"I just do whatever I need to do to help our standings and seedings. I'm ecstatic about being ranked as high as fourth but I want to take that number as high as I can," he said, in a press release.

Red-shirt senior sprinter Zye Boey, who is nationally ranked in two events, the men's 60-meter and 200-meter dash, said he is excited about facing the tougher competition.

"I'm excited, it's great competition, and I'm ready to go," he said.

The two-day meet begins on Friday and concludes Saturday.

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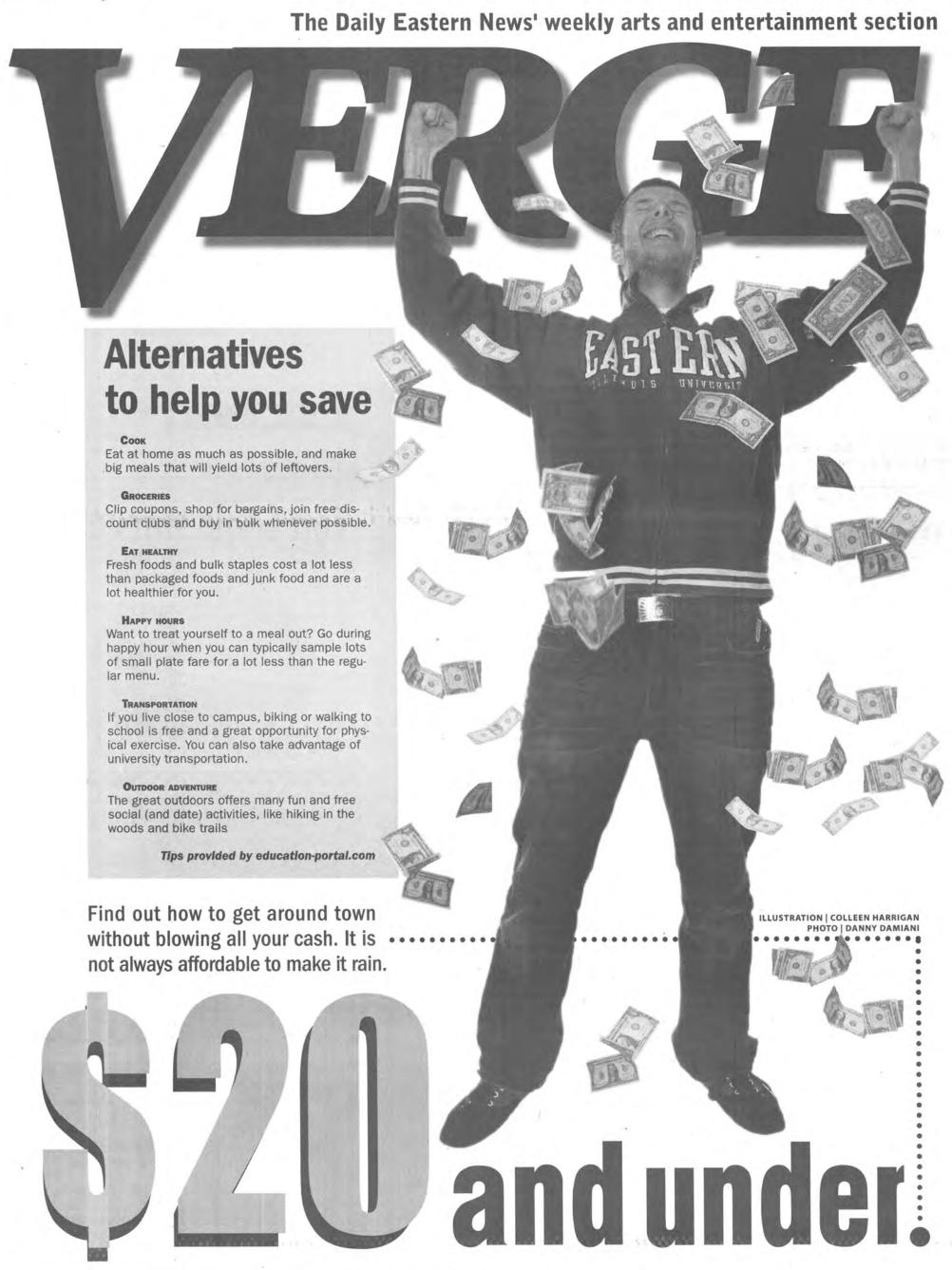
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Pizza selection provides budget friendly options

By Jose Gonzalez Verge Reporter

Thin crust, deep dish, plain cheese or loaded with toppings: no matter how it's ordered, there's no denying that pizza is a staple part of any college student's diet, especially those on a budget.

With more than half a dozen pizza options in Charleston, Eastern students said they must determine what factors are most important to them in choosing from which place they order.

Ali Barlas, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, said she bases where she gets her pizza on prices, the occasion and the familiarity of the place at which she wants to eat.

She said she sometimes prefers staying in for Thomas Hall's latenight pizza because it helps her save money and also puts her meal plan to use.

Even though she said she prefers Late-Night's pizza, Barlas said she does like to go to Domino's on occasion, but has scaled down since the start of the school year.

When she does go to Domino's, Barlas said she uses the coupon books, as well as a sticker card, to save money.

Joe LaHood, a senior business management major, said since starting college, he has cut down on going out as a cost saving strat-

"When I was a freshman, I ate out at Chubby's around 90 percent of the time," he said.

LaHood said when he does go out now, his decision on where he eats is determined by whether he's on the go or has time to sit down to enjoy his meal.

"Little Caesars is great when you've got \$5. Monical's is great when you've got time to sit down," he said.

LaHood said he prefers using coupons to cut corners on his dining costs.

If I've got access to free money, I might as well use it," he said.

Still, some Eastern students

however prefer their hometown pizza rather than local pizza.

Brianna Giesel, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said being raised in the Chicago area turns her off to the local pizza places.

"It's not Chicago pizza," Giesel

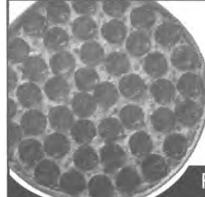
Nick Galliano, a junior marketing major, said he mostly goes to Domino's Pizza as his preferred option, but also considers going to other places like Chubby's every once in a while.

He said he takes advantage of the online coupons because of the easy convenience to ordering food

Galliano said a pizza's price and quality are two main factors that help him decide where to go.

'I don't want to eat cardboard, but it depends on moods as well," Galliano said. "But it all boils down to price."

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Pizza.

Finding Local deals

Large, one topping (without coupon)

Papa John's \$11.99

Dominos \$12.25

Monical's

\$15.50

Little Caesars \$5

Chubby's

\$10

Pagliai's \$13.35

EIU Coupon booklet deals

Little Caesars

Free crazy bread with purchase of a \$5 Hot-N-Ready

Dominoes

Large one-topping for \$5.99

Papa John's

Large one-topping for \$6.99

Saturday is the busiest delivery night. The average fee for delivery is \$2.06.

INFOGRAPHIC BY COLLEEN HARRIGAN

weekend

what's going on around town

Friday

Paranormal Activity 3

7 p.m. **Buzzard Hall**

Saturday

Paranormal Activity 3 7 p.m. **Buzzard Hall**

Sunday

We couldn't find anything on our calendar. Do you know of any upcoming events? Email:

Lucky Plush Dance Company: Punk Yankees

2 p.m.-4 p.m. Doudna Fine Arts

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Pour a coldone to save money

By Kelly Johnson Verge Reporter

College students work hard during the week so they can have a good time on the weekend, and those students of age can reward themselves with a drink for a good week.

But if these students do not manage their money well, they can be looking at a big dent in their waller. Students said they see the bar scene as a way to meet new people, relax from a hectic week and enjoy company of friends.

Amanda Feder, a senior communication studies major, said going out helps her unwind from the stresses of the week.

"I go to bars on the weekend to socialize and de-stress," she said.

Although students might find he dance floor at Panther Paw to be calling name, their bank accounts might tell them to stay in. Many students have horror stories about how they ended up spending a large amount of money at a bar.

Heather Derby, a senior communication studies major, said this can all be avoided if a budget is set.

"When I go out to bars, I only take \$10 or \$15 and leave the rest of my money at home," she said.

This is a strategic plan that students can use to prevent overspending. If students only bring a certain amount of money with them, once they run out, they will not be spending more than they should.

So if students only have \$10 or \$15 in their pockets, how do they make it last?

"Get the good stuff first. After that, drink cheep beer," Feder said. "I usually have one good drink then two beers."

Another way to cut corners is to have a drink one or two at home.

Derby said she finds homemade drinks are often more cost effective.

"I usually pre-game before I go out, it is a good way to cut corners," Derby said.

Kyle Newman, junior management infor-

Save money, make your Apple Margarita

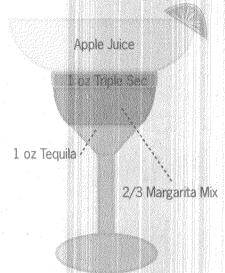


ILLUSTRATION | COLLEEN HARRIGAN

mation systems major, said even though he tries to plan ahead to save money, his plan is not always successful.

"I take \$20 and try to budget the night," he said. "It doesn't always work."

Laura Miriani, a junior elementary education major, who, said she does not have to spend cash to have a good time.

"I go out and don't (always) drink so I can have a good time and not spend money," Miriani said.

However, Miriani said she still follows some guidelines if she does end up spending money at the bars.

"Set a limit of what to spend and look at specials," Miriani said.

Whether students have a cold one to unwind or to spend time with friends, they can have a good night out while keeping their costs low.

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Have fun on a budget

As a college student, I constantly feel the need to find inexpensive things to do on the weekend—the cheaper the better—and this past weekend I challenged myself to have a great time, all while spending less than \$20.

I didn't include Sunday because I consider that a day of recovery and homework.

For me, the weekend starts on Friday, and that's when my under \$20 spending challenge began.

Friday, January 20

Total spent: \$9.79

Friday afternoon, my friends and I bowled at the Union (It was my first time bowling). Almost everyone scored over 100, but the real victory that night was the cost of bowling.

I only paid \$1.25 per game; add a \$1 fee per shoe rental, and the total ends up at \$2.25.

From there we headed over to The Magic Wok, a small Chinese restaurant on Lincoln Avenue that has a lot to offer despite its tiny size. I ate 'til I couldn't eat any more, and the stomachache was worth it. The meal cost \$8.32, but with a college ID, the price came down to \$7.54. The total for Friday night came up to \$9.79.

Saturday, January 21

Total spent: \$10.15

On Saturday morning, we walked to downtown Charleston to check out the atmosphere.

Most of the places were closed, but a small little bookstore called The Lincoln Book Shop remained open. The shop was filled from head-to-toe with books, movies and trinkets.

I didn't buy anything because I was afraid of



By Jaime LopezVerge reporter

spending all of my money. But anyone who is fascinated with old books and antiques should considering stopping by; simply walking through the shop is an experience.

From there, we walked back to campus to watch "Punk Yankees," a dance group form Chicago. The ticket cost me \$7. I got to watch a professional performance for an affordable price. The show brought my weekend total to \$16.79, not bad for someone who usually spends more than \$20 on the weekend.

We then headed over to Buzzard Hall to watch 50/50, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt. After the film, we walked over to the Jackson Avenue Coffee for some coffee and free entertainment. I spent \$3.15 on my drink.

Total for the weekend: \$19.94

I barely made the mark, but the experience took me to new parts of town and new activities on campus that I am willing to try again.

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WE POLLED 100 STUDENTS

If you were given \$20 for one weekend, where would your money go?

36%

Alcohol

10% Entertainment 11% Food

35% Alcohol & food

4% Transportation

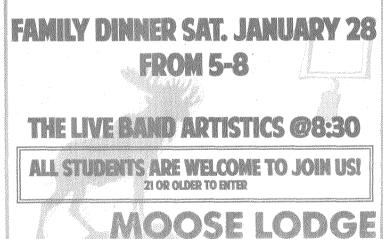
0% Electronics

4% Clothing





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Downtown provides affordable entertainment

By Ethan Stephenson Verge Reporter

For most college students, seeking entertainment means staying within a budget, and sometimes that is not an easy task.

With limited money comes limited options. This forces students seeking a good time on a budget to become creative with their entertainment. Luckily, all they need to do is take a little trip from campus to Charleston's Square.

Besides a few restaurants and bars, Charleston's Square is home to a coffee shop offering live music, a cigar factory/hookah lounge and a community theater offering productions ranging from Shakespeare to locally written shows.

Indio Cigar Factory

Charleston's Indio Cigar Factory and Hookah Lounge provides a place for college students to socialize on a budget.

Marvin Mirick, owner of Indio Cigar Factory, explained the shop offers more than just cigars, including music, darts, snacks and soda.

He said perhaps the most popular of his offerings among college students, however, is hookah, which is \$7 per person, per session

Because of its atmosphere and variety of product, Adam Zankowski, a junior career and technology education major and patron of Indio, said Indio seems to already be a popular spot for some Eastern students.

"It is a great place to go and have a good time with friends," he said.

Jackson Avenue Coffee

Also in Charleston's Square is Jackson Avenue Coffeehouse.

JAC offers free live music on the weekends, such as acoustic circle jams on Friday nights and various musical performers on Saturday nights.

In a world where most establishments require a cover for live entertainment, JAC has no such requirement and, as a result, it is one of the most cost-efficient forms of entertainment in town.

Dan Schahrer, a junior athletic training major and frequenter of the Saturday night concerts, said free live music is not something you can find everywhere.

"It's a nice place for students to hear new and local music at a great off campus venue," he said.

Both the Friday and Saturday night performances usually begin at 7 p.m.

Charleston Alley Theatre

Charleston Alley Theatre also offers cost-efficient entertainment for college students.



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Shannon Hayden sings and performs her musical act on Sept. 10 in the backroom of Jackson Avenue Coffee

Located across from the Will Rodgers Theatre, CAT has put on productions including plays such as Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and Sophocles' "Antigone."

Also, included in their ticket policy, CAT offers reduced tickets for people who are financially unable to pay but who would still like to view the performance.

When it comes to finding entertainment on a budget, students need to get creative with their options. Charleston's Square offers

just that: creative and alternative entertainment for even the smallest budget.

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Have fun without leaving campus

By Jaime Lopez Verge Reporter

College students looking for affordable entertainment can find things to do without having to empty their wallets just by staying on campus.

Movie options around campus

Instead of driving over to the AMC Theater or Family Video, where people have to spend money for their movies, students can take advantage of Booth Library that is filled with hundreds of different movies.

Sean Cler, a freshman psychology major, said he finds the library to be accessible and that it has a great movie selection to offer.

"I come here to check out movies because it's closer," he said. "The huge collection of movies surprised me. I found Scarface and Blair Witch Project."

Booth Library has a three-day return policy on movies with the opportunity for renewal.

Students can also watch movies during the University Board weekend movie nights in Buzzard Hall.

The University Board puts show movies on Friday and Saturday nights that have just left the theater but still await a DVD re-

Christina Tortorici, a freshman

undecided major, said she feels sitting in at Buzzard Hall is just as great as going to a movie theater.

"I walk in, watch a free movie and get free refreshments without having to step on the sticky floors at theater," she said.

Events at Doudna

Students searching for other forms of entertainment can find them at Doudna Fine Arts Center. such the recently completed "The Lions of Winter" series, where students-go to listen to writers talk about their works.

Elizabeth Dietz, a freshman English major, attended Cristin O'Keefe-Aptowicz's presentation and said she will go back to watch the next presenter.

"It's great that Eastern is bringing artists to present their work," she said. "It is entertaining and we learn about the effort artists put into their works."

The presentations are free, so students do not have to worry about putting a dent in their wal-

Doudna also offers other productions throughout the semester, all at reduced ticket costs with a student ID.

Residence hall activities

If students want to stay in the halls, the residence hall buildings also provide activities, too.

Thomas Hall recently had an ice-cream social for its residents. 581-2812 or flopez3@eiu.edu.

Students served themselves ice cream on Thomas North's fourth floor, then headed down to every other floor for toppings.

Nick Fulco, a sophomore elementary education major and resident assistant at Thomas Hall, said the hall puts on many activities for residents throughout the semester.

"The social was free to Thomas Hall residents, but some activities require an activity card," Fulco said.

Fulco said the events are a costeffective way to socialize and help students branch out.

"The events help students to get to know one another and meet residents on other floors," he said.

The housing and dining department provides Thomas Hall Council with the funds to host such events.

Bowling at the Union -

Other students head over to Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for bowling.

A regular game with a student I.D. costs \$1.75, and the same price applies for the pool tables.

Nancy Garcia, a freshman education major, said she is a regular at the bowling alley.

"I go almost every weekend," she said. "The prices are affordable and it's something all of my friends can come to."

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Spend using your brain, not using your taste buds

It is simply impossible to spend under \$20 if you plan to eat out every day of the weekend.

However, meals are an important part of any college student's

I live off-campus and eat in during the week to save money and tend to use my money on the weekend.

Here are some of what I feel are great places and meals to eat on a budget for the college student looking for some flavorful variety.

Lunch

Pita Plate

\$4.75

This menu equals much more



Verge Columnist

By Geoffery ZuHone

than \$20 for one weekend.

Though, when you learn to save, you can choose one or two to fit within your weekend

budget.

Pagliai's Pizza Lasagna \$10.95

Dinner

SATURDAY

Smoky's House BBQ Half slab rib dinner special \$10

Jackson Avenue Coffee

T. Garden Thai Restaurant General Tso's chicken \$7.00

SUNDAY

What's Cookin' Greek Wrap \$6.50

Roc's Blackfront Restaurant Rib eye sandwich \$9.95

(items do not include tax unless specified.)