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## Strategic enrollment plan to be released for students, faculty

By Jack Cruikshank  
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Mary Herrington-Perry, the assistant vice president for academic affairs, said Eastern will announce its strategic enrollment plan for future enrollment “late next week.”

“We looked at our strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and challenges, and then we started to decide, ‘What are the strategies that we can develop that will allow us to address those particular issues?’” Herrington-Perry said.

She said the plan will explain university goals and plans for increasing enrollment.

“The solutions are very directly tied to the current data, not just on what we assumed to be the case,” Herrington-Perry said.

She added students and faculty can access the enrollment plan with their Eastern login once the plan is released next week.

“Ultimately, we settled on 12 action plans, but when we release the strategic enrollment plan, what you will see is an overview of all of this (the plans),” Herrington-Perry said. “It will talk about those 12 goals and the six action plans and exactly what our plans are.”

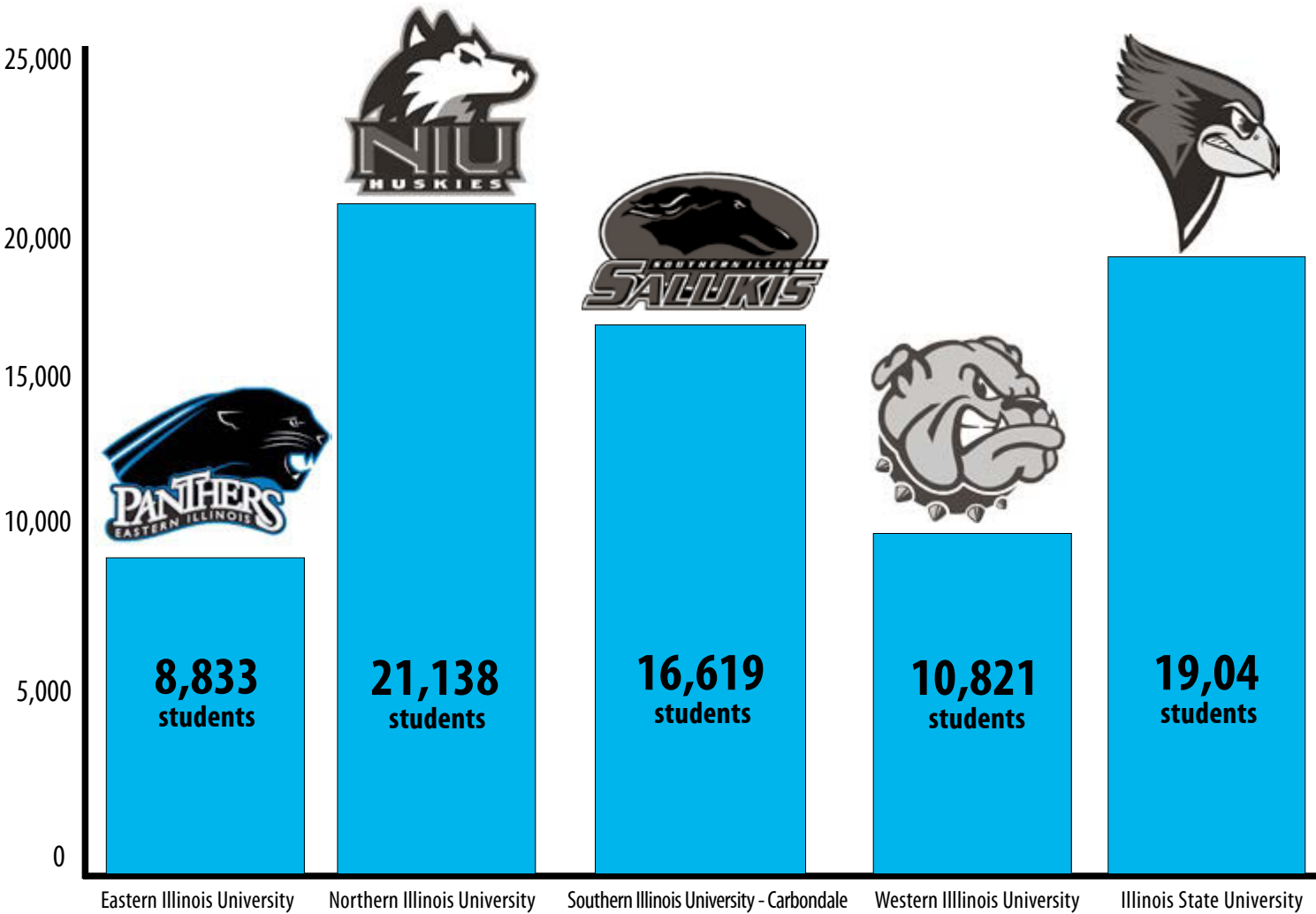
President Bill Perry said the overall university strategic enrollment planning led to the decision to cut \$7 million from the appropriated budget, which he has tasked the Council on University Planning and Budget with undertaking.

“With our strategic plan in place, we realized, based upon the past and the current trends, that financial sustainability was one of the six major themes that emerged from the strategic planning process,” Perry said.

News of the strategic enrollment plan release comes after Eastern announced its total spring enrollment Wednesday.

While the total enrollment dropped 942 from the fall, when compared to Fall 2013, the spring enrollment has increased 719 students from Spring 2013, which was 8,114.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, said Eastern’s decline in enrollment from the fall semester is a normal trend



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Eastern’s enrollment fell from fall of 2013 to spring of 2014, dropping from 9,775 students to 8,833 students. However, enrollment is up from spring of 2013 with an increase of 719 students.

among recent years.

“We, like every institution of higher learning, have fewer students in the spring than in the fall,” Lord said. “Typically, it ranged between 92-95 percent (of the fall) in the spring.”

Lord also said the tradition of lower spring en-

rollment is common at Eastern.

“There is always some sort of correlation where if, in the fall, you have 100, you will have 93 or so in the spring,” Lord said. “So that’s perfectly normal. It is our tradition here over time, and it is the way it is at other institutions.”

For the rise of international students from 137 students in Spring 2013 to 223 students in Spring 2014, Lord said the increase is partly because of the lowering of cost for international students who meet certain academic goals.

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## Flooding damages to be repaired soon

Staff Report

After a sprinkler pipe in Taylor Hall burst on Monday, the building service workers have scrambled for the past two days fixing the piping and cleaning up the thousands of gallons soaking the lobby.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, said they were able to clean up really fast, having most of the water dried up within an hour. He added the fact it was caught fast was helpful. Building service workers were able to get on the scene quick.

Three rooms on the first floor on the north section of the north tower were unfortunately soaked though before they were able to shut off that section of the buildings sprinkler system to stop the water.

There were minor damages to the rooms, soaking the carpet. The rooms are still being aired out to dry, but most of the water has been cleaned up.

Students are still living in the rooms while they are being aired out.

Hudson said cold air seeped into the piping and caused a rupture. Piping ruptured similarly in Thomas Hall for the same reason. Hudson said the temperature has never been this low before and when the sprinkler systems were put in place a couple of years ago, the pipes were not



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Service workers standby during a sprinkler pipe burst Wednesday in the lobby of Taylor Hall.

expected to burst especially with the warmer weather.

Because of the pipe bursts in Thomas, Hudson said building service workers have been working to insulate the piping in the South Quad to make sure this wouldn’t happen. Unfortunately, they had not insulated the Taylor

piping before it burst.

Hudson said the insulation project will be complete before Summer break. While the sprinkler system has been turned off in that section to recharge, it expected to be turned on again within a day.

## RHA offers updated constitution

By Jarad Jarmon  
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The Resident Hall Association executive board proposed a newly revised constitution, which if approved will have several changes, at the RHA meeting Thursday.

In the revised constitution, they changed the proxy process, which allows RHA representatives to have a fill-in for meetings when RHA votes on something. While they originally had to fill out a slip to have a proxy, they won’t with the revised copy. They instead would have to tell the secretary before the meeting if there is need for a proxy for their respective residence halls.

Laura Imbriowicz, the resident director of Lawson Hall, said this provision would expectedly alleviate the problems with reaching quorum.


“People are coming, we have more than 21 people here, but they are not proxying properly,” Imbriowicz said.

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Fire team practices ice rescue

By Michael Spencer  
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Two members of the Charleston Fire Department participated in the Lincoln Rural Fire Protection District's annual ice rescue training session Jan. 18.

Fire Chief Pat Goodwin and Assistant Fire Chief Steve Bennett worked with the district dive team to learn the necessary skills to perform surface and underwater ice rescue missions.

"In cold weather, it is a lot different than a normal summer day," Bennett said.

Divers must learn how to handle equipment and surface responders practice responding to subsurface rope signals.

Goodwin said he has only used the skill for recovery operations. However, he said it is an important skill to have polished.

The two fire chiefs partner with the rural fire protection district, a group dedicated to fire suppression, investigation and water rescue. It serves Charleston and the surrounding 140 square miles.

"When you are down underneath the water and you have an equipment problem, during the summer you can just come up to the surface and get air," Bennett said.

However, the ice and cold water complicates every aspect of the rescue process, requiring focus and trust between the diver and the shore responder.



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Members of the Charleston Fire Department watch as they practice ice rescue procedures in the scant amount of ice available Wednesday at the Campus Pond.

Bennett, who is a member of the dive team, described the experience as a moment of intense focus.

"My senses are all heightened as to where my rope is, where my hole is, what I am doing and where my equipment is all the while trying to go through the safety procedures," Bennett said.

He is constantly alert because he said he understands how delicate the situation can be.

"When I do ice diving I do it with a lot of caution because I know (the ice) factors in a lot different than it does on a normal day because if you have issues with your equipment the only way you're coming out is through that hole you made in the ice," Bennett said.

Once, Bennett said he and the rest of the dive team were dispatched to a pond south of town to search for a man who left a party and disappoint. After surveying the area, they found the car

and the body submerged in the water.

They have also coordinated with the fire department in Decatur in a similar rescue situation.

The Lincoln Rural Fire Protection District makes sure they schedule a training session each year to refresh the basics and ensure their skills remain fine-tuned.

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Performance to highlight bluegrass

By Blake Warman  
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The cold weather may be keeping everyone in a frozen stand still, but not Cullen Porter, a member of the band Big Blue Mountain.

Big Blue Mountain will be showcasing their band at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop. The daughter of band member, Kris Bertrand, came up with the band name "Big Blue Mountain," which originated from a bag of Big Blue Mountain Coffee Beans on the ceiling of the Jackson Avenue Coffee Shop.

Big Blue Mountain is a band

formed only two years ago, and has released an album consisting of only cover songs – all in hopes of pushing forward and continuing their journey.

Porter said the bands views and interest have roots in performing, their love of music and their current goal of working on their second album focusing on completely original songs by the band.

He also said the band's signature has been its sound. Unlike most bands, Big Blue Mountain is fully acoustic and does not use electrical instruments or microphones to give them a very specific sound. Another signature musical element by the band is introduc-

ing harmonization within their songs where they can take songs by artist like Bob Dylan and introduce them into four part harmonies.

While the band may strictly have a bluegrass sound, they manage to compensate with their openly expressionistic loves for all kinds of music from multiple bands and genres. Porter pointed out they are open to play any kind of song from any band as long as it is good; they are willing to recreate their own variation of any song. These rearrangements can range from anything from artist like Fleetwood Mac or artist as modern as the Plain White T's.

Besides their sound and musical taste, the band members also work from the idea that they all have their own lives outside of Big Blue Mountain. Every member of the band has a separate job and also has a family to love and care for. Porter emphasized that each member works so well together because of each person's love and passion for performing and creating. They are in no rush to get out on stage; they just like playing music.

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# ACE fellow brings new ideas to Eastern

By Jack Cruikshank  
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Jose Rosa said he once, as a professor at the University of Illinois-Champaign, considered Eastern only as a second choice for those students who were not accepted into the University of Illinois.

Now, as an American Council of Education fellow observing under President Bill Perry and Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, he realizes he was wrong, and that Eastern brings a unique perspective that UIUC cannot offer.

He said Eastern professors, with smaller classes, can engage certain intangibles such as willingness to work hard, open-mindedness and sense of adventure of thought.

“Eastern allows to a student who doesn’t go to U of I, the chance where the professors are able to look for other intangibles besides just a test score,” Rosa said.

Rosa, who started observing in August 2013, said he has loved the time he has been at Eastern, and he has learned so much.

“The administrators work together well as a result of a different weight to what is important to a university,” Rosa said.

Through his ACE fellowship, Rosa attends many meetings such as the Council on Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate.

For Perry, the fellowship has provided an excellent opportunity for getting a new perspective on the workings of a university.

“It is always good when someone new can come be with your university, specifically someone who can bring new perspectives that you haven’t had before,” Perry said.

Perry and Rosa discuss many different aspects of Eastern, and Rosa participates in the weekly President’s Council meetings.

“He is learning from me and I am learning from him,” Perry said.

Rosa said he thinks the learning is lopsided, as he thinks he is learning much more from Perry than he teaches Perry.

Rosa said he respects Perry’s position greatly, as he sees the job of university president as harder than that of a CEO of a large company.

“In most organizations, authority has a flow,” Rosa said. “They (CEO’s) make decisions, but at the end of the day, you tell people, this is the way we are doing something, and you do it. The reality is, in universities, the power ultimately resides with the aggregate of the faculty, because the faculty is the university.”

Rosa said the aggregate of the faculty is actually where authority lies at that level, and that makes universities unique.

“(University authority) is kind of a weird



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Jose Rosa, an American Council of Education fellow observing under President Bill Perry and Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, will be working his way to an administrative position. Rosa participates in the weekly President’s Council meetings.

thing, because it is not one individual, but this aggregate is made up of a bunch of individuals who don’t always agree,” Rosa said.

“So the president and administrators, in some ways, work for the faculty. Administrators work really hard so that faculty can do what they do best.”

Rosa said he appreciates how Eastern’s faculty has a good relationship with its administration.

“When faculty is not supportive of administrators and their decisions, things start breaking down,” Rosa said. “In large organizations such as J.P. Morgan and Chase, the CEO can shape the institution in more powerful and direct ways than a university president.”

When deciding what universities to intern at, Eastern was not his first choice, but he is ultimately glad he was placed at Eastern.

“At Eastern, I get to work with an established leadership, a president who is in his second term and a provost who has been here for ten years,” Rosa said. “It was a much bet-

ter environment for me to learn.”

Rosa said he thinks administration is a good next logical step for him.

“I’m moving into administration because I believe I’m getting to the age that I could become part of the problem by getting older and maybe becoming not as sharp as I used to be,” Rosa said. “Maybe it is time (for me) to get out of the way, but in a constructive way to help others to continue what university needs to do.”

Rosa said administration represents a new opportunity to help students improve their learning opportunities.

“I would love to be in a line (administrative) position,” Rosa said. “Whether I can reach president at my age remains to be seen.” I would never want to abandon teaching something. You have to stay somewhat in touch with the young people you are shaping, because they teach you as much as you teach them.”

He recommends ACE fellowships to people who aspire for administration for people who

want to make a difference.

“Now, I have a much better understanding of university,” Rosa said. “I lived in the college of business for twenty-some years in different institutions but it is always the same mind-set. My understanding of university was impoverished. Now, I realize there were many things about university that I just didn’t get and now I get a lot more of it.”

Rosa said that sometimes the most crazy, yet momentous ideas come from professors who are questioning the basics in a field.

“We (professors) should be trying to think great thought on our own, and encourage other people to think great thoughts and do what you can to keep conversations moving forward,” Rosa said. “That is our duty. This is something beyond just a job. It is a privilege.”

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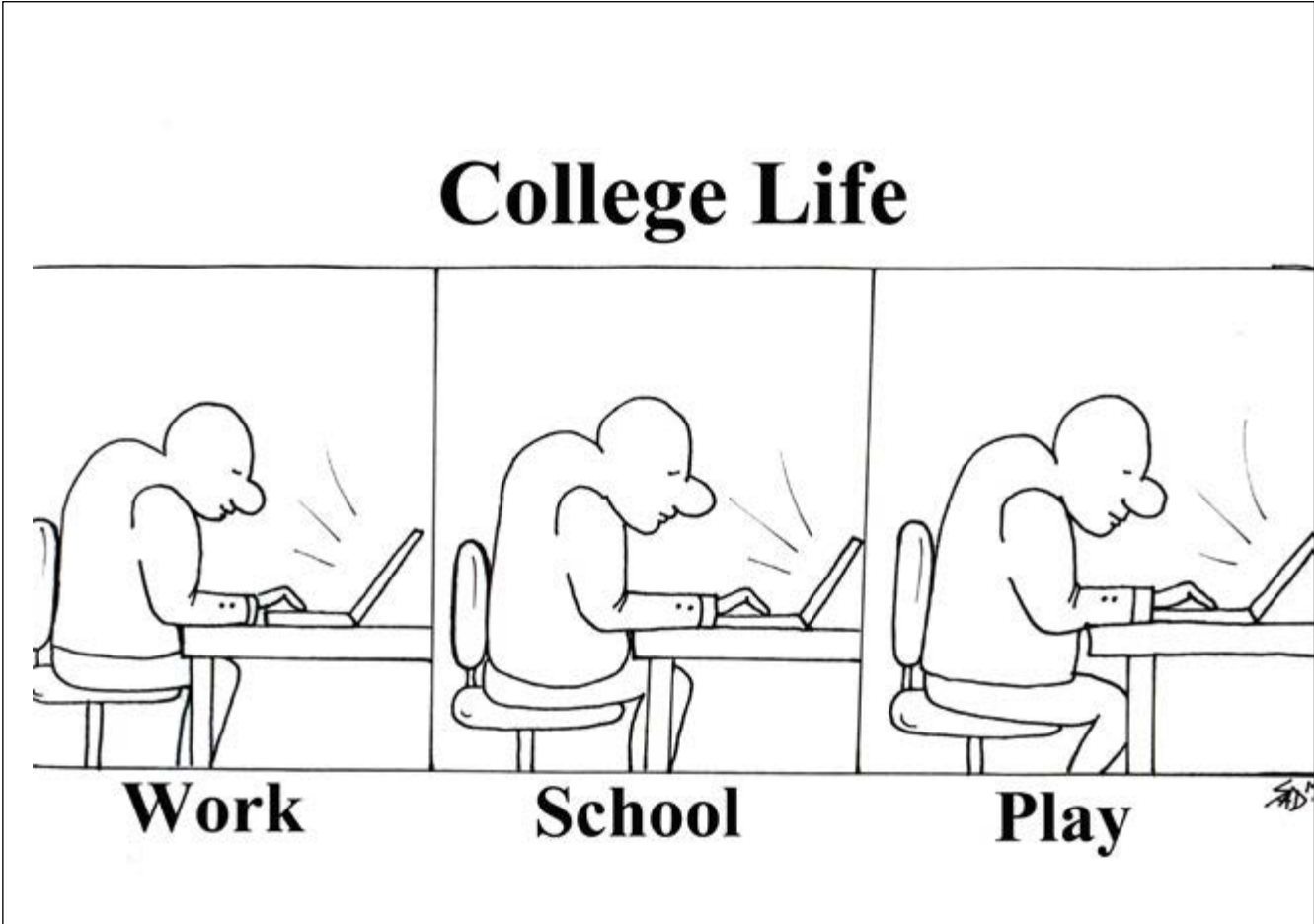
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STAFF EDITORIAL  
New sexual assault policies promise change

When President Barack Obama reported his intention to establish a task force to prevent sexual assault on college campuses, he relayed an honest, but overlooked message. He reminded administrators that sexual assault is an issue at every university, and not just an individual criticism to be handled by public relations specialists.

The way these issues should be handled is through a system of advocacy, investigation and preventative efforts put forth by universities.

His weekly address announced the establishment of a special task force, which will work toward the bettering of advocacy, and preventative systems on college campuses.

Such regulations are already in place, but unfortunately, as Obama pointed out, the federal laws put in place to ensure these initiatives are inconsistently abided by. Major cases like the 2011 scandal at Penn State University, are evidence that universities need to take more measures to ensure the safety of its students.

Faults are made and basic safety and men-

tal-health considerations fall to the wayside, even at Eastern. Last school year, for example, shed light on the areas in which Eastern needed improvement.

Since then, the University has taken many small, yet productive, steps toward creating a safer institution.

The problem is that Eastern and other universities do not create regularly scheduled programs and do just a satisfactory job of making them accessible to students until a crisis disturbs their public image.

This is not to say that the administrations at universities are entirely insensitive to sex crimes. It is hard to deny that efforts to prevent assault and offer advocacy to survivors are not put into full force until a publically damaging case encourages such behavior.

The information presented in Obama’s memorandum will work to hold universities accountable for both the federal laws already in place and to develop initiatives of their own.

The Clery Report put out by the university

each year reported that only five sex crimes were reported on campus in 2012 with three of those reports having occurred in a residence hall.

With the amount of commotion on campus demanding smoother reporting and investigation processes, those numbers seem strikingly low.

The reality is most likely that the poor enforcement of certain policies is discouraging the reporting of sexual assaults.

As of now, things look promising for the university in terms of future plans to improve upon initiatives to prevent, and advocate against sexual assault.

With the White House’s task force working toward the same goal, members of universities will hopefully find themselves on safer campuses – campuses with the resources they need when they need them, and not only when it is convenient.

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

Human decency is vastly underrated

It’s not about political views. It’s not about who’s right and who’s wrong. It’s not about winning a fight or an argument. No, it’s not any of those. All it comes down to is basic human decency – something maybe we’re lacking.

As the year 2013 counted down its last days, Marine Cpl. Christian Brown boarded a flight on Delta Airlines and found himself humiliated to the point of tears.

Nearly a year before, Brown lost both of his legs while serving in Afghanistan, forcing him to use two prosthetic legs.

As he boarded the plane, he was wheeled to the back row of the aircraft by the staff, bumped into seats. Passengers in first class told the staff they would switch seats. Their request was refused.

Brown, forced into a small seat, fought off an illness and a fever of 104 degrees, according to The Washington Post.

Humiliated, bullied and admonished, this Marine cried. Stuck in a horrible situation, he could not find his way out. No matter how many people tried to help, they were blocked.

Human decency should have occurred to someone in charge of Brown. Not even just



Bob Galuski

respect for a Marine who gave body parts defending this country, but plain and simple decency.

The ill treatment of veterans should be a big, bright signal to us. Maybe we’re not as evolved, as sophisticated, as well rounded as we’re pretending to be. Maybe it’s all just a charade, something to do for the public. A mask that, in these moments, silently slips away from us.

People die every day. They also get on planes. They ride trains. They pass us on our way to class.

It comes down to basic human nature. To be on the better side of angels, rather than the other side of the devil is something that should come a bit more naturally to us.

Instead, instances like Brown and Delta occur. Instead of a solution being found, the ocean of human suffering swallowed those with good intentions.

This has been on my mind a lot since I first read the article. This has been something I’ve been watching out for. Even on Eastern’s campus we might not always be as understanding as we want to be.

While Brown’s situation is an absolute extreme, it does merit a moment’s thought a second’s glance if you may. It should linger. It should be on your mind every day. If something like this can happen to someone who gave everything he had to defend us, someone we are told to respect, taught to admire, then maybe we need to re-evaluate our morals. If you’re more concerned with being right than helping someone out, it might be a problem. It’s not about that.

It’s about human decency.

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# Keep on giving



Desiree Dussard, a senior political science major; Tiana Brown, a sophomore sports management major; and Kendra Moultrie, a junior sociology major, volunteer at the Charleston Food Pantry on Thursday.

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## » CONSTITUTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

She added this would just make it easier to fill in for a RHA rep who wasn't able to attend.

The revised constitution also makes it so those who are in hall council executive positions cannot be RHA executives.

An executive board member term of office was also lengthened in the constitution making it so they have to serve one full academic year.

If a vacancy is in the executive board for unforeseen circumstances, the executive board and the RHA ad-

visors must then come up with options within one week of the absence. It will then be voted on by the RHA.

If they do not approve the options, the executive board will work with the RHA to find a better solution.

The community development committee has been removed from the constitution because the committee has not existed for a while.

The rest of the changes are formatting and wording changes.

It will be voted on at their next meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in Ste-

venson Hall.

With Kids and Friends weekend cancelled because of limited preparation time, programming committee will now be entering an RHA team in the Relay For Life fundraiser, which will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Apr. 4 in McAfee Gymnasium.

Relay For Life is a cancer awareness fundraiser where teams of people walk a track for numerous hours trading off making sure at least one person from each team is on the track.

While it takes only \$10 to enter, Kadie Peterson, the programming committee chairwoman, said they plan to raise \$2,500 through by hosting small fundraisers across campus in the coming weeks, including a dunking contest.

"Someone is always walking or running around the track because it is a symbol that cancer never sleeps," Peterson said.

This is the first time RHA will have a team for the fundraiser.

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Per the 10-day censuses, representatives from four public universities confirmed their respective enrollments, all of which are larger than Eastern's.

Western Illinois University reported having 10,821, which is 1,988 more than Eastern.

Southern Illinois University–Carbonale reported having 16,619 students, which is 7,786 more than Eastern. Illinois State University reported having 19,064 students, which is 10,231 more than Eastern. Finally, Northern Illinois University reported having 21,138 students, which is 12,305 more than Eastern.

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# Panthers, Cougars square off in OVC battle

By **Bob Reynolds**  
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Saturday’s game between the Eastern women’s basketball team and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville will feature two teams that are both struggling to find a way to win a game.

Edwardsville comes into the game losing seven out of its last eight games, which were all Ohio Valley Conference games.

The Cougars have only one win in January, and hold a 5-16 record overall and 2-7 in the conference.

Edwardsville is 0-4 on the road this season in the OVC.

The Cougars leading scorer Tierny Austin struggled shooting the ball in the loss to Southeast Missouri.

She averages 13.3 points a game and only shot 22.2 percent in the loss, which was good enough for 12 points.

The Cougars rank last in the conference at a minus 10.1 scoring margin, scoring 64.6 points per game and allowing 74.7

They are also in the bottom three in terms of scoring offense, and also scoring defense.

The Panthers come into this game losing four of their last five conference games.

Eastern, its last time out, lost to Tennessee-Martin, which saw the Panthers let up 103 points.

There were a couple positives that came from the loss on Monday. The Panthers shot a season-high 70 percent from the floor in the second half on 17-of-24 shooting.

Also, they got scoring from two of their ‘big three.’ Sabina Oroszova and Katlyn Payne both scored more than 20 points.



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Senior guard Jordyne Crunk passes the ball off to an open teammate during a game on Friday at Chaifetz Arena. The Panthers lost to the Billikens 71-52.

Payne scored 26 points on 9-of-18 shooting and also 7-of-16 from 3-point range.

Payne is one three pointer make away from breaking the all-time 3-point shots made in a season and is currently tied for first in Eastern history with most three pointers made in a season at 58.

Oroszova hit the 20-point mark for the eighth time this season on 8-of-14

shooting. The Panthers are 6-2 in games that Oroszova scores 20 or more points.

The only other loss, including Monday, was in the University of Missouri-Kansas City tournament, where the Panthers lost to UMKC. Oroszova scored 26 points.

Arnisha Thomas scored a career-high 16 points in Monday’s loss to Tennessee-Martin. The junior college transfer has

been solid off the bench this season.

Jordyne Crunk provided a career-high in assists for her with 10.

The Panthers come into this game with the second best free-throw percentage in the conference at 74 percent. They also rank third amongst teams in the OVC in field goal percentage at 41.4 percent.

This is will be the 22nd meeting be-

tween the two schools. Eastern holds an 18-3 record, but the Cougars have defeated the Panthers twice in the last two seasons in Lantz Arena.

Tipoff is set for 4:15 p.m. Saturday at Lantz Arena.

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## Tennis heads to Michigan State, Saint Francis

By **Jack Sheehan**  
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The men’s and women’s tennis teams are back in action this week-end, traveling away from home to compete in a non-conference match at Michigan State and Saint Francis on Saturday.

Coming into the match after a 4-3 win over Saint Louis last week-end, the men’s team prepares to face the nationally ranked Spartans, coming in at No. 49 in the country in this week’s International Tennis Association poll.

Eastern men’s head coach Eric Stark said the Panthers are feeling no pressure for the meet against Michigan State.

“The team is very energized to go play a ranked Big Ten opponent,” Stark said. “Only to go out and play hard, and learn as much as they can for the upcoming season.”

Stark said that the Panthers can compete against the Spartans if they play their game and not Michigan State’s, while doing the right things in the right situations.

Winning two of the three possible doubles points in its win over Saint Louis, Stark said he is excited to see how his team plays in doubles this weekend.

“I feel that is our strongest area,



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Janelle Prisner, a senior, gets ready to return the ball in a doubles match with her teammate Hannah Kimbrough.

so I feel we can be successful if we come out with lots of energy and be aggressive,” Stark said.

As for the women’s team, coming off a 4-3 victory over Illinois State in its opening match of the season, will be on the road playing Saint Francis.

The Fighting Saints were 4-1

last fall, and have yet to compete in 2014.

The men will begin play in East Lansing on Saturday, starting at 5 p.m. in the Michigan State Indoor Tennis Facility.

The women will start at 5:30 p.m. in Lockport, Ill., playing at the Challenge Fitness Club.

The men were slated to compete Sunday morning against Chicago State, but due to inclement weather the match has been rescheduled to a later time to be determined.

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This meet will have no difference from other meets when it comes to overall preparation.

“We are in the process of tapering down and getting ready for our conference meet in three weeks,” McGill said. “This meet, as all of our other meets, is another check point along the road towards conference.”

Saint Louis will present formidable competition that Eastern has already had the task of facing at the beginning of the season.

“Saint Louis is a very strong A-10 team and Jim [Halliburton] is one of the best coaches in the country,” McGill said.

Although this is just a “check point” for the Panthers, coach McGill still wants to see the Panthers put up good times. That being said, he will not panic if the team’s times are not up to full potential yet.

“I would like to see us put up times close to our mid-season invite times,” he said. “If we are close to those or a little faster, that is a great sign. That being said, everyone rests a little different and if we aren’t there, it doesn’t necessarily mean anything.”

The rematch against the Billikens will be the final home meet and regular-season meet that the Panthers will be competing in. Eastern and Saint Louis will get started at 5 p.m. Friday at Padovan Pool.

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# Panthers host rival in pivotal OVC game

By Anthony Catezone  
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Perhaps the only two Illinois teams in the Ohio Valley Conference could be considered rivals.

But when the Eastern men's basketball team hosts Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, there will be much more to the rivalry than an in-state opponent.

Before the Panthers lost to the Cougars 49-45 on Feb. 2, 2013 in Edwardsville last season, players asked Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour whether or not he believed Edwardsville could be considered Eastern's rival.

He assured his players that the Cougars were indeed a rival to the Panthers, being the only two Illinois team in the OVC.

But more importantly, Spoonhour said the definition of a rivalry runs much deeper than territory.

"Rivals aren't determined geographically," Spoonhour said to the team. "Any meaningful game is a rivalry."

At 2 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena, Eastern will host Edwardsville with the sole possession of the No. 2 ranked team in OVC's the west division at stake.

"This is the time of the season where you tell guys to pay attention to the standings," Spoonhour said.

The Panthers, who are 4-5 in OVC play with only seven conference game remaining, sit a half game behind the Cougars, who are 4-4 the conference with just eight such games remaining.

This is the first of a three-game home stand in the OVC for the Panthers and the first of two meetings against the Cougars, with the second coming in the season finale in Edwardsville on March 1.

But Eastern guard Dylan Chatman knows the final stretch of the conference season begins Saturday.

"We have to sweep (Edwardsville) in conference to get into the tournament," Chatman said. "We need these home games."

The Cougars bring a quick team that yields a



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Junior guard Dylan Chatman makes a drive to the basket in a game on Wednesday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Tigers 67-60.

guard-dominated lineup, giving the Panthers a significant height advantage, Spoonhour said.

"If we can guard their quickness and rebound the ball with our height advantage, we will be in pretty good shape," Spoonhour said.

In conference play, Donivine Stewart leads Edwardsville with 13.4 points per game. Also, his 4.1 assists per game average are seventh in the OVC.

"He has the ball in his hands a lot," Spoonhour said. "They are really balanced, averaging 72

points per game, but (Stewart) is the only player in double figures."

The Cougars are shooting 46.4 percent on the season — fourth in the OVC — with seven players averaging more seven points per game.

"Any one of their players can jump up and get on you," Spoonhour said. "You can't relax on any of them."

Spoonhour said defensive stops have been something the Panthers need to improve on, adding that the Panthers cannot afford to keep

up with opponents when they are giving up 84 points per game, as Eastern has in its last five losses.

"We have to string stops together," Chatman said. "In practice, we work on trying to get five stops in a row and that's something we have to do if we want to get to the conference tournament."

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## Track, Field team competes in invite

By Blake Nash  
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It has been an eventful week for the Panthers track team.

Saturday they received 20 first place finishes at the John Craft Invitational, as well as their 2013 Ohio Valley Conference rings, and had a teammate receive the athlete of the week award.

Now it's once again time to hit the road as they travel to the Northern Iowa University of Northern Iowa's Jack Jennett Invitational.

This meet holds special meaning for their head coach Tom Akers, a 1979 graduate of Northern Iowa.

"I'm a graduate of Northern Iowa, and one of my former athletes at Eastern, Dan Steele, is now their track coach," said Akers.

Jennett served as the Northern Iowa Panthers coach for 14 years and coached 26 all-Americans to 11 North Central Conference titles.

Steele, a member of the Eastern hall of fame, has had quite a career at the collegiate and amateur level.

In 1992, he won the Division One national championship for Eastern in the 400m hurdles.

He would also go on to become a bronze medal winner for the 2002 Olympic 4-man bobsledding team at Salt Lake City.

"It'll be great to see Dan and watch our current athletes compete in a facility that opened when I was a member of the track team there," Akers said.

The Northern Iowa Dome opened in 1976 as a multi-purpose stadium and holds up to a capacity of up to 16,324 fans.

"I'm 99% positive that I competed in the first meet there," Akers said. "Obviously it's had a few face lifts between then and now,



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Christian Kolb, a sophomore, hurdles over the hurdles at the John Craft Invite in Lantz Arena on Saturday.

and obvious that I have not."

Before the Panthers last meet, they received some unsatisfactory injury news. Red-shirt senior Jade Riebold was injured during warm-ups, and did not compete. It will be the same story this weekend.

"We'll probably sit Jade this weekend and hope she's back to full strength next week," Akers said.

While it will be hard to replace the all-American Riebold, Northern Iowa made a great effort in bringing in an unusual event for an indoor meet.

The 400-meter hurdles, normally an outdoor event, have brought a lot of excitement to the Eastern hurdlers.

This meet is unlike any meet the Panthers

have had so far this year, Akers said.

It will be a two-day event with the women's pentathlon, men's heptathlon, weight throws, pole vault and long jump taking place on Friday.

Saturday's events will be the continuation of the heptathlon, and running and field events.

Meet time is expected to be at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

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## Eastern ends season with rematch meet

By Dan Hildebrandt  
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The Eastern men's and women's swim teams kicked off their season in October and it will come to a close Friday, when they take on Saint Louis University at Padovan Pool.

This meet will be a rematch for both of these teams after the Panthers traveled to Saint Louis on Oct. 18, when the Billikens came out on top against both the men and women with scores of 132-77 and 134-75, respectively.

Despite the fact the Panthers have already faced and lost to Saint Louis, Eastern coach Elliot McGill said the only difference for this meet, besides the addition of a few events, will be the change in location.

"Won't be much different; just here instead of Saint Louis," he said. "We are doing a few more events to get both teams an opportunity to swim that event one more time before our conference meets."

Many swimmers for Eastern will be deciding which three events they want to compete in at conference. This meet will help them along in that process.

"We will have a number of swimmers in their third or fourth best event to get one more chance before conference," McGill said. "You can swim three events at conference and we have a number of kids who are still trying to decide."

McGill has said all season that each meet will be preparation for Eastern's biggest meet of all – the Summit League Championships.

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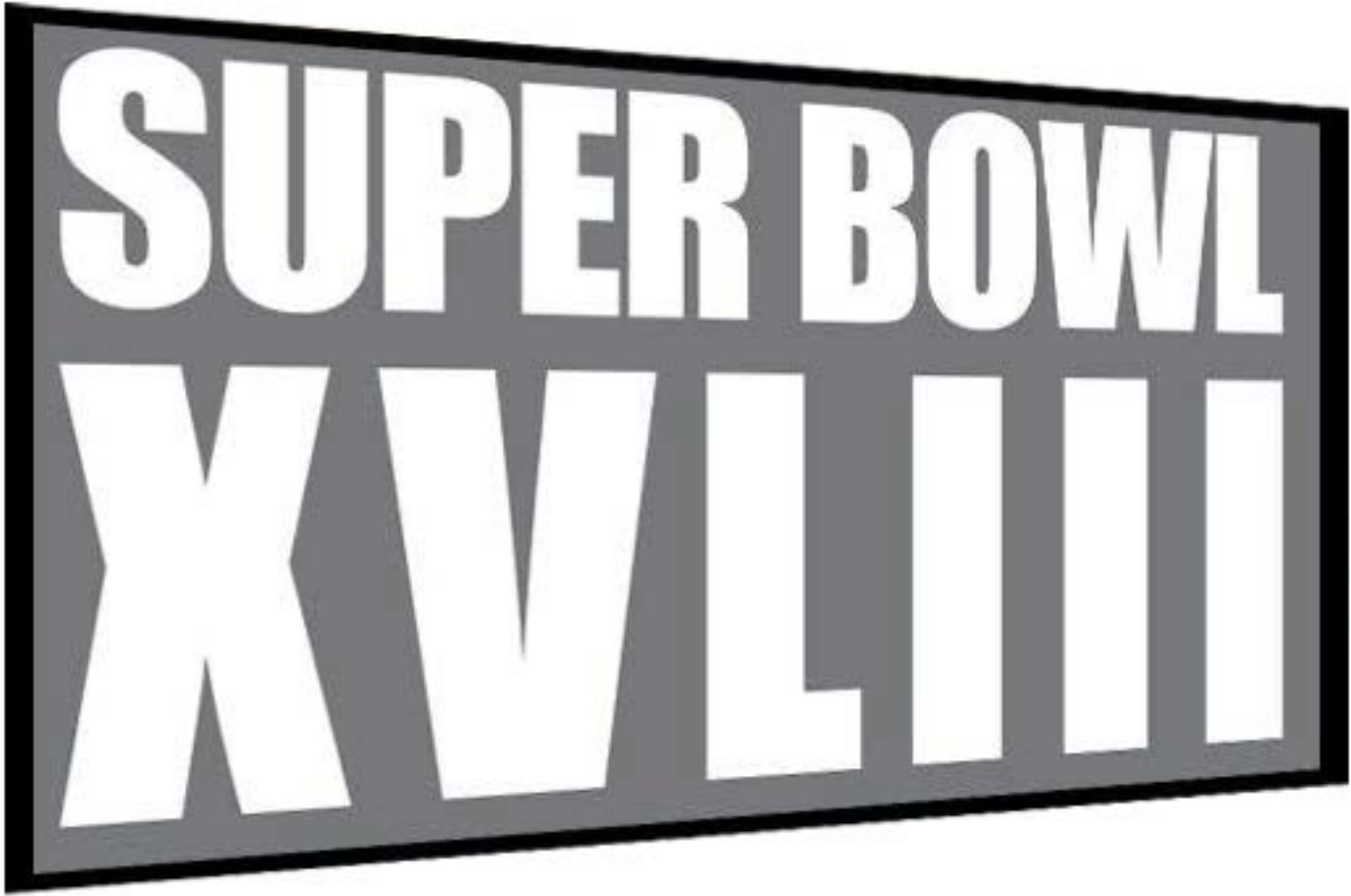


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Against Me! returns, begins new chapter

When Grantland writer Caleb Hannan’s story, “Dr. V’s Magical Putter,” went viral a couple weeks back, it brought the topic of transgender issues in the media to the forefront of conversation among journalists and LGBT activists alike.

Hannan’s story detailed Dr. V, the inventor of a golf putter, who had questionable credentials and a maybe not all that true résumé to back it.

Through his research and unraveling, Hannan discovers that Dr. V was a transsexual woman, outing her in the process of the article. Dr. V ultimately committed suicide.

A week after the article was published, Florida punk band Against Me!’s long-awaited sixth album, “Transgender Dysphoria Blues” hit shelves, adding more to the conversation of transgender issues. In May of 2012, Against Me! lead singer Laura Jane Grace (then known to fans as Tom Gabel) came out in an interview with *Rolling Stone* as a transgender woman. Grace explained that she had suffered from gender dysphoria from childhood and would undergo psychotherapy for a year while considering sex reassignment surgery.

The album is the band’s follow up to 2010’s “White Crosses,” which saw the most commercial success in the band’s history, but was also criticized for its deviation from the more aggressive, less radio-friendly style found on 2002’s “Against Me! Is Reinventing Axel Rose” and subsequent releases.

“Transgender Dysphoria Blues” isn’t quite as aggressive as the band’s earlier releases and still sticks to the louder, crisper, more produced arena rock sound on “White Crosses.” The album opens with the title track, the first of 10 songs, none of which go over three and a half minutes.

The song is seemingly an introduction to the group’s new sense of purpose, opening with the line, “your tells are so obvious, shoulders too broad for a girl.”

Lyrics and songwriting have always been one of the strong points



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of Against Me!, driven by the impassioned vocals of Grace behind the driving punk sound.

Against Me! has always been political and ever so aware in their lyrics that always seemed to be formed in the most clever and catchiest ways, and that doesn’t change on this album.

What unfortunately doesn’t change though is the band’s evolution

way to fit in and just be like everybody else. Grace’s opening words, “I’m drinking with the jocks, I’m laughing at the f\*\*\*\*s. Just like one of the boys, swinging my d\*\*\* in my hand,” express the need of a confused teenager just trying to be “one of the boys.”

On “F\*\*\*MyLife666,” the song seems to offer the best fusion of Against Me!’s newer polished sound, combined with its established songwriting, with all the makings of a slower paced punk ballad.

Against Me! is certainly headed in new directions. Without even mentioning Grace, the band has undergone numerous changes over the years, including the departure of drummer Jay Weinberg and



into a more overproduced poppy punk sound.

Songs like “Osama Bin Laden As The Crucified Christ” and “Unconditional Love” seem so outside the realm of the raw, yet relatable sound that fans were used to. However, there are still sparks of the old Against Me! aggressiveness on songs like “Drinking With the Jocks.” The LP’s shortest song, “Drinking With the Jocks” talks about a boy seemingly lying his

longtime bassist Andrew Seward, so it’s impossible for the band to still be putting out the same sound they were 10 years ago. Even with the changes, “Transgender Dysphoria Blues” is certainly a step in the right direction from “White Crosses,” and shows promise for the band’s new chapter.

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REVIEW



After the Grammys: Who took home the Gramophone?

Sitting somewhere between multiple homework assignments and a pile of books to read, my TV magically tuned itself into this year’s 56th annual Grammys.

Admittedly, I’ve never watched an award show from beginning to end, but I have to say after watching this one, maybe I should check them out more often.

Seeing Beyoncé or “Queen Bey” making love to that chair as the opening performance for the Grammys was a pleasant sight; however, was anyone else surprised when she whirled around in that chair bald-headed?

I was... I think she really was “Drunk In Love.”

Let me also say the hat Pharrell Williams was wearing made him look like Smokey Bear—you know, “Only YOU can prevent wildfires!”

Whoever told him to wear that should’ve been seriously arrested by the fashion police; where’s Joan Rivers when you need her?

Despite some seriously questionable fashion, like Song of the Year winner Lorde’s funeral gown and fish-faced makeup, most of the celebrities looked amazing, like Beyoncé with her white lace Michael Costello gown, and even Macklemore in his teal velour suit.

While we’re on the subject though, why was Lorde socially awkward when she was accepting the award for Song of the Year?

I know she’s 17, never been kissed and all that jazz, but when she went up to grab that gramophone, why was she so... odd?

I saw the video for “Royals.” She’s a beautiful girl, but that same girl wasn’t present at the Grammys.

Where is she? Can she comeback and replace this wicked witch of the Southwest? I’m scared.

Kendrick Lamar and Imagine Dragons performed “Radioactive” together, and it was epic; their performance was highly reminiscent of Jay Z and Linkin Park’s 2004 “Col-



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lision Course.”

Their collaboration was so well received that it gained its own single on iTunes that same night, which I bought. Who says rap and rock need not mix?

Oh, P!nk performed suspended from mid-air... again.

Is this going to be her new thing?

I mean, it was awesome in 2010, but why do it once more?

I hope it’s not going to become a fad because if it is, we’re all going to need helmets and an extra cleanup crew, you know, incase of accidental gravitation.

Moving on to my predictions, well, as it turns out, I was wrong.

The people who I said would win didn’t, and the ones who I predicted would lose won—except Sara Bareilles.

Thank the Lorde; I told you guys, she wasn’t getting anything.

I knew I should have practiced more Clairvoyant spells at Hogwarts.

The Best R&B Performance award went to Snarky Puppy W/ Lalah Hathaway for “Something.”

The Best Pop Solo Performance went to Lorde for “Royals.”

The Album of the Year went to Daft Punk for “Random Access Memories.”

Finally, the best Alternative Music Album went to Vampire Weekend for “Modern Vampires Of The City.”

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# STAFF PICKS: BEST RECENT SUPER BOWL VICTORIES

By MICHAEL SPENCER  
CITY EDITOR

## Super Bowl XXXIV, 2000

St. Louis Rams - 23 vs. Tennessee Titans – 16

With six seconds on the clock and the ball on the Rams 10-yard line, the late-Titans quarterback Steve McNair uncorked a strike right into the hands of wide receiver Kevin Dyson.

With space to run and the better of the angle on Rams linebacker Mike Jones, it seemed the game would be headed for overtime.

But Jones channeled a superhuman effort and wrapped Dyson up just one yard short of the end zone as time expired.

The result is one of the most iconic plays in NFL history and one of the most thrilling conclusions final plays of a Super Bowl.

## Super Bowl XXXVI, 2002

St. Louis Rams – 17 vs. New England Patriots – 20

This game tipped off the career of future Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady, and it also happened to be the only one in which the lead changed on the last play of the game.

The Rams returned to the Super Bowl for the second time in three years and trailed 17-3 in the third quarter.

Lead by quarterback Kurt Warner and an offense dubbed “The Greatest Show on Turf,” the Rams marched back into the game to tie the score at 17-17 with 90 seconds to play.

Brady led his team down the field before kicker Adam Vintatieri nailed a 48-yard field goal to win the game as time expired.

Brady and the Patriots returned to play in five Super Bowls during the next 11 years.

## Super Bowl XLIII, 2008

New York Giants 17 vs. New England Patriots – 14

The Patriots entered the game 18-0, attempting to be the first team to ever go undefeated in the 16-game regular season era.

Between New England and record books were the Giants, 10-6 in the regular season and entering the Super Bowl having played every game of the postseason on the road.

With a little less than three minutes on the clock, Giants quarterback Eli Manning and the rest of the G-men started with the ball on the 17-yard line.

Manning managed to evade a horde of Patriots tacklers before unleashing a 32-yard pass that found slot receiver David Tyree who made a one handed catch by pinning the ball up against his helmet. Later, wide receiver Plaxico Burress came down with the game-winning pass as the clock showed 13-seconds.

# STAFF PICKS: BEST AND WORST HALFTIME SHOWS

By JARAD JARMON  
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The Super Bowl is an American event which finds a way to get those who don't even enjoy football to flock to the their TVs.

Whether it is because of the actual game, the party going along with it, the commercials or even the half-time show, most of the United States tunes into the game to talk about it for days to come.

Halftime shows are one of the more talked about events coming out of the game, whether it be about a “nip slip” or a band playing past their prime.

The halftime show is always remembered, making it easy to distinguish the best and worst of them, especially in the past 20 years.

## The Worst: Black-Eyed Peas, 2011

For reasons unknown to most watching the 2011 Super Bowl, the National Football League believed they would be able to milk an incredible performance out of a band whose most recent album at the time consisted of hits that were heavily produced in a studio.

This was clear when will.i.am and Fergie started singing. It was far from "Fergalicious."

They lost the momentum they had in the first minute.

Not only were the vocals lack-luster, they also were very awkward on the stage throughout their performance.

Even the choreographed dancers, or more apt, standers, didn't provide any amusement or style.

Fergie and will.i.am even went as far as to butcher the song most famous in “Dirty Dancing,” “Time of My Life.”

To be fair, Slash made an appearance halfway through, which provided some talent on stage, but even his performance was over-shadowed by Fergie's shoddy vocals. Usher added some entertainment as well, if only through his dancing.

Hopefully, those who chose Black-Eyed Peas will learn not to choose a band whose songs are mostly electronic and not performed.

The only buzz coming out of this halftime was how bad they performed, which became a joke in the end.

## The Best: Madonna, 2012

Madonna was the perfect choice for the halftime show. While it is questionable whether her songs are good, no one can deny her showmanship.

She is a queen when it comes to performing. Her shows are

known for having elaborate and extravagant moves, and it was no different at the 2012 halftime show.

As soon as it cut from commercials, audiences were given a spectacle with Madonna being carried on stage Egyptian-style like an empress.

They then proceeded to sing as miniature stages moved to the front with graphics making it look like a magazine cover. The stage then transformed to look like a gym with bleachers in the background and cheerleaders on each row.

The show ended with a choir-singing backup to Madonna in a “holy” setting.

Throughout the performance, guest appearances sparked a massive applause from those in the stadium with Cee Lo Green, LMAFO and Nicki Minaj.

It was a spectacle, which is what a show in the middle of the Super Bowl should be.

This was a sound choice for the Super Bowl. She had the ability to entertain youth with the spectacle, which has a similar style to the upcoming artist at the time, Lady GaGa.

She was also able to entertain the older crowd with her 80s hits.

The NFL chose an artist who hit all the checkpoints an artist should hit.

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Zak Jones, a junior graphic design major, painted a celestial scene on a 6 feet by 3 feet canvas using spray paint for his final project in Painting 1. Jones works on art various art projects in his spare time.

# Student stays sharp with art projects

By **STEPHANIE MARKHAM**  
VERGE EDITOR

For some students, doodling various lines, shapes and figures in a seemingly random and interconnected pattern is simply a way to prevent their faces from hitting the desk during a long, monotonous lecture.

For Zak Jones, this is a way to keep his imagination sharp between classes and work.

“I like to do almost like a collage piece of crazy little imaginative doodles,” Jones said.

The junior graphic design major said he always devotes time to making art aside from what is mandatory for class.

“I have many, many unfinished personal projects just from time constraints, but I do always like to do that because a lot of the things you do in the classroom are fundamental and basic and maybe not quite as imaginative as some of my own art is,” Jones said.

Some of Jones’ extensive doodles can be seen posted to his Facebook page.

One piece titled “A Shot of Imagination” features a pen drawing of a handgun that shoots off and explodes into a collage of lines, tentacles, Cyclopes, penguins, a Pokémon on a surfboard, a giant

cat face, and eventually stick figures colonizing a planet floating above with a castle and a dragon.

Another medium Jones said he likes to work with is spray paint, citing the techniques he learned last semester in a painting class.

“Recently I’ve been doing a lot of abstract painting also with the spray paint,” he said. “The way that you can manipulate it before it dries on the page, you can make some really nice flows of colors and patterns.”

For his final project in the class, Jones intended to paint a realistic space scene on a 6 feet wide, 3 feet tall canvas, and he decided spray paint would be the best way to create the background.

“At first I was going to do it just with oil, but with how huge it was, I would have used up almost all of my oil paints, and it would have been far too time consuming for how much time I had to do it,” he said. “So instead I learned that technique which allowed me to get the entire background done in only four or five hours, and then I could really spend more time painting the main figure and some of the asteroids and things like that.”

The painting features a translucent figure extending his arm to manipulate the surrounding asteroids and planets.

“He’s kind of like a director guiding the flow of the universe,” Jones said. “I think it’s pretty cool.”

Jones said he learned that oil paints are better for blending because they take longer to dry, so he started thinking of alternative ways to create the scene.



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“That’s just one of the techniques that I picked up,” he said. “I’m to the point now to where I can go and get the resources that I need, and if I want to make a project a certain way I now have more tools as a way to do it.”

He said he likes to be well rounded in the mediums he uses, and he said graphic design is like

another medium itself.

Jones said graphic design is more of a way for him to earn a living as an artist, while creating art pieces on his own and in the studio allows for more creative expression.

“You have to commercialize your art almost,” he said. “It’s not

er do something that’s going to make me happy, not wealthy, and so I knew that being a doctor was obviously a good monetary career choice, but this was what my heart wanted, so I decided to do that instead,” Jones said.

Although he sided for an art career, Jones said he is still is knowledgeable of math and science, which he uses to better understand art concepts.

“I heard that a lot of artists struggle with like math and stuff, and it makes sense because those two halves of your brain are kind of different,” he said. “But I feel like that gives me a little bit more of a mindset for graphic design, because since I have that kind of precise and factual mindset, I can apply that to the corporate world of graphic design.”

Jones said he likes to stay well versed in different methods of creative expression. He said he started writing a book, has drawn comics and comic books and has played bass guitar.

“I am really like the definition of jack of all trades, master of none,” he said.

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# Students share recipe for watching Super Bowl

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One of the few days Darien Ghostone looks forward to all throughout the year is Sunday. It is a day filled with pizza, chips, salsa, good friends and football. It is Super Bowl Sunday.

And when the football is kicked off at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Ghostone, a kinesiology and sports studies major, knows exactly where he’ll be.

“Surrounded by a lot of people, with a lot of food, TV in front of me and a surround sound system,” he said.

Ghostone calls it “the biggest game of the year,” and said in order to properly be prepared for the

game he needs to feel like he’s at the game.

“That’s the surround sound system,” he said. Although he is excited for the game, Ghostone also said the commercials – which he said have always been funny – and the halftime show also have him excited.

“Bruno Mars is great,” he said. “And I’ve always liked Red Hot Chili Peppers.”

Zach Kieffer, a junior mathematics major, echoed Ghostone’s plans for watching the Denver Broncos take on the Seattle Seahawks – friends, food and football all day.

“It’s going to be wings, traditional Super Bowl food,” he said.

He said even though he’ll be

watching the Super Bowl with his friends, he would watch it by himself if it came down to it.

“It doesn’t matter,” he said.

Kieffer also said one reason he thinks people get excited for the Super Bowl is because it has something for everyone.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re a sports fan,” he said. “There’s the commercials. That’s always entertaining.”

Miguel Williams, a sophomore physics major, said he is planning on watching the game with people from his residence hall.

In order to have a great game experience, Williams said a few things need to be considered.

“It should be a nice day, nice people around,” he said. “Defi-

nately have food. Easy snacks like chips, salsa, mini corndogs.”

Williams added that he found those who grew up around football tended to be more excited for the game.

“People who are introduced to it always seem to like it,” he said.

Some students, though, will be making a game-time decision on whether or not they want to watch the Super Bowl.

Deanna Schumacher, a freshman undecided major, said it would all come down to if her friends ask her or not.

Although unsure if watching the Super Bowl will take over her Sunday evening, Schumacher said she is sure of one thing.

“It’s an American tradition,” she

said. “It’s a pretty big deal.”

Ahmed Alamari, a freshman political science major, said he would not be watching the Super Bowl, stemming from just not having an interest in football, plus an overload of schoolwork.

“I’ve got studying to do,” he said.

Interested in football or not, Ghostone said it is a time just to relax and have fun and enjoy what is on TV.

“Football is America’s sport,” he said. “It’s the last game of the season – winner takes all the chips.”

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